# What is the relation between Architecting and Model-Based working?

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#### Abstract

Architecting is the activity to create and maintain an architecture. An architecture description captures the why, what and how of ways to create solutions for a given problem. An architecture relates the customer value proposition (desirability) and the business and life cycle proposition (viability) to the system definition to the design and technology choices (feasibility). Architects make use of a rich palette of models. In the past decades, researchers have proposed many forms of formal modeling to support specific design challenges. In Systems Engineering, there are high expectations of Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE). What is the relation between architecting and MBSE?

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#### Systems Architecting: delivering solutions that are fit for purpose





## System needs drive subsystem specification and design





#### Engineering produces TPD: the How-to for the Life Cycle





# Complexity challenges require architecting and engineering

#### common problems

- the project is inefficient
  - needs too many resources
- suffers from delays, cost overruns
  - late design changes
  - surprises during integration or deployment
- many "manual" transitions and operations
  - handovers increase risk
- long system lifetime
  - obsolescence
  - changing context
- organizational complexity
  - ecosystems, supply chains

#### proposed architecting solutions

- overview
  - compact information, A4, A3
  - connecting the dots
  - covering the dynamics
- focus
  - emphasis on key drivers, performance parameters and design decisions
- support for communication between heterogeneous stakeholders
  - visualization and conceptualization

proposed engineering solutions

- process and tooling support
- information models for interoperability
- "MBSE" + wide variety of IT tools



#### Levels of Detail





Level of Abstraction Single System





#### From system to Product Family or Portfolio





### Product Family in Context





# Example for a CPU chip



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#### Example for a Metal Printer







#### A4 Project Overview brings overview and focus



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#### TPD translates design into life cycle instructions



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#### Each Element needs information from specification to qualification





#### What Role does MBSE Play?



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Model-based Systems Engineering [MBSE] is a paradigm that uses formalized representations of systems, known as models, to support and facilitate the performance of Systems Engineering [SE] tasks throughout a system's life cycle.

MBSE is frequently contrasted with legacy document-based approaches where systems engineering captures system design information via multiple independent documents in various non-standardized formats. MBSE consolidates system information in system design models, which provide primary SE artifacts. These system models, which are generally expressed in a standardized modelling language such as Systems Modeling Language [SysML®] express key system information in a **concise**, **consistent**, **correct**, and **coherent** format. When implemented properly, MBSE models permit the standardized consolidation and integration of system **knowledge** across engineering disciplines and subsystems and streamline key systems engineering tasks while also minimizing developmental risk.

From SEBoK:

https://sebokwiki.org/wiki/Model-Based\_Systems\_Engineering\_(MBSE)#:~:text=Model%2Dbased%20Systems%20Engineering%20%5BMBSE,throughout%20a%20system's%20life%20cycle.









- to support **reuse** or a platform based product strategy
  - to configure, generate, compose, validate
- to **automate** or generate
  - tests, simulations
- to trace needs, requirements, or quality attributes throughout the design and engineering
  - especially regulated qualities like safety
- to function as knowledge base for development and engineering
- to access component-data based on the field configuration (digital shadow)
- to populate and update PLM systems, e.g. ERP (digital thread)

