

## AVP Enterprise Architecture

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Company: Arch Capital Group

Location: Manchester

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### **Role Summary and purpose:**

An individual contributor who will own the strategy for Technology Domain(s) he/she is responsible for, maintaining current/future state Technology roadmaps, defining and influencing technology simplification through consolidation, rationalization, and elimination of Tech Debt. Architecture areas of influence include (enterprise architecture, Private & Public Cloud Architecture, Network architecture, software architecture, solutions architecture, cloud-native strategy, and DevOps strategy) including governance.

This position will work very closely with the VP/CTOs of (Corporate Infrastructure, Arch Insurance, Arch Reinsurance, and Arch Mortgage Insurance) and will be an integral part of the (Corporate Infrastructure, Insurance, Reinsurance, and Mortgage Insurance) division at Arch.

### **Job Description**

Responsible for Architecture, including proposing standards for Arch enterprise, driving uniformity for commodity and hence efficiency, large vendor contract optimization

The Architect is responsible for the work of the architecture team and wider technology leaders to establish roadmaps to evolve the department in an appropriate technology direction, based upon industry trends and Arch business needs

Review and provide feedback on solution architectures, or coach & guide solution development approach working solution architecture owners and managers

Gather business requirements, conduct Enterprise Architecture committees, listen to all ideas, evaluate tech information, influence selection of the right technology for the affiliate, segment, and Arch globally, record and maintain standards

Responsible for Technology portfolio and lifecycle management for the affiliate, segment, and Arch globally

He/she works closely with various stakeholders in the establishment and accomplishment of technology solutions, standards, best practices, reference architectures, and IT Strategic Objectives, and the identification and planning remediation of technical debt.

The Architect may develop, present, and maintain reference examples of new and important technologies and solutions to improve adoption speed and agility

She/he will work closely with other architects, Infrastructure & application teams, infrastructure engineering teams, and IT leadership to help Arch realize the benefits of the technology investments quickly, efficiently, and cost-effectively

Maintains technical proficiency in Technology Domain(s) as required to provide effective guidance to the consumers of the architecture.

Supports Engineering, Research and Development, Pilots, and POCs as required to drive standards adoption, product or technology selection, or introduction of new technology to software engineering teams

**Experience requirements and skills:**

Experience with Cloud Native Architectures, REST and APIs, Microservices, Spring Boot/Framework, .Net/.Net Core, GitHub, Docker, BPM, SQL, Oracle, NoSQL, Messaging AMQP/Kafka

Solid understanding of Private Cloud, IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS, as well as various Cloud Models (Azure and AWS). Infrastructure architecture and best practice experience a significant plus.

Broad knowledge of software development techniques, processes, methods and best practices. Proficiency with various programming languages.

Knowledge of application test automation products, processes, and best practices

Proven experience and strong understanding of agile development and conventional method and its application to company technology needs.

Strong strategic decision making & long term planning abilities to manage resources and develop efficient and effective solutions to diverse and complex business problems.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively lead and motivate team.

Excellent interpersonal, communication, presentation & consultative skills for effective collaboration with senior management.

Strong problem solving, analytical, and decision making skills and experience

Ability to balance between most ideal and most pragmatic solutions that meet the business needs.

### **Work Experience**

15+ years of experience in a senior, broad highly technical role such as architect or lead (engineer/developer)

Excellent interpersonal, communication, presentation, and consultative skills for effective relationships and planning long-term projects with senior management.

Demonstrated expertise in the implementation and maintenance of enterprise software and defining new architecture models

Familiarity with IT governance standards and compliance including ITIL, PCI, and SOC

Experience in a highly regulated industry, such as insurance and/or financial services

### **Rationale for location:**

To be co-located in either Birmingham or London office with the Enterprise Architecture team. But they must be prepared to travel 20% of the time to liaise with the heads of the other Product development teams. We expect any successful candidate to spend a minimum of 2 days in the office per week.

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