



## Cost Map

Based on best practice Enterprise Modelling & Architecture principles



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## Introduction

Cost shows the expenditure flows across organizational boundaries and incorporates many different aspects of an organization, and often makes it a complex subject to identify and document. However, in order to better capture and document all of the cost objects, the Cost is built as a map. The Cost Map is an accurate list and representation of decomposed and/or composed objects. A map is often represented in the form of a simple list or a chart laid out in columns in either a document or a spreadsheet. It's appearance ranges from that of a single list of one object or that of multiple objects across multiple rows within one or more (specific) columns.

The purpose of constructing a Cost Map is to build an inventory or indexed list of objects that are to be either decomposed or composed for later usage within the business layer, information layer and/or technology layer of an enterprise. It is a powerful yet simple to use tool that allows the practitioner to document large amounts of information in a structured and coherent way.

## Cost Map

The Cost Map provides you with a detailed overview of identified costs (identified with a unique name and ID number), organizational competencies (core differentiating, core competitive or non-core), products, costs (cost-specific outputs/results), organizational units, areas and groups, locations, and (business, service, process, application/system, data, platform and infrastructure) owners.

## How to use the Cost Map

Identify and capture the costs (identified with a unique name and ID number), organizational competencies (core differentiating, core competitive or non-core), products, costs (cost-specific outputs/results), organizational units, areas and groups, locations, and (business, service, process, application/system, data, platform and infrastructure) owners.

*For example:*

1. A cost may have multiple yet specific associations with organizational competencies (core differentiating, core competitive or non-core), products, costs (cost-specific outputs/results), organizational units, areas and groups, locations, and (business, service, process, application/system, data, platform and infrastructure) owners.
2. Multiple cost may have an association with any single specific organizational competency (core differentiating, core competitive or non-core), product, cost (cost-specific output/result), organizational unit, area and group, location, and (business, service, process, application/system, data, platform and infrastructure) owner.





The objects involved with a Cost Map is shown in Table 2.







Objects used with a Cost Map		
Notation	Name	Description
	Measure (cost)	Any type of measurement used to gauge some quantifiable component of an enterprise's performance.
	Organizational Competency (core differentiating, core competitive or non-core)	An integrated and holistic set of related knowledge, skills, and abilities related to a specific set of resources (including persons and organizations) that - once combined - enables the enterprise to do something well.
	Product	A result and output generated by the enterprise. It has a combination of tangible and intangible attributes (i.e. features, functions, usage).
	Organization (organizational units, areas and groups)	An arrangement or formation of resources that has a set of collective goals.
	Location	A point, facility, place or geographic position that may be referred to physically or logically.
	Role (business, service, process, application/system, data, platform and infrastructure owners)	A part that something or someone has the rights, rules, competencies, and capabilities to perform. A resource and/or actor may have a number of roles (i.e. process role, service role or application role) and many actors may be assigned the same role.

Table 2: Objects typically associated with the Cost Map.



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