



THE *Open* GROUP

Making standards work®

The Open Group is a vendor-neutral and technology-neutral consortium, which drives the creation of Boundaryless Information Flow™ that 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 standard 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. Further information on The Open Group can be found at www.opengroup.org.

Certification

One of the main objectives of The Open Group is to develop and operate the IT industry's premier certification programs and to encourage the procurement of certified products and services. To learn more, go to www.opengroup.org/certification.



IT Specialist Certification (ITSC)

www.opengroup.org/itsc

The Open Group ITSC program provides IT professionals with a set of globally recognized standards that allow organizations to benchmark against skills, knowledge, and experience and therefore select the right people for the job.

It was designed to validate the existence of those qualities and skills in a professional that enable the effective development, implementation, and operation of IT solutions.

IT Architect Certification (ITAC)

www.opengroup.org/itac

The Open Group ITAC program was designed to validate the existence of those qualities and skills in a professional that enable the effective practice of IT architecture.

Launched in 2005, there are now over 2,300 people certified worldwide and the program is now recognized as the premier skills and experience-based certification for IT Architects.

TOGAF™

www.opengroup.org/togaf

The Open Group defines TOGAF as a detailed method and set of supporting tools for developing IT and Enterprise Architecture. There are many architecture frameworks, but TOGAF is unique in containing a method for developing architectures – the Architecture Development Method (ADM).

TOGAF is non-proprietary and is the result of best practice, as gathered by The Open Group Architecture Forum.

TOGAF certification programs exist for both organizations and individuals. However, TOGAF is not a prerequisite for the ITAC program.

TOGAF™ 9

TOGAF Version 9 Enterprise Edition is a detailed method and set of supporting resources for developing an enterprise architecture.

TOGAF 9 represents an industry consensus framework and method for enterprise architecture that is available for use internally by any organization around the world – members and non-members of The Open Group alike – subject to license conditions.

For details, go to www.opengroup.org/togaf.

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Events & Webinars

The Open Group Conferences offer premier educational and networking opportunities for IT executives and professionals. Join CIOs, IT strategists, enterprise architects, senior business managers, and other industry experts to learn about latest trends and cutting-edge ideas, discuss key issues and challenges, and tap into best practices of some of today's most successful companies. The events take a highly practical approach, combining in-depth presentations, lively panel discussions, interactive workshops, case study reviews, and the latest tool demonstrations.

Bookstore & Downloads

Many electronic publications, white papers, information sheets, and technical documentation can be downloaded through our online bookstore.

The Open Group Membership

The Open Group has a foundation in its members: a diverse group from all over the world that spans all sectors of the IT community – IT customers, systems and solutions suppliers, tool vendors, integrators and consultants, as well as academia and researchers – from Fortune 500 companies to small boutique and academic organizations.

Our members come from all over the world – 47% from North America, 34% from Europe, 12% from Asia-Pacific, and 7% from the Middle East and Africa; all constituents work together in an open process.

We are proud to have some of the largest IT buyers and vendors as active members, representing both government and commercial enterprises. Our buy-side members alone have combined annual IT budgets of over US\$50 billion or 25% of the entire IT procurement budget worldwide each year.

Benefits of Membership

The Open Group provides an opportunity to exchange information and shape the future of IT. Members gain access to information and ideas on a level that they otherwise could not attain – from industry shaping events to academic research breakthroughs. The flexible structure of The Open Group allows for almost any organization, no matter what its size, to join and have a voice in shaping the future.

The Open Group provides a platform for its members to discuss their requirements, work jointly on guiding the development and adoption of industry standards, and confront major barriers to enterprise integration. Based on their areas of interest, members can join one or more of our Forums and Work Groups, which include:

Forums

- Architecture
- ArchiMate®
- Identity Management
- Platform
- Real-time & Embedded Systems
- Security

Work Groups

- Business Architecture
- Cloud Computing
- Semantic Interoperability
- Service Oriented Architecture
- Universal Data Element Framework

Members also join either our Customer Council or Supplier Council.

- **Customer Council** provides members who are primarily buyers and end-users of information systems with a cross-Forum platform to represent the customer perspective.
- **Supplier Council** provides members who are primarily suppliers/vendors of IT products and solutions with an opportunity to work with other supplier members.

Both customers and suppliers benefit from the cooperation: product suppliers from the accelerated market up-take of products based on open systems standards; their customers from reduced cost of integration, increased flexibility in their infrastructure, and greater interoperability with their partners, customers, and suppliers.

Collaboration Services

The Open Group provides a range of services to a number of third parties – IT industry and other consortia and organizations:

- **Rapid formation:** start quickly, build consensus, and focus on business objectives
- **Fair, neutral, and open standards development:** Develop standards and best practices using proven processes
- **Strong market impact:** Create customer pull for interoperable products and skilled practitioners

