

Seminar Agenda

Day One: Foundations

Objective: To enable you to integrate business and IT strategy successfully

Monday, October 5

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	
9:00 a.m.	Attendee Introduction	
10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Positioning Enterprise Architecture To provide value to the organization, enterprise architecture (EA) must contribute to the goals of all stakeholders. One of the challenges that enterprise architects face is the sheer complexity of EA. To be successful, enterprise architects must employ strong processes and organize the deliverables using robust frameworks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does EA contribute to the CEO and CIO agendas? • Understanding the EA process and framework • Managing EA stakeholders
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Organize the EA Program Before we start defining the EA, we must do some basic blocking and tackling to define program scope, objectives and governance structures, among other things. Often, a good starting point is an architecture program maturity assessment, which helps to define program improvement goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating the EA program charter • Understanding EA program maturity • Planning for EA program improvements
2:00 p.m.	Develop the Business Context EA is primarily driven by business strategy, but often business strategies are not stated in a way that is directly implementable. The business context helps bridge that gap by identifying the changes that must take place to implement a strategy, and then by linking those changes back to the strategy that drives them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying environmental trends • Understanding business strategies • Determining change requirements for processes, information, technology and solutions
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Seminar Exercise: CRV	
3:45 p.m.	Develop EA Principles Strategy tells us what we will do; principles tell us how we will do it. EA principles provide guidance to improve the consistency of decision making across the enterprise. These principles become a key element in driving IT investment decisions within the governance process for the enterprise, as well as the IT investment planning process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and positioning principles • What are the sources for principles? • How to define relevant principles to guide business, information, solution and technology architecture development
4:15 p.m.	Developing Technology Architecture Viewpoint IT organizations planning technical architecture will increasingly do more than just adopt standards for technical components; they will also define models for combining those technical components from multiple technology areas for use in effective and repeatable ways. Technical services and technical patterns are two specific multicomponent models that show increasing levels of reuse and complexity reduction for planning infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the basics of EA future-state modeling • How to define technology standards and combine them into technical patterns • Defining and documenting reusable technical services
5:00 p.m.	Seminar Exercise: EA Maturity Assessment	
5:00 p.m.	End-User Case Study	
6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception	

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Day Two: Planning and Running

Objective: To provide you with best practices for a successful EA initiative

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	
8:00 a.m.	Seminar Exercise: EA Maturity Assessment	
8:15 a.m.	Developing Technology Architecture Viewpoint (continuation from Day One) IT organizations planning technical architecture will increasingly do more than just adopt standards for technical components; they will also define models for combining those technical components from multiple technology areas for use in effective and repeatable ways. Technical services and technical patterns are two specific multicomponent models that show increasing levels of reuse and complexity reduction for planning infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the basics of EA future-state modeling • How to define technology standards and combine them into technical patterns • Defining and documenting reusable technical services
8:30 a.m.	Develop the Information Architecture Viewpoint Information is a strategic asset and, if managed effectively, it can be a key differentiator in the marketplace. At the same time, the explosive growth of uncontrolled, unmanaged information can be a serious business liability. Understanding and modeling the future-state information architecture can mitigate the risk of increasing complexity and duplication of information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining information architecture • Introducing the information architecture framework • Modeling the future-state information architecture
9:15 a.m.	Develop the Business Architecture Viewpoint The development of the business architecture for an enterprise is becoming a central issue for improving business performance. No longer can an enterprise effectively undertake EA without including business architecture. Understanding practical modeling techniques for designing the future-state business architecture is a critical skill in the EA team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining business architecture • Modeling the future-state business architecture
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Develop Solution Architectures and Enterprise Solution Architecture In many organizations, technology-planning activities are splintered among per-project engineers, technology subject matter experts and enterprise architects, leading to disparate strategies. Unifying such activities yields significant delivery synergy within an organization. The solution architecture is the glue that binds the viewpoints of the designers of various aspects of the solution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the solution architecture • Introducing a solution architecture framework • Reconciling the viewpoints of various constituents
11:00 a.m.	Making EA Actionable EA has no intrinsic value. To yield a return, EA must be implemented. To be successful, enterprise architects must define the projects and migration plans for implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the gaps • Prioritizing projects • The role of EA in the system development life cycle
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:45 p.m.	Defining EA Governance and Management To be effective, EA must drive change. Often, that change will come about by constraining the choices of projects. Frequently, these constraints are resisted and even resented, so they must be managed through appropriate governance arrangements. Equally, however, architects have an important role to play in communicating the benefits of EA and facilitating agreement among disparate interests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA approval and review processes • Understanding the skills and talents required by enterprise architects • Understand the various EA stakeholder roles
2:15 p.m.	Measuring the Value of EA An EA measurement program will uncover EA's linkages to business and IT key performance indicators, and help present a strong argument for the value of the program. To be successful, the EA program must understand, track and report on multiple levels to address each stakeholder constituency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the metrics landscape • Defining key performance metrics that support the IT agenda • Defining key performance metrics that support the business agenda
2:15 p.m.	Managing EA in a Federated Environment Group-level IT organizations are often charged with "sorting out the mess," but typically lack the governance structures, tools and methods to drive the optimization of IT management disciplines across the enterprise. Central IT management must employ specialized methods and tools while opening lines of communication to better align and optimize investments across the group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to balance centralization versus decentralization • How to drive consistency and alignment through governance, processes and tools • How to manage end-user empowerment and cost and control sharing, while mitigating competing/conflicting interests across multiple lines of business
3:00 p.m.	Selling the Value of EA Effective EA requires selling to a broad range of constituents. Although it overlaps within communications, marketing and organization change management in many ways, selling EA is distinct in that it involves gaining commitment from these groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why enterprise architects need to be salespeople too • Articulating the value of EA to various stakeholders • Creating the communication plan
3:30 p.m.	Seminar Exercise: Selling EA	
4:00 p.m.	Selecting EA Frameworks and Tools For immature EA programs, frameworks and tools can be a distraction, but are necessary to organize and manage EA artifacts. Frameworks differ markedly and focus on different aspects of EA, so choosing a framework can be difficult. The EA tool market is continuing to evolve and grow rapidly, with many acquisitions and new entrants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What frameworks are available, and how are they useful? • What are EA tool selection best practices?
4:30 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	
5:00 p.m.	Seminar Adjourns	