Abstract

Many different titles are used for systems related roles. Examples are systems architect, engineer, designer, tester, or manager. We discuss in this paper these roles and titles. We also explain the context sensitivity of these titles.
Frequently Asked Questions

● What is the difference between systems engineers and systems architects?

● Why do all these people have the title systems architect, while they actually don’t do the work?
Is Every Architect an Architect?

- Do the work & have the skills
  - Hidden architects
  - Recognized true architects

- Do other work or lack skills
  - Any other role
  - Impostor or pushed

- Title ≠ architect
- Title = architect
Commonly used Titles mapped on Development Life Cycle

Policy
and
Planning
0.
feasibility
1.
definition
2.
system
design
3.
engineering
4.
integration
& test
5.
field
monitoring

systems architect
systems engineer
systems designer
systems tester
systems manager