

Architecture Framework Questionnaire

Background	The Technology and Architecture team are surveying the each of the CIO offices to understand their usage of Architecture Frameworks.
Aim	Determine similarities and differences between how each Department uses Architecture Frameworks.

Definitions:

What is an architecture framework?

An Architectural Framework is an instrument that:

- Identifies the information types needed to portray an Enterprise Architecture (EA)
- Organizes the EA information types into a logical structure, and
- Describes the relationships among the information types

Often the information is categorized into architecture models and viewpoints.

The Framework

- Embodies best practice and acknowledgement wisdom.
- Presents a set of services, standards, design concepts and components
- Guides the development of specific architectures

Questionnaire:

Framework Usage	
Question 1	Is a formal architectural framework currently being used?
Question 2	Is the framework based on an industry recognizable model (e.g. Zachman, TOGAF, FEAF, DoDAF etc)
Question 3	Has the framework been customized? If yes, how closely does it resemble the original framework model? Where possible, describe the customizations.
Currency of Content	
Question 4	When was the content in the framework originally created and by whom? e.g. Project run in 2004 to adopt & populate the framework. Vendor (<i>vendor name</i>) created the content.
Question 5	When was the content most recently refreshed? e.g. A project may have been run to refresh content, or a particular person/team may be responsible for maintaining content.
Question 6	Please provide a % estimate of the currency of the content.
Question 7	Is there a 'vitality process' to maintain the currency of the content?
Question 8	Who is responsible for maintaining the currency of the documentation?
Scope of Content	
Question 9	Is the framework fully populated with content or are there known gaps?
Question 10	The numbered items below show a typical 3 layer model for Enterprise Architecture. Please provide a % estimate of the distribution of content. e.g. If your organization has 90% of its content in the Business Architecture layer, 40% in the Information System Architecture layer, and 30% in the Technology Architecture layer, then please respond with 90%, 40%, 30%.
Governance	
Question 11	Are there any formal documented processes to change the content? If yes, please describe the process.
Question 12	Who is permitted to change the content?
Question 13	Who is owner of the content? (In answering this question, consider who would ultimately pay for changes to the content)
Investment	
Question 14	Approximately how much effort was expended in populating the framework with content? Please provide a project cost, FTE estimate, or both. For project costs, please include any supplier costs + internal costs + any assumptions about labor costs.
Question 15	Approximately how much effort is expended to keep the content current on a per annum basis?
Related Projects	
Question 16	Are there are current projects for the 2008 financial year related to Architecture Frameworks?
Question 17	Are there any budgeted future projects related to Architecture Frameworks which will be executed during the 2009 financial year?