

Metastorm ProVision® for Enterprise Architecture



The Challenge

What if you had a clear and comprehensive view of your organization's key resources -- people, products, processes, systems, and technologies? And what if you could see and understand the relationships between these resources, how they related to the goals and strategies of the business, and could quickly and easily analyze and plan changes to the enterprise? Such capability is particularly valuable during challenging economic times when getting the most from your organizational resources is essential.

Enterprise Architecture (EA) can help you bridge the gap between business and IT and enable your organizational leaders to make better informed decisions.

Despite the fact that EA has been around for decades, this critical mission is rarely achieved. EA projects are all too often reduced to exercises to inventory systems and technologies, with little or no effort put into documenting and analyzing the organization's strategic direction and business processes that should be the driving force for IT initiatives.

The Solution

A strong Enterprise Architecture function allows you to model all of the assets in your organization, understand the interdependencies, and map them to a business architecture that allows you to realize better resource optimization through business process improvements.

Metastorm ProVision is designed to support your holistic EA efforts by readily enabling the development and integration of business, systems, and technology architectures with the strategic goals, objectives, and direction of your organization. Following Metastorm's comprehensive and integrated EA approach, your EA projects will synchronize business and IT, increase visibility, reduce costs, and deliver value to your business.

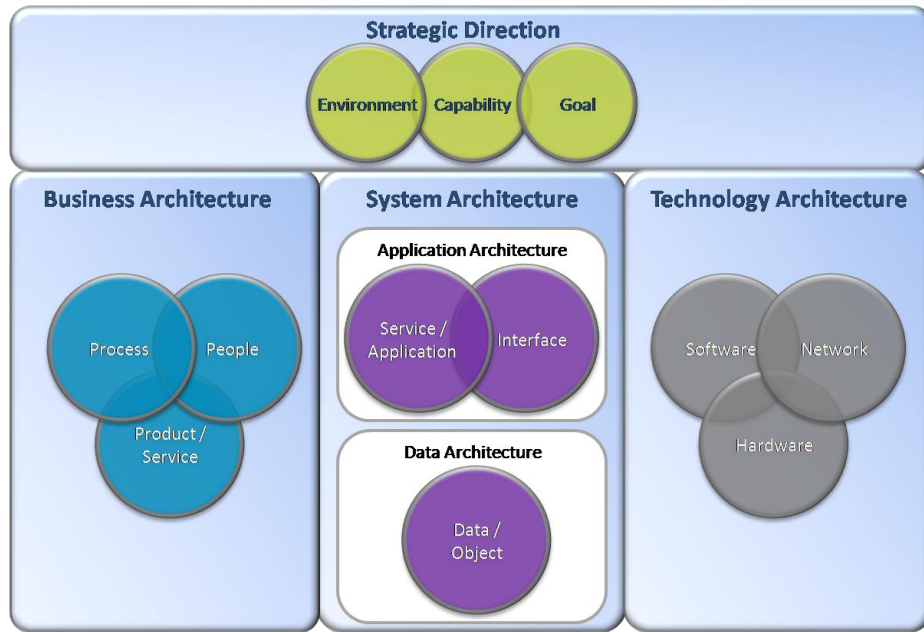
Highlights

Industry Credentials

- Forrester positioned Metastorm as a Leader in the Forrester Wave: *Business Process Analysis, EA Tools, and IT Planning, Q1 2009*

Benefits

- Synchronize your strategic initiatives with business operations, process design decisions, and system priorities
- Strategize more effectively on how to best utilize your resources and plan for business resource optimization
- See, document, and understand the big picture of how your organization is structured
- Collaborate and share information through a common model repository
- Facilitate rapid change in your business processes and in the information, applications and technical infrastructure that support them



Metastorm Enterprise Architecture Framework

For example, by defining the interrelationships between the business architecture, system architecture and technology architecture, system plans will complement business plans, it will be easier to assess the benefits and impact of new systems and technology, and the models can be used to explain the business and assess the impact of business changes.

Metastorm ProVision provides powerful modeling support for each component within the EA Framework:

- Strategic Direction - Creates a vision for the enterprise that will guide architecture development.
- Business Architecture – Describes the current and target business environments and analyzes the gaps between the two representations.
- Data Architecture - Defines the major types and sources of data necessary to support the business, in a way that is understandable to the stakeholders.
- Application Architecture - Defines the types of application systems relevant to the enterprise. Applications are logical groups of capabilities that manage the data architecture and automate the business architecture.
- Technology Architecture - Identifies technology standards, defines technical platforms and determines the distribution of data and applications.

Consolidating this portfolio of business artifacts into Metastorm ProVision's single repository to support EA, analysis and optimization gives you the ability to bring business and IT into alignment. As a result, Metastorm ProVision enables you to facilitate rapid change in your business processes and the information, applications and technical infrastructure that support them.

For more information on how Metastorm ProVision can help you, contact us at 1 877-321-META or sales@metastorm.com.

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