

# Who is the Enterprise Architect?

This data is informed by UX research conducted by our design team.



## Introduction

The Enterprise Architect designs business infrastructure and organizational structure based on vision, strategic intent, and function. It's a role that requires strong communication and analytical skills to ensure that business units have the right tools to be successful.

The goal of enterprise architecture is to provide the framework, tools, and perspectives to take an enterprise or a business from its current state to its target state.

## Main Interactions with stakeholders and deliverables:



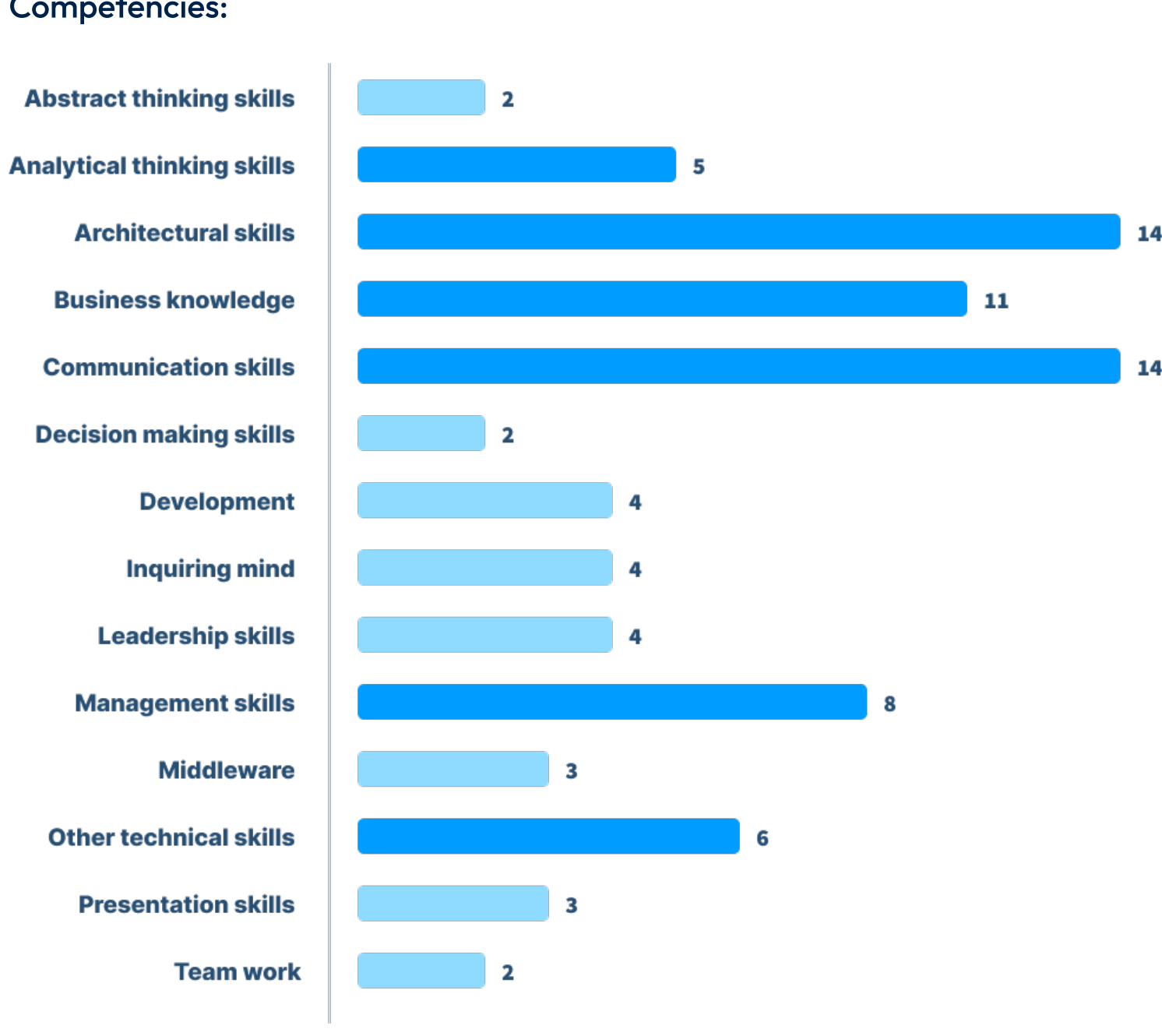
## Insight:

From our Flow Model we can clearly see which are the main interactions of the EA with stakeholders and other bodies. Working with both **Business and IT teams** seems to be the most important interaction in order to **define, prepare and execute projects**, to **translate business strategy** and initiatives into actionable roadmaps, and to **influence and guide key decisions**.

Another main interaction of an EA is with the **Solution Architect team**. The EA partners with other architects to **understand and improve** how we view and use information in the architecture repository to **build current and target technology strategies**. The EA also **shares best practices** across different areas of the business with the SA team and **supports them with the migration** of the individual products to the new cloud-based technology stack.

The EA also supports the **Development team** by providing the best path when it comes to Architecture/ Technical topics, **defines future states, roadmaps, and creates IT architecture**.

## Competencies:



## Insight:

A huge part of the EA job is to communicate with a lot of different teams on different levels and that is why having **great communication and presentation skills** is an essential requirement, including the ability to **deal with relevant stakeholders**, especially with members of the development team. Being able to **communicate complex technical subjects** effectively to a business audience is also useful.

## Main responsibilities and tasks:

Defines, maintains and evolves the enterprise architecture	Application landscape alignment, management and rationalization	Defines EA principals and guidelines	Strategy and roadmapping
9	9	8	8
Promote EA value and strategic direction	Enterprise Architecture governance	Works with various teams and recommends best solutions and/or new technologies	Assesses and investigates new IT capabilities
8	5	5	4
Designs solutions that meet business needs and align with strategy	Leads and mentors others	Provides technical guidance	Integrates different domains/sources
7	4	3	3
Understands business requirements and perform technical planning	Ensures the future state architecture	Leads and coordinates Technical Architecture	Defines EA vision
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Coordinates and consults different teams	Taking architecture decisions	Addresses challenges	Client bids and proposals
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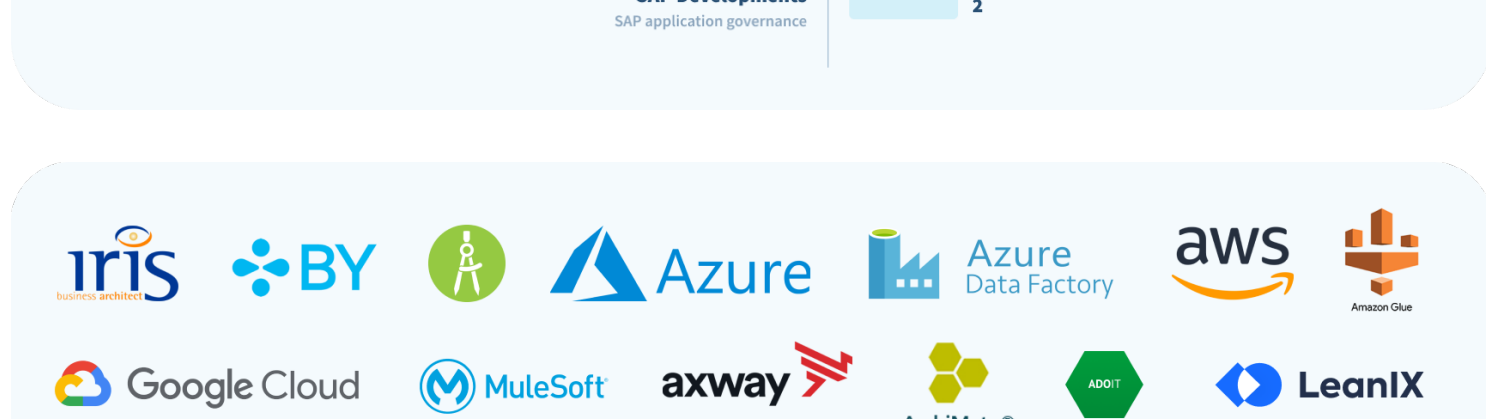
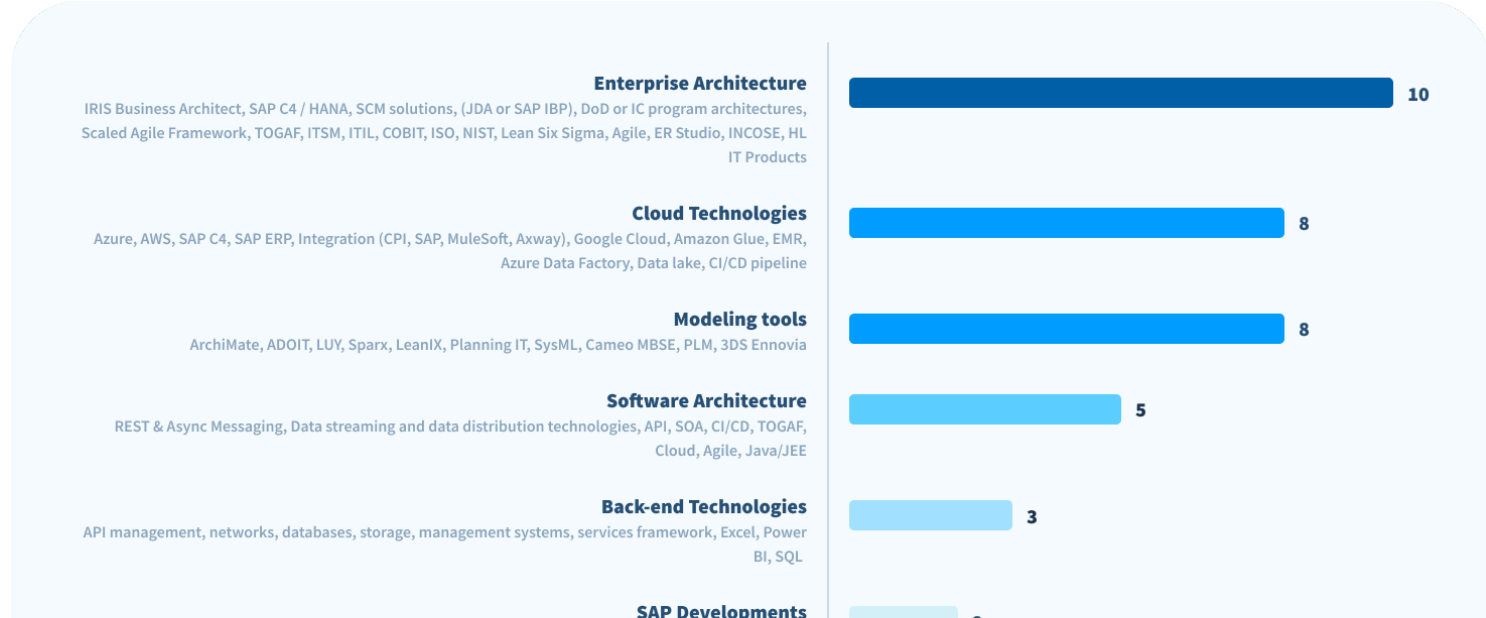
The job of an Enterprise Architect is definitely full of responsibilities. From having to **define, maintain and evolve the enterprise architecture**, all the way to **supporting the development of client bids and the presentation proposals**, we can conclude that the Enterprise Architect's job is quite complex, diverse and never-ending.

Ensuring the **application landscape alignment, management and rationalization**, defining Enterprise Architecture **principles and guidelines**, and setting a **strategy and developing a roadmap** are just a few of the main responsibilities of an Enterprise Architect.

The EA also has to **design solutions that meet business needs** and align with the strategy, to **understand business requirements** and perform technical planning, to **coordinate and consult different teams**, to **govern the Enterprise Architecture** and to ensure the future state architecture.

Other responsibilities include **leading and mentoring** others, **providing technical guidance**, taking architecture decisions, **addressing challenges** and defining EA's vision.

## Technology and tools:



## Insight:

The EA's technical requirements are countless. They have to be familiar with **enterprise architecture technology**, with **both front and back-end technology**, **modeling tools** such as ArchiMate, Sparx, etc., strong knowledge of **cloud technologies** and even **security protocols**.

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