

TOGAF™ 8 Certification

What is it?

IT customer organizations who wish to base their enterprise architecture work on the open, industry standard TOGAF 8 "Enterprise Edition" can procure tools, training, and professional services on the basis of certified conformance with the TOGAF 8 standards.

Why is this important?

The introduction of a Certification Program for TOGAF 8 provides an even stronger incentive for organizations (both private and public sector) to standardize on this open method for enterprise architecture, and so avoid lock-in to proprietary methods.

TOGAF 8 is published by The Open Group on its public web server. It may be used under a free, perpetual license by any organization wishing to develop an enterprise architecture for use within that organization. TOGAF 8 complements, and can be used in conjunction with, other frameworks, including those more focused on specific deliverables for particular vertical sectors such as Government, Defense, and Finance. The TOGAF framework has been developed and continuously evolved since the mid-90s by representatives of some of the world's leading IT customer and vendor organizations.

TOGAF 8 Product Standards

The precise definition of the Conformance Requirements for TOGAF 8 certification is contained in the relevant Product Standards:

X04TA Architecture: TOGAF 8 Certified
X04TB Architecture: TOGAF 8 Tool Support
X04TC Architecture: TOGAF 8 Professional Services
X04TD Architecture: TOGAF 8 Training

These can be obtained from the web site at www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert.

How to apply

At www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert/docs/primer you will find a comprehensive introduction to the TOGAF Certification Program, including Guides for all four classes of certification and a step-by-step description of the application process.

Certification

With certification, TOGAF is now more than ever the logical choice as the basis for an organization's IT architecture work.

Certification from The Open Group provides customers with assurance that products and services conform to open standards. This assurance enables market growth, and benefits customers and vendors alike.

In the architecture field, The Open Group has defined a number of Certification Programs in support of The Open Group Architecture Framework, Version 8 (TOGAF 8).

In order to protect the value of TOGAF by ensuring its consistent application and usage, The Open Group has introduced Certification Programs for the following offerings:

TOGAF 8 Certified

Architects trained in the use of TOGAF 8, to ensure that a common core of knowledge and understanding is transmitted in such courses, and that professional services offered in support of TOGAF 8 are delivered by architects who have completed the necessary training course and have up-to-date knowledge about TOGAF 8.

TOGAF 8 Tool Support

Architecture tools which support TOGAF 8, to ensure that the meaning of a claim of conformance with TOGAF 8 is clear and that the TOGAF 8 Architecture Development Method (ADM) is supported consistently in different architecture tools.

TOGAF 8 Training

Training courses which instruct in TOGAF 8, to ensure that the course syllabus includes coverage of the necessary elements of TOGAF 8 and its ADM.

TOGAF 8 Professional Services

Professional services offered in support of TOGAF 8, to ensure that organizations that offer such services abide by an approved code of practice, and use only properly trained architects for such services.



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Why become certified?

For architecture service providers and tools vendors, the TOGAF 8 Certification Program provides a way to demonstrate clearly how their services and products support the enterprise architect using TOGAF 8. For individual enterprise architects, TOGAF 8 certification demonstrates clearly to employers, peers, and to themselves their commitment to their profession as a discipline. In particular, it demonstrates that they possess a body of core knowledge about TOGAF 8 as an open, industry standard framework and method for enterprise architecture.

The value of certification to licensees is the ability to use the term “TOGAF 8” in association with products and/or services that support the TOGAF 8 framework. The Open Group publishes the definitive register of TOGAF 8 certified offerings, and issues certificates that can be used by vendors in promotion.

The value of TOGAF 8 certification to customers is the knowledge that the vendor has made a legally binding warranty of conformance with the Product Standards referenced in the Certification Program – a warranty that requires compliance at the time of registration, and throughout the lifetime of the product or service offering, for as long as it remains registered. Customers can therefore procure such products and services safe in the knowledge that the vendors have taken a professional and commercially responsible approach to the supply of these offerings to the market, and have completed a Statement of Conformance, which the procurer can access freely and compare with those of other certified vendors if they so wish.

“Using TOGAF accelerated our implementation of architectural and standards setting processes by enabling the rapid adoption of a robust framework for the way we think about architectural domains. ... In our major outsourced relationships (approximately A\$350m pa), we have institutionalized TOGAF as the reference for all discussions about architecture and how technologies are assessed for their appropriateness to our organization. TOGAF was also used to help clarify the line between architecture and design, which has been important to us as we have retained accountability for architecture but have contracted technical infrastructure design to our major outsource suppliers. Our vendors were prepared to accept TOGAF as the model even though they have their own proprietary architectural frameworks. This is a testimony to the power of The Open Group Forum, and the quality of the framework itself.”

Bob Hennessy, Head of Planning & Architecture Services, Westpac Banking Corporation, Australia

“Our Corporate IS/IT Architecture Framework (CISITAF) is based on TOGAF. The work done by The Open Group on TOGAF has proved invaluable and enabled us to make rapid progress. It has proved useful in a major procurement project to establish new IS/IT supply arrangements with the private sector. Its vendor neutrality supports our shift in emphasis from the definition of products to the purchase of services from multiple service providers. ... Subject to agreement, it will form the basis of an architecture control service. This is intended to ensure the integration and interoperation of systems from different sources. Quite simply, the CISITAF is a key aspect of our evolving partnership with our suppliers.”

Derek Beetham, UK Department of Works & Pensions

The costs

The fees for TOGAF 8 certification depend on the class and method of certification. The fee schedule is explained at: www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert.

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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