



Digital Architecture Design Day 2025

Adaptive Architecture: Design for Change!

On Tuesday 30 September 2025, the Digital Architects NetWork will again organise the annual Digital Architecture Design Day (<u>DADD 2025</u>) at the NBC conference centre in Nieuwegein. It is a conference for and by professionals where we expect more than 300 peers. Therefore, we are asking you as a professional to help build a great programme.

We are looking for proposals for presentations, workshops, short training sessions and other creative contributions to make it a professionally interesting day. If you do not wish to contribute yourself but know of a good candidate speaker, we would also like to get in touch with you. The closing date for submissions is 15 May 2025. We will respond to your submission after six weeks at the latest. Submit your proposal via the Call-for-Speakers platform https://sessionize.com/dadd2025.

Theme and Programme

In a rapidly changing world, where digital transformation is the norm, the role of architects is evolving faster than ever. Traditional, static architectural approaches fall short in an environment that demands flexibility, agility and continuous innovation. Organisations need to design architectures and processes that not only withstand change, but also actively embrace it. An architecture that is aligned with changing business goals and stakeholder needs has become crucial for success.

During DADD 2025, we will explore the concept of adaptive architecture: an approach in which architecture processes, designs and collaboration with stakeholders are designed dynamically and flexibly. In a world where change is a given and where speed and innovation create value, architects must take the lead in designing systems that can not only respond to change but embrace it as a core principle. We invite speakers to share insights, practical experiences and best-practices on the following themes:

How to make architecture services and processes adaptive?

What are effective ways to continuously evolve architecture? Are emergent architecture, continuous architecture delivery, agile decision-making and data-driven architecture the solution therein? How do we find the balance between experimentation and structured planning? What do adaptive architecture services and processes look like, and what kind of roles do you need? We welcome contributions that substantiate and practically illustrate these topics, with the aim of jointly furthering the dialogue on the future of adaptive digital architecture.





What is adaptive collaboration?

What new forms of collaboration help the digital architect in a dynamic context? As an 'opportunity architect', how can you drive innovation and forge lasting partnerships with business stakeholders? We are curious how effective collaboration and communication, including management of expectations and priorities, contribute to the success of digital architects as strategic partners. And how can 'value-sensitive' and 'human-centred' design contribute to humane and ethical architecture choices? We invite you to share experiences and best-practices and jointly reflect on how these principles can shape the future of adaptive digital architecture.

How do you design an adaptive architecture?

What insights and best-practices help design future-proof, agile architectures? Let's explore API-first approaches, the balance between microservices and monolithic systems, and the trade-offs between on-premises and Cloud deployments. Has the promise of scalability and modularity as catalysts for organisations' adaptability become a reality? Your practical experiences will be able to greatly advance the dialogue on developing effective, resilient digital architectures.

How does tooling enable and support adaptive architectures?

How and with what tooling does it support the design of an adaptive digital architecture that is future-proof and flexible? How does tooling for digital architects support the design and implementation of an adaptive architecture. How could you support choreography and orchestration, in the tension between freedom and tight planning, with tooling? The developments of AI tools, for example, are almost impossible to keep up with. How do you make sure you take full advantage of the possibilities these tools offer?

Call for Speakers

If you, your colleague, or your organisation would like to help build DADD 2025, submit a proposal. We have not yet come up with fixed tracks, and there is certainly room for other topics such as modern architectural patterns and studies on the value or applicability of digital architecture. Other creative work forms such as a short training, workshop, or brainstorm, or jointly solving a problem can also contribute. We can set up a track for this, but also sessions on the exhibition floor. For the latter, we will set up a defined area with room for interaction.

Will you also take part in this special day? Register and submit your proposal via https://sessionize.com/dadd2025.

Prepare a short and concise proposal. A proposal that can be properly assessed by the Programme Committee and that clearly shows what the take-aways are for the participant. A short biography with photo is also a condition for evaluation of your proposal. As soon as we publish the agenda on the website, your proposal with bio will be copied automatically and literally. Client presentations are only accepted when client and contractor present together. **NOTE**: online presentations are not possible.





What's in it for you?

Free conference participation to share your story and your architectural vision and approach. The more tangible and practical, the better. You might be looking at someone a year later who learned from your story! That is sharing knowledge and that is working together to make the digital transition a success with architecture.