Abstract

An Information Architecture (IA) is a high level or general view of an organization’s information-related components that conveys an overall understanding of each component and an understanding of how these components relate to each other. Information architecture accomplishes its task with whatever tools necessary. These tools are being fashioned by many people, including information scientists, artists, librarians, designers, anthropologists, architects, writers, engineers, programmers & philosophers. They all bring different perspectives, and they all add flavor to the stew. They are all necessary. These tools come in many forms and methods, including controlled vocabularies, mental modeling, brainstorming, ethnography, thesauri, human-computer interaction, and others. Some tools are very old, and some are very new. Most are still waiting to be invented. However, Information architecture acknowledges that the practice is bigger than any single methodology, tool or perspective. IA is a rapidly emerging field concerned with the art and science of applying many approaches to the design of IS. Several disciplines have to merge to architect the right systems. IA to develop information structures usable at multiple levels of interaction among humans, machine and environment. Information architecture is first an act, then a practice, then a discipline. Sharing the practice grows the discipline, and makes it stronger. It is a 21st Century Profession; Information Architect.

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