

# Architecture Forum

## Who we are

The Open Group Architecture Forum has developed and is evolving a comprehensive enterprise architecture framework called TOGAF™ to enable businesses to achieve the right balance between IT efficiency and business innovation. The Forum brings together customers, vendors, consultants, governments, and academics, and over 200 organizations are members of the Architecture Forum, including American Express, Boeing, Capgemini, Eli Lilly, HSBC, HP, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, Marriott International, and NASA. A certification program for both businesses and individuals supports the framework. In addition, the Architecture Forum is actively interested in the continued development of The Open Group IT Architect Certification (ITAC), which is the only global certification program for certifying skills and experience in the enterprise IT architecture community.

## What we do

The Forum brings together customers, vendors, consultants, governments, and academia to work on:

### TOGAF™

TOGAF is a comprehensive architecture framework and methodology which enables the design, evaluation, and implementation of the right architecture for an enterprise.

### TOGAF™ Certification

TOGAF certification is an assurance program providing four classes of certification: Certified, Tool Support, Training, and Professional Services. It is used by architecture service providers, tool vendors, and individual enterprise architects.

### IT Architect Practice

The Architecture Forum supports the establishment of a skills and experience-based IT Architect Certification program, that provides a foundation for trust between suppliers and customers; and collaborates with other leading standards bodies to make IT architecture a professional discipline.

### Architecture Tools

The Architecture Forum promotes the availability of effective tools for enterprise architecture.

## TOGAF™

TOGAF is an industry standard architecture framework and methodology which enables the design, evaluation, and implementation of the right architecture for an enterprise. It may be used freely by any organization wishing to develop an information systems architecture for use within that organization.

Over 80% of the Forbes Global Top 50 companies are using TOGAF, more than 32,000 individuals have downloaded it, and approximately 9,000 people have become Certified TOGAF Practitioners.

### TOGAF Certification

The certification program enables organizations to standardize on an open method for IT architecture and avoid a lock-in to the proprietary methods of major consulting firms.

Customers can base their IT architecture on an open, industry standard method, which works with all major frameworks, and can procure tools, training, and the services of consultants with confidence, on the basis of certified conformance with TOGAF standards.

For service providers and tool vendors, the certification provides a vehicle to clearly demonstrate that their services and products support the use of TOGAF, and meet the requirements of the standard.

### IT Architect Certification

The Open Group IT Architect Certification (ITAC) program is the premier, global certification program for certifying skills and experience in the enterprise IT architecture community. Based on the proven best practices in the industry, it sets an independent, industry-wide standard for IT Architects and creates a foundation for trust between suppliers and customers.

To date, more than 2,000 individuals from both vendor and customer organizations around the globe have achieved ITAC certification.



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## Current projects

Current Architecture Forum projects include:

### TOGAF 9

The recently launched TOGAF Version 9 is actively maintained by members of the Forum. Several projects are underway to propose enhancements and additions to TOGAF.

### Localization

Developing a number of translated versions of the TOGAF Pocket Guide.

### Modeling & Terminology

Developing and analyzing models of TOGAF in order to improve the specification.

### Case Studies

Developing templates to encourage more TOGAF case studies.

### White Papers

Developing a collection of supporting material for TOGAF.

### TOGAF Strategy

Formulating a long-term strategy for TOGAF and coordinating activities with the SOA and Business Architecture Working Groups.

## How to Download TOGAF™

If your organization is a member of The Open Group Architecture Forum, you may download and use TOGAF Version 9 "Enterprise Edition" internally under a personal annual Member License.

If you are a non-member, you may download TOGAF Version 9 "Enterprise Edition" under a free, personal, 90-day Evaluation License; and you may then go on to use it internally under a free, perpetual, Corporate License or a free, perpetual, Academic License, if you wish. Alternatively, you may take out an annual Commercial License.

For further information and the download links, go to: [www.opengroup.org/architecture/togaf9/downloads.htm](http://www.opengroup.org/architecture/togaf9/downloads.htm).

## Becoming a Member

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## About The Open Group

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