



Guide to Arcadia and Capella Successful Adoption



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MBSE?



From Document-Centric to Model-Centric!



- Models are not only dedicated to documentation
- Models become major engineering artifacts!



MBSE pillars















Method: Arcadia



Many concepts, diagrams and even levels are optional!





Customize Arcadia!

- STUTTGART 2018
- Define the right modeling approach for your project/product
- Arcadia must be tailored to your context:
 - Type of system (size, complexity, etc.)
 - Nature of project (small, distributed, etc.)
 - Background of people



Consider Training and Mentoring



- Modeling is a skill, Modeling is difficult
 - A lot of concepts, How to choose the right diagram?
 - When to stop?
- Begin with Training
 - Ask experts
 - Books are not sufficient
 - Different levels of training for different levels of modeling
- Continue with Coaching
 - Keeps you on rails
 - Model Review





Think Big, Start Small! (1/2)

- Start with a pilot project
 - Not too big, nor critical,
 - Not too simple ("Toy" problem)
 - Imply a small set of core modelers (volunteers), and a modeling "champion"
 - Keep the focus on project deliverables, and model only as far as you need to answer the questions

Provide simple guidelines

- Focus on simple products with obvious near term value that SEs would have to create anyway
- Select Arcadia diagrams in a preferred sequence
- Model validation rules help ease the fear to newcomers that they are going to "mess up" the model
- Avoid too complex diagrams







Think Big, Start Small! (2/2)



- **Correct and enrich the process from feedback**
 - Applying best practices often requires failing a few times, first
 - Do not apply techniques blindly
 - Deployment has to be wise and incremental
 - Projects will need to schedule time and resources to deploy infrastructure and train workforce

Model as a team!

- Collaboration in a multi-center modeling effort
- Identify and imply all important Stakeholders
- Make the model become the reference of the SE work!
- Don't forget to create the right diagrams for the right readers !



Stay Driven by ROI! (1/2)

- Model with a purpose!
 - Identify your modeling objectives
 - Don't model too much
 - Don't model too early (upfront)
 - Integrate Metrics into your process

Don't forget Configuration and Version Management

- Monitor the evolution of the model
- Provide appropriate process and tooling for:
 - Baselines, branches, diff/merge, model partitioning, user rights...
- Coordinate interactions with other models







Stay Driven by ROI!(2/2)



Don't duplicate models with documents

- Documentation should be inside the model
- Navigate through the model
- Generate mandatory documentation



MBSE must be integrated into existing SE processes

- Model development becomes infused within the product development schedule
- Management must be willing to pay the startup costs and give time for the effort to pay dividends



Capitalize Best Practices! (1/2)

- Do not create "Monster" Models
 - Model recursively
 - Don't mix responsibilities
 - System Subsystem add-on

- Build Libraries of Reusable Assets:
 - Units, Basic Types, Domain Types
 - Physical Components... (REC/RPL)







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System/Subsystem Transition







Replicable Elements and Libraries











Capitalize Best Practices! (2/2)



- Provide additional tooling:
 - Naming conventions
 - List of mandatory and optional validation rules
 - Documentation generation templates
 - Specialty Viewpoints





Architecture Evaluation



Specialty Viewpoints









Food for Thought...



Each Model (and even each diagram) must have a clear objective and a defined audience



• A is a good model of B is A can provide satisfactory answers to predefined questions about B (Douglas. T. Ross)





To Learn More...

Web Sites:

- www.polarsys.org/capella/index.html
- www.obeo.fr/en/capella-professional-offer
- www.prfc.fr/en















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