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Making standards work™

Architecture

Today's CEOs know that the effective management and exploitation of IT is the key to business success. An IT Architecture provides a strategic context for the evolution of IT within the enterprise, in response to the constantly changing needs of the business environment.

An effective IT Architecture also enables managed innovation within the enterprise, by enabling the right balance to be achieved between IT efficiency and business innovation. Individual business units can innovate safely in their pursuit of competitive advantage. At the same time, the needs of the organization for an integrated IT strategy are assured, permitting the closest possible synergy across the extended enterprise.

The Architecture Forum enables all constituencies and stakeholders in IT Architecture to come together to develop open methods and tools for IT Architecture at the enterprise level.

Achievements

TOGAF 8 (Enterprise Edition)

TOGAF 8 is an industry standard framework and method for Enterprise Architecture. TOGAF 8 applies the TOGAF Architecture Development Method (ADM) to all the domains of an Enterprise Architecture – Business, Data, and Application Architecture, as well as Technical Architecture.

TOGAF Certification

The Open Group has introduced Certification Programs in support of TOGAF. IT customer organizations who wish to base their IT Architecture work on TOGAF can now procure tools, training, and professional services on the basis of certified conformance with the TOGAF industry standards.

Standards Information Base (SIB)

An important resource for architecture development, the SIB is a database that can dynamically generate lists, structured according to the TOGAF taxonomy of services, of all the standards for use in open systems architectures.

Work Areas

TOGAF Enterprise Edition

Evolving TOGAF into a world-class framework for enterprise architecture.

IT Architecture Practice

Collaborating with other leading bodies to make IT Architecture a professional discipline.

Architecture Tools

Promoting the availability of effective tools for enterprise architecture.

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About The Open Group

The Open Group is a vendor-neutral and technology-neutral consortium, whose vision of Boundaryless Information Flow™ will enable access to integrated information within and between enterprises based on open standards and global interoperability. The Open Group works with customers, suppliers, consortia, and other standards bodies. Its role is to capture, understand, and address current and emerging requirements, establish policies, and share best practices; to facilitate interoperability, develop consensus, and evolve and integrate specifications and Open Source technologies; to offer a comprehensive set of services to enhance the operational efficiency of consortia; and to operate the industry's premier certification service.

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A Global View

In the global e-commerce world of today, no single economic entity can achieve independence while still ensuring interoperability. The assurance that products will interoperate with each other across differing systems and platforms is essential to the success of e-commerce and business workflow. The Open Group, with its proven testing and certification program, is the international guarantor of interoperability in the new century.

Products and Services

The Open Group provides a number of services: Certification and Testing, Advanced Research, and Consortia Services. Additionally, our Program Forums in Application Resource/Quality Management, IT Architecture, Directory Interoperability, Messaging, Enterprise Systems Management, IT Platform, Real-time & Embedded Systems, and Security provide our members with the opportunity to guide the development and adoption of industry directives and standards. The Open Group quarterly Conferences and Member Meetings are the only forum in which IT customers and suppliers come together to discuss their corporate and industry needs.

Membership

The Open Group members include some of the largest and most influential organizations in the world: Fujitsu, Hitachi, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Sun Microsystems, the US Department of Defense, NASA, Apple Computer, Boeing, and many others. Why do all these organizations value membership in The Open Group? The Open Group provides opportunities to exchange information and shape the future of IT. Members of our Program Groups and Forums gain access to information and ideas on a level they otherwise could not attain; from industry-shaping events to academic research breakthroughs. The buy-side members of The Open Group have combined budgets of over \$50 billion per annum. The flexible structure of The Open Group membership allows for almost any organization, no matter what their size, to join and have a voice in shaping the future of the IT world.

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