

# TOGAF 9 BUILDING BLOCK EXAMPLE REVISITED

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#### AGENDA

- TREVIEW TOGATS BUILDING BLOCK MODELING
- ☐ PRESENT A REVISED EXAMPLE OF BUILDING BLOCK MODELING



# EARLY TOGAF TRAINING COURSE...

# PATTERNS AND BUILDING BLOCKS

- IN TOGAF, ARCHITECTURE PATTERNS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A WAY OF PUTTING BUILDING BLOCKS INTO CONTEXT; FOR EXAMPLE, TO DESCRIBE A RE-USABLE SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM.
  - □ BUILDING BLOCKS ARE WHAT YOU USE
  - ☐ PATTERNS CAN TELL YOU HOW YOU USE THEM
- □ PATTERNS OFFER THE PROMISE OF HELPING THE ARCHITECT TO IDENTIFY COMBINATIONS OF ARCHITECTURE AND/OR SOLUTION BUILDING BLOCKS (ABBS/ SBBS) THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO DELIVER EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS IN THE PAST, AND MAY PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS IN THE FUTURE.

#### BUILDING BLOCKS

- BUILDING BLOCKS HAVE THE FOLLOWING GENERIC CHARACTERISTICS:
  - A PACKAGE OF FUNCTIONALITY DEFINED TO MEET THE BUSINESS NEEDS ACROSS AN ORGANIZATION.
  - A TYPE THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE TOGAF CONTENT METAMODEL (SUCH AS ACTOR, BUSINESS SERVICE, APPLICATION, OR DATA ENTITY)
  - A DEFINED BOUNDARY AND IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZABLE AS "A THING" BY DOMAIN EXPERTS.
  - MAY INTEROPERATE WITH OTHER, INTER-DEPENDENT, BUILDING BLOCKS.

#### BUILDING BLOCK SPECIFICATION

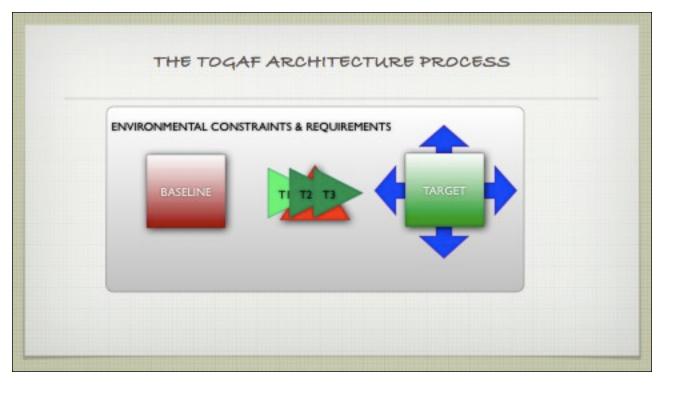
- THE WAY IN WHICH ASSETS AND CAPABILITIES ARE ASSEMBLED INTO BUILDING BLOCKS WILL VARY WIDELY BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECTURES.
- EVERY ORGANIZATION MUST DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHAT ARRANGEMENT OF BUILDING BLOCKS WORKS BEST FOR
- A GOOD CHOICE OF BUILDING BLOCKS CAN LEAD TO IMPROVEMENTS IN LEGACY SYSTEM INTEGRATION, INTEROPERABILITY, AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE CREATION OF NEW SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS.
- SYSTEMS ARE BUILT UP FROM COLLECTIONS OF BUILDING BLOCKS, SO MOST BUILDING BLOCKS HAVE TO INTEROPERATE WITH OTHER BUILDING BLOCKS. WHEREVER THAT IS TRUE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INTERFACES TO A BUILDING BLOCK ARE PUBLISHED AND REASONABLY STABLE.
- A BUILDING BLOCK'S BOUNDARY AND SPECIFICATION SHOULD BE LOOSELY COUPLED TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION.
- BUILDING BLOCKS CAN BE DEFINED AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF DETAIL, DEPENDING ON WHAT STAGE OF ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.
- THE LEVEL OF DETAIL TO WHICH A BUILDING BLOCK SHOULD BE SPECIFIED IS DEPENDENT ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ARCHITECTURE.
- IN SOME CASES, A LESS DETAILED SPECIFICATION MAY BE OF GREATER VALUE.

#### ARCHITECTURE BUILDING BLOCKS

- ARCHITECTURE BUILDING BLOCKS RELATE TO THE ARCHITECTURE CONTINUUM, AND ARE DEFINED OR SELECTED AS A RESULT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE Abm.
- D. CHARACTERISTICS:
  - CAPTURE ARCHITECTURE REQUIREMENTS; E.G., BUSINESS, DATA, APPLICATION, AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
  - DIRECT AND GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHAS
- MINIMUM SPECIFICATION CONTENT:
  - FUNDAMENTAL FUNCTIONALITY AND ATTRIBUTES: SEMANTIC, UNAMBIGUOUS, INCLUDING SECURITY CAPABILITY AND MANAGEABILITY
  - INTERFACES: CHOSEN SET, SUPPLIED
  - INTEROPERABILITY AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BUILDING BLOCKS
  - DEPENDENT BUILDING BLOCKS WITH REQUIRED FUNCTIONALITY AND NAMED USER INTERFACES
  - ☐ MAPPING TO BUSINESS/ORGANIZ/ATIONAL ENTITIES AND POLICIES

#### SOLUTION BUILDING BLOCKS

- SOCUTION BUILDING BLOCKS (SBBS) RELATE TO THE SOCUTIONS CONTINUUM, AND MAY BE REUSED, DEVELOPED, OR PROCURED.
- CHARACTERISTICS:
  - DEFINE WHAT PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS WILL IMPLEMENT THE FUNCTIONALITY
  - DEFINE THE IMPLEMENTATION
  - D FULFILL BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS
  - ARE PRODUCT OR VENDOR-AWARE
- MINIMUM SPECIFICATION CONTENT:
  - SPECIFIC FUNCTIONALITY AND ATTRIBUTES
  - INTERFACES; THE IMPLEMENTED SET
  - REQUIRED SBBS USED WITH REQUIRED FUNCTIONALITY AND NAMES OF THE INTERFACES USED.
  - MAPPING FROM THE SBBS TO THE IT TOPOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL POLICIES
  - SPECIFICATIONS OF ATTRIBUTES SHARED ACROSS THE ENVIRONMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH FUNCTIONALITY) SUCH AS SECURITY, MANAGEMBILITY, LOCALIZABILITY, SCALABILITY
  - PERFORMANCE, CONFIGURABILITY
  - DESIGN DRIVERS AND CONSTRAINTS, INCLUDING THE PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE
  - RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAS AND ARES



## THE BEGINNING OF OUR STORY

- IN TOGAF 7, TOGAF 8 AND TOGAF 9 THERE HAS BEEN AN EXAMPLE OF BUILDING BLOCK MODELING.
- XYZ MANUFACTURING WAS A MAKER OF DISCRETE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.
- THEY SOLD THESE COMPONENTS TO OTHER MANUFACTURERS.
- ☐ THEY MADE TO STOCK AND THEY DID NOT MAKE CUSTOMIZED COMPONENTS MANUFACTURING

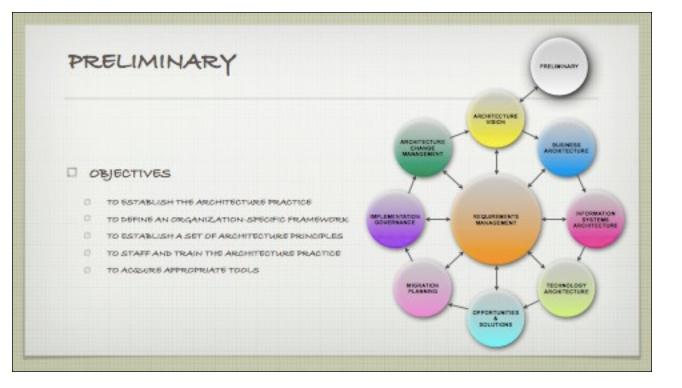


#### IN OUR LAST EXCITING EPISODE ...

- THE EXECUTIVES AT XYZ. MANUFACTURING DECIDED TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS MOBILE SALES FORCE BY REPLACING PAPER BASED CONFIGURATION AND ORDERING SYSTEMS WITH AN IT SOLUTION.
- THE ARCHITECTURE TEAM DESIGNED A SYSTEM TO MOVE THEM TOWARDS AN N-TIER CLIENT SERVER. ARCHITECTURE.
- THE PRINCIPAL GOAL WAS TO GIVE THE SALES FORCE IN THE FIELD DIRECT ACCESS TO THE SALES PROCESS BACK AT THE HEADQUARTERS.
- THIS WOULD ALLOW SALES STAFF TO CREATE AND VERIFY THE PRODUCT CONFIGURATION, TO CHECK THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF THE GOODS, AND TO PLACE THE ORDER WHILE ACTUALLY WITH THE CUSTOMER.
- THE SYSTEM WAS IMPLEMENTED, AND EVERYONE LIVED HAPPLY EVER AFTER...
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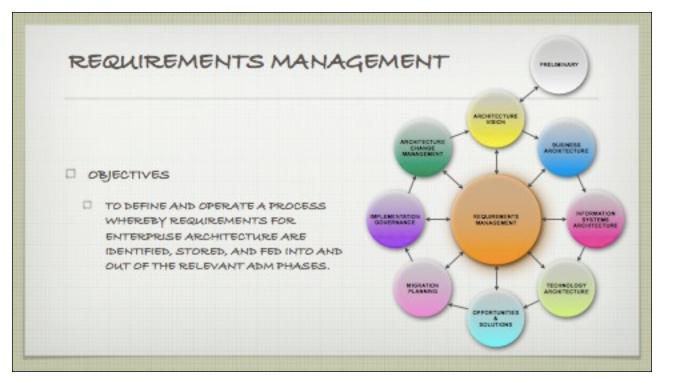
### TEN YEARS AFTER ...

- XYZ HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY ITS DREADED COMPETITOR, KEYSTONE ENTERPRISES.
- KEYSTONE WISHES TO MANAGE THE ACQUISITION TO TRANSFER THE CUSTOMER BASE TO THEIR OWN PRODUCTS.
- DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD, THE XYZ PRODUCT LINE WILL BE MAINTAINED AS A SEPARATE BUSINESS UNIT WITH ITS OWN SALES FORCE.
- TO ASSURE CUSTOMER RETENTION A NEW SALES FORCE AUTOMATION SYSTEM IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.
- A LOYALTY PROGRAM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO RETAIN CUSTOMERS



# KEYSTONE INC. ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

- ☐ IN THIS EXAMPLE, WE WILL ASSUME THAT:
  - □ KEYSTONE HAS COMPLETED ALL ASPECTS OF THE PRELIMINARY PHASE.
  - □ THERE IS AN ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD THAT CONSISTS OF SENIOR BUSINESS AND IT LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE FIRM.
  - ☐ THE EA PRACTICE IS MATURE AND HAS GOOD SUPPORT FROM THE SPONSOR.
  - THE XYZ SUBSIDIARY WILL UTILIZE THE KEYSTONE EA APPROACH

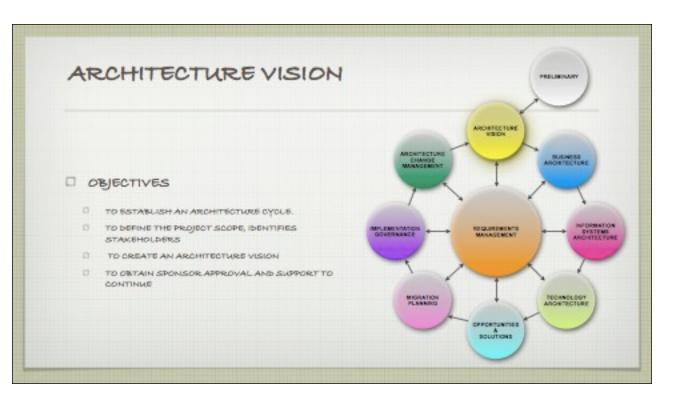


# KEYSTONE INC. ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

- ☐ IN THIS EXAMPLE, WE WILL ASSUME THAT:
  - ☐ KEYSTONE HAS A FUNCTIONAL ENTERPRISE ARCHIECTURE REPOSITORY AND REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
  - THE XYZ SUBSIDIARY WILL UTILIZE THE KEYSTONE EA REPOSITORY
    AND REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

# REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURE WORK

- ☐ A REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURE WORK HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND APPROVED BY THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
- THE VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND MARKETING AT KEYSTONE HAS REQUESTED AN ARCHITECTURE PROJECT TO DEVELOP A STAND ALONE SALES FORCE AUTOMATION SYSTEM FOR XYZ. INC.

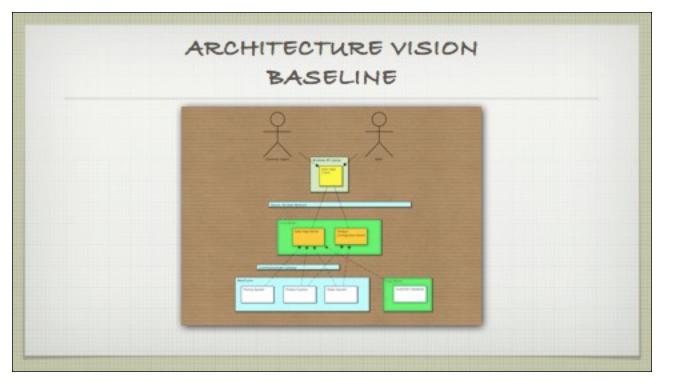


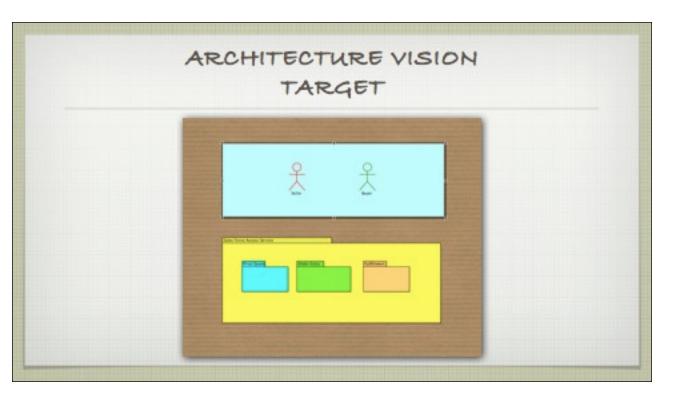
# STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

- ☐ THE SALES FORCE ARCHITECTURE TEAM HAS CONDUCTED A STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS
- THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL TYPES OF STAKEHOLDER GROUPS
- THEY HAVE SELECTED A SET OF VIEWPOINTS AND VIEWS TO MODEL THO STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

#### BUSINESS SCENARIO

- THE SALES FORCE ARCHITECTURE TEAM HAS CONDUCTED A BUSINESS SCENARIO.
- BASED ON THE BUSINESS SCENARIO, THEY HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR INITIAL REQUIREMENTS
- THEY HAVE CREATED AN ARCHITECTURE VISION THAT ILLUSTRATES HOW THEY COULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

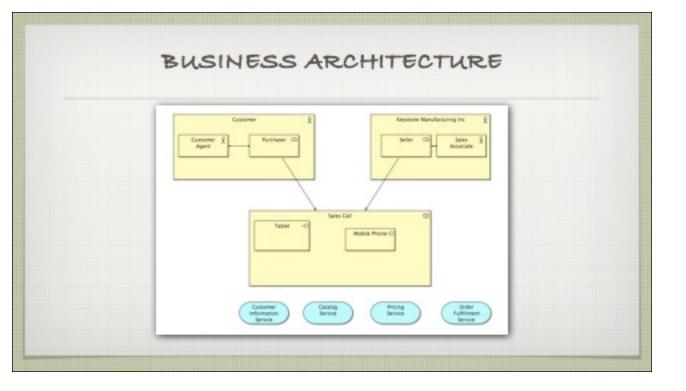


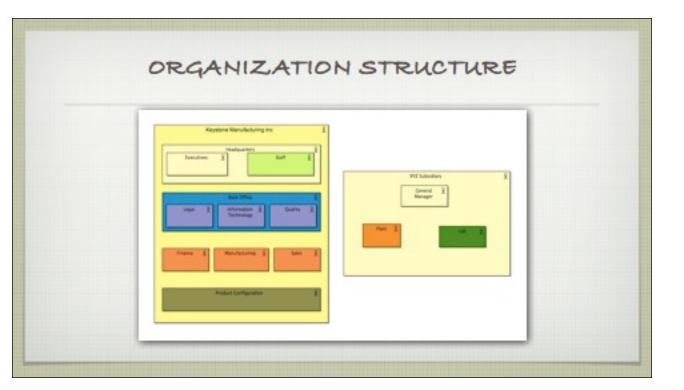


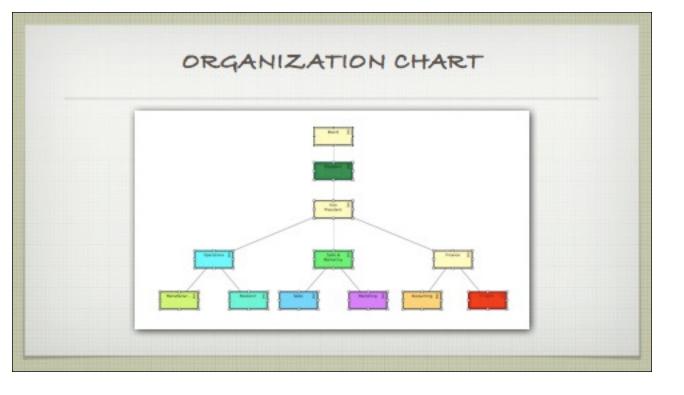
#### STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE WORK

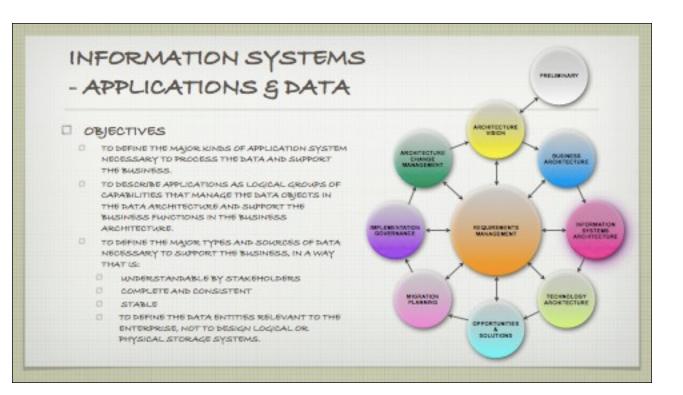
- BASED ON THE BUSINESS SCENARIO AND THE ARCHITECTURE VISION,
  THE TEAM COMPILES ALL OF THE DELIVERABLES FROM PHASE A INTO A
  STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE WORK
- ☐ THE STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE WORK CONTAINS A PLAN FOR COMPLETING THE REMAINDER OF THE ARCHITECTURE WORK.
- ☐ THE LEAD ARCHITECT PRESENTS THE STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE WORK TO THE SPONSOR.
- ☐ AFTER REVIEW WITH HER PEERS, SHE APPROVES THE STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE WORK.

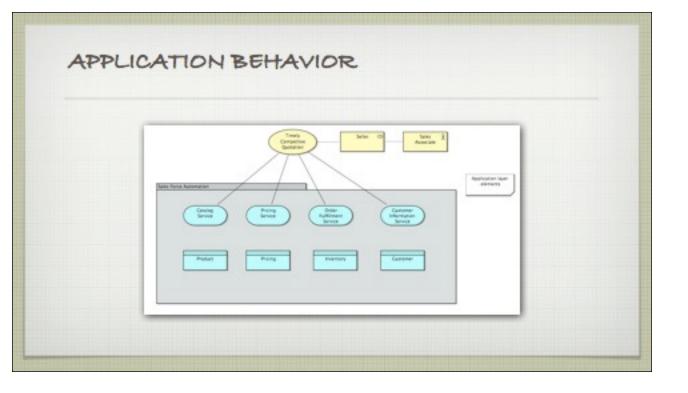


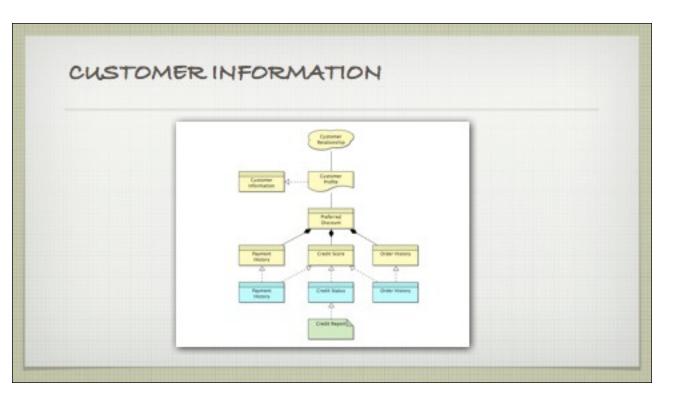


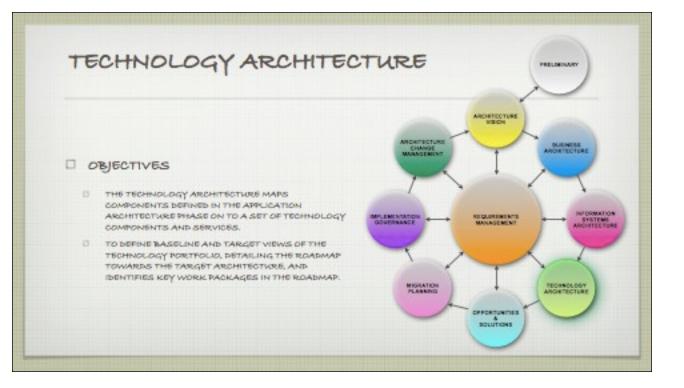


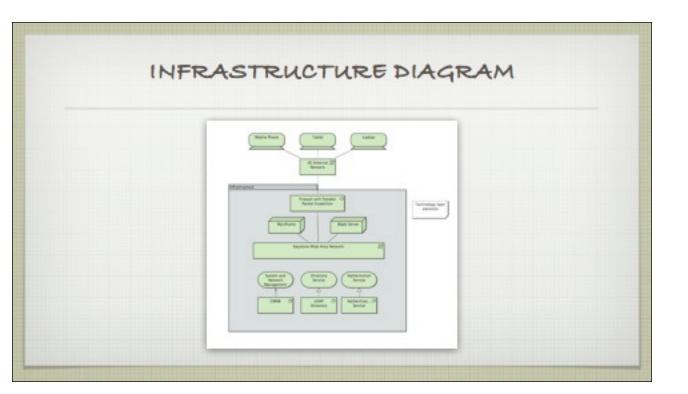




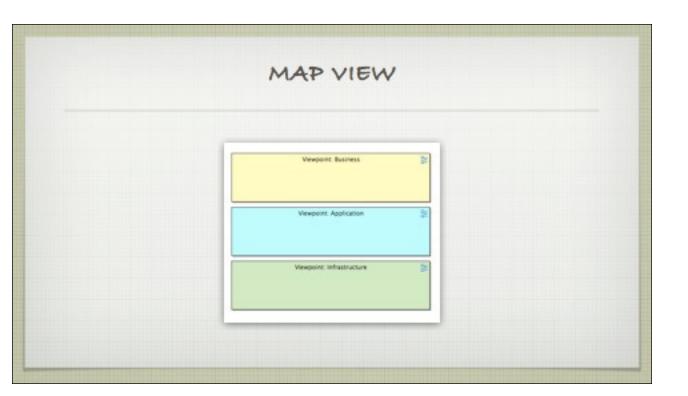


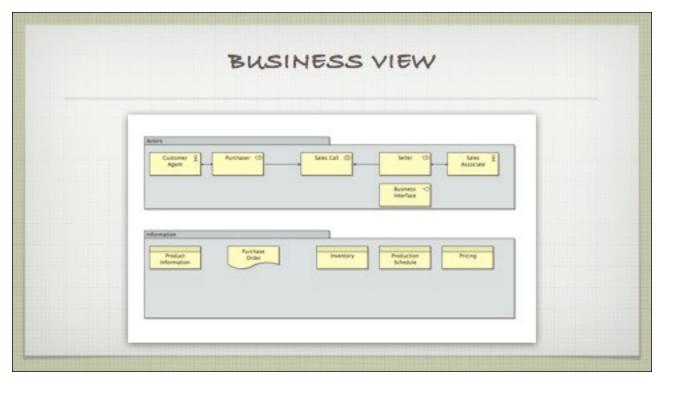


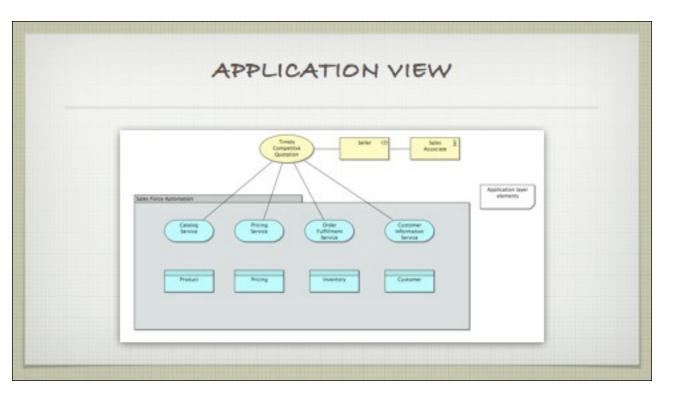


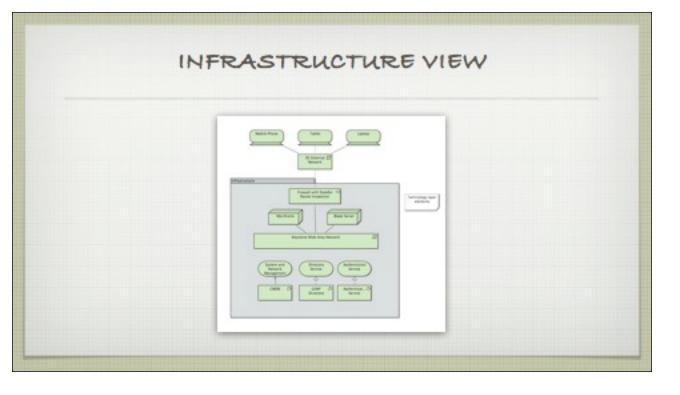




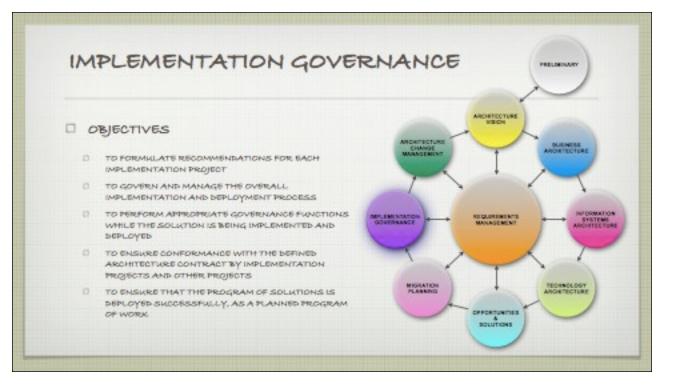


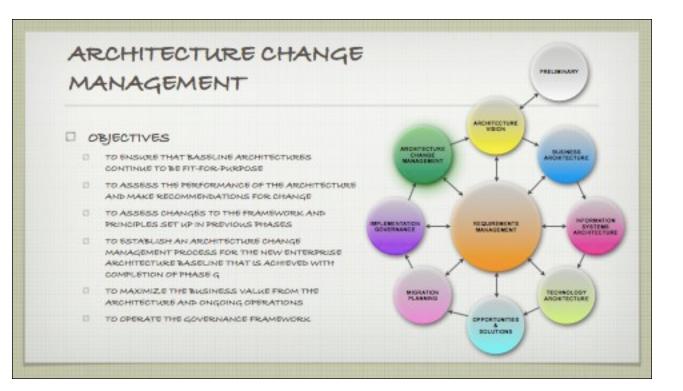












# SUMMARY

- ☐ IN THIS PRESENTATION, WE HAVE REVIEWED FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS RELATED TO TOGAF 9 BUILDING BLOCK MODELING
- ☐ WE HAVE PRESENTED A REVISED EXAMPLE OF BUILDING BLOCK MODELING
- ☐ TOGAF NEEDS MORE GOOD EXAMPLES OF THE TECHNIQUES IT DESCRIBES
- THIS WORK IS THE BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK THAT WILL ILLUMINATE THE TECHNIQUES FOR ARCHITECTURE MODELING IN ALL DOMAINS

QUESTIONS - COMMENTS

