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Develop and Use an Enterprise Architecture

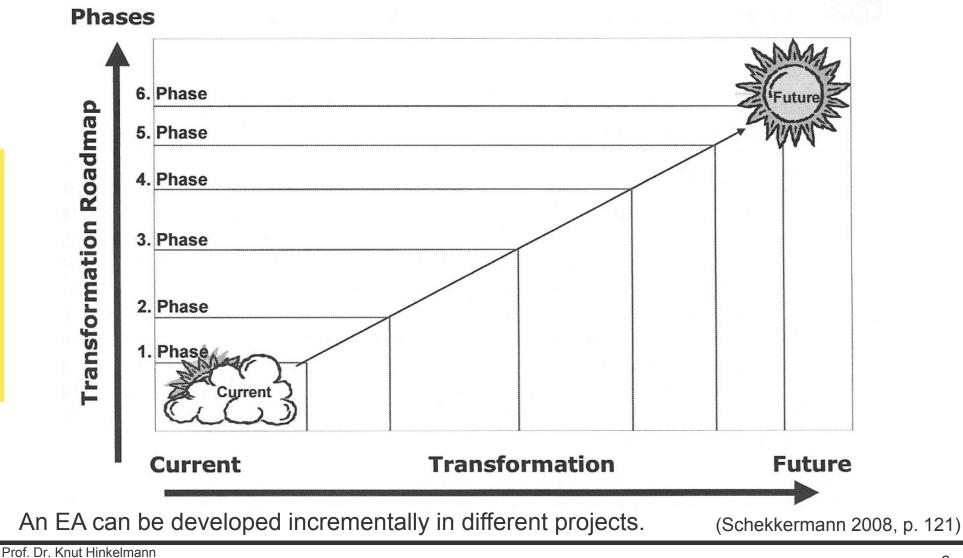


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Enterprise Architecture Transformation



Current Enterprise Architecture

Establishing a set of enterprise architectural results that describe and document the current state of the enterprise from business functions to technology infrastructure sets the stage for establishing a plan for moving towards and measuring progress againts futures enterprise architecture



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Future Enterprise Architecture

- The future enterprise architecture provides answers to these basic questions:
 - What are the strategic business objectives of the organization?
 - What is our place in the extended value net?
 - What information is needed to support the business?
 - What applications are needed to provide the information?
 - What technology is needed to support the applications?
- The development of a picture of the organization's future business processes and information needs is central to successful future enterprise architecture development



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(Schekkermann 2008, p. 98)

Current and Future Enterprise Architecture

	Current Enterprise Architecture	Future Enterprise Architecture
Process	Process applies the chosen	Process applies the same framework as
	framework and accompanied	for Current
	approach	
	Process relies extensively on existing	Documentation may not exist or is
	documentation, e.g., process and	likely to be inconsistent, e.g., various
	procedure manuals	vision and planning documents.
	Generation of results will begin in	Generation of results begins with heavy
	Business & IT organization, and	participation by SME's from business
	eventually extend to business SME's	units
	for validation of results.	
	Reverse engineering is likely. Process	Emphasis is organizations ambition,
	needs verification that requirement	vision & strategy, building on new or
	and design documentation reflects	enhanced business processes / activities
	reality.	and technological possibilities.
	Available information is	Material originally produced for
	standardized and normalized as a	different time frames, e.g., 1-year plans,
	foundation for change.	5-year plans, strategic plans, is
		integrated to a single vision.
		(Schekkermann 2008, p



Current and Future Enterprise Architecture

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Results	Models are based on reality	Models are based on assumptions,
		plans, and recognized needs, political
		environment, future technology.
	Results describe the entire current	Results describe a vision for the entire
	enterprise at a consistent, high level.	enterprise. Additional analysis, detail
	A 1 litizen al analysis dotail based on	based on priority areas, e.g., anticipated
	Additional analysis, detail based on	modernization.
	priority areas, e.g., known problems	modernization.
	areas	Explicitly includes legacy, with
	Describes all significant manual and	
	automated operations	upgrades if they are planned, or there is
		an implicit decommission of what exists
		in the Current. Also includes planned
		transformational components.
	Consistency, completeness,	Consistency, completeness can be
	correctness can be validated.	validated.
	Results are available and controlled	Results are available, linked to the
	in a repository.	Current Enterprise architecture, and
	In a repository.	controlled in the same repository as the
		Current enterprise architecture.



Modelling Tools: Electronically Linking Elements

- Volume of information is often too great for a user to quickly comprehend
- Users often focus on their particular area of concern and can easily overlook critical dependencies that their processes and assets may have on other processes and organisations
- Therefore, providing electronic links among the interdependent information can highlight the interdependencies and greatly improve understandability.
- Most organisation will document and distribute its EAs in the form of web sites.



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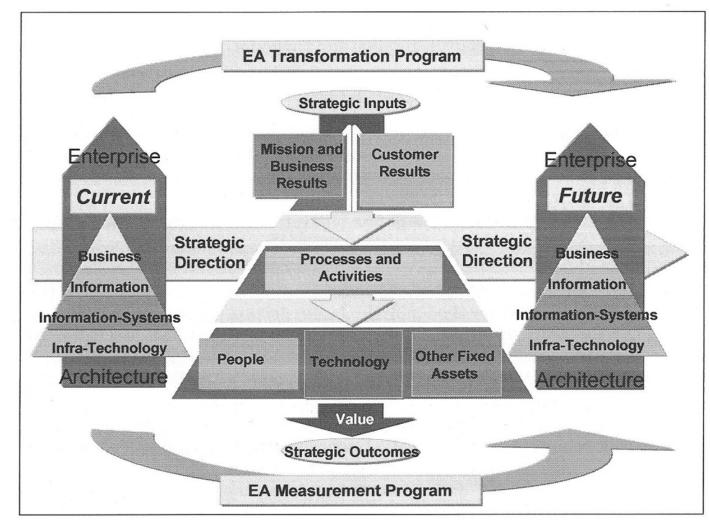
Business Motivation Model

- The process of getting the enterprise from where it is today to where it wants to be in the futire needs formal thought and that focuses on optimizing enterprise-wide performance and accountability.
- This thought process is documented with the organization's strategic plan. This document defines the mission and longrange objectives of the organization and relates to plans for business engineering and systems modernization.



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EA Transformation Program



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Use of the Enterprise Architecture

- The EA is managed as a program that facilitates systematic organization change by continuously aligning technology investments and projects with organisation mission needs.
- EA is updated continuously to reflect changes
- It is a primary tool for baseline control of complex, interdependent enterprise decisions and communication of these decisions to organization stakeholders.

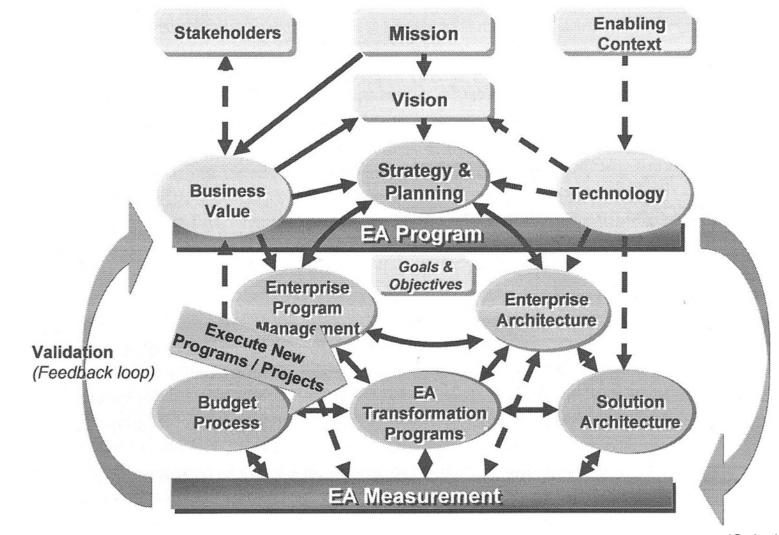


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