



Enterprise IT Architectures

Why Architecture ?

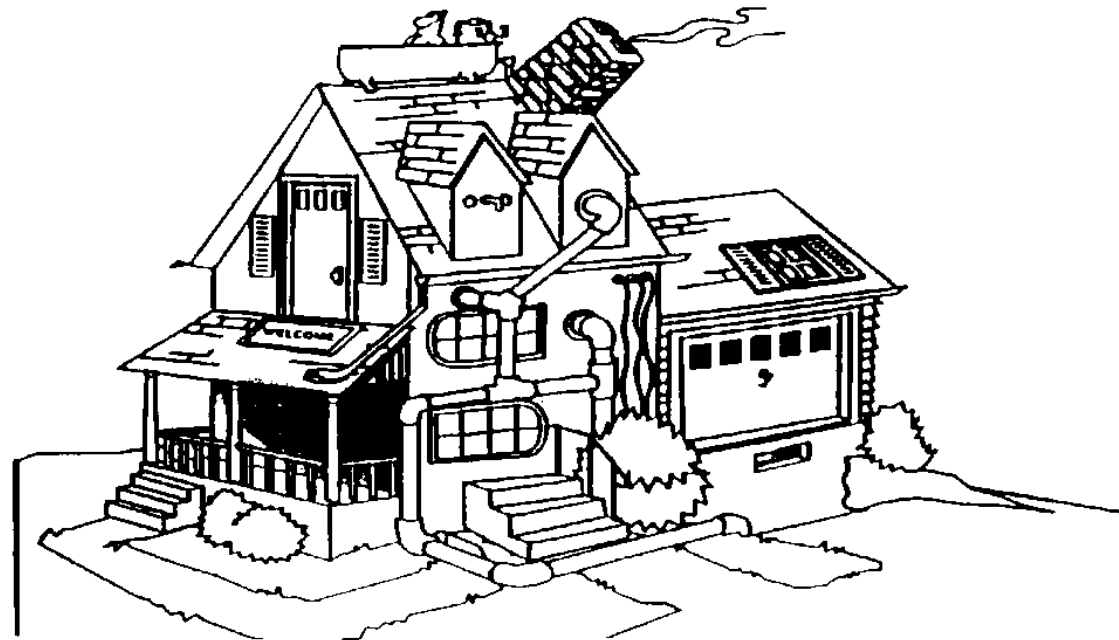
Interconnection with business and other IT Organizations





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Without IT Architecture...



... and even if an individual house is well designed, if each house is different (e.g. different electricity voltage, water pressure) then the city will not work...

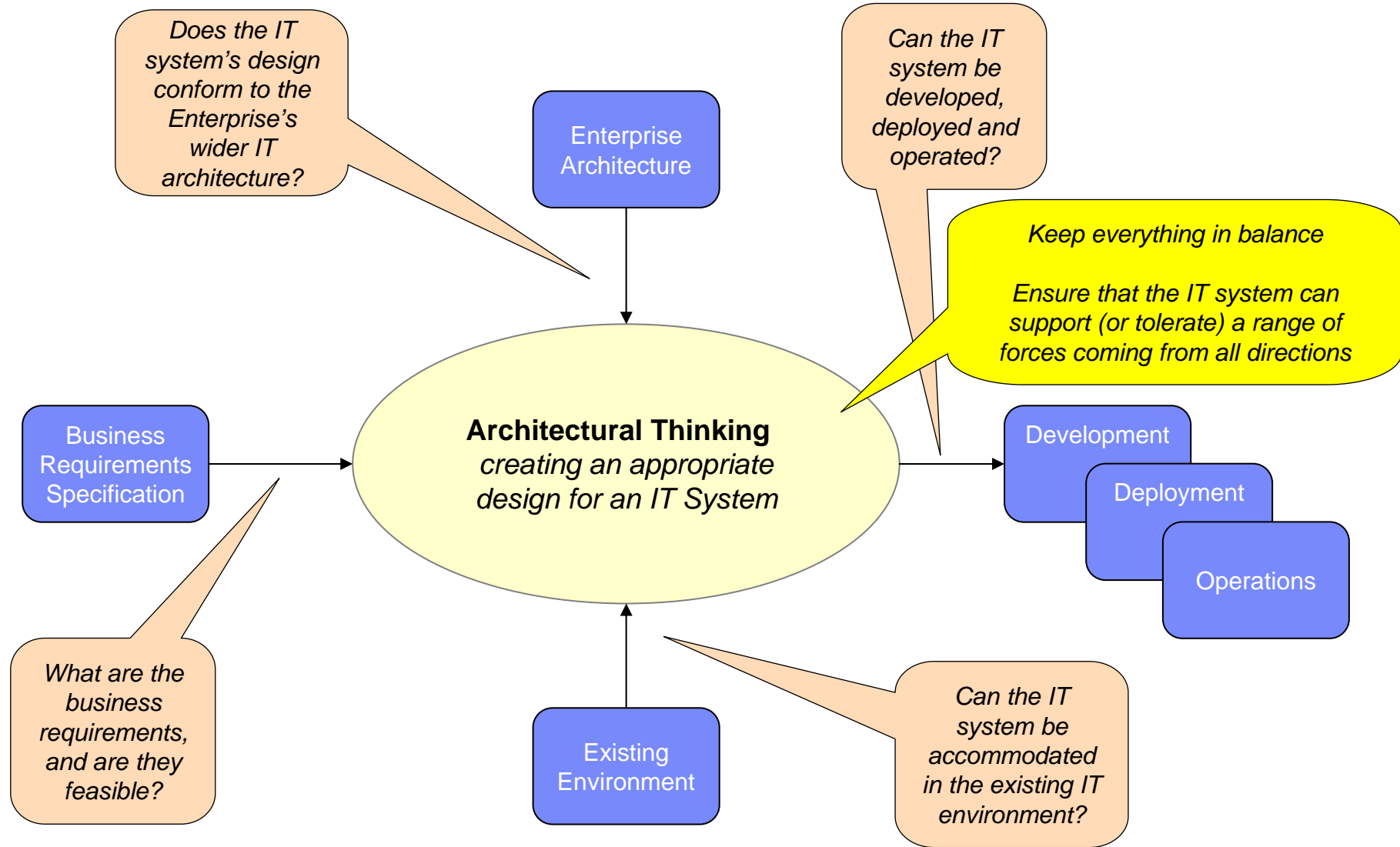


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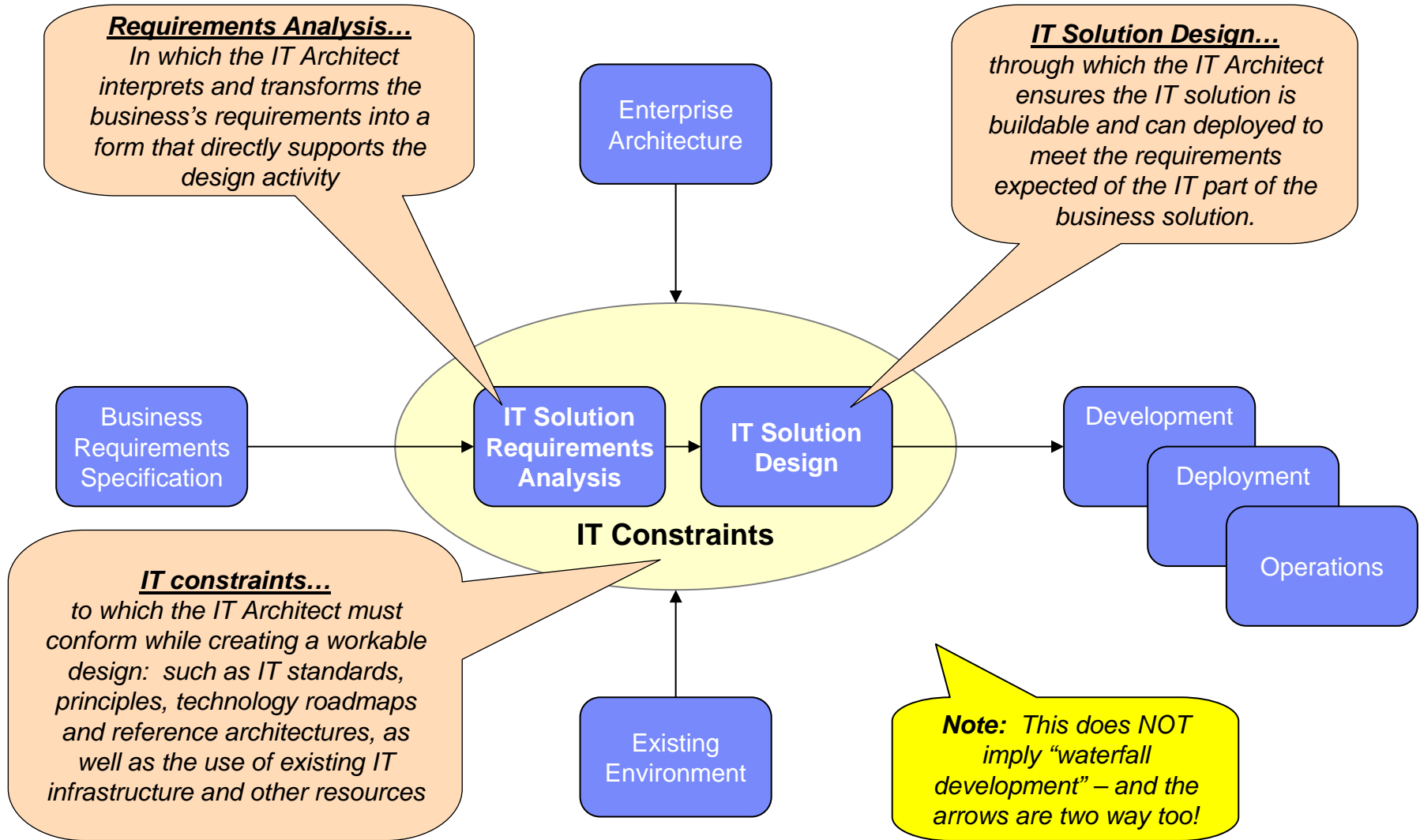


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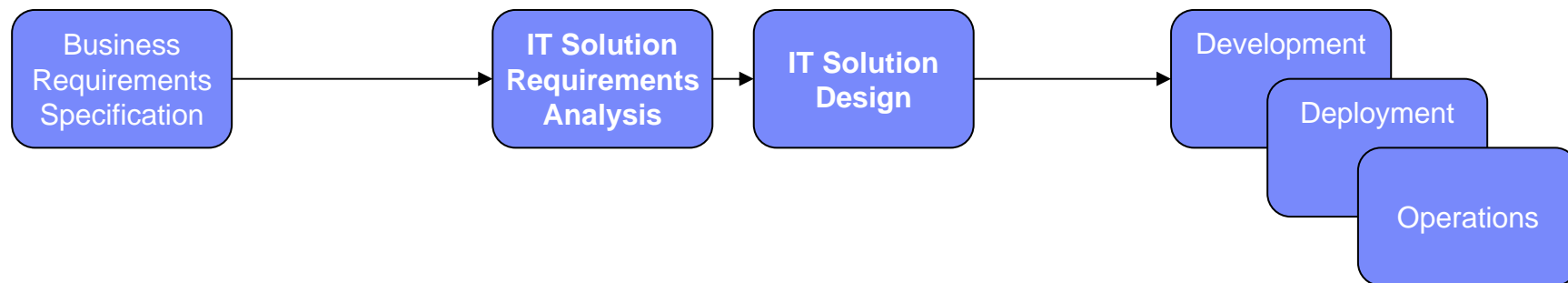
The IT Architect therefore focuses on three things





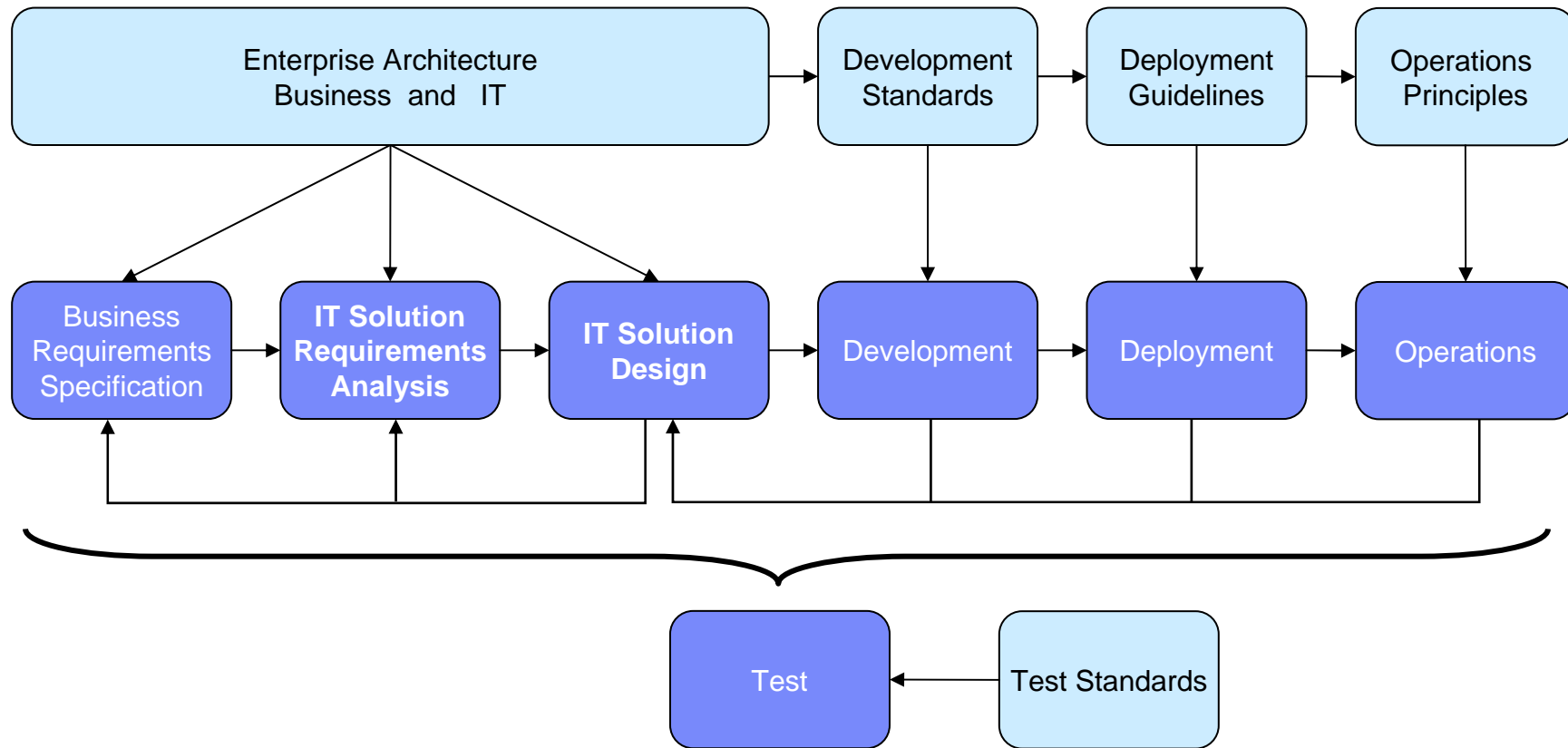
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“food chain” in which the IT Architect sits is not “link to link”, and not “waterfall”



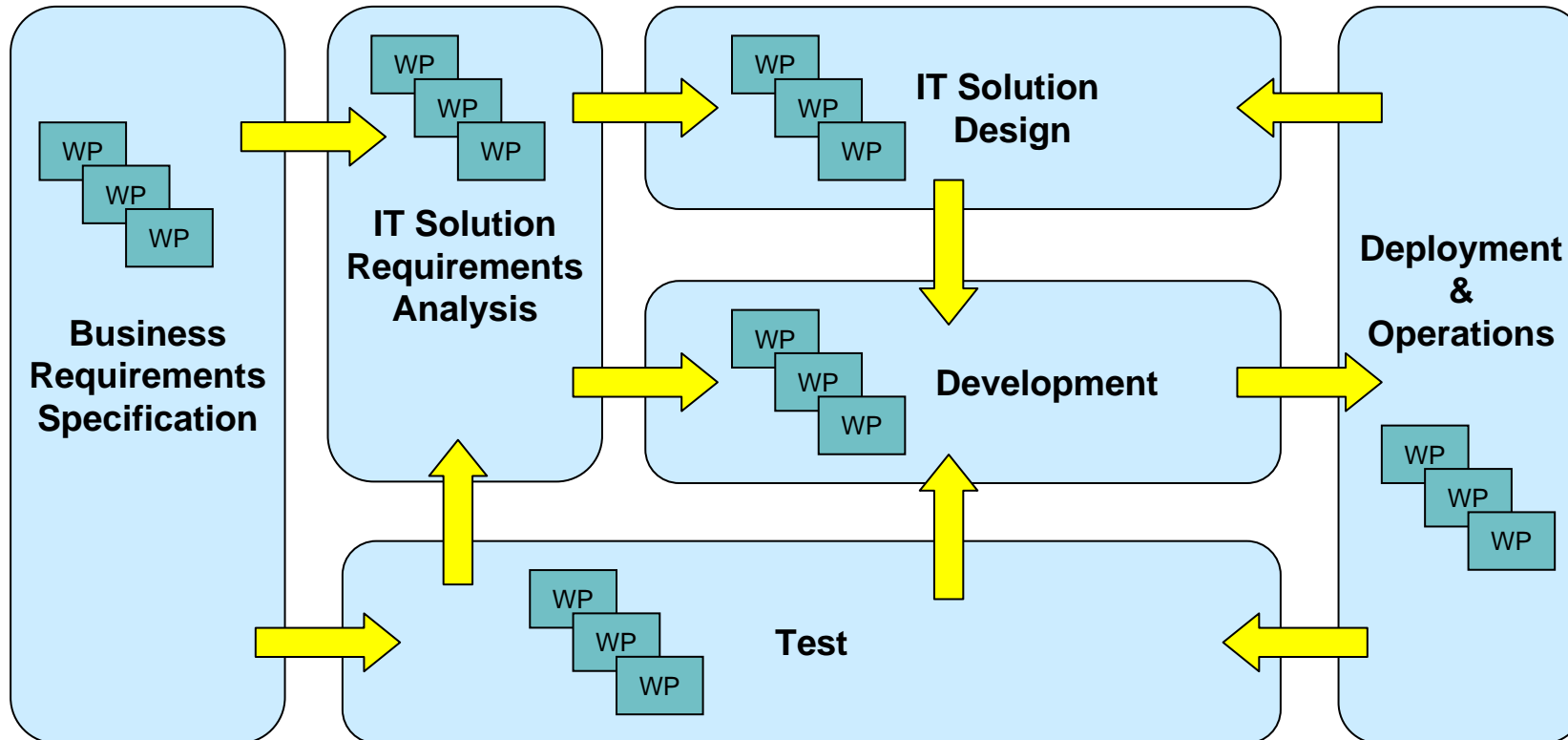


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...with a strong set of inter-dependencies between all areas

Illustrative dependencies only! Most arrows are two way!



How do we manage this division of responsibilities, while accommodating interdependencies across the life-cycle of a project, without adopting “waterfall development”?

A work product is (usually) a document that defines some specific aspect of the solution and “lives” through the full life of the project