

Defence & Security Architecture & Design Assurance

Service definition



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Company overview

We're driven by technology and innovation, and by their ability to create meaningful change for organisations and the communities they serve. As a proudly independent and employee-owned consultancy, we bring together a diverse, highly skilled team who thrive on tackling complex challenges, working closely with our clients to deliver solutions that make a real difference.

We partner with organisations across multiple sectors, using data, AI and digital to help turn ambition into outcomes. Our work is recognised by leading industry bodies, reflecting our consistent focus on delivering clear, customer-centred results that stand up in the real world.

How we do it

With over 25 years of experience delivering digital transformation, Answer Digital supports organisations through complex change, with deep expertise in cloud-led delivery. We work in close partnership with our clients to innovate responsibly, embed best practice, and deliver outcomes that last.

Every engagement is different, so we build teams around the challenge, not a fixed model. We start by understanding the vision, the users, and the outcome that really matters. From there, we design solutions that fit your technology landscape, tools, roadmap and people.

Collaboration sits at the heart of how we work. We establish ways of working that are sustainable for teams, processes and practice, then iteratively design, build and test together. We continuously learn, refine and evolve, keeping a clear focus on delivering the right outcome, not just shipping technology.

Defence and Security Architecture and Design Assurance

Service description

Specialist technical design authority and independent assurance for Defence digital programmes. Ensures solution architectures are robust, secure and interoperable, delivering rigorous governance against critical Joint Service Publications (JSPs). We use Secure by Design to manage technical risk, safety and compliance from concept phase through to capability delivery and in-service support.

Features

- Technical Design Authority (TDA) and architectural governance for complex programmes
- Security assurance and accreditation support aligned with JSP 440
- Cyber resilience and tactical communications assurance per JSP 453
- Implementation of Secure by Design principles and continuous risk assessment
- Risk management and opportunity analysis compliant with JSP 892
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) safety and assurance protocols per JSP 936
- Human Factors Integration (HFI) and usability assessment aligned to JSP 912
- Alignment with MODAF, NAF and Defence Digital technical standards
- Independent scrutiny of supplier designs and Architecture Definition Documents (ADD)
- Support for technical gate reviews and investment approval submissions

Benefits

- Ensures full compliance with mandatory Defence standards and JSPs
- De risks programme delivery by identifying technical issues early
- Embeds security controls from the outset to avoid costly retrofitting
- Enables safe and ethical adoption of emerging AI capabilities
- Optimises system usability and safety through rigorous human factors integration
- Provides audit ready evidence for assurance boards and scrutiny committees
- Enhances interoperability across Single Information Environment and multi domain contexts
- Reduces technical debt through strict adherence to open standards
- Accelerates accreditation by aligning engineering and security lifecycles
- Delivers independent verification that supplier solutions meet requirements

Pricing

Answer Digital services are available for procurement through either Fixed Price or Time & Materials arrangements. Please refer to our Pricing Document and Rate Card for further details.

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