The Open Group Conference, Austin 2011
July 18-22
Day Three Highlights

OVERVIEW
The Open Group Conference, Austin 2011 continued on Wednesday, July 20 at the Four Season Hotel, Austin (Texas). The Conference was organized to discuss themes along three primary tracks:

- World-Class Enterprise Architecture
- Business Impact of Cloud Computing

There was no plenary session Wednesday; the conference went straight into tracks. Tracks focused on:

- Cloud Roadmap & Strategy
- ArchiMate®
- Aligning IT and Business
- Cloud Architecture
- EA Frameworks & Tools
- EA Program Management
- Cloud Deployment
- Agile Business Architecture
- TOGAF® 9 Case Studies
- Cloud and the Enterprise
- Holistic EA

Attendees also were able to attend CloudCamp and/or TOGAF® Camp at the end of the day.

HIGHLIGHTED TRACKS

TOGAF® and Smart Grid Enterprise Architecture
Stephan Amsbary, Director of Utility Enterprise Architecture, EnerNex, US

Stephan Amsbary’s track reviewed how TOGAF® is being used in Smart Grid government efforts as well as a way to include existing SG use-cases and roadmaps into the Architecture Development Method (ADM) of TOGAF®. Mr. Amsbary’s presentation studied the complexity of the U.S. government's drive to encompass the nation's power grid so that all generation is built to the same standards while maintaining the quality of life of all citizens.
Lars Houg presented a case study from the The Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration, which found itself losing efficiency as a result of legacy systems, old technology, political obstacles, etc. Norway decided on TOGAF® to help it determine a change concept with the highest possible economic returns and best use of public funds; doing so gave the administration a "kick-start", a common vocabulary, common understanding, roles and responsibilities.

**TOGAF® Camp**

*Moderated by Steve Nunn, COO of The Open Group*

The three topics the group selected were: Bringing TOGAF® into an organization; Managing the repository; and EA as a service. [View the wiki](http://wiki.opengroup.org) for initial notes.

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- Download our [conference bundle](http://www.opengroup.org) available in our online bookstore, and keep an eye out next week for the link to our Conference Proceedings, which will include speaker presentations and more.
- The program for Monday-Wednesday’s Conference schedule is [available online](http://www.opengroup.org), and on the mobile site.

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