Introduction
Adaptive and BiZZdesign have combined their products, services and enterprise architecture expertise to provide a powerful new enterprise architecture offering. Adaptive and BiZZdesign provide tools, methods and techniques, consultancy and training to help implement a successful enterprise architecture program. The tool BiZZdesign Architect® supports modeling enterprise architectures, capturing relevant data and information, visualizing and analyzing relationships and dependencies between architectural domains and analyzing the impact of change. Adaptive provides the industry leading, standards-based enterprise architecture repository, Adaptive Repository™, to store and manage this knowledge so that it’s available and coordinated across the entire enterprise. This allows clients to harvest relevant data semantically from other sources.

Enterprise architecture and maturity
Enterprise Architecture assists organizations in understanding their own structure and the way they work. It provides a map of the enterprise and is a route planner for business and technology changes. Important uses of enterprise architecture are in systematic IT planning and architecting and in enhanced impact analysis and decision-making.

The maturity of an enterprise architecture program, including the constraints under which it operates - which methods, frameworks and tools are used - has a profound influence on its effectiveness. Understanding and assessing the architecture maturity level helps to set achievable goals, to select the right methods and tools, and to progressively remove barriers to success.

The Adaptive-BiZZdesign offering helps you grow through the several phases of maturity. It provides a powerful, yet very easy-to-use solution for enterprise architecture. The combined methods and tools help you build up and implement a mature enterprise architecture program. Organizations can start modeling parts and collecting relevant data and documents, just enough and just-in-time, and integrate and share this step-by-step into a coherent enterprise architecture knowledge base.

Modeling and visualizing enterprise architecture with BiZZdesign Architect
Communication with different stakeholders is extremely important, both from business departments and from IT departments. Enterprise architecture is about understanding and communicating all the relationships between the individual architecture domains for planning and managing strategic changes. BiZZdesign Architect® supports just that. Moreover, it provides impact of change analysis, both within the part of the architecture where change occurs, as well as across the whole enterprise architecture.

BiZZdesign Architect® supports the graphical modeling of architectural domains and their inter-relationships at multiple levels of detail. Examples of domains are products and services, business functions, business processes, organization, applications, infrastructure, and data. Other Enterprise Architecture frameworks and approaches like DYA®, DoDAF, IAF, March®, Tapscott, TOGAF, Zachman, and variants are all supported by BiZZdesign Architect.

One can also add other concepts such as business goals and objectives, design principles, programs and projects, architecture requirements, critical success factors, and relate these to the objects in the architecture model and views. This enables, for example, visualizing the relation between project deliverables, architectural principles and the other objects in the enterprise architecture model. The meta-model of BiZZdesign Architect® is easily extendible.

An advanced graphical editor facilitates easy drawing of architecture models and views. BiZZdesign Architect® provides a simple and quick way to import tables from Office applications, enabling for example, the import of a list of applications in a single step. BiZZdesign Architect® generates views to visualize these objects in a variety of ways using colors and labels. Automatic layout supports one-click generation of attractive overviews of the enterprise architecture.

BiZZdesign Architect® is thus a powerful front-end to configure, fill and manage the contents of the Adaptive enterprise architecture repository.
**Enterprise wide sharing of enterprise architecture information with Adaptive Repository™**

By publishing the models from BiZZdesign Architect® to Adaptive Repository™, their value is taken to another level and it becomes possible to:

- Allow online sharing across the organization from Adaptive’s web application server without the need to send around generated documents (not needing tool licenses), and with different users seeing appropriate views according to their role. In this way, a web-based ‘portal’ for the Architectural Services is provided by the organization.

- Allow other projects to access and reuse the models (with full access control), including the ability to classify elements in multiple dimensions to allow easy retrieval, and control the lifecycle state of the models (e.g. draft, approved, deprecated).

- Build a collaborative community around the models, down to the individual element level (for example a specific Service): for example to comment on, discuss, assess and be notified of changes to models or their elements.

- Supplement models with no-structured information (e.g. presentations, documents, spreadsheets or links to external web sites).

- Generate end-to-end graphical views and queries across the complete lifecycle of enterprise architecture models.

- Version models to allow access to past versions, and the ability to plan future as well as current architectures: including future alternatives to allow comparison and what-if analysis.

- Provide dashboards for the assessment, over all projects, of the progress and success of the enterprise architecture adoption.

- Capture and update large volumes of data, not well suited to a visual “drag and drop metaphor”, by putting this data directly into the repository, to facilitate collaboration and gain shared insight across the enterprise and with easily customizable views for different decision-making requirements.

**Try it!**

The combination of BiZZdesign Architect® and Adaptive Repository™ is a powerful solution for organizations working with enterprise architecture. For each maturity level, BiZZdesign and Adaptive help you achieve the value proposition of properly implementing an enterprise architecture, enabling your organization to grow to the next level of maturity. The advanced graphical capabilities support easy communication with a variety of stakeholders and the powerful and scalable enterprise repository allows sharing the enterprise architecture across the organization.

We invite you to find out what our solution can mean for your enterprise architecture program!

**More information?**

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