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Preface

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- The TOGAF Standard — Architecture Development Method
  This document describes the TOGAF Architecture Development Method (ADM) — an iterative approach to developing an Enterprise Architecture.
- The TOGAF Standard — ADM Techniques
  This document contains a collection of techniques available for use in applying the TOGAF approach and the TOGAF ADM.
- The TOGAF Standard — Applying the ADM
  This document contains guidelines for adapting the TOGAF ADM to address the specific style of architecture required in a practical context.

The TOGAF® Standard

The TOGAF® Standard is an open, industry consensus framework for Enterprise Architecture.

It is a foundational framework, which means that it is applicable to the development of any kind of architecture in any context. This foundational framework is supplemented by The Open Group TOGAF Library, a publicly-accessible resource with an extensive and growing portfolio of guidance material, providing practical guidance in the application of the TOGAF framework in specific contexts; refer to: www.opengroup.org/togaf-library.

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The TOGAF documentation consists of a set of documents:

- The TOGAF Standard, which describes the generally applicable approach to Enterprise and IT Architecture
- The TOGAF Library, a portfolio of additional guidance material, which supports the practical application of the TOGAF approach

Intended Audience

The TOGAF Standard is intended for Enterprise Architects, Business Architects, IT Architects, Data Architects, Systems Architects, Solution Architects, and anyone responsible for the architecture function within an organization.

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