Real IRM - Company Profile

Reducing risk, adding value, driving change

Real IRM is the South African enterprise architecture specialist, offering a comprehensive portfolio of enterprise architecture products and services to local and international organisations. The company has transformed enterprise architecture into a real, practical deliverable that creates sustainable business advantage and adds value to business operations, regardless of size or complexity.

As a member and the exclusive representative of The Open Group in South Africa, Real IRM is helping to set the standards for enterprise architecture worldwide.

Applying the philosophy of "reducing risk, adding value, driving change", Real IRM brings a focused depth of skill and real-world experience to its client engagements. Team members form lasting relationships with clients to maximise the value that clients derive from their enterprise architectures. With practical experience and a proven methodology based on global best practices, Real IRM provides organisations with expertise, practical delivery, value for money and excellent customer service.

Why enterprise architecture?

Enterprise architecture is the principal structural mechanism which helps organisations to establish a basis for assimilating high rates of change, advancing enterprise design, contributing to and enabling the knowledge base of the enterprise, and integrating technology into the company's fabric.

Real IRM's enterprise architecture solutions

The company's products and services include:

- Enterprise architecture consulting services;
- Outsourced enterprise architecture practice;
- Technical products; and
- Enterprise architecture training and certification.

Enterprise architecture consulting services:

Real IRM has an outstanding consulting team with a wide range of skills and experience focused on establishing a sustainable, business-appropriate enterprise architecture capability.

The company's consulting services are technology-independent and are based on an industry-leading, proven enterprise architecture approach. This includes the global standard, TOGAF (The Open Group Architecture Framework), as the enterprise architecture process and the Zachman Framework as the classification framework. It is supplemented by other frameworks such as GERAM and ANSI/IEEE Std 1471-2000.

Outsourced enterprise architecture practice:

Real IRM provides support services to local and international clients by running their enterprise architecture projects and offices. These services include enterprise architecture framework management, content management, repository management and product and user support.

Technical products:

Real IRM has a team of experts who specialise in providing technical solutions that extend the functionality of, and enable the integration between, enterprise architecture tools. As a Microsoft certified partner with proficiency in other leading technologies, the company's technical capabilities are applied in developing and extending an integrated enterprise architecture toolset. Real IRM uses a systems development life-cycle methodology as well as quality, configuration and release management disciplines.

Training:

Real IRM provides training on a variety of enterprise architecture-related topics. Its trainers draw on their practical experience to provide current case examples and insights that make enterprise architecture practical. This means that delegates can deliver rapid value to their companies, and ensure both a return on training investment, and the ability to deliver immediate, meaningful value.

Certification:

Real IRM works with The Open Group to create and present internationally recognised certification programmes for enterprise architects. These certifications are based on The Open Group's standards, ensuring alignment with global best practice, and a measurable, standards-based foundation for enterprise architects.

TOGAF certification programmes exist for individuals, professional services and tool support. They enable organisations to standardise on one internationally accepted open method for enterprise architecture and avoid lock-in to the proprietary methods.

The Open Group

The Open Group is a vendor-independent and technology-neutral consortium. It is driven by the vision of Boundary-less Information Flow to enable access to integrated information in and between enterprises based on open standards and global interoperability.

The Open Group has been active in the architecture domain for over a decade. Today TOGAF, The Open Group's architecture development method, is accepted and used around the world as an open framework and preferred method for enterprise architecture

As a leading member and the South African representative of The Open Group, Real IRM is the ideal organisation to bring South African IT customers, vendors, consultants, governments and academics together at regional meetings and workshops so that these specialists may benefit from each others' experiences. These forums highlight various aspects of enterprise architecture so that participants share ideas and experiences.

Organisations signing up as Open Group Architecture Forum members gain from the local knowledge provided by Real IRM, the standard benefits that come with membership to The Open Group, and networking opportunities with other top South African business and IT professionals. Members are also invited to contribute to the global standard by attending and participating in TOGAF development workshops.