

Harmonising two conceptual frameworks for EA

Mapping TOGAF® to ArchiMate®

AKA Terminology Torture

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What do we want for EA?



- ▶ What is needed for the architectural design and planning of large-scale changes to business systems?
- ▶ Processes
- ▶ Products
- ▶ People

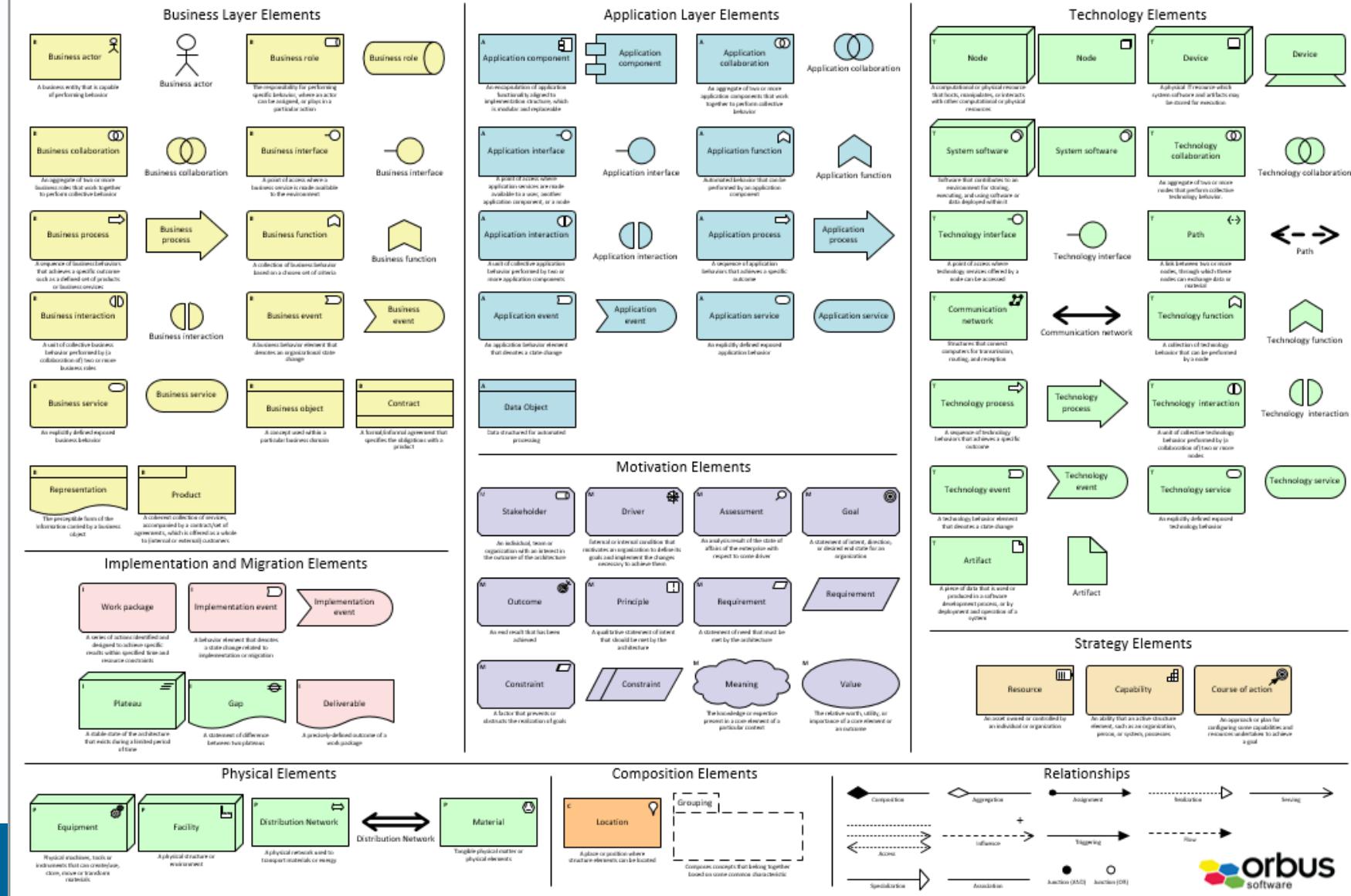
- ▶ **TOGAF** best known for its process
 - the Architecture Development Method (ADM)
- ▶ Also offers a menu of lightly-defined products
 - Deliverables
 - Artifacts
 - Catalogs
 - Matrices
 - **Diagrams**
- ▶ **ArchiMate** more limited
 - a modelling language for drawing diagrams
- ▶ A perfect marriage?

TOGAF 9.2 artifact types – diagram types in the handout

PRELIMINARY	VISION	REQUIREMENTS	PLANNING
Principles Catalog Driver/Goal/Objective Catalog Value Chain Diagram Business Model Diagram	Stakeholder Catalog Solution Concept Diagram Business Footprint Diagram	Requirements Catalog Requirements Traceability Matrix	Project Context Diagram Benefits Diagram
BUSINESS			
Capability view	People view	Process view	Business data view
Goal/Objective/Service Diagram Contract Measure Catalog Functional Decomposition Diagram Business Service/Function Catalog Business Interaction Matrix Node Connectivity Diagram	Organization Decomposition Diagram Function/Organization Matrix Role Catalog Organization/Role Catalog Actor/Role Matrix Location Catalog	Process Catalog Business Use Case Diagram Process Flow Diagram Event Diagram Product Lifecycle Diagram	Conceptual Data Diagram Data Entity/Business Function Matrix Business Service/Information Dgrmm
Business Capabilities Catalog Strategy/Capability Matrix Business Capability Map	Organization Map Capability/Organization Matrix	Value Stream (Stages) Catalog Value Stream/Capability Matrix Value Stream Map	Parallel vocabulary and artifacts
DATA	APPLICATIONS	TECHNOLOGY	IMPLEMENTATION
Data Entity/Data Component Catalog Application/Data Matrix Logical Data Diagram Data Dissemination Diagram Data Security Diagram Data Migration Diagram Data Lifecycle Diagram	Application Portfolio Catalog Interface Catalog Application/Func/Org/Role Matriices Information Exchange Matrix Application Communication Diagram Process Application Realization Diagram Application and User Locations Diagram Application Use Case Diagram Application Migration Diagram	Technology Portfolio Catalog Technology Standards Catalog Application/Technology Matrix Environment Locations Diagram Platform Decomposition Diagram	Software Engineering Diagram Software Distribution Diagram Enterprise Manageability Diagram Processing Diagram Networked Computing Hardware Dgrm Communications Engineering Dgrm

ArchiMate diagram symbols

ArchiMate® 3.0 Notation Overview



- ▶ Not about diagrams!
- ▶ See the handout for examples
- ▶ Rather, about the *concepts in the diagrams*
- ▶ Because communication requires that
 - Speakers and hearers share an understanding of the concepts spoken words represent.
 - Drawers and readers share an understanding of the concepts the diagrams symbols represent.

- ▶ The bride and groom come from different families, with different cultures.
- ▶ ArchiMate
 - tries to present a coherent and consistent conceptual framework
 - using a tightly controlled language.
- ▶ TOGAF
 - tends to embrace all words and concepts its authors have found useful in practice.
 - leading to incoherence
 - e.g. new authors undermined
 - “Building Block” and “Service” in v 9
 - “Function” in v9.2

- ▶ If you know the history of TOGAF, you can find a coherent conceptual framework in it

- ▶ This presentation compares and contrasts
 - the conceptual framework of TOGAF
 - the conceptual framework of ArchiMate.

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Motivations and context for EA

- ▶ *“Business planning at the strategy level provides the initial direction to Enterprise Architecture”. (Ch. 5)*

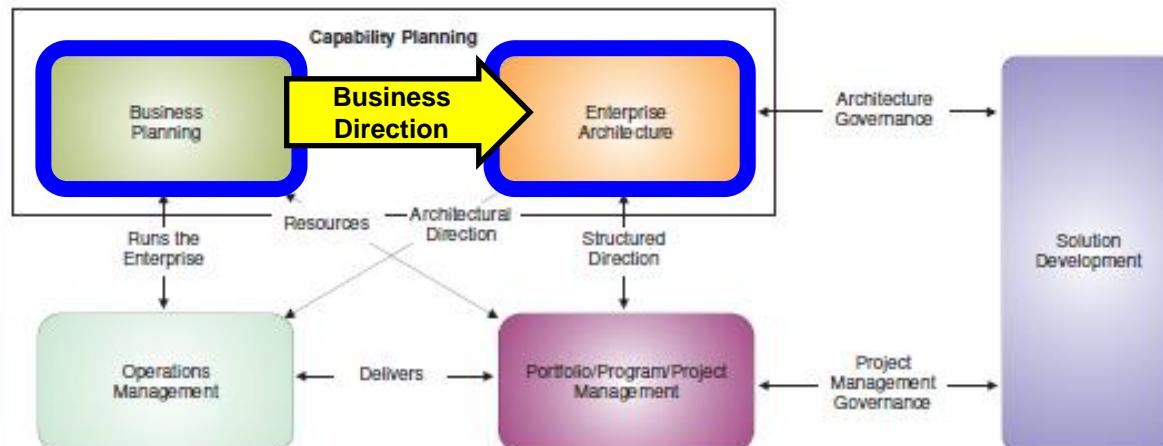


Figure 5-3 Interoperability and Relationships between Management Frameworks

Business direction words used in TOGAF 9.2

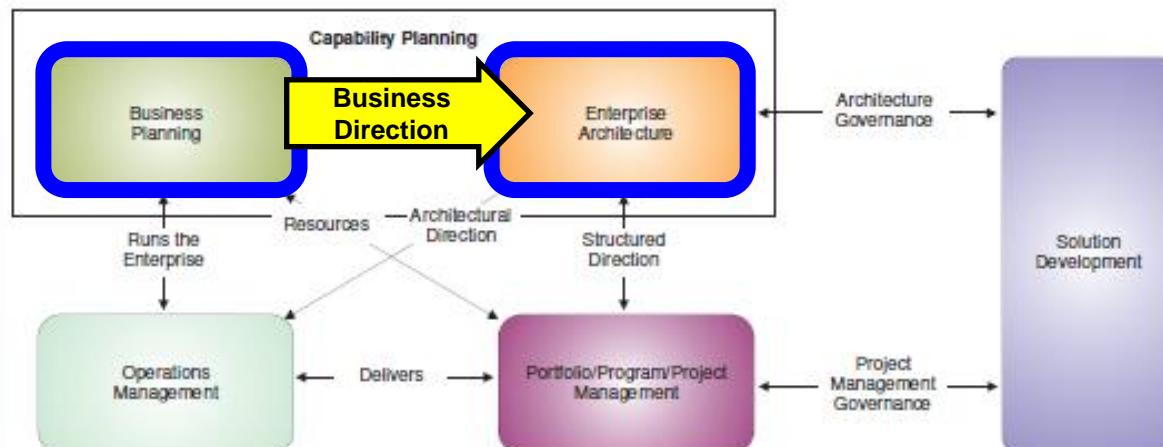
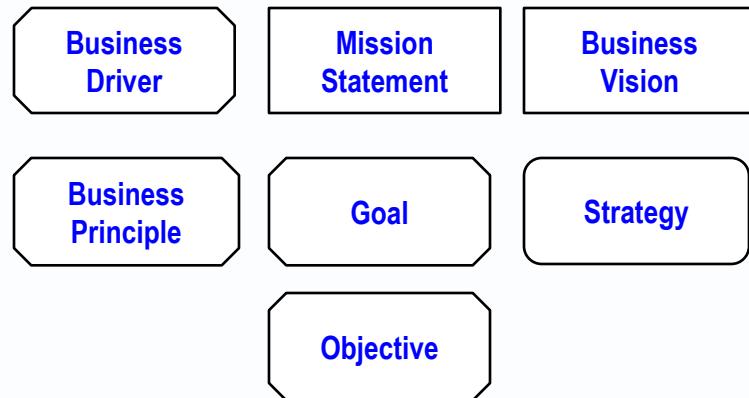


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In the OMG's Business Motivation Model

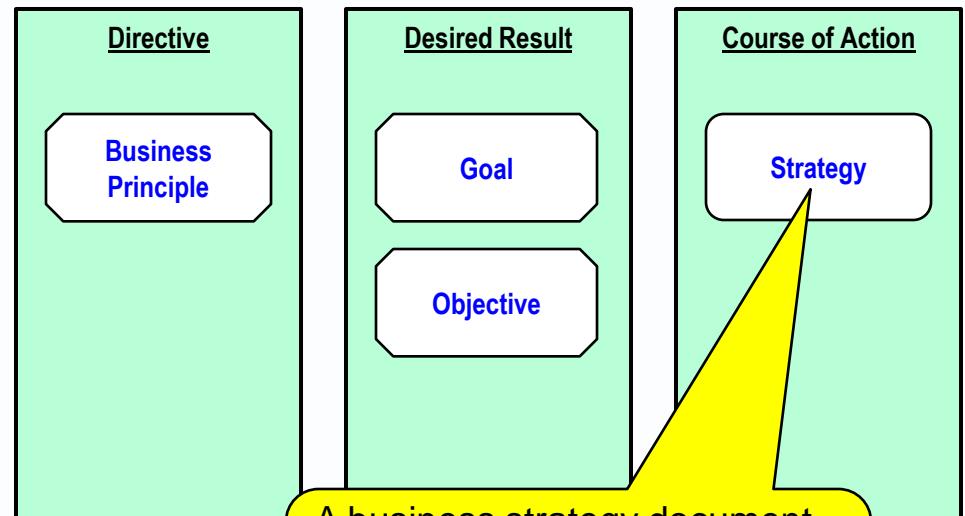
- ▶ TOGAF's Principles are "Directives"
- ▶ TOGAF's Goals and Objectives are "Desired results"
- ▶ "Course of action" is a plan, high or low level, to achieve those desired results.

Contents of "Business Direction" in TOGAF 9.2

Business Driver

Mission Statement

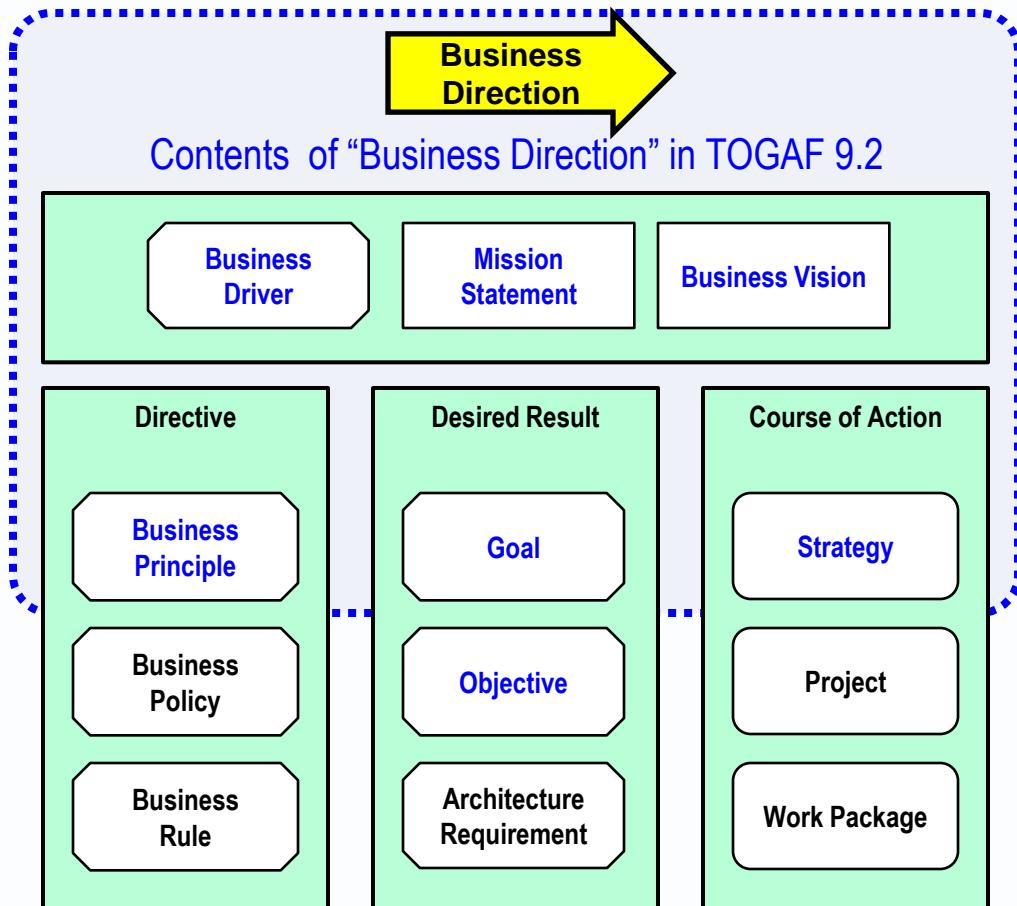
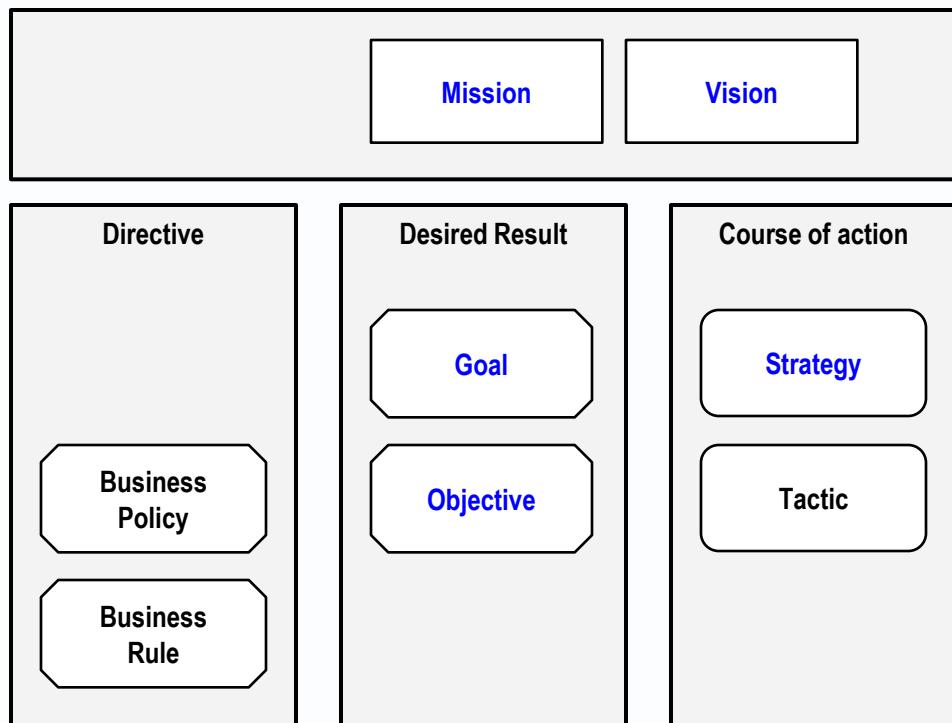
Business Vision



A business strategy document may include principles, drivers and goals, along with very high level plans or road maps.

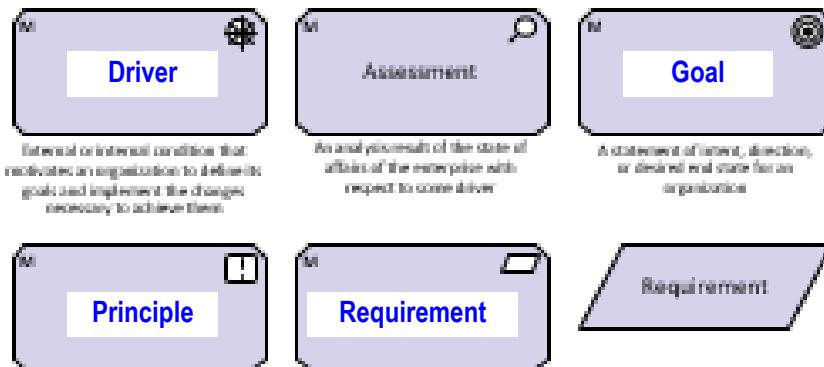
Adding more words

“Means” and “End” words in the Business Motivation Model from the OMG



ArchiMate has symbols for some of these words (and more)

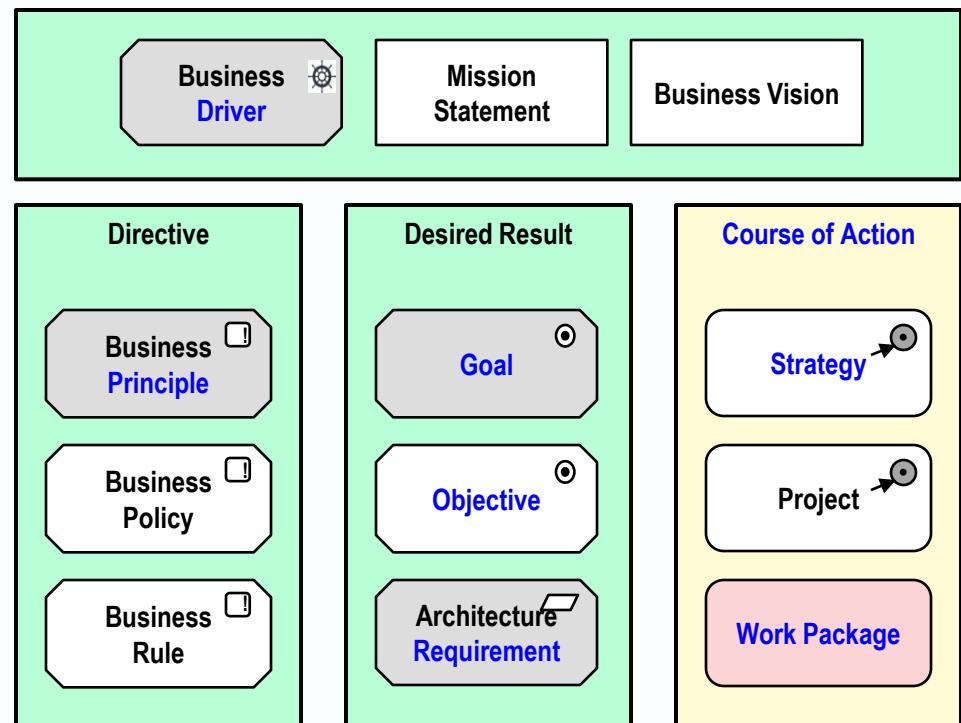
Motivation Elements



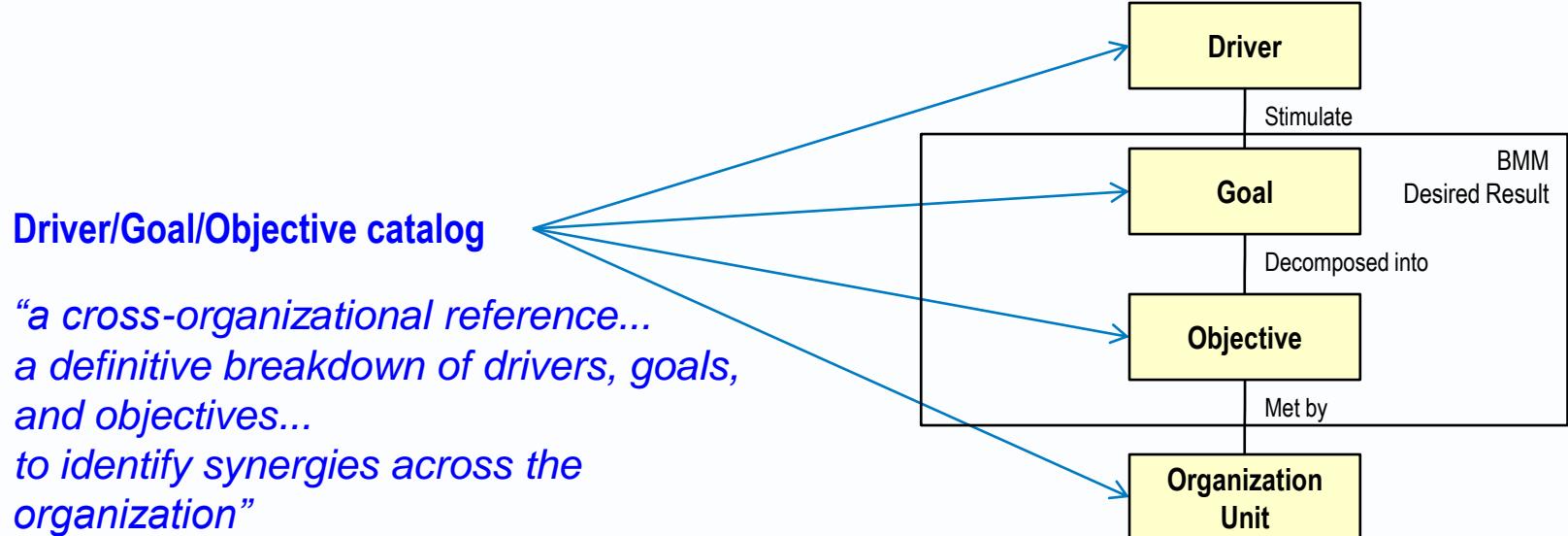
Strategy Elements



Implementation and Migration Elements



TOGAF's primary Business Direction artifact



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- ▶ “EA structures the business planning into an integrated framework that regards the enterprise as a system or system of systems.” (Ch. 5)

EA is about business system planning.

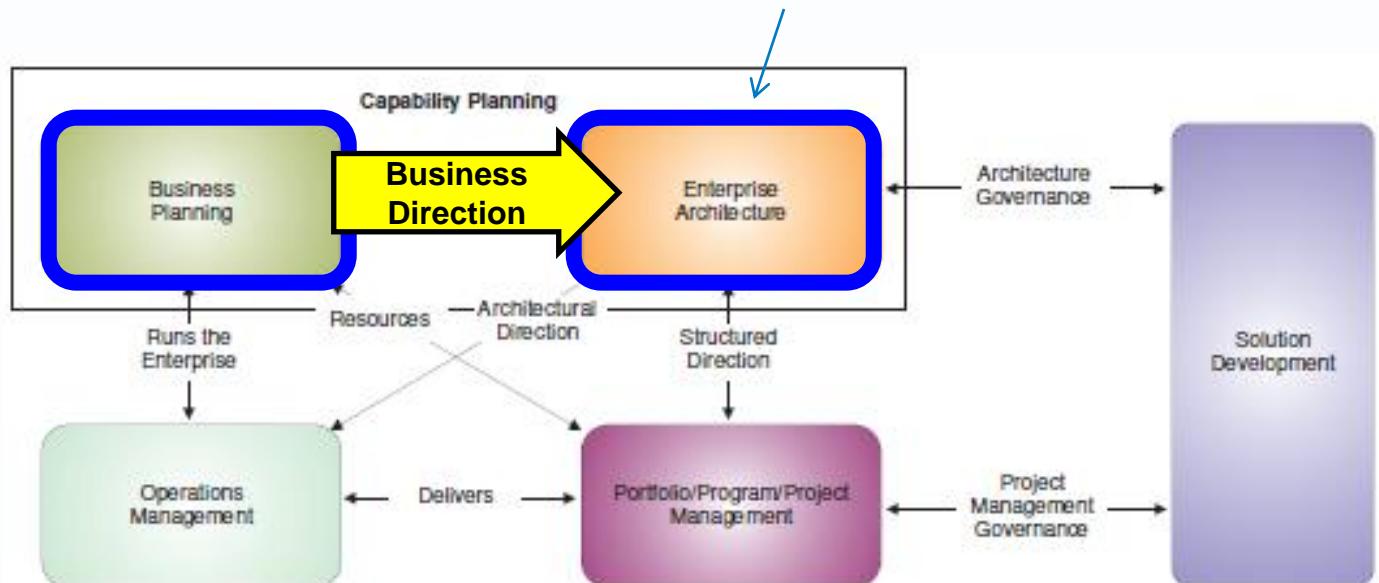


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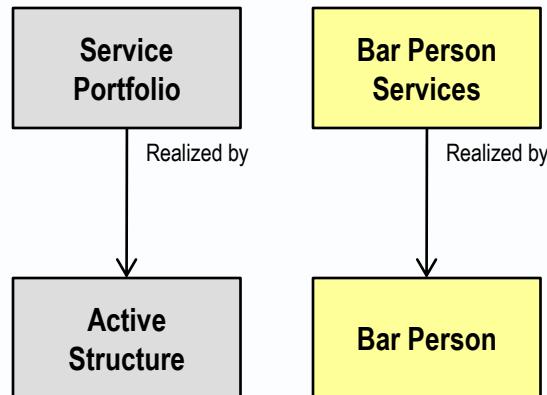
What is a business system?

- ▶ One or more business operations that we can model as
- ▶ A discrete event-driven system in which
 - **events** trigger
 - **active structures** (actors) to perform
 - **behaviors** (repeatable activities)

Active structures

- ▶ Active structures
 - Actor
 - Organisation unit
 - Component
 - Module
 - Node

- ▶ Subsystems or components that can be encapsulated by the services they perform, in response to events.

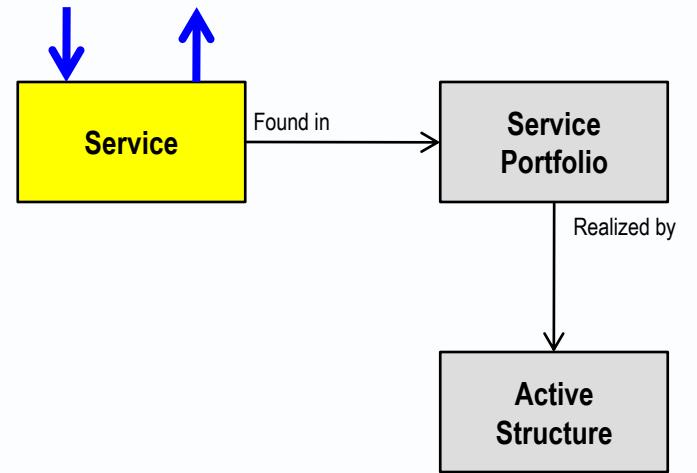


Barperson services

- Serve customer
 - Take Order
 - Serve Product
 - Take Payment
- Open doors
- Close doors
- Clean up

- ▶ A behavior exposed at the interface of a system or component.

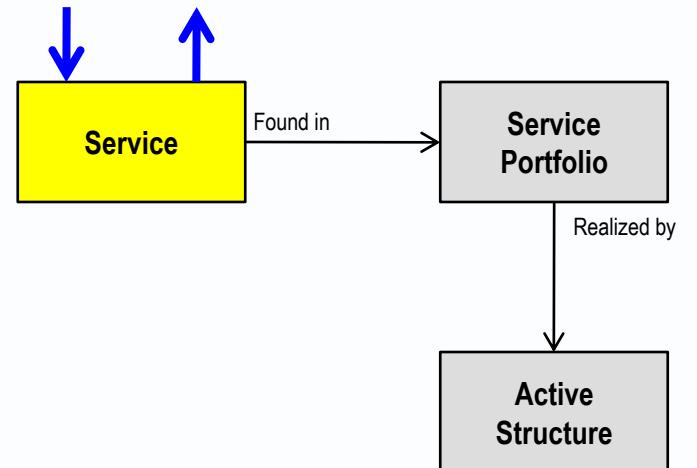
- ▶ It may
 - update the internal state of the system
 - “add value” to an artifact or activity.
 - consume and produce I/O flows
 - flows of data and sometimes materials



A service is definable by a contract

► A service contract comprises

- Name
- Inputs
- Outputs
- Rules
- Quality measures

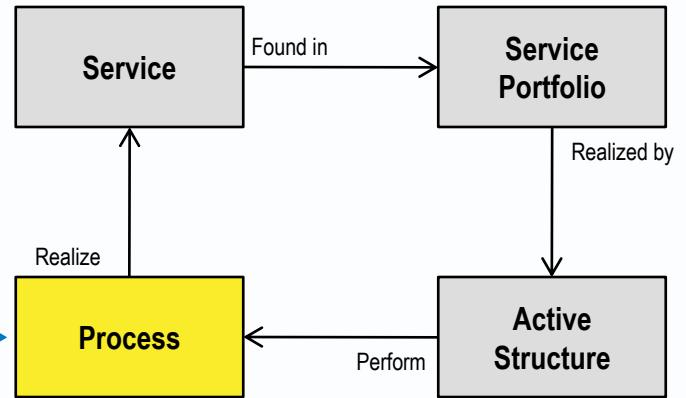


Services encapsulate processes

- ▶ one or more processes are needed to complete a service.

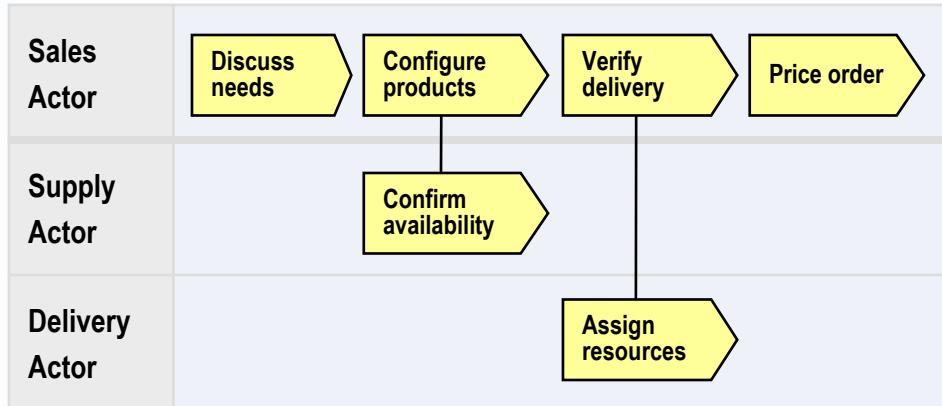
Process flow

- A sequence of sub processes (stages, steps or activities)
- Terminates in the production of a flow or other result of value.



Behaviors cannot perform behaviors!

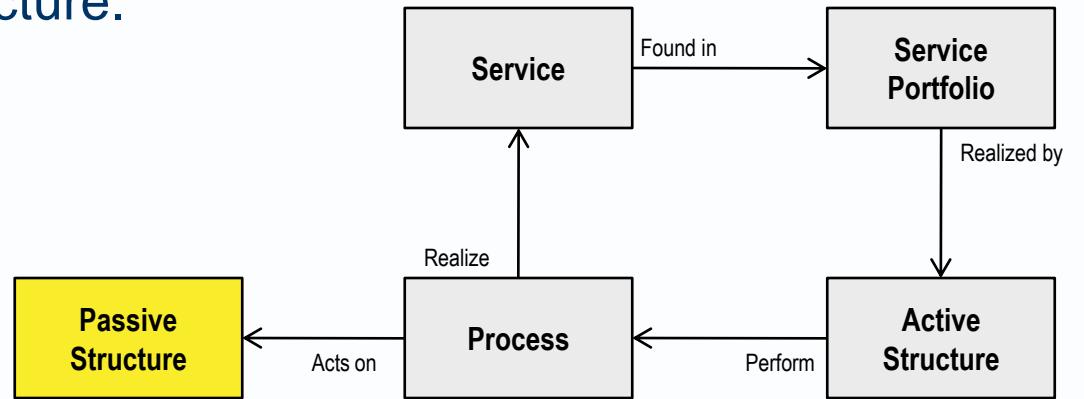
- ▶ Two behaviors can collaborate
 - one can invoke the other.

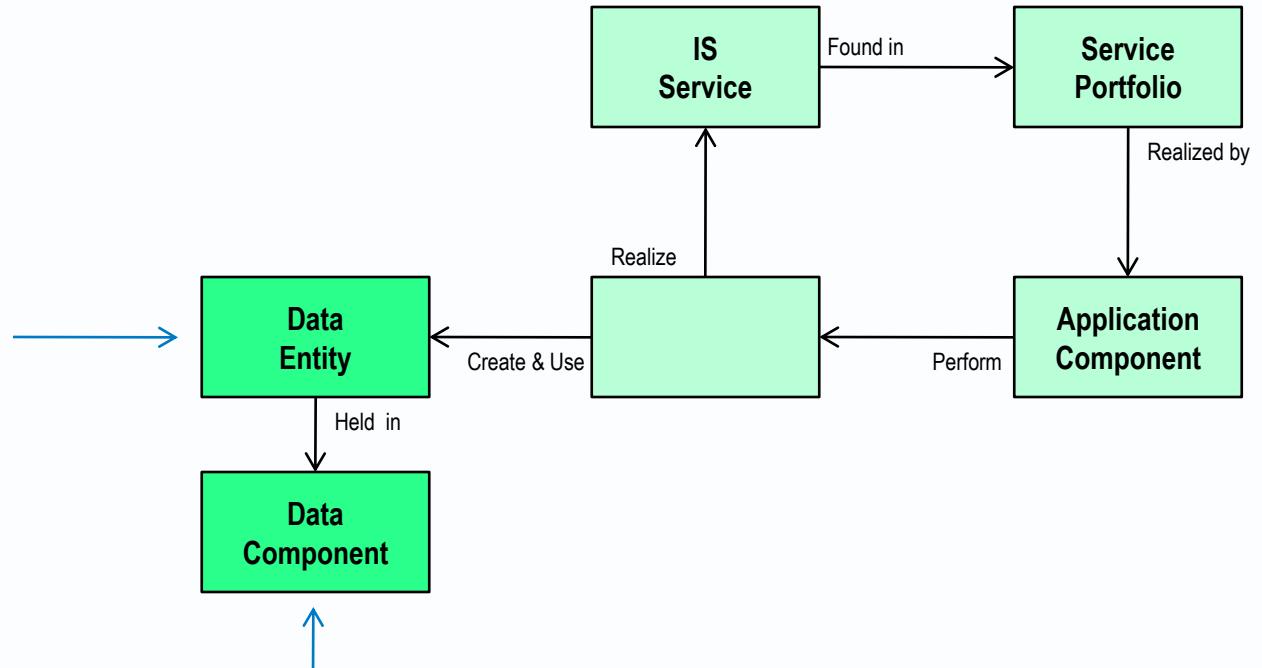


- ▶ A behavior cannot *perform* another behavior; you need an
 - actor to perform an activity (aka)
 - active structure to perform a behavior

A passive structure

- ▶ A structure that does not act, but is acted on.
- ▶ It can be a material or data structure.





Data entity

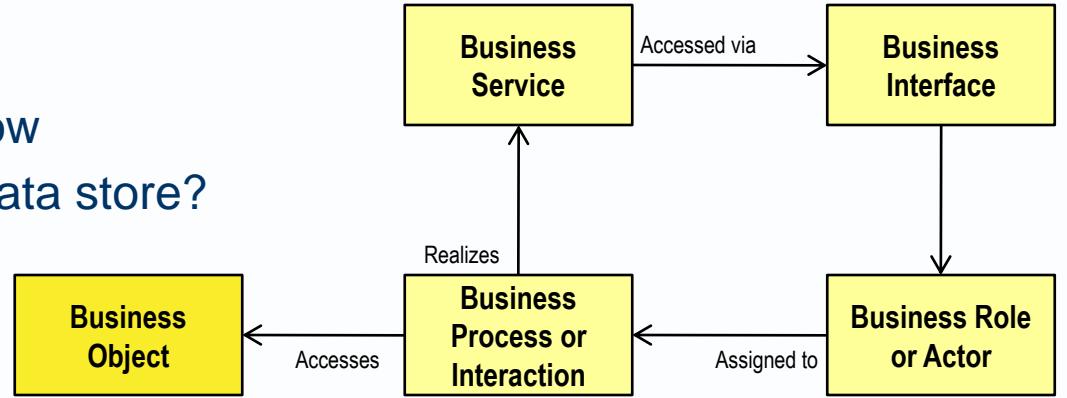
- A unit of data recognized by a domain expert
- identified with a thing or concept of importance in their domain,
- part of a data component.

Data component

- A data structure composed of data entities

► Business Object

- a material thing?
- a data representation of it?
- a data sent/received in a data flow
- a data entity created/used in a data store?
- any of the above?

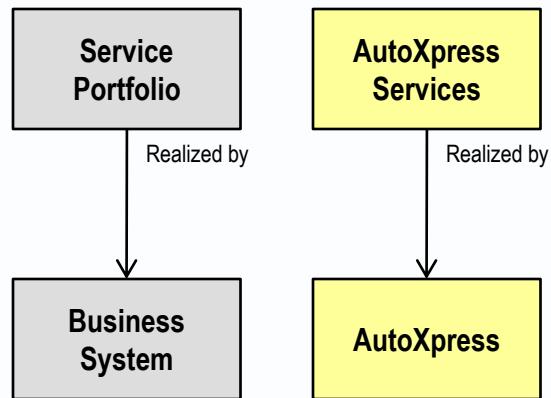


Service-orientation in the TOGAF standard

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The Open Group's general principle

- ▶ Standards should be based on “executable specification”.
- ▶ Specify a system by defining the behaviors it is required to perform, and their results.
- ▶ TOGAF applies this principle to the specification of business systems as well as IT systems.



AutoXpress Services

- Fit tyres
- Check-up and oil change
- Full annual service
- Check brakes
- Repair brakes
- Check exhaust
- Replace exhaust
- Inspect battery
- Replace battery
- Align wheels
- Replace windscreen wipers
- Fit bulbs
- Replace shock absorbers

The unit of behavior - a service

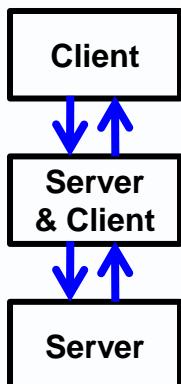
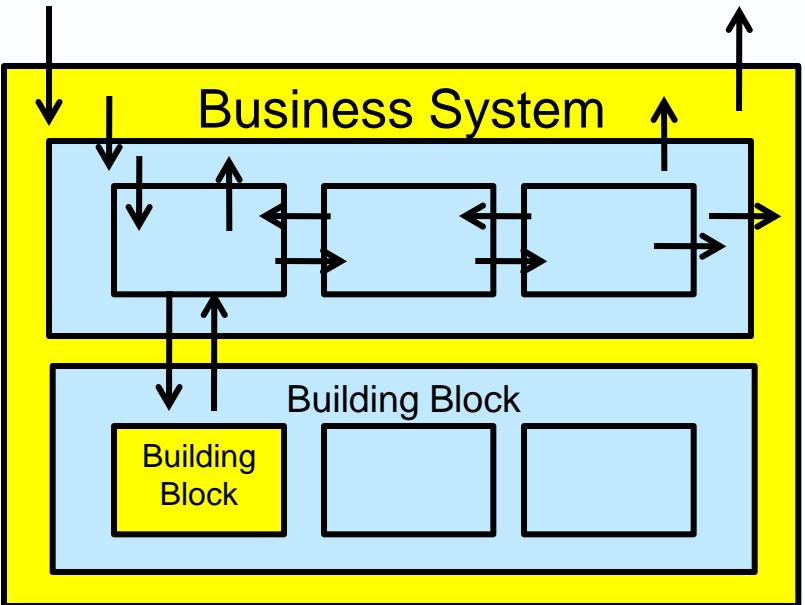
- ▶ a required behavior or unit of work
- ▶ defined as a service requester sees it.
 - hides how a system works.
- ▶ may be short or long
 - depending on what the requester wants and the resources available to the service provider.
- ▶ realised by one or more components performing one or more processes.

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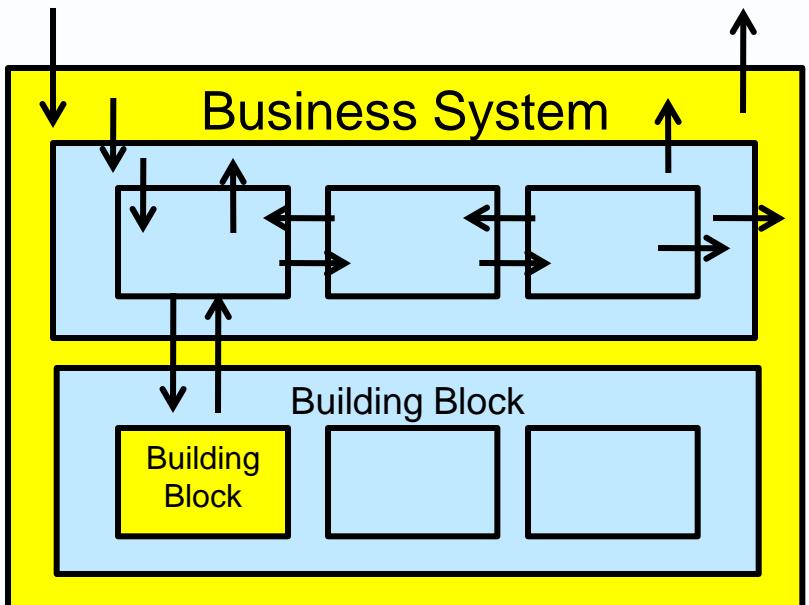
The unit of structure - a “building block” (or component)

- ▶ a subsystem or actor of any kind, including human and computer actors.
- ▶ may be coarse-grained or fine-grained
- ▶ can realise one or more services
 - on its own or in collaboration with others
- ▶ can play the
 - client role of service requester and/or
 - server role of service provider.



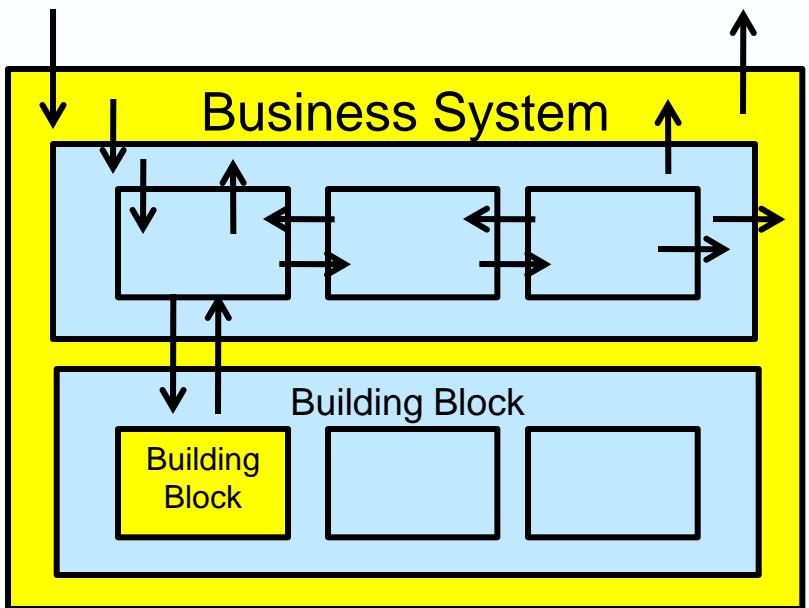
Service or Building Block? Which is bigger?

- ▶ Services may be long or short
 - One long service (e.g. package delivery) may require the participation of very many BBs.



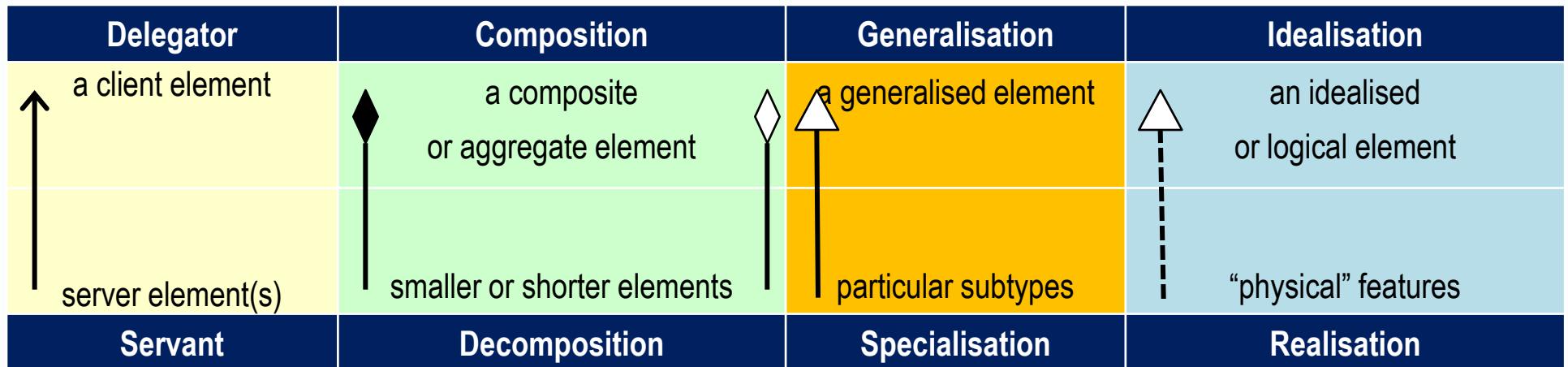
The trouble with “building block” and “service”

- ▶ Changes in successive versions of the standard have left the terms ambiguous.
- ▶ In this presentation
- ▶ **building block** and **component** are synonyms
- ▶ **service** is an *external view* of processes



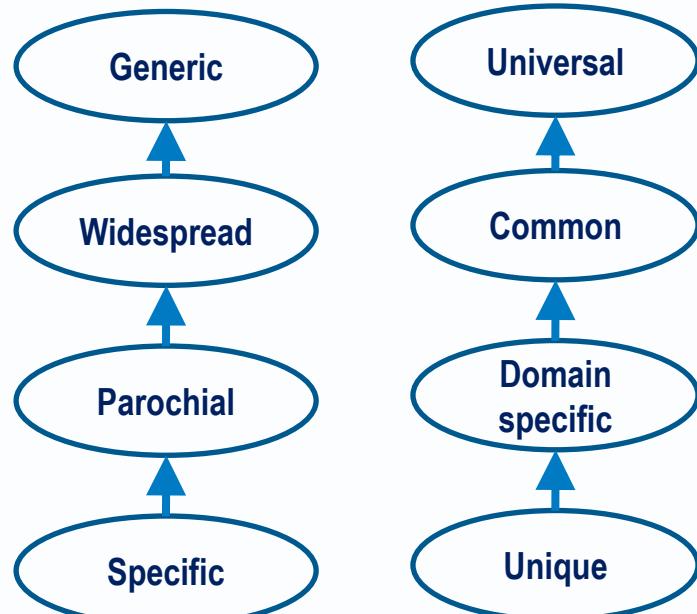
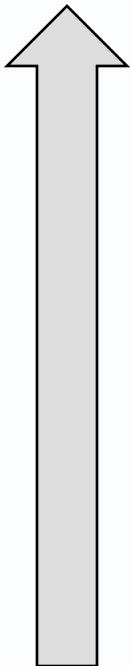
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Abstraction in ArchiMate and TOGAF

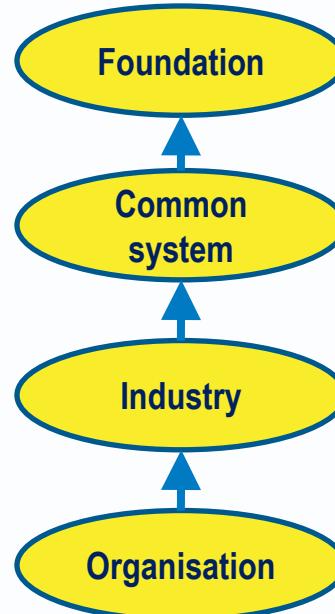


Abstraction by generalisation of system description

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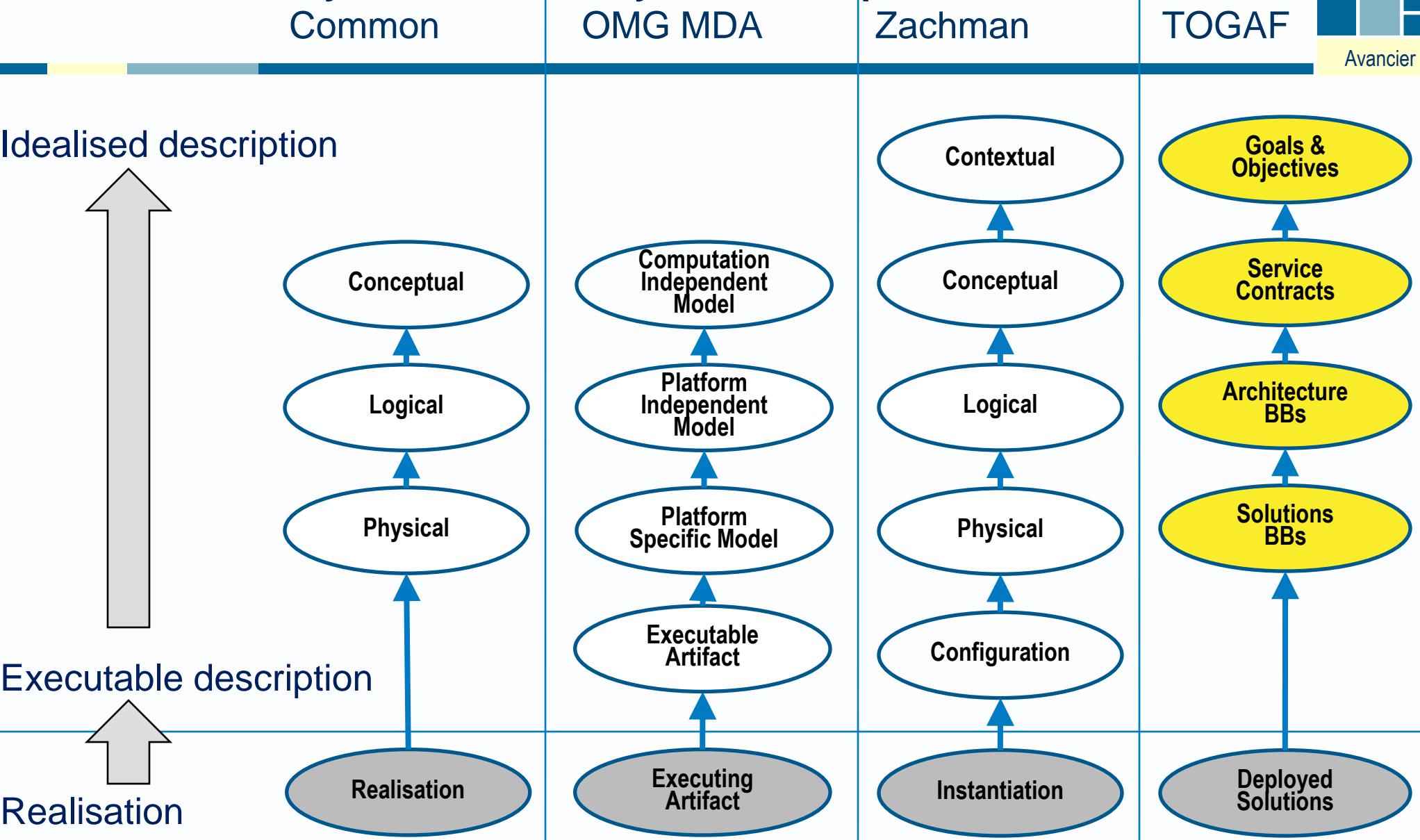


TOGAF

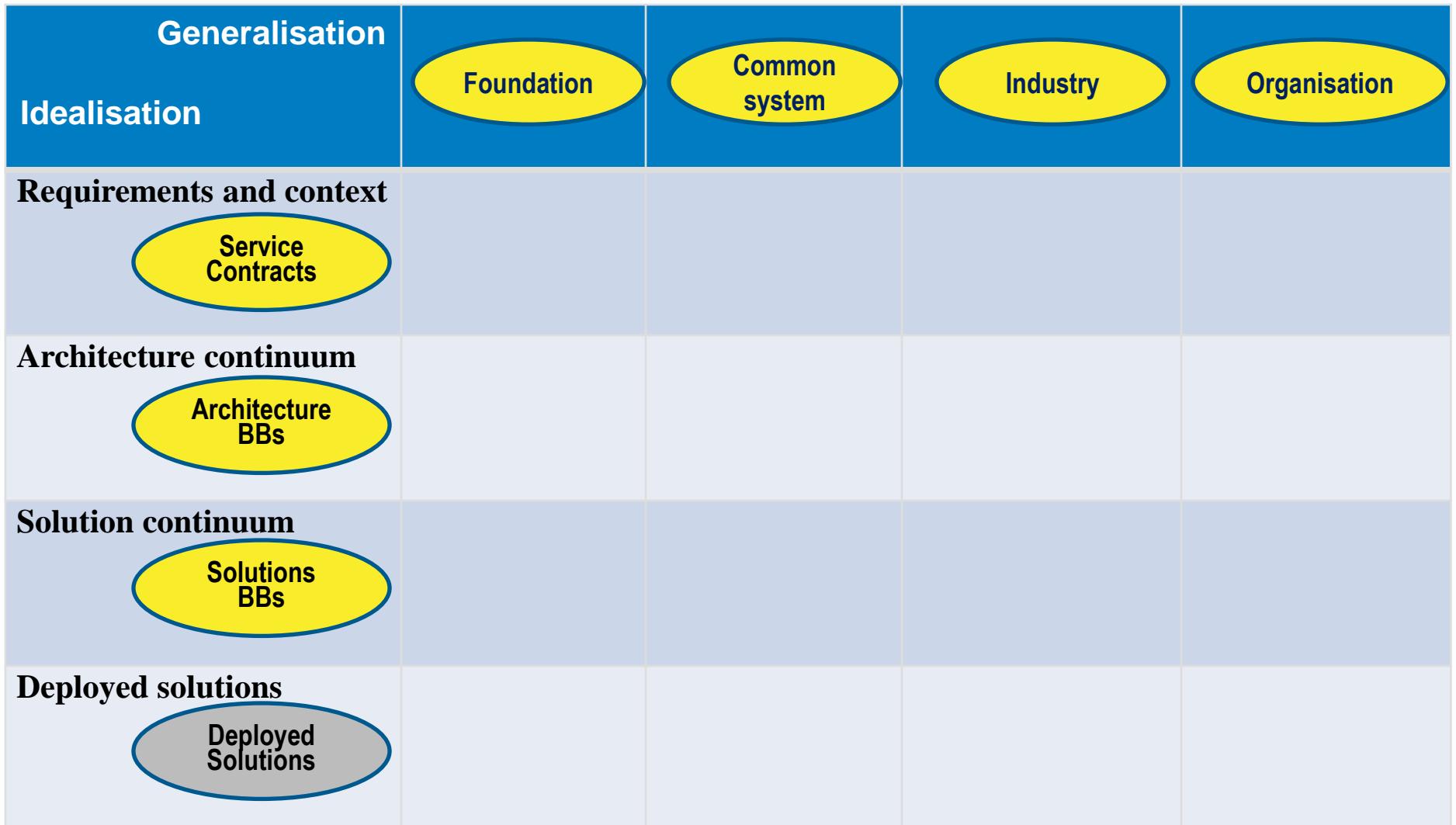


Specific

Abstraction by idealisation of system description



TOGAF's Enterprise Continuum

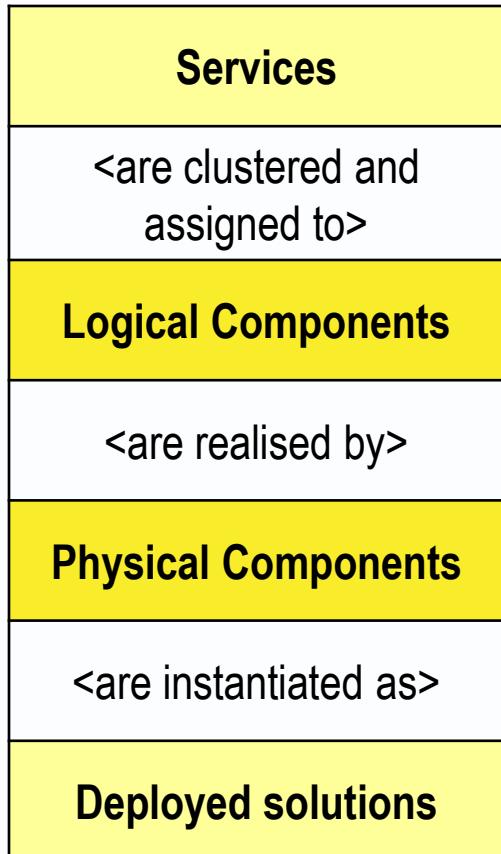


Level of idealisation in TOGAF's Enterprise Continuum

Generalisation Idealisation	Foundation	Common system	Industry	Organisation
Requirements and context 	Architecture Requirements Specification includes Business and Application/IS Services contracts.			
Architecture continuum 	Logical Components are defined by the services they provide to each other and to external entities, also by the abilities and data resources they need.			
Solution continuum 	Physical Components are procurable; they can be hired, bought or built to realise Logical Components, and so deliver the required Services.			
Deployed solutions 	Real world components are employed or deployed to do work at run-time (might be called Operational Components).			

The content framework is based on a generic relation

Idealised description



- ▶ Logical: “An implementation-independent definition”, portable and supplier-neutral.
- ▶ Physical: “A description of a real-world entity”, still “considerably abstracted from implementation”.

Realisation

TOGAF generic relation

			Logical ABBs		Physical SBBs
	Services	<are clustered and assigned to>	Logical Components	<are realised by>	Physical Components
Business Service/ Function catalog	Business Services		Functions		Organization Units
Role catalog + Actor/Role matrix	Activities		Roles		Actors
Application portfolio catalog	IS Services		Logical Application Components		Physical Application Components
Technology portfolio catalog	Technology Services		Logical Technology Components		Physical Technology Components

The service to component relationship

- ▶ TOGAF encourages architects
- ▶ to assign the responsibility for one service to one component and
- ▶ to minimise duplication of service provision by different components.

N Business Services	<are clustered and assigned to>	1 Function
N IS Services	<are clustered and assigned to>	1 Logical Application Component
N Technology Services	<are clustered and assigned to>	1 Logical Technology Components

- ▶ However, a component can delegate work to other components. So,
- ▶ one component may perform many services, and
- ▶ one service may be performed by many components.

The logical component to physical component relationship

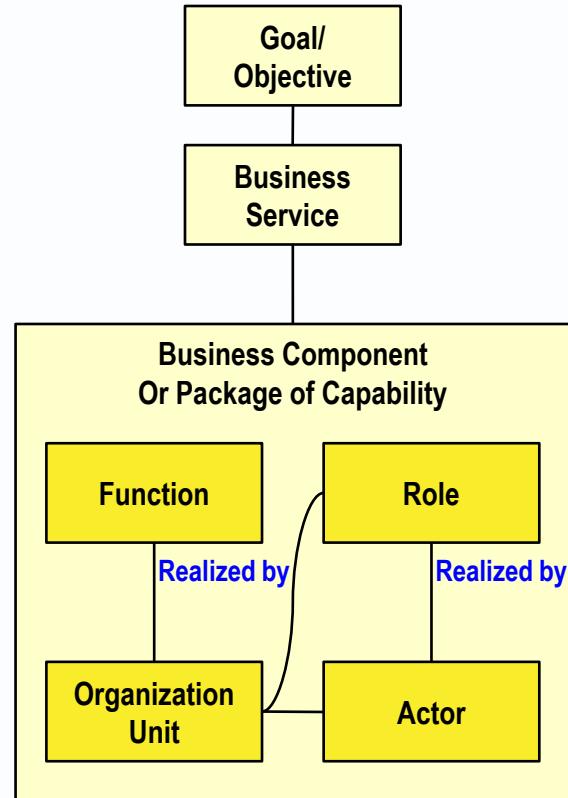
- ▶ In the application and technology domains, the ideal is a 1-to1 relation

1 Logical Application Component	IDEALLY <realised by>	1 Logical Application Component
1 Logical Technology Components	IDEALLY <realised by>	Logical Technology Component1

- ▶ In practice, the relationships may be more complex, or logical components may be reverse-engineered to keep the relationship simple.

The Logical/Physical distinction in the business domain

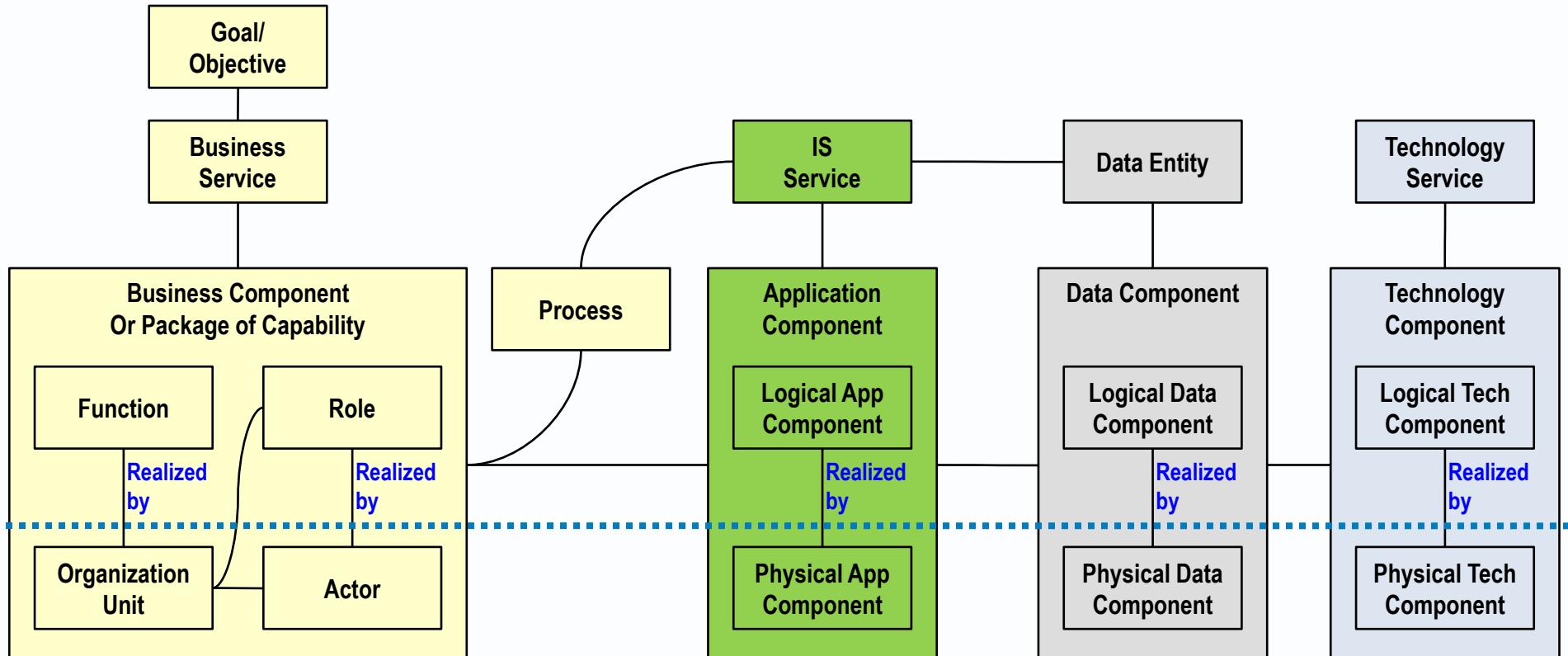
- ▶ Functions are logical organization units
- ▶ Organization units realize Functions



- ▶ Roles are logical Actors
- ▶ Actors realize Roles

The Logical/Physical distinction in other domains

- ▶ Strictly, Architecture BBs don't perform Processes or deliver Services.
- ▶ They specify Solution BBs that can do those things, and realize the Architecture BBs

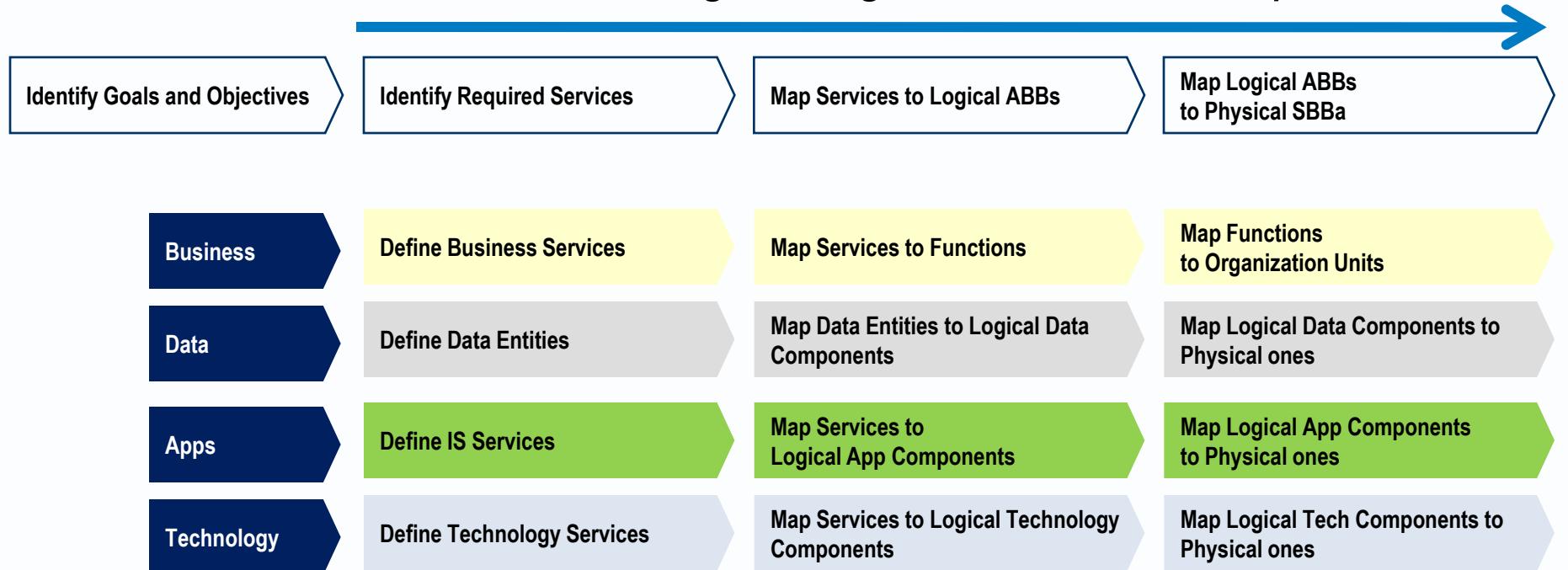


The general approach in TOGAF

Baseline analysis abstracts *performed services* from building blocks

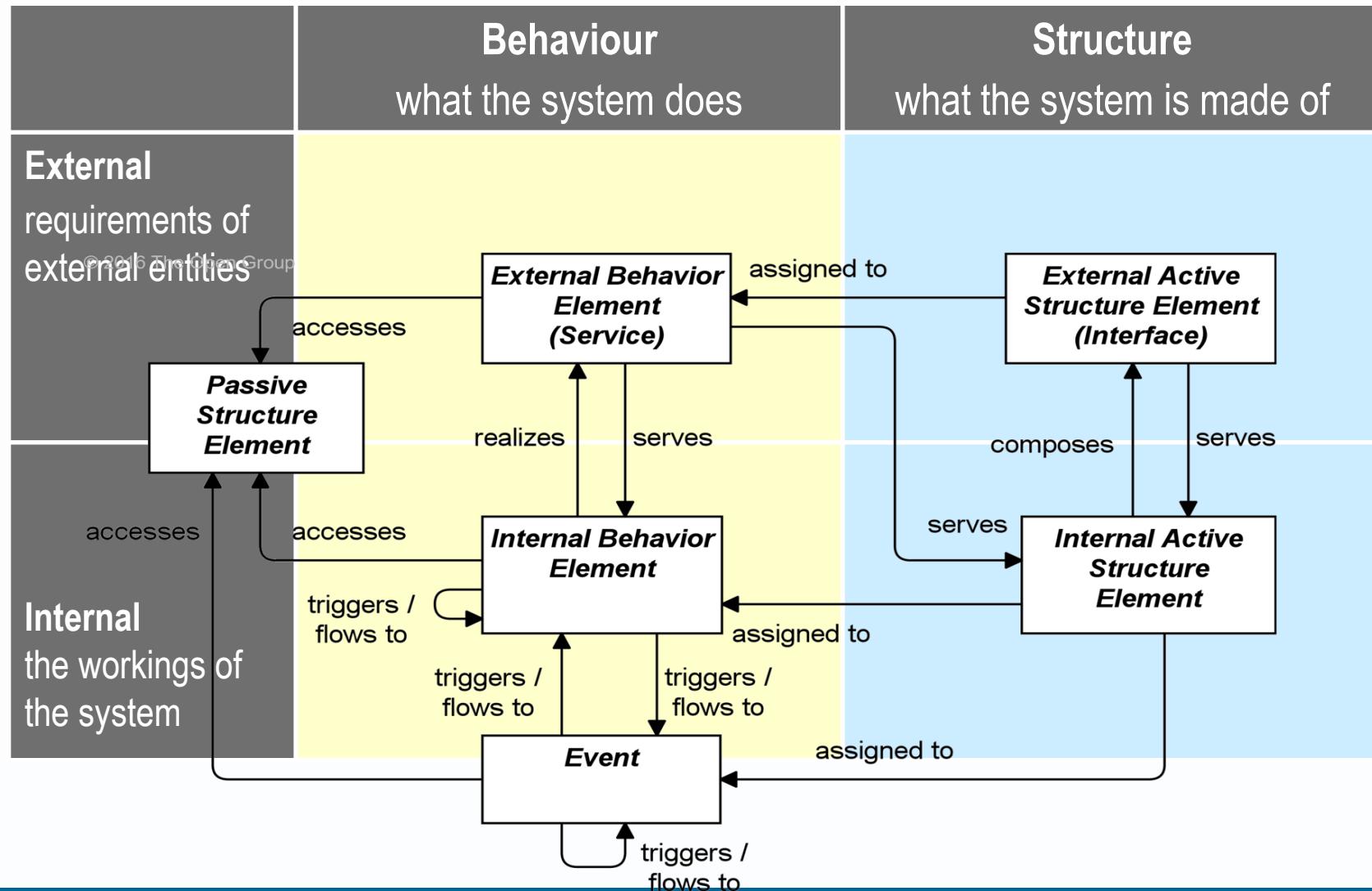


Target design starts from the *required services*

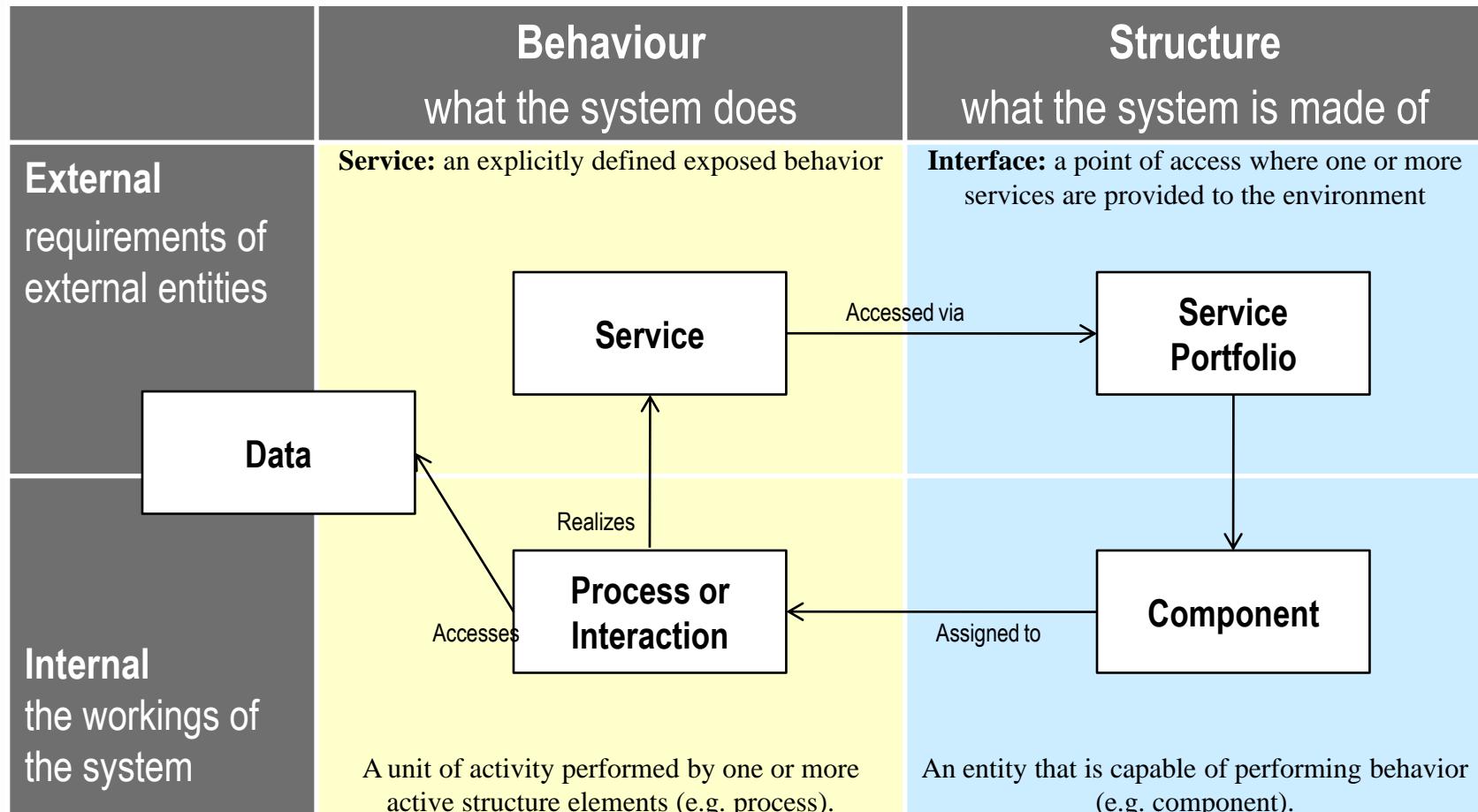


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ArchiMate generic meta model

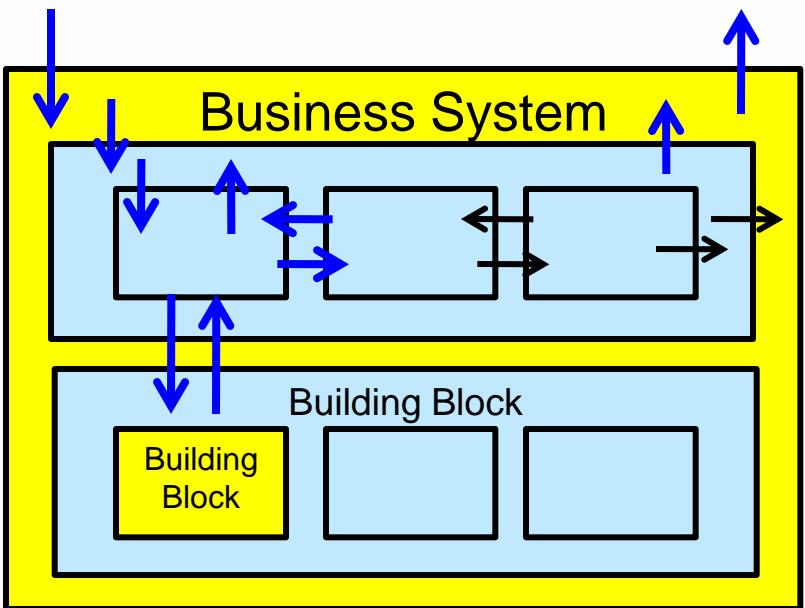


ArchiMate generic meta model - simplified



Recursive architecture description

- ▶ Both building blocks and services are recursively composed
- ▶ One building block perform many services
- ▶ One service may require many building blocks (be they nested or sequential).



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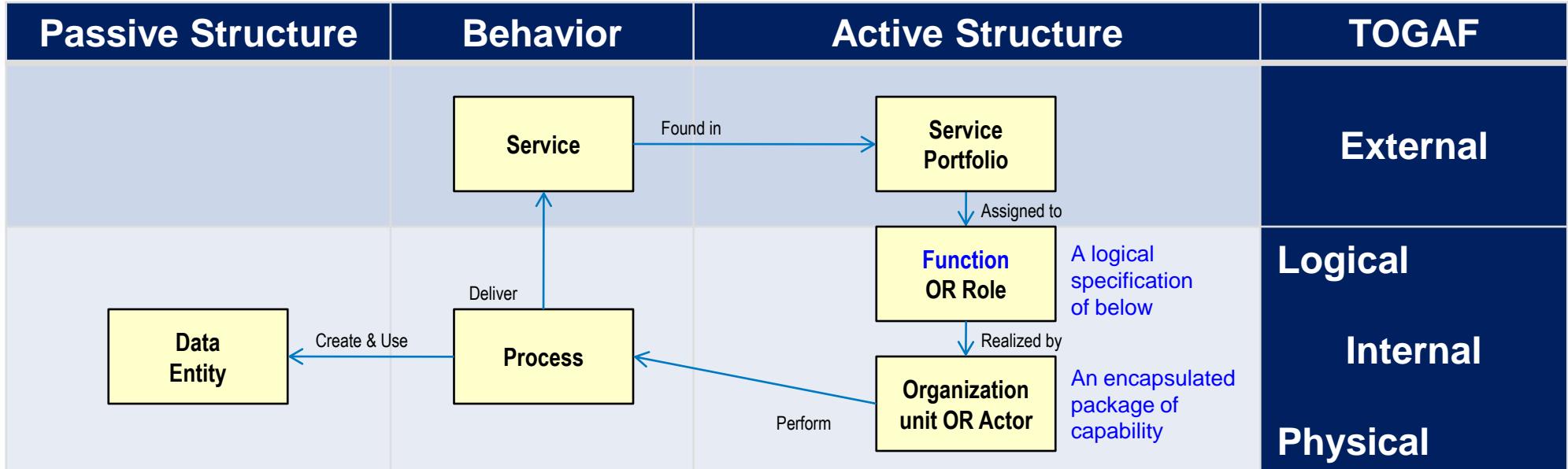
Mapping ArchiMate to General System Theory

Passive Structure	Behavior	Active Structure	GST
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<pre> graph LR DE[Data Entity] -- "Create & Use" --> P[Process] P -- "Perform" --> C[Component] </pre>		<p>Component</p> <p>An encapsulated package of capability</p>	Internal
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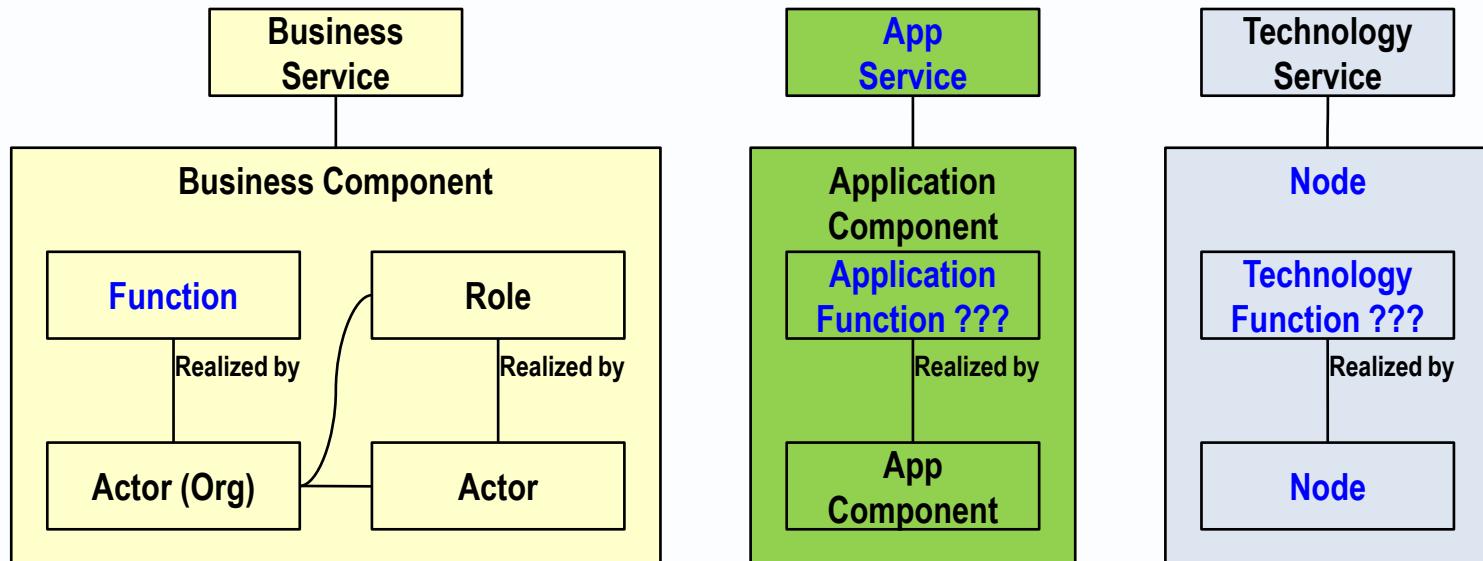
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Putting Function in its rightful place



- ▶ ArchiMate's structure/behavior distinction is peculiar
- ▶ The standard examples and users often apply the Function symbol to a Process (which can confuse, since Functions are more like Roles than Processes).

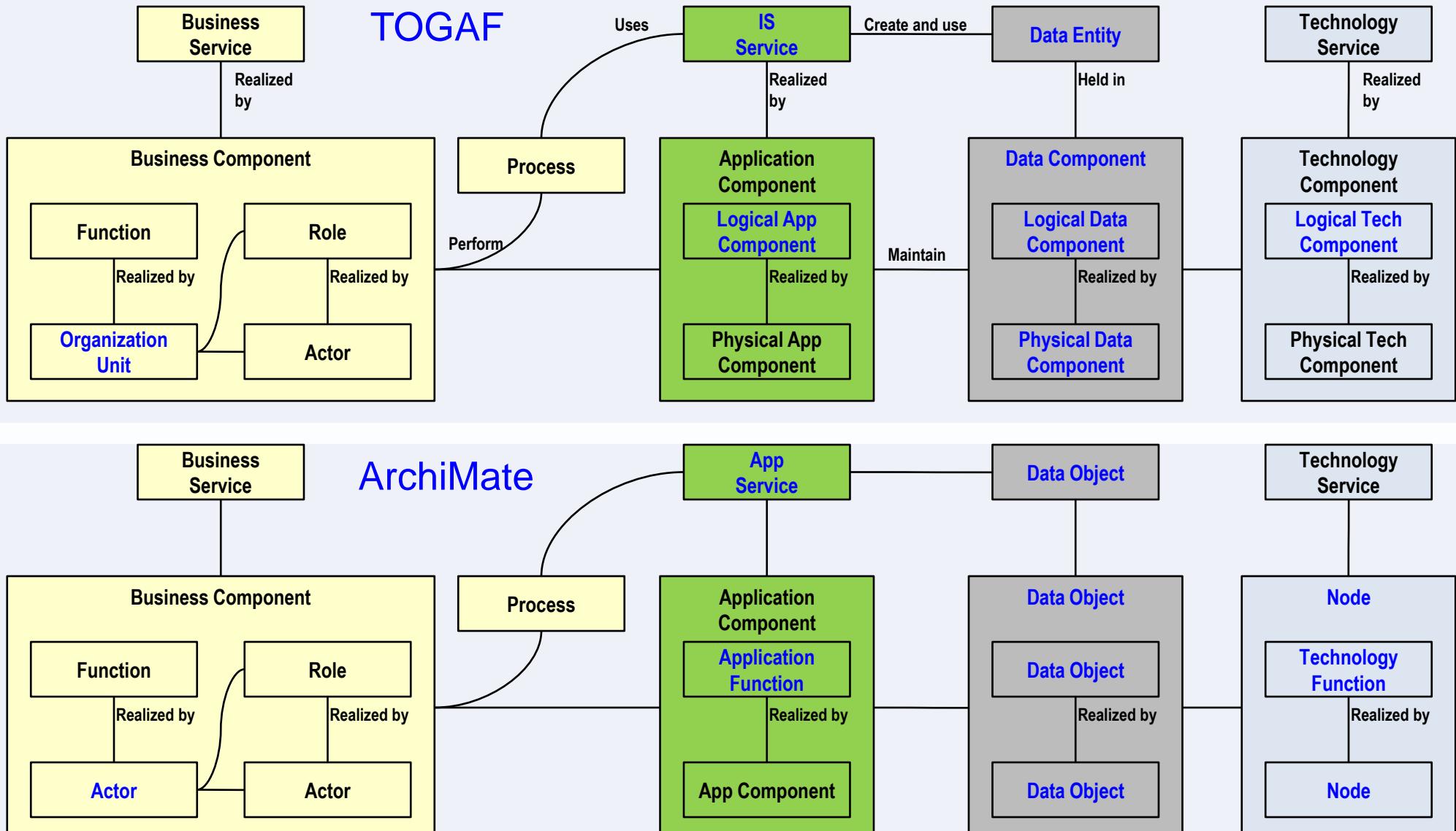
► Label Logical Components using ArchiMate's “Function” symbol?



► OK. Provided this caveat is understood

- ArchiMate standard and users use the Function symbol for a Process instead
- Logical components in TOGAF (defined by service portfolios) might be seen as closer to ArchiMate's Interface.

Mapping ArchiMate to TOGAF



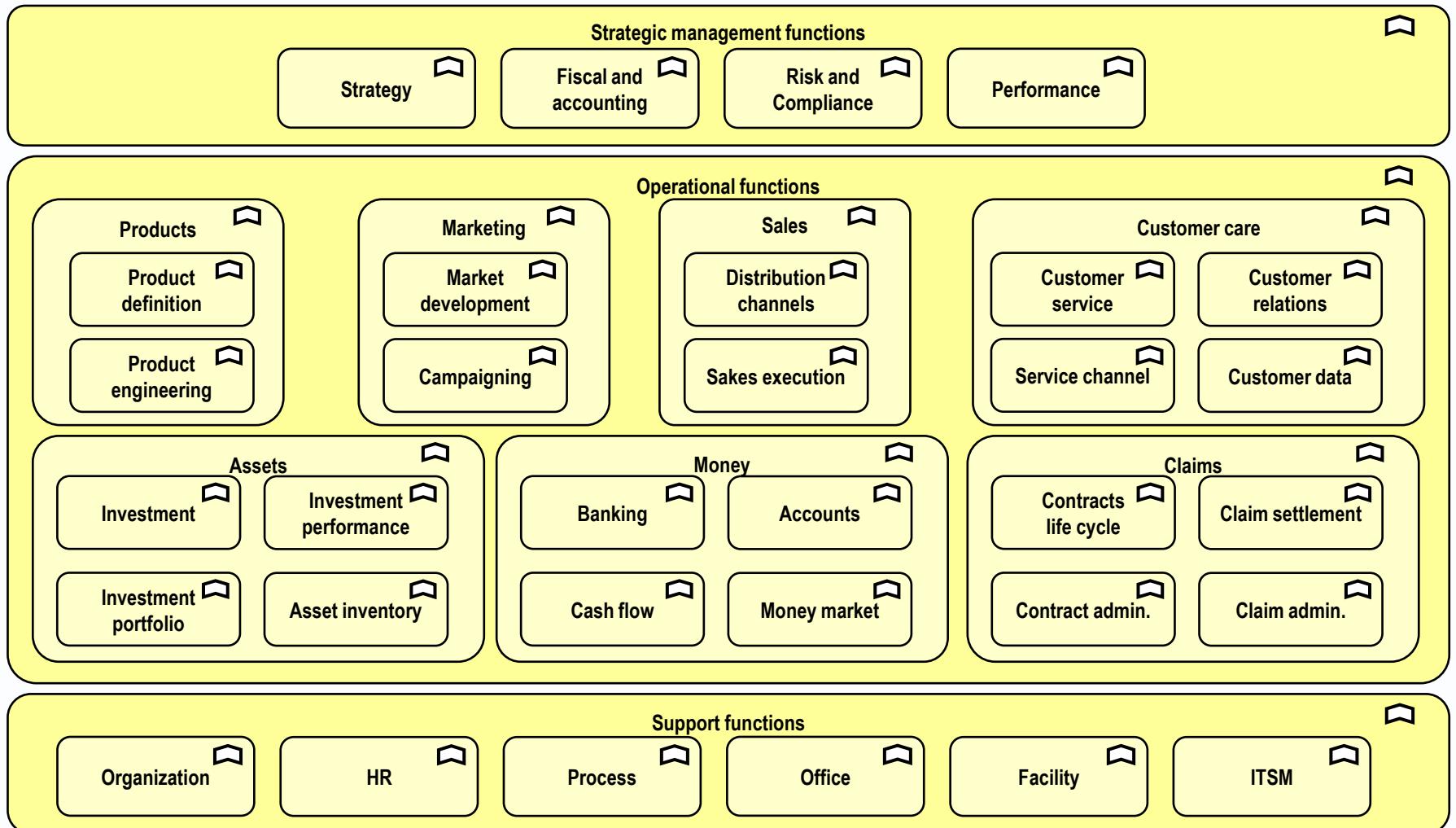
Terminology torture – aargh!

Generic	Behavior Units	Logical Active Structures	Physical Active Structures
Human	Activities	Roles	Actors
TOGAF	Services	Logical Components	Physical Components
UML	Operations	Interfaces or Services	Components
WSDL	Operations	Web Services	Components
Fashion	Operations	APIs	MicroServices

What is the function/process distinction?

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A 3 level Functional Decomposition Structure



This diagram uses ArchiMate symbols

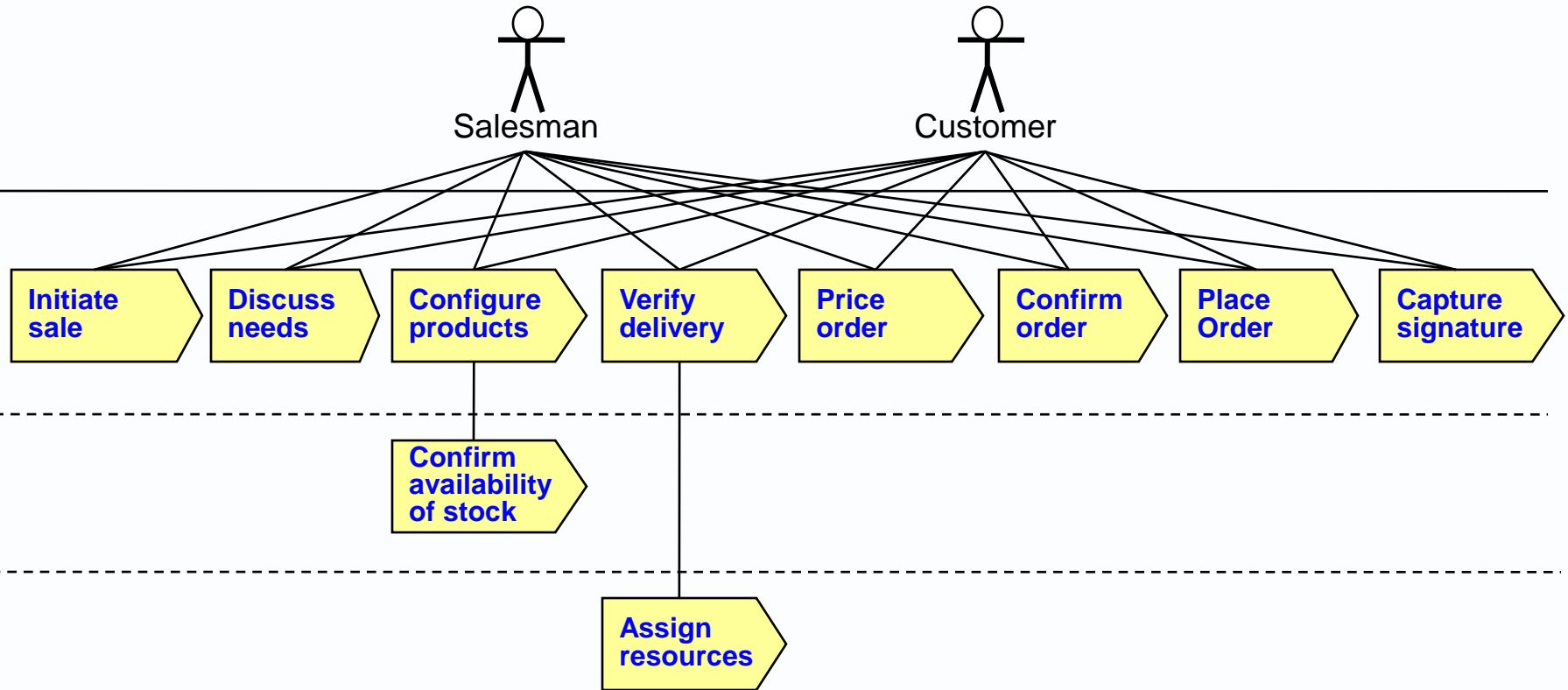
A process – sequencing atomic activities in a flow

Sales
roles

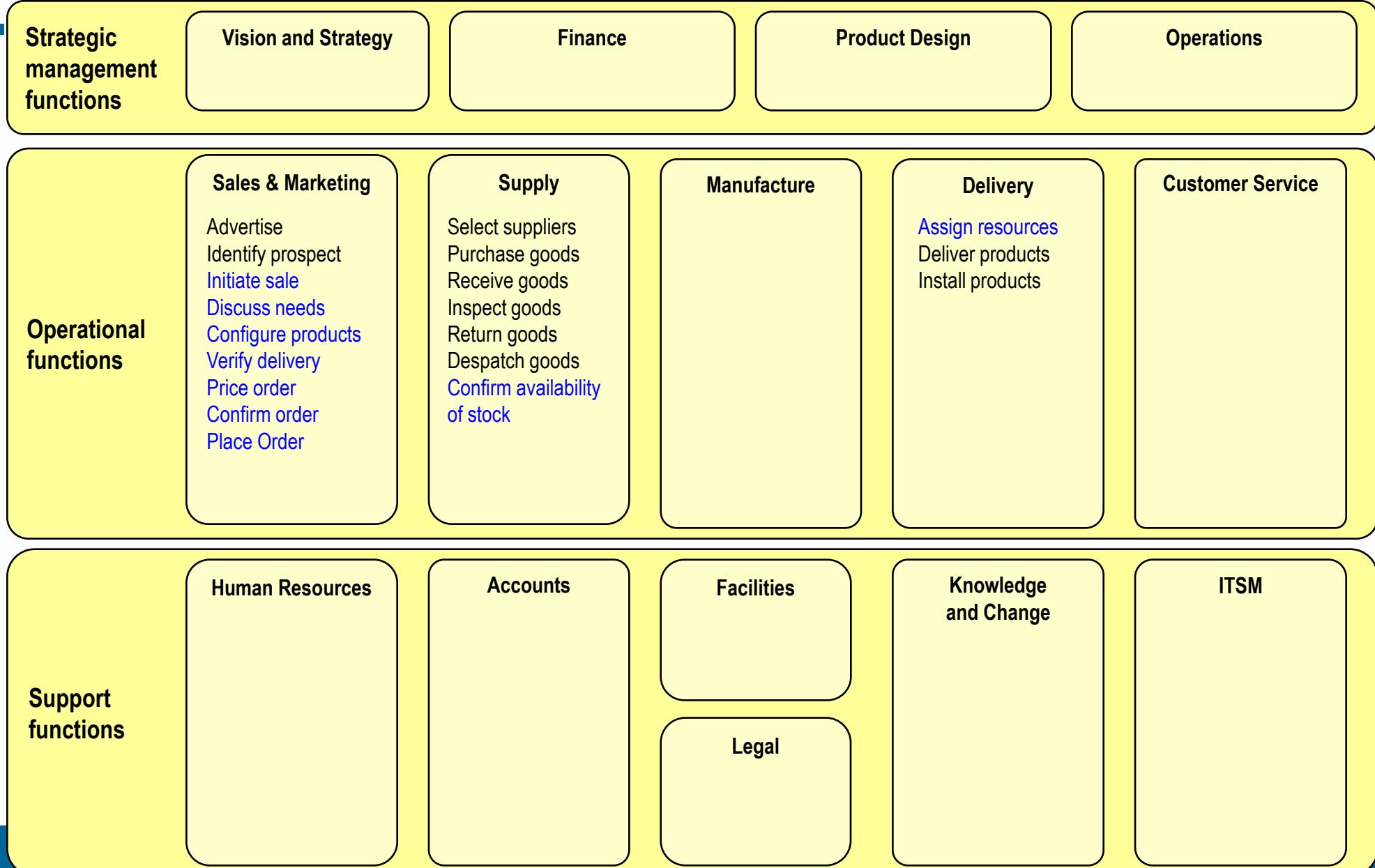
Sales
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Supply
function

Delivery
function

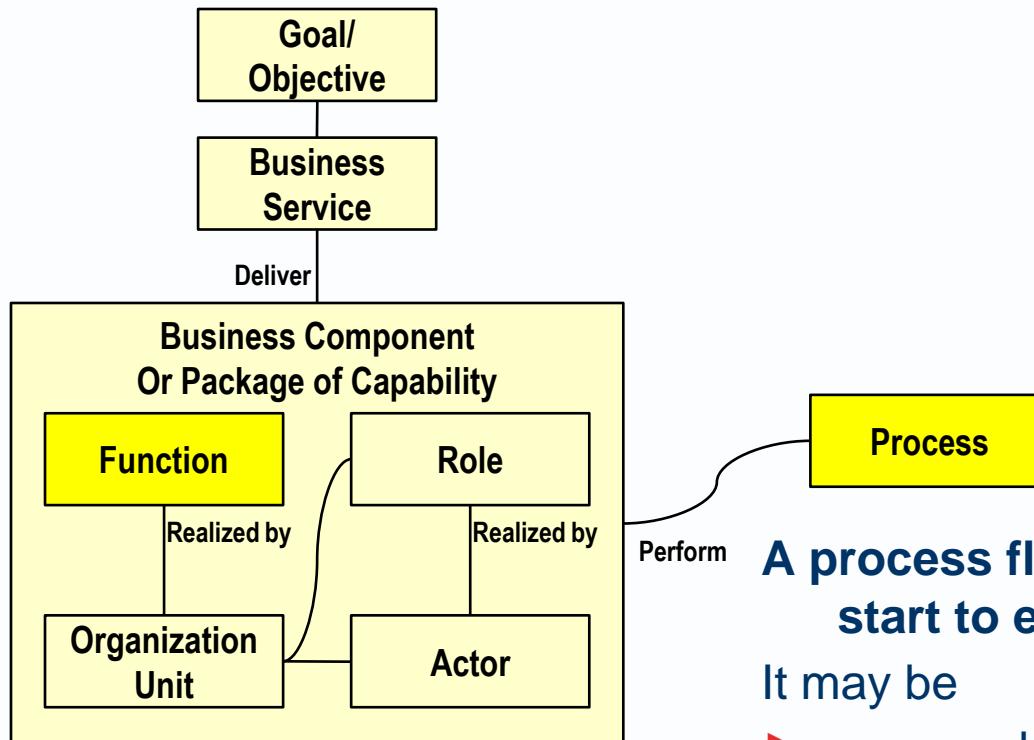


Mapping atomic activities to 2nd level nodes of a functional decomposition



The Function/Process distinction

A function is a package of capability
 It can be bounded by a service portfolio



A process flows over time from start to end.

It may be

- ▶ encapsulated by one service.
- ▶ one of several processes needed to deliver one service.
- ▶ contribute to the delivery of more than one service

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- ▶ Data architecture is about
 - data at rest (in store)
 - data in motion (in flows).
- ▶ What TOGAF classifies under data architecture are artifacts that record the creation and use of data entities in persistent data components.

Data entity/data component catalog	Data entities	<are related together in>	Logical Data Components	<are realised by	Physical Data Components
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- ▶ What about data flows?

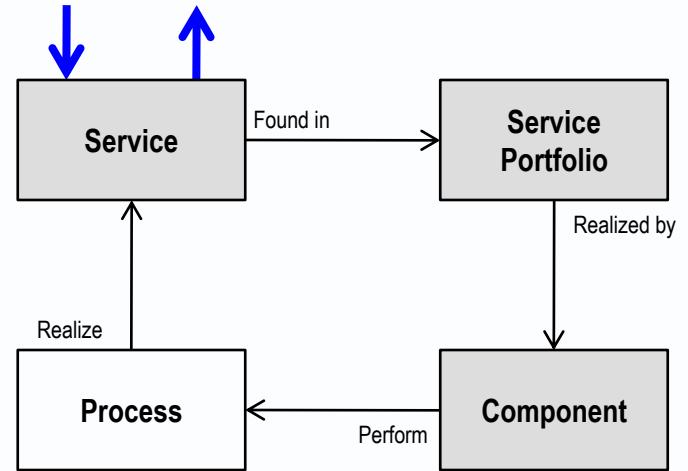
The Flow concept implicit in TOGAF artifacts

► Service

- “can be defined in a logical service contract that defines *input and output flows and/or state changes.*”

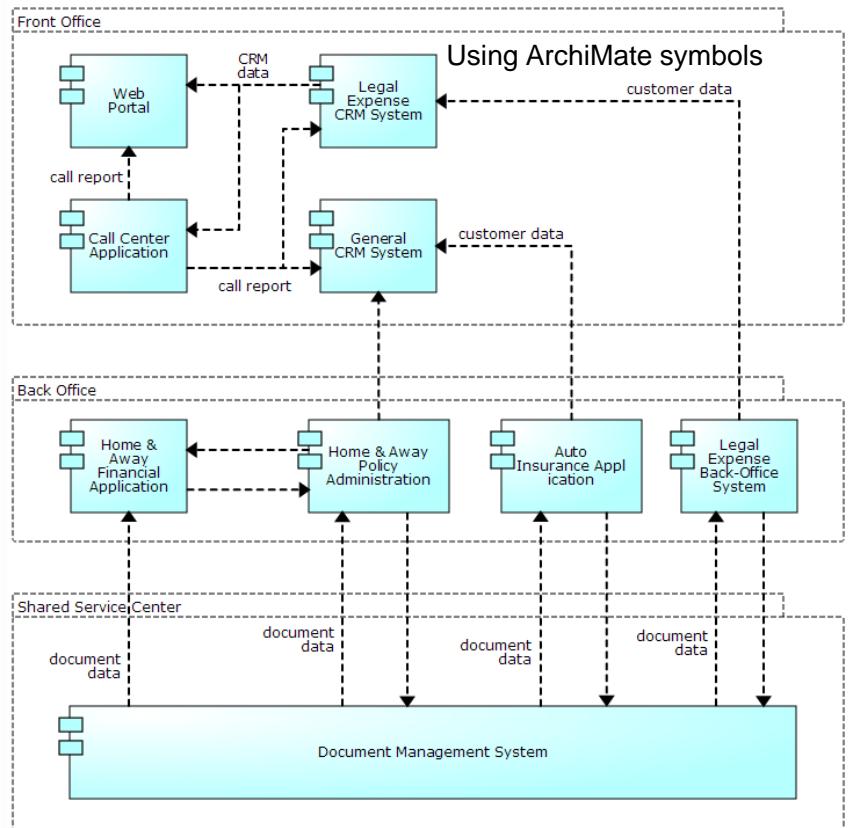
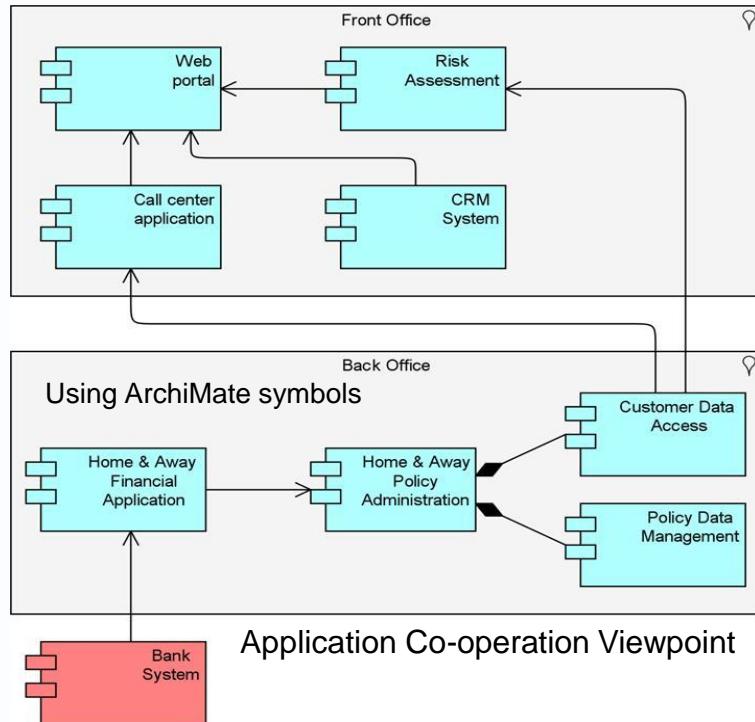
► Flow

- A movement of a data and/or material structure between sender and receiver components.
- Q) What about flows that architects choose not specify in service contracts?



Services v data flows in architecture artifacts

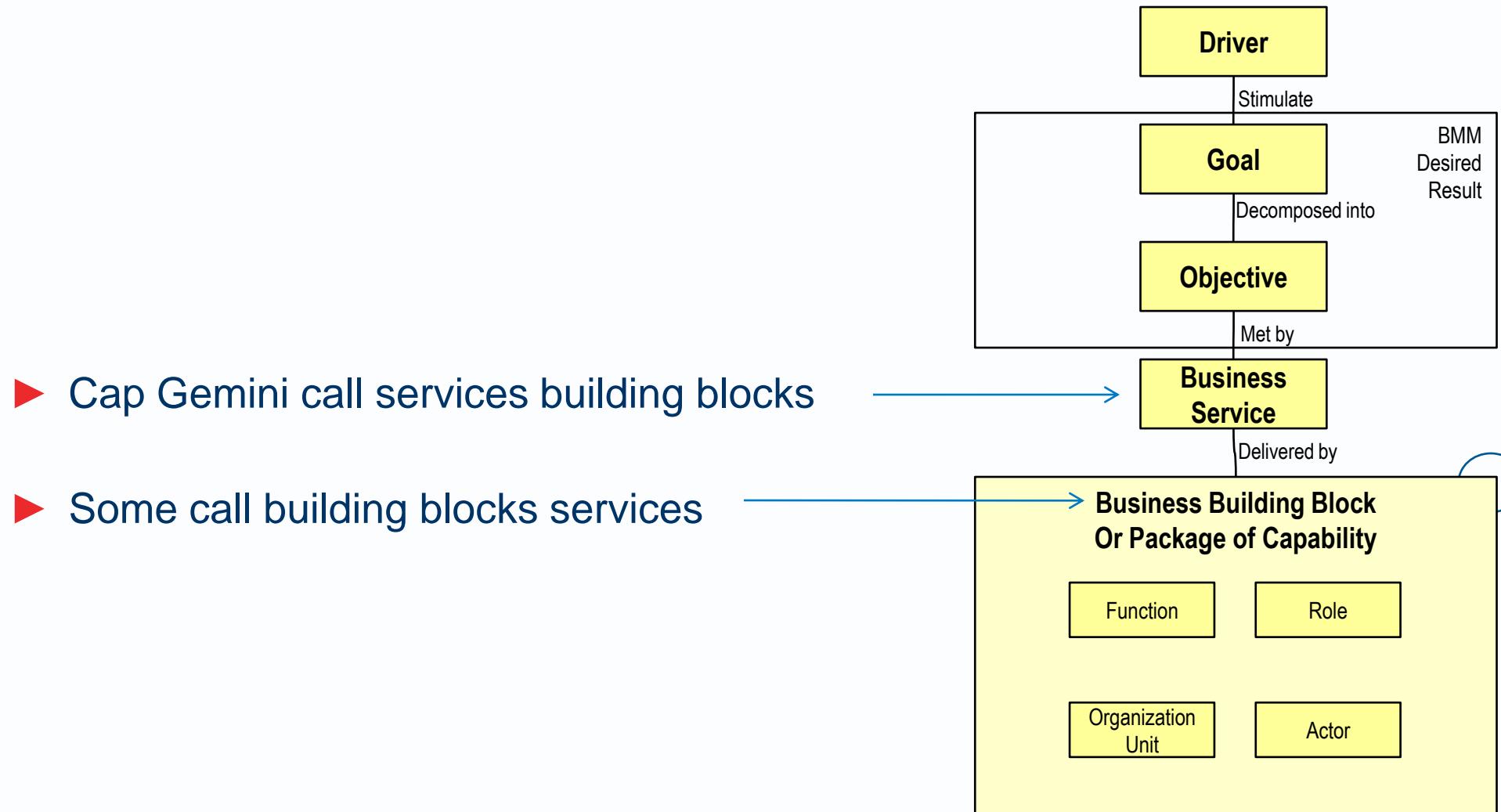
- ▶ Different concepts, related, but difficult to combine in an artifact



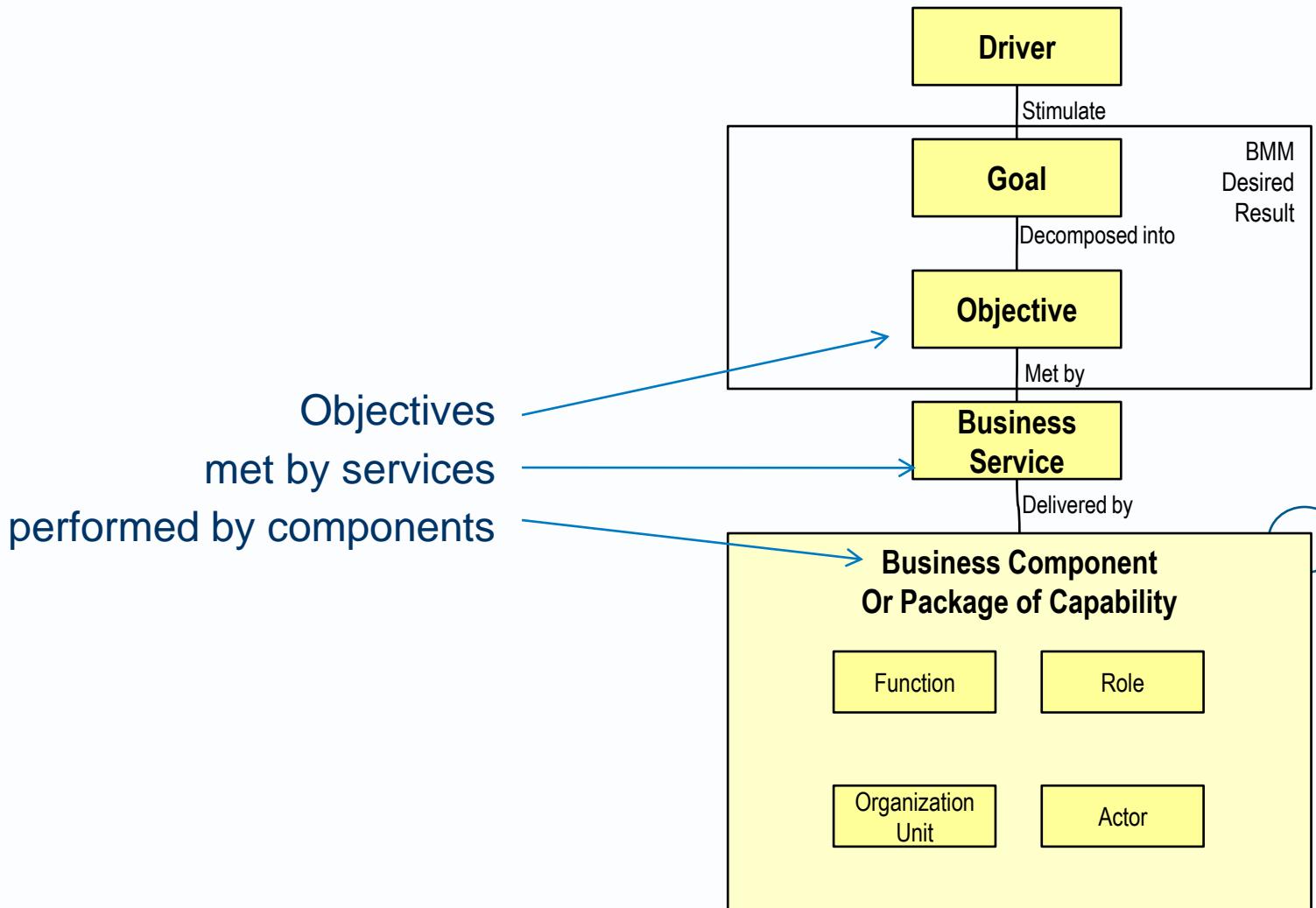
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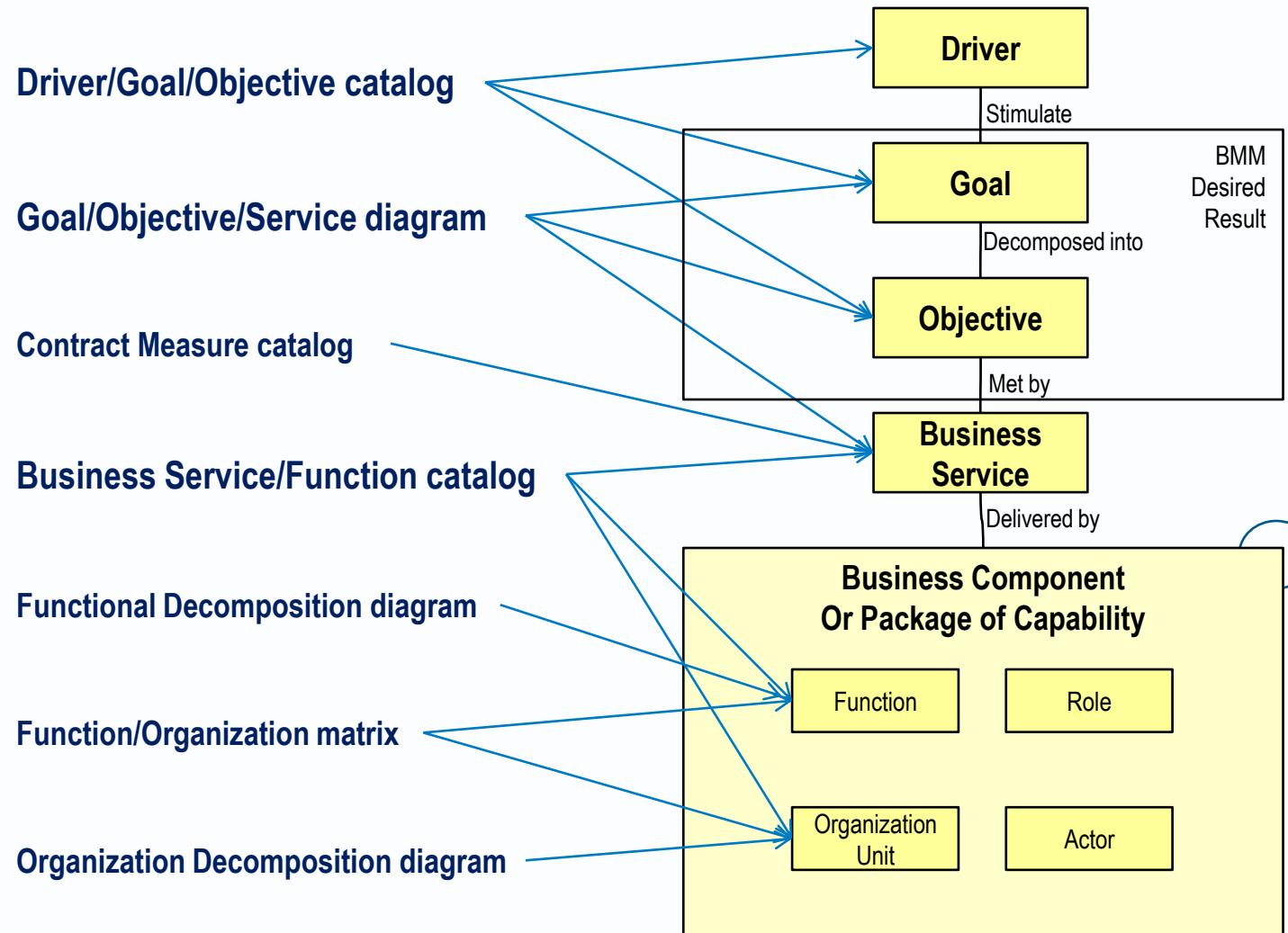
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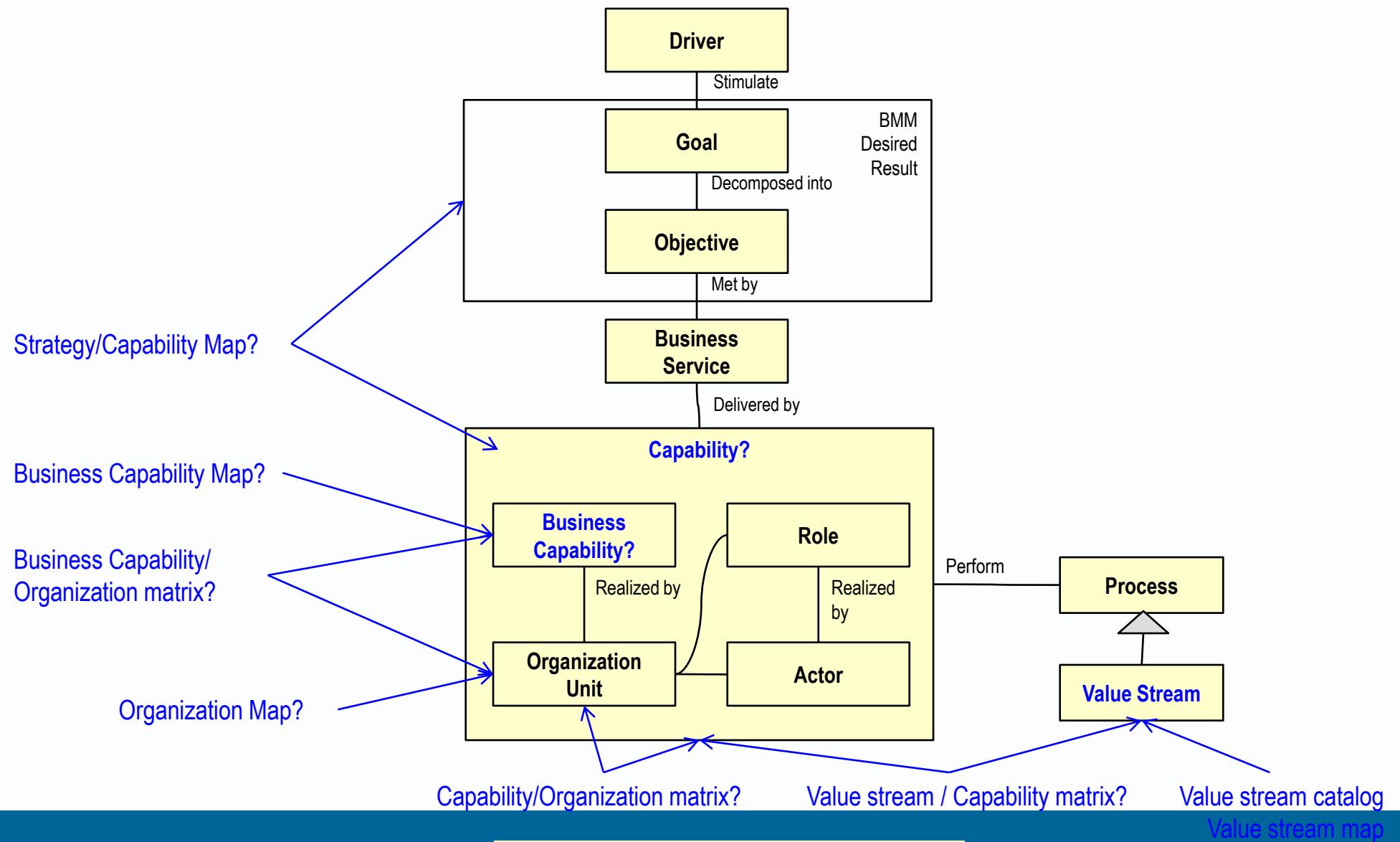
A service-oriented view of business building blocks



The start of a Business Architecture artifact map

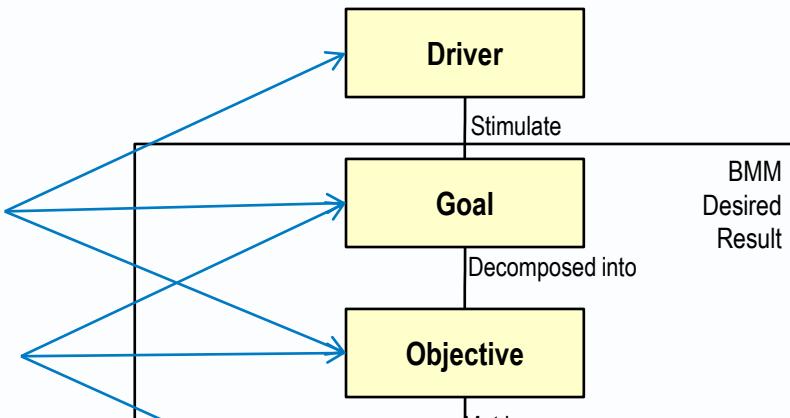


A BA artifact map with Capability and Value Stream artifacts?



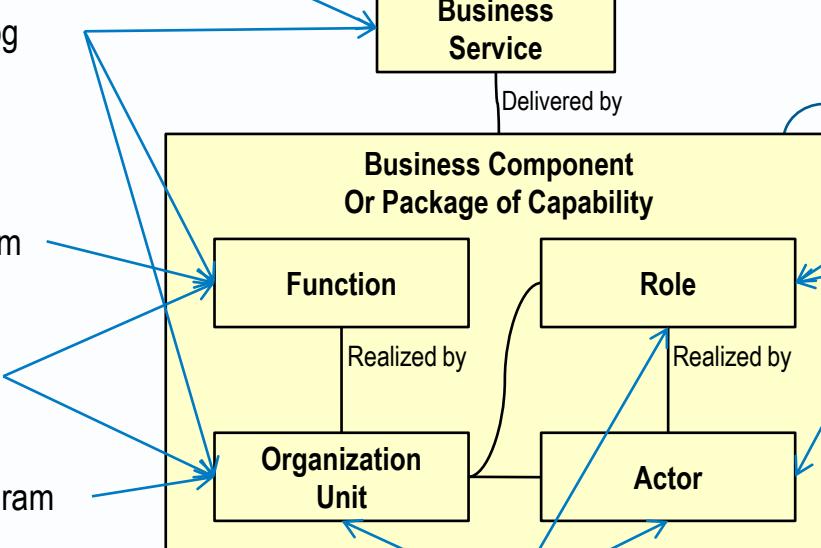
A BA artifact map for TOGAF 9.1 and 9.2

Driver/Goal/Objective catalog



BMM
Desired
Result

Goal/Objective/Service diagram



Business Interaction matrix
Information Exchange matrix
Node Connectivity diagram

Business Service/Function catalog

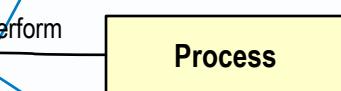
Functional Decomposition diagram

Function/Organization matrix

Organization Decomposition diagram

Organization/Actor catalog

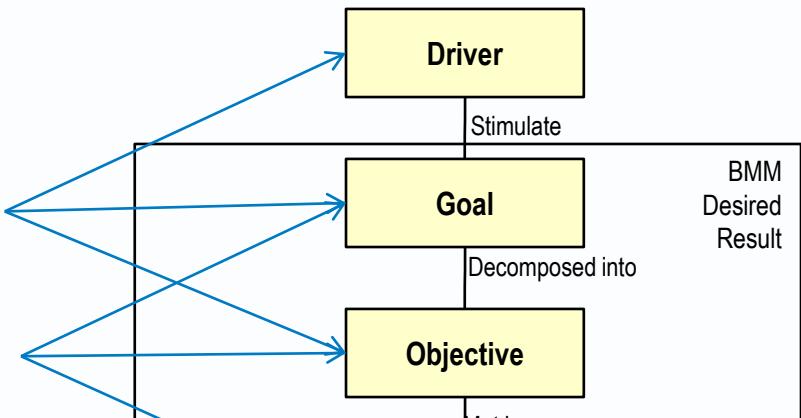
Role catalog
Actor/Role matrix



Process catalog
Process Flow diagram
Event diagram

The same BA artifact map after some of the draft CRs

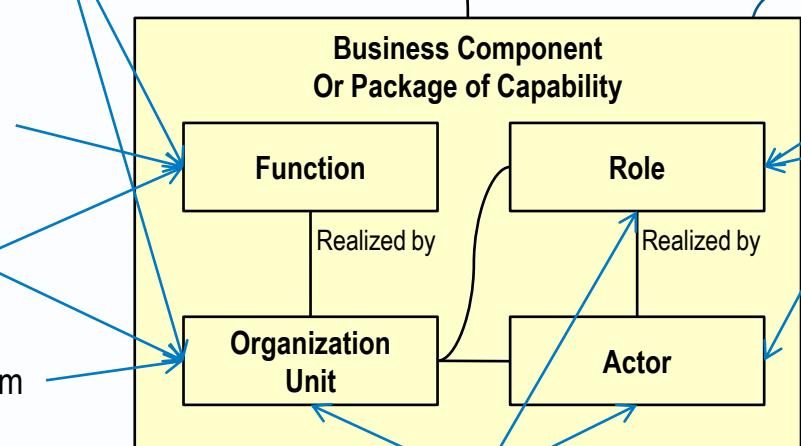
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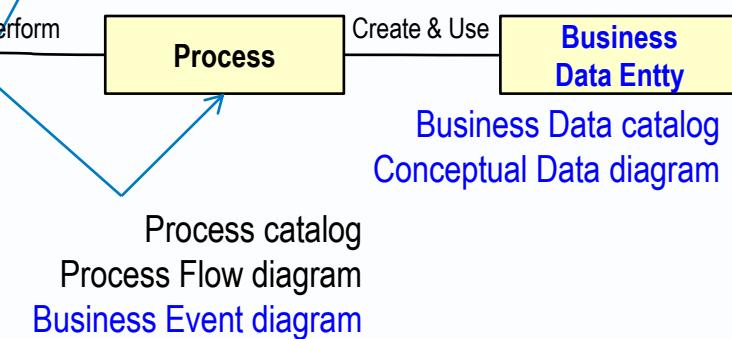
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Business Interaction diagram
Business Flow catalog

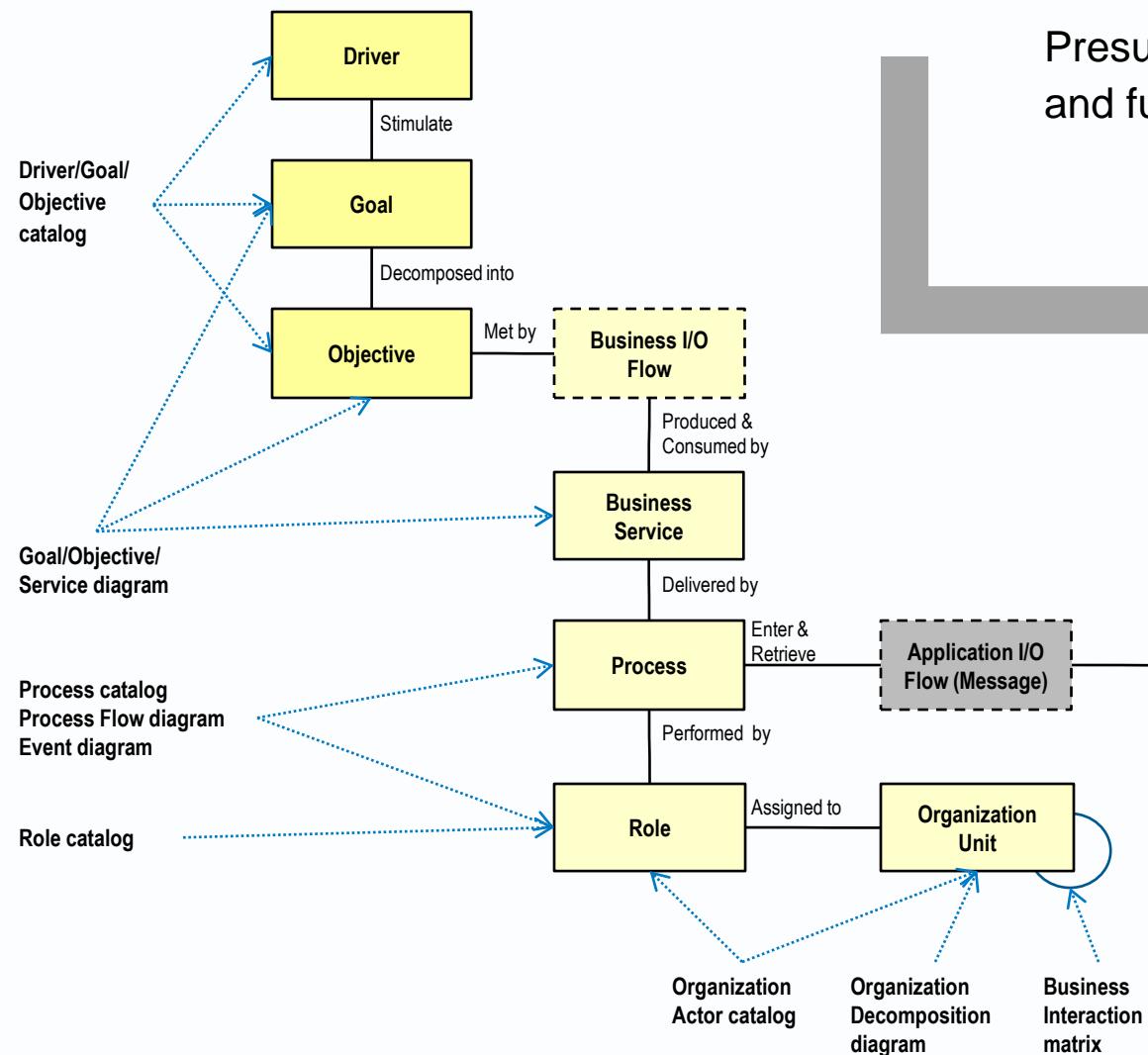
Function/Organization matrix

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Organization Decomposition diagram



A possible solution design sequence



Presuming the baseline organisation structure and functional decomposition are a given

Read the associated paper for further discussion of

- ▶ In TOGAF
 - Architecture v solution building blocks
 - The generic relation
- ▶ In ArchiMate
 - Service v Process (same thing in IAF)
 - Service v Interface (same thing in UML)
 - Actor v Role (same thing in UML)
 - Process v Function (same thing in some sources)
 - Structure v Behavior (peculiar in ArchiMate)
 - Data Object v Business Object

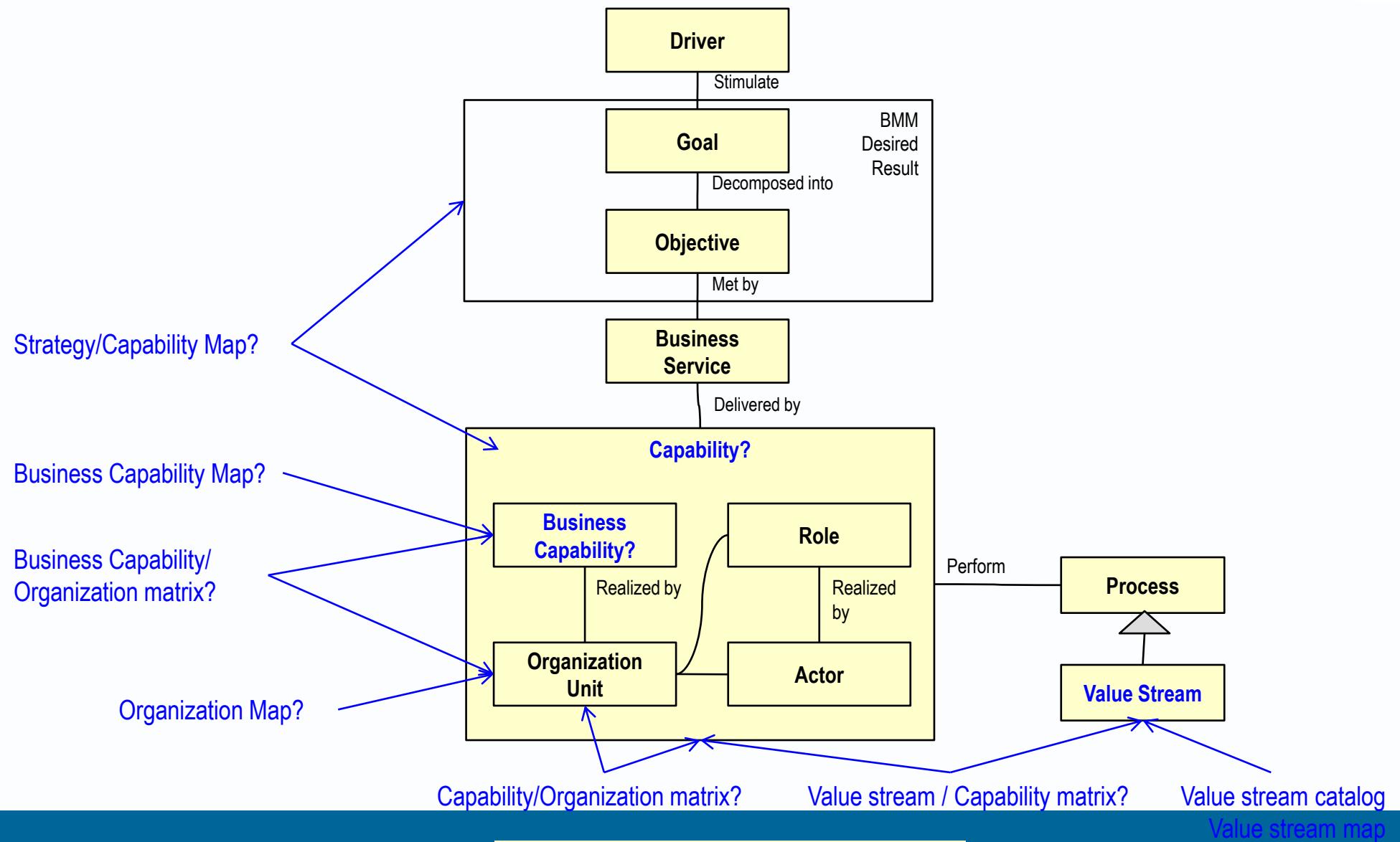
Communication requires that

Speakers and hearers share an understanding of the concepts spoken words represent.

Drawers and readers share an understanding of the concepts diagrams symbols represent.

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A BA artifact map with Capability and Value Stream artifacts?



Capability-oriented artifacts

- ▶ **Business Capabilities Catalog**
 - A definitive listing of particular abilities that a business may possess or exchange to achieve a specific **purpose**.
- ▶ **Business Capability Map**
 - A family of diagrams representing a definitive listing of the particular abilities that a business may possess or exchange to achieve a specific purpose.
- ▶ **Strategy/Capability Matrix**
 - The purpose of this matrix is to show the capabilities required to support specific strategy statements.
- ▶ **Organization Map**
 - A diagram showing the relationships between the primary entities that make up the enterprise, its partners, and stakeholders.
- ▶ **Capability/Organization Matrix**
 - The purpose of this matrix is to show the organization elements that implement each capability. The Capability/Organization matrix includes the following metamodel entities:
 - Business Capability, Value Stream, Organization Unit

About Capabilities and Purposes

- ▶ In the BMM, **Desired Result** is the catch all for **Goals** and **Objectives**
- ▶ In TOGAF, **Business Drivers > Goals > Objectives > Services**

- ▶ How does a Capability's **Purpose** relate to the above?
- ▶ Can you have a Purpose without a Capability? Or are they 1 to 1?

- ▶ To perform its required behaviors, does every Building Block need a Capability?
 - If they are not 1 to 1, why not?
 - Where are Capabilities recorded?

- ▶ To perform its required behaviors, does every Business Function need a Business Capability?
 - If they are not 1 to 1, why not?
 - How does a Business Capability Map differ in purpose or use from a Functional Decomposition diagram?

Value stream-oriented artifacts

► **Value Stream Catalog**

- A definitive listing of end-to-end collections of value-adding activities that create an overall **result** for a customer, stakeholder, or end user.

► **Value Stream Stages Catalog**

- A definitive listing of end-to-end collections of the different stages for the value-adding activities that create an overall result for a customer, stakeholder, or end user; it includes the following metamodel entities:

- Business Capability
- Value Stream

► **Value Stream/Capability Matrix**

- The purpose of this matrix is to show the capabilities required to support each stage of a value stream.

► **Value Stream Map**

- A family of diagrams representing a definitive listing of end-to-end collections of value-adding activities that create an overall result for a customer, stakeholder, or end user.
- The Value Stream map includes the following metamodel entities:
- Business Capability
- Value Stream

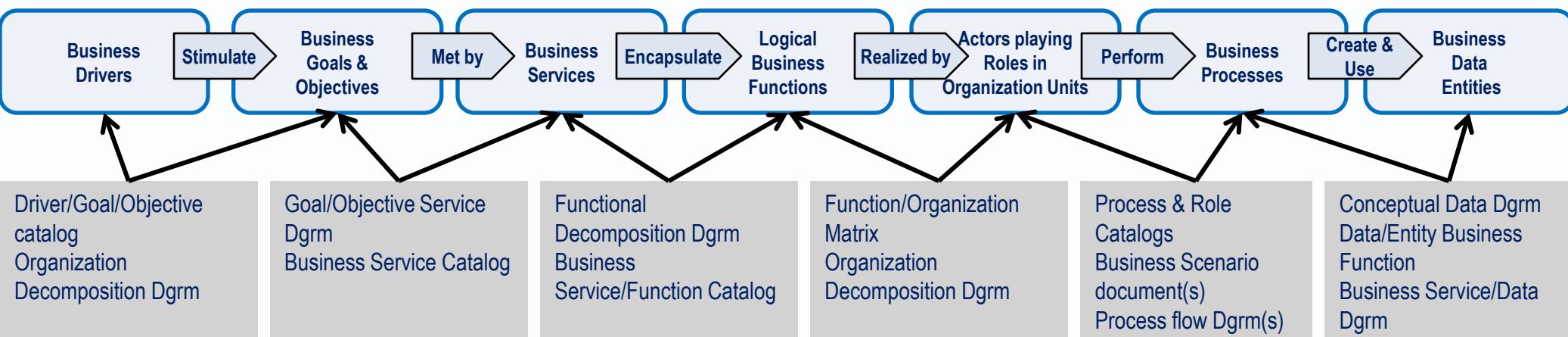
- ▶ In the BMM, **Desired Result** is the catch all for **Goals** and **Objectives**
- ▶ In TOGAF, **Business Drivers > Goals > Objectives > Services**

- ▶ How does a Value Stream's **Result** relate to the above?.
- ▶ Is a Value Stream's **Result**
 - a) the **exit condition** of the process (output flows and system state changes)?
 - b) the desired outcome of those being used by some actor to meet some **goal or objective**?

- ▶ Can a Value Stream Stage be further decomposed?
- ▶ Does the Value Stream/Capability Matrix map to all Capabilities, or only to Business Capabilities?

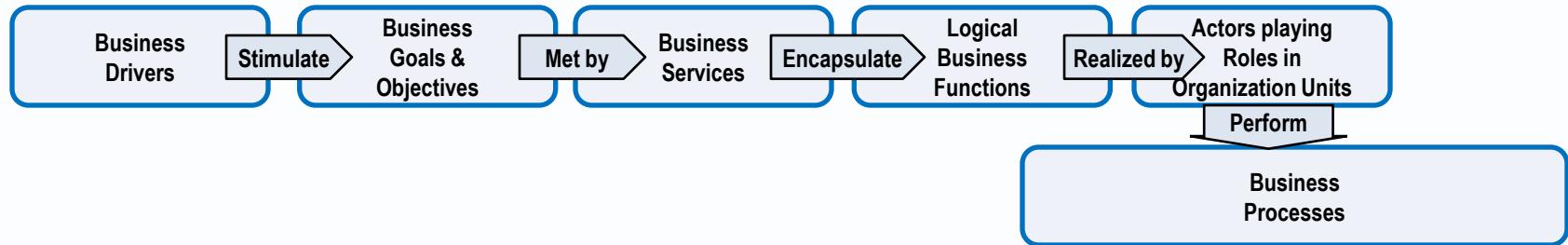
Connecting artifacts together

- ▶ TOGAF does not prescribe which artifacts to produce
- ▶ Nor the sequence to produce them
- ▶ But the artifacts do connect together

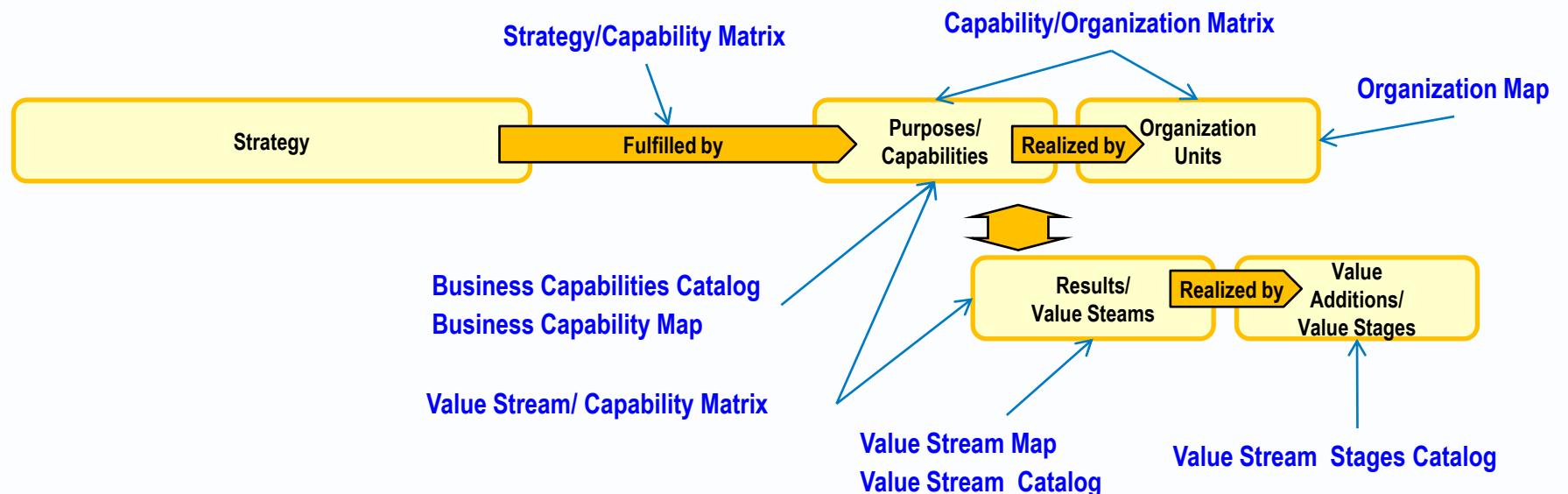


Alternative business architecture approaches

► BA approach 1



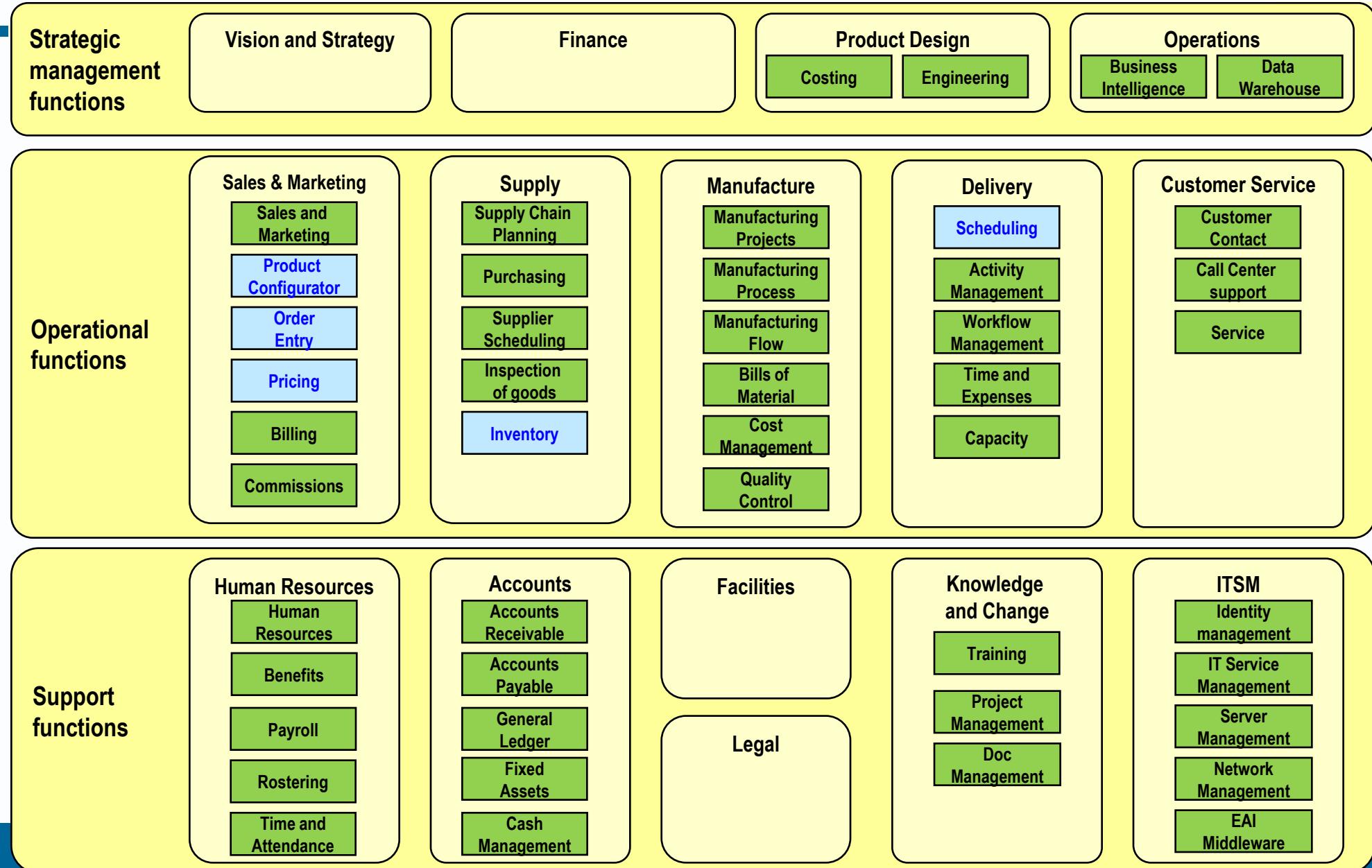
► BA approach 2



Footnotes

► Left overs

Application/Function Matrix drawn as a diagram



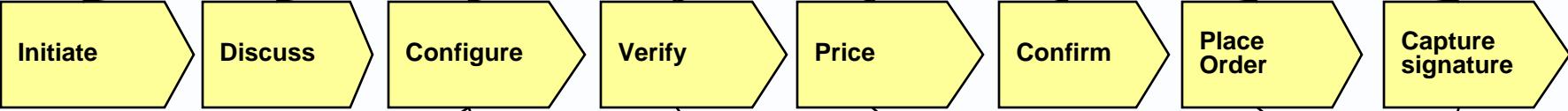
A Business Scenario (after TOGAF 8 example)

Roles
(human actors)

Salesman

Customer

Process



Applications
(computer actors)

Product
configurator

Inventory

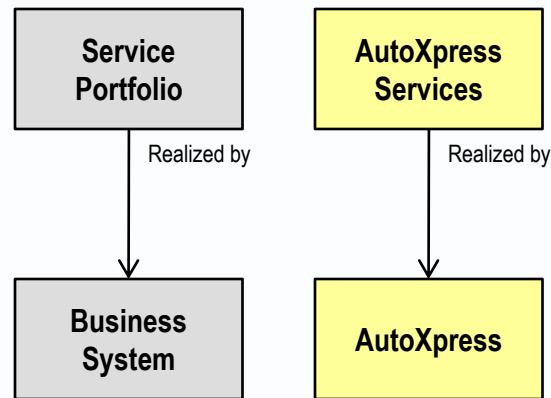
Scheduling

Pricing

Order
Entry

“Service Portfolio”

- ▶ *“a collection of services, potentially an interface definition.”*
- ▶ *“used in the TOGAF framework to define the requirement for a building block or system.” (Ch. 3)*
- ▶ *“For each building block, build up a service description portfolio as a set of non-conflicting services.”*



AutoXpress Services

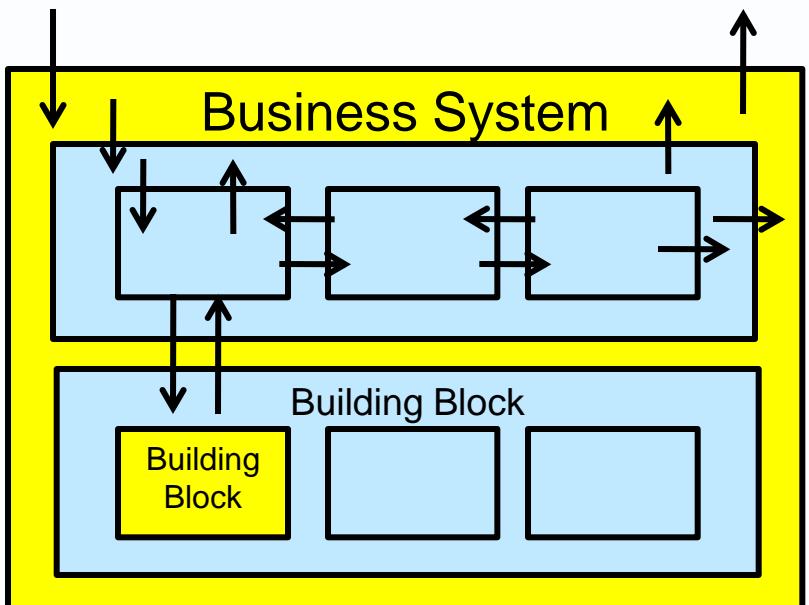
- Fit tyres
- Check-up and oil change
- Full annual service
- Check brakes
- Repair brakes
- Check exhaust
- Replace exhaust
- Inspect battery
- Replace battery
- Align wheels
- Replace windscreen wipers
- Fit bulbs
- Replace shock absorbers

Subdividing a system into subsystems

- ▶ The service portfolio of a system may be divided into service bundles assignable to different subsystems.
- ▶ For Portability, Interoperability and Boundaryless Information Flow™.
 - “An architectural framework.. should describe a method for designing an information system in terms of a set of building blocks, and for showing **how the building blocks fit together.**” TOGAF 7
- ▶ For IT architecture.
 - “The TOGAF Technical Reference Model ... **contains all possible services.**
 - **Service bundles** are represented .. in the form of "**Building Blocks**".
 - The IT architect must **analyse the services** actually needed [to] define the set of optimal **solution building block.** TOGAF 7

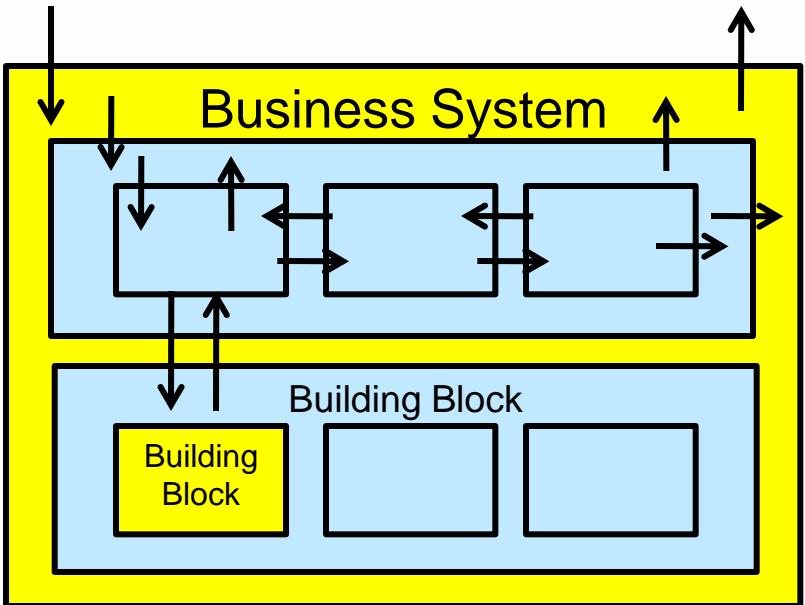
► *... building blocks have to interoperate with other building blocks.”*

- *“An architecture is a set of building blocks depicted in an architectural model,*
- *and a specification of how those building blocks are connected to meet the overall requirements of the business.”*



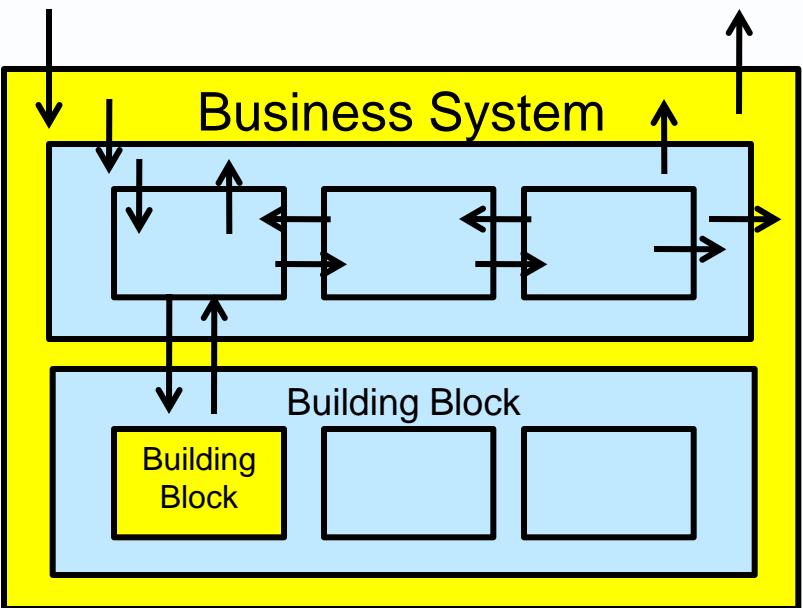
“Building block” in TOGAF chapter 33

- ▶ “has a *defined boundary*”
 - Is encapsulated by IO flows
- ▶ “*recognizable as “a thing” by domain experts*”
 - Is a structure rather than a transient behavior
- ▶ “*may interoperate.*”
 - Building blocks cooperate in a network
- ▶ “*A good building block*
 - *considers implementation and usage, and*
 - *evolves to exploit technology and standards*
 - Is logical, but not divorced from physical reality
 - *may be assembled from other building blocks, and a subassembly of others*
 - may be composed and decomposed in a hierarchical structure
 - *is re-usable and replaceable, and well specified.*”
 - Is a plug and play component



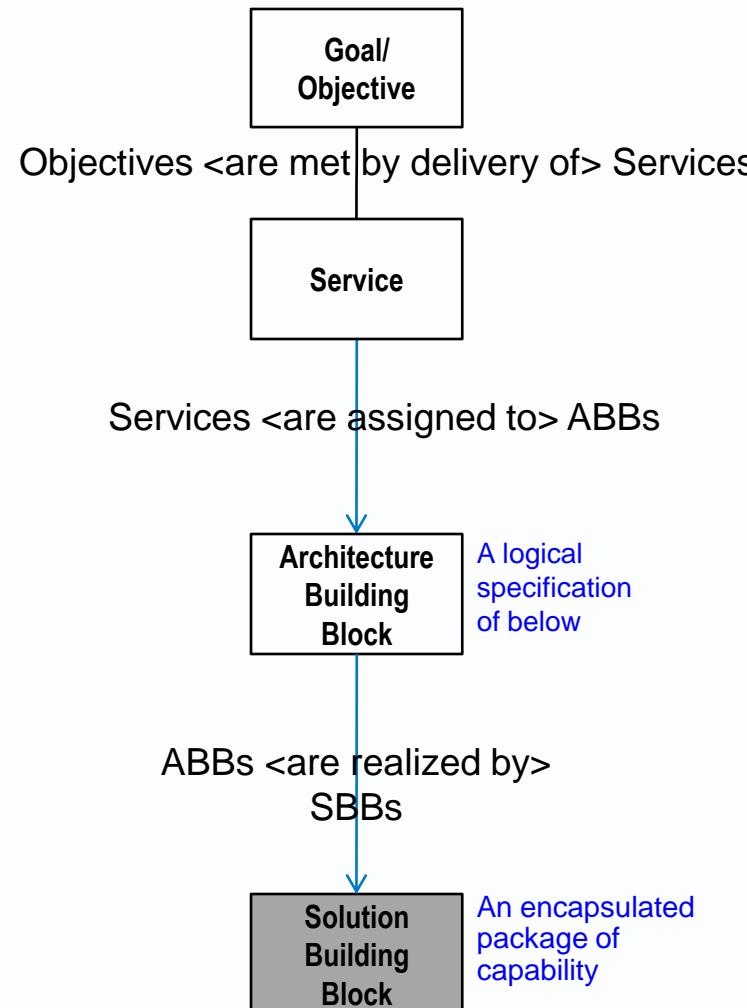
“Building block” in TOGAF chapter 3

- ▶ “a (potentially re-usable) component of enterprise capability
- ▶ can be combined with other building blocks to deliver architectures and solutions.”
- ▶ The granularity varies from situation to situation.
- ▶ A service can be
 - ▶ “coarse-grained (build a house) or
 - ▶ fine-grained (retrieve an address).” (Ch. 3)



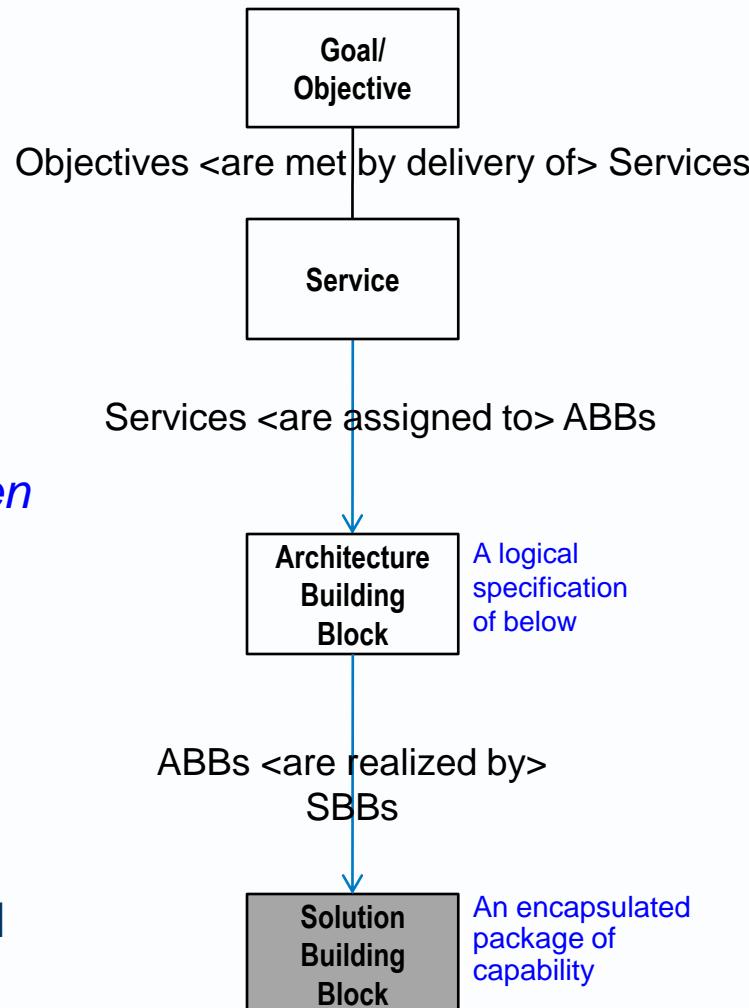
Abstraction by idealisation

- ▶ *“A building block’s boundary and specification should be loosely coupled to its implementation.”* (Ch. 33)
- ▶ *“It should be possible to realize a building block in several different ways without impacting [its] boundary or specification.”* (Ch. 33)

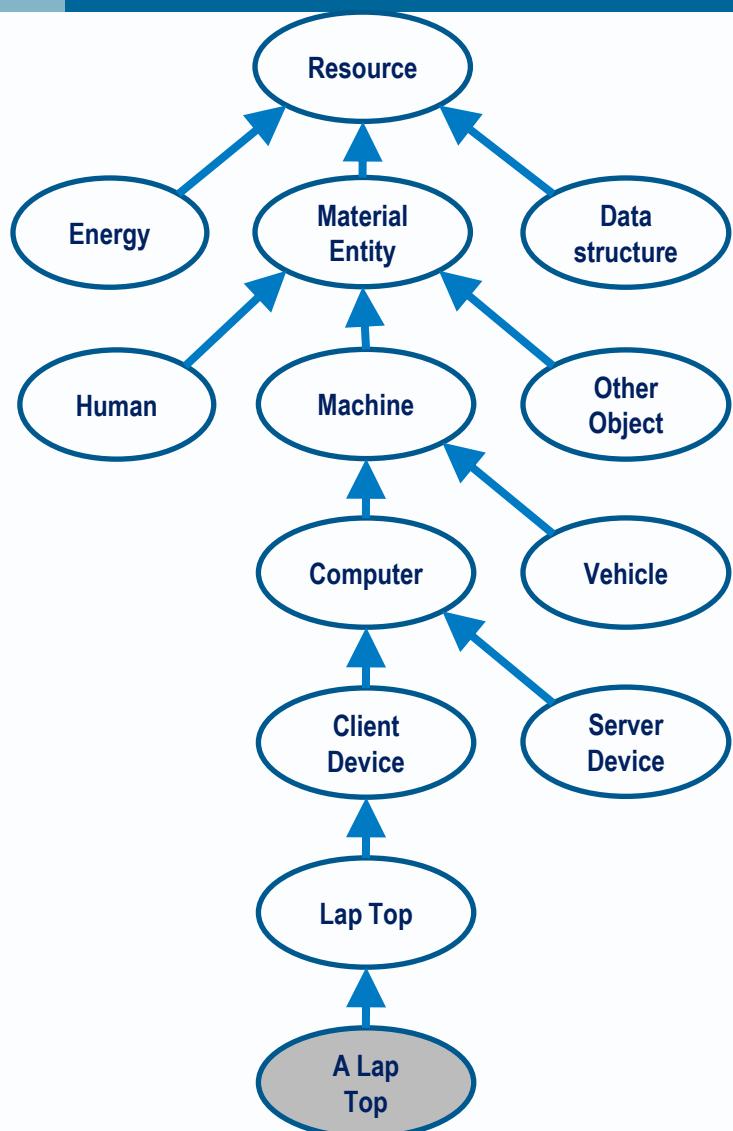


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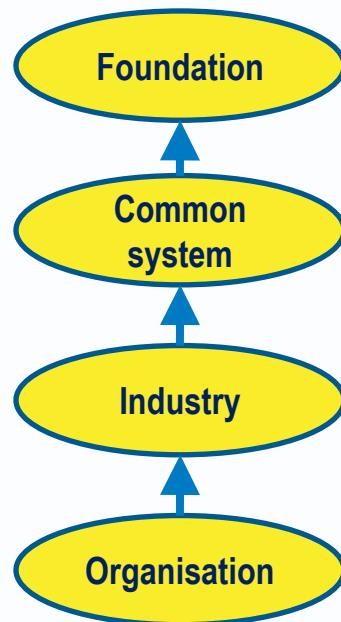
- ▶ *“The major work... consists of identifying the architecture building blocks required to meet the business goals and objectives.*
- ▶ *“The selected set of architecture building blocks is then refined in an iterative process....*
- ▶ *to arrive at a set of solution building blocks which can either be bought off-the-shelf or custom developed.”*
(Ch. 33)
- ▶ IOW: you hire, buy or build physical components to perform the required behaviors assigned to the logical components.



Abstraction by generalisation



TOGAF



- ▶ **Structures perform behaviors**
 - Roles perform Processes? Hmm...
 - Functions perform Services? Hmm...
- ▶ Logical structures only *specify what can perform behaviors*

- ▶ **Behaviors do not perform behaviors**
 - Processes do not perform processes.
 - Services do not perform services.
- ▶ But processes can communicate with each other and access data

