

Business Architecture Taxonomy

Meta Object	Description
Actor	Any person, organization, or system that may be assigned one or more roles. Actors may be internal or external to an organization.
Application Role	A part recognized within an application, providing behaviour to automate or enable some parts of a business function, service or process task.
Application Service	An externally visible unit of functionality, provided by one or more components, exposed through well-defined interfaces, and meaningful to the environment.
Application Task	The automated behaviour of a process activity performed by an application.
Business Object	A real world thing which relate to the enterprise's means to act.
Business Rule	A statement that defines or constrains some aspect of behaviour within the enterprise and always resolves to either true or false.
Business Workflow	A flow, stream, sequence, course, succession, series or progression of as well as order for the movement of information or material from one enterprise function, service or activity (work site) to another.
Contract	An agreement between two or more parties that establishes conditions for interaction.
Control	The exercise of restraining or directing influence. It includes decision-making aspects with accompanying decision logic necessary to ensure compliance.
Data Object	A logical cluster of all sets of related data representing the data object view of a business or information object.
Data Service	A standardized and uniform way of accessing information in a form that is useful to enterprise applications without requiring knowledge of its physical persistence structure.
Driver	An external or internal factor that drives, establishes motivation for or influences the direction of an enterprise.
Enterprise Capability	A enterprise capability is an abstraction that represents the ability to perform a particular skillset i.e. organizational competencies, personal competencies, business function, processes, services, and technology.
Event	Something that happens, this may include a planned occasion or a state change that recognizes the triggering or termination of processing.
Force (external/ internal)	An external or internal factor that forces or pushes some aspect of an enterprise in a specific direction.
Gateway	Determines forking and merging of paths depending on the conditions expressed.
Goal	A desired result considered a part of the organizational direction, aims, targets, and aspirations.
Information Object	Information about real world objects that can be in any medium or form.
Location	A point, facility, place or geographic position that may be referred to physically or logically.
Measure	Any type of measurement used to gauge some quantifiable component of an enterprise's performance.
Mission	The purpose and nature of the enterprise.
Objective	The purpose or target of one's efforts or actions.
Organizational Function	A cluster of tasks performing a specific class of jobs.
Planning	The notation of thinking about and organizing the tasks required to achieve a desired output.
Process	A set of structured activities or tasks with logical behaviour that produce a specific service or product.
Product	A result and output generated by the enterprise. It has a combination of tangible and intangible attributes (i.e.. features, functions, usage).
Quality	A state of excellence or worth specifying the essential and distinguishing individual nature and the attributes based on the intended use.
Report	The exposure, description, and portrayal of information about the status, direction or execution of work within the functions, services, processes, and resources of the enterprise.
Resource	A specific person, expertise, data, information, material, machine, land, capital or organization that is required to accomplish an activity or as a means to act on behalf of the enterprise to achieve a desired outcome.
Risk	The combined impact of any conditions or events, including those caused by uncertainty, change, hazards or other factors that can affect the potential for achieving objectives.
Role	A part that something or someone has the rights, rules, competencies, and capabilities to perform. A resource and/ or actor may have a number of roles i.e. process role, service role or application role and many actors may be assigned the same role.
Security	The objects or tools that secure, make safe and protect through measures to prevent exposure to danger or risk.
Service (Business Service)	The externally visible [logical] deed or effort performed to satisfy a need or to fulfill a demand that is meaningful to the [business] environment.
Strategy	The direction and ends to which the enterprise seeks as well as the means and methods by which the ends will be attained.
Time	A plan, schedule, arrangement or measure for when something should initiate, take place, be completed or the amount of time consumed.
Value Proposition	The merit and benefit that a customer, added value partner or the market itself can obtain from their perspective and point of view.
Vision	The desired future state of the enterprise. An imagination of the future aspirational state of how the enterprise could or should be like without regard as to how this will be achieved.