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# **Overview of the Revised Standard on Architecture Description – ISO/IEC 42010**

# Agenda



- Context of Architecture Description
- 42010 terms, concepts and definitions
- 42010 conformance and requirements

# Status



## ISO/IEC/IEEE DIS 42010

ed.2 - id.74393 ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 7/WG 42

IEC

IEEE

en Software, systems and enterprise – Architecture description

fr Logiciels, systèmes et entreprise – Description d'architecture

✓ Started 2017  
✓ Near final draft 2021



Stage	Version	Description	Target date	Limit date	Started	Status
60.60		International Standard published	2021-10-13	2022-02-21		Awaiting

19 July 2021

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# Results of the DIS Ballot



## Result of ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010.DIS ballot

P-Members voting: 19 in favour out of 21 = 90 % (requirement  $\geq 66.66\%$ )  
(P-Members having abstained are not counted in this vote.)

Member bodies voting: 2 negative votes out of 21 = 10 % (requirement  $\leq 25\%$ )

**Result: DIS Ballot was Approved**

*Expected Publication  
by Late 2021*

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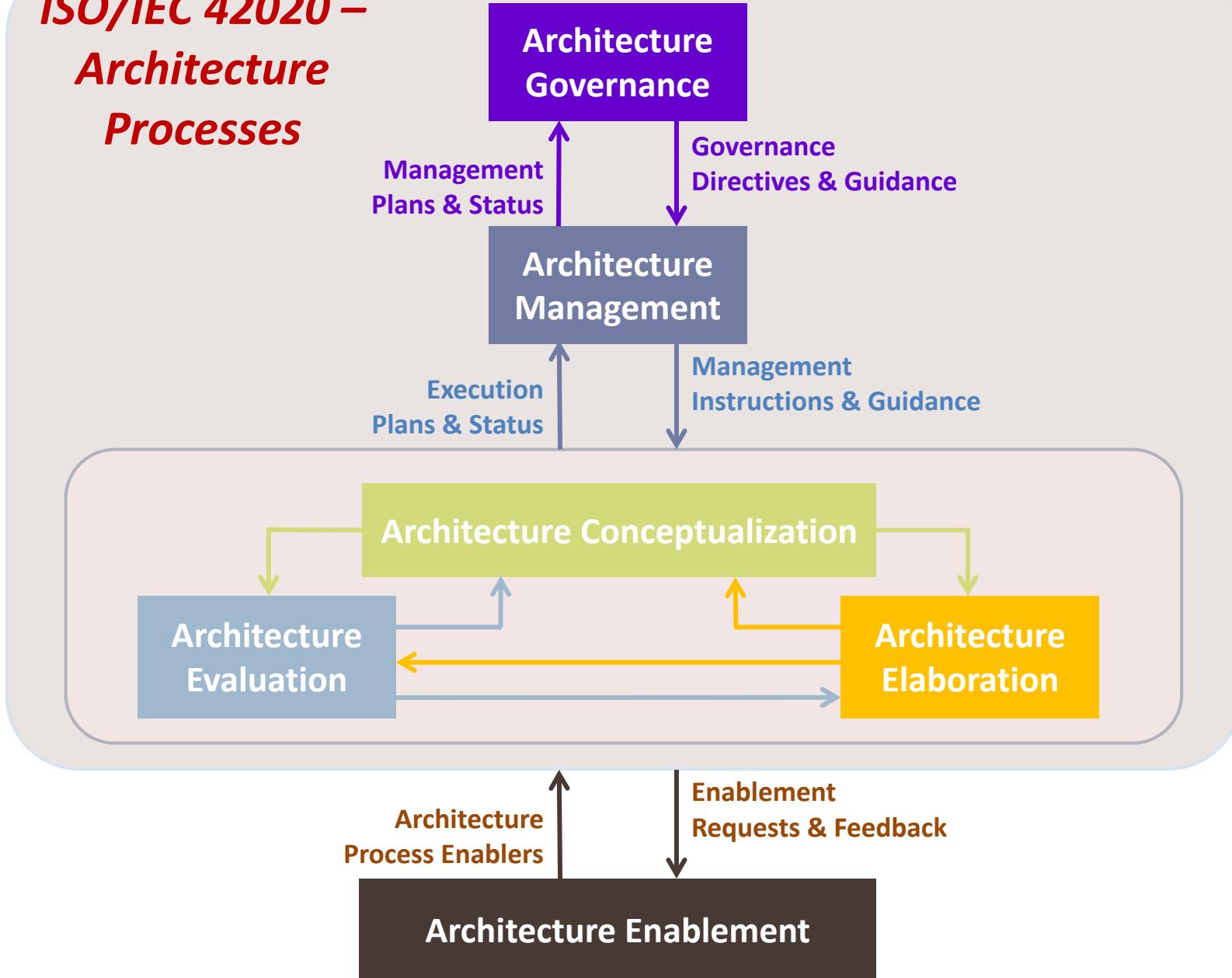


Reviewers	Comments
Australia	10
ISO CS	44
France	36
IEEE	166
INCOSE	601
India	62
IPR (IEEE)	88
Japan	6
<b>OMG</b>	<b>34</b>
USA	53
WG1	143
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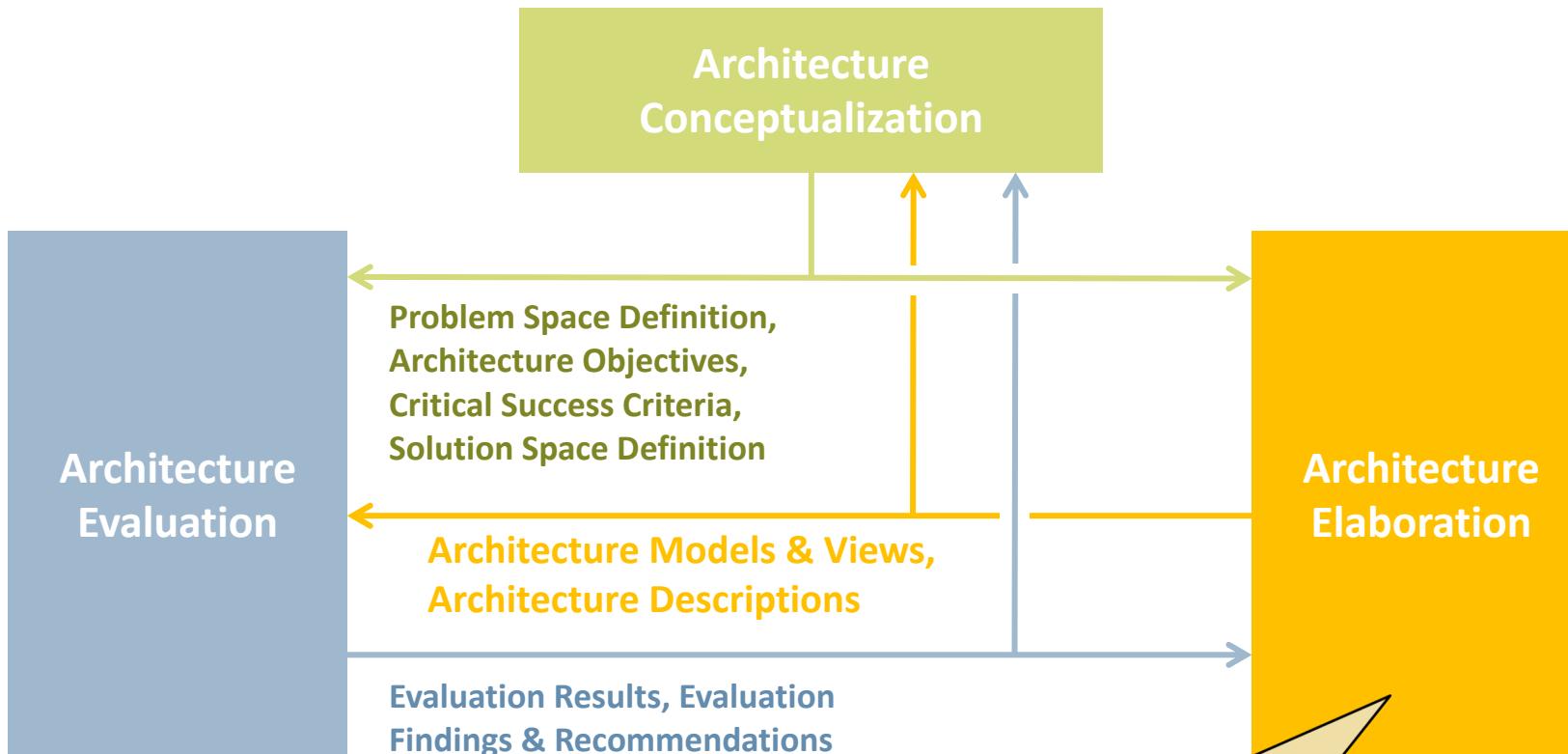
Type of cmts	Comments
General Ed.	20
Editorial	681
General Tech	1
Technical	539
N/A	2
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General	0	23
Header	1	6
Foreword	63	20
Introduction	129	45
1 Scope	164	39
2 Normative references	191	0
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## ISO/IEC 42020 – Architecture Processes



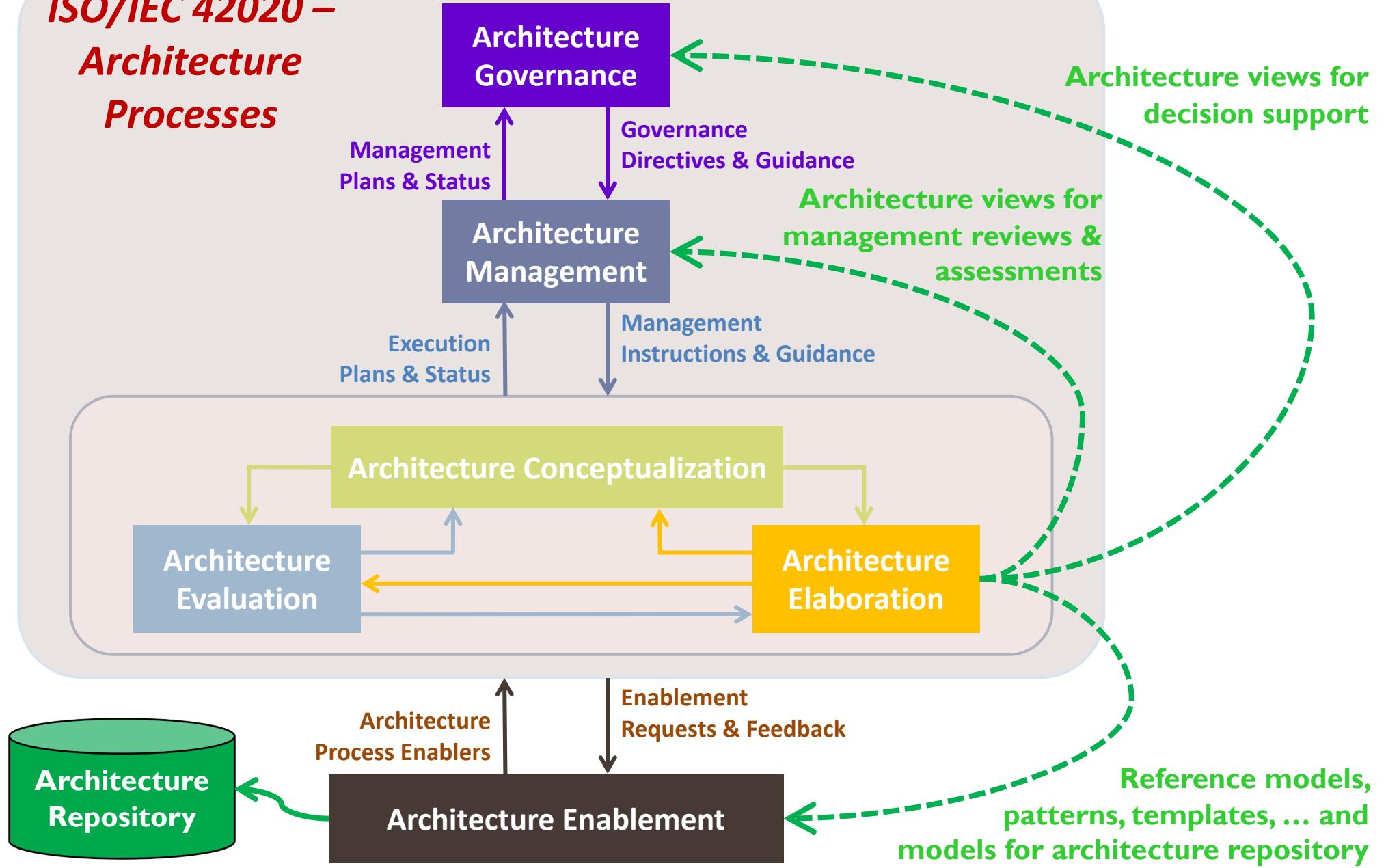
# Interactions Between the Core Architecture Processes



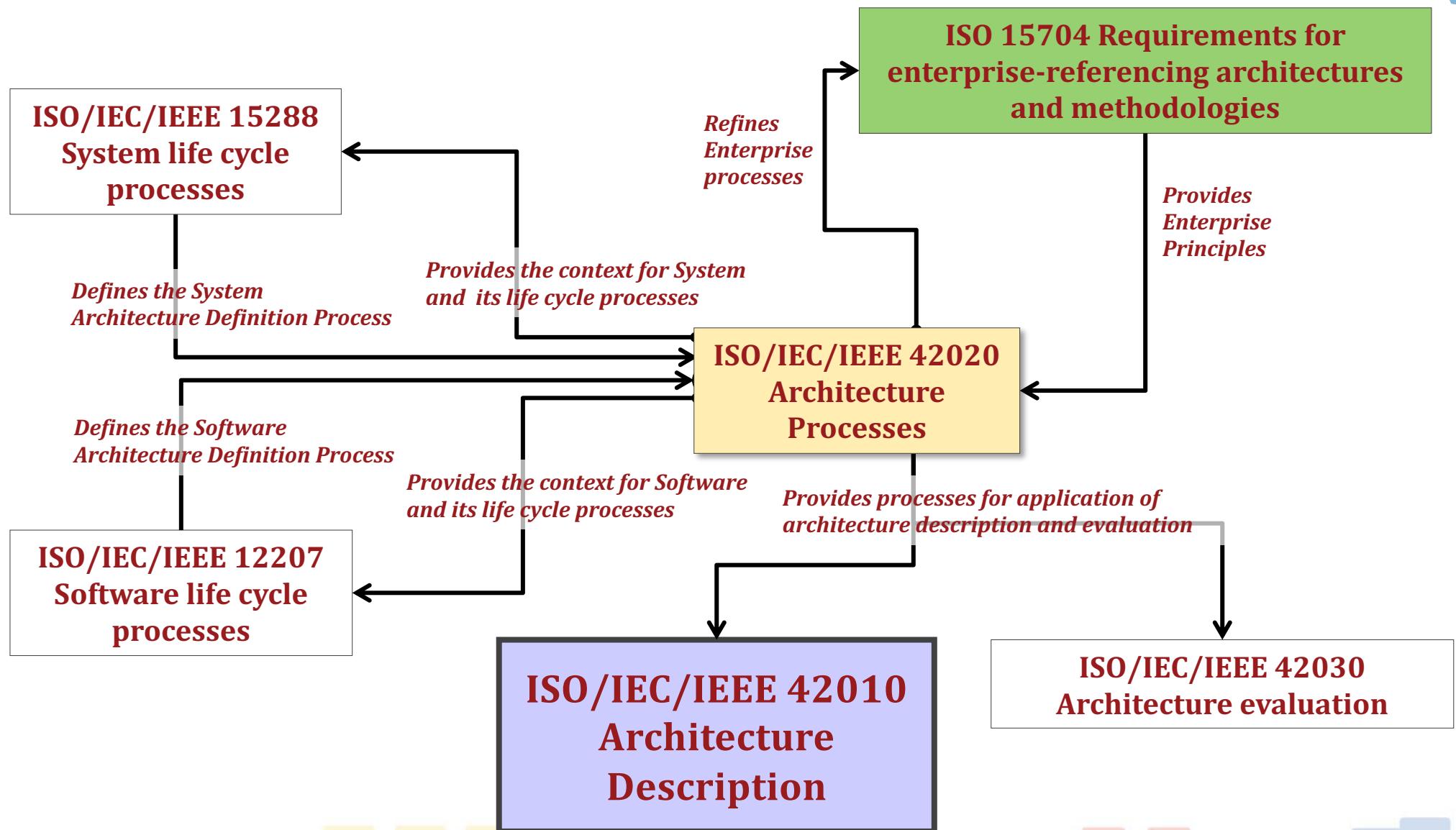
**Where ISO 42010  
Mainly Applies**

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## ISO/IEC 42020 – Architecture Processes



# ISO 42010 context

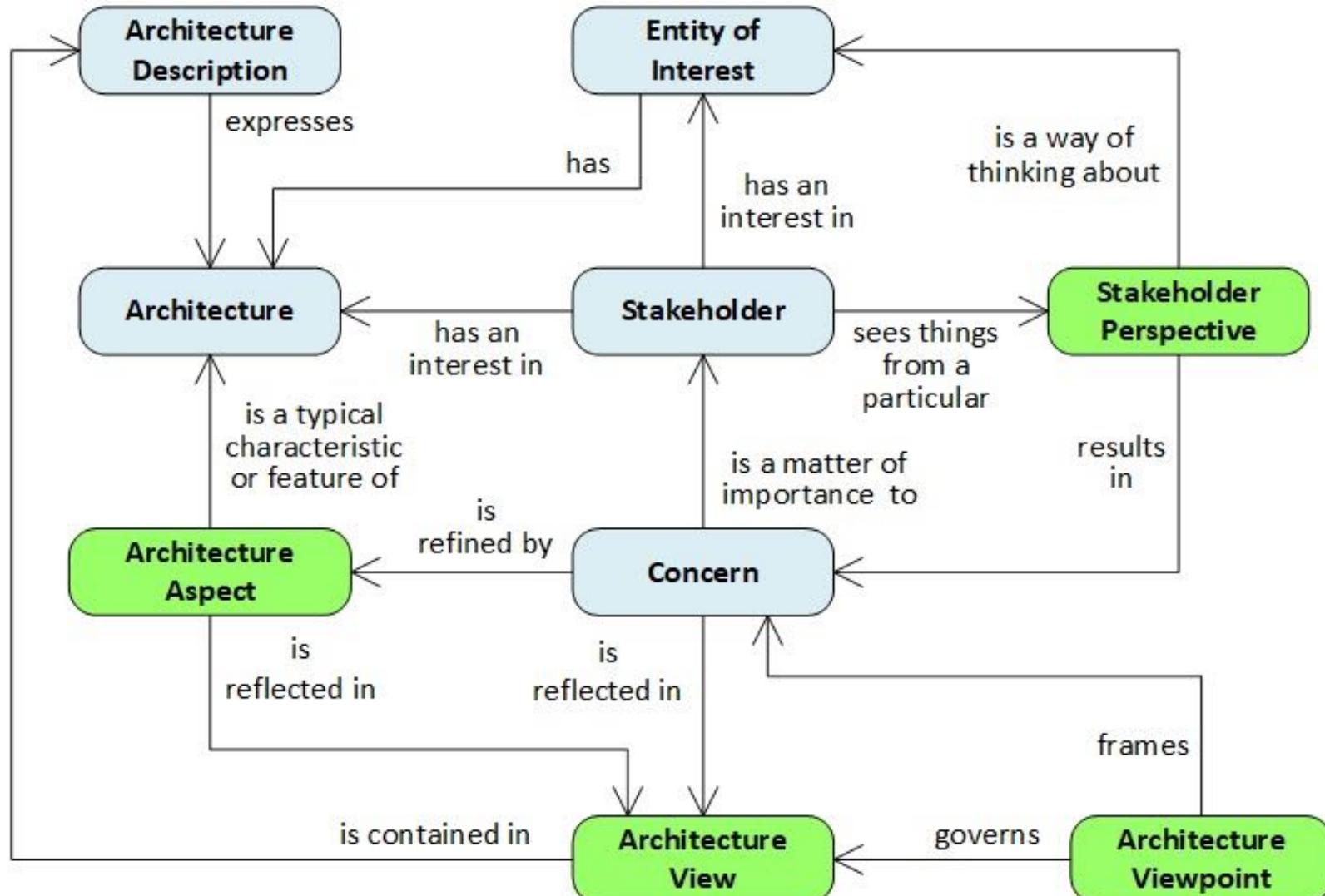


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# ISO 42010 – Architecture Description

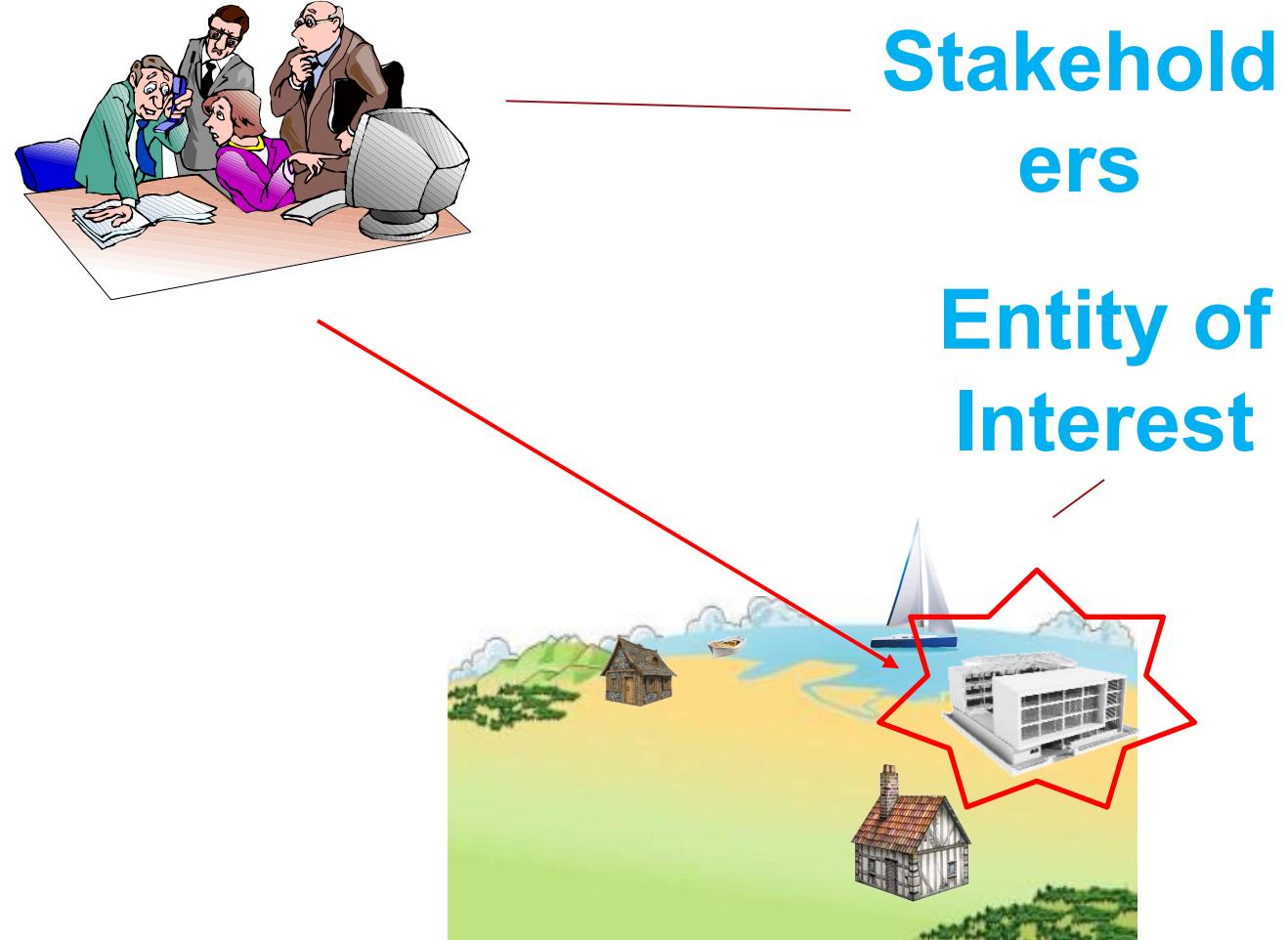


# Setting the scene



The architecting work starts with the current or future reality.

Considering an entity of interest  
...and a set of stakeholders.



# Key concepts and definitions (1/2)



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Architecture

fundamental **concepts** or **properties** related to an entity in its environment and governing **principles** for the realization and evolution of this entity and its related life cycle processes

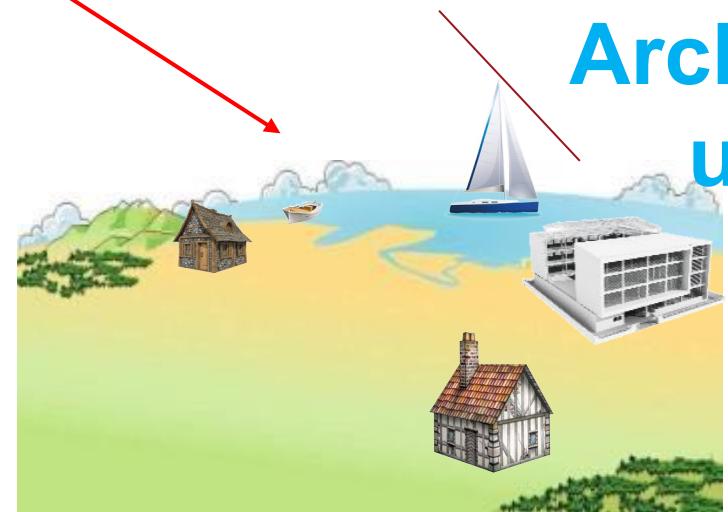


## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Architecting

conceiving, defining, expressing, documenting, communicating, certifying proper implementation of, maintaining and improving an architecture throughout the life cycle of an entity of interest

**Stakeholders**

**Entity of Interest..has an Architecture**



# Key concepts and definitions (2/2)



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Stakeholder

role, position, individual, organization or classes thereof, having an interest, right, share, or claim, in an entity or its architecture



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Concern

matter of relevance or importance regarding an entity of interest to a stakeholder

*Examples: How is the system maintained?*

*What system behaviors are safety-critical? Can the entity of interest achieve compliance with national regulations?*

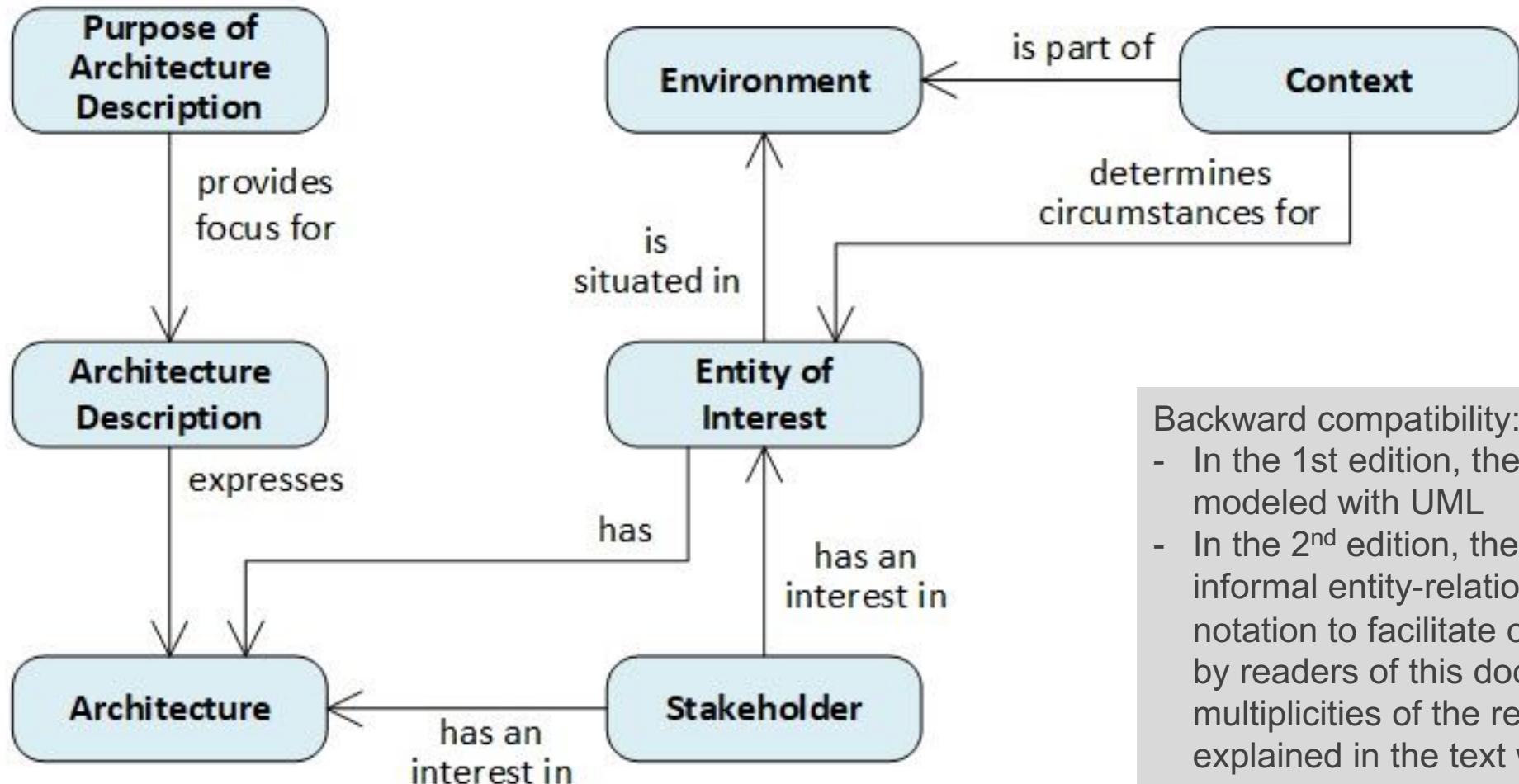
## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Architecture Description

work product used to express an architecture

Stakeholders ... have interest in Entity of Interest



# Concepts and relationships



Backward compatibility:

- In the 1<sup>st</sup> edition, the figures are modeled with UML
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, the figures use an informal entity-relationship diagram notation to facilitate comprehension by readers of this document. The multiplicities of the relationships are explained in the text when necessary.

Regarding this diagram:

In the 1<sup>st</sup> edition, zero or more “systems” “exhibit” zero or more “architecture”

# Key architectural description concepts



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Viewpoint

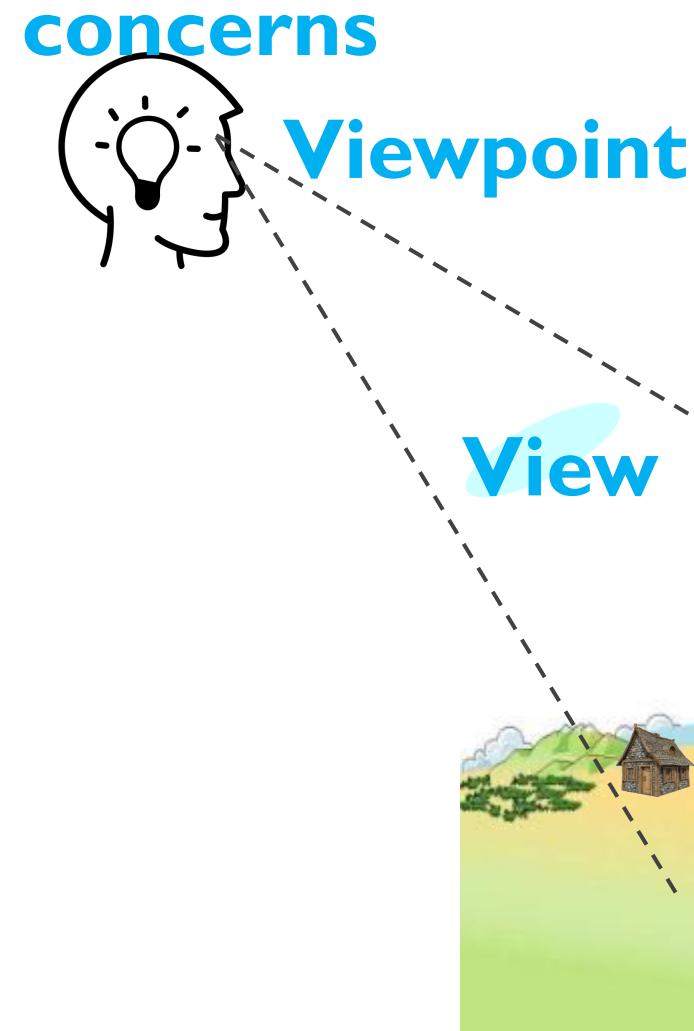
conventions for the creation, interpretation and use of an architecture view to frame one or more concerns

Examples: *buyer viewpoint, builder viewpoint, user viewpoint*

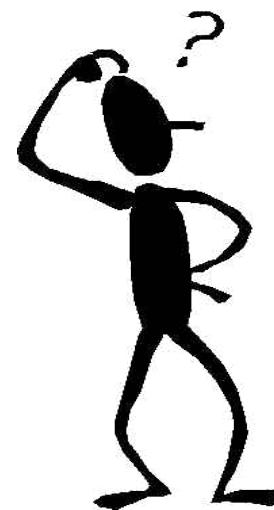
## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] View

information item comprising part of an architecture description that expresses the architecture of an entity of interest and that is governed by an architecture viewpoint

**Note:** *Viewpoint Specification is the set of requirements for the conventions of a viewpoint*

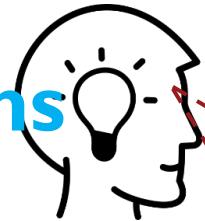


# Key architectural description concepts



**Acquirer**

**concerns**



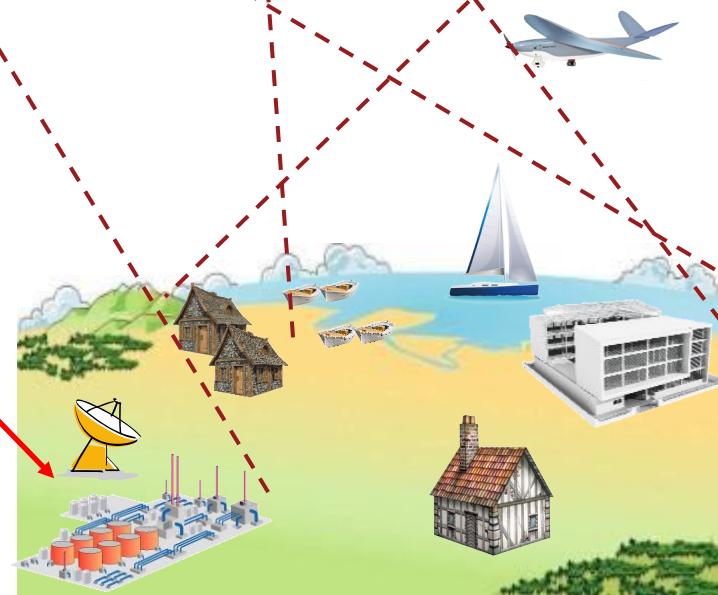
**Other**



**Provider**



*Not seen here  
(e.g. another  
project)*



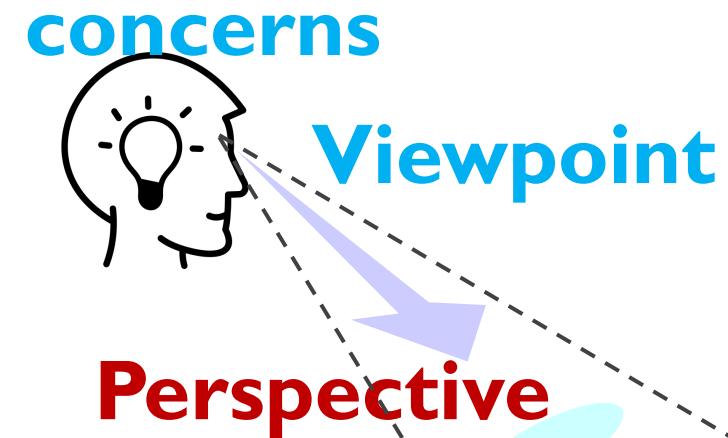
# Key architectural description concepts



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Stakeholder **Perspective**

way of thinking about an entity, especially as it relates to concerns

Examples: *Viability, cost, risk, usability or operability, legal compliance, ease of maintenance, market acceptability, market share, ease of implementation*



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Architecture **Aspect**

part of an entity's character or nature

...that deals with particular concerns within an architecture, capturing key characteristics or features of the entity of interest

Examples: *Functional & Structural aspects of an Architecture, Informational & Parametric aspects*

Also, *Connectivity, Evolution, Traceability, Taxonomy, Motivation (eg, Requirements, Policy), Location, Timelines*

# Unified Architecture Method (UAM)

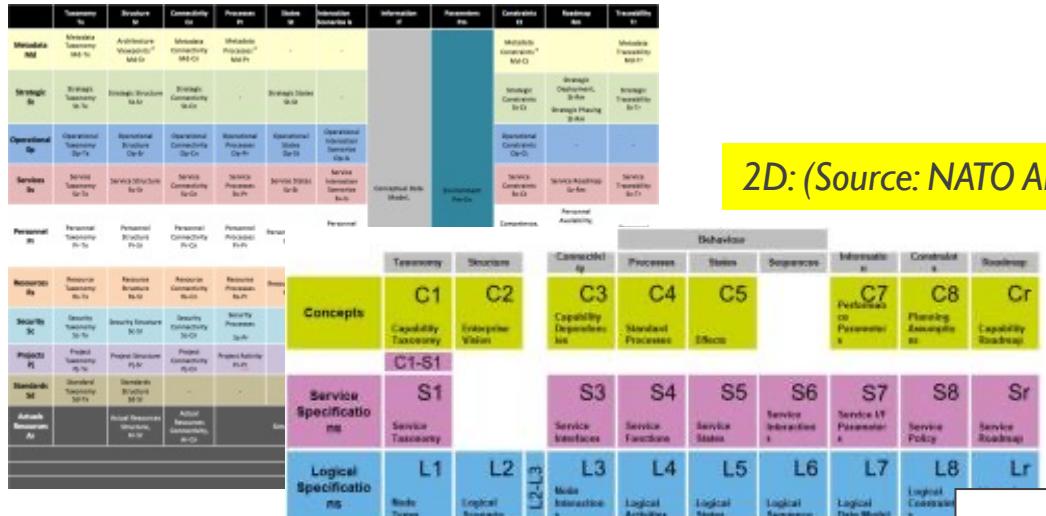


Perspective	Aspect			
	Data	Activity	Location	People
■ Business	A icon showing four blue document-like shapes connected by lines, representing entities in a business context.	A icon showing four light blue rectangular boxes connected by lines, representing processes in a business context.	A icon showing four blue building-like shapes connected by lines, representing locations in a business context.	A icon showing a blue stick figure and a blue box connected by a line, representing roles in a business context.
□ Logical	A icon showing four yellow grid-like shapes connected by lines, representing entities in a logical context.	A icon showing four yellow rectangular boxes connected by lines, representing processes in a logical context.	A icon showing two yellow building-like shapes with an orange curved arrow between them, representing locations in a logical context.	A icon showing a yellow stick figure and a yellow box connected by a line, representing roles in a logical context.
■ Technical	A icon showing four green document-like shapes connected by lines, representing entities in a technical context.	A icon showing four green rectangular boxes connected by lines, representing processes in a technical context.	A icon showing two green cylinder-like shapes with a green curved arrow between them, representing locations in a technical context.	A icon showing a green stick figure and a green box connected by a line, representing roles in a technical context.

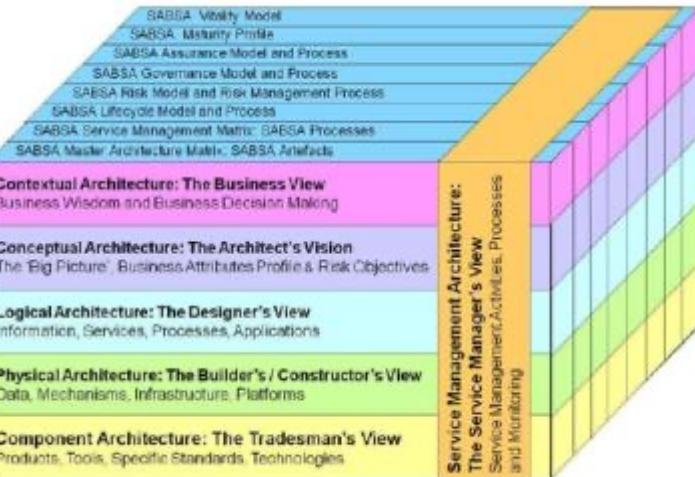
# AD Frameworks with multi-dimensional approaches



2D: (Source: OMG/Unified Architecture Framework) (UAF)



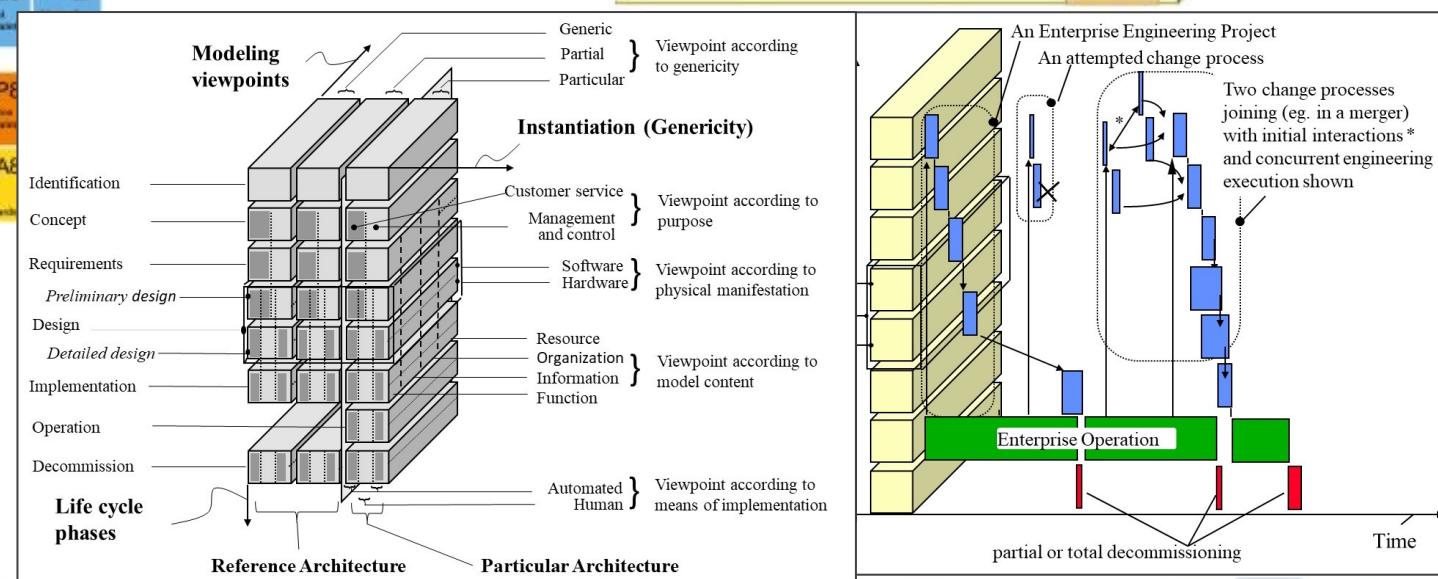
3D: (Source: Sherwood Applied Business Security Architecture (SABSA) institute)



2D: (Source: NATO Architecture Framework)

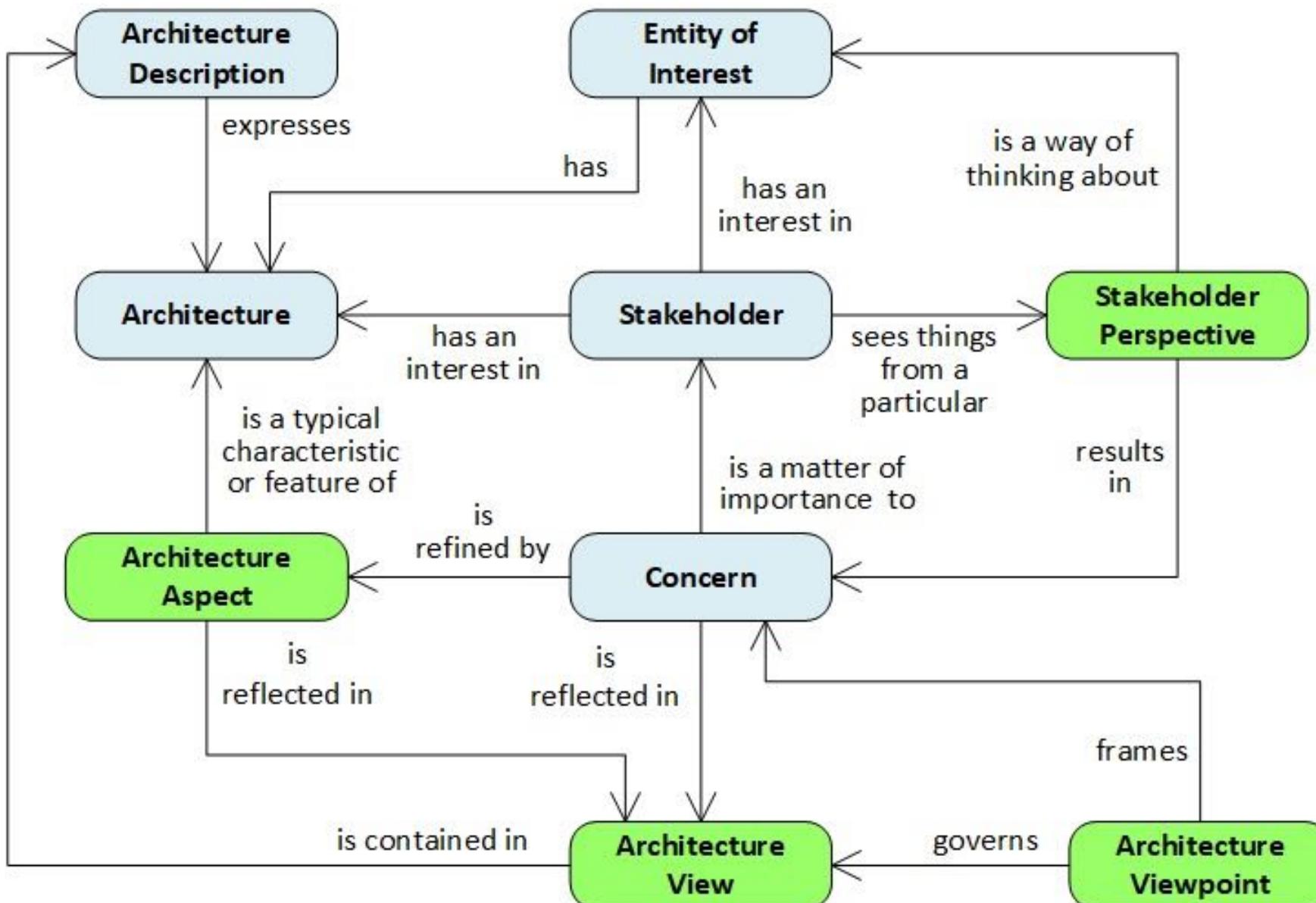


2D: (Source: Zachman Framework)



4D: (Source: ISO 15704 Ed2 (Generalized Enterprise Reference Architecture and Methodology))

# Other relationships



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## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] View Component

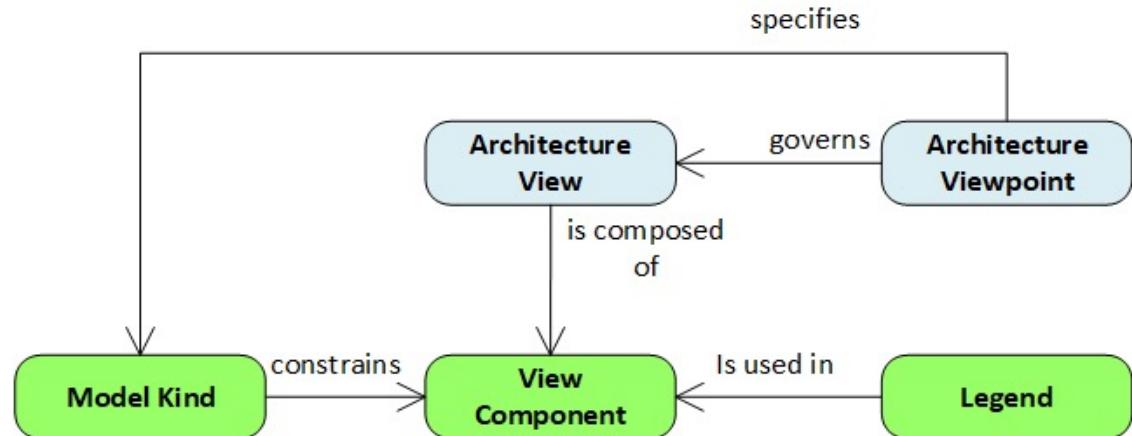
separable portion of one or more architecture views that is governed by the applicable model kind or legend

*Example: an architecture view component describing an activity can be used in several views of an architecture description to explain functional flows, behaviors and security features of an entity.*

## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Model Kind

category of model distinguished by its key characteristics and modeling conventions

*Examples: Functional models, structural models, performance models, geopolitical models, cost models, and economic models.*



**42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition]** : A legend denotes the category of explanations or interpretations.

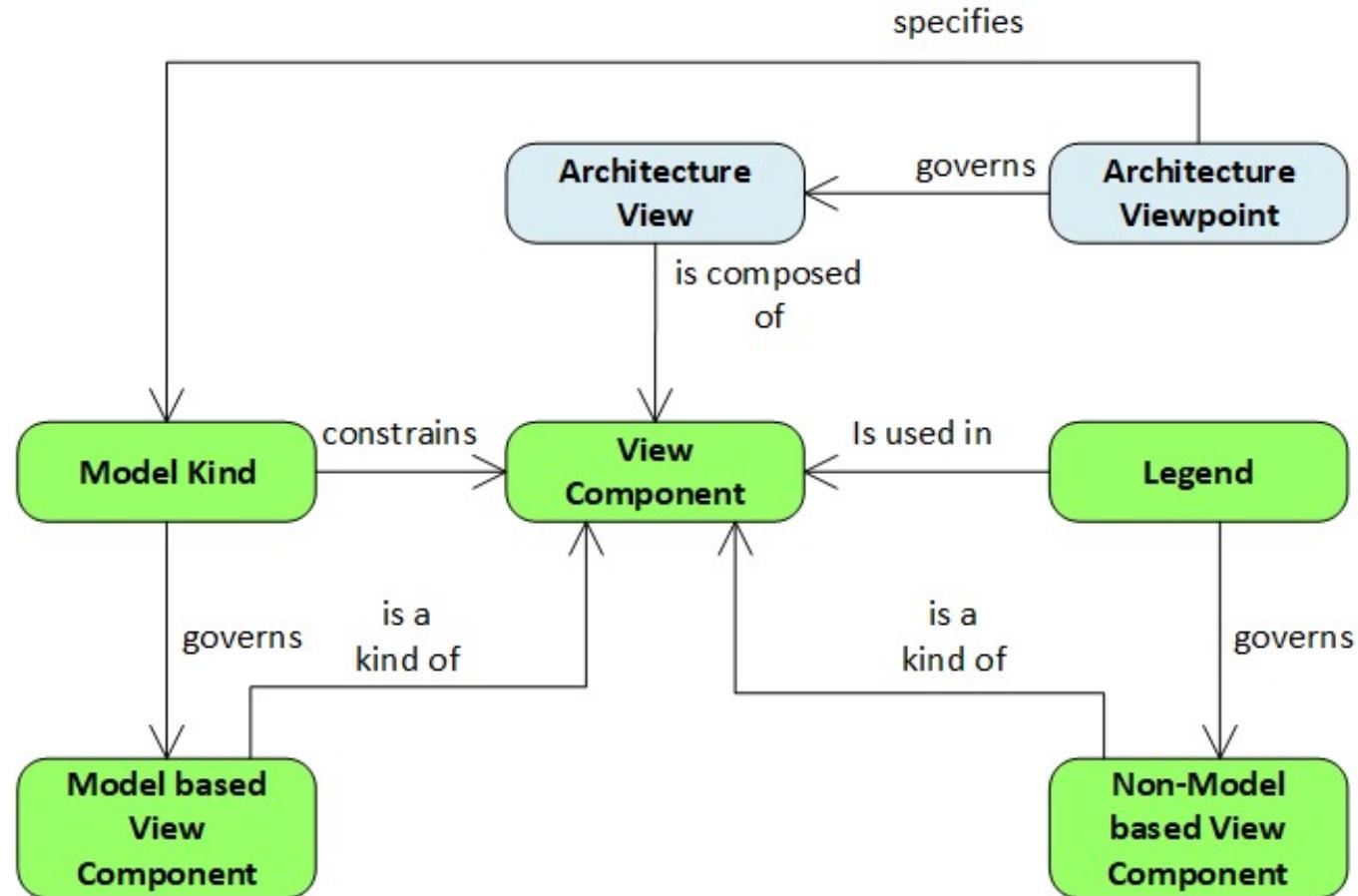
# View Components



42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] does not prescribe the level of formality of view components to be used in an AD. While **model-based view components** that have a formal specification of semantics and syntax may be less ambiguous, **non-model based view components** can also be used effectively.

## Non-model based View examples:

- Narrative that goes with a behavior diagram
- Use Case template filled in
- List of responsibilities
- List of locations



# Correspondences



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] Correspondence

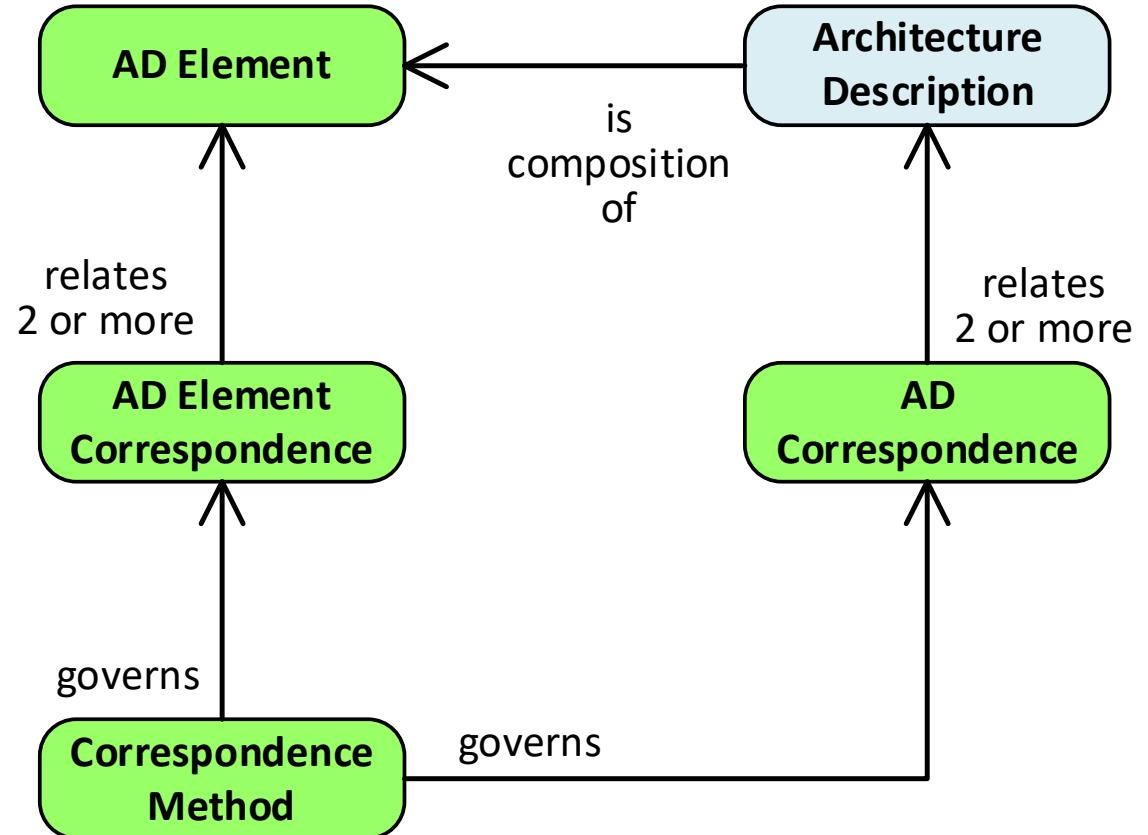
relationship between architecture description elements or between architecture descriptions

Examples: Correspondences can include a wide range of relationship types, such as equivalence, composition, refinement, consistency, traceability, dependency, constraint, satisfaction, and obligation.

## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] AD element

part of an architecture description that expresses concepts or properties of the architecture

Note to entry: AD elements include stakeholders, concerns, perspectives, aspects, identified in an AD and views, view components, viewpoints and model kinds included in an AD



An AD can be an AD element in another architecture.

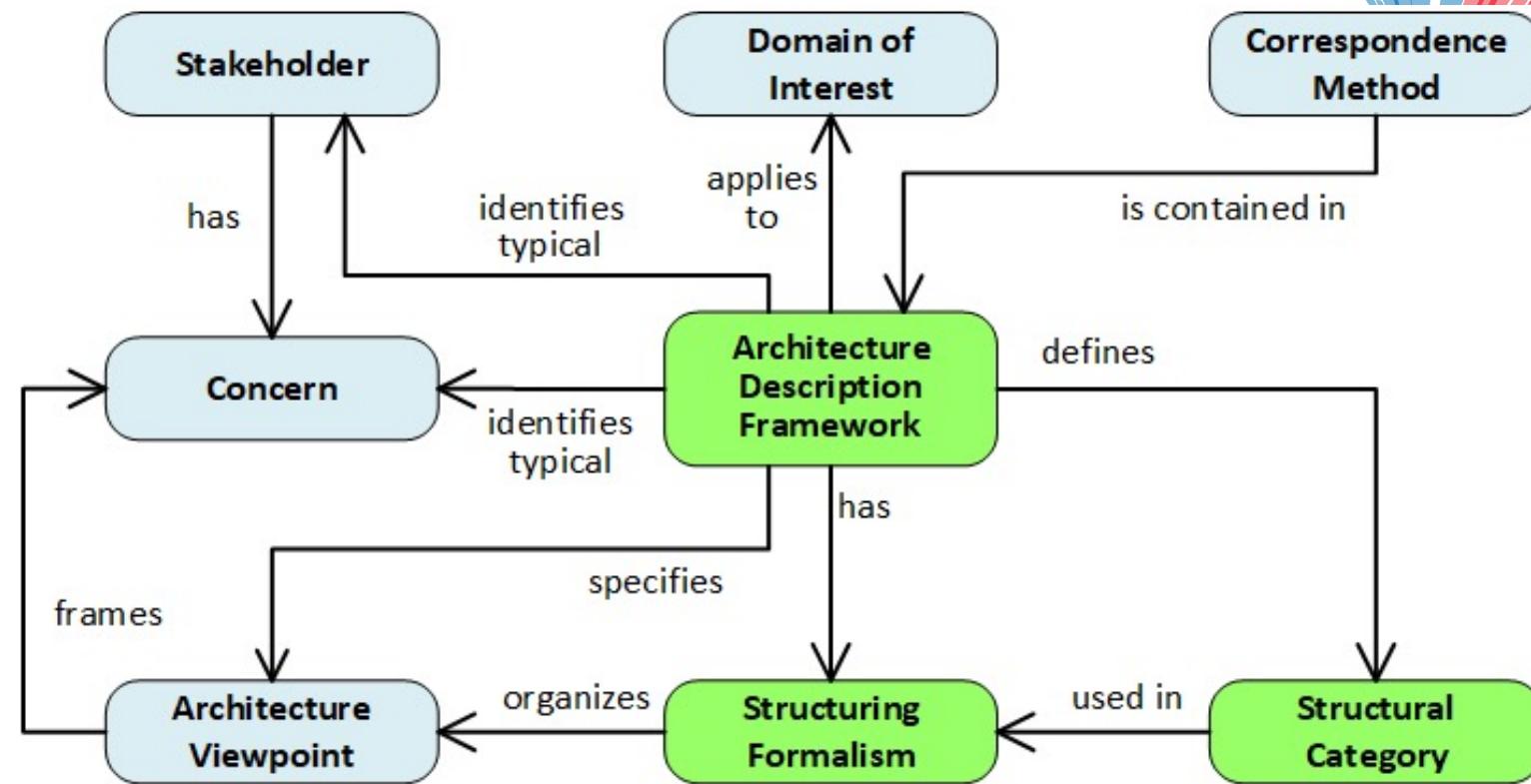
# Architecture Description (AD) Frameworks



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] AD Framework

conventions, principles and practices for the description of architectures established within a specific domain of application or community of stakeholders

Examples: GERAM Framework, RM-ODP, UAF, DODAF, NAF



## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition]

- **Structuring formalism** is a set of rules for using architecture considerations and correspondences between them, to organize the architecture viewpoints used to generate associated views, e.g. a grid framework
- An ADF can define **structural categories** used in the structuring formalism. Sometimes these categories are represented by “dimensions” in a graphic portrayal, such as the rows and columns used in several frameworks, e.g. Zachman, UAF and NAF.

# Architecture Description (AD) Languages



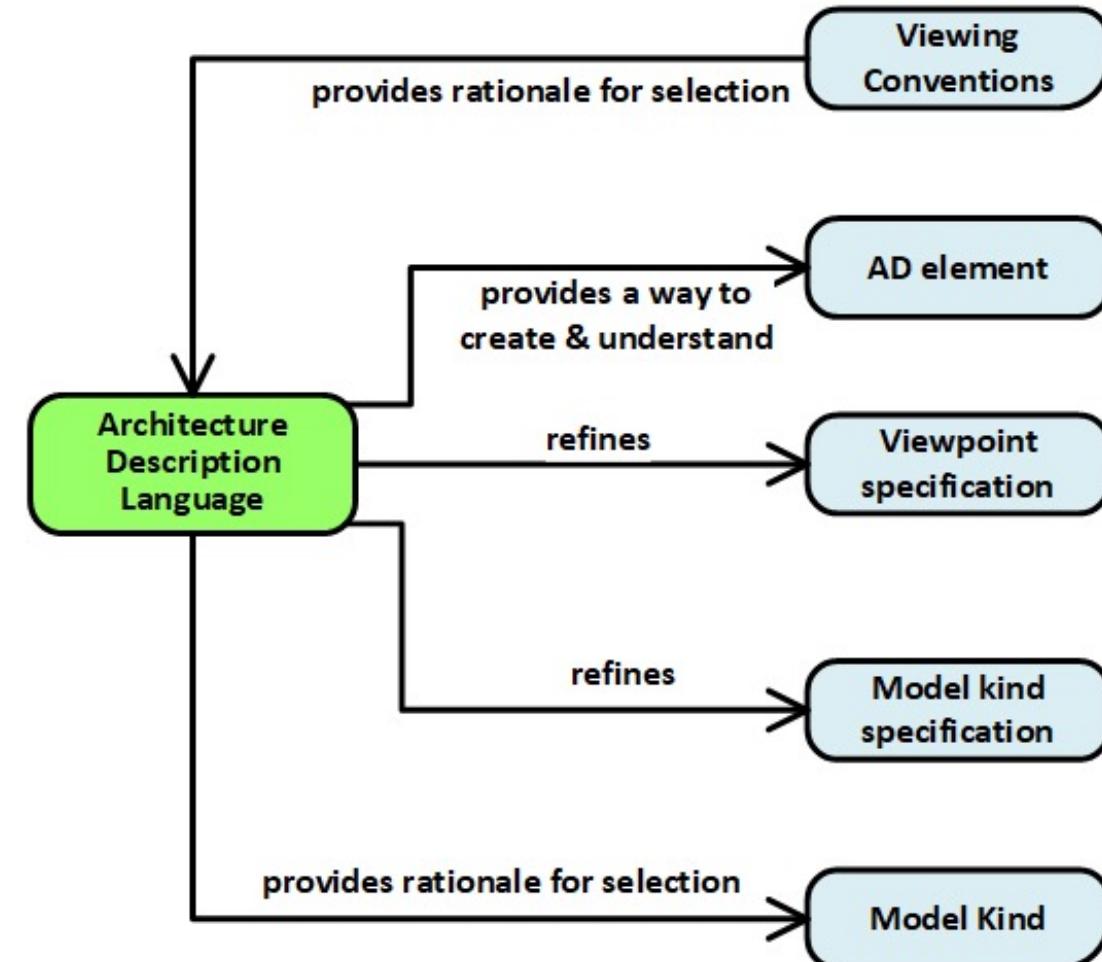
## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition] AD Language

means of expression, with syntax and semantics, consisting of a set of representations, conventions, and associated rules intended to be used to describe an architecture

Examples: AADL, ArchiMate, SysML, UML, UAF Profile

## 42010 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition]

- **Viewing conventions** can include languages, notations, specifications of model kinds, metamodel classes and relationships, and view construction methods expressing design rules, modeling methods, analysis techniques and other operations on views.

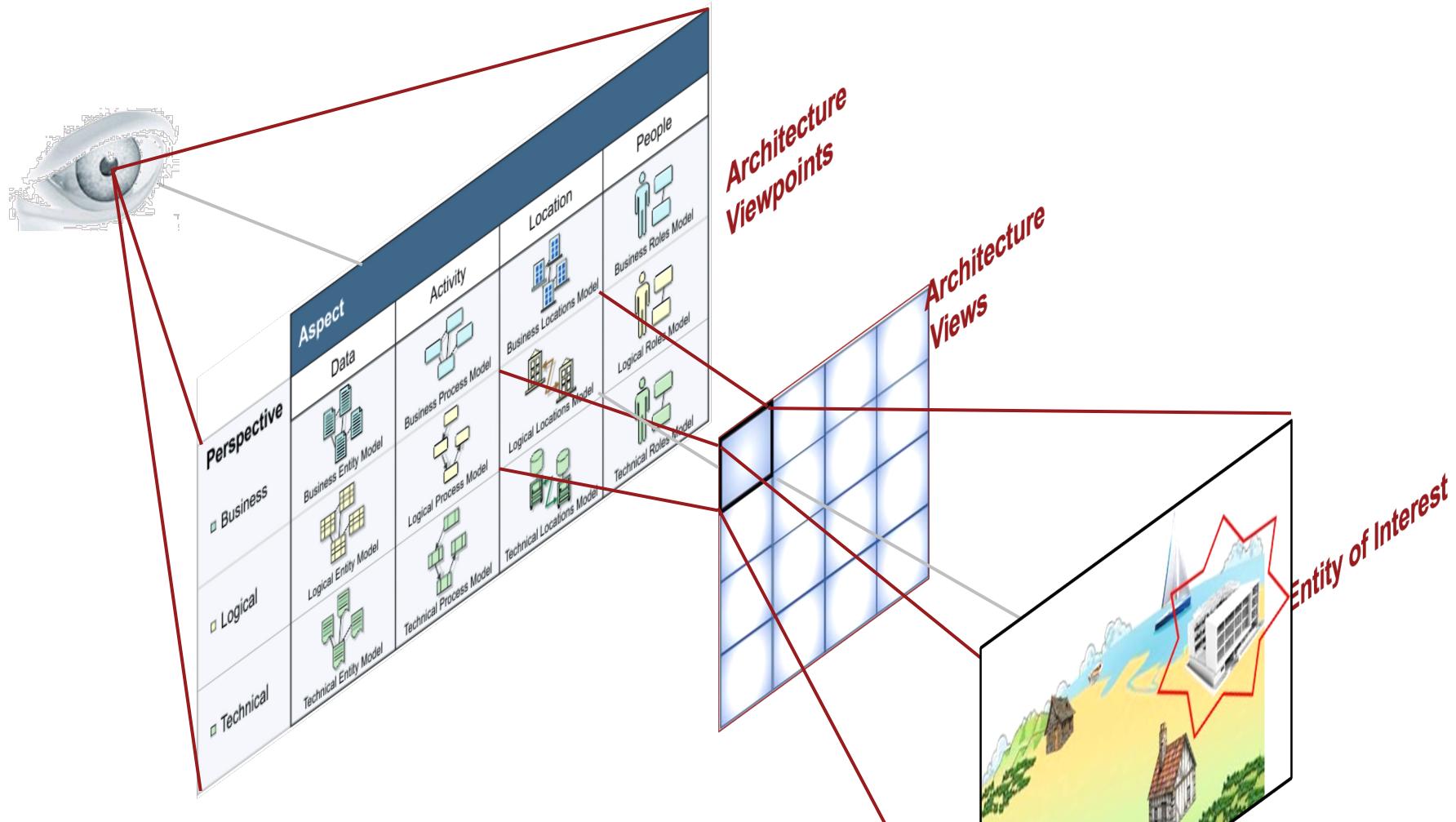


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# Summary of the 42010 concepts



Adapted from a UAM presentation

# Conformance



- Five situations in which claims of conformance with the provisions of ISO/IEC/IEEE will apply:
  - Architecture Description
  - Architecture Description Framework
  - Architecture Description Language
  - Architecture Viewpoint
  - Model Kind

For each item, the claim shall demonstrate that the specification of this item meets the 42010 requirements related to this items.

- NOTE 42010 is designed such that “tailoring” is neither required nor permitted for its use when claims of conformance are made

# Specification of an Architecture Description (AD)



**Specification of an AD includes or references the following items:**

- **AD identification**, overview and supplementary information;
- identification of the entity of interest's **stakeholders**;
- identification of the relevant **concerns**;
- identification of the relevant **architecture aspects**;
- identification of the relevant **stakeholder perspectives**;
- a definition or a reference for each **architecture viewpoint** used in the AD;
- architecture **view(s)** for each architecture viewpoint used;
- architecture **view component(s)** that are shared across the architecture views;
- a record of known **inconsistencies** among the AD's required contents;
- applicable **AD correspondences** and AD correspondence methods;
- applicable **AD element correspondences** and AD elements correspondence methods;
- **rationales** for architecture decisions made.

Note: in a project, Specification of an AD also includes or refer applicable architecting **stages, domains, key concepts, key features, and applicable principles**.

# Specification of an Architecture Description Framework (ADF)



## Specification of an **ADF** shall include or reference :

- information **identifying** the ADF and its intended scope of applicability;
- the identification of one or more **typical stakeholders**;
- the identification of one or more **typical concerns** held by typical stakeholders;
- the identification of one or more **architecture aspects**, if applicable;
- the identification of one or more **stakeholder perspectives**, if applicable;
- the definition of one or more **structuring formalism** to organize viewpoints;
- the specification of one or more **architecture viewpoints** that frame those typical concerns;
- the specification of one or more **model kinds** that apply to these architecture viewpoints, if applicable;
- the definition of one or more **legends** that apply to these architecture viewpoints, if applicable;
- identification of **ADLs** that can be used to create views;
- any applicable **correspondence methods**;
- any applicable **view methods**.

# Specification of an Architecture Description Language (ADL)



## Specification of an **ADL** shall include or reference :

- the identification of one or more **viewing conventions** to be selected by the ADL;
- one or more **model kinds** implemented by the ADL which frame the relevant concerns or reflect the relevant architecture aspects;
- any architecture **viewpoints** implemented by the ADL;
- **correspondence methods**;
- one or more **view methods**.

An ADL **may** identify one or more **typical stakeholders** and their **concerns**.

# Specification of an Architecture Viewpoint



## Specification of an **architecture viewpoint** shall include or reference:

- one or more **concerns** framed by this architecture viewpoint;
- any **perspectives** associated with this viewpoint;
- one or more **aspects** refining those concerns;
- known **typical stakeholders** holding those concerns which are framed by this architecture viewpoint;
- a specification of each **model kind and legend** used by this viewpoint;
- references to **any sources**.

A specification of an architecture viewpoint **should identify view methods** used to create, interpret or analyze views governed by the associated architecture viewpoint; and one or more model kind.

# Specification of an Model Kind



## Specification of a **Model Kind** shall include or reference:

- a) one or more architecture **concerns, perspectives and aspects**;
- b) definition of a **language, notation, convention, or modelling technique** comprising the model kind;
- c) any **view methods** to be used on view components of this kind;
- d) **any sources**.

Note: Item **b)** can be met in a number of ways such as with a **metamodel, grammar or template** for the specification of a model kind that defines the structure and interpretation of its models.

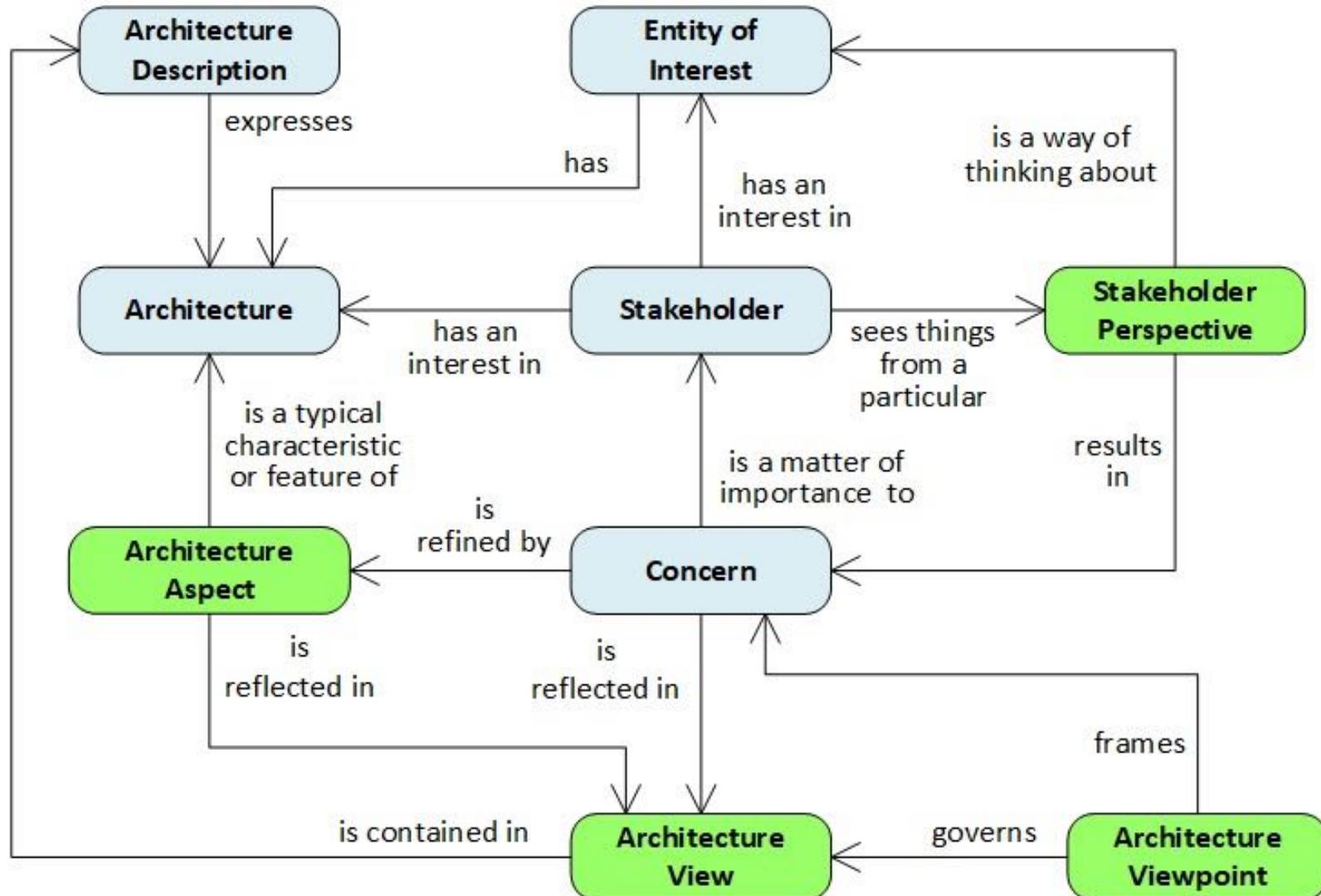
# Additional notes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition



- Annex A extends the concepts with:
  - Architecture Aspects and Perspectives
  - Some others consideration of architecture views, architecture viewpoints and their specification (UAF example)
- New annexes describe:
  - D: A few uses of ADs throughout the life cycle of their entities of interest
  - E: Architecture life cycles and AD life cycles
  - F: Architecture Description Frameworks usage of architecture concepts

Note: in Annex D, item g) of clause D.2 describes that an AD can be used to specify “a group or family of entities sharing common features (such as could be codified as a **reference architecture**, reference model or product line architecture)”).

# ISO 42010 – Architecture Description

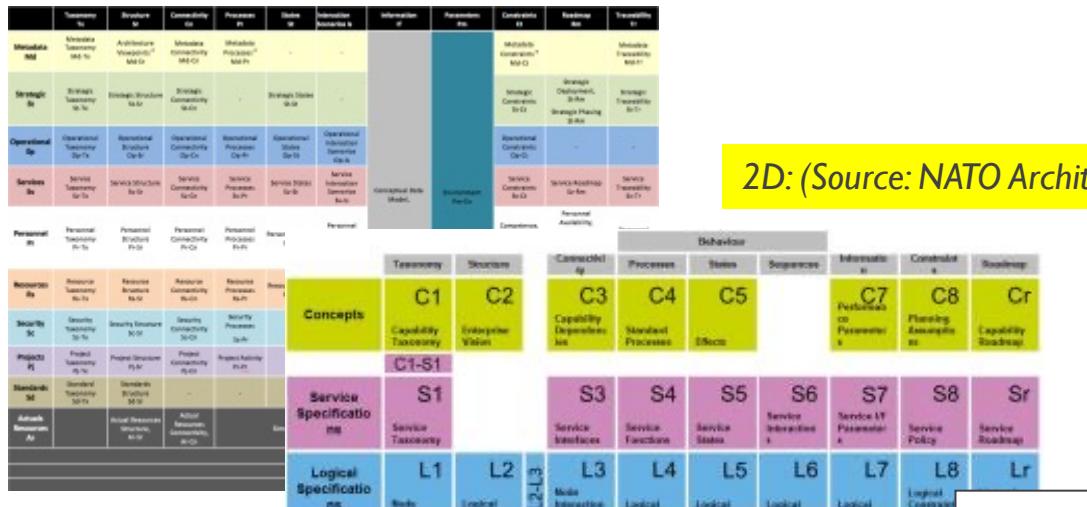




# ANNEX - ADFs

# AD Frameworks propose multi-dimensional approaches

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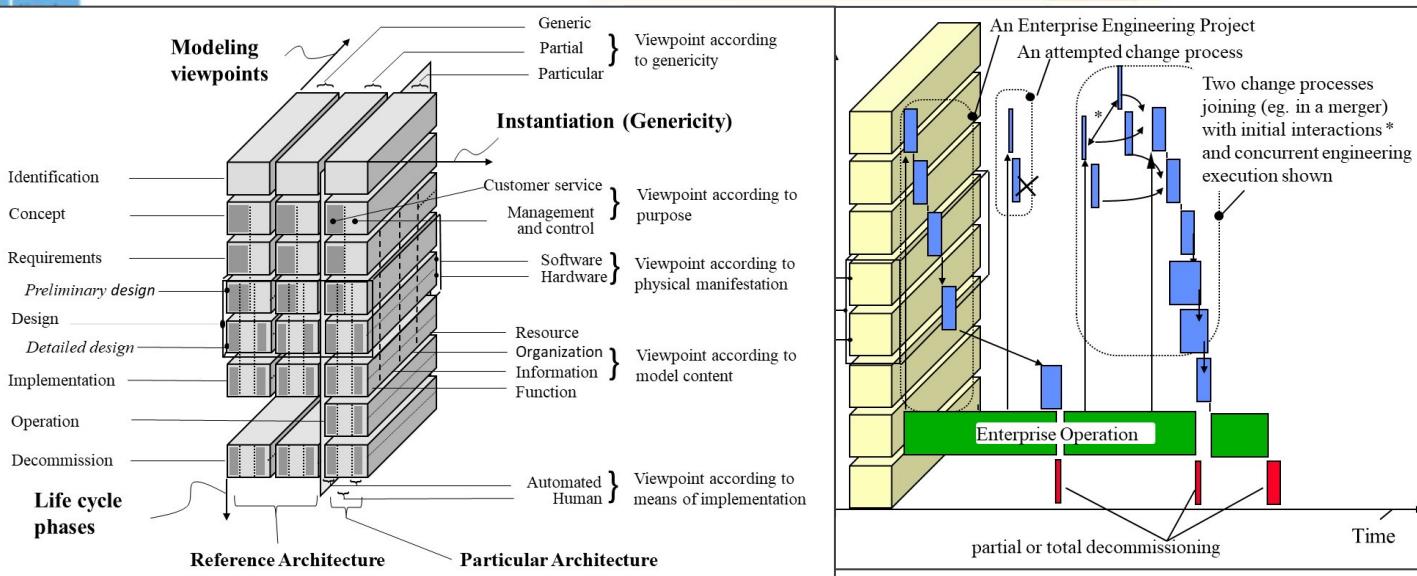
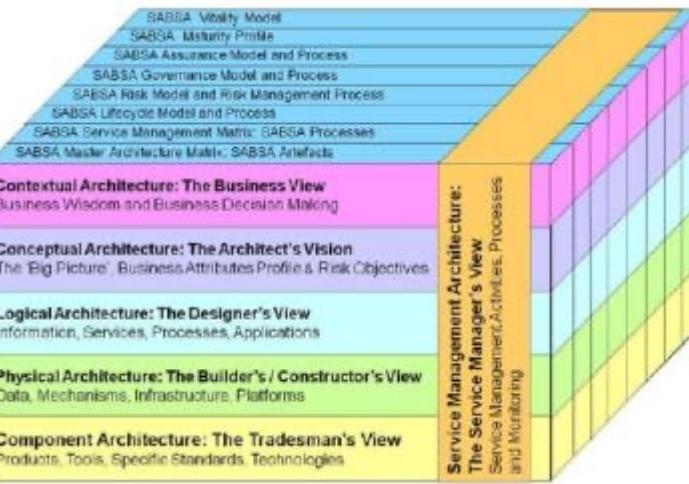


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<b>Resources Rs</b>	Resource Taxonomy Rs-Tx	Resource Structure Rs-Sr	Resource Connectivity Rs-Cn	Resource Processes Rs-Pr	Resource States Rs-St	Resource Interaction Scenarios Rs-Is	Physical schema <sup>e</sup> , real world results	Measurements Pm-Me	Resource Constraints Rs-Ct	Resource evolution, Resource forecast Rs-Rm	Resource Traceability Rs-Tr			
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Dictionary Dc														
Summary & Overview Sm-Ov														
Requirements Req														





		Behaviour															
Taxonomy		Structure		Connectivity		Processes		States		Sequences		Information		Constraints		Roadmap	
Concepts	C1 Capability Taxonomy NAV-2, NCV-2	C2 Enterprise Vision NCV-1	C3 Capability Dependencies NCV-4	C4 Standard Processes NCV-6	C5 Effects NOV-6b					C7 Performance Parameters NCV-1	C8 Planning Assumptions NCV-1	Cr	Capability Roadmap NCV-3				
C1-S1 (NSOV-3)																	
Service Specifications	S1 Service Taxonomy NAV-2, NSOV-1			S3 Service Interfaces NSOV-2	S4 Service Functions NSOV-3	S5 Service States NSOV-4b	S6 Service Interactions NSOV-4c	S7 Service I/F Parameters NSOV-2	S8 Service Policy NSOV-4a								
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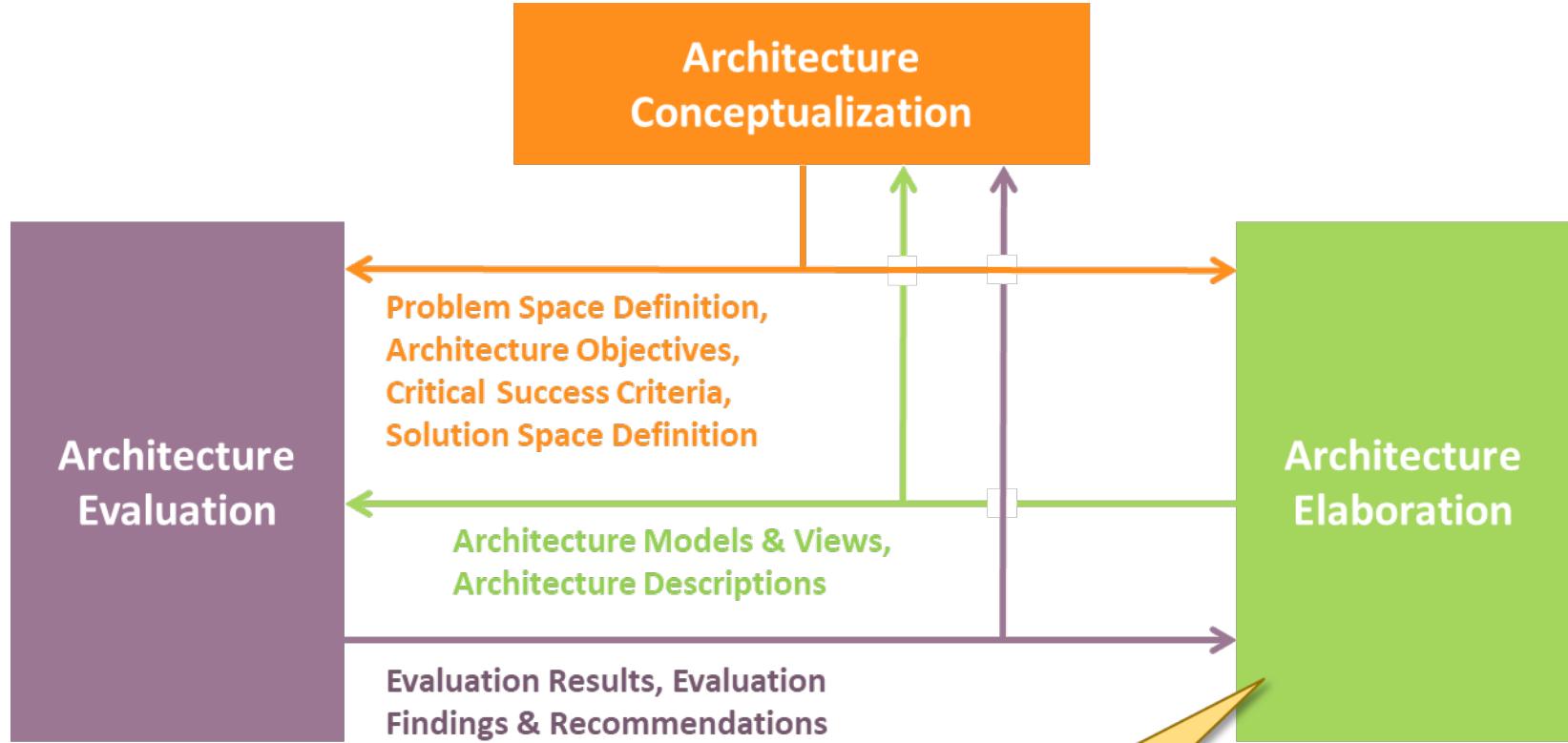
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# ISO 42020 Processes

EA Guide focus on “elaboration” of architecture with Models & Views



**ISO/IEC 42020  
Core Architecture  
Processes**

**Focus of EA  
Guide for UAF**

# Architecture Used by Other Processes

Governance & Management as a Basis for Enterprise Decisions

