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## Chapter 7. ArchiMate

ArchiMate is [The Open Group](#)'s open and independent modelling language for enterprise architecture, supported by different tool vendors and consulting firms. ArchiMate provides instruments to support enterprise architects in describing, analyzing and visualizing the relationships among business domains in an unambiguous way. Well-established disciplines like civil engineering or building and construction use internationally accepted standards for describing their designs.

[ArchiMate](#) is a modelling technique ("language") for describing enterprise architectures. It presents a clear set of concepts within and relationships between architecture domains, and offers a simple and uniform structure for describing the contents of these domains. Just like an architectural drawing in classical building architecture describes the various aspects of the construction and use of a building.

ArchiMate offers a common language for describing the construction and operation of:

- Business processes
- Organizational structures
- Information flows
- IT systems
- Technical infrastructure.

This insight helps stakeholders to design, assess, and communicate the consequences of decisions and changes within and between these business domains.

### Other ArchiMate Related Articles:

- [What is ArchiMate?](#)
- [Full ArchiMate Viewpoints Guide](#)
- [ArchiMate 3 Update](#)
- [What's New in ArchiMate 3?](#)
- [Using ArchiMate Tool with TOGAF ADM](#)