

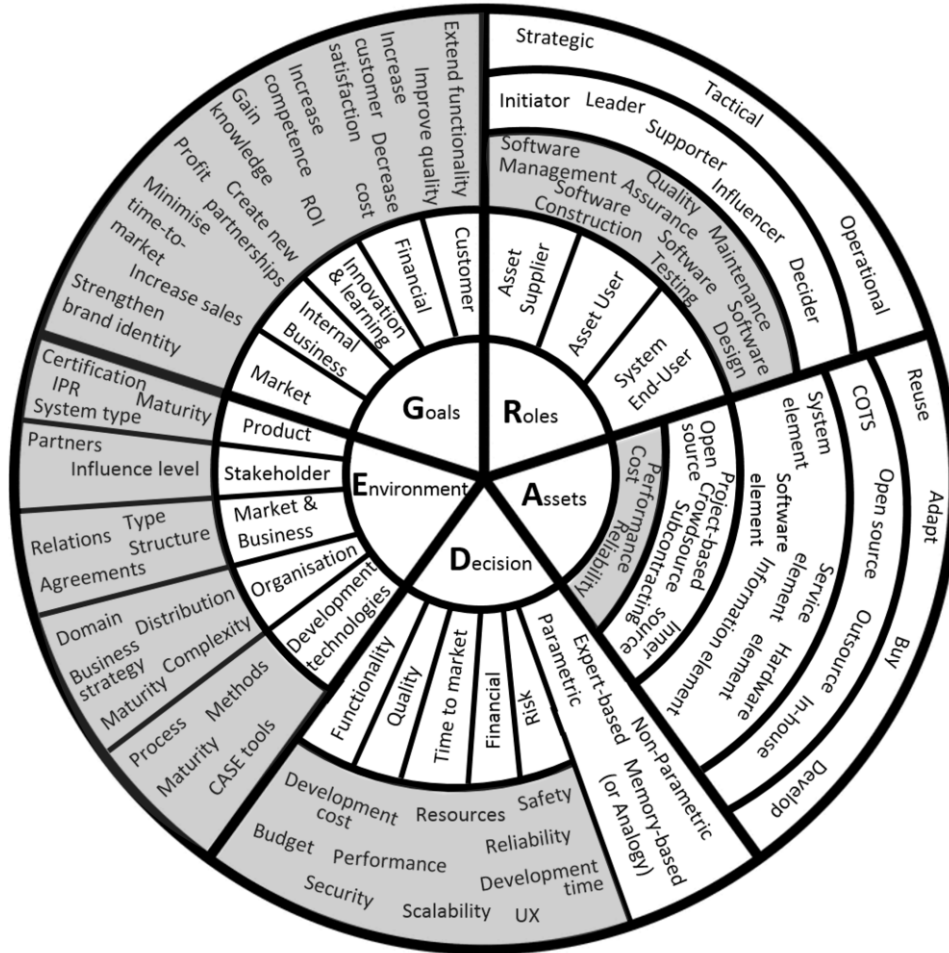
The GRADE Decision Canvas

Team or Project or Case or Company Name or Author Name:
COMPANY/PROJECT NAME

Date:
DD/MM/YYYY

- Primary Canvas
- Alternative Canvas
- Additional Canvas

Circle or add any other important relevant elements to the decision.
 Gray areas are examples.



Goal Element

What is the main goal of the decision?
 What is the starting point of the decision?
 What value is delivered with the decision and who receives this value?
 What problem is the decision solving?
 What needs are satisfied with the decision?

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Roles Element

Who is mostly involved in the decision?
 What are their most important roles (in project, case, company)?
 How much does each role contribute to the decision?
 What is the decision level (strategic, tactical, or operational)?
 Which organizational roles are involved?
 What are the decision roles (initiator, decider, influencer)?

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Assets Element

List the assets that are considered within the decision?
 What usage is envisioned for these assets (reuse, adaptation, buy, develop)?
 Where do assets come/originate from (COTS, open source, outsource, in-house)?
 What is the type of assets considered (system, software, service, information, hardware asset)?
 What main asset characteristics are considered (performance, cost, other)?

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Decision outcome

What is the final decision made?
 How would you evaluate the decision?
 Would you change anything in this decision (consider what/how/who/why/when aspects)?

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Environment Element

Describe the general context of the decision to make it understandable to others.
 What are the most important contextual factors of the decision (related to the product/stakeholders/market & business/organisation/development technologies etc.)?
 Which contextual factors are static (do not change and will probably not change much in the near future)?
 Which contextual factors are likely to change in the near future?

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Decision Element

How do you reach to an architectural decision?
 Which are the most important decision criteria considered (performance, cost, other)?
 Which decision method(s) do you typically use?
 How useful do you consider the decision method(s) you typically use?
 How are the decision method(s) you typically use integrated with your decision process/routines?
 How much time/cost/resources is needed to make a decision?

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