Enterprise Architecture Assessment

Enable business transformation, strategic alignment, and effective IT investment decisions

Highlights

- Develop a clear road map to systematically mature EA

- Align EA capabilities to business needs

- Build a sustainable, business–focused IT architecture that addresses end–to–end needs

- Engage with a world–class advisory service dedicated to helping clients meet their needs
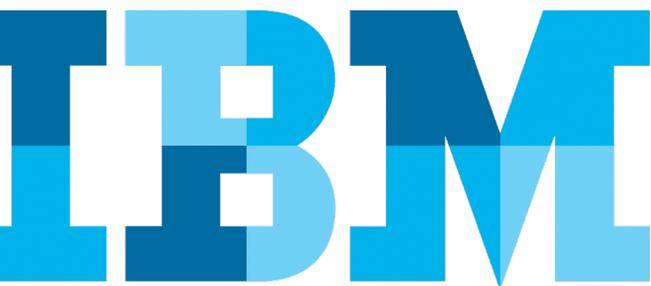
From business vision to architectural change

Enterprise Architecture (EA) is the planning function between strategy formulation and implementation. To be effective, the right architecture capabilities have to be built and integrated with key decision–making activities across the enterprise in support of clearly defined business outcomes.

The Lab Services Executive Advisory Practice portfolio features a differentiating set of services to help clients at all levels of EA maturity, from establishment and governance to instituting advanced practices in processes, methods and tools. Offerings include road mapping, technical architecture methods and solution architecture review techniques, and advanced tooling strategy to improve architecture asset information management.

What you can expect

Leveraging the IBM method, Information Technology Process Model (ITPM), and established assessment criteria and framework an Enterprise Architecture Assessment is designed to:

- Help you gain a better understanding of the current and desired role of EA in your organization, and success factors critical to get there
- Assess EA management capabilities across a defined set of criteria
- Define any IT planning and execution issues, capability gaps, and their linkage to issues as well as overall root causes and improvement activities
- Deliver a set of prioritized recommendations to mature the selected EA management capabilities

Key benefits and features
Business and IT strategic alignment
- Gain insight into how complex IT underpins business capabilities
- Visibly link IT decisions to business strategies and objectives

Agility and better IT responsiveness
- Gain a deeper understanding of business and the ability to anticipate business needs
- Discover how reusability and flexibility can improve speed to market

Improved risk mitigation
- Envision current environment and gaps using structured models
- Bring focus to high–risk areas and choose mitigation strategies with greater clarity

Costs and complexity reduction and simplification
- Create consistency and standards; fewer technologies to maintain mean a better use of skills
- Retire expensive infrastructure and applications to reduce legacy and remove business change obstacles

Decision support
- Benefit from consistent information across planning and execution of transformation initiatives
- Visualize realistic planning information
- Effectively coordinate implementation decisions

Ask yourself
The Lab Services Executive Advisory Practice portfolio is strong and can help optimize IT, reduce costs and help get underneath what's at the heart of business to make it a healthier one. To determine if an Enterprise Architecture Assessment is right for you, ask yourself:

- Are you using EA effectively?
- Where can you focus efforts to increase business value?
- Does your organization have a solid understanding of and plan for current and future EA utilization?

For more information
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