Examining the Synergies and Differences Between Enterprise Architecture Frameworks: A Comparative Review

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Abstract: The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) ADM, Zachman Framework, Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Methodology (GEAM), Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF), ISO Standard for Enterprise Modeling (ISO/IEC 19439), and the Department of Defense Architecture Framework are all examined in this comparative review paper (DoDAF). The scope, methodology, structure, and applicability of each framework are all taken into account as well as other factors. The evaluation identifies the benefits and drawbacks of each framework and offers suggestions for how to choose the best one for a variety of situations. The study comes to the conclusion that while there is no one framework that can be used for all situations, the framework that is chosen should be based on the particular requirements and objectives of the organization as well as the environment in which it operates.

1. INTRODUCTION

Organizations can better align their business strategies, operational procedures, and technological infrastructure by using enterprise architecture (EA), a discipline. It offers a foundation for outlining the organization's functions, operations, and structure, allowing stakeholders to make well-informed decisions about investments and changes to the business (Zachman, 1999). Different EA frameworks have developed over time, each with unique strengths and drawbacks.

The Zachman Framework, Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Method (GEAM), Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF), ISO Standard for Enterprise Modeling (ISO19439), and Department of Defense Architecture Framework are six of the most well-known EA frameworks that will be examined and evaluated in this comparative review paper (DoDAF). We will examine the main characteristics, advantages, and restrictions of each framework and conduct a comparative analysis of their advantages and disadvantages.

Popular and widely used, TOGAF's ADM offers a thorough method for developing enterprise applications (The Open Group, 2018). On the other side, the Zachman Framework is a descriptive framework that offers a matrix for organizing and classifying the different components of an enterprise architecture (Zachman, 1999). The goal of Gartner's GEAM is to create an enterprise architecture (EA) that supports organizational goals and objectives and is consistent with its strategic vision (Gartner, 2023). The FEAF framework, which is tailored for use by the government, places a strong emphasis on shared services, interoperability, and security for developing enterprise applications (U.S. Chief Information Officers Council, 2013). Enterprise modeling is standardized by ISO19439, with an emphasis on modeling methods, modeling languages, and modeling software (ISO, 2006). Last but not least, DoDAF is a framework created expressly for the U.S. Department of Defense, and it is centered on the creation and use of complex systems and capabilities (Department of Defense, 2010).

We hope that this comparative review paper will assist enterprises in choosing the best framework for their EA development requirements by giving a thorough analysis of the essential characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages of each framework.

2. METHODOLOGY

The research methodology for this comparative review paper was based on a systematic literature review. The paper was designed to analyze and compare the selected EA frameworks with regards to their scope, components, process, and applicability in the business world. The literature review was conducted using online databases such as Google Scholar, IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital Library, and ScienceDirect.

The search strategy included keywords such as TOGAF, Zachman, Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Method, FEAF, ISO 19439, DoDAF, Enterprise Architecture Frameworks and Comparative Review.

The retrieved articles were examined, evaluated, and used to compile this study.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

3.1 The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF)

TOGAF is a widely used enterprise architecture framework that provides a complete method to designing, planning, executing, and maintaining an organization's IT infrastructure. It is a set of best practices and standards that assist organizations in developing enterprise architecture that is aligned with their business goals.

 Structure of TOGAF Framework

The TOGAF architecture consists of four main components, as illustrated in Figure 1:
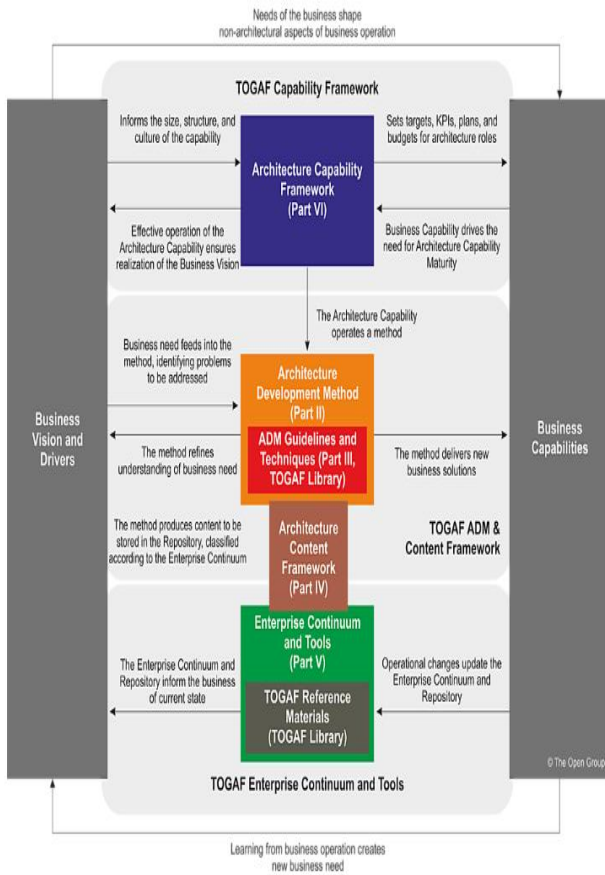
Figure 1: TOGAF Architecture Components (Source: The Open Group, 2018)

Architecture Development Method (ADM)

The TOGAF framework is built around ADM. It is a step-by-step procedure for creating corporate architecture. The ADM consists of nine iterative phases that can be adjusted to match the demands of various businesses. The phases are as follows:

1. Preliminary Phase: This phase involves defining the scope and objectives of the enterprise architecture project.

2. Architecture Vision: Creating a high-level vision of the enterprise architecture.

3. Business Architecture: Entails defining the enterprise's business processes, functions, and organizational structure.

4. Information Systems Architecture: The information systems that support the business processes are defined.

5. Technology Architecture: Technology infrastructure that supports the information systems is defined.

6. Opportunities and Solutions: Identifying opportunities for improvement and generating solutions to meet them is part of this phase.

7. Migration Planning: Planning for the transfer from the existing state architecture to the future state architecture.

8. Implementation Governance: This phase is responsible for overseeing the enterprise architecture's implementation.

9. Architecture Change Management: Managing changes to the enterprise architecture over time is part of this phase.

Architecture Content Framework

The architecture content framework standardizes how corporate architectural information is organized. It is made up of four major components: the architecture content meta-model, the content meta-model extensions, the content framework artifacts, and the content framework deliverables.

Architecture Capability Framework

The architecture capability framework provides assistance for building and operating an enterprise architecture capacity. It is made up of four major components: the architecture capability maturity model, the architecture skills framework, the architecture content framework, and the architecture governance framework.

The Enterprise Continuum

The Enterprise Continuum is a paradigm for organizing and categorizing architectural artifacts. It is divided into four levels: The Architecture Continuum, the Solutions Continuum, the Industry Continuum, and the Organizational-Specific Continuum. For architecture objects, each level delivers a different amount of depth and specificity.

Benefits of TOGAF

1. Consistency and Standardization: TOGAF provides a uniform and standardized approach to enterprise architecture that aids in ensuring alignment with the aims and objectives of the organization (The Open Group, 2018). This may result in increased efficiency, effectiveness, and agility (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

2. Flexibility and Adaptability: TOGAF is adaptable to various organizations, industries, and circumstances (The Open Group, 2018). This can assist firms in responding to changing business requirements, market conditions, and technological improvements (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

3. Cost Reduction: TOGAF can assist in cost reduction by removing redundancy, enhancing interoperability, and maximizing resource utilization (The Open Group, 2018). This can result in increased cost-effectiveness and ROI (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

4. Improved Communication and Collaboration: TOGAF provides a common vocabulary, framework, and methodology for enterprise architecture that helps stakeholders communicate and collaborate (The Open Group, 2018). This can result in better understanding, alignment, and buy-in (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

5. Risk Management: TOGAF provides a systematic way to detecting, assessing, and reducing business design risks (The Open Group, 2018). This can assist firms in avoiding or minimizing potential unfavorable business consequences (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

Challenges of TOGAF

1. Complexity and Overhead: TOGAF is a broad framework that includes many subjects and domains, making it challenging to learn and execute (Jeston & Nelis, 2014).

2. Lack of Flexibility: TOGAF offers a standardized approach to enterprise architecture, which can be advantageous for enterprises seeking a consistent and repeatable methodology. However, this can limit the framework's capacity to be customized to meet specific organizational demands (Gartner, 2021).

3. Difficulty in Measuring Effectiveness: While TOGAF provides a structured approach to business architecture, quantifying the impact of adopting the framework can be difficult (Gerber et al., 2020).

TOGAF is an enterprise architecture framework that provides a uniform method to defining, planning, executing, and managing an organization's IT infrastructure. It is made up of four major parts: ADM, architecture content framework, architecture capability framework, and architecture reference models. TOGAF offers various advantages to organizations, including a consistent strategy, increased communication, better decision-making, and cost savings.

3.2 Zachman Framework

The Zachman Framework is an enterprise architectural framework that is well-known and widely used. It was created in the 1980s by John Zachman and has since been utilized by enterprises all over the world to assist them manage their information technology (IT) infrastructure. The framework offers an organized and complete approach to structuring and managing an organization's information systems. The framework is organized as a matrix, with six columns reflecting various viewpoints on the organization and its information systems and six rows representing various degrees of abstraction.

Structure of the Zachman Framework

The Zachman Framework is built on a six-by-six matrix that reflects the many components of an organization's information technology infrastructure. The Zachman Framework matrix structure is depicted in Figure 2 below, with six columns and six rows.

Figure 2: Zachman Framework Matrix Structure (Source: Zachman International Enterprise Architecture, 2011)

The matrix's columns reflect various perspectives on the IT infrastructure, while the rows represent various levels of abstraction. The six perspectives are as follows:

1. Who: This viewpoint focuses on the people who interact with the IT infrastructure, such as employees, customers, and partners.

2. What: This viewpoint focuses on the data used by the IT infrastructure, such as databases, files, and documents.

3. Where: This viewpoint focuses on the physical locations and network links where IT infrastructure is employed.

4. When: This viewpoint is concerned with the timing of activities within the IT infrastructure, such as schedules, deadlines, and time zones.

5. Why: This viewpoint focuses on the reasons why IT infrastructure is used, such as corporate objectives, customer needs, and regulatory obligations.

6. How: This viewpoint focuses on the technologies needed to construct IT infrastructure, such as hardware, software, and networks.

The six levels of abstraction are:

1. Scope: This level focuses on the overall reach of the IT infrastructure, including the mission, objectives, and goals of the company.

2. Enterprise: This level is concerned with the organization as a whole, which includes its operational procedures, information flow, and organizational design.

3. System: Focuses on the individual systems that comprise the IT infrastructure, such as hardware, software, and networks. Systems, such as networks, hardware, and software, are the main topics of this level, which focuses on the various systems that make up the IT infrastructure.

4. Function: This level focuses on the particular tasks that the IT infrastructure completes, such as data processing, communication, and storage.

5. Model: This level focuses on the models, such as data models, process models, and network models, that are used to represent the IT infrastructure.

6. Instance: This level focuses on the particular hardware setups, software setups, and network connections that make up an IT infrastructure instance.

Benefits of the Zachman Framework

1. Clarity and Structure: The Zachman Framework offers an organized and unambiguous approach to enterprise architecture, assisting in making sure that all pertinent parts of the business are taken into account (Sowa and Zachman, 1992). This may result in stakeholders' comprehension and alignment being improved (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

2. Consistency and Standardization: The Zachman Framework offers an enterprise architectural technique and approach that is consistent and standardized, assisting in ensuring that all stakeholders speak the same language (Sowa and Zachman, 1992). This may result in increased effectiveness, efficiency, and agility (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

3. Flexibility and Adaptability: The Zachman Framework is adaptable to many businesses, markets, and situations (Sowa and Zachman, 1992). This enables businesses to adapt to shifting customer demands, market dynamics, and technological improvements (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

4. Improved Communication and Collaboration: The Zachman Framework offers an enterprise architectural common language, framework, and methodology that makes it easier for stakeholders to communicate and operate together (Sowa and Zachman, 1992). This could result in better comprehension, agreement, and buy-in (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017).

5. Risk Management: Risks associated with enterprise architecture can be identified, examined, and mitigated using the Zachman Framework (Sowa and Zachman, 1992). This can assist businesses in avoiding or minimizing potential negative effects on their operations (Gorkhali & Xu, 2017)

Challenges of the Zachman Framework

1. Complexity: The ZACHMAN framework's intricacy is one of the greatest problems it presents. Implementing the framework can be challenging since it necessitates a thorough grasp of an organization's operational procedures, information systems, and technical foundation. The ZACHMAN architecture, according to Espadas et al. (2013), may be intimidating for some firms, especially those with sophisticated business processes and information systems.

2. Lack of flexibility: The rigidity of the ZACHMAN framework presents another difficulty. The framework may not easily adapt to changes in technology or operational procedures because it is intended to be a static representation of an organization's information infrastructure. The ZACHMAN framework is frequently criticized for being overly rigid and unable to take into account the changing character of contemporary organizations, as stated by Zhou et al. (2018).

3. Lack of standardization: Because the ZACHMAN architecture is not standardized, it might be challenging to compare and benchmark various enterprises. According to Mccarthy (2006), the ZACHMAN framework's lack of standardization can cause complication and discrepancies, making it challenging to compare various organizations or systems.

4. Lack of guidance: Although the ZACHMAN framework offers a framework for arranging an organization's information infrastructure, it does not include instructions on how to put that infrastructure into place or administer it. The ZACHMAN architecture does not give enterprises a clear road map to follow in order to construct and maintain their information infrastructure, as mentioned by Armour et al. (2017).

Managing an organization's IT infrastructure can be done effectively with the Zachman Framework. It offers an organized method for deciphering and controlling the various elements of an organization's IT architecture, and businesses all around the world have used it to great effect. Utilizing the framework enables firms to boost flexibility, increase efficiency, and better match their IT infrastructure with their corporate objectives. The Zachman Framework, which manages IT infrastructure using a six-by-six matrix layout, offers a thorough and adaptable method that can be tailored to suit the requirements of every enterprise.

3.3 Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Methodology (GEAM)

The Enterprise Architecture Methodology (GEAM) from Gartner is a thorough framework that aids businesses in creating and implementing efficient enterprise architecture (EA). The many elements of an organization's architecture can be designed, planned, and managed using this methodology.

Structure of GEAM Framework

The Plan, Discover, Analyze, and Design phases make up the GEAM framework. These iterative, ongoing phases are intended to assist organizations in developing and maintaining a successful enterprise architecture.

Plan

The scope and goals of the enterprise architecture endeavor are defined in the first phase of GEAM. This entails defining the scope and timetable of the enterprise architecture endeavor, as well as outlining business goals and strategies and evaluating present IT capabilities.

Discover

Gathering data regarding the organization's IT capabilities as they stand right now, as well as spotting any gaps and potential areas for improvement, constitute the second part of GEAM. Analysis of business procedures, information, software, and infrastructure are all part of this, along with a determination of the main stakeholders and their requirements.

Analyze

In order to comprehend the organization's existing and desired state, the third phase of GEAM entails examining the data obtained in the prior phase. This entails creating roadmaps and implementation plans, as well as identifying potential solutions to fill in recognized gaps and opportunities.

Design

The last stage of GEAM is planning the organization's IT capabilities in the future. Creating a thorough architecture plan that incorporates technical requirements, architectural principles, and governance structures is part of this.

Benefits of GEAM Framework

1. Improved Business by IT Alignment: In order to ensure that technology investments are motivated by business needs rather than technical requirements, organizations can align their IT strategy with their business objectives with the use of Gartner's EA approach (Buckl et al., 2008). Businesses can improve processes, cut costs, and produce better results by integrating IT capabilities with business objectives (Ross et al., 2006).

2. Enhanced Agility and Flexibility: By offering a framework for customizing their IT systems and procedures, Gartner's EA approach enables enterprises to react swiftly and effectively to shifting business conditions (Gartner, 2015). With the aid of this strategy, organizations may continue to be adaptable and nimble, allowing them to take advantage of new possibilities and tackle problems as they appear.

3. Improved Decision-Making: In order to examine and evaluate their existing state, identify gaps and opportunities, and create a roadmap for achieving their ideal state, businesses can use Gartner's EA methodology, which offers a structured approach to decision-making (Buckl et al., 2008). This method lessens the possibility of expensive errors and assists firms in making judgments regarding their IT investments.

4. Reduced Costs: By removing duplications, increasing efficiency, and simplifying processes, Gartner's EA methodology aids businesses in making the most of their IT expenditures (Ross et al., 2006). Organizations can benefit from this strategy by lowering costs, allocating resources more effectively, and boosting productivity.

5. Improved Communication and Collaboration: The EA technique from Gartner provides a structure and

common language for discussing IT-related issues across the company, promoting cooperation and knowledge exchange (Gartner, 2015). This strategy can help stakeholders collaborate and communicate more effectively, which will lead to better decisions and more successful execution.

Challenges of GEAM Framework

1. Complexity: To properly execute the Gartner EA methodology, you must have a high level of expertise. Organizations with few resources or experts may find this complexity to be a hurdle (Henderson & Venkatraman, 1993).

2. Resistance to change: The processes and organizational structures of a business must frequently undergo considerable modifications in order to implement the Gartner EA approach. This may cause stakeholders who are satisfied with the status quo to object (Areed et al., 2021).

3. Lack of standardization: Because the Gartner EA technique is not a standardized framework, there may be variations in how it is applied by different organizations (Dang & Pekkola, 2016).

4. Difficulty in measuring ROI: Measuring the return on investment (ROI) of putting the Gartner EA methodology into practice can be difficult. This is due to the fact that the advantages of EA are frequently illegible and challenging to measure (Petter et al., 2008).

5. Limited scope: The alignment of IT infrastructure with business strategy is the primary focus of the Gartner EA methodology. This restricted emphasis may make it more difficult to solve more significant organizational problems (Sowa & Zachman, 1992).

The EA approach from Gartner is a thorough framework that aids in the planning, management, and optimization of an organization's IT infrastructure, applications, and business processes. Its use has been demonstrated to enhance organizational performance and accomplish corporate objectives. Organizations must, however, make sure they have the right culture, leadership, and governance in place in order to successfully implement and maintain the EA.

3.4 Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF)

The US Federal Government frequently use the enterprise architecture technique known as the Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF). It offers a standard vocabulary and method for organizing, creating, and putting into practice IT systems and services. The Zachman Framework and the Model-Driven Architecture (MDA) strategy of the Object Management Group (OMG) are the foundations of this methodology.

Structure of FEAF Framework

1. Performance Reference Model (PRM)

2. Business Reference Model (BRM)

3. Data Reference Model (DRM)

4. Application Reference Model (ARM)

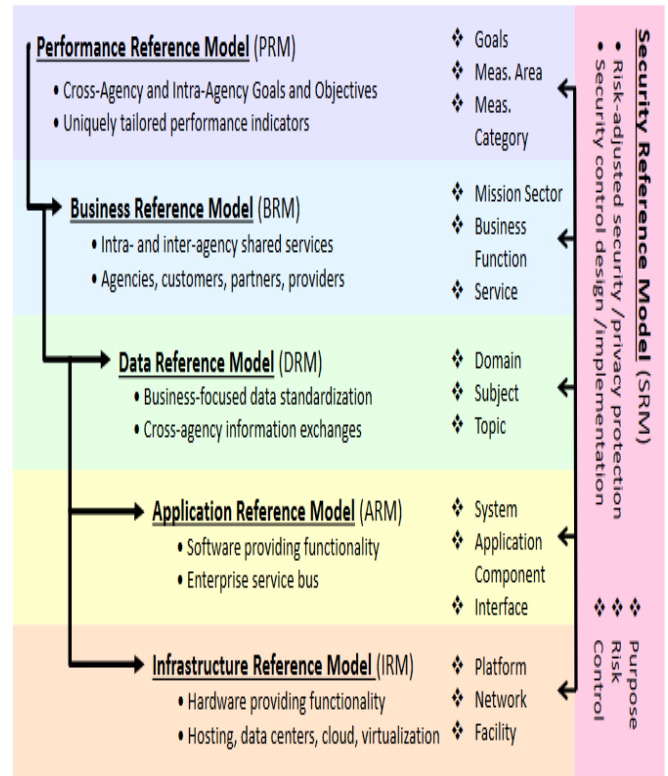5. Technology Reference Model (TRM)

Figure 3: FEAF Layers (Source: FEAF, 2020)

The Performance Reference Model (PRM) outlines the company's aims and objectives, as well as the performance metrics used to monitor progress towards those goals. The framework's highest level layer, the PRM, gives the lower layers' context.

The Business Reference Model (BRM) specifies the company's operational procedures and business processes. It establishes a standard vocabulary for discussing company operations and specifies the key business processes and the data pieces that go along with them.

The Data Reference Model (DRM) provides an enterprise-wide vocabulary for describing data and information. It outlines the data items, their characteristics, and their connections.

The Application Reference Model (ARM) covers the systems and applications used to support the business operations of the firm. It gives everyone a shared understanding of the many kinds of applications and how to utilize them.

The Technology Reference Model (TRM) describes the applications and systems support hardware, software, and communication technologies utilized by the organization. It gives people a common language to talk about technology and makes it easier to spot areas where standardization and consolidation of technology are possible.

The FEAF is made to be versatile and scalable to accommodate the requirements of various enterprises. It can be used to support many different tasks, such as enterprise architecture creation, portfolio management, and strategic planning.

Benefits of FEAF Framework

1. Improved decision-making: By offering a thorough perspective of the enterprise architecture, FEAF aids enterprises in making better decisions. Making more educated and sensible decisions can result from this.

2. Increased efficiency: Redundancies and inefficiencies in an organization's architecture can be found and removed with the aid of FEAF. Consequently, expenses may be reduced, and productivity may rise.

3. Better communication: For discussing and analyzing the enterprise architecture, FEAF offers a standard vocabulary and structure. This can facilitate better stakeholder collaboration and communication.

4. Improved alignment: FEAF can assist firms in coordinating their IT plans with their operational targets. As a result, IT investments may be more effective and efficient.

5. Enhanced agility: FEAF can assist businesses in fast adjusting to shifting market conditions and technological changes. This can increase their capacity for innovation and market competition.

Challenges of FEAF Framework

1. The complexity of the framework: The FEAF is a multi-layered structure with numerous diverse components that might be challenging to comprehend and use in real-world situations. According to Bui (2014), it might be difficult for businesses to successfully deploy and use the FEAF due to its complexity.

2. The need for ongoing maintenance of the enterprise architecture: To make sure that the FEAF remains in line with the organization's shifting demands, it needs to be updated and maintained on a regular basis. For large firms with sophisticated enterprise structures, this can be time- and resource-intensive (Chuen, 2020).

3. The enterprise architecture alignment with the broader goals and objectives of the organization:Bui (2017) asserts that the FEAF's capacity to support strategic decision-making can be constrained, which can make it difficult to make sure that the enterprise architecture is in line with the organization's overarching objectives.

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3.5 ISO Standard for Enterprise Modelling (ISO 19439)

ISO/IEC 19439 is an international standard that gives guidelines for enterprise modeling, a method for building models of organizations to enhance their administration, understanding, and optimization. Enterprise Architecture (EA), a strategic management discipline that aids firms in aligning their business and technology plans, is one of the primary topics covered by the standard. The framework for EA provided by ISO 19439 comprises a process for developing, putting into practice, and maintaining EA.

Structure of ISO/IEC 19439 Framework
The ISO 19439:2016 standard for enterprise modeling outlines a framework for simulating businesses and how they interact with the outside world. The standard is founded on systems thinking ideas, which emphasize the significance of comprehending the connections among various system components. The framework is made up of four primary parts:

1. Enterprise Context: This element outlines the business' operating environment, including its stakeholders, rivals, and legal and regulatory framework.

2. Enterprise Architecture: The enterprise's structure, behavior, procedures, and information systems are all described in this component.

3. Enterprise Operations: The processes, roles, and information systems of the enterprise are all described in this component, along with its structure and behavior.

4. Enterprise Evolution: The enterprise's long-term strategic goals, including its vision, mission, and objectives, are addressed in this component.

The ISO standard also contains a list of recommendations for modeling businesses that address issues including nomenclature, notation, and quality standards. The standards' goal is to encourage consistency and interoperability among various enterprise models so that businesses can share information and work together more successfully.

Benefits of ISO/IEC 19439 Framework

1. Improved communication: A consistent vocabulary for enterprise modeling is provided by ISO standards, which helps facilitate stakeholder communication (Tambo & Clausen, 2018).

2. Increased efficiency: Organizations can lessen redundancy and boost efficiency by employing standardized models and procedures (Peffers et al, 2007).

3. Enhanced quality: The framework provided by ISO standards for ensuring that enterprise models are precise and comprehensive can raise the level of an organization's activities as a whole (Timm et al, 2017).

4. Better decision-making: Enterprise models give organizations a clear picture of business relationships, resources, and procedures, which can help them make better decisions (Gordijn & Akkermans, 2001).

5. Improved agility: Enterprise modeling can assist businesses in quickly adapting to new possibilities and changing market conditions (Mens et al, 2007).

6. Facilitated integration: Integration between various systems and applications within an organization can be facilitated through enterprise modeling, which can increase overall productivity and effectiveness (Panetto & Cecil, 2013).

Challenges of ISO/IEC 19439 Framework

1. Complexity: The standard has a lot of relationships, rules, and concepts that can be challenging to comprehend and use. Vernadat (2020) asserts that implementation of the standard may be hampered by its complexity, particularly for small and medium-sized businesses.

2. Lack of interoperability: The lack of interoperability across various modeling tools and platforms presents another difficulty for the ISO standard for enterprise modeling. The standard may be interpreted differently by each tool, resulting in inconsistent results and mistakes during the modeling process. Sfakianaki (2018) asserts that the absence of interoperability may make it impossible to exchange models between tools, making it difficult to interact with and integrate various models.

3. Resistance to change: Stakeholders who are used to current modeling techniques or who do not understand the benefit of adopting a new standard may oppose the ISO standard for enterprise modeling. According to Darvish et al. (2015), resistance to change can be a big problem, especially if stakeholders aren't made aware of the standard's advantages.

4. Cost and resource constraints: For enterprises with constrained resources or people, implementing the ISO standard for enterprise modeling may necessitate major investments in software, training, and other resources. Implementing the standard can be expensive and resource-intensive, especially for small and medium-sized businesses, according to Perumalla et al. (2019).

The ISO/IEC 19439 Enterprise Architecture Methodology offers a structured method for creating and implementing EA across an enterprise that is consistent, thorough, and standardized. It makes it possible for businesses to match their information systems, technical infrastructure, and business procedures with their strategic goals and objectives. It also serves as a foundation for innovation and constant improvement.

For enterprise modeling and enterprise architecture, ISO/IEC 19439 is a crucial standard. The foundation it offers makes it possible to develop enterprise models that are uniform, thorough, and standardized throughout a company. Organizations can align their business procedures, information systems, and technological foundation with their strategic goals and objectives by using the Enterprise Architecture Methodology, which is based on ISO 19439. This methodology offers a structured approach to developing and implementing EA. Improved productivity, efficiency, and creativity are advantages for organizations that embrace ISO 19439.

3.6 Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF)

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) uses the Department of Defense Architectural Framework (DoDAF), an enterprise architecture technique, to help ensure that the complicated systems and procedures it employs are well-designed, integrated, and efficient. A variety of DoD stakeholders use the DoDAF as a standardized method for creating and presenting enterprise architectures in order to comprehend, organize, and control systems and procedures.

Structure of DoDAF Framework
DoDAF is a group of models, perspectives, and goods that serve to explain the enterprise architecture of the DoD. It is a framework that gives enterprise architecture development and management an organized methodology. The DoDAF approach is made up of four main parts:

1. The Operational Viewpoint: This perspective outlines the operational procedures, ventures, and jobs of the DoD. It gives a broad overview of the DoD's mission, objectives, and goals.

2. The Systems Viewpoint: This perspective explains the systems and interactions within the DoD. It offers a thorough overview of the DoD's systems, including their networks, software, and hardware.

3. The Technical Viewpoint: The technological features of the systems used by the DoD are described from this perspective. It gives a thorough overview of the technological requirements, benchmarks, and interfaces that the systems utilized by the DoD rely on.

4. The Enterprise Viewpoint: This perspective explains the DoD's overall structure and organizational setup. It gives a broad overview of the DoD's organizational structure, operational procedures, and information flow.

DoDAF Diagrams
To depict the DoD's enterprise architecture, the DoDAF approach employs a variety of diagram styles. These diagrams consist of:

1. Operational Viewpoint Diagrams: The operational procedures, tasks, and operations of the DoD are illustrated in these diagrams. They offer a broad overview of the mission, aims, and goals of the DoD. Activity and sequence diagrams are two types of operational viewpoint diagrams.

2. Systems Viewpoint Diagrams: The systems and relationships inside the DoD are depicted in these diagrams. They offer a thorough overview of the DoD's systems, including its networks, hardware, and software. System context diagrams and system sequence diagrams are two examples of systems viewpoint diagrams.

3. Technical Viewpoint Diagrams: The systems used by the DoD are described technically in these diagrams. They give a thorough overview of the technical requirements, norms, and interfaces that the DoD's systems use. Network diagrams and data flow diagrams are two examples of technical viewpoint diagrams.

4. Enterprise Viewpoint Diagrams: The overall structure and organization of the DoD are shown in these diagrams. They offer a broad overview of the DoD's administrative structure, operational procedures, and information flow. Organizational charts and business process diagrams are two examples of enterprise viewpoint diagrams.

Benefits of DoDAF Framework

1. Improved Interoperability: The DoDAF framework encourages uniformity and standardization throughout the DoD's architectural efforts, which enhances the interoperability of systems and components (Miranda et al., 2017). Mission accomplishment and information sharing become more efficient and successful as a result.

2. Enhanced Communication: A consistent vocabulary and knowledge of architecture principles are provided by the DoDAF framework, which enhances stakeholder collaboration and communication (Dam, 2015). This makes it possible to make decisions more wisely and raises the possibility of getting the results you want.

3. Streamlined Decision-Making Processes: The DoDAF framework offers a formal method for creating and assessing architecture options, which promotes the ability to make well-informed decisions (Amissah and Hendley, 2016). This lowers the possibility of making expensive errors and guarantees efficient resource allocation.

Challenges of DoDAF Framework

1. Complexity: Architects, stakeholders, and users must comprehend and put into practice the framework's many points of view, models, and standards. According to Zahedian and Shirazi (2009), enterprises find it challenging to completely comprehend and execute the DoDAF framework, which can lead to incomplete or incorrect architectures.

2. Lack of Integration: The DoDAF framework's lack of integration with other frameworks and standards presents another difficulty in its implementation. The DoDAF framework was created exclusively for the

DoD, hence it might not be compatible with other frameworks and standards used in the industry. As a result, integrating the DoDAF framework with other frameworks like the Zachman Framework or the Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) may be difficult for businesses (Zahedian and Shirazi, 2009).

3. Limited Adoption: The DoD and its affiliated agencies are the only organizations that may adopt the DoDAF framework. This implies that there is a little body of information and skills about the framework, which can make it challenging for firms outside the DoD to comprehend and apply the framework completely. Jalaliniya (2011) asserts that the DoDAF framework's slow adoption is a result of the lack of outside-the-DoD understanding of the framework.

The DoDAF Enterprise Architecture Methodology is a structured process for creating and managing enterprise architectures for the DoD and its components. It offers a consistent terminology, approach, and structure for characterizing the operational, system, and technical architectures of the DoD. The Operational Viewpoint, The Systems Viewpoint, The Technical Viewpoint, and The Enterprise Viewpoint are the four main parts that make up the DoDAF approach. The DoDAF technique offers the DoD and its components a number of advantages, including improved security, better decision-making, better communication, and increased productivity. The DoDAF technique use a variety of diagram types, such as operational viewpoint diagrams, systems viewpoint diagrams, technical viewpoint diagrams, and enterprise viewpoint diagrams, to explain the DoD's enterprise architecture.

4. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Table 1: General Overview

Framework	Overview
TOGAF ADM (The Open Group Architecture Framework Architecture Development Method)	A comprehensive and widely used framework for enterprise architecture, which includes a structured approach for developing and managing enterprise architecture. The ADM consists of nine phases, each with specific objectives and deliverables.
Zachman Framework	A matrix that provides a structured way to view and organize enterprise architecture artifacts. The framework consists of six perspectives (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How) and six levels of abstraction (Scope, Business Model, System Model, Technology Model, Detailed Representations, and Working System).
Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Method (GEA)	A methodology for developing and implementing enterprise architecture that emphasizes the role of the EA team in driving business outcomes. GEA consists of five phases (Vision, Strategy, Roadmap, Implementation, and Benefits Realization) and focuses on collaboration and communication with stakeholders.
Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF)	A framework developed by the US Federal Government to guide the development of enterprise architecture for federal agencies. FEAF consists of five reference models (Business, Service, Component, Technical, and Data) and provides guidance for developing and implementing enterprise architecture in a federal context.
ISO Standard for Enterprise Modelling (ISO19439)	A standard for developing and using enterprise architecture models, which provides guidelines for creating and managing models in a consistent and structured way. The standard emphasizes the importance of aligning models with business objectives and using them to support decision-making.
Department of Defence Architecture Framework (DoDAF)	A framework for enterprise architecture developed by the US Department of Defense, which provides guidance for developing architecture products to

	support decision-making in defense acquisitions. DoDAF consists of three views (Operational, Systems, and Technical) and emphasizes the importance of traceability and interoperability.

Department of Defence Architecture Framework (DoDAF)	A framework for developing enterprise architectures for the US Department of Defence. It is designed to support interoperability and joint warfar

Table 2: Analysis by Scope

Framework	Scope
TOGAF's ADM	A comprehensive framework for designing, planning, implementing, and managing enterprise architecture.
Zachman Framework	A two-dimensional matrix that categorizes and organizes architectural artifacts based on six perspectives and six levels of abstraction.
Gartner's EA Method	A four-phase methodology for developing an enterprise architecture that aligns business and IT strategies.
Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEAF)	A framework for creating, using, and maintaining enterprise architectures that are aligned with federal government policies and strategies.
ISO Standard for Enterprise Modelling (ISO19439)	A standard for creating enterprise models that can be used to describe the structure, behavior, and interactions of an enterprise.

Table 3: Analysis by Structure and Methodology

Framework	Structure	Methodology
TOGAF's ADM	TOGAF is a framework that provides a structured approach to enterprise architecture development. ADM is the core of the TOGAF framework and consists of a series of phases that guide the architecture development process.	The ADM methodology consists of the following phases: 1) Preliminary, 2) Architecture Vision, 3) Business Architecture, 4) Information Systems Architecture, 5) Technology Architecture, 6) Opportunities and Solutions, 7) Migration Planning, 8) Implementation Governance, and 9) Architecture Change Management.
Zachman Framework	The Zachman Framework is a matrix-based approach to enterprise architecture that provides a structured way to organize and view the various aspects of an	The methodology consists of identifying and defining the relevant intersections of

	organization. The framework consists of six columns (What, How, Where, Who, When, Why) and six rows (Scope, Business Model, System Model, Technology Model, Detailed Representations, and Functioning Enterprise).	the six columns and six rows, resulting in a matrix that represents the complete set of artifacts needed to describe an enterprise architecture.
Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Method	Gartner's approach to enterprise architecture is focused on enabling organizations to achieve their strategic goals by aligning their business and IT strategies. The methodology consists of a series of phases that guide the development of an enterprise architecture.	The methodology consists of the following phases: 1) Strategy, 2) Business Architecture, 3) Information Architecture, 4) Technology Architecture, 5) Implementation and Change Management.
Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEAF)	FEAF is a framework developed by the U.S. federal government to help align the strategic goals of the government with its enterprise architecture. The framework consists of five reference models (Business Reference Model, Service Component Reference Model, Data Reference Model, Technical Reference Model, and Performance Reference Model) that describe various aspects of an enterprise architecture.	The methodology consists of using the five reference models to develop an enterprise architecture that supports the strategic goals of the government.

ISO Standard for Enterprise Modelling (ISO19439)	ISO19439 is a standard that provides guidelines for the development of enterprise models, including enterprise architectures. The standard provides a common language and framework for developing models that can be shared and reused across an organization.	The methodology consists of developing enterprise models using a set of concepts and notations defined by the standard.
Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF)	DoDAF is a framework developed by the U.S. Department of Defense to support the development of architectures for defense systems. The framework consists of three viewpoints (Operational, Systems, and Technical) that describe the different aspects of a defense system architecture.	The methodology consists of developing architecture artifacts that support the three viewpoints of the framework and using those artifacts to inform decision-making related to the development and acquisition of defence systems

Table 4: Analysis by Application

Framework	Purpose	Focus	Key Components
TOGAF's ADM (The Open Group Architecture Framework)	Provides a standardized approach to create, manage, and	Business, application, data, and	Preliminary, Architecture Vision, Business Architecture,

	maintain enterprise architecture.	technology architecture.	Information Systems Architecture, Technology Architecture, Opportunities & Solutions, Migration Planning, Implementation Governance, Architecture Change Management.
Zachman Framework	Helps in organizing and structuring enterprise architecture knowledge, providing a holistic view of an organization's structure.	Data, Function, Network, People, Time, Motivation.	Rows: Scope, Business Model, System Model, Technology Model, Detailed Representations. Columns: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How.
Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Method	Provides a framework to help organizations manage and optimize their IT investments while aligning their IT infrastructure with business goals.	Business, application, data, and technology architecture.	Planning, Implementation, Management.
Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEAF)	Developed to create a common language for federal agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness	Business, data, application, and technology architecture.	Business Reference Model, Service Component Reference Model, Technical Reference Model, Data Reference

	of IT investments.		Model, Performance Reference Model.
ISO Standard for Enterprise Modelling (ISO19439)	Provides a standardized approach to enterprise architecture modeling and design, helping organizations to align their IT infrastructure with business goals.	Business, application, data, and technology architecture.	Process View, Information View, Organizational View, Functional View.
Department of Defence Architecture Framework (DoDAF)	Designed to support the development and implementation of enterprise architecture in the Department of Defense.	Operational, System, and Technical architecture.	Capability Viewpoint, Operational Viewpoint, Data and Information Viewpoint, Systems and Services Viewpoint, Standards Viewpoint

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is crucial to take into account the unique goals, resources, and restrictions of a given organization before choosing the best framework for it. Organizations can choose the strategy that best meets their goals by carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of each framework.

Goals of the company, the sector it serves, the breadth of its operations, and the level of sophistication of its architecture practice are just a few of the variables to take into account. It's crucial to consider the following factors while deciding between Enterprise Architecture Frameworks like TOGAF, Zachman, GEAM, FEAF, ISO/IEC 19439, and DoDAF:

1. Define Your Goals: Determine your goals for the enterprise architectural framework to get started. Do you want to increase creativity, cut expenses, increase efficiency, or comply with rules for your business? Some frameworks may be more appropriate than others for your objectives.

2. Consider Your Industry: Some frameworks function well in certain sectors of the economy. DoDAF, for instance, is geared toward the interests of the defense industry, whereas FEAF is focused on those of the federal government. When choosing a framework, take into account the nature of your industry and the particular difficulties it faces.

3. Evaluate Your Architecture Maturity: Think about how developed your organization's architecture practice is. A more directive framework like TOGAF can be useful if you're just getting started. A more adaptable framework like Zachman can be useful if your architecture practice is well-established.

4. Assess Your Scope: Take into account the size of your operation. If your company has a global presence, you might wish to take into account a framework like ISO/IEC 19439, which is made to support multinational corporations. DoDAF or FEAF could be more appropriate if your organization operates predominantly in the US.

5. Evaluate the Frameworks: Finally, examine the frameworks themselves. As you explore each framework's features and capabilities, consider how they fit with your company's aims, sector, stage of development, and scope. Consider factors such as vendor support, scalability, and ease of use.

Ultimately, the optimal enterprise architecture framework for your firm will be determined by your specific requirements and objectives. It is critical to carefully assess each framework and select the one that best matches your requirements.

6. CONCLUSION

The paper compared six popular enterprise architecture frameworks, including The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) ADM, Zachman Framework, Gartner's Enterprise Architecture Methodology (GEAM), Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF), ISO Standard for Enterprise Modeling (ISO/IEC 19439), and the Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF). The review emphasized each framework's merits and drawbacks, as well as its applicability for diverse organizational environments.

This paper's review is a significant resource for firms wishing to implement an enterprise architectural framework. Organizations may make an informed decision about which strategy to take by understanding the major elements of each framework, resulting in higher success in their enterprise architecture initiatives. It is crucial to stress, however, that businesses should thoroughly analyze their specific objectives and requirements before deciding on a framework. Finally, the ability to link business goals with IT strategy and effectively convey the value of enterprise architecture to stakeholders is critical to the success of any enterprise architecture program.

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