ARIS Architect & ARIS Designer are two tools offering one powerful way to model your processes and then optimize your business. Together these products create a collaborative process design tool that is easy to access and easy to use. Virtually anyone can design agile processes to improve business performance, from product development to sales and services.

**Key benefits**

- Save time and money, thanks to intuitive process design supported by smart modeling features
- Quickly query, analyze and visualize dependencies within your enterprise architecture to make business-critical decisions faster
- Keep business information up-to-date with simplified maintenance and re-use of process knowledge
- Easily customize the tool to meet your corporate standards
- Link business strategy to operational processes and IT implementation
- Achieve permanent, global availability across corporate boundaries for collaborative, HTML 5-based process design

**Features**

**Easily design processes enterprise-wide**
Save time and money with these intuitive tools to design your enterprise business processes. Describe the resources needed for the processes and environment in which they operate—for example by organization, IT system, data, products and risks. Link business strategy to operational processes and IT implementation.

**Rich modeling environment**
ARIS supports the entire process design life cycle and has 200+ model types to help describe your entire business. You can define the relationships between processes, the resources they use and the business environment in which they operate. Use method filters to choose just those models needed for the task at hand and to configure them to meet corporate standards.
**Easy-to-use modeling**
With ARIS, process design is easy. Graphical capabilities enable you to create models quickly and present the information so it is easy to understand. Simply placing one object on top of another automatically creates the semantic relationship. ARIS Smart Design allows Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN™) and Enterprise BPMN modeling through easy-to-use table-based modeling. ARIS is as an easy-to-use tool, especially for the process owner during process discovery and process design phase, e.g., by using the mini toolbar, fragments or the Rocket Search. The “spreadsheet” functionality combines ARIS artifacts with other data and calculate for results.

**ARIS Connect**
ARIS Architect is cloud-enabled by using an additional product: ARIS Connect. It can be set up on an existing ARIS repository to provide added capabilities to already existing process content. ARIS Connect offers an integrated environment for publishing through the portal and modeling in the browser. All stakeholders can now work together using an integrated social network to connect, communicate and collaborate to improve processes.

By adding ARIS Mobile Access, employees can access dedicated, up-to-date process information on-the-go and from anywhere. They can contribute to process improvements view and share best practices—and save time with ARIS apps tailored to their specific needs.

**Single “look and feel”**
A single “look and feel” across all the ARIS products makes them easy to use and reduces training efforts. ARIS Architect provides a wide range of formatting styles and templates to improve user acceptance and understanding. Create your own symbols to represent things important to your business in a way that is meaningful to your employees.

**Support for business notations**
- Supports both the language of business and IT with Event-driven Process Chains (EPCs)—including the new model and object types for CXM—or the more technical notation, BPMN
- Unites the strength of EPC and BPMN with the Enterprise BPMN model type
- Also supports Unified Modeling Language (UML™), value-added chains and Entity Relationship Model (ERM)
Analyze and optimize processes enterprise-wide

Understand the relationships between the entities in your business. Analyze the use of resources and enterprise-wide impacts of changes.

Ad hoc model analysis

The object-based approach of ARIS ensures everything you model is stored in the underlying repository. This enables you to easily view which models objects are used and the relationships between the objects. Compare models—for instance, versions or "as-is" and "to-be" models. Analyze impacts enterprise-wide—for example, which IT systems support which processes. Use a graphical query builder to design and manage results in views or spreadsheets.

Search & query

Find models, objects and duplicates anywhere in the database based on name, attribute value or when last accessed. Pre-defined queries can be used to display more complex relationships—for example, which people use the systems that support the tasks in a specific process. You can easily create queries that allow analysis on the occurrence or model level.

Analysis, reports & macros

Evaluate processes in terms of quality and use resulting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to optimize processes. Create reports in text, table or chart form. Using a script wizard, you can run report scripts that produce output in several different formats, such as XLS, DOC, RTF, TXT, HTML and PDF.

Central ARIS repository

Hundreds of people across your enterprise can access the central repository simultaneously to assure consistency and re-usability of models and data. The central ARIS repository provides data for analysis and reports and enables you to monitor processes using KPIs to assure processes are aligned with corporate objectives. You can also capture and incorporate modeling information outside of ARIS by linking documents. Also, link directly to popular Document Management Systems (DMS).

Manage models to assure structure and ease of navigation

Manage the models in the database to provide structure and ease of navigation. Administer users and access rights to ensure the right people access the right information. Import data from Microsoft® Visio® and Microsoft® Excel® to shortcut building models. Manage versions and variants.

The available ARIS Extension Packs for ARIS Architect (A) and ARIS Designer (D) are:
• Access (A)
• ARIS for SAP® Solutions (A, D)
• Business Strategy (A, D)
• Enterprise Architecture (A, D)
• Process Governance (A)
• Simulation (A)
• webMethods Integration (A)
**Fully configurable meta model**
Use wizards to define, enhance and manage specific meta models and create new objects, connections and models.

**Central administration**
ARIS Architect and ARIS Designer offer a centralized user and license management including license distribution. Also, a single sign-on across all ARIS products has been implemented. The central document management enables you to store, share and link documents across ARIS components.

**Advanced management tools**
Accelerate your work and ensure consistent results with powerful, easy-to-use features, such as generating models based on existing information and importing models from Microsoft Visio, ARIS Express and data from Microsoft Excel. Using process variants, you can manage variability within the enterprise processes while promoting reuse and standardization.

**Versioning of process models**
Track the history of process descriptions and the improvement process to optimize process documentation. With versioning, you are on your way to an efficient process management system that incorporates release cycle management for well-documented business processes.

ARIS offers user-friendly interfaces, simplifying the understanding, description and improvement of processes by mature design.