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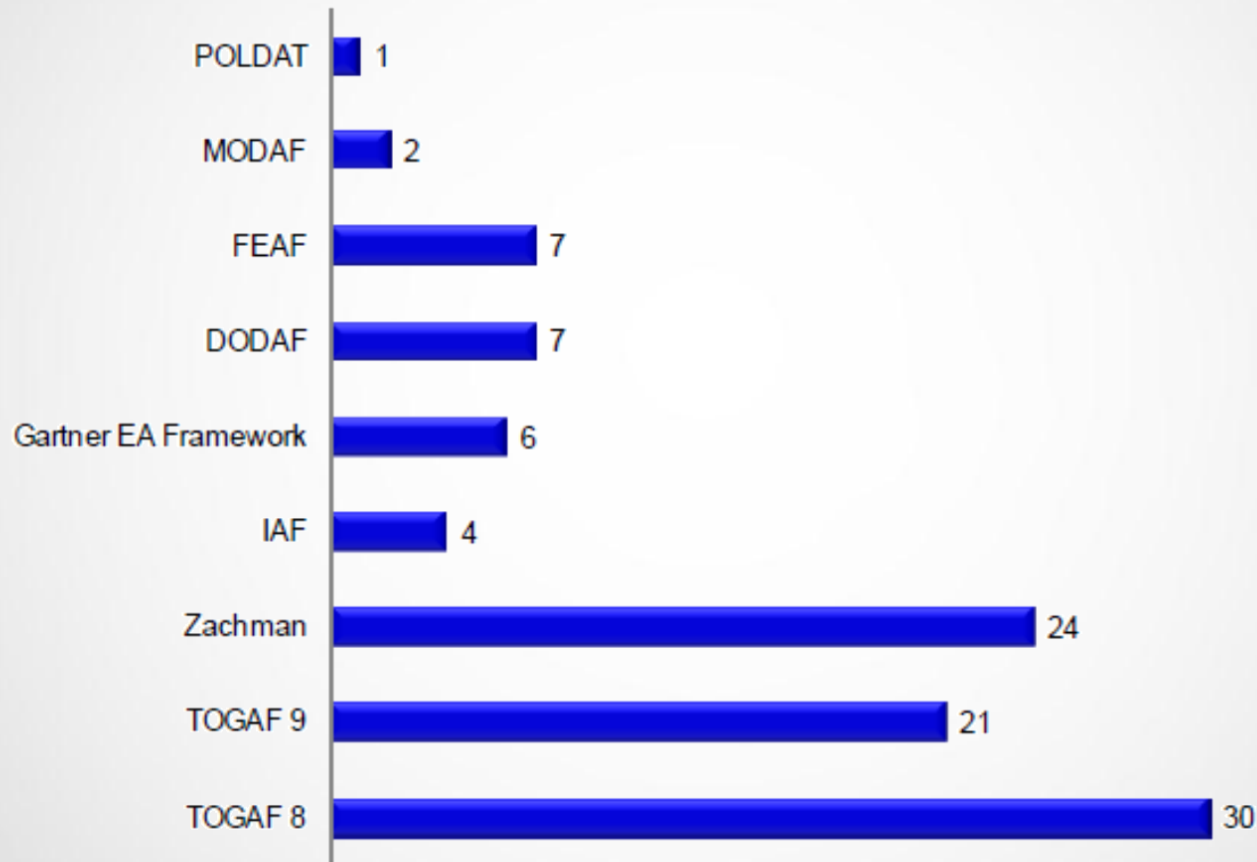
Why do I claim that TOGAF® is the de-facto EA framework ?

There is 2 parts to the answer:

1. The size and diversity of the community that created TOGAF® and that are also supporting and growing the standard.

2. I used ISO 15704 [Requirements for enterprise-reference architectures and methodologies] as a generalized framework for describing the components needed by an enterprise architecture framework and found that TOGAF® is very complete.

Adoption of TOGAF® 9 6 Months after the Launch

Which Enterprise Architecture framework(s) are in use within your organization?

Framework	Count
POLDAT	1
MODAF	2
FEAF	7
DODAF	7
Gartner EA Framework	6
IAF	4
Zachman	24
TOGAF 9	21
TOGAF 8	30

*Survey results released 2009 at Open Group Toronto EAPC https://opengroup.org/tech/arch_newsletter/nl_aug09.pdf

My claim that TOGAF® is a truly global standard
is based on the following three factors:

1. The diversity of the global Open Group membership that participates in the development of the TOGAF® standard

2. The TOGAF® localization is making the standard available to a significant community of non-English speaking architects

3. The growth in the certification of architects on the TOGAF® standard.

Diverse global participation in TOGAF® development

- The TOGAF® standard is a product of The Open Group, a global consortium with more than 350 members.

- The diverse membership consists of client organizations (including multi-national organizations, SME's, public sector organizations) and suppliers of products and services that spans all sectors of the economy.

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TOGAF® Localization

- The Open Group members are also very active in translating TOGAF® into different languages to enable global participation.

- The work includes the translation of glossaries, pocket guides, the TOGAF® 9 book, and examinations into different languages.

  - The availability of the TOGAF® 9 book in Chinese and Japanese is creating a common architecture language between worlds that were previously were very difficult to bridge.

- Also the availability of the TOGAF® 9 Pocket Guide in French, Dutch, German, Japanese, and Chinese just makes it easier for non-architects to get access to TOGAF® methods and techniques.
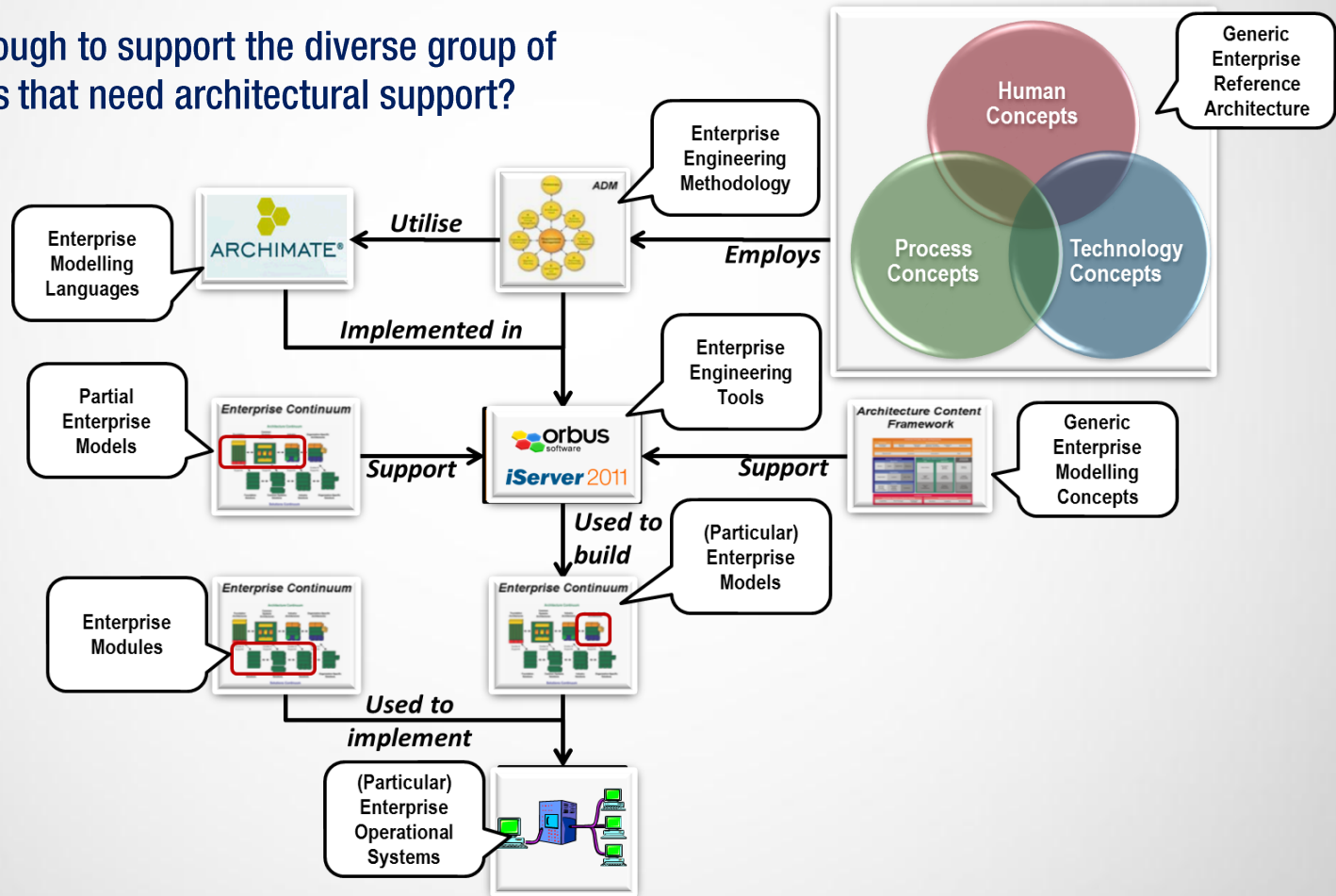
Certified Individuals

Architects that have been TOGAF® certified as on 31 July 2011 have reached more that 16,000 individuals globally.

TOGAF® 9 Certified	5672 Registered Individuals
TOGAF® 9 Foundation	2396 Registered Individuals
TOGAF® 8 Certified	8211 Registered Individuals + 57 confidential

ISO 15704 Requirements for enterprise-reference architectures and methodologies - GERAM

- Is TOGAF® 9 a good architecture framework?

- Is it good enough to support the diverse group of organizations that need architectural support?

Conclusion

In conclusion, I believe that TOGAF® is the de-facto Enterprise Architecture standard because:

1. The Architecture framework market share is more than 50%, with no real competing framework even close to that level of penetration.

2. No single organization is dictating the direction that TOGAF® must take, The Open Group consortium is member driven (350+ organizations) and the membership working on TOGAF® is collaborative and inclusive.

3. TOGAF® is accessible by non-English speaking architects through translations that is setting TOGAF® apart from any other EA framework and linked to local offices across the world, an integrated Architecture Community is being nurtured.

4. 16000+ Architects are TOGAF® certified and are using or adapting the standard for use in their organizations.

5. TOGAF® is freely available to members and non-members, royalty free, to use to build their own architectures.

Questions and Answers

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