

Guide to Selecting an Enterprise Architecture Tool

This guide answers the most common considerations for selecting an enterprise architecture tool. If you are looking into EA tools and recognize the points explained below, then you should consider erwin EA Agile. You can start a free software trial anytime to learn more, or alternatively request a demo.

You need something more than PowerPoint, Excel or diagramming tools

The majority of organizations are still in the early stages of enterprise architecture maturity. It's very common to use Microsoft applications or a low-cost diagram tool, until they are no longer fit for the purpose. We understand that selecting an enterprise architecture tool can be daunting in terms of cost, risk and return on investment.

erwin EA Agile is a full-featured, web-based enterprise architecture tool designed to help you become more mature in your enterprise architecture activity. It is very scalable, able to support a single user or hundreds of users.

You don't have a big budget for an enterprise architecture tool

erwin EA Agile is a complete enterprise architecture tool at a price that any organization can afford. It is offered on a Software-as-a-Service basis so there are no upfront licenses to buy - you just pay a monthly subscription fee for the number and type of users you require.

You want to get up and running quickly

erwin EA Agile is a web-based tool, which means there is no software to implement and maintain. You just login, and it works immediately. It also works on iPad and Android tablet devices; all you need is an internet connection.

Traditional enterprise architecture tools are complicated and expensive

Many enterprise architecture initiatives fail because the traditional tools used are complex and take a long time to learn. They make it difficult for all stakeholders to engage in EA and realize the full business value it offers. erwin EA Agile is designed from the ground up to be fast, lean and easy-to-use, providing you with a short learning curve and short time to value.

You want to share and collaborate with all stakeholders

erwin EA Agile is a highly collaborative software tool that makes it easy to engage all stakeholders in enterprise architecture. You can invite anybody in your organization to view diagrams, roadmaps, analysis, documents or reports assets. You can also invite stakeholders to submit comments or add new data.

You would like to use ArchiMate® or TOGAF®

erwin EA Agile fully supports the ArchiMate standard notation (Certified by The Open Group) and TOGAF. The tool provides a preconfigured metamodel and repository out of the box for all users interested in following either of these frameworks. The metamodel can also be customized by users who wish to adopt their own approach.

You want to learn from those who have been there before

erwin has a strong team of former Popkin, Telelogic, IBM and Corso EA experts. The team has a long history in enterprise architecture dating back over 20 years, during which time we have helped hundreds of organizations to become more mature in their enterprise architecture, delivering significant IT and business benefits.

You want to support strategic business and IT objectives

- Uncover opportunities to innovate and support growth.
- Identify efficiency and cost reduction opportunities.
- Support digital/business transformation initiatives.
- Deliver new business outcomes and capabilities.
- Greater alignment of business and IT.

Next step - try erwin EA Agile for free

If you recognize some of these key requirements for an enterprise architecture tool and would like to do something about it, we are here to help.

Start a free trial of erwin EA Agile, and learn how easy it can be to model your enterprise architecture by building accurate diagrams, roadmaps, analytics, reports, charts and much more, all integrated via a central repository.



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