
ArchiMate Viewpoint: Migration Viewpoint

In the [ArchiMate](#) language, a viewpoint is a relevant subset of ArchiMate elements and relationships, put together on a diagram in representing a particular part of an architecture. ArchiMate suggests a set of [example viewpoints](#). Each of them comprises elements from different layers. Besides, the Grouping element, Junction, and Or Junction can be used in every viewpoint. These basic viewpoints can be used as starting points for modeling efforts. But keep in mind that these example viewpoints should not constrain modeling activities. Organizations should modify the example viewpoints or even to design their own viewpoints in addressing specific stakeholder concerns. This article describes one of the many example viewpoints - The Migration Viewpoint.

What is an Migration Viewpoint?

According to [ArchiMate 3.0.1 specification](#):

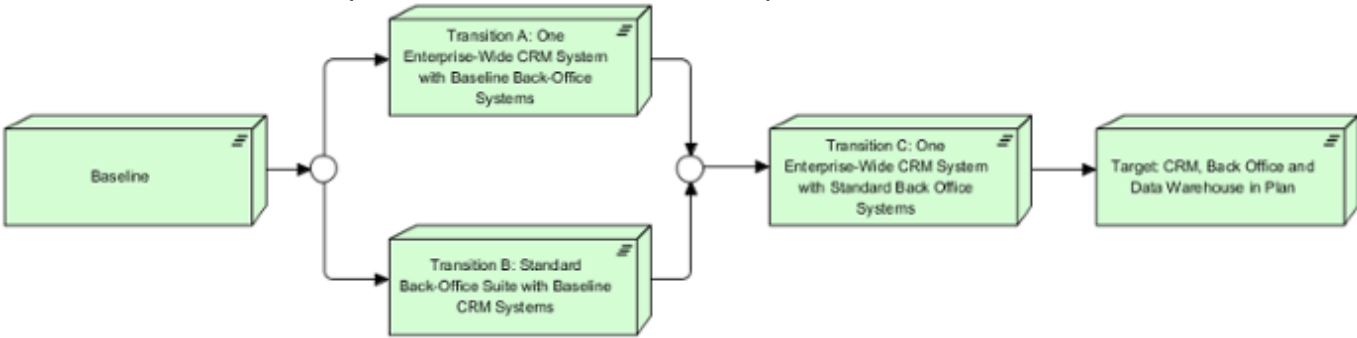
The migration viewpoint entails models and concepts that can be used for specifying the transition from an existing architecture to a desired architecture. Since the plateau and gap elements have been quite extensively presented in Section 13.2, here the migration viewpoint is only briefly described and positioned by means of the table below.

The table below describes Migration Viewpoint in more detail.

Attribute	Value
Stakeholders	Enterprise architects, process architects, application architects, infrastructure architects and domain architects, employees, shareholders
Concerns	History of models
Purpose	Designing, deciding, informing
Scope	Implementation and Migration

Migration Viewpoint Example

The figure below shows an ArchiMate diagram created under the Migration Viewpoint. By applying a viewpoint you are allowed to draw an ArchiMate diagram with a subset of ArchiMate elements and relationships, as defined under the viewpoint.

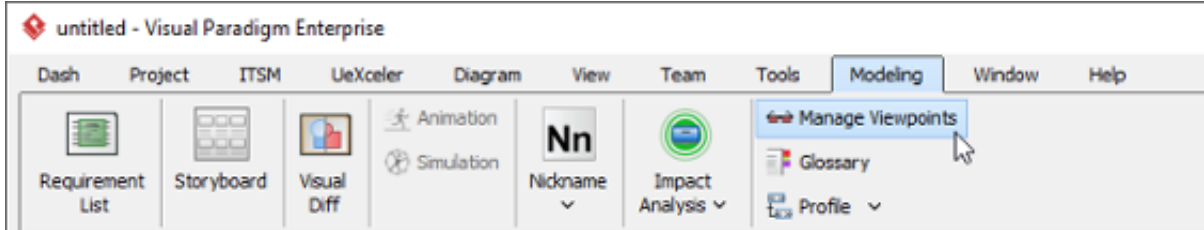


How to apply Migration Viewpoint?

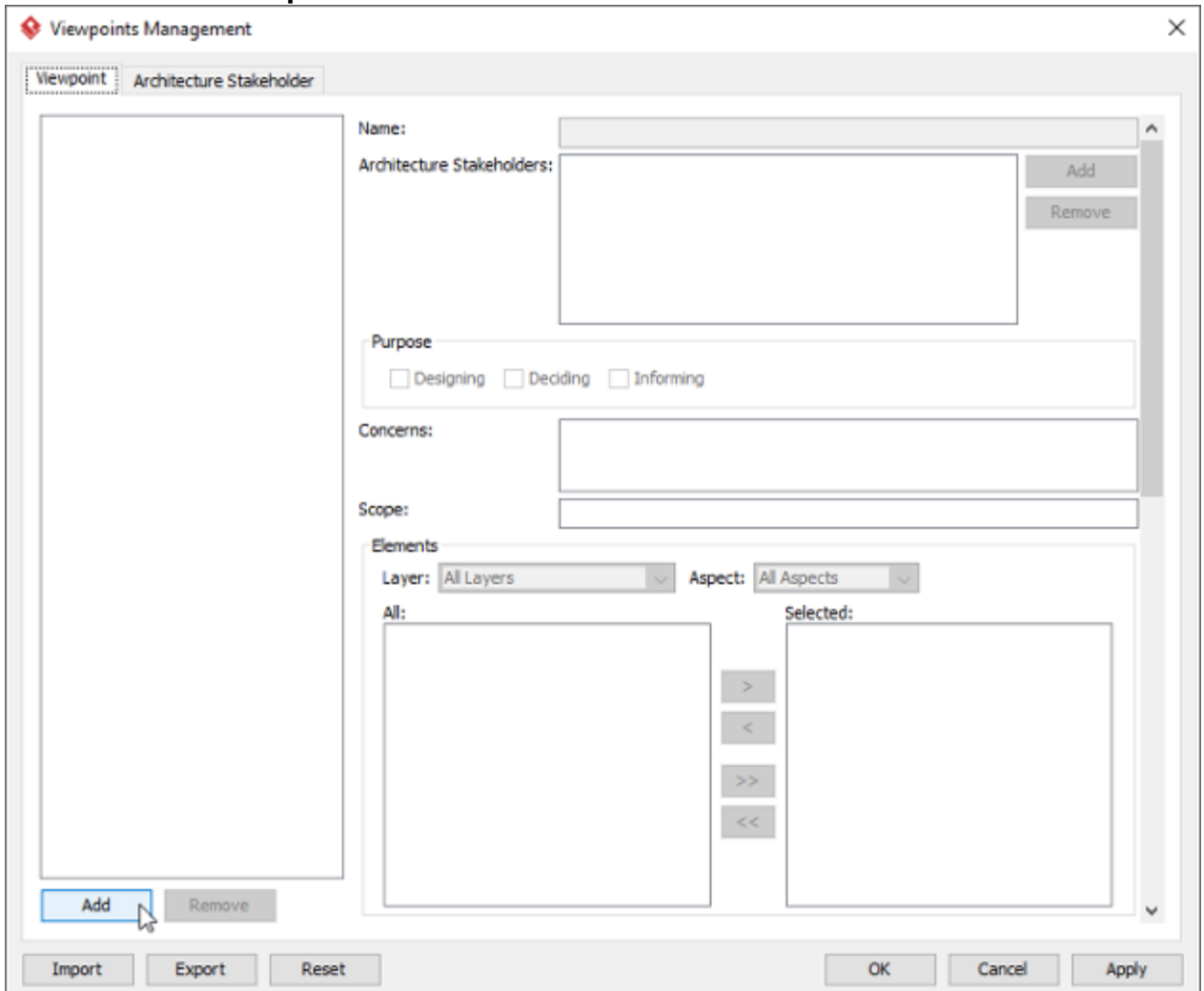
To apply Migration Viewpoint (or any other viewpoint) involves two main steps. The first step is to configure your project to use the viewpoint. The second step is to edit your diagram by selecting the viewpoint.

Project configuration

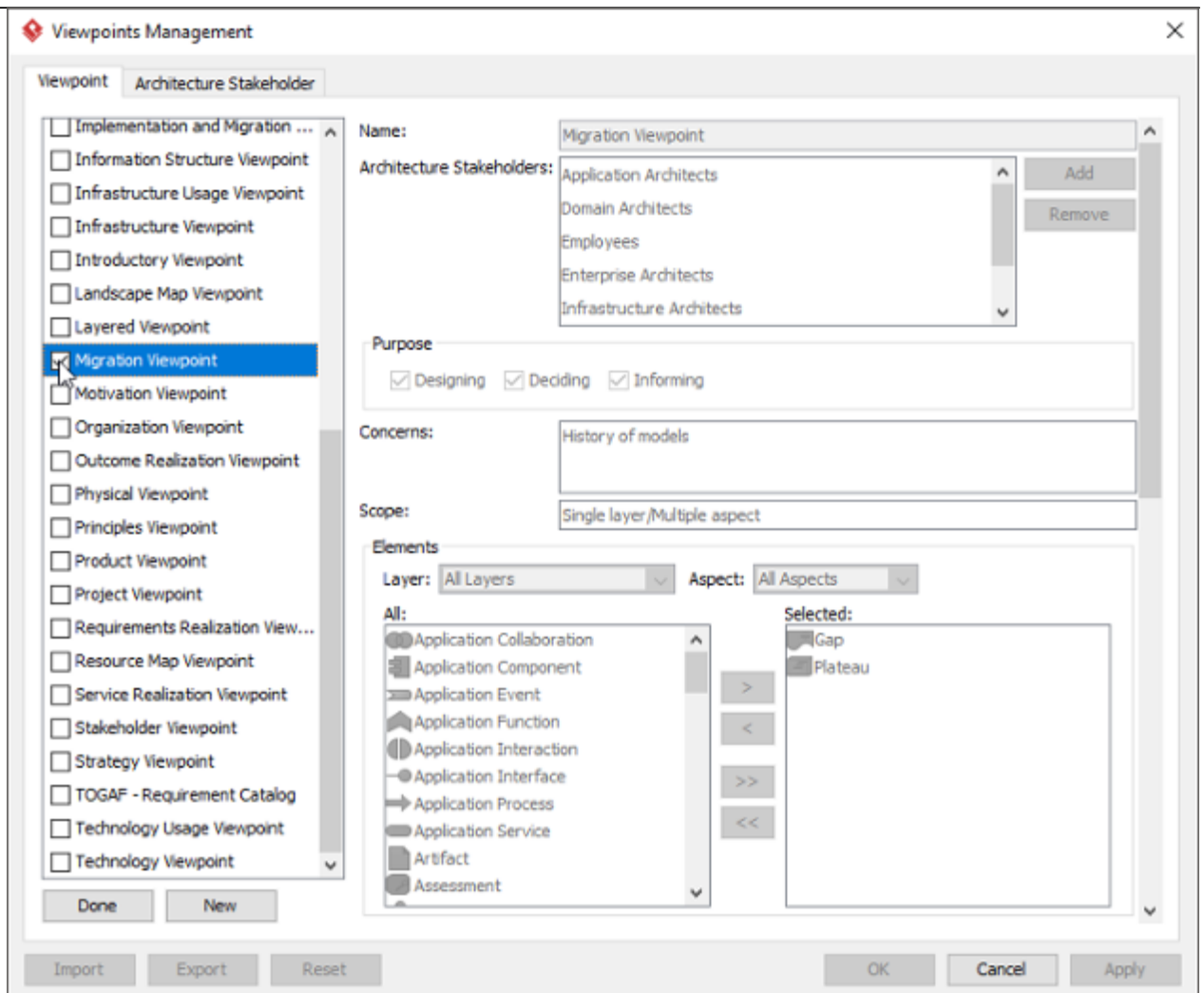
1. Select **Modeling > Manage Viewpoint** from the application toolbar.



2. This shows the **Viewpoint** tab. Click **Add** at bottom left.



3. This shows the list of example viewpoints. Select **Migration Viewpoint**. The stakeholder, purpose, concerns and related elements are presented on the right.

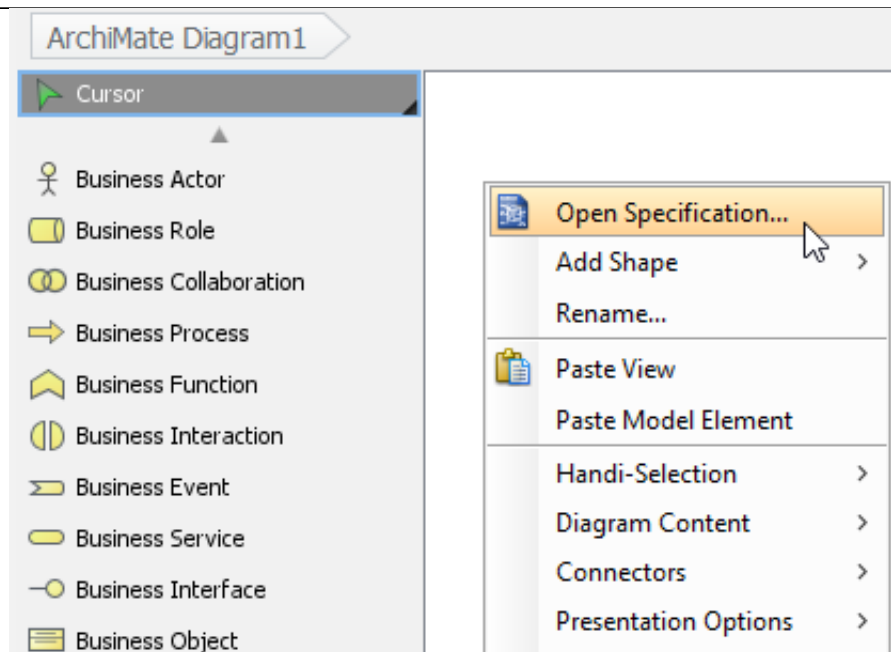


4. Click **Done**.
5. Click **OK** to confirm.

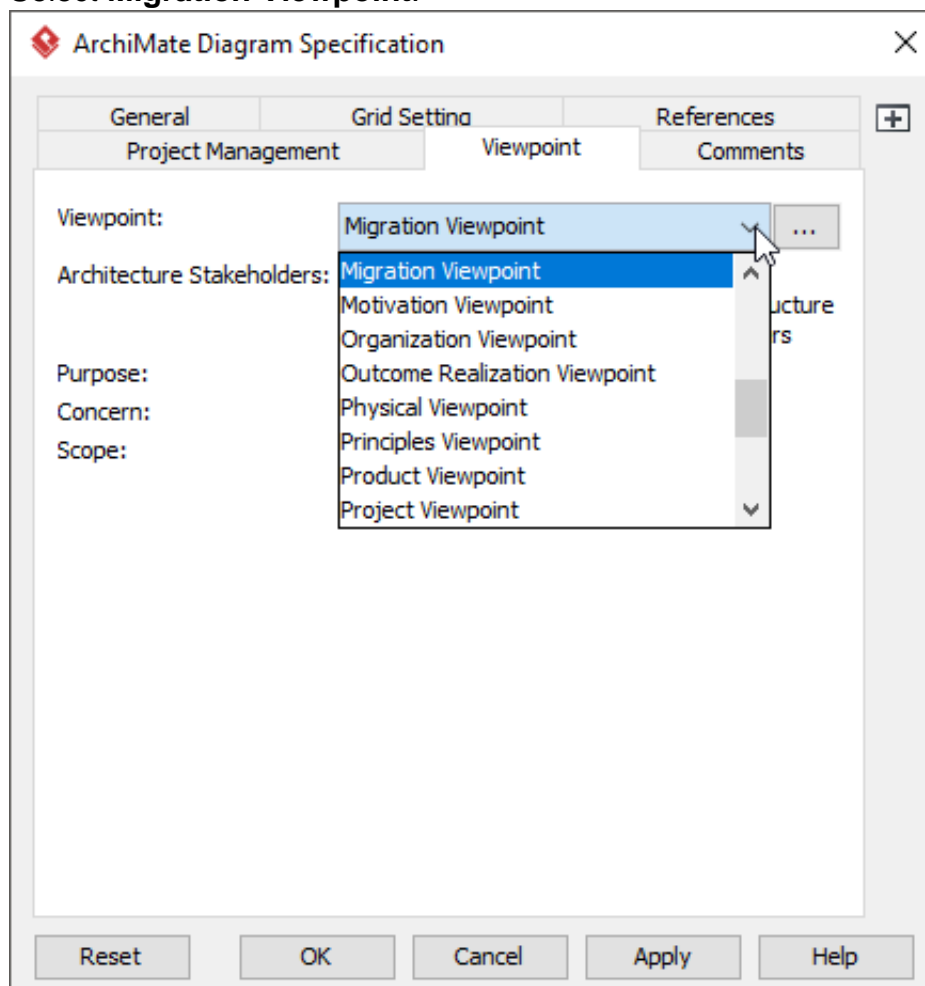
Setting a viewpoint to diagram

To apply Migration Viewpoint on an ArchiMate diagram:

1. Right click on the ArchiMate diagram and select **Open Specification...** from the popup menu.



2. Open the **Viewpoint** tab.
3. Select **Migration Viewpoint**.



4. Click **OK** to return to the diagram. From now on, you can select the subset of ArchiMate elements and relationships defined under the Migration Viewpoint.

