Abstract
Many different titles are used for systems related roles. Examples are systems architect, engineer, designer, tester, or manager. We discuss in this paper these roles and titles. We also explain the context sensitivity of these titles.
Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the difference between *systems engineers* and *systems architects*?
- Why do all these people have the title systems architect, while they actually don’t do the work?
Is Every Architect an Architect?

do the work &
have the skills

hidden architects

recognized true architects

any other role

impostor or pushed

title ≠ architect

title = architect

do other work or lack skills
Commonly used Titles mapped on Development Life Cycle

0. feasibility
1. definition
2. system design
3. engineering
4. integration & test
5. field monitoring

Policy and Planning

systems manager
systems architect
systems engineer
systems designer
systems tester

Systems Titles and Roles
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