



Modeling a Composable Architecture with EDGY



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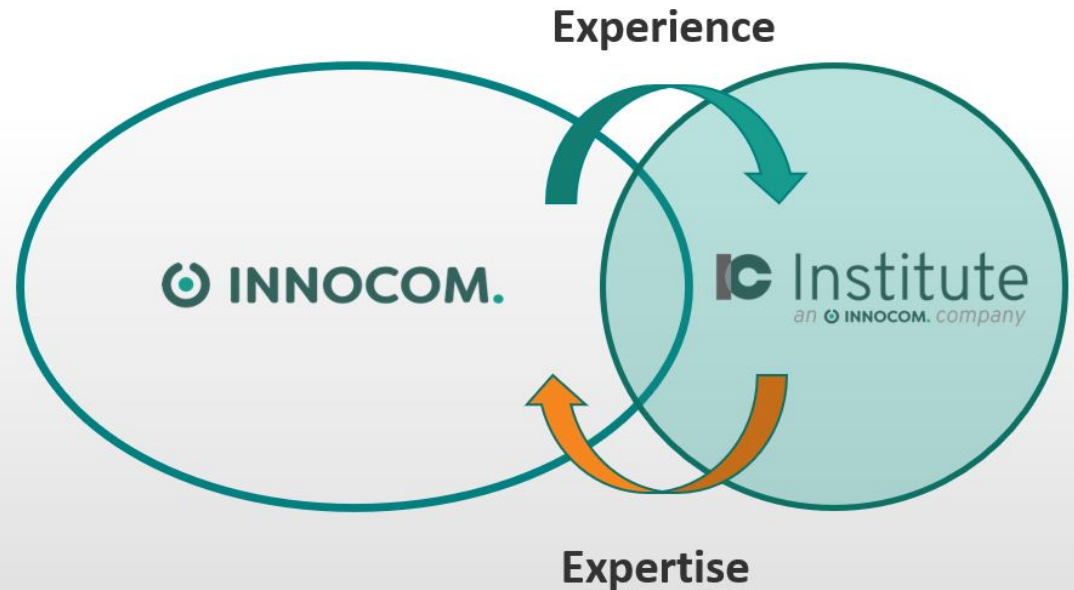
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- 20+ years of experience in different Enterprise Architecture and Solution Architecture roles.
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Talk outline



1 A short history of Composable Architecture

2 The link with Enterprise Design and EDGY

3 How this has delivered a solid proof-of-value in a real-world case



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A short history of Composable Architecture

Modeling a Composable Architecture with EDGY

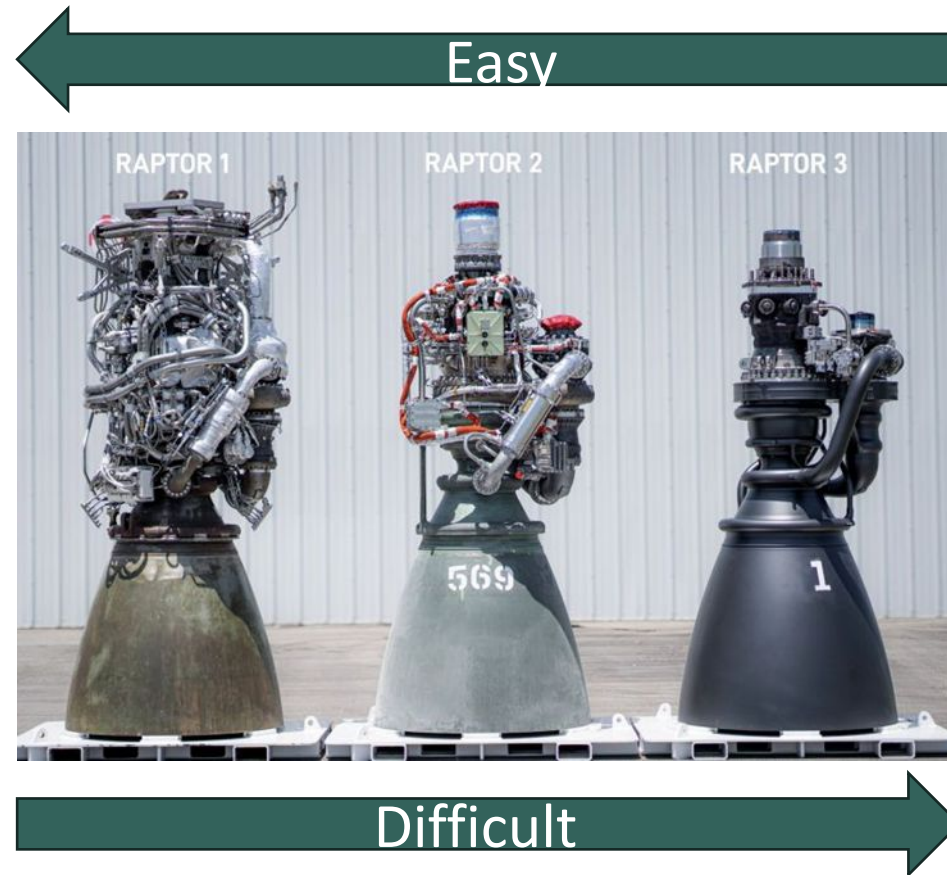


1. Composable Architecture is about what you build



The required agile characteristics of the system or architecture

- Managing complexity
- Allowing reusability
- Enabling evolvability



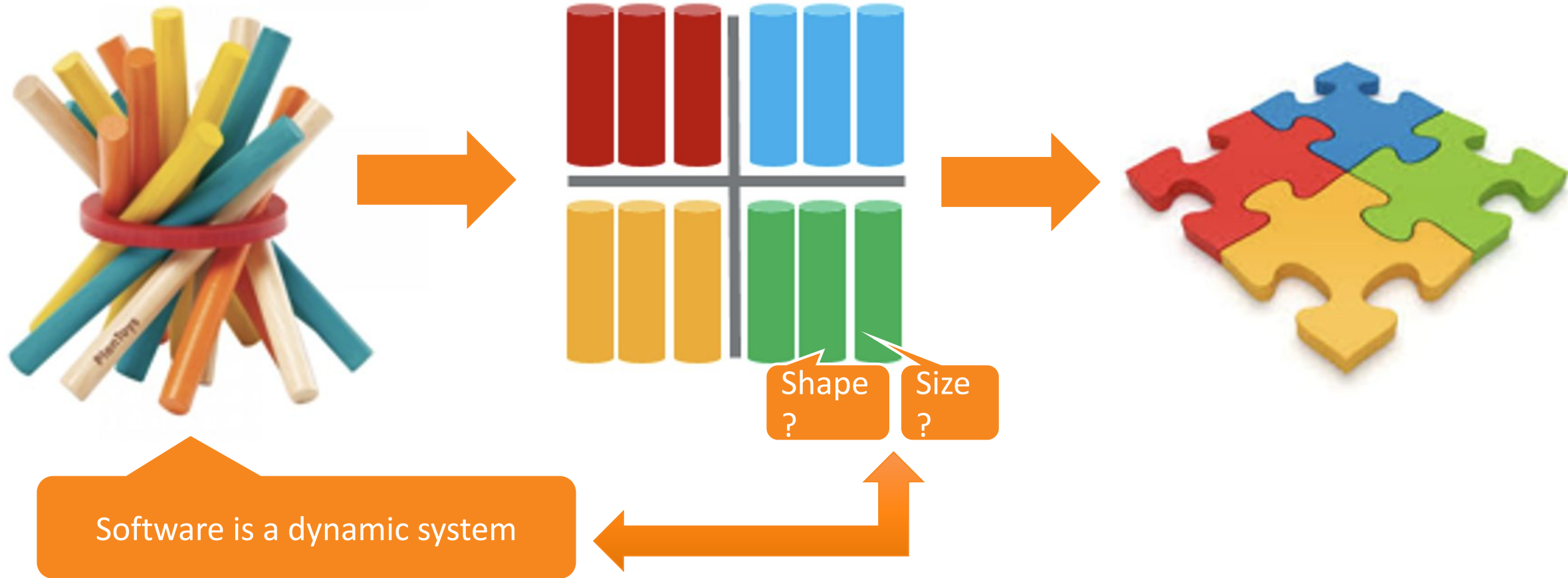
All this while you have to keep the “engine” running in the process



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2. Composable Architecture should safeguard dynamic stability



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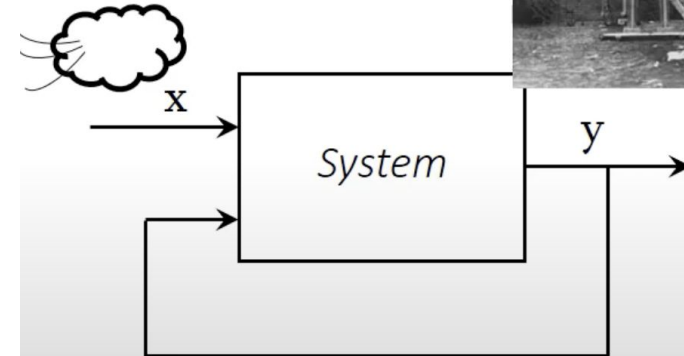


$$a > 0 \rightarrow a = 0 \rightarrow a > 0$$

X = force of the wind
 Y = deflection / energy of the bridge
 $a = 0$ (no damping effect)



Software is a dynamic system
Normalized Systems Theory (NST)



$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = \textcircled{x(t)} + a \cancel{y(t)}$$

Collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (1940)



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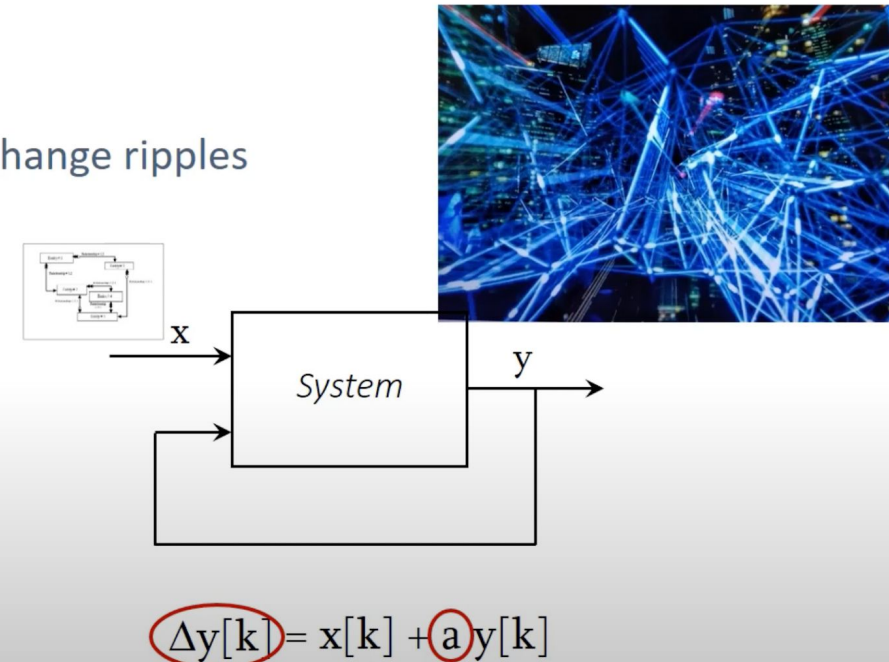
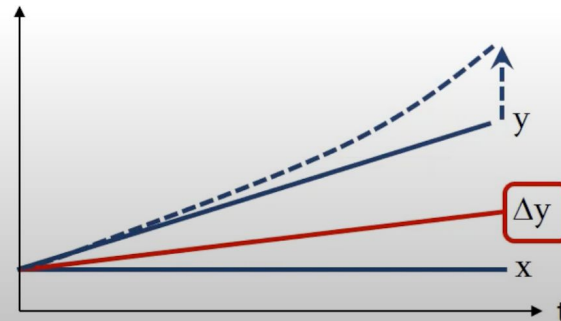


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X = requirements (new/changes)
Y = versions of software modules
a = change ripples (combinations of multiple changes)

$a > 0$
Principles of Normalized Systems Theory (NST)
Best practices & design patterns

- Dynamic instability
- Caused by **positive feedback**
 - between modular structure and change ripples
→ $\Delta y[k] \sim ay[k], a > 0$
 - with **growing structure**
→ $y[k+1] = y[k] + \Delta y[k] > y[k]$



2. Composable Architecture should enable dynamic stability



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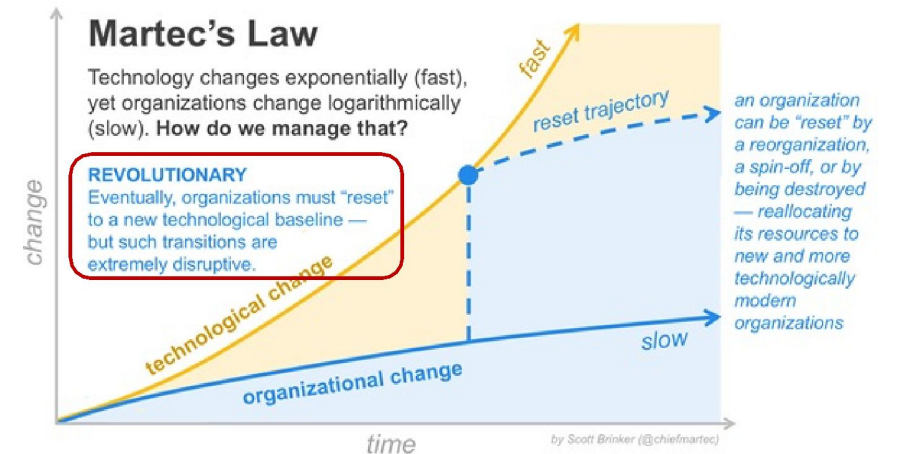
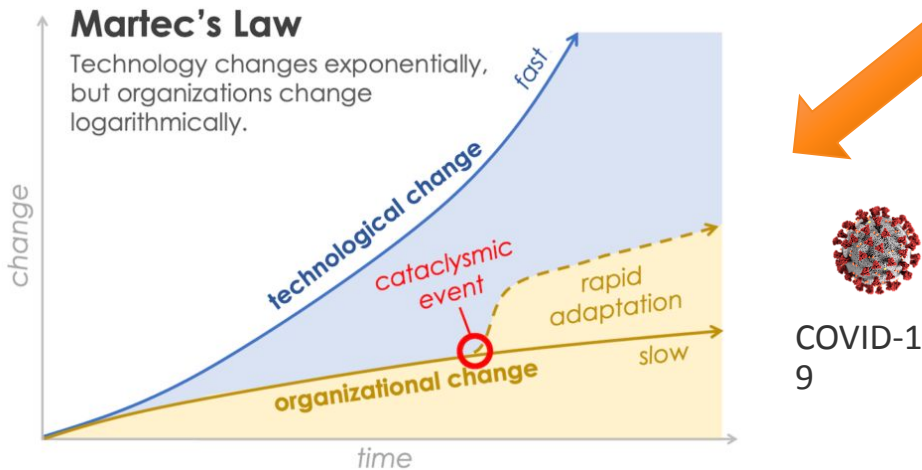
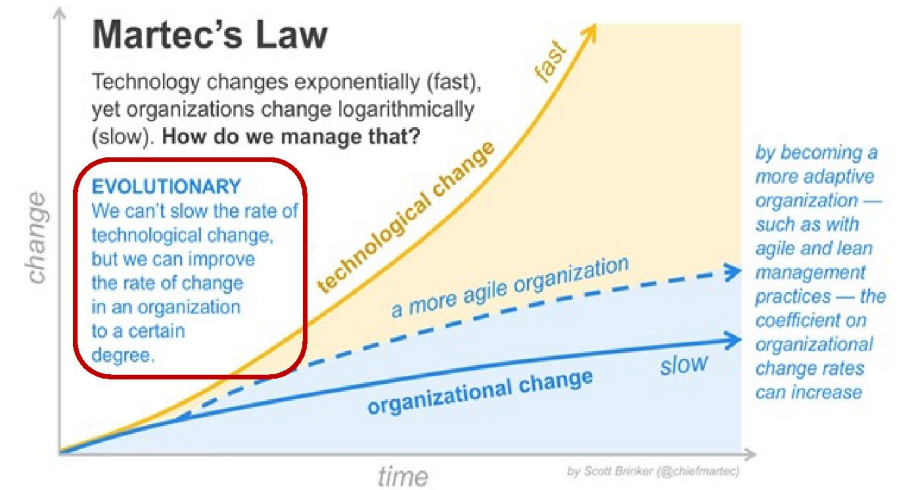
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- *Low coupling = low inter-modular coupling*
 - Data Version Transparency
 - Action Version Transparency
 - Separation of States
- *High cohesion = low intra-modular coupling*
 - Separation of Concerns
 - Separation of States

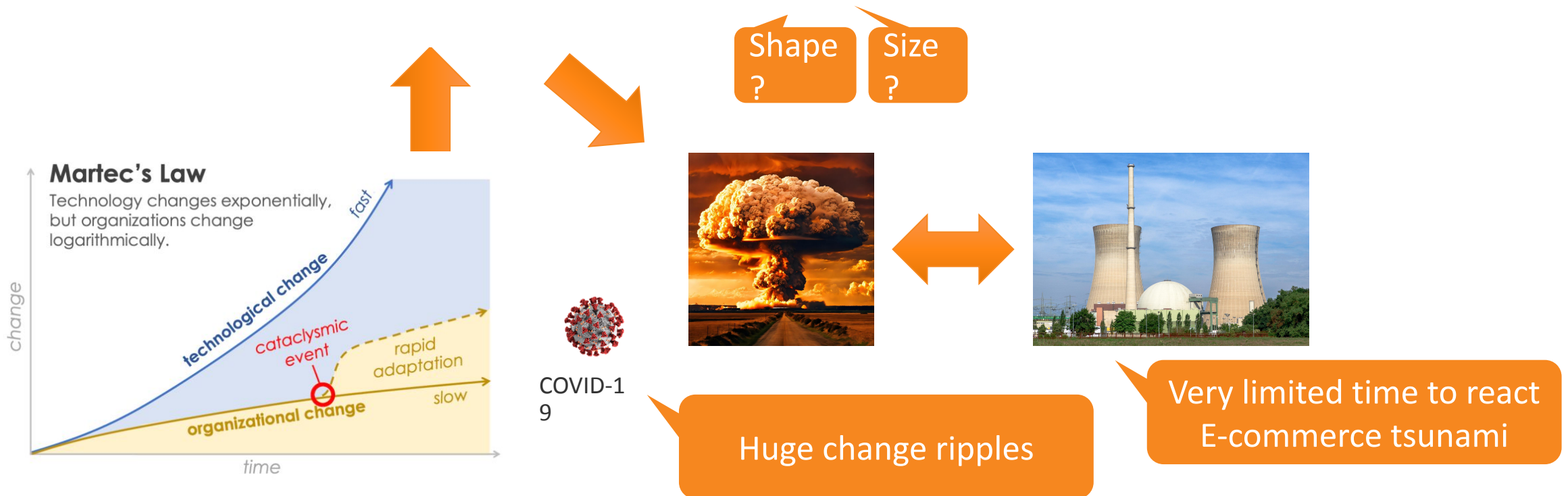
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3. Composable Architecture emerged in times of rapid adaptation



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3. Composable Architecture as observed by Gartner during COVID



Packaged Business Capabilities (PBCs)

PBCs are encapsulated software components that represent a well-defined business capability, recognizable as such by a business user. Well-designed PBCs are:

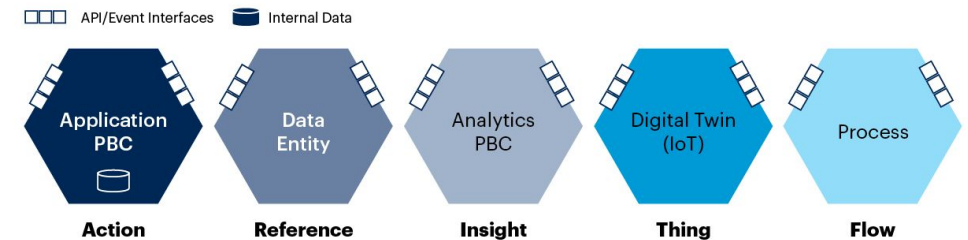
- **Modular:** Partitioned into a cohesive set of components.
- **Autonomous:** Self-sufficient and with minimal dependencies to ensure flexibility in composition.
- **Orchestrated:** Packaged for composition to assemble process flows or complex transactions through APIs, event interfaces or other technical means.
- **Discoverable:** Designed with semantic clarity and economy to be accessible to business and technical designers, developers and active applications.

Huge change ripples

$x \rightarrow X = a \rightarrow A$
Extra stabilization
required!

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Example: PBC Types



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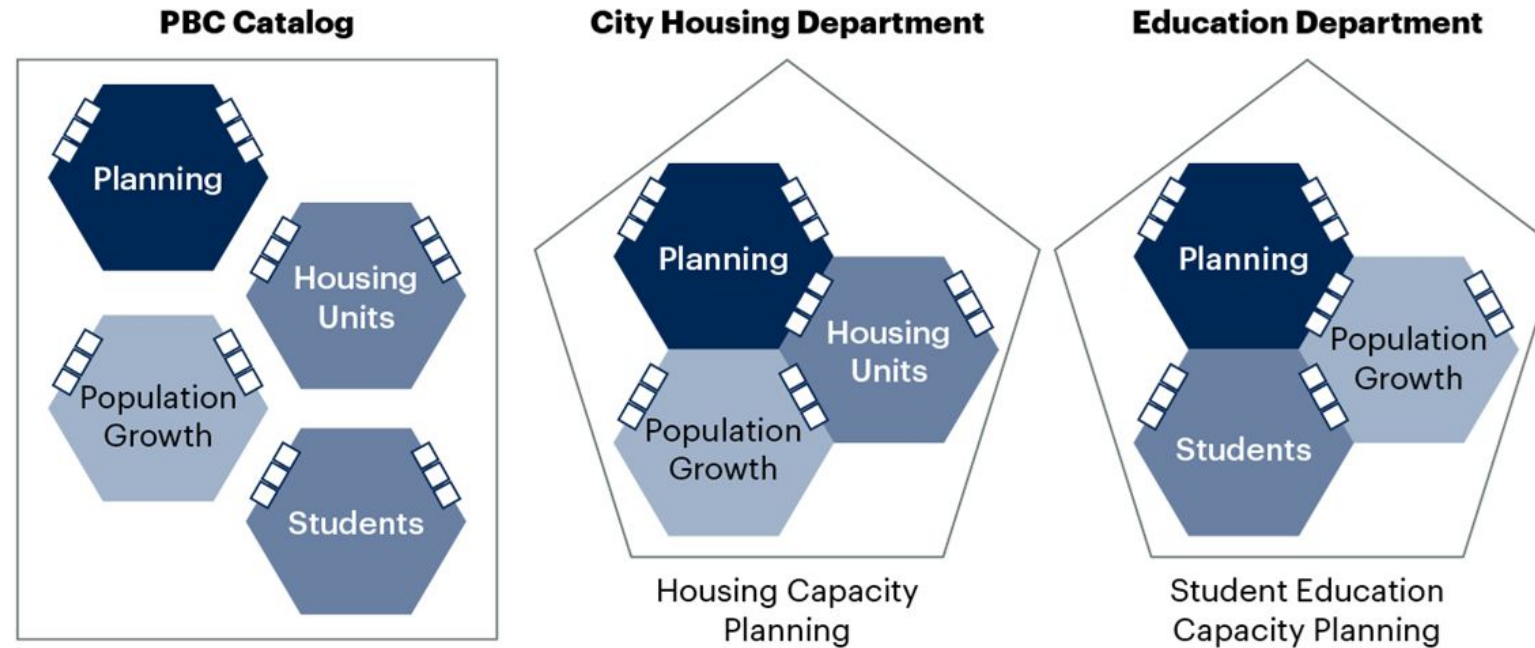


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Simple Example Composability for a City

□□□ API/Event Interfaces



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“The granularity of PBCs, as with all modular systems, is a common design challenge. Modular components that are too large may be easier to manage, but they are harder to change or use in new compositions. Components that are too small may be easier to assemble, but harder to isolate, identify, find or change.”


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4. Composable Architecture in Banking



SERVICE DOMAIN

Service Domain	An elemental or atomic functional building block that can be service enabled as a discrete and unique business responsibility.	
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- The **Service Domain** is a core concept in the BIAN architecture – and standard.
- A BIAN Service Domain represents the smallest functional partition that can be service-enabled as a discrete and unique business responsibility.
- Service Domains are mutually-exclusive and collectively-exhaustive.
- A Service Domain offers its services (Service Operations) to other Service Domains. This allows Service Domains to fulfil their role by delegating the execution of functionality to other Service Domains.
- The interaction between the Service Domains can realize all the business activities that make up a bank.

Externalization



CR - BankGuaranteeTransaction		
PUT	/BankGuarantee/{bankguaranteeId}/Control	Control Bank Guarantee Transaction
PUT	/BankGuarantee/{bankguaranteeId}/Exchange	Exchange Bank Guarantee Transaction
PUT	/BankGuarantee/{bankguaranteeId}/Execute	Execute Bank Guarantee Transaction
POST	/BankGuarantee/Initiate	Initiate Bank Guarantee Transaction
GET	/BankGuarantee/{bankguaranteeId}/Notify	Notify Bank Guarantee Transaction

BIAN Service Landscape V10.0 Matrix View



Bank Guarantee

1. Role Definition

Orchestrate the pricing, issuance and subsequent fulfillment activities for Bank Guarantees as used in corporate/correspondent trade and project finance activity

2. Example of Use

A bank guarantee is provided to a corporate client to cover international trade finance deal

3. Executive Summary

This Service Domain handles the pricing and issuance of a broad range of bank guarantee instruments

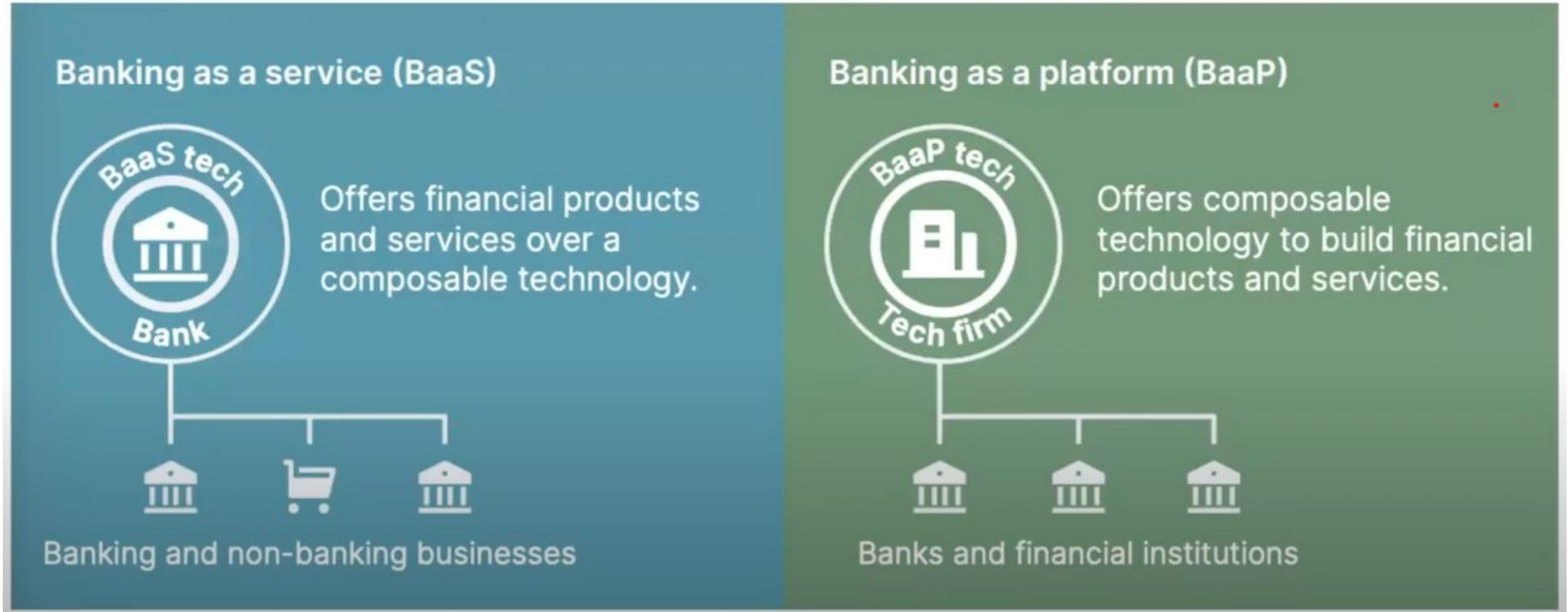
4. Key Features

- Price and issue bank guarantees for bank customers
- Evaluate claims and make payments against the guarantee
- Recover collateral against redeemed guarantees where applicable

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4. Composable Architecture in Banking





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The link with Enterprise Design and EDGY

Modeling a Composable Architecture with EDGY



Composable Architecture is the outcome of applying composability



Enterprise Architecture

How to define future state with composability in mind?

Customer Journeys

How to optimize user experience with composability in mind?

Solution Architecture

How to select fit for purpose solutions and/or solution building blocks?

Capabilities

Software Architecture

How to introduce, implement and evolve a composable architecture?

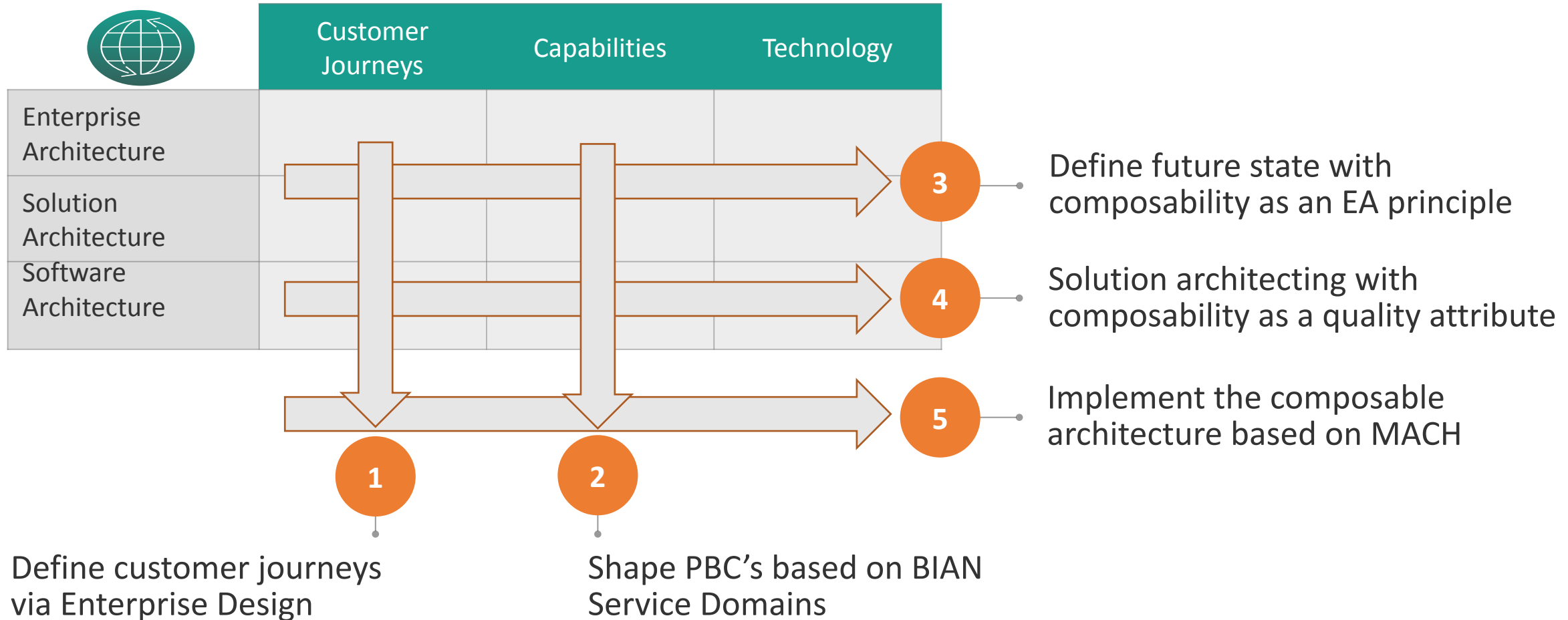
Packaged Business Capabilities (PBC)

How to evolve from current state to platforms and platform-based PBC's?

Technology



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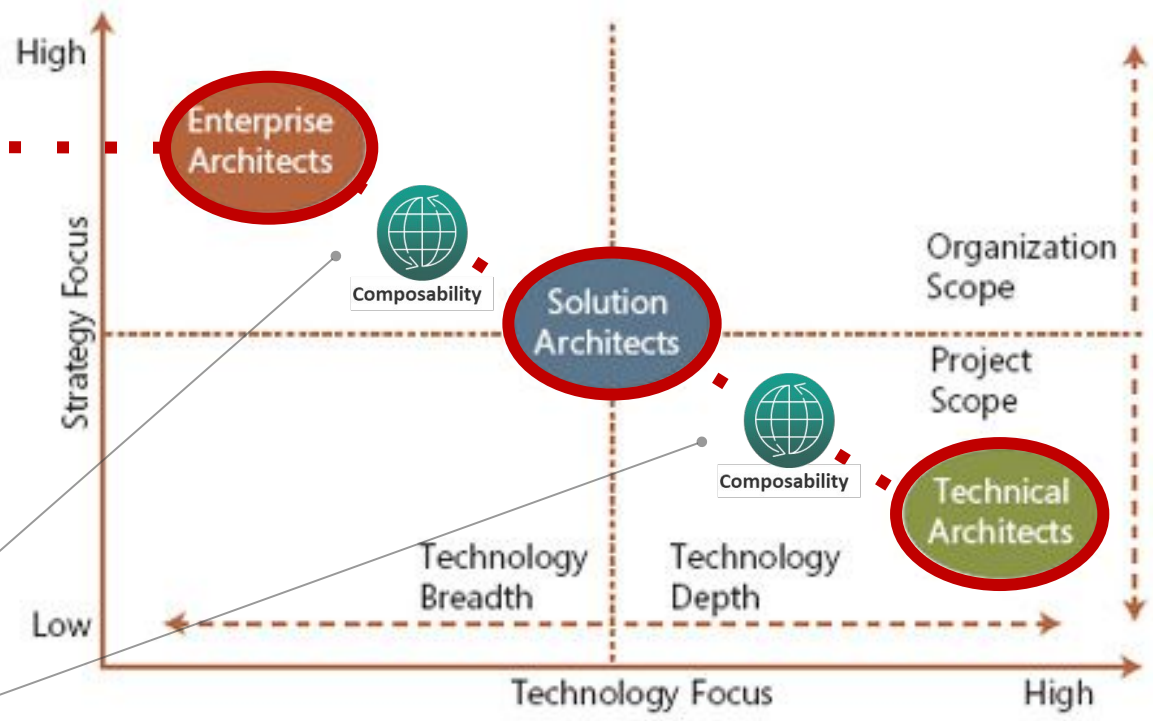


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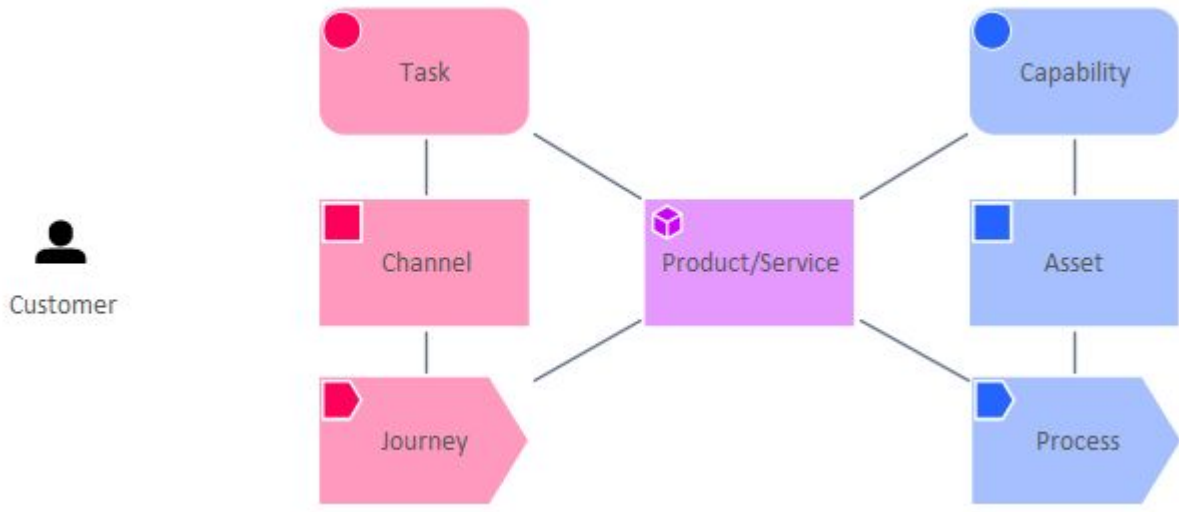
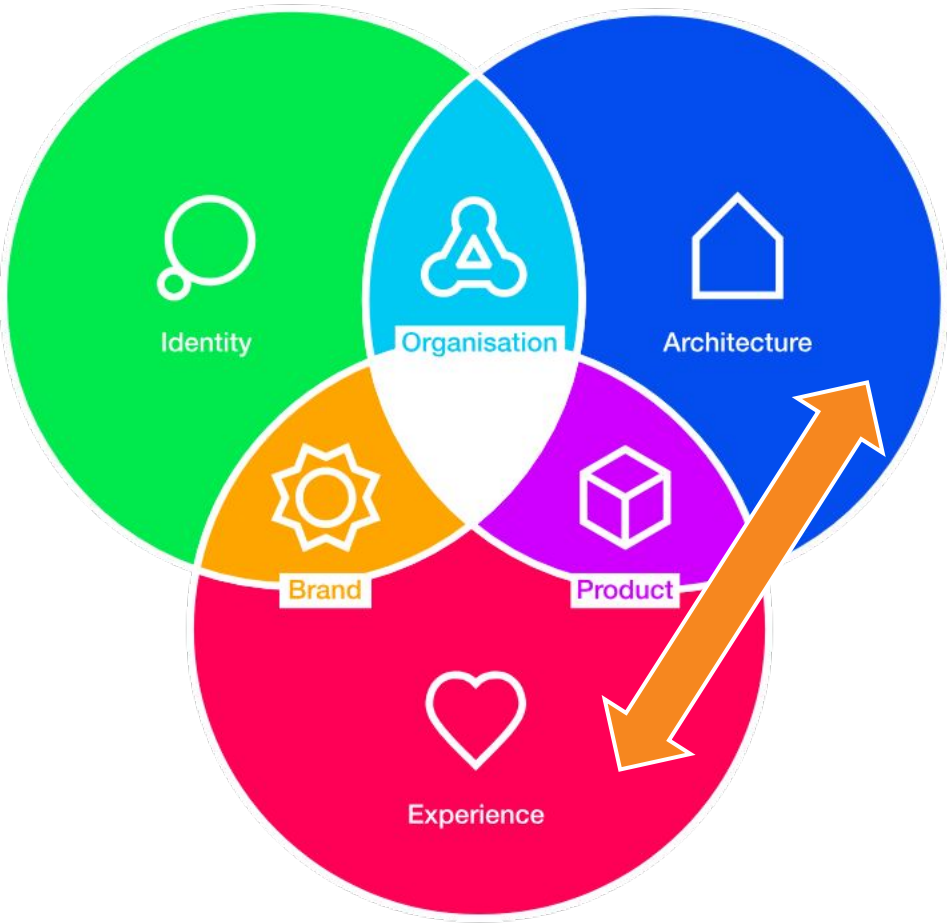
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- 3 Define future state with composability as an EA principle
- 4 Solution architecting with composability as a quality attribute
- 5 Implement the composable architecture based on MACH



EDGY

Experience - Product/Service - Architecture

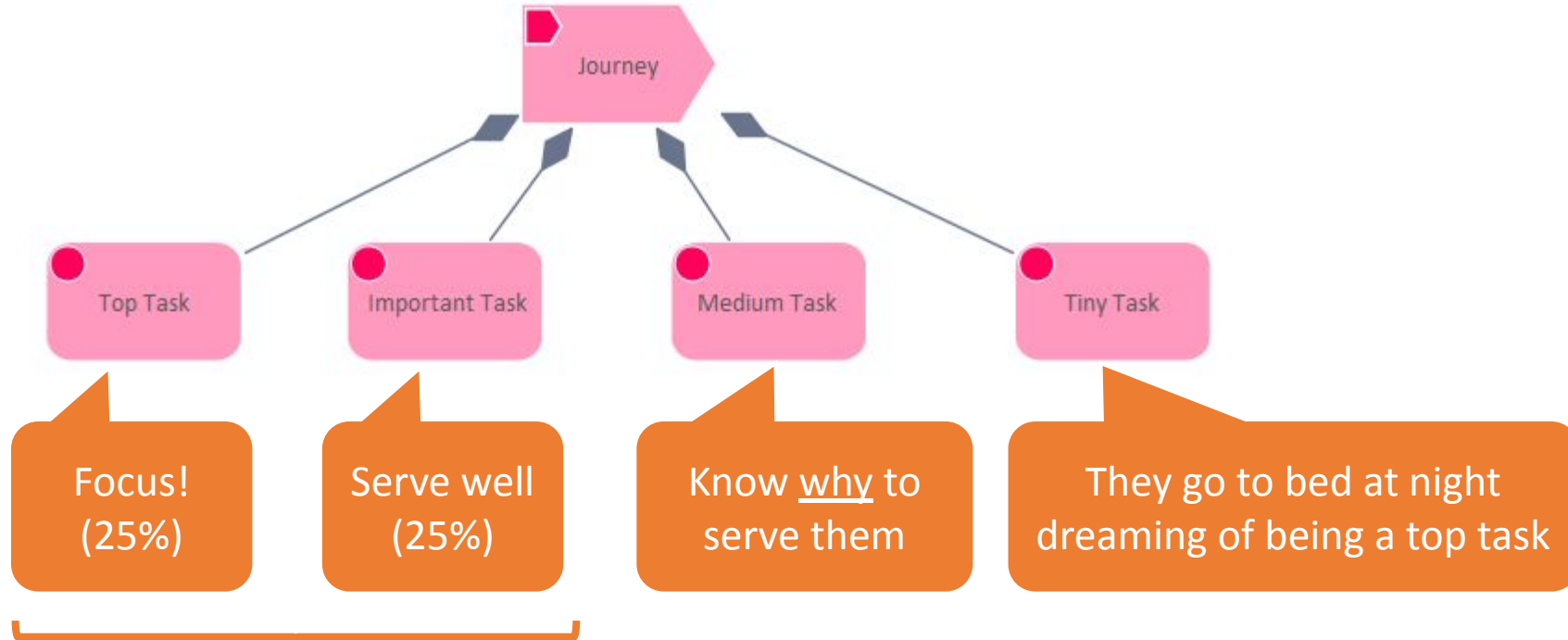


What does potentially have the most impact on composability?



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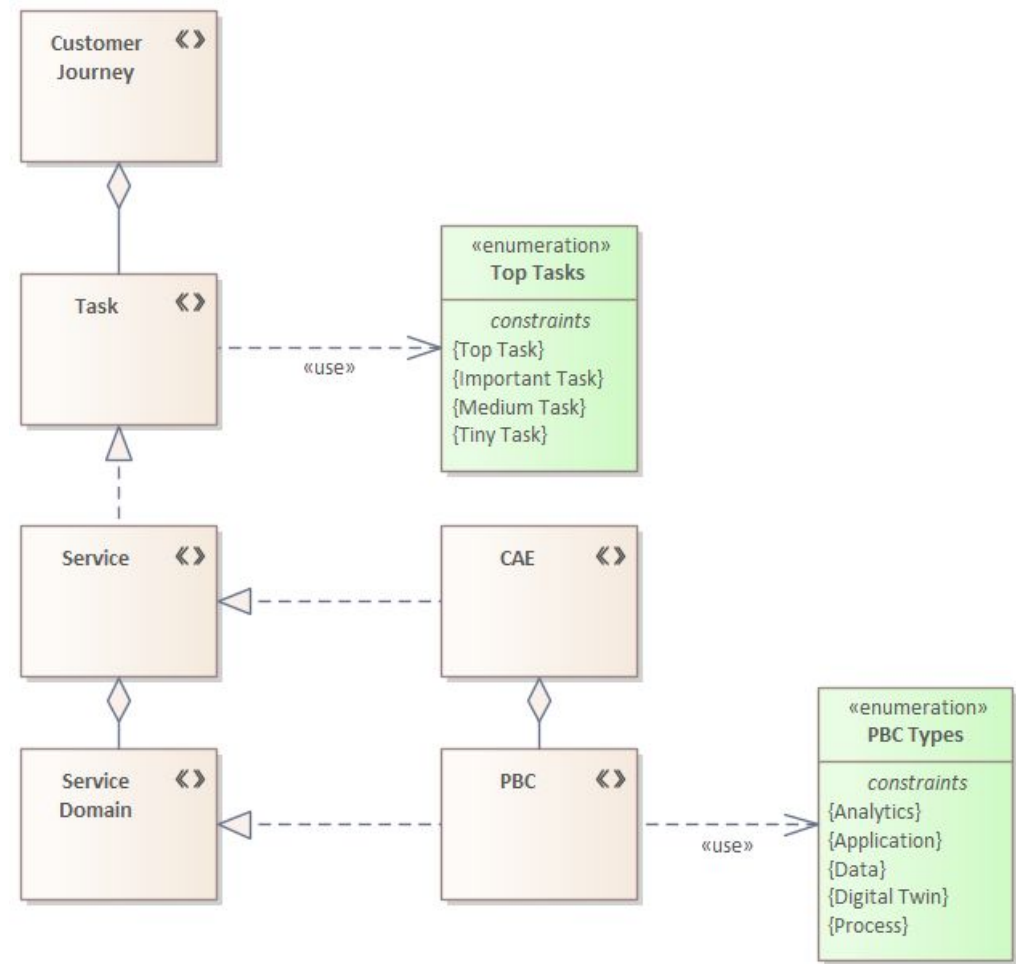
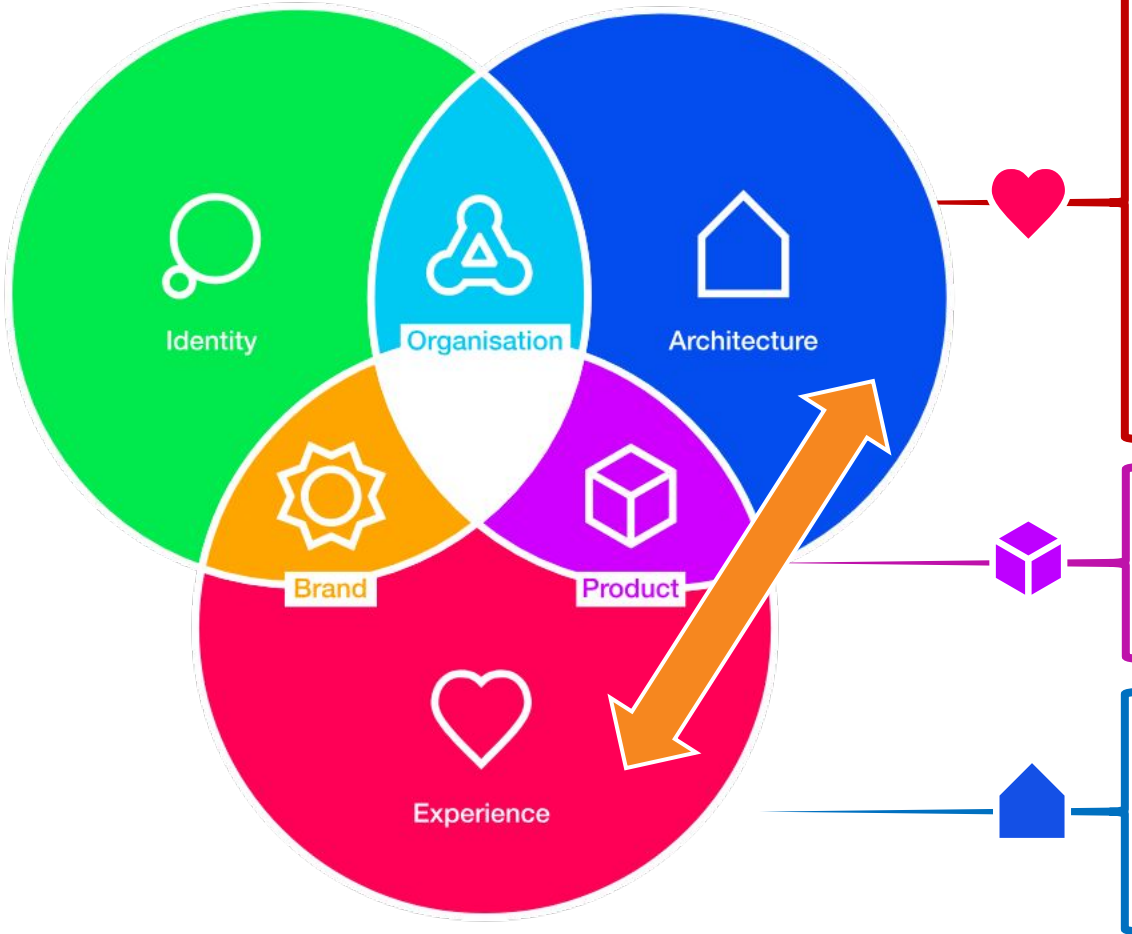


Composability



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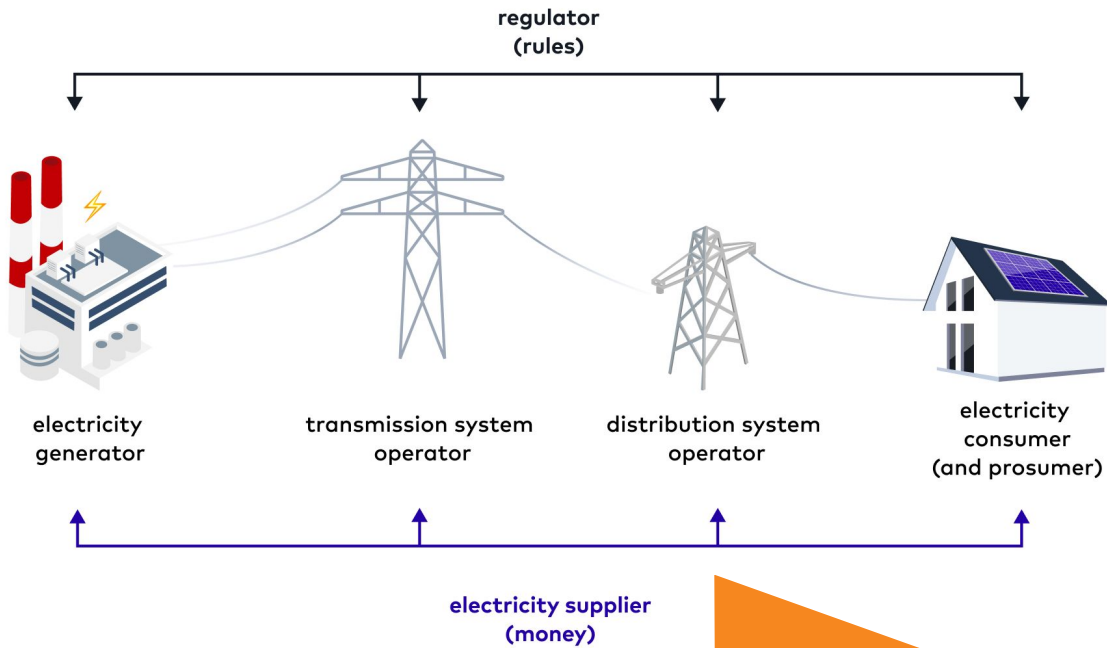


Case: Distribution System Operator (DSO) in Utility



Huge change ripples

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Source: Graphics by EPRS

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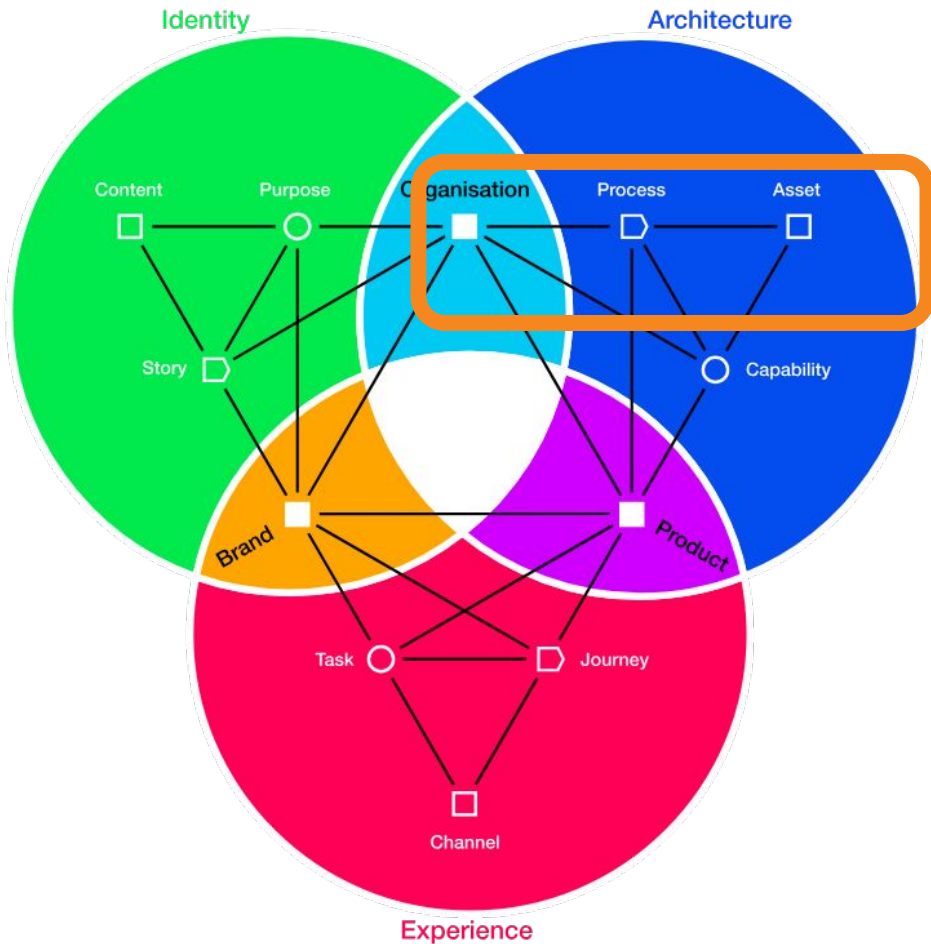


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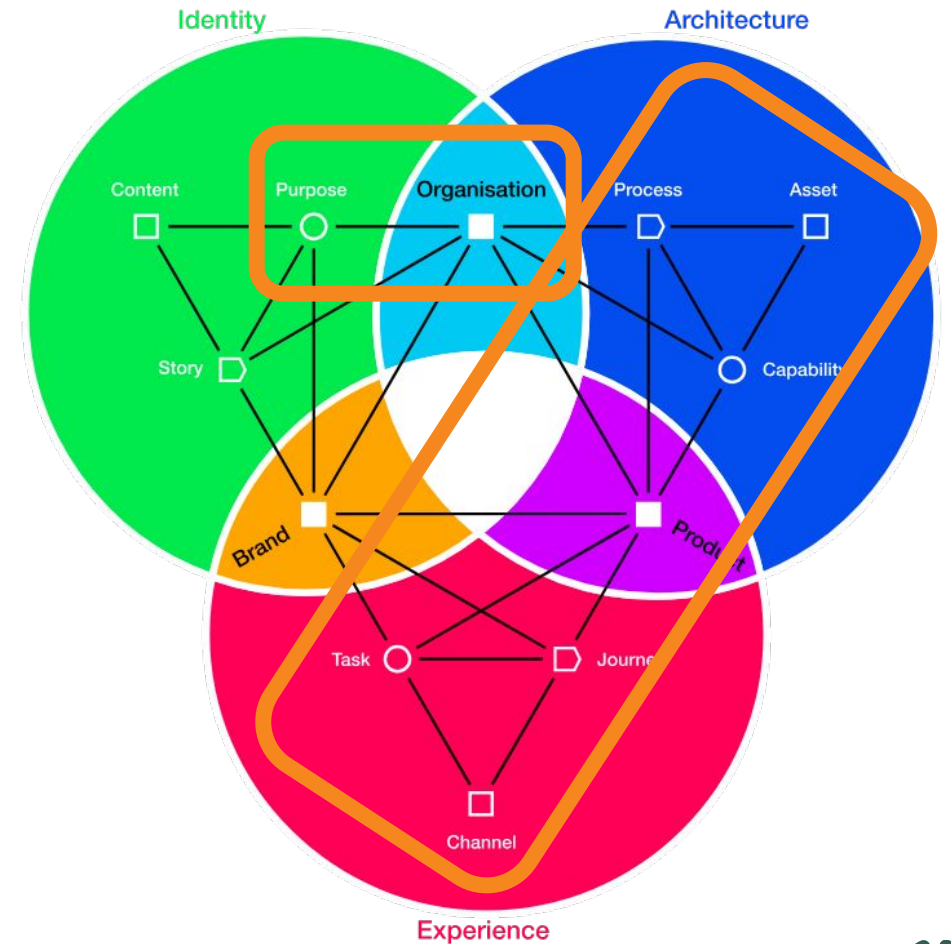


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→ Avoid silos and tight dependency between processes and applications



Reframing

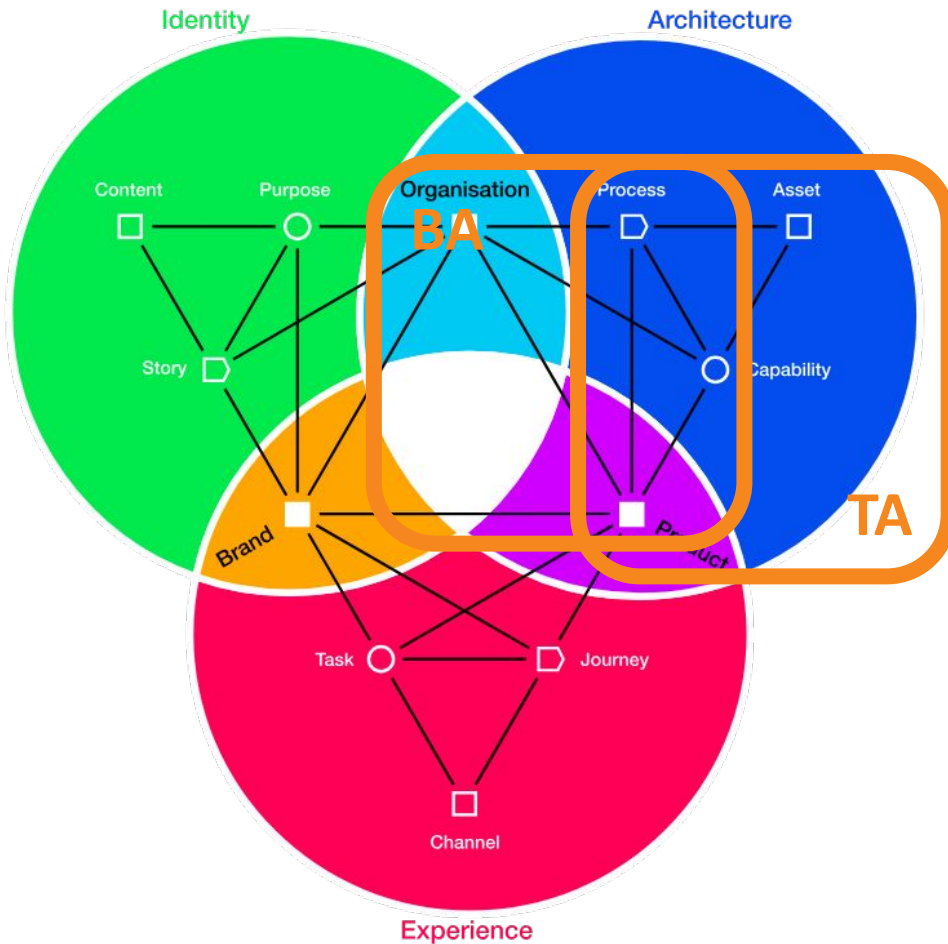


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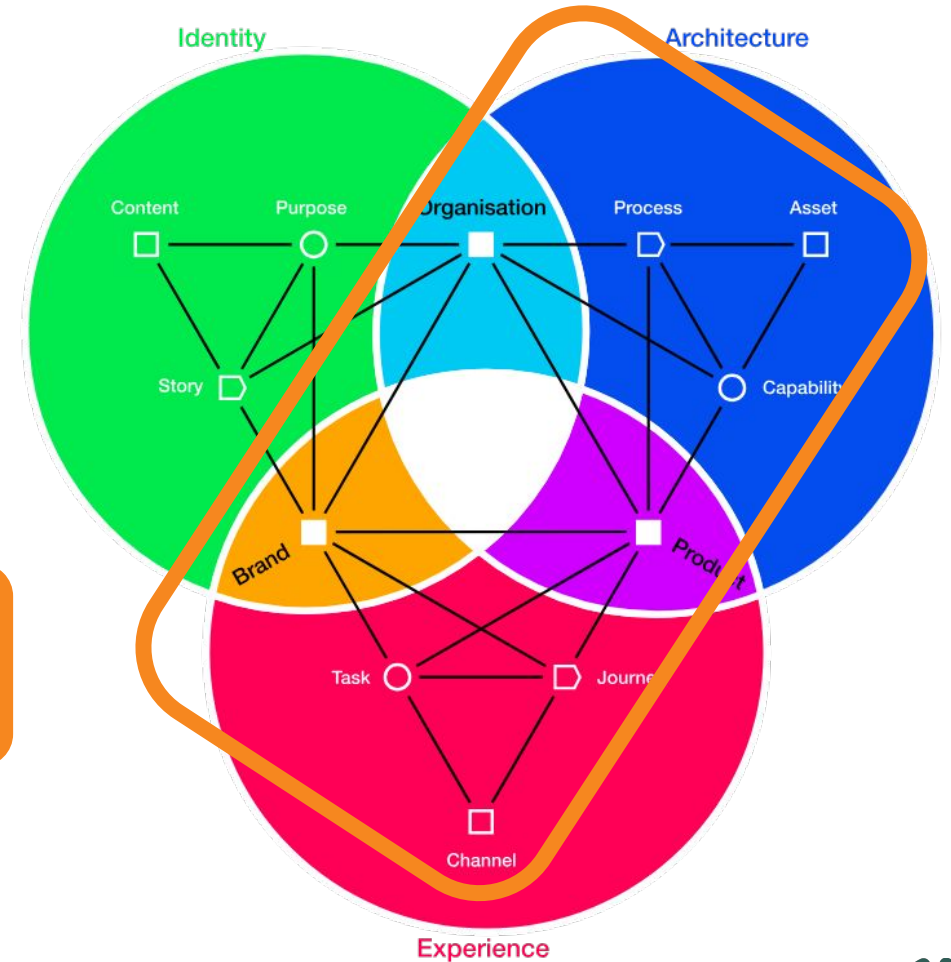
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→ Bridge between business architecture and other architectural roles



Alignment
Training
Workshops

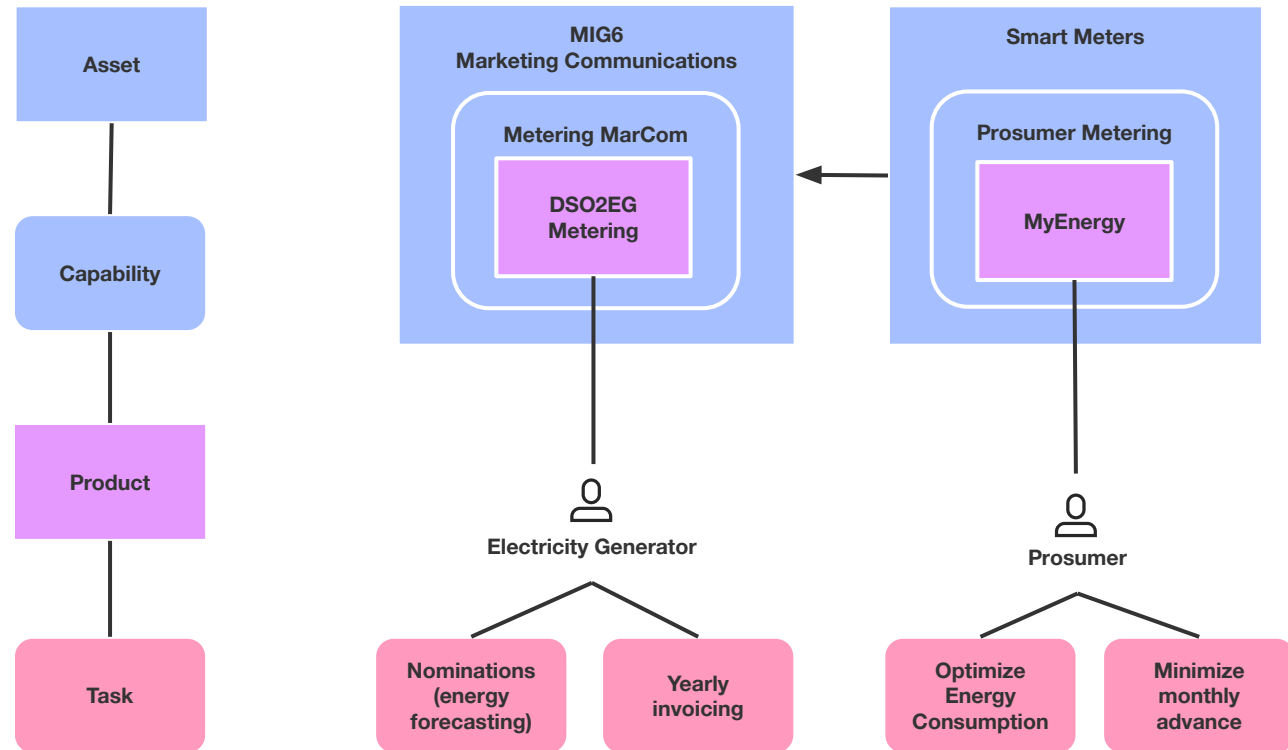


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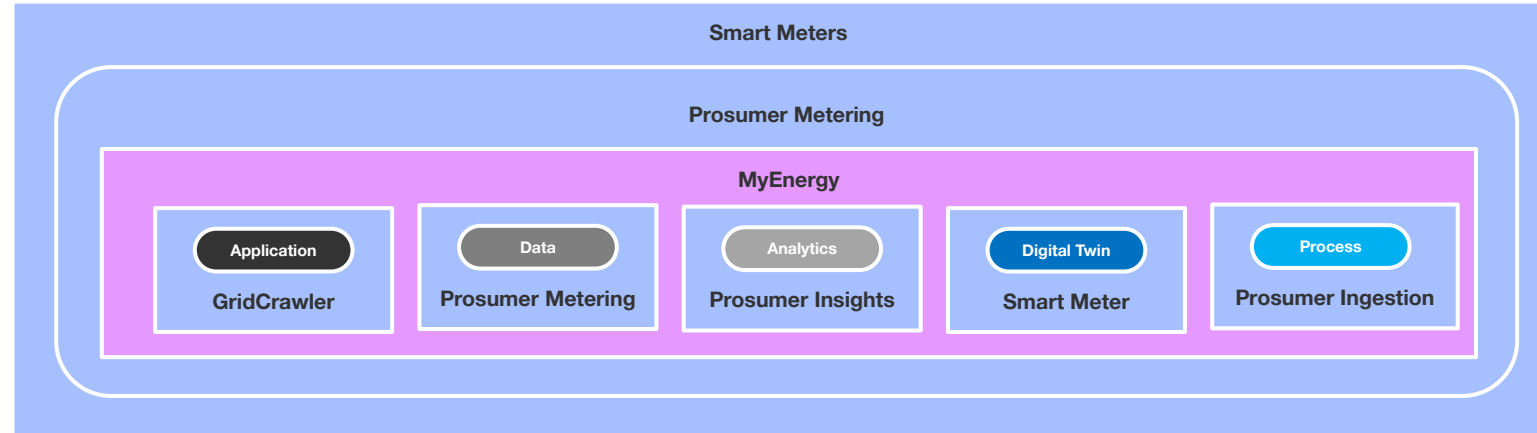
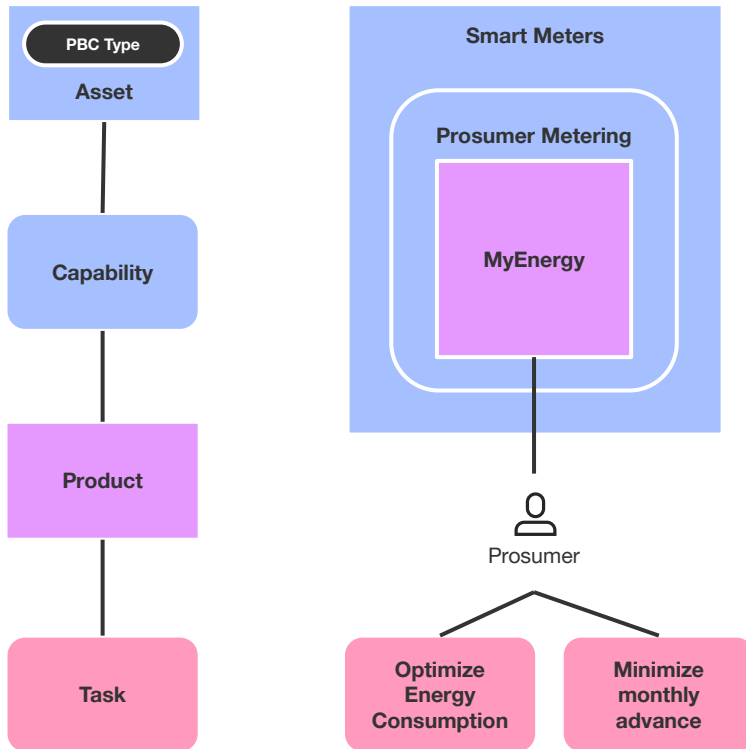


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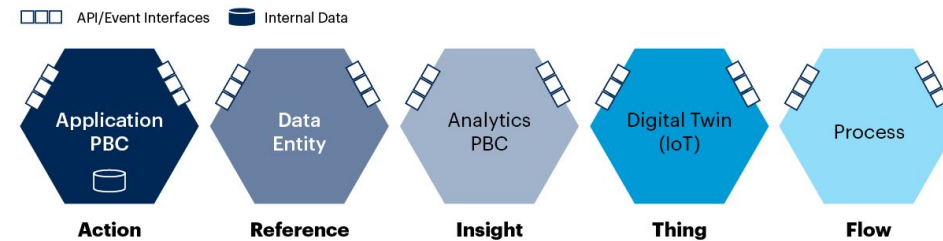


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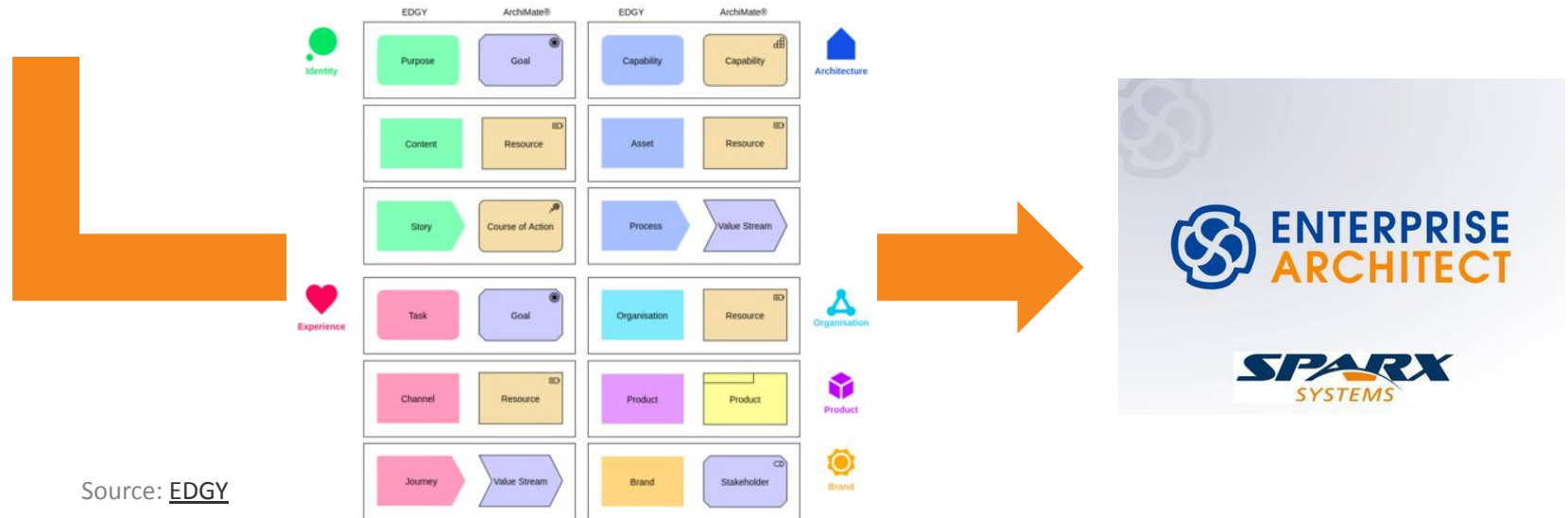


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Free EDGY support for Sparx EA – SPARX4EDGY23

Case

The image displays the Sparx EA software interface with several key components highlighted:

- Toolbox:** Shows the 'EDGY23 Language Foundations' section with categories like EDGY Base, EDGY Facet - Identity, EDGY Facet - Architecture, EDGY Facet - Experience, and EDGY Intersections.
- Diagram:** A central diagram shows a 'Task' element connected to a 'Journey' element via a relationship labeled '«Link»'. A red box highlights this relationship.
- Configuration Windows:**
 - General Properties:** A window showing 'Source: Task', 'Target: Journey', and 'Stereotype: EDGY::Link'.
 - Stereotype for :Association:** A window where the 'Link' stereotype is selected under the 'Apply to' column.
- EDGY Relationships Panel:** A sidebar on the right with 'Option #1' (Flow, Link, Tree) and 'Option #2' (Operator).
- Context Menu:** A menu for the 'Operator' element with options like 'Is composed of', 'Flows to', 'Dependency', 'Trace', 'Information Flow', and 'Filter to Toolbox'.
- Business Process Diagrams:** Two smaller diagrams at the bottom right show 'Strategic Infrastructure Planning' and 'Business Process Strategic Infrastructure Planning'.



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