

## Easy to report

A built in report writer and composite document editor provide easy ways to report on or compile information from the repository. Standard reports and documents can be accessed for regular use via simple menus. Documents are produced in web format with hyperlinks between related information.

## Easy to publish and share

Selected content can be easily published as freestanding web sites for sharing with colleagues, suppliers and other authorized parties. This output is automatically formatted to be compatible with CD distribution. A second facility allows exposing selected content in the form of a portal - all without programming. Information can be served and integrated with enterprise intranet sites transparently to the user community.

## Easy to install and integrate

Archi is highly standards compliant. The server component requires only a standard web server capable of supporting CGI and a relational database supporting SQL92. Support for exchange of data via XML and CSV facilitates integration with many other products, including spreadsheets. An online API allows real-time interoperation with Office products (e.g.Visio, PowerPoint) over an HTTP network.

## Easy to extend and customize

Archi can be customized in several important ways:

- The meta model can be extended or customized easily through a web interface at runtime. The pattern-based architecture of the product immediately adjusts user interface, analysis and reporting tools
- Customized user menu's can be arranged to make access to frequently used items simple
- User defined computation and algorithms allow derivation of properties from values on current, related or nominated objects in the repository
- User defined views can incorporate HTML, Cascading Style Sheets, Java Script and information from the repository accessed via a high level API
- Event subsystem can monitor activity and automate collaboration or other actions (e.g. sending an e-mail to the Information Architect when a data model is loaded). User defined events allow customized behaviors in response to events detected.

## Easy to administer

All administration can be performed by authorized users through a web interface.

Users, which are assigned to groups and roles, are easily administered. Models can be managed within domains and tools are available to do impact analysis, exchange models, compare models and to automatically evaluate the currency and richness of repository content. Tools are available to monitor server activity and performance.

## Easy to find out more

Want to know more?

Please consult the web at: <http://www.inspired.org>

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## Acknowledgements

**Apache** is the world's most popular open source web server.

**API** is an Application Programming Interface for calling upon the capabilities of a software product from another software system.

**Cascading Style Sheets** allow describing the style of presentation of web interfaces concisely.

**CGI** is the Common Gateway Interface, a standard way for a web server to invoke an application.

**CSV** is Comma Separated Variable, a standard for exchanging structured record information (e.g. Tables, spreadsheets) via demarcated text files.

**DODAF** is the Dept Of Defence Architecture Framework (USA)

**Firefox** is the Mozilla based open source browser.

**HTML** is the Hypertext Markup Language, the standard for describing web content on the Internet.

**IIS** is Internet Information Server, a trademark of Microsoft Corp.

**Internet Explorer** is a trademark of Microsoft Corp.

**Java** is a trademark of Sun Microsystems.

**JavaScript** is a trademark of Netscape Corp.

**Netscape** is a trademark of Netscape Corp.

**Opera** is a trademark of Opera Software.

**TOGAF** is The Open Group Architecture Framework

**Visio** is a trademark of Microsoft Corp.

**XML** is eXtensible Markup Language, the standard for interchanging structured content via text based messages.

**Zachman** refers to the traditional EA Framework published by John Zachman



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With the lowest cost per seat of any comprehensive tool in the industry, Archi makes it easy to afford the tooling you need and provide facilities to all participants. Flexible licensing allows once off, annual or rental options.

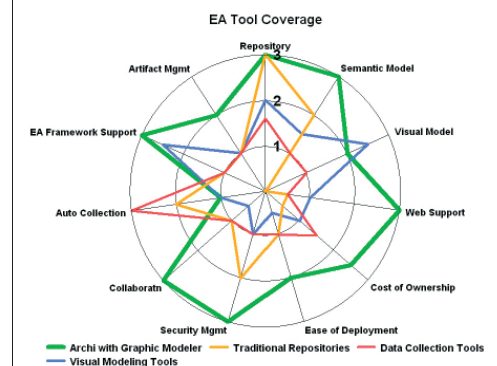
### How is Archi different?

Traditionally, EA activities have been supported by either a range of ad hoc tools, such as spreadsheets, user databases, web sites and diagramming tools; or tools originally designed for software modeling and engineering. The former provide inadequate rigor and support for integration and management of models. The latter, while offering rich support for visual modeling and specific model types, have often been expensive to deploy on any significant scale, may lack centralized repository support and do not easily support the flexibility and collaboration required. Some offer web-publishing capabilities, but do not support capture or modification of models via the web. Few support multi-user collaboration and administration facilities.

Others have used central repository products to support EA activity. These offer rich integration capabilities, but are often very difficult to customize and lack modeling tools. Most are not web enabled and are expensive to deploy.

Archi uniquely combines modeling capabilities, rich meta models, user extensibility, collaboration, interoperation and full web support for meta modeling, modeling, analysis, reporting and administration. It is also based on open standards that allow easy interoperation with other products providing or requiring data. These capabilities, combined with document/artifact management, ease of use/deployment and very low cost of ownership, make it an attractive new alternative.

With the ability to interface with data collection and widely deployed visual modeling tools (e.g.Visio), as well as our own newly introduced Graphical Modeler which runs in a standard web browser, Archi provides a comprehensive solution.



## Easy to deploy

Archi is fully web based and requires only central installation on a standard web server (IIS, Apache or similar). Authorized clients capture, relate, query, analyze, and report on information using standard web browsers (Internet Explorer, Netscape, FireFox, Opera) without client side installation, plug-ins or Java. Deployment is a simple server install and users can be up and running as soon as you designate them as users and provide them a URL. In practice, some multinationals have been up and running across several continents in less than a day.

## Easy to collaborate

Comprehensive meta-models that unify perspectives across user groups and the inherent web nature of the product, as well as full concurrent multi-user support with transaction management and security control, facilitate rapid collaboration. Each party can contribute or validate their part of the puzzle, then share it with colleagues and view what they are permitted to from the big picture. Collaboration is aided by news-group like threaded discussions. Users supported include business architects, information architects, applications architects, program managers, process analysts, IT managers, methods implementers, quality assurers and risk analysts.

## Easy to model and integrate

Models can be built incrementally and typically are built up by the naming of items, relating items, and describing items as information becomes available. Info can be captured online, imported from spreadsheets, Visio models and XML data sources, or modeled directly in Graphical Modeler. Distributed parties can contribute the items, which they are knowledgeable about, while the "big picture" formation is guided by comprehensive, provided meta-models.

