

SIMPLIFY THE COMPLEX. ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE METHODOLOGY (GEAM).

Enterprise Architecture has grown in prominence and stature as a key enabler to organisational success. Glue Reply has developed an Enterprise Architecture Methodology that is a holistic approach to overcoming the challenges of defining and delivering architecture throughout an organisation, as well as aligning business and IT through formalisation of how different organisational and architectural constructs inter-relate. It is not a proprietary architecture method; it incorporates features of other frameworks but is more prescriptive to improve consistency and repeatability. gEAM can be easily mapped onto industry standard enterprise architecture frameworks such as TOGAF and MODAF, although its scope is broader and more comprehensive in definition and supporting materials.

BENEFITS OF ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

The Glue Reply EA Methodology (gEAM) is an integrated set of practical, industry based, best practice standards and guidelines for the development of an organisation's EA.

- Enabling better business agility
- Improved responsiveness of IT to business
- Reduced TCO of IT through efficient and expedient use of IT
- Improve standardisation, consistency and coherency
- Reduction in delivery time through planned reuse
- Reduce risk to overruns and failure
- Earlier exposure to architectural issues on projects and programmes
- Abstracts IT complexity from business
- Enables business to be requirements led
- Improves IT Quality of Service

PURPOSE OF EA CONSULTING

- To help organisations create and execute enterprise-wide strategies that deliver real business value
- Achieved by aligning the organisations' sub-architectures to the goals and drivers of the organisation
- Managed through the transition from the 'current state' to the desired or 'future state'

GLUE REPLY ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE METHODOLOGY

gEAM is an overall methodology for the lifecycle of Enterprise Architecture. It includes a series of methods for performing discrete architectural activities.

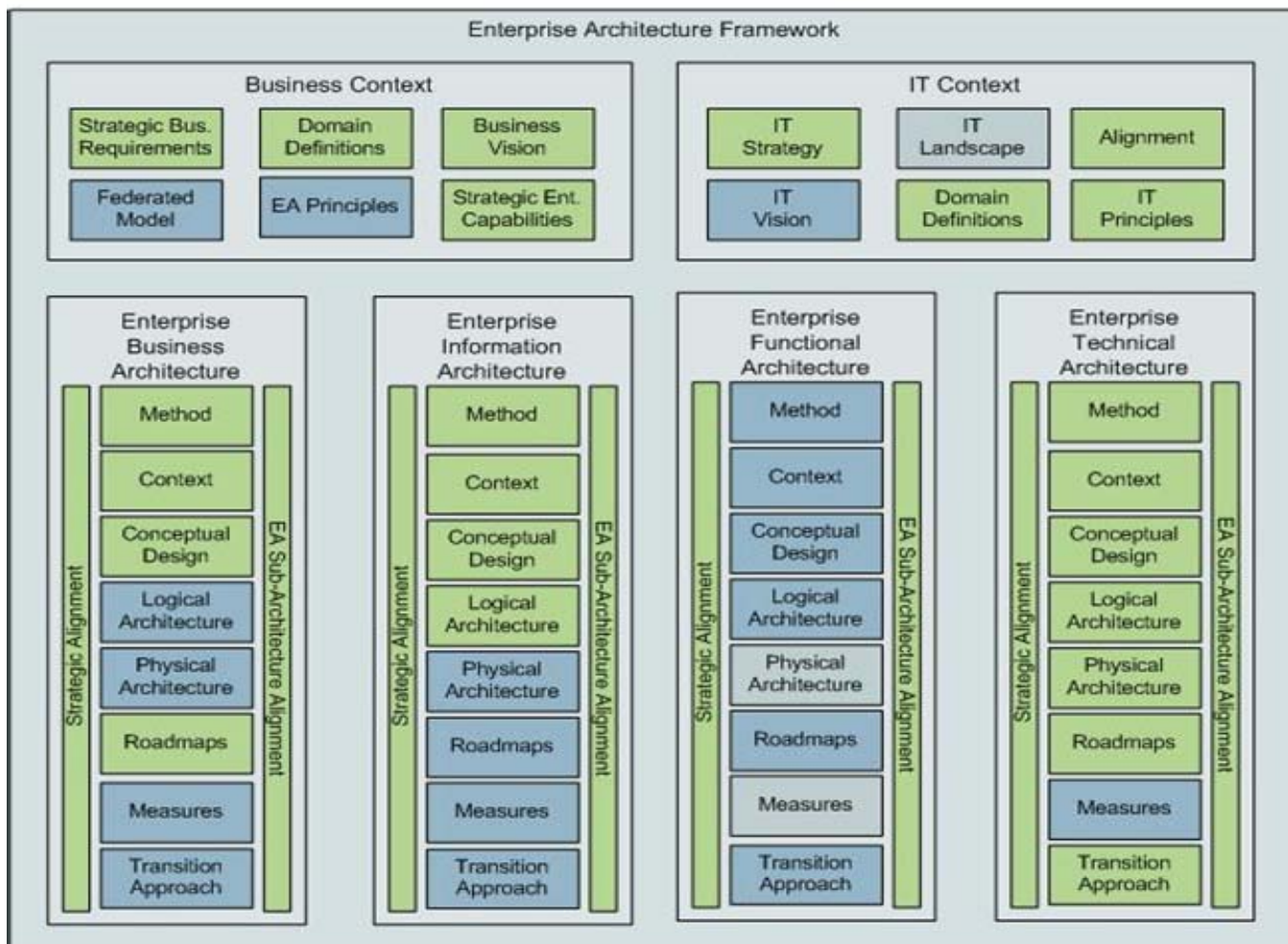
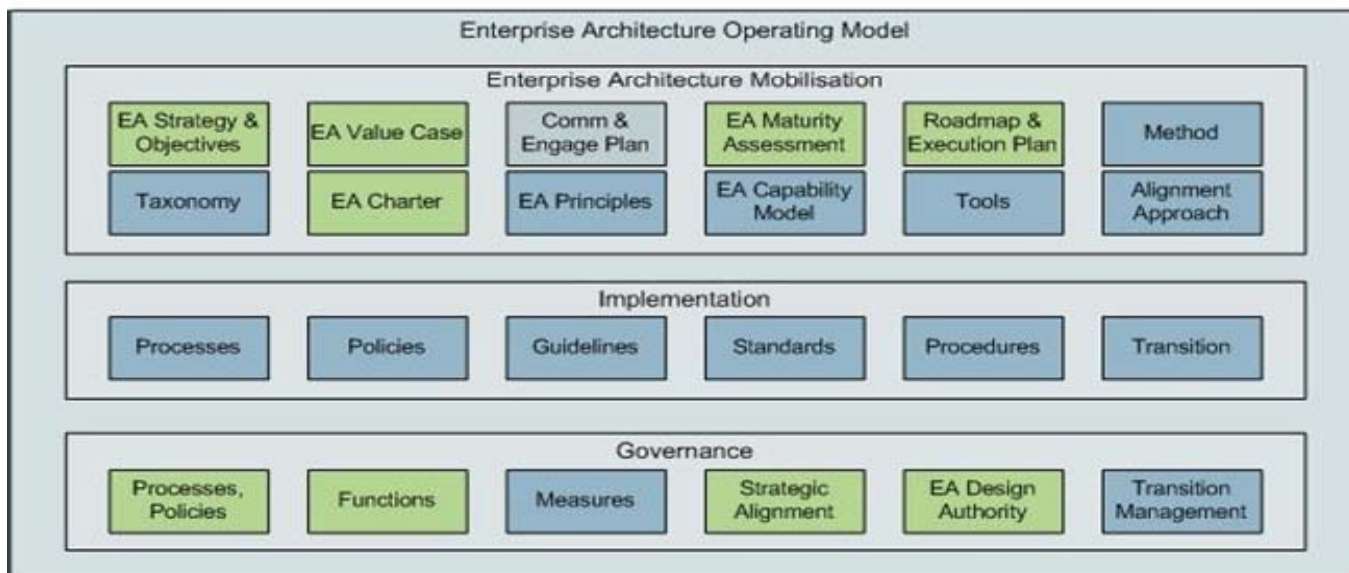
Each method is fully aligned with other dependent methods. It also includes methods for development of Solution and domain-specific project architectures. It can easily be tailored into organisations' existing operating models.

The methodology is open and flexible having been evolved from the best frameworks and methods available in the market place. It consists of:

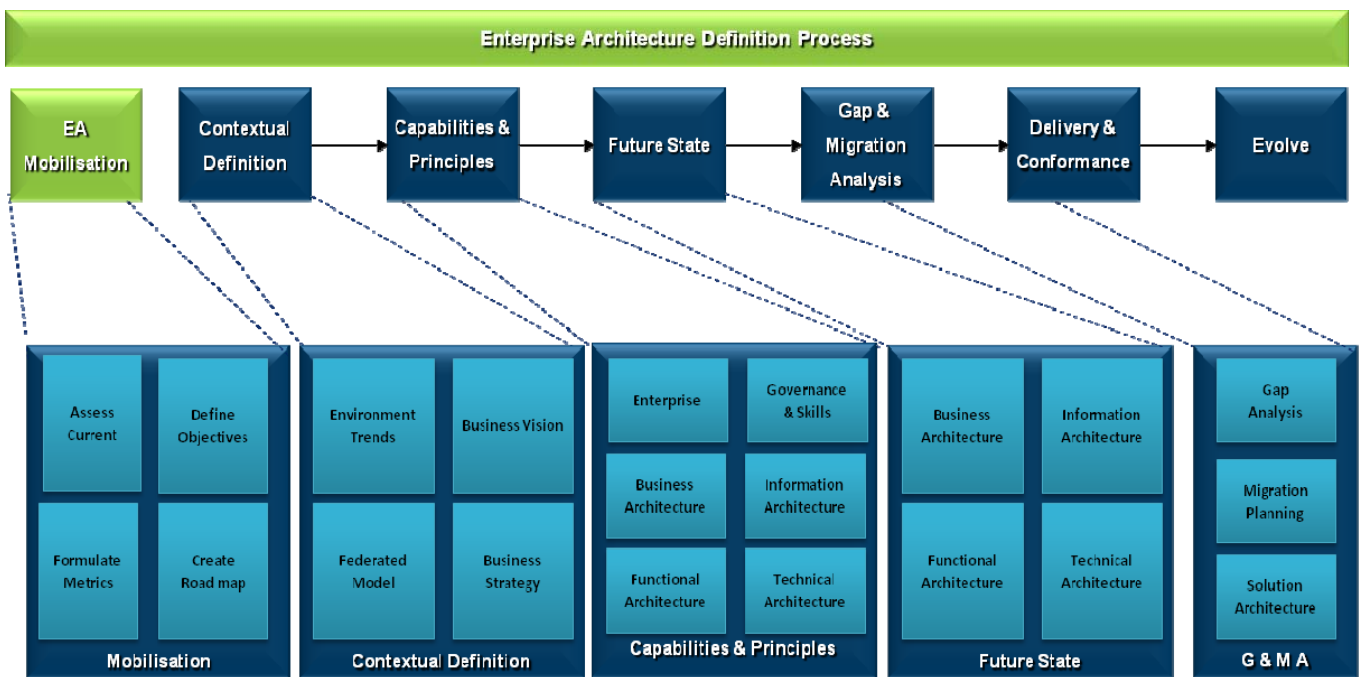
- **Product Based Planning Standards** - define the structure of an EA development project in the form of specific activities, with clear dependencies between them and tangible outputs
- **Technique Guides** - provide consultants with a set of proven usable techniques, notations, defined rules and guidelines on when and how to use them
- **Product Descriptions** - define the means of recording the products of the development activities at a detailed level

gEAM's scope is broader than most other Enterprise Architecture frameworks as it covers the traditional Enterprise Architecture methodology scope, as well as organisation and environment aspects of performing Enterprise Architecture.

Glue Reply EA Methodology can accept bottom-up input into it, as well as top-down, where necessary. This allows the very realistic physical constraints that an organisation may operate under to be considered for both current-state and future state modelling.



GLUE REPLY'S ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE METHODOLOGY



GLUE REPLY EA REFERENCE MODEL

Glue Reply works to an EA Reference Model containing a number of sub-architectures. The method we use creates, in phases, the sub-architectures of this model at various points in time – ‘as-is’ (current state) and ‘to-be’ (future state, e.g. 2, 3, 5 years).

From a business perspective, detailed current state models allow stakeholders within the business to clearly see which processes, data, functionality and physical assets are required to run and support the business today. These are created to a level of detail that clearly identifies where these cross business boundaries.

Future state models allow business stakeholders to understand the impact of changes to the business; this may include the impact on processes, the location of enterprise data, the requirements for business functionality within applications and physical IT assets such as servers, networks and storage.



Glue Reply is UK's leading consulting services organisation focused exclusively on optimising IT/Business alignment and minimising the cost of business and IT technology change. Our core proposition is to help organisations maximise the value from their change and technology investments by helping them define, design, implement and resource best practice:

- Enterprise architecture and business/technology change management processes, roadmaps and competencies;
- Business design and process management initiatives;
- SOA, integration and data management platforms.

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