

Head of Enterprise Architecture Mission-Critical Priorities (MCPs)

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Coordinate, Rationalize and Accelerate Enterprise AI Value

66% of Heads of EA report that scaling AI use across the enterprise is a critical priority for them in 2026.

Maximize Enterprise Architecture Value in a Cost-Constrained World

Only **7%** of EA functions formally track the value that they deliver to their business stakeholders.

Design Architectures for Rapid Change

Only **27%** of executive leaders believe EA is extremely effective in driving adaptable and reliable architectures.

Journey Steps

Take Ownership of the AI Strategy

Rapidly Assess All AI Initiatives

Identify AI Initiatives to Scale or Stop

Establish Ongoing AI Governance

Identify Emerging AI Opportunities and Threats

Determine Which EA Activities Will Impede Future Rollout of AI

Deploy AI to Scale the EA Function

Identify Key Priorities for Future IT Investment

Build the Strategy to Optimize Technology Costs

Scout for Emerging Technologies That can Accelerate Value

Negotiate Reallocation of Budget Toward Priorities

Embed the EA Team Directly in Critical Initiatives

Right-Size EA Processes to Align with Current Business Needs

Document Value Delivered by the EA Function

Design Architecture Components for Dynamic Conditions

Establish Triggers for Architectural Changes

Embed Real-Time Monitoring and Reassessment

Implement and Govern Architectural Changes