

Lightweight PSA (Project Start Architecture) Template

A short, visual overview summarizing the architectural context, choices, and assumptions at the start of an initiative.

1. Initiative Overview

• Initiative Name / ID
• Date / Version
• Owner / Domain Architect
• Business Objective / Expected Outcome

2. Architectural Context

• Related strategies, principles, or reference architectures
• Involved domains and systems
• Key dependencies or external factors

3. Main Design Choices

• Core architectural decisions
• Alternatives considered
• Assumptions made

4. Key Building Blocks & Interactions

• Main components (e.g., APIs, platforms, services)
• Integration points and data flows
• Interfaces and standards used

5. Risks & Mitigations

• Architectural risks or open questions
• Mitigation strategies or next steps

6. Governance & Follow-up

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| • Review moments (e.g., design checkpoints) |
| • Alignment with Enterprise Architecture or domain boards |
| • Next review date |

Note: A Lightweight PSA guides design direction without freezing it. It should fit on one or two pages and evolve with the initiative.