

# TOGAF® Poster Series #76



## TOGAF Simplified Part 1: Introduction to the TOGAF

In this poster we summarise the key points from Part I of the TOGAF documentation. It is part of a series, TOGAF Simplified, that gives you a short, quick reminder of each section of the TOGAF documentation.

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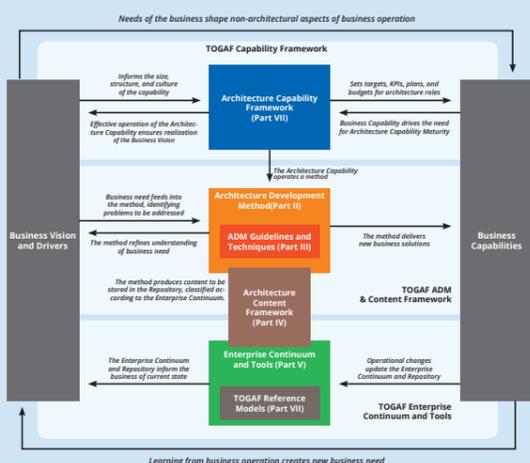
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### Introduction

This starts with a very brief history of TOGAF. It then outlines the structure of the TOGAF document, which is shown graphically in Figure 1-1. When studying TOGAF it is very useful to learn this structure – it will help you see how everything fits together.



Finally there is an Executive Overview, which provides some very basic answers to key questions, including:

- What is an enterprise?
- Why do I need an enterprise architecture? Why develop an enterprise architecture?
- What is an architecture framework? Why do I need TOGAF?
- Who benefits from using TOGAF?

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### Core Concepts

This provides a more detailed explanation than the Executive Overview. It describes TOGAF as an architecture framework, based on the concept of “architecture” as defined in ISO 4210. It introduces the four architecture domains – Business, Data, Application, and Technology; and outlines the Architecture Development Method. Importantly it then explains the outputs from the ADM, making the distinction between Deliverables, Artifacts (which are Catalogs, Matrices or Diagrams), and Building Blocks (which can be Architecture or Solution Building Blocks – ABBs or SBBs).

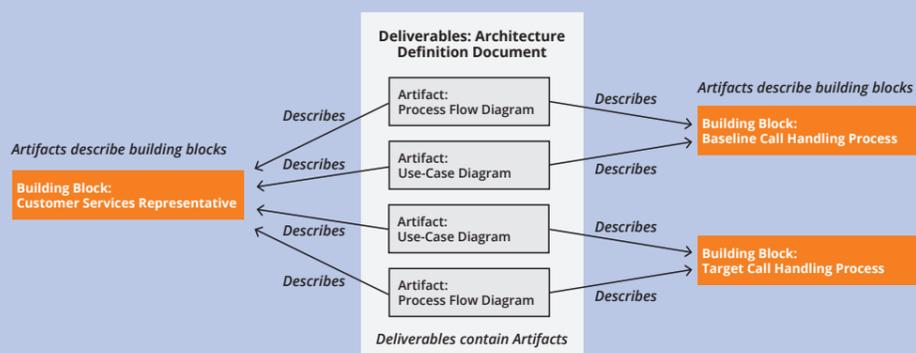


Figure 2-2 gives a useful example of the relationships between deliverables, artifacts, and building blocks in TOGAF.

Next is the Enterprise Continuum – a very powerful, and often misunderstood, concept – showing how generic solutions can be leveraged and specialized to support the requirements of an individual organization.

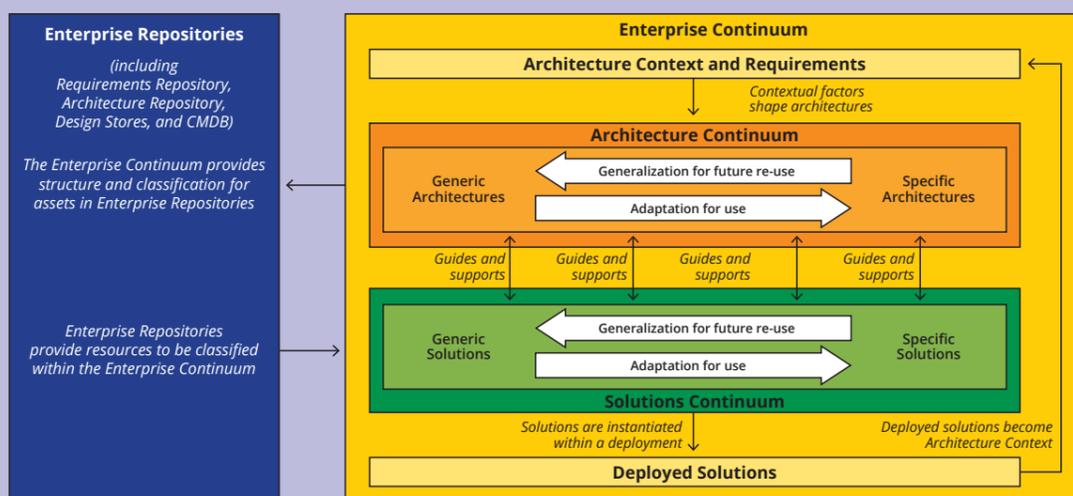
The Architecture Repository supports the concept of an Enterprise Continuum by storing different classes of architectural output at different levels of abstraction. The main components of the Architecture Repository – architecture metamodel, architecture capability, architecture landscape, standards information base, reference library, and governance log - are briefly described.

There is a brief overview of how you might establish and maintain an Enterprise Architecture Capability within an enterprise, and what is needed for this to be an operational entity.

Finally the Chapter talks briefly about using TOGAF with other frameworks.

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### Definitions and Abbreviations



This chapter provides definitions of 77 words and phrases with a specific meaning in TOGAF. It ranges from Abstraction to Work Package.

Use this Chapter as a reference for any terms that are unclear as you read the documentation.

The list of definitions is also useful when you revise for the exam, to make sure you understand each term.

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### Release Notes

This Chapter describes in detail the new features of TOGAF 9.1 and how it differs from the previous release. It also explains how TOGAF can be used – the conditions of use, costs and downloads – and why it might be useful to join The Open Group.

