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.
• 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 manager
systems architect
systems engineer
systems designer
systems tester

Systems Titles and Roles

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