

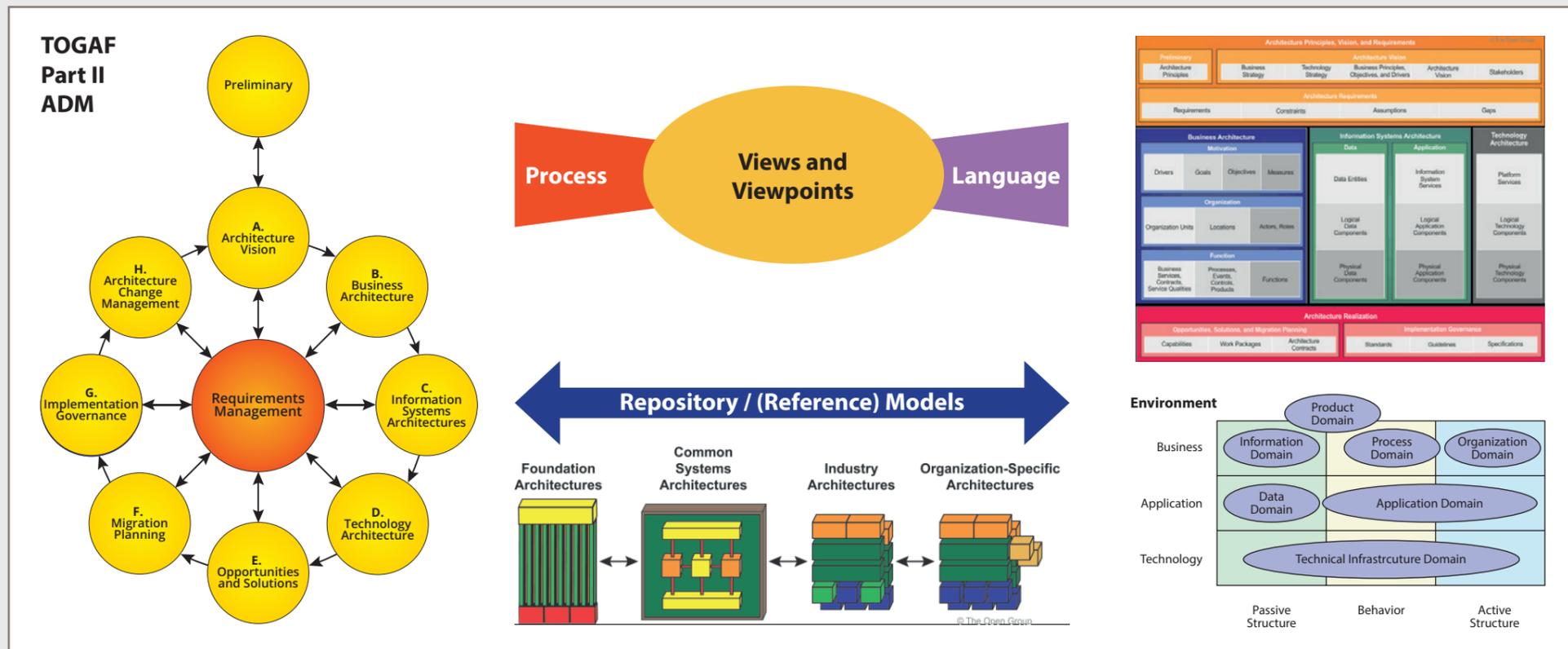
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TOGAF and ArchiMate



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TOGAF and ArchiMate are both open standards for Enterprise Architecture that are managed by The Open Group. TOGAF is probably the world's leading EA method, while ArchiMate provides guidelines for modelling enterprise architectures. This poster explains how TOGAF and ArchiMate can be used together.



TOGAF Part II provides a process or way-of-working (the ADM) for creating architectures; it is accompanied by guidelines, techniques, and best practices (Part III).

TOGAF follows the ISO/IEC 42010 standard – which defines the constructs concerns, views, and viewpoints.

TOGAF Part IV describes the content of EA, in terms of a Content Framework and Metamodel.

ArchiMate is a language for describing architectures; it defines concepts and relationships, and also provides a notation.

TOGAF Part V describes the concept of a virtual architecture repository, containing predefined architectural artifacts and (reference) models (TOGAF provides two reference models in Part VI).

The TOGAF Architecture Content Framework identifies the main types of architecture building blocks. ArchiMate offers precisely defined concepts and graphical notation to represent many of these building blocks (primarily those in Phases B, C, and D of the TOGAF ADM).

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NOTE

The mapping between TOGAF and ArchiMate is not perfect, and it is likely to be improved in future releases.

Any architectural model should be clear and consistent, and use well-defined graphical notation and colour schemes.

ArchiMate is not going to suit all stakeholders; you may need to show the same model using a different diagramming approach.

