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Statistics Canada Collection
Business Architecture: Overview of the Approach, Lessons Learned and Future Plans

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A year ago, Communications and Operations field initiated what is considered as Statistics Canada’s first business architecture activity. This concerted effort was focused on collection related activities and processes, and was conducted over a short period during which over sixty STC senior and middle managers were consulted.

We will introduce the discipline of business architecture, an approach based on ‘business blueprints’ to interface between enterprise needs and its enabling solutions. We will describe the specific approach used to conduct Statistics Canada Collection Business Architecture, summarize the key lessons learned from this initiative, and provide an update on where we are and where we are heading.

We will conclude by illustrating how this approach can serve as the genesis and foundation for an overall Statistics Canada business architecture.