

TECHNOLOGY RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

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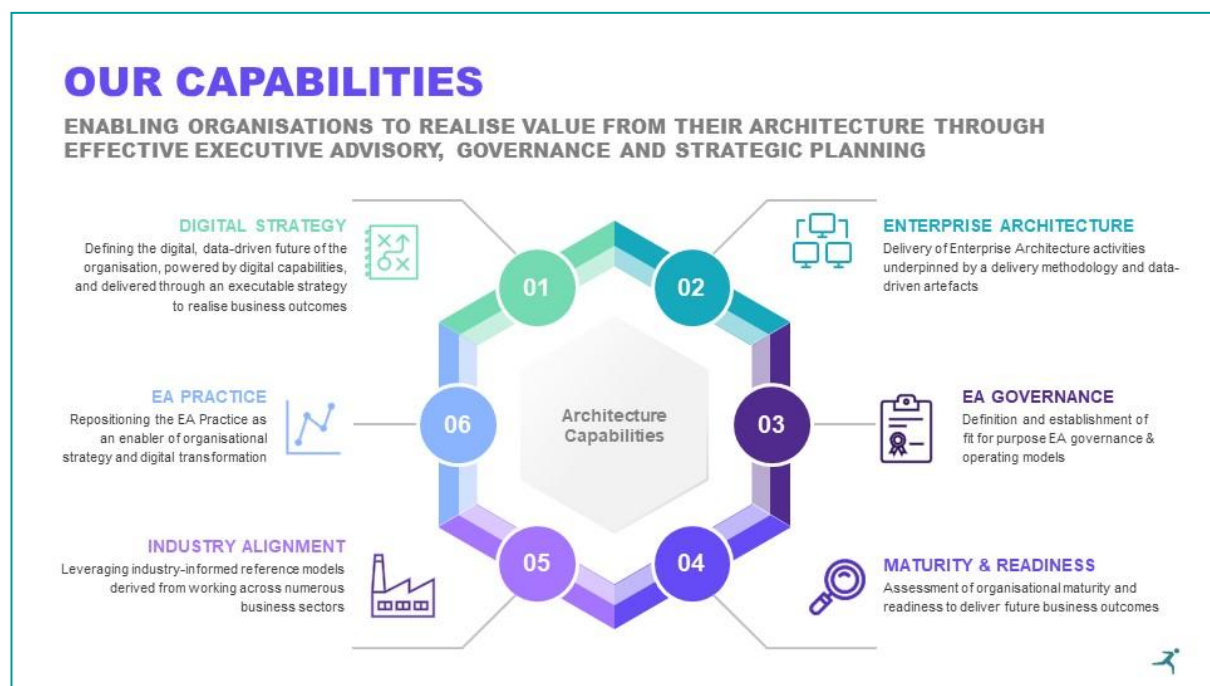
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SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Our Operational Resilience Assessment and Improvement service offers comprehensive evaluation and enhancement of your organization's ability to withstand and recover from disruptions. Through meticulous analysis and testing, we identify vulnerabilities, single points of failure, and weaknesses in your systems, infrastructure, and processes. We develop tailored resilience strategies and solutions to bolster your operational continuity, security, and performance, covering scenario-based simulations, penetration testing and disaster recovery drills.

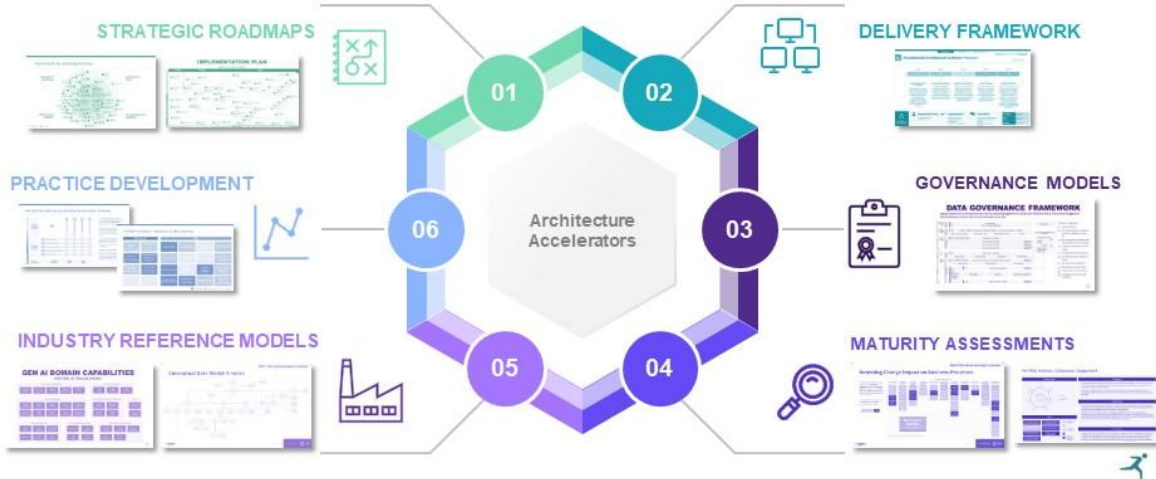
We offer a comprehensive approach to identifying and mitigating operational resilience risks. Aligned with regulatory frameworks such as FCA's PS21/3 or the EU's Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA), we assess and place recommendations to ensure the continuity of critical business services. With a focus on operational sustainability and resilience, we leverage our expertise in the public sector and financial services to safeguard your organisation against potential disruptions.





OUR ACCELERATORS

ESTABLISHED METHODOLOGIES, TOOLKITS AND FRAMEWORKS TO MATURE ORGANISATIONS AND ADDRESS THEIR DATA CHALLENGES



RECOGNISED AS ARCHITECTURE LEADERS

Recognised by Gartner in their Market Guide as a leader in business outcome driven EA consulting. Market Guide for Business-Outcome-Driven Enterprise Architecture Consulting The only UK based architecture consultancy to achieve this	Platinum Approved by BCS, the highest level of accreditation only held by a handful of organisations. Recognised for furthering the IT profession
Key Contributor to the Open Group Architecture Framework and an active Gold Member Led the development of the initial Business Capability Modelling concepts within TOGAF.	Member of the Business Architecture Guild, contributing to the discipline and maturity of Business Architecture and Enterprise Architecture.
Active Architecture contributor to DAMA, the Data Management Community. Our focus is on improving Data Governance across Financial Services.	The Awards recognise projects that demonstrate improvements, or potential improvements, in innovation and collaboration across defence. The commended project, titled 'Governing Master Data within Defence Logistics', marks the second time the strategy and architecture specialist has received an award at the Team Defence Information Excellence Awards.

Service Features and Benefits

FEATURES

Identification of Important Business Services (IBS)

Pinpointing vital functions, processes, applications, and services that support the core of your operations; and enabling prioritisation of resilience efforts.

BENEFITS

Helps to plot your "Goldilocks Zone"

finding the optimal balance of level of resilience and risk mitigation measures suitable to your organisation's risk appetite, budget constraints, regulatory requirements, and business needs.



Risk Assessment and Business Impact Analysis Evaluating of potential risks and understanding the potential impact of disruptions on different parts of your organisation enables to define resilience efforts and allocation of resources.	Recommendations for Operational Sustainability We provide actionable recommendations to enhance the sustainability and resilience of your services, safeguarding your operations.
Business Continuity Assessment & Improvement Covering analysis of business continuity plans, recovery strategies, and alternate operating procedures to assess their robustness and present recommendations to minimise outages.	Appropriate recovery strategies and communication protocols We provide recommendations to appropriately enhance your organisation's ability to withstand and recover from disruptions, minimise downtime, and protect critical data and systems.
Resource Mapping (people, process, ICT) to IBS Identifying and aligning the specific resources that are essential for the delivery and support of critical services.	Rightsizing for service and resource redundancy Ensuring that appropriate levels of resources are adequately allocated, managed, and maintained to support key functions.
Data maturity assessment aligned to DORA or PS21/3 requirements Our service follows recognised (financial services) standards for managing and monitoring digital operations and effectively mitigating their associated risks.	Definition of processes and procedures for IBS breakdowns Our service enables your organisation to define and establish clear processes and procedures to manage breakdowns in critical business services.
Mapping of shared services to resources and IBS We assist your organisation to identify how key functions and critical business services rely on shared services and what resources underpin these.	Appropriate 3rd Party Service Levels and Support Contracts Provides transparency and a clear view on what support levels and standards should be provided by third-party services.
Operational Resilience: Testing and Automation Comprehensive service including scenario-based, disaster recovery drills, penetration, load and failover. We also facilitate automation through scripts, CI/CD pipelines, monitoring & alerting and change management orchestration.	Comprehensive issue reports to users, regulator and public Our service provides a complete issue report and definition of the pertinent communication protocols.
Operational Resilience: Auditing and Automation We assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and compliance of your organisation's resilience measures and identify areas for improvement	Recommendations for an appropriate, scalable and cost-effective use of technology Our audit reports outline findings, place recommendations for improvement, and suggest apposite remedial actions.
Comprehensive Operational Resilience Assessment	Identification and fixing of Single Points of Failure



Deliver a holistic assessment to strengthen operational resilience across the organization.	Strengthening resilience against disruptions and enhancing ability to maintain continuity in critical functions.
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ONBOARDING

Kick-Off Meeting

When we start an engagement with a new client, we begin with a workshop introducing the team (from both Reply and the client), the project objectives, and our anticipated timelines and approach. This workshop is most impactful when the majority of client stakeholders involved in the project are present and involved (either in person or remotely). Where this is impossible, we can hold separate sessions with teams that cannot participate in the kick-off workshop to ensure all stakeholders are engaged and bought into the project's objectives.

Account Management

Designated Account Manager

Each client has a designated Account Manager, who will be the main point of contact throughout the engagement. This individual is responsible for ensuring that delivery progresses and is executed to the standards that Reply and our clients expect.

Fortnightly review meeting

Alongside regular ceremonies and informal daily interaction between the Reply project team and the client, we hold formal review meetings with key stakeholders, usually fortnightly. This includes critical client stakeholders, senior Reply project team members, and the Reply Account Manager. Where appropriate, these meetings will consist of a review of work completed and demonstrations or walk-throughs of deliverables.

Offboarding

Where an engagement continues to completion, unless the client requests an extension or new engagement, all client IT, documents, artefacts and deliverables will be returned to the client. Our team will ensure a complete handover of data and knowledge to client staff. An ongoing support or retained advisory service may be implemented where appropriate to provide additional continuity.

Access to Data

Ensuring secure access to client data upon exit is paramount to maintaining confidentiality and integrity. We begin by conducting a comprehensive inventory of all client data stored within our systems, encrypting it both in transit and at rest using industry-standard protocols. Strict access controls and authentication mechanisms are implemented to restrict access to authorized personnel only, with permissions regularly reviewed and updated. Client data is segregated from other data within our systems, ensuring isolation and protection. Upon exit, all access rights to client data are promptly revoked, including user account deactivation and permission removal. If requested, we securely delete or anonymise client data in accordance with retention policies and regulatory requirements. Detailed documentation and audit trails of data access are maintained, providing transparency and accountability. Before exiting, we verify with the client that all necessary data access has been revoked. Finally, we adhere to legal and regulatory obligations regarding data protection and privacy, ensuring compliance with contractual agreements and applicable laws such as GDPR or HIPAA. Through these measures, we ensure that client data remains secure throughout the exit process, mitigating the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches.



SECURITY

Personnel Security

As a Specialist Cloud Service, the capability being offered is not limited to specific Impact levels (as it is not infrastructure, software or a platform) and can be used, subject to personal Security Clearance levels. Reply consultants are mostly Security Cleared (SC), some have higher-level Developed Vetting (DV) clearances. We also have a pool of NPPV3 Consultants for Policing work. The majority of our work for both public and private sector clients is at IL2 but we work in the Official, Secret and Top-Secret domains. Our hard and soft information security processes have been designed and approved by independent CESG CLAS accredited consultants.

Information Security

We are ISO27001, Cyber Essentials certified and our Quality Assurance processes are based upon and compliant with our ISO 9001 accreditation. Our Information Security processes are directly guided by our ISO27001 accreditation. We shall adhere to local information and other security policies and will apply local Security Operating Procedures (SyOPs) as may exist. If such do not exist we shall apply our own SyOPs.

Physical Security

The Main Reply Office (London, UK) is a Police Accredited Secure Facility (PASF) with access controls for each point of entry. All Laptops/Phones must be stored securely overnight. When working on a client-site our consultants adhere to client security policies.



TRAINING & KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

We enable customer teams throughout delivery by embedding knowledge transfer alongside implementation activities. Training is aligned to organisational roles, ensuring relevance for finance users, operational staff, and system administrators.

Knowledge transfer is delivered through:

- A train-the-trainer approach to establish internal subject matter experts.
- Technical training for administrators covering configuration, security roles, and integrations.
- Walkthroughs of system design, data structures, and operational processes.
- Provision of comprehensive documentation, including user guides and runbooks.

Formal training is supported by ongoing access to expert guidance during delivery and early life support. Where required, refresher sessions or additional enablement can be provided to support organisational change or onboarding of new users.



ORDERING AND INVOICING PROCESS

To begin the process, please contact glue.frameworks@reply.com with details of your organisation, role and high-level requirements.

Our Framework Manager will connect you to our experts and from here we will organise an introductory discussion to go into more detail and shape a proposed engagement that suits your needs.

We invoice for both fixed price and time and materials engagements one month in arrears. For fixed price engagements, this takes place upon completion of the deliverable(s), or in stages, if the size of the engagement is greater than £40,000 excluding VAT.

Payment terms are 30 days net of receipt of invoice.



CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

To deliver our responsibilities as a partner, we require the following:

- Full access to systems and data that are relevant to the specific project
- Reasonable and timely access to key stakeholders and internal SMEs for information gathering, requirements definition and other critical tasks associated with the delivery of our outputs

Technical and Client-Side Requirements

Other than the system access specified above, there are no specific technical or client-side requirements that would limit our capacity to begin work.

Outcomes and Deliverables

Our engagement's specific outcomes and deliverables will be determined during the scoping phase before beginning the project based on your goals and objectives and the level of depth you require. These will include:

- Workshop(s) to discuss and assess the existing architectural design
- Detailed assessment of design with identification of risks and opportunities
- Report with recommendations and proposed action plan



ABOUT REPLY

Reply is a company that specialises in Consulting, Systems Integration and Digital Services with a focus on the conception, design and implementation of solutions based on the new communication channels and digital media.

Reply partners with key industrial groups in defining and developing business models made possible by the new technological and communication paradigms such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Cloud Computing, Digital Communication, the Internet of Things and Mobile and Social Networking. In so doing, it aims to optimise and integrate processes, applications and devices.

Reply's offer is aimed at fostering the success of its customers through the introduction of innovation along the whole economic digital chain. Given its knowledge of specific solutions and due to a consolidated experience, Reply addresses the main core issues of the various industrial sectors.

Through its network of specialist companies, Reply supports some of Europe's leading industrial groups in Telco & Media, Industry & Services, Banks & Insurance, and Public Administration to define and develop business models, suited to the new paradigms of Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Cloud Computing, Digital Media and the Internet of Things.

We make innovation happen.

We started with a small team and a purpose: to help the digital revolution happen. Today, we are a team of more than 14,600 people in 16 different countries but we still have the same DNA, made up of agile, vertical task forces and an inner passion for innovation.

We are a decentralised network of specialised companies.

Among Replyers, you will find passionate geeks, visionary strategists, and creative minds, each with sharp skills in a specific business, who cooperate together and never stop learning from each other.

Make forward, act sustainably.

We know a sustainable future is possible and technology can be a strong asset to reach it. As leaders in digital transformation, we push for change and operate in full accordance with the highest ethical standards and with respect for the rights of future generations