

# DESIGN AUTHORITY METHOD (GDAM)

Governance is of paramount importance to the successful delivery of business benefit. Glue Reply has a pre-packaged governance method, gDAM, which is focused on the realisation of a number of continuums.

## OVERVIEW

Realisation of the following:

- Enterprise Architecture conforming to Organisational Strategy;
- Programme/Project Architecture (solution and domain) conforming to Enterprise Architecture;
- Designed as architected;
- Built as designed;
- Deployed/realised as architected (IT Service Architecture/Operational Architecture)

The above continuums cut across the typical project and programme lifecycle to provide a consistent and coherent mechanism for governance.

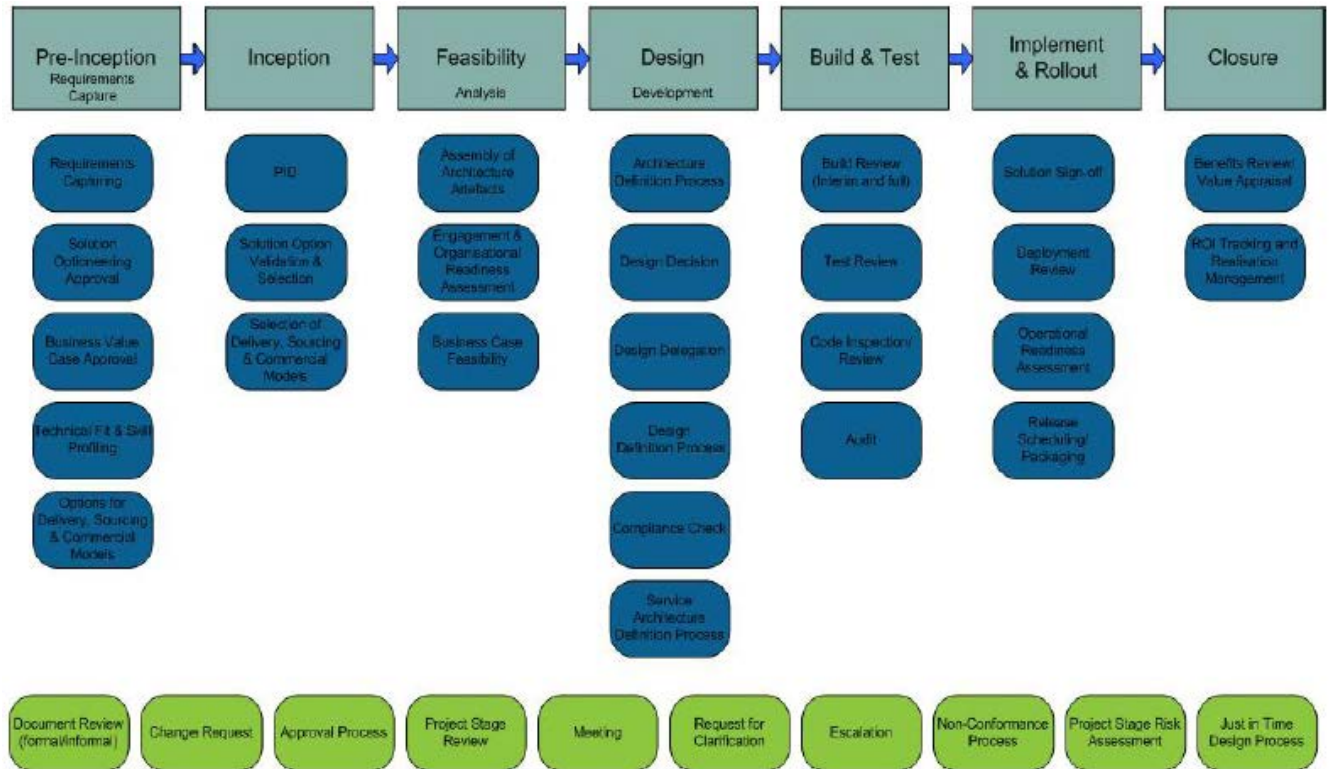
## PACKAGE CONTENTS

gDAM contains over 30 documented processes, comprising of:

- Process actors
- Process diagram
- Process description/task description
- RACI Matrix
- Supporting artefacts including:
  - o Artefact Product Description;
  - o Artefact Template;
  - o Artefact population guidelines.

Despite the implications of poor governance, many organisations have very little in the way of detailed governance methods and too much emphasis on people alone. Without a structured approach there is no possibility of predictability.

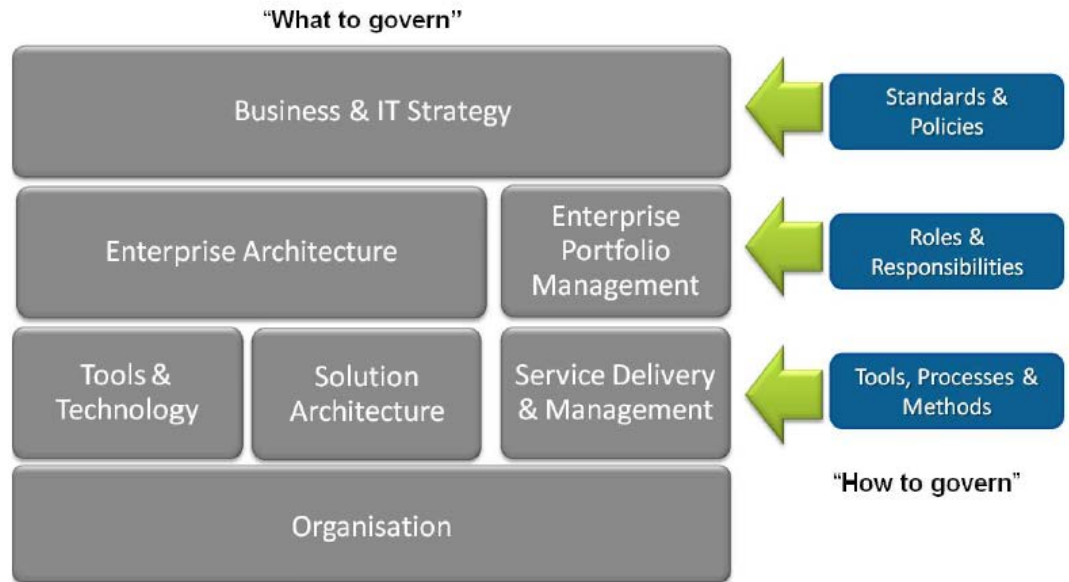
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## BENEFITS

g(DAM) can help to:

- Identify how a Design Authority can become a core capability both at business and technical levels for consistent or predictable decision making
- Create a cohesive body of individuals across various disciplines in an enterprise providing direction for strategic and tactical initiatives
- Provide a predictable means to operate with system integrators or provided organisations
- Provide control and governance to transition from Application oriented to Service Oriented paradigms



## METHOD OBJECTIVES

**CONTROL OBJECTIVE.** The objective of an organisation-wide Design Authority is to develop and impose business control and governance of IT projects and programmes that are delivered within Service Delivery function. This is achieved by definition and enforcement of adherence to enterprise wide technology standards and architecture methodologies, processes, tools and frameworks.

The ultimate aim of such a body is to enhance IT performance and flexibility and to provide technology solutions that are 'fit for purpose' and that increase the likelihood and predictability of success and reduce the likelihood and cost of non-conformance.

**GOVERNANCE OBJECTIVE.** The Governance objective is to maintain the organisation's Enterprise Architecture and Systems Integration Strategy and supporting policies and standards. To ensure that all new project or programme work is undertaken in accordance with the organisation's Enterprise Architecture Strategy and Design Principles.

Another facet of Governance is to check alignment of IT Projects with industry driven open strategies, and that systems integration issues are addressed, such that the overall solution meets the combined set of user requirements.



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