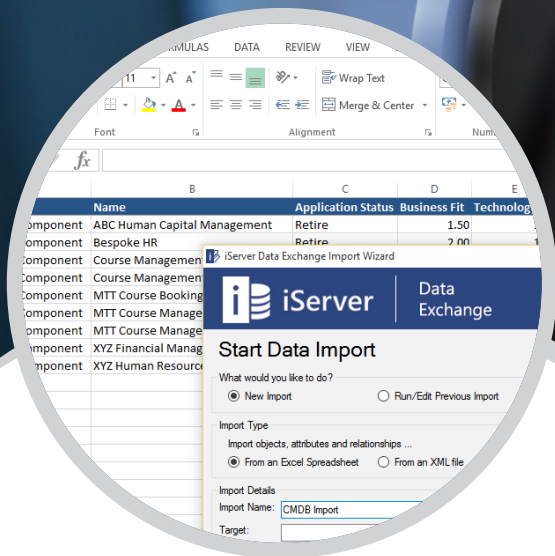# iServer
Data Exchange

One of the biggest challenges for Architects and Business Analysts is ensuring that information in the repository is a true reflection of the enterprise.

Features

- Bulk import and re-use of objects (Applications, Devices, Requirements, etc,)

- Bulk update repository Objects from Excel and XML Data

- Migrate data from legacy tools into iServer

- Import Relationships and meta-data held in Excel / XML

- Schedule Data Refresh, manage synchronization and conflict resolution
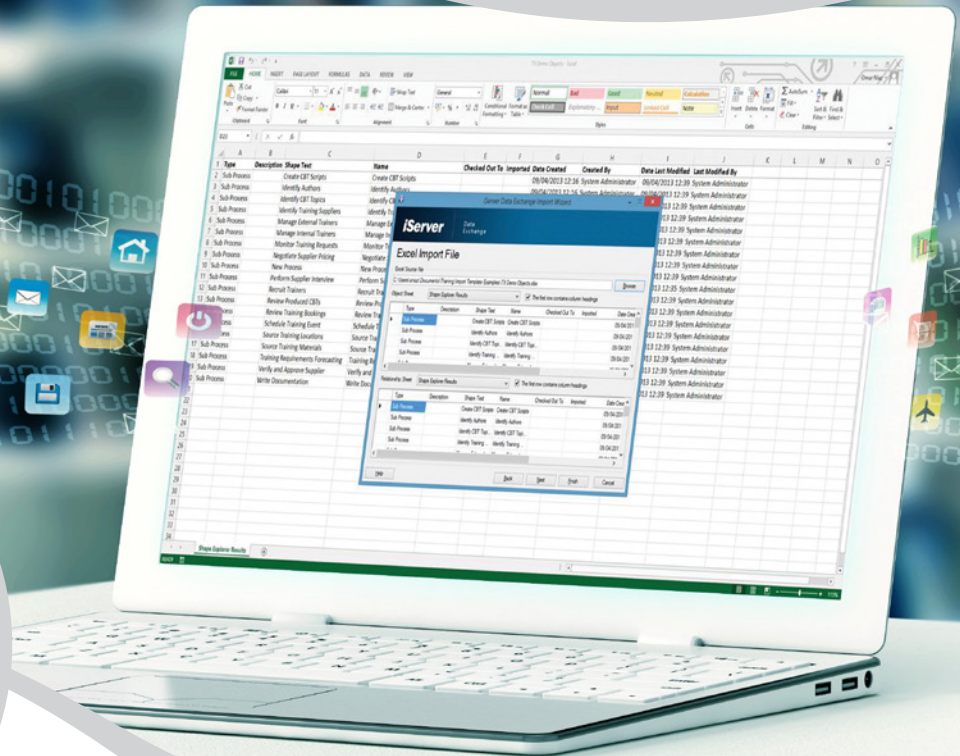
Benefits

- Speeds up the creation of new architecture objects

- Allow data to be edited externally in Excel (which is a familiar tool), minimize user resistance and save time

- Leverage current valued content for a fast start

- Protect credibility of EA by ensuring alignment to 'real' business data, and augment objects with iServer relationships without the need for a change request process

- Remove the cost and effort, whilst minimizing risk of manually managing duplicate data

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Most organizations store information related to enterprise architecture in a multitude of places. This can range from Excel spreadsheets containing information such as applications, technology standards or business functions, to external tools such as CMDBs, Asset Management or Project Management tools, as well as legacy enterprise architecture tools or databases that you wish to replace and extract data from.

iServer Data Exchange is an integration module that allows the bulk import of data from Excel and XML data sources into the iServer repository. Imports can be refreshed to synchronize any external changes, and scheduled to run periodically if desired, removing the need for manual intervention. The core benefit that iServer Data Exchange offers is a vast reduction in the time needed to both initially input information into your architecture repository, and later to keep it up to date.