

Formal Community of Practice Charter

Community Name

Enterprise Architecture

Charge

Create a clear and succinct way to communicate the Enterprise Architecture (EA) strategy. Establish criteria that determine what is enterprise and non-enterprise. Define the methodology and terminology for enterprise technology standards, which includes defining a decision-making process, exception process, and guiding principles. Create processes for enforcing EA policies.

Outcomes

To provide an initial foundation for an EA program, the community plans to produce the following deliverables:

- A method for defining enterprise technology standards;
- A list of guiding principles for making technology decisions;
- An outline of EA roles and responsibilities;
- A definition of EA authority and accountability;
- A structure for classifying systems and technologies;
- A process for making decisions and handling exceptions;
- A method for communicating standards and decisions;
- A strategy for adoption and enforcement; and
- A list of EA terminology pertaining to the University of Minnesota's implementation.

Purpose

The EA community has been created to establish the basis of an EA program at the University of Minnesota. The community focuses on establishing a program that ensures that technology solutions deliver the maximum value to university-wide goals. By creating a strong EA program, IT providers will be able to deliver consistent and integrated solutions directly driven by business needs, which will result in increased efficiency and reduced amounts of duplicated effort across providers. The community promotes a collaborative process of creating the program's initial foundation by engaging individuals, inside and outside of IT units, across the University.

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Membership

Group membership is open to the entire University community and is not limited to IT-oriented individuals. Enterprise architecture is driven by the University's mission across all units and benefits from widespread involvement outside of IT.

Life Expectancy

Enterprise architecture is an ongoing effort; however, the EA community is charged with providing the initial foundation for the University's EA program. The community may be discontinued after establishing the methodology and terminology for enterprise-technology standards, defining enterprise-class systems, and developing an EA communication strategy.

Governance Involvement

Provide input into the Governance Process (this is input, not determining the priority)
fCoPs will report back to the Decision Process in the Governance, not to the ITL CoP

Communication Plan

Google group, website, EA updates