

TOGAF Building Blocks, Ontologies, Terminologies, and all that Jazz...

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Architecture Modeling in TOGAF

- Enterprise Architecture Modeling
- An Ontology for TOGAF 9
- A View of Service Oriented Architectures

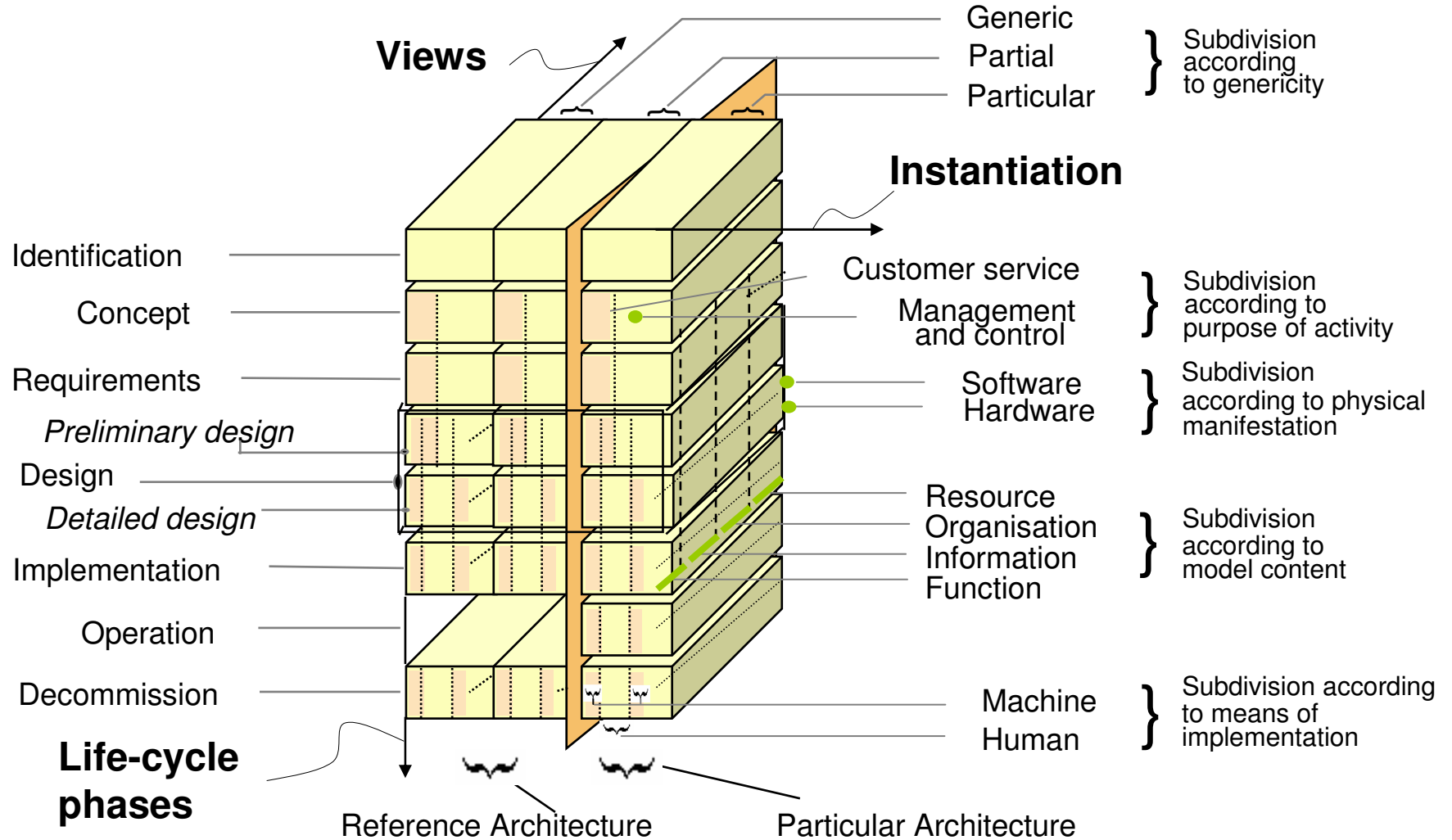


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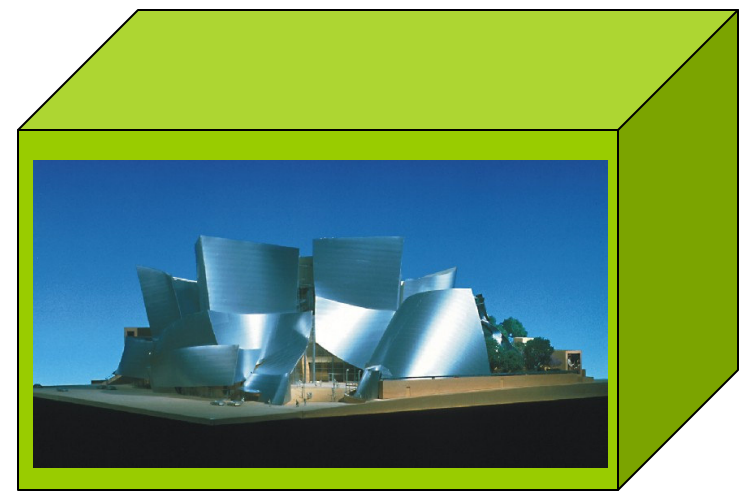
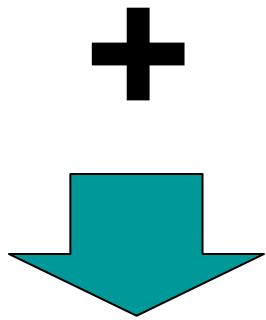
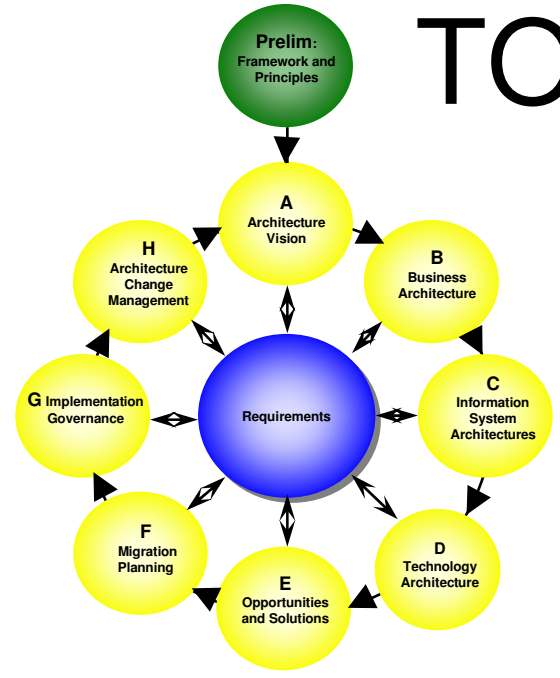
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Generalised Enterprise Reference Architecture and Methodology



TOGAF Modeling



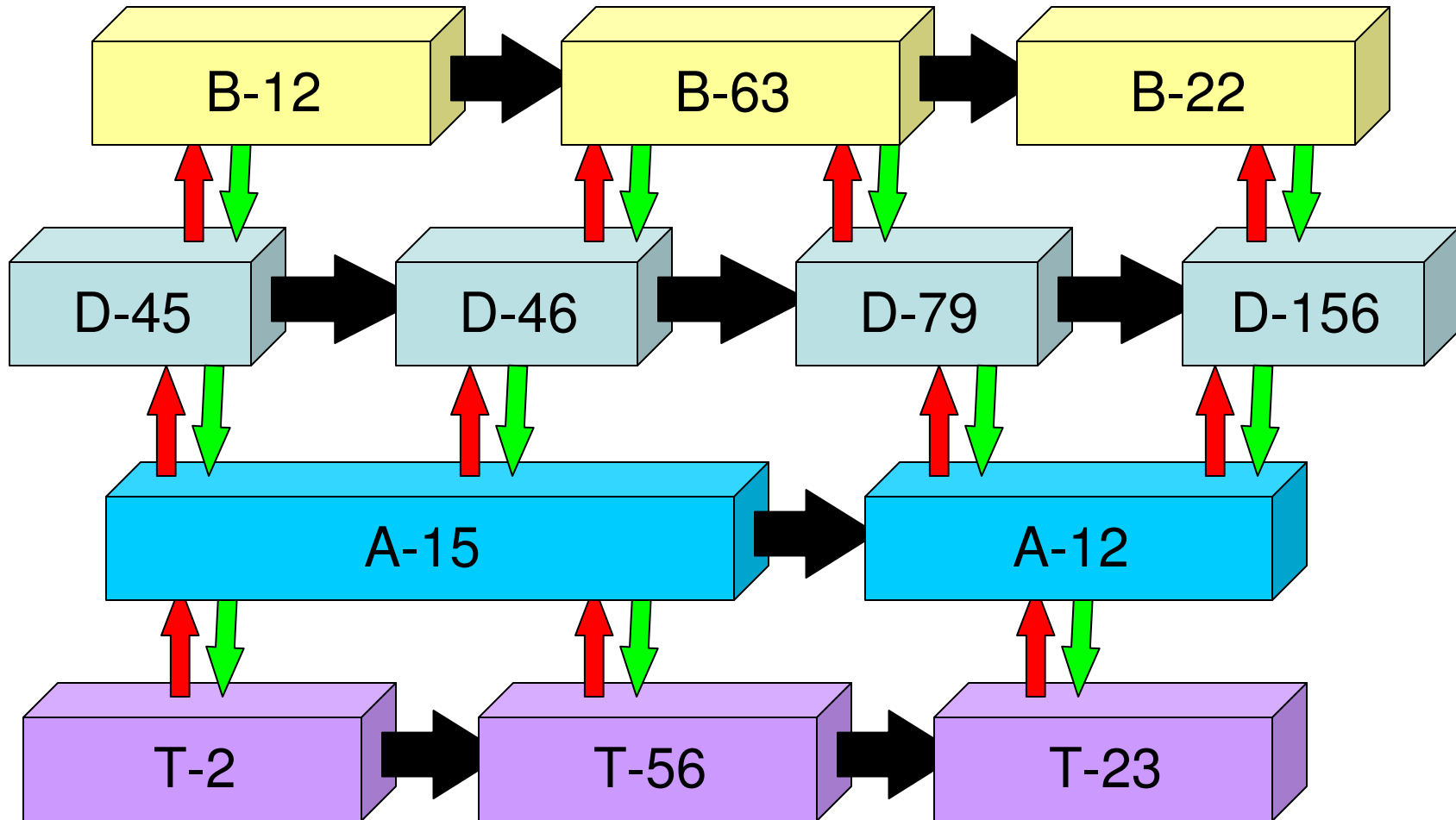
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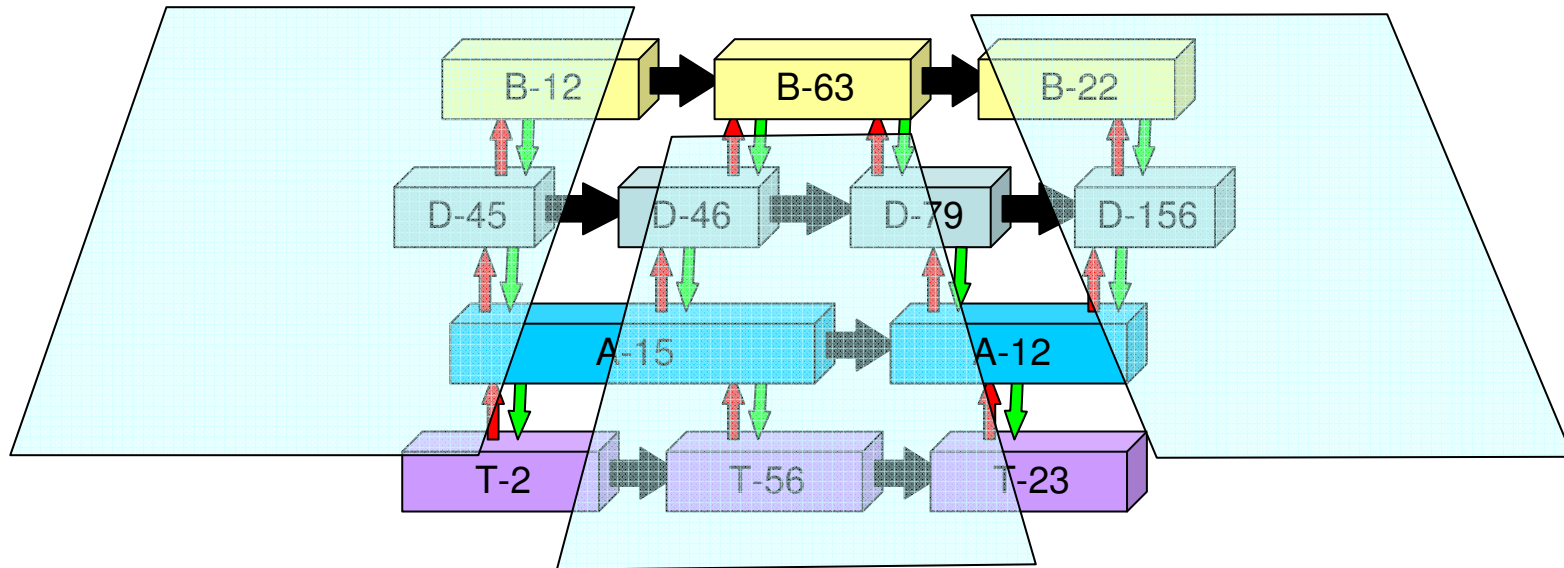


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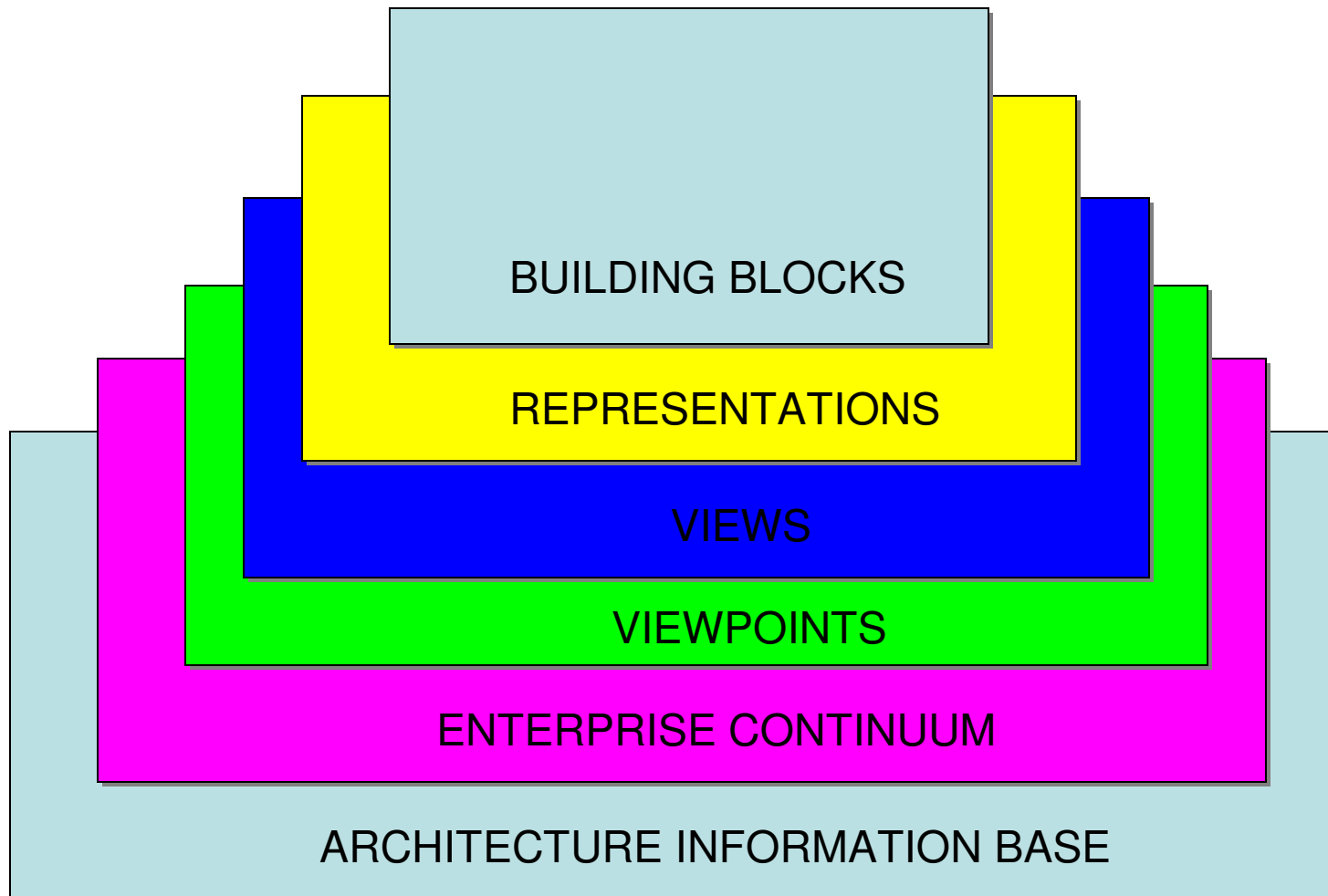
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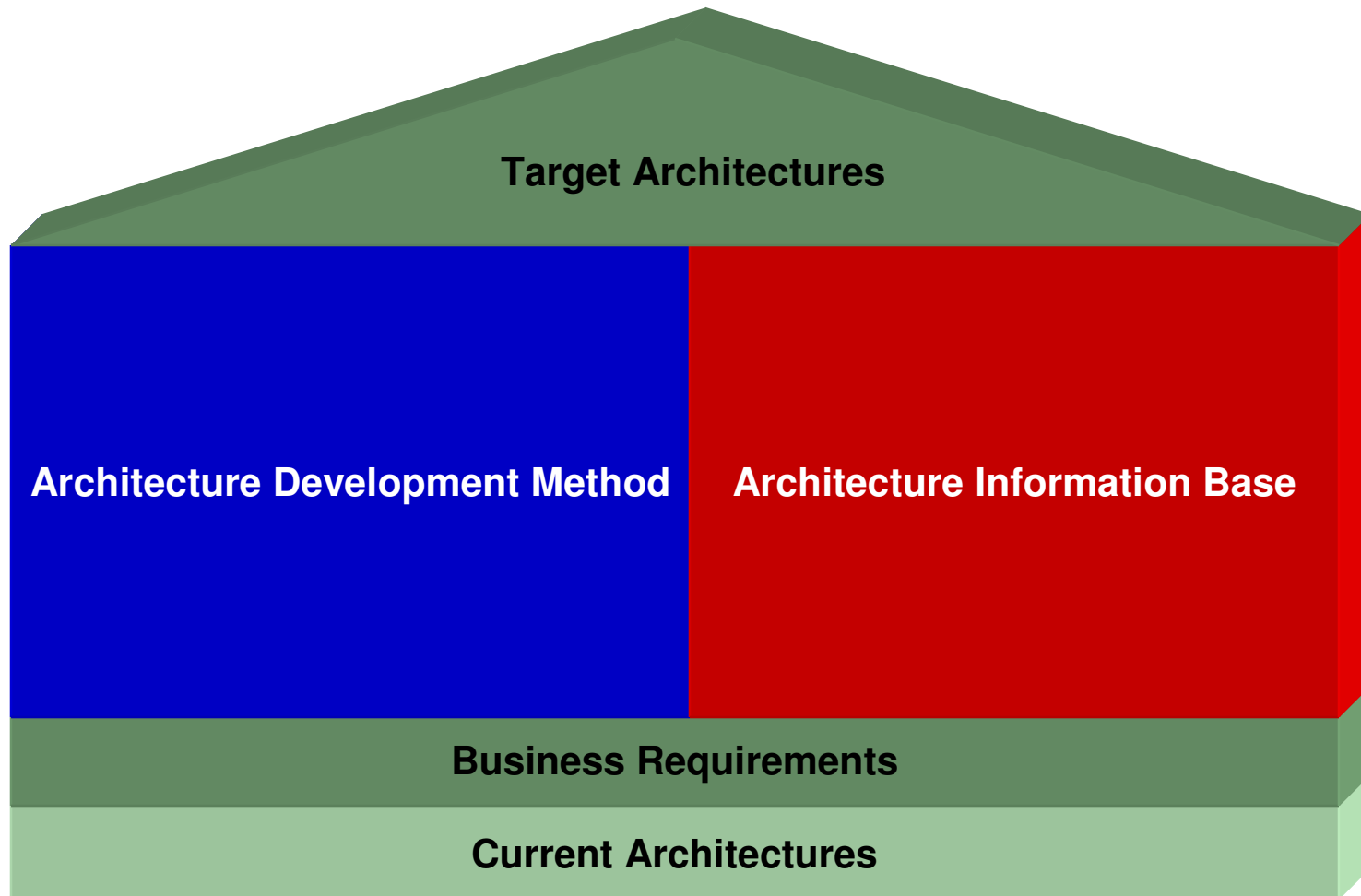
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TOGAF Architecture Modeling



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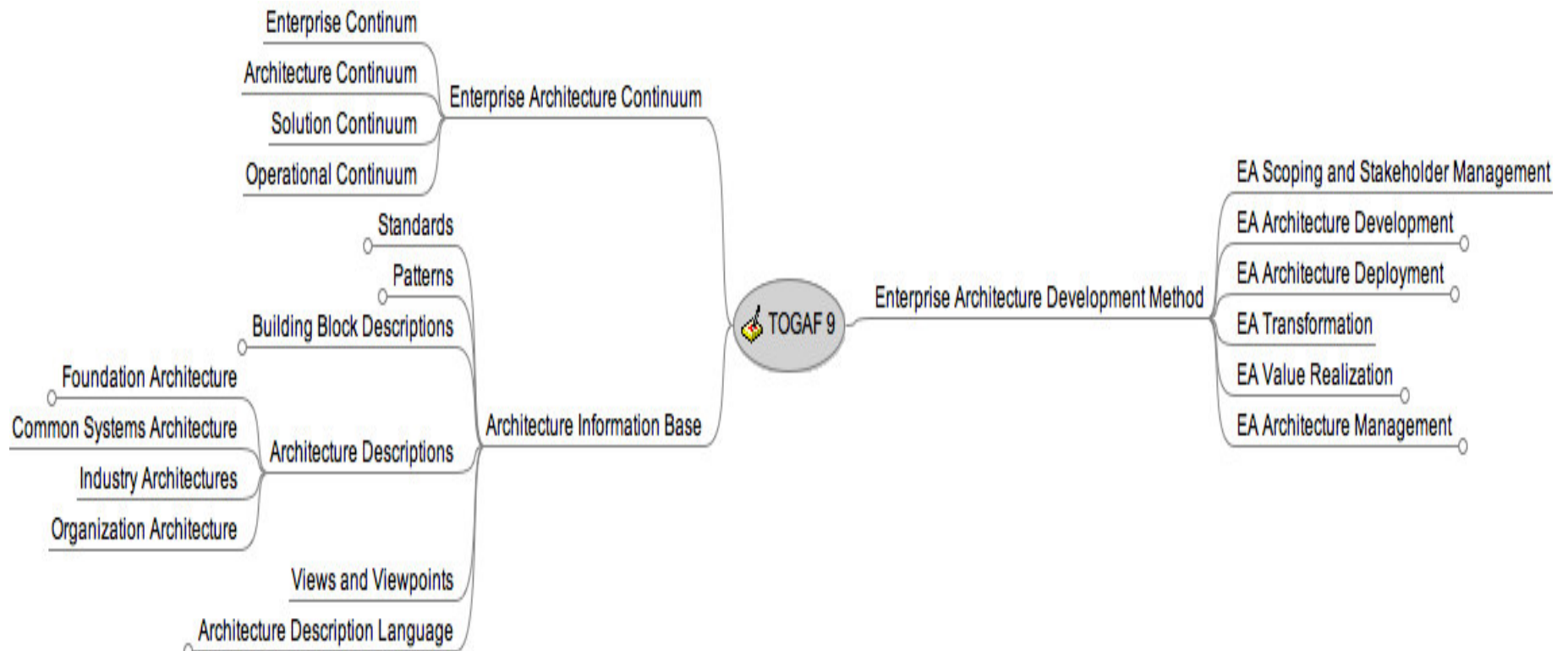


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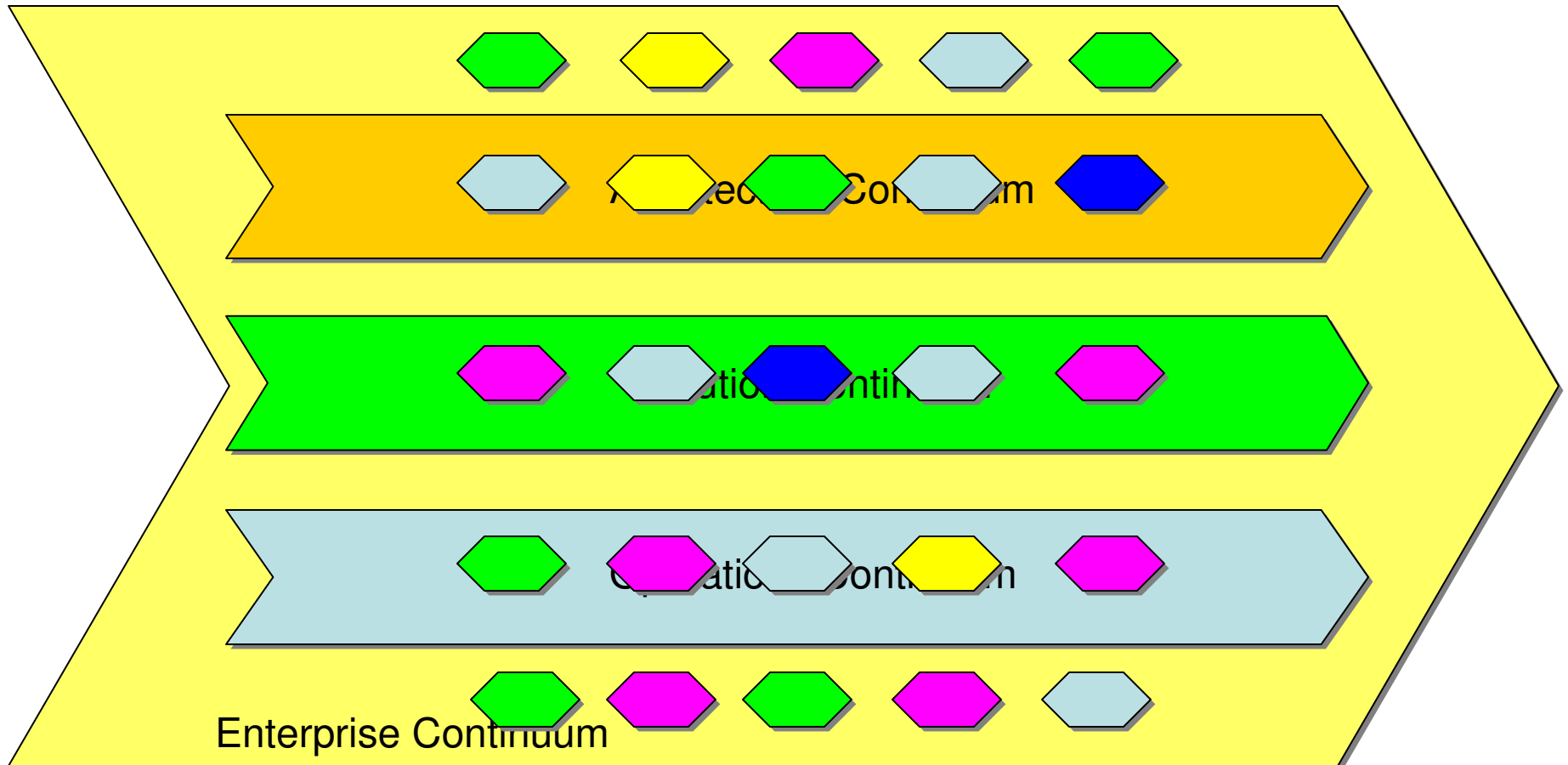


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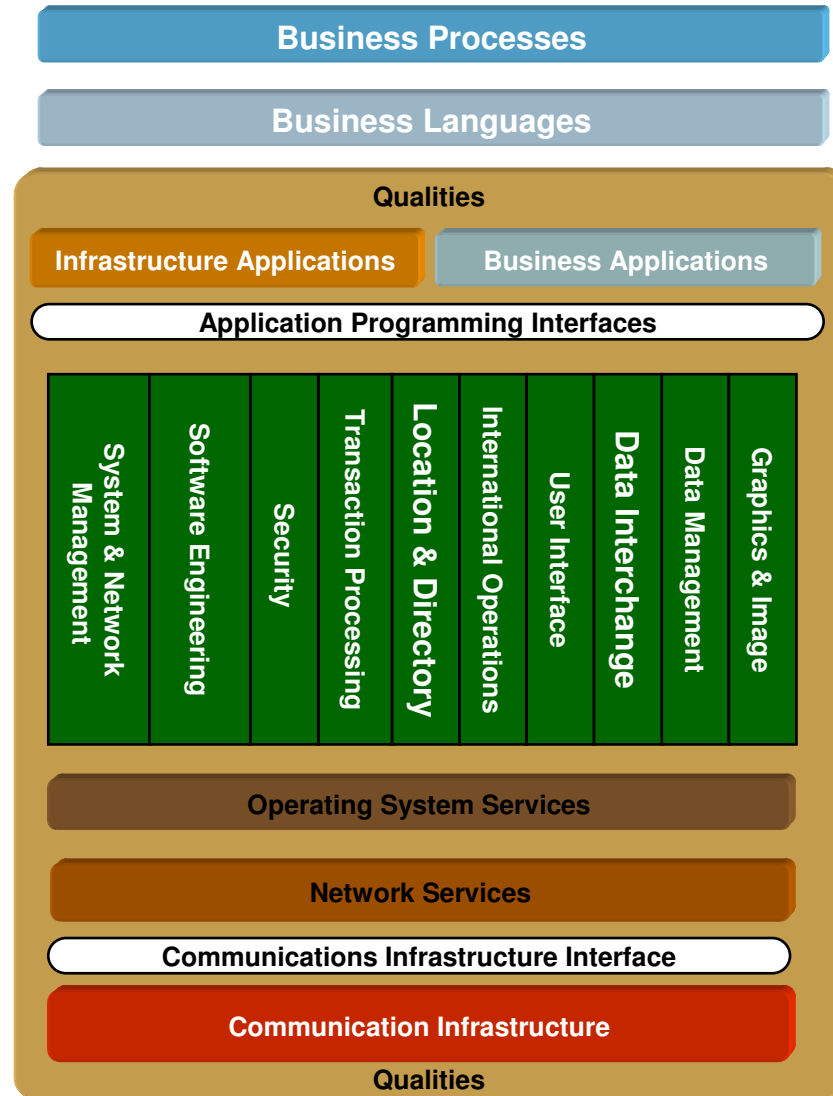
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TOGAF 9 Enterprise Continuum



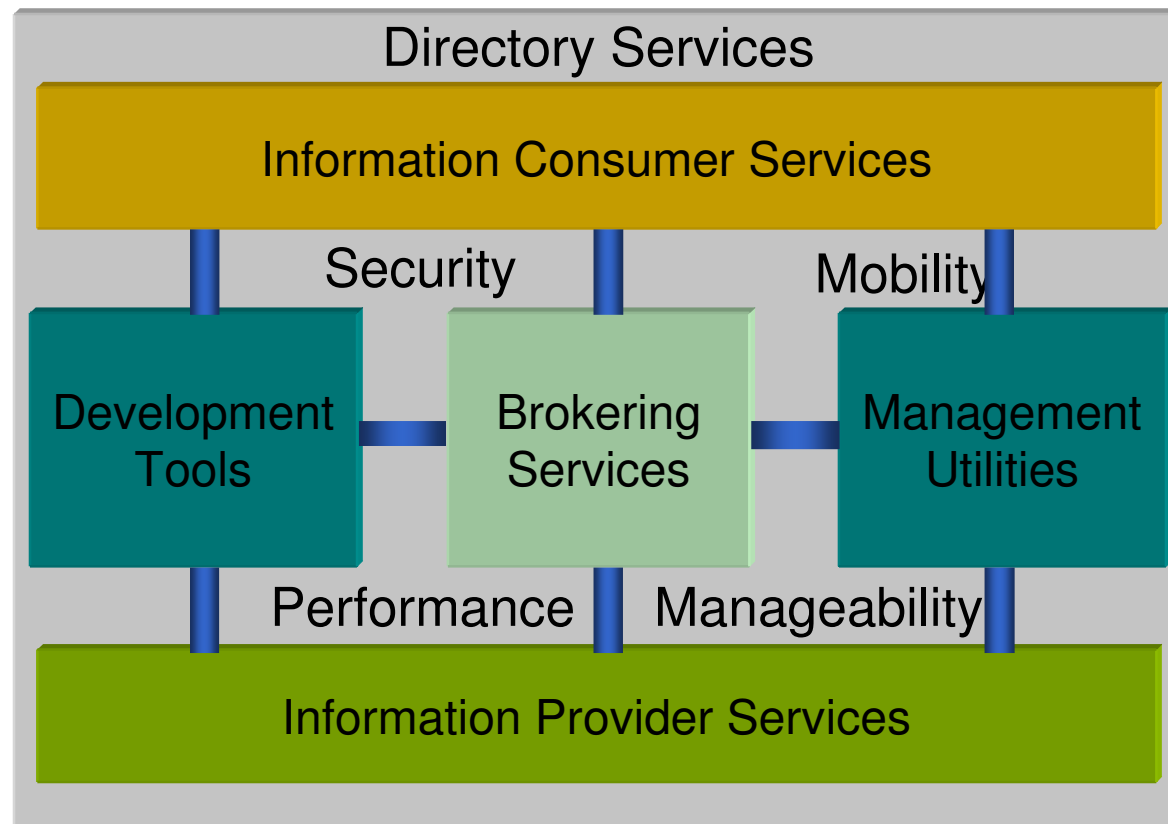
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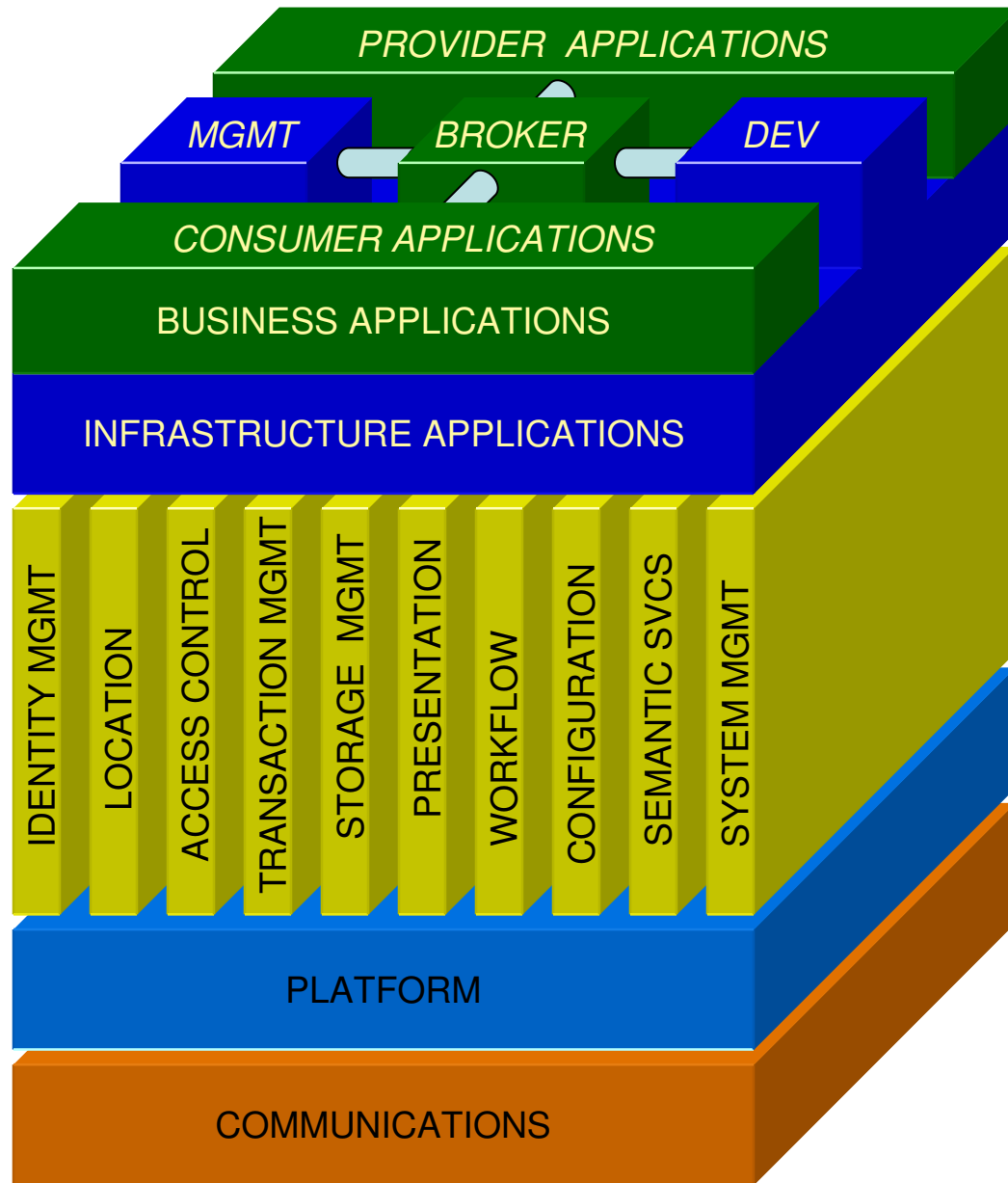
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Integrated Information Infrastructure



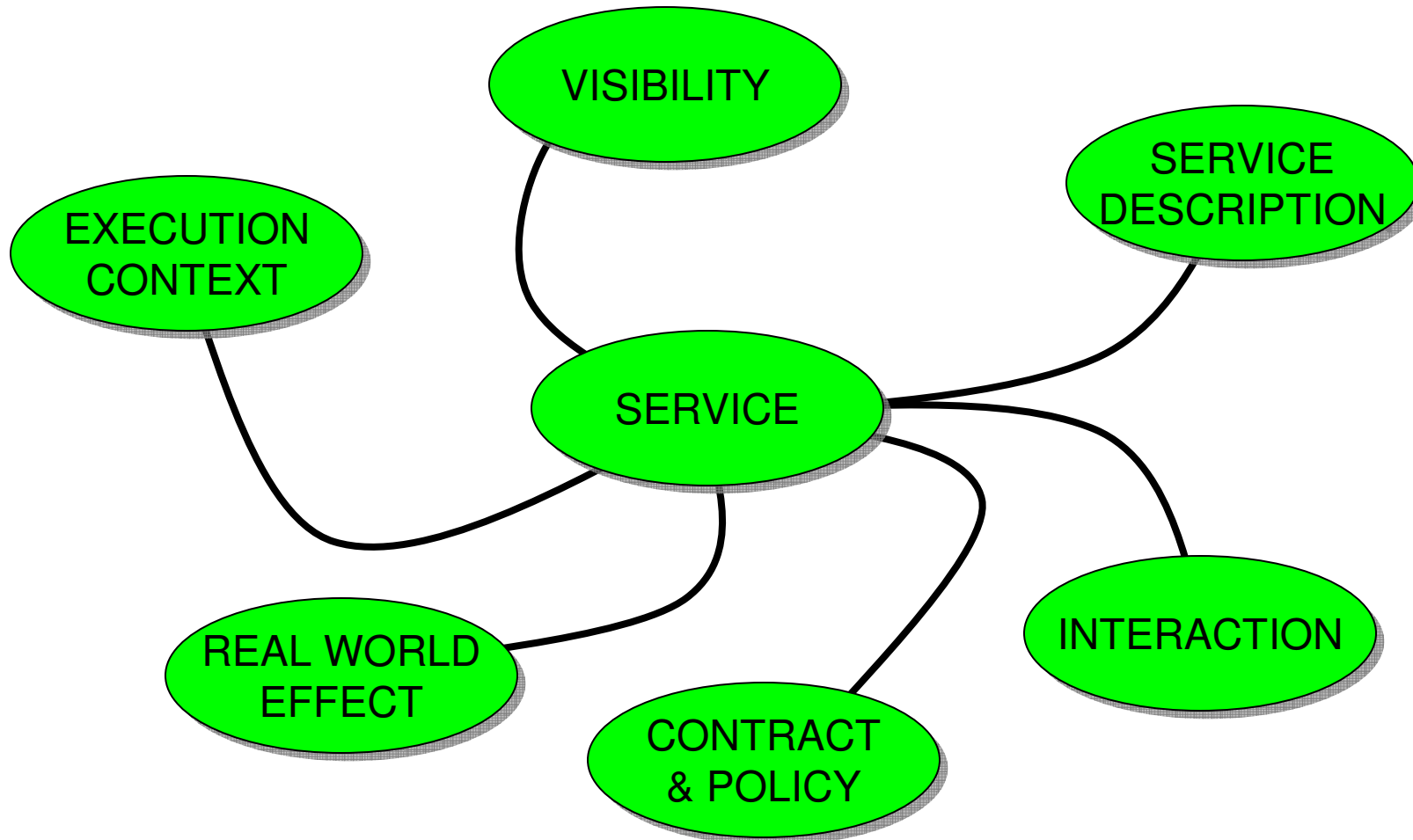


Defining Service Oriented Architecture

An **architectural style** that supports **service orientation**

- **Service orientation**
A way of a way of thinking in terms of services and service based development and the outcomes that services bring
- **Service**
A logical representation of a repeatable business activity that has a specified outcome (e.g., check customer credit; provide weather data, consolidate drilling reports), is self-contained and maybe composed of other Services. It is a black box to consumers of the Service
- **Architectural Style**
The combination of distinctive features in which Enterprise Architecture is done, or expressed
- The SOA Architectural style's distinctive features:
 - Based on the design of the services comprising an enterprise's (or inter-enterprise) business processes. Services mirror real-world business activity
 - Service representation utilizes business descriptions. Service representation requires providing its context (including business process, goal, rule, policy, service interface and service component) and service orchestration to implement service
 - Has unique requirements on infrastructure. Implementations are recommended to use open standards, realize interoperability and location transparency.
 - Implementations are environment specific, they are constrained or enabled by context and must be described within their context.
 - Requires strong governance of service representation and implementation
 - Requires a "Litmus Test", which determined a "good services"

OASIS SOA Reference Model

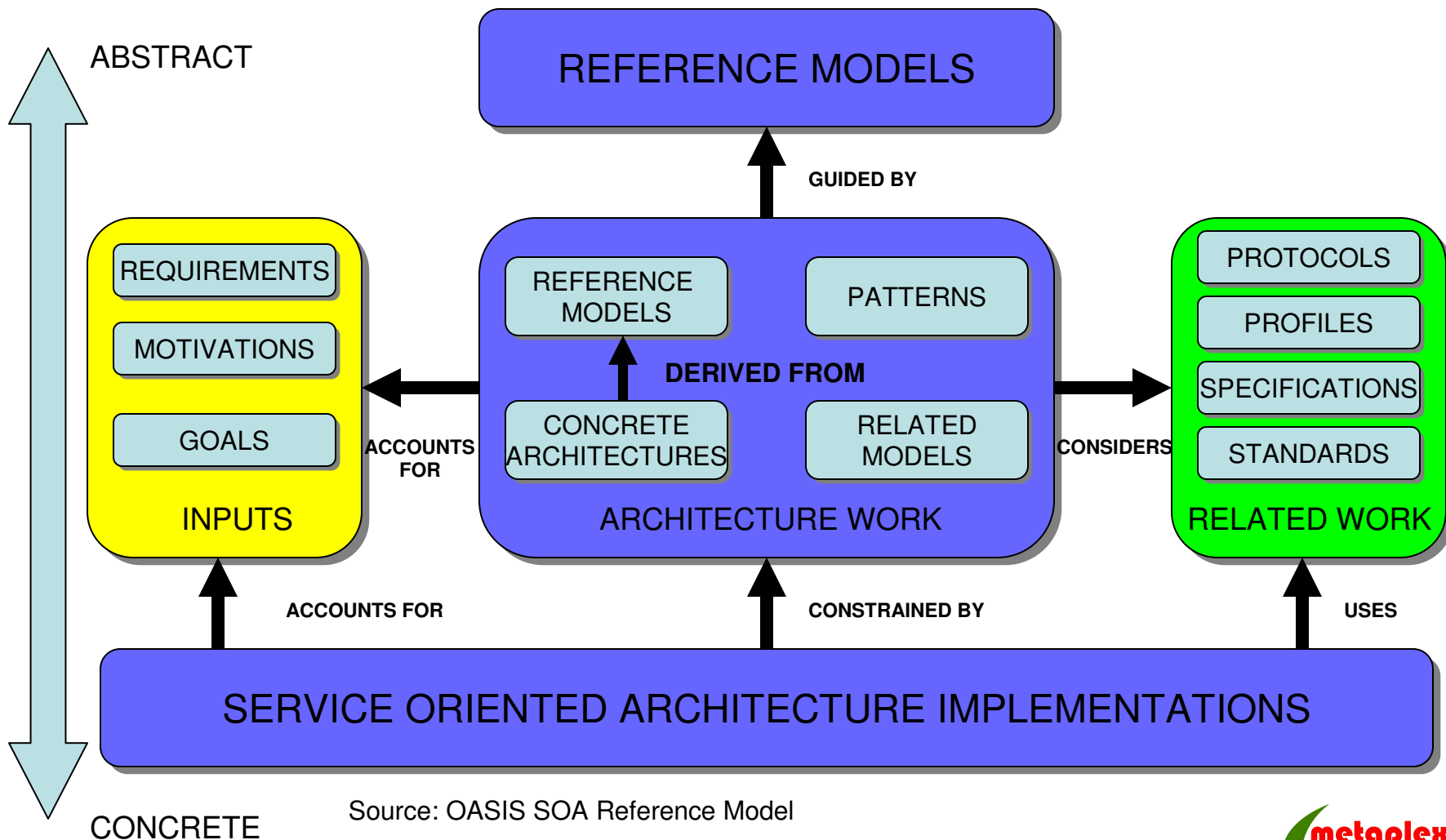


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SOA: From Model to Reality



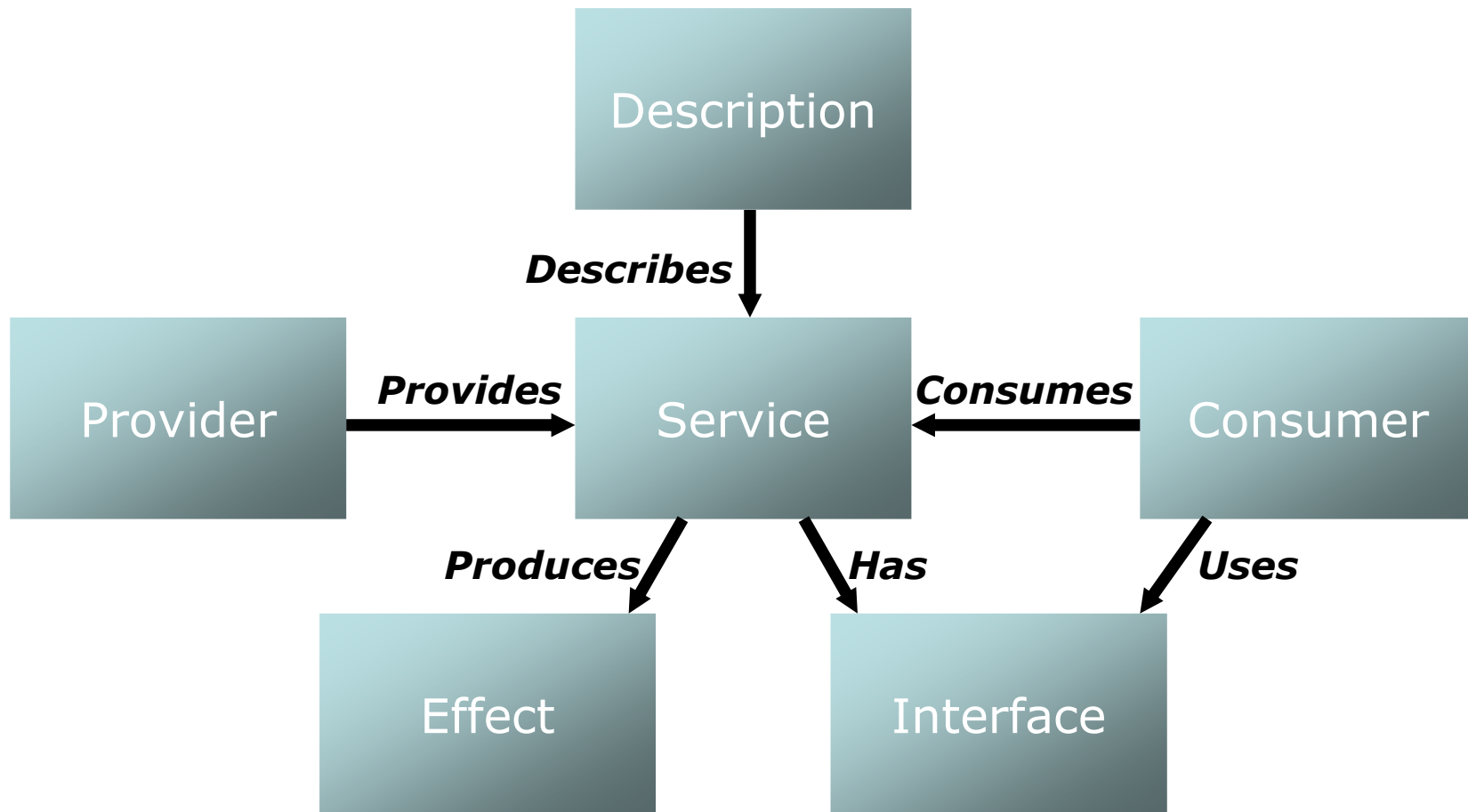
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SOA Ontology Core Classes and Properties



What Is An Ontology?

- An ontology is an explicit description of a domain:
 - concepts
 - properties and attributes of concepts
 - constraints on properties and attributes
 - Individuals (*often, but not always*)
- An ontology defines
 - a common vocabulary
 - a shared understanding

TOGAF Ontology*

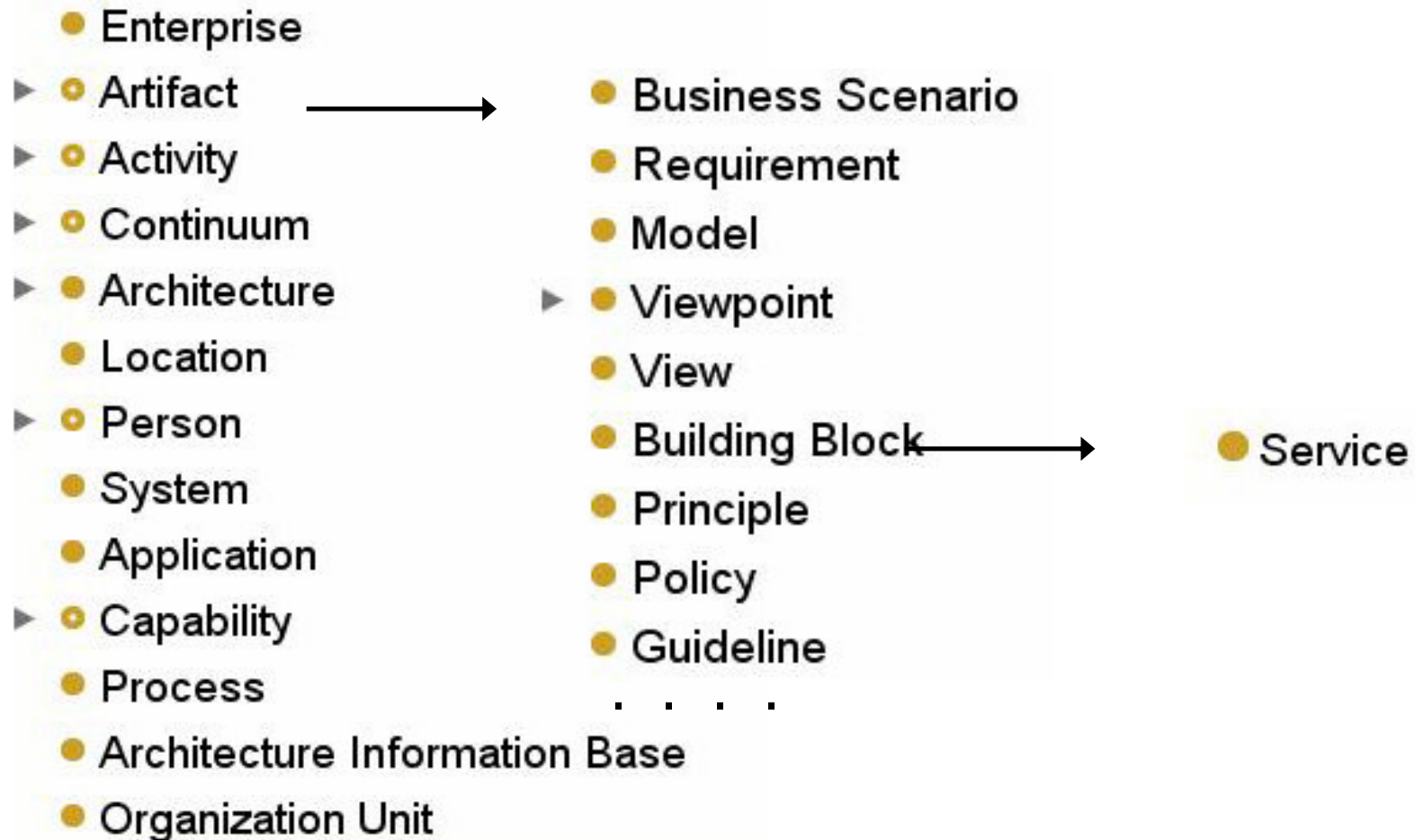
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- Process
- Architecture Information Base
- Organization Unit

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TOGAF Ontology - Artifact

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 - View
 - Building Block
 - Principle
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TOGAF Ontology and SOA

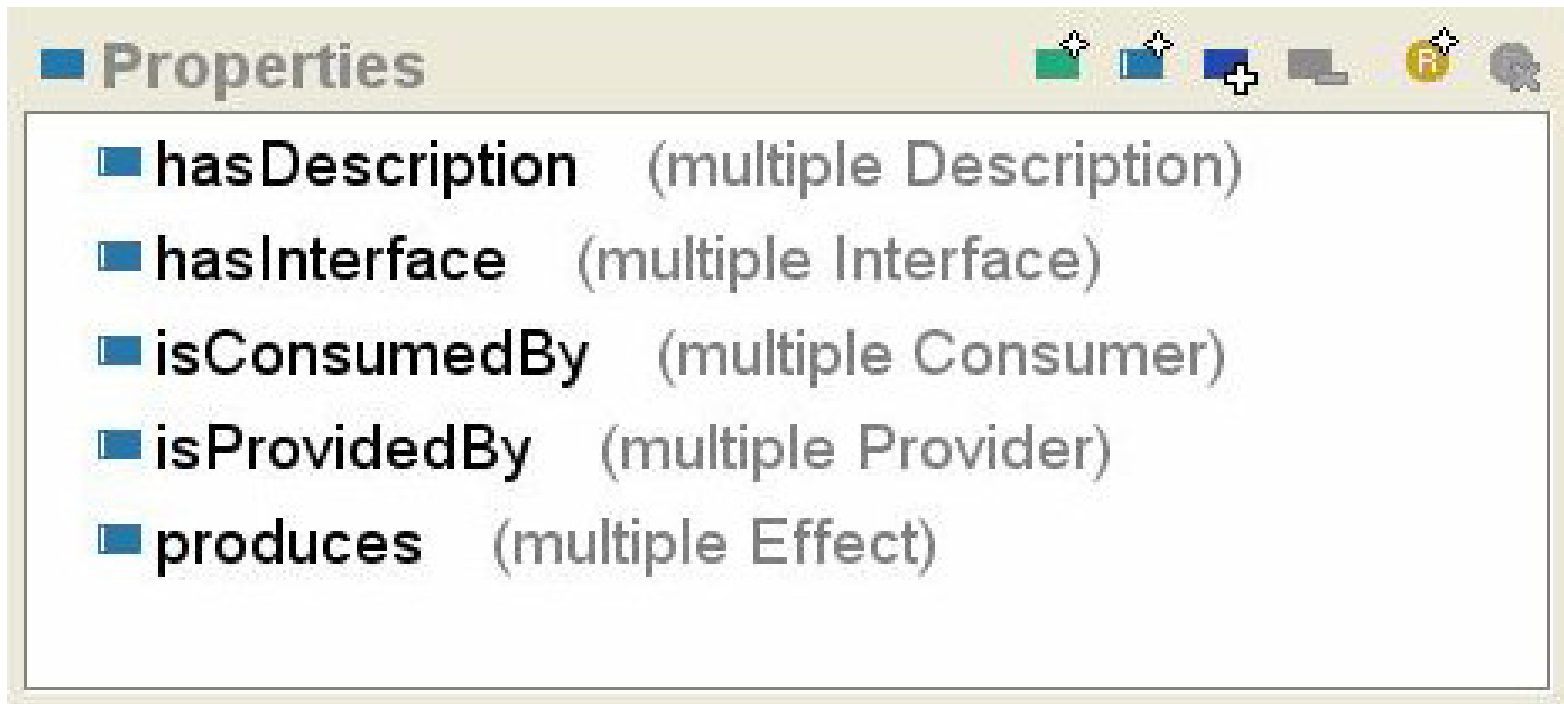


Properties for Class *Building Block*

Name	Cardinal...	Type	Other Facets
continuum	single	Symbol	allowed-values={Architecture, Solution, Operatic...
description	single	String	
domain	required...	Symbol	allowed-values={Enterprise, Business, Data, Appr...
input elements for bu...	required...	String	
major version	required...	Integer	default=0
minor version	required...	Integer	default=0
output elements for k...	required...	String	
phase	required...	Symbol	allowed-values={Foundation, Common_System...
status	required...	Symbol	allowed-values={Waiting, In_Process, Complet...
:NAME	single	String	

These properties are inherited by
Service

Additional SOA Properties for *Service*



The image shows a screenshot of a software application window titled "Properties". The window has a light beige background and a toolbar at the top right with icons for adding, deleting, and other actions. The main content area is a list of properties for a service, each with a blue square icon to its left. The properties are:

- **hasDescription** (multiple Description)
- **hasInterface** (multiple Interface)
- **isConsumedBy** (multiple Consumer)
- **isProvidedBy** (multiple Provider)
- **produces** (multiple Effect)

Summary

- TOGAF provides an effective architecture development method and proven modeling techniques for creating enterprise models
- TOGAF Building blocks are the fundamental elements for expressing architecture models
- The TOGAF Ontology provides a clear articulation of the artifacts used in TOGAF models
- The TOGAF Ontology clarifies the meaning of terminology that can be confusing and misinterpreted
- TOGAF modeling techniques can be applied to Service Oriented Architecture problems



Thank You!