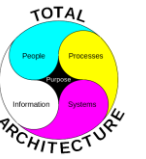


Total ArchitectureSM : An Executive Overview

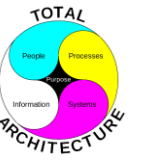
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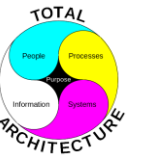
Total Architecture Rationale

- It is risky to change something you don't understand
- Your enterprise is a complex system of systems and organizations
- Nobody understands this complex system
 - It was never designed – it is an accident of history
 - It is not documented – existing documentation is highly fragmented and incomplete
- For modernization/transformation projects, taking the time to understand your complex system will:
 - Cut development cost by 50%
 - Cut overall project duration by 25%
- Total Architecture provides this understanding



What is Total Architecture?

- A holistic model of how your enterprise works
 - People
 - Business Processes
 - Systems
 - Information
- The model captures the relationships and dependencies between all the elements of your enterprise
- Captures requirements, behavior, and structure
- Comprehensive in scope – modest in detail
 - Big-picture understanding is the goal
 - Accessible representations for all stakeholders
- Provides
 - A deep understanding of the as-is enterprise
 - A framework for efficiently evaluating what-if scenarios

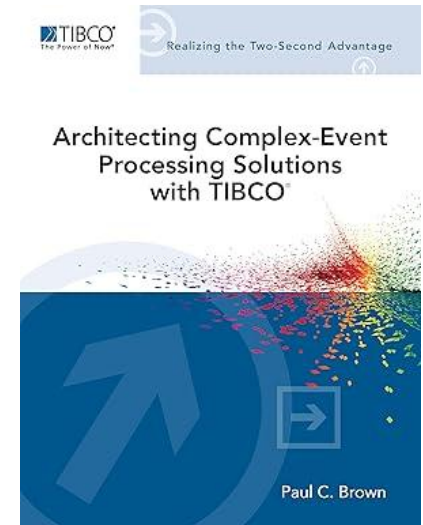
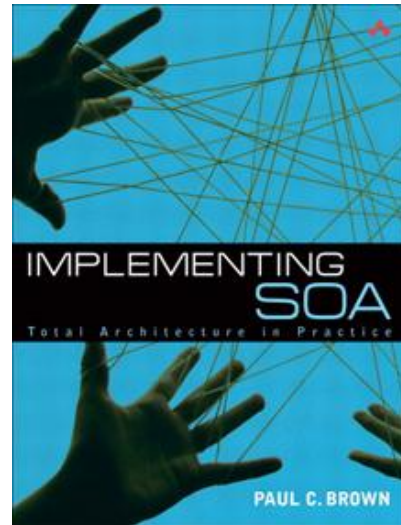
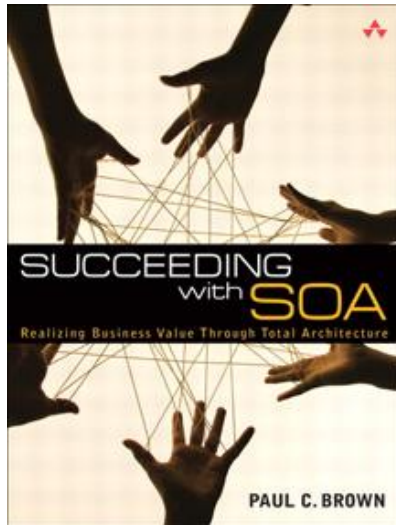


The Elements of Total Architecture

- The techniques of Model-Based System Engineering (MBSE)
 - The best-practice approach for complex technological systems: autos, computers, spacecraft
 - Industry-standard Unified Modeling Language (UML) and Systems Modeling Language (SysML)
- MBSE techniques are used to capture a comprehensive understanding of the enterprise's organization, business processes, information, and systems
- For effective communication, the model is organized into four levels of abstraction
 - **C-level:** the enterprise in relation to its ecosystem
 - External constraints on the enterprise: charter, legal requirements, parent organization goals and objectives
 - Partner organization roles and responsibilities
 - **Business Level:** How the enterprise is organized to conduct its business
 - Business processes, organizational roles and responsibilities, business artifacts
 - **Technology Level:** The systems and how they participate in the organization's business processes and manage its information
 - **Physical Level:** The physical organization of the enterprise
 - Sites occupied by the people and systems (including the cloud)
 - Machines that host the systems and data.
- Abstraction allows the same element to be represented with different levels of detail.
 - A business system (Business Level) may actually comprise a set of applications and a database (Technical Level)
 - Relationships between the levels of abstraction enable drill-down into additional levels of detail

History of Total Architecture

- In active field use for 25 years
 - Continues to evolve based on engagement experiences
- Multiple publications



- The basis for multiple courses and architect certifications