





Business Analysis Competencies: *BABOK Guide & Business Analysts*

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Business Analysis today

Business Analysis will change the way organizations change



"Business Analysis is the practice of **enabling change** in an organizational context, by **defining needs** and recommending **solutions** that deliver **value** to **stakeholder**s"

From Needs, Requirements to Business Value LIASION







Business Alignment

- Organizations need *mechanism to drastically* change their core business and project performance focus from exclusively time/scope/budget to innovation and value.
- Business Analysis changes the operations and projects focus from Technology, Products to the Business Value. It's about the business value brought about new R&D, IT, Marketing, ...
 Solutions, not about the Technology.







Competencies for Business Alignment

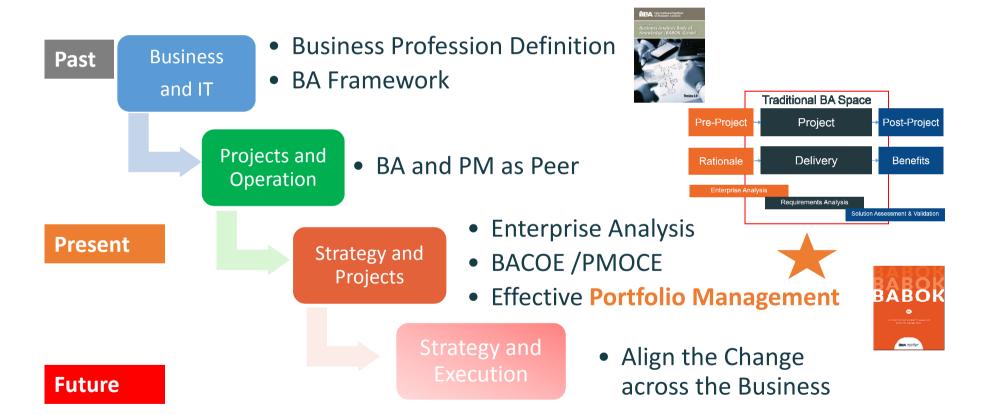
- Business Analysts will ensure the *project portfolio's* are contributing to the competitive position in the marketplace for the company.
- Organizations need new capabilities.
 - Professional Business Analyst (Roles Resp.)
 - BA Practicies BABOK Guide v3
 - BACOE Business Analysis Center Of Excellence (Organiz.)







Bridging the gap between...









Competencies of Business Analysis ...

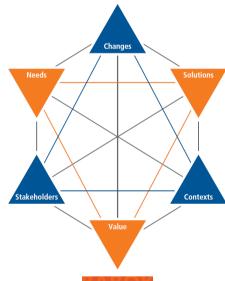
Understand business problems and opportunities

Recommend solutions

Enable the organization to achieve its goals **Business Analysis** Planning & Monitoring **OUTCOMES - VALUE** Enterprise Requirements Analysis Requirements Managemen Elicitation & Communication

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Solution Assessment & Validation



WHAT capabilities? How Perform Analysis? Who can do BA?





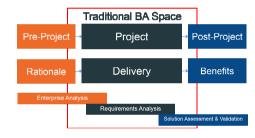




Today Challenge – BA is changing

- From Requirements management focusing on predictable delivery of scope
- To focus on delivery of business value
- In order to understand the reason for change and evaluate the benefits
- Business Analyst as Change Agent





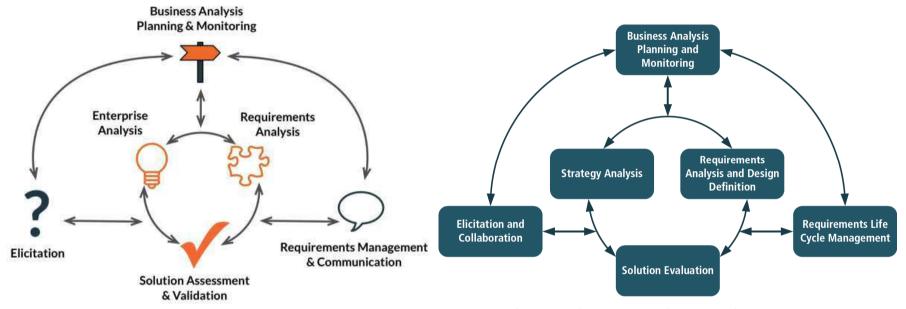








BABOK® Guide from V2 to V3



Underlying Competencies

Analytical Thinking & problem Solving Behavioral Charactheristics Business Knowledge Communication Skills Interaction, Skills Software Applications Answering to what Industry is demanding:

Process improvement skills

Strategic thinking and alignment to business goals Integration with agile methods

Greater focus on change management







Business Analyst

- Is any person who performs
 business analysis activities
- Is responsible for eliciting the actual needs, analyzing, communicating and validating requirements to align them and deliver business value



From Needs to Solution Validation – New Roles LIASON AMONG STAKEHOLDER

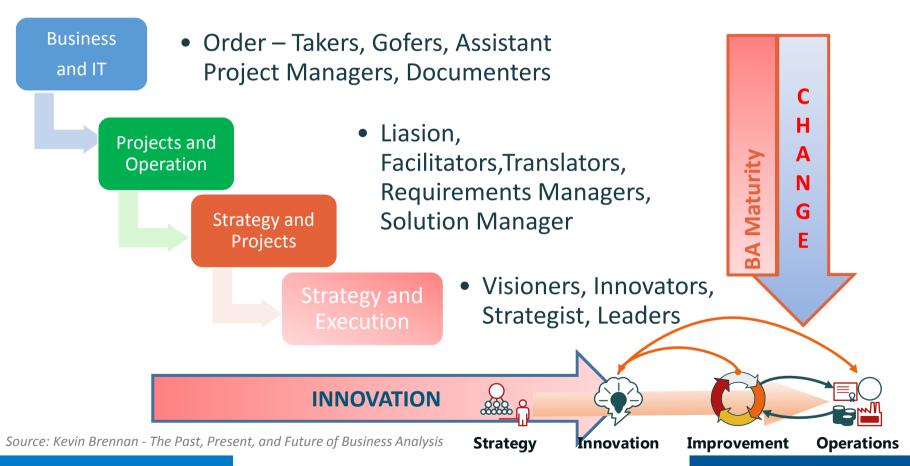
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Business Analyst Challenge ...









BA Maturity and BACOE

 Higher BA maturity levels are directly correlated to more effective business alignment of operations and projects, higher quality business solutions, increased customer satisfaction, increased creativity and innovation, and an increase in the business benefits that result from implementation of new business solutions.

Source: BAWI2014 The Value of Business Analysis in the organizations: BACOE and Maturity Model, Prassede Colombo







BACOE Maturity

Business Analysis Center of Excellence (BACOE)

is the *emerging best practice*

in order to address BA competencies

for moving

the organizations towards

innovation and competition

BA Competent

IIBA BA Competency Model

IIBA Certifications

Level 1

Level 2

BA & PM

BA Awareness

Level 3 Business Alignment

BA Framework

BA & Portfolio

Management

BA Practice Maturity Model



Level 4 Business/ Technology

Innovation



Project Focus

Enterprise Focus

Competitive Focus

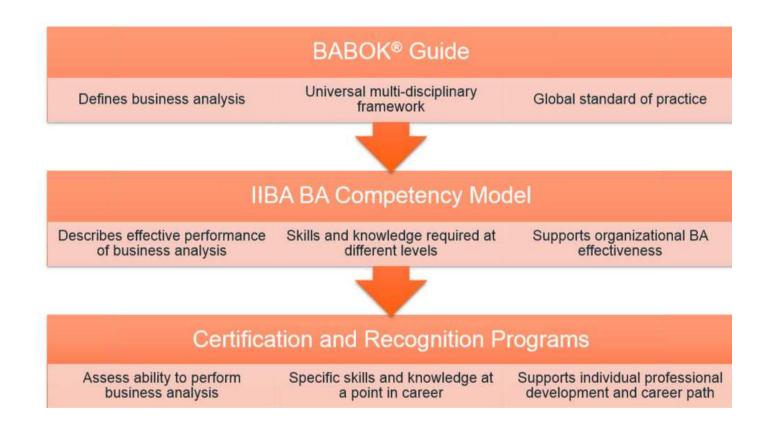
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IIBA & BA Capabilities









BA Competencies & Certifications

KAs

Groups of Tasks and knowledge specific to the Tasks BAs perform

Techniques

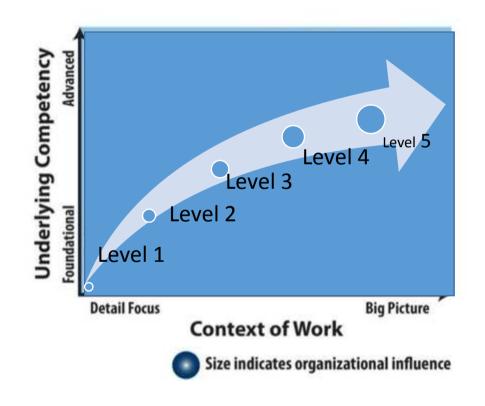
How Tasks are performed or format of Task output

UCs

Foundational skills, knowledge, and personal characteristics used to execute Techniques and Tasks

Performing these together in concert
=
Performance Competency

Source: IIBA Business Analysis Competency Model, v3. @2011, IIBA









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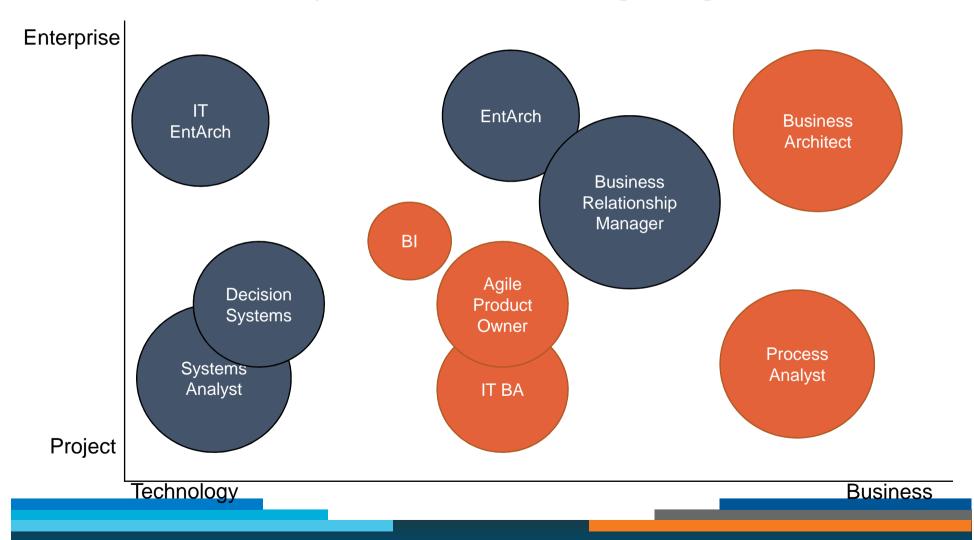
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Business Analysts Must Change Again









Certified Business Analysis Professional® Certification CBAP® Certification Requirements

Work Experience	7500 hours - business analysis work experience in the last ten (10) years, specifically related to the knowledge areas defined in the $BABOK^{\circ}$
Knowledge Areas	Demonstrated experience and expertise in at least four of the six BABOK® Knowledge Areas
Fundamental Areas	Demonstrated experience in three of the five fundamentals areas
Education	High school or equivalent education
Professional Development	21 hours of professional development on business analysis or the underlying fundamentals in the past four years
References	Two references (manager, client, or CBAP [®])

...plus successfully passing the CBAP® exam







CCBA [®] Certification

- For business analysts with less experience and for students with education but limited professional experience there is <u>Certification of Competency in</u> <u>Business Analysis</u> (CCBA*)
 - **3750** hours of work experience, 900 hours experiences in 2 of 6 Knowledge, 21 hours Professional Development, High school education, 2 references







Details

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Empathy

More than AnalysisEmbrace Architecture

Design

Analytical Thinking
Goal: To Produce
Reliable,
Predictable,
Repeatable
Outcomes
Reliability

Intuitive Thinking
Goal: To produce
Architecture and outcomes that meet
Design
the desired
objectives
Validity

Concept Visualization

> Strategic Business Design

Source: Heather M.A. Fraser, Design Works

Source: Roger L. Martin, The Design of Business

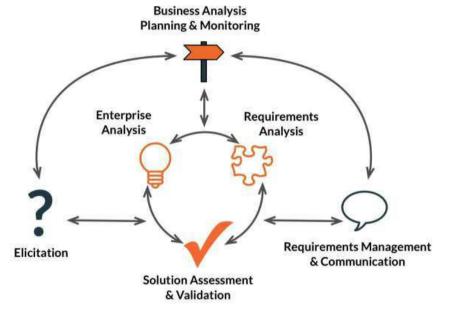
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Structure of the BABOK® Guide



Chapter 8: Underlying Competencies

- 8.1 Analytical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 8.2 Behavioral Characteristics
- 8.3 Business Knowledge
- 8.4 Communication Skills
- 8.5 Interaction Skills
- 8.6 Software Applications

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Know the context, the business; Interact, Communicate; Be a BA Professional – customizing







Encompassing the Full Scope of the Business Analysis Discipline

Version 2 Scope	Version 3 Scope
IT Projects	IT Projects
Agile (limited coverage)	Agile (full coverage)
	Business Process Management
	Business Architecture
	Business Intelligence

- Industry is demanding:
 - Process improvement skills
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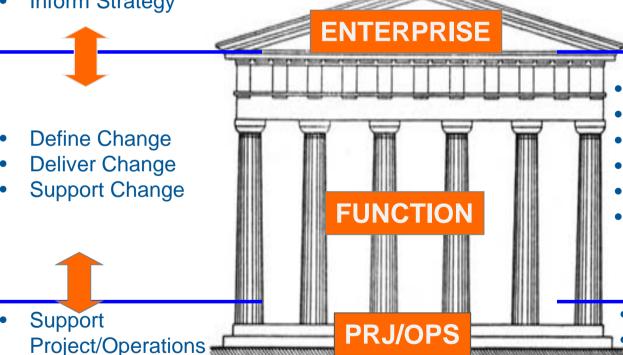






Opportunities for Organizations & BA

- **Define Strategy**
- Align to Strategy
- Inform Strategy



- **Enterprise Business Analyst**
- **Business Process Analyst** Big Data / Decision Analyst BACOE/PMO/ Portfolio Manager
- **Enterprise Business Analyst**
- **Business Process Analyst**
- **Business Analyst**
- **Decision Support Analyst**
- **Agile Analyst**
- **Systems / Functional Analyst**

Business Analyst Service Analyst

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Who We Are

- We are the Italian Chapter IIBA Italy Chapter
- IIBA is an Independent, non-profit professional association serving the business analysis community



 As the voice of the BA community, IIBA supports the recognition of the profession, and works to maintain standards for the practice and certification

"To unite a community of professionals to create better business outcomes"



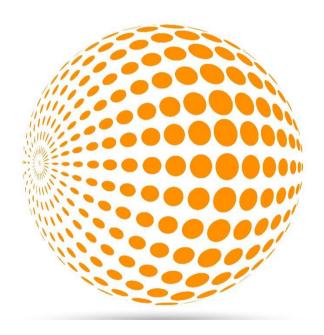




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 - 38 Eastern Americas
 - 18 Western Americas
 - 5 Asia Pacific
 - 19 Europe and Africa
 - 7 Middle East and India
- Over 220 Corporate Members
- CCBA® Recipients: 640+
- CBAP® Recipients: 4,725









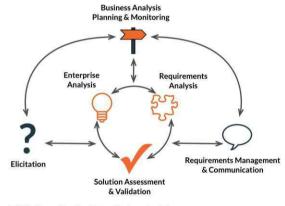
Competencies of Business Analysis for...

Business Analysis Core Concept Model



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understanding business problems and opportunities
recommending solutions that enable the organization to achieve
its goals (BA as Change Agents) in the context of the
requirements (BA as Facilitator, Analyzer, Advisor, Leader)