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# Joint Workshop on Security Modeling

## *ArchiMate Forum and Security Forum*



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# Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and purpose
- Introductions
- Research spotlight: Strengthening RBAC with Responsibility Modeling
- Motivation: The *Inaction* Problem in Information Security
- Open Discussion:
  - Complementing TOGAF® and ArchiMate® with enhanced security modeling
  - Identification and prioritization of challenges
  - Next steps and adjourn

# Workshop Purpose

- The acceptance and maturity of TOGAF and ArchiMate present opportunities to
  - Improve the conceptual and visual modeling of enterprise information security
  - Drive usage of TOGAF and ArchiMate for security architecture
  - Enable information security stakeholders to make *better decisions* about protecting their interests
  - Enable all business leaders to understand the impact of information security or the lack thereof
- We are here to identify and prioritize these opportunities, and to plan efforts to exploit them

# Brief Personal Introductions

- Name
- Organization and position
- Involvement in The Open Group
- Security and modeling background and interests

# Research Spotlight: Strengthening RBAC with Responsibility Modeling

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# Outline

- Context of the research
  - The problem / the research approach
  - What is RBAC ?
  - Case study
- 1<sup>st</sup> research question: How should responsibility be modelled, both in general and specifically in ArchiMate ?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> research question: How can models of responsibility be used to improve access rights management ?
- Conclusions

# The Problem

The research addresses two problems arising from security and governance requirements, such as Basel II and Sarbanes-Oxley

- Enterprises must precisely provision access rights according to business needs, principles such as least privilege and separation of duties as well as statutory requirements.
    - RBAC partially solves that problem
  - Enterprises must precisely define responsibilities and stakeholders must understand them.
    - Today, there is no standard business definition of responsibility
- Both problems are linked: Responsibility definition enables precise provisioning of access rights



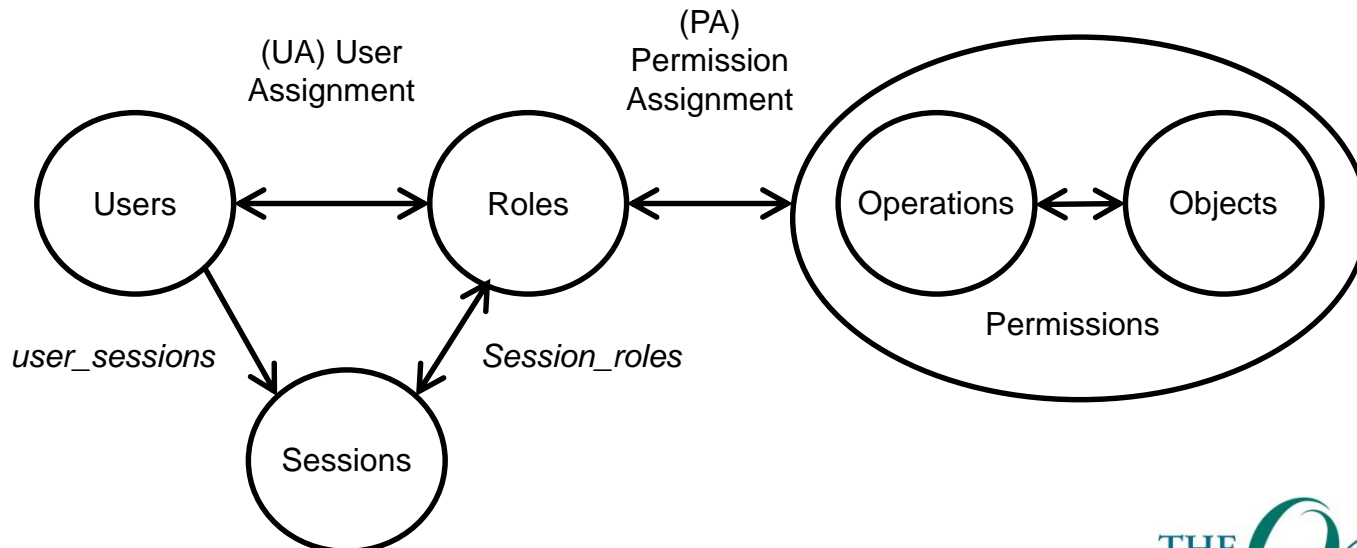
# Approach

- In order to solve the problem:
  - We explore a model to define responsibilities
  - We consider access rights provisioning based on the model

# RBAC

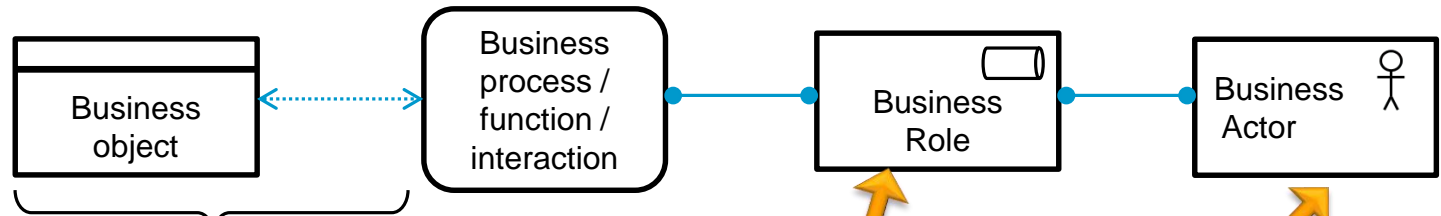
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- A widely implemented mechanism for protecting system resources. Relies on user authentication, which in turn relies on identity management
- Defines and applies relationships between
  - Users – often human, but can also be systems
  - Roles – job functions defined for an organization
  - Permissions – organizational consent to perform specific operations
- Ensures that each user can execute only those operations authorized through roles that are both assigned to that user and activated for that user's session
- Four standard and cumulative levels (hierarchical, constraint,...)

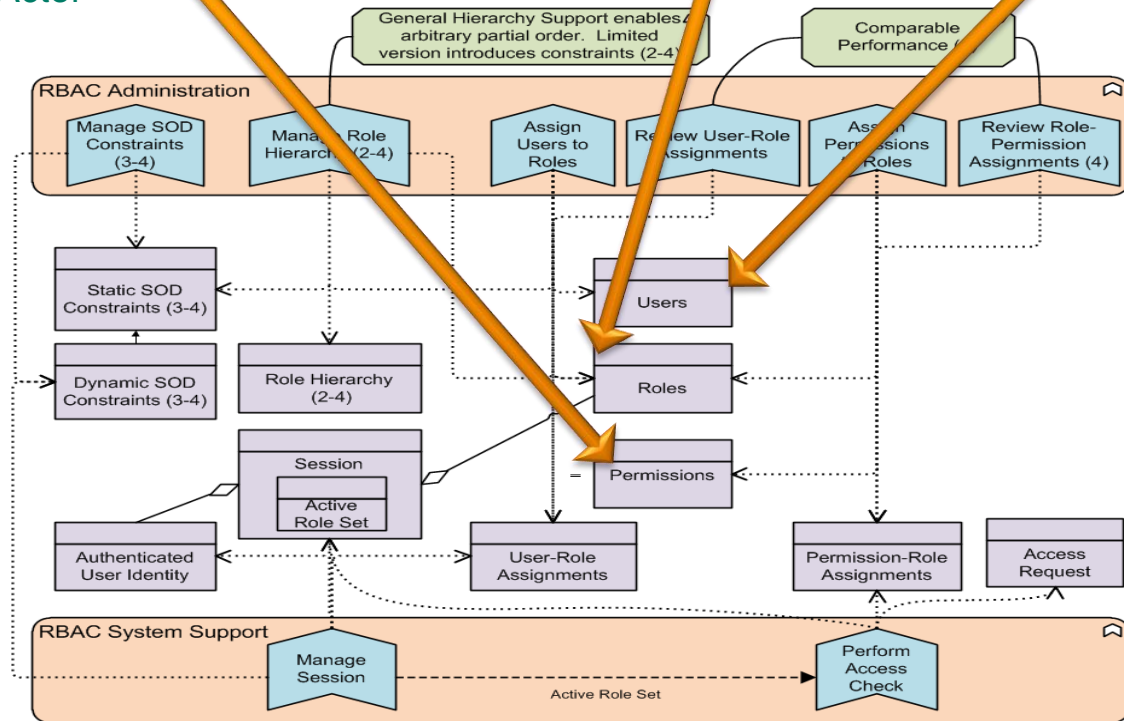


# Administration framework

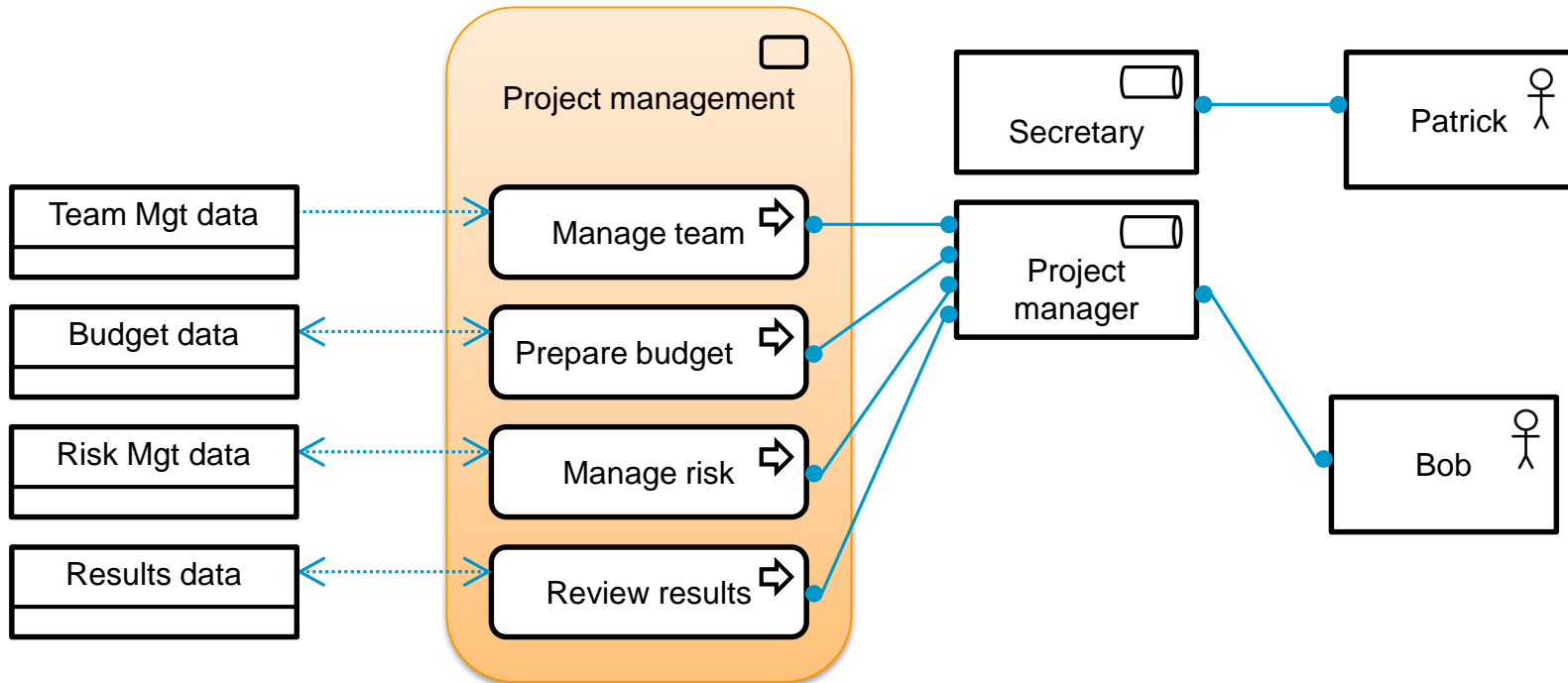
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- The *data object* Users corresponds to the Business Actor
- The *data object* Roles corresponds to the Business Role
- The *data object* Permissions corresponds to the access to data object

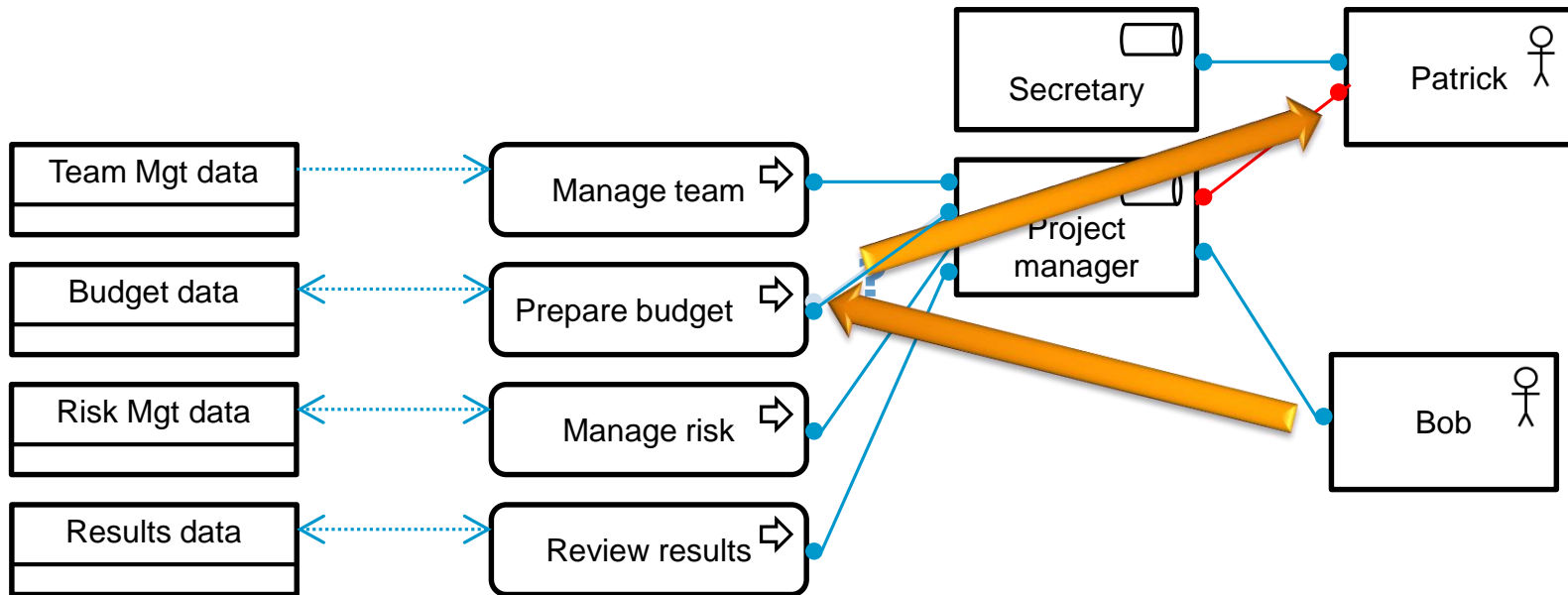


# Case study



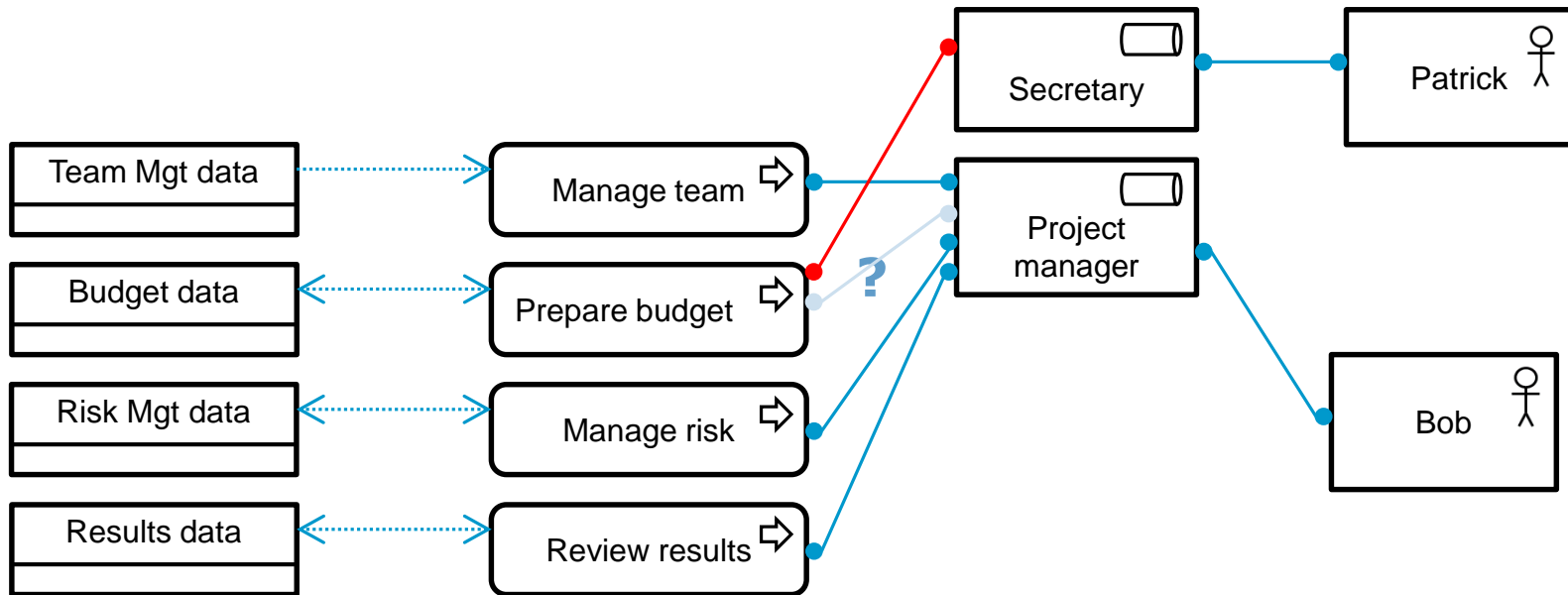
- The role of project manager is assigned to four processes that compose the project management service
- Each of these processes **accesses specific data**
- Bob is a project manager

# Case study



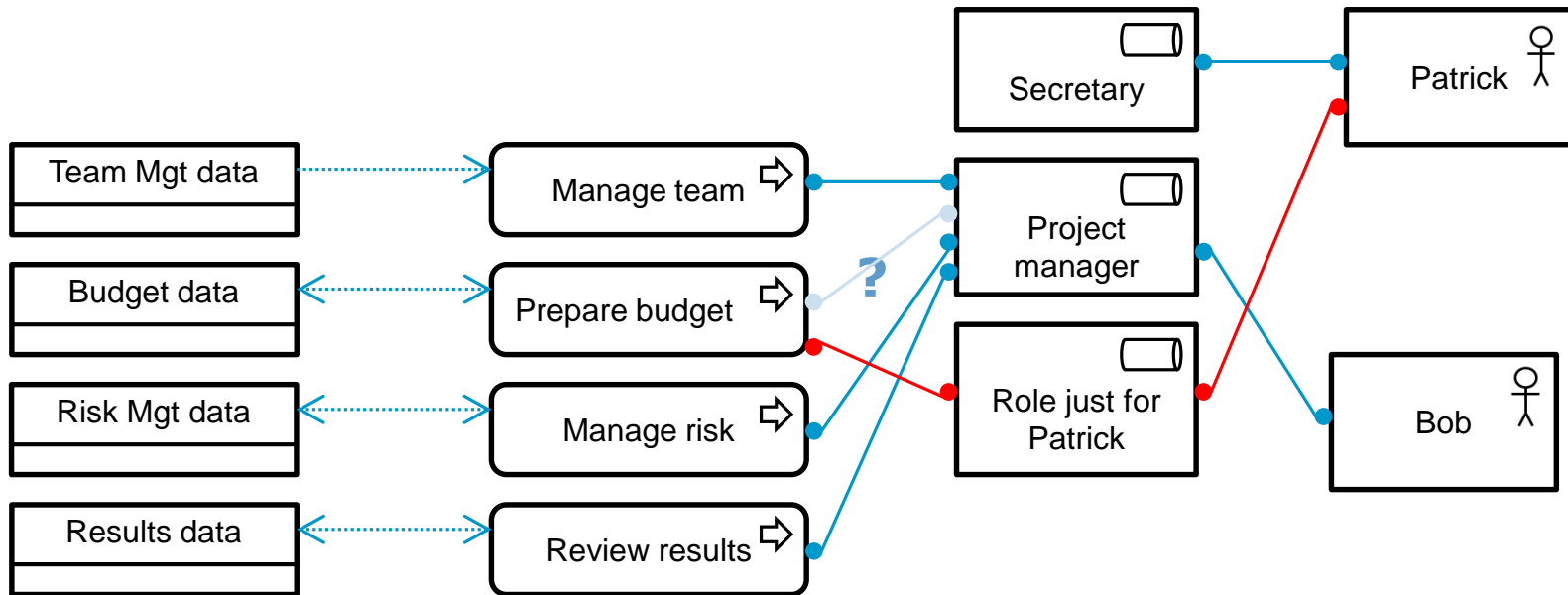
- Bob has too much work and delegates the preparation of the budget to his secretary, Patrick.
- → How can Bob assign Patrick the necessary rights?

# Case study



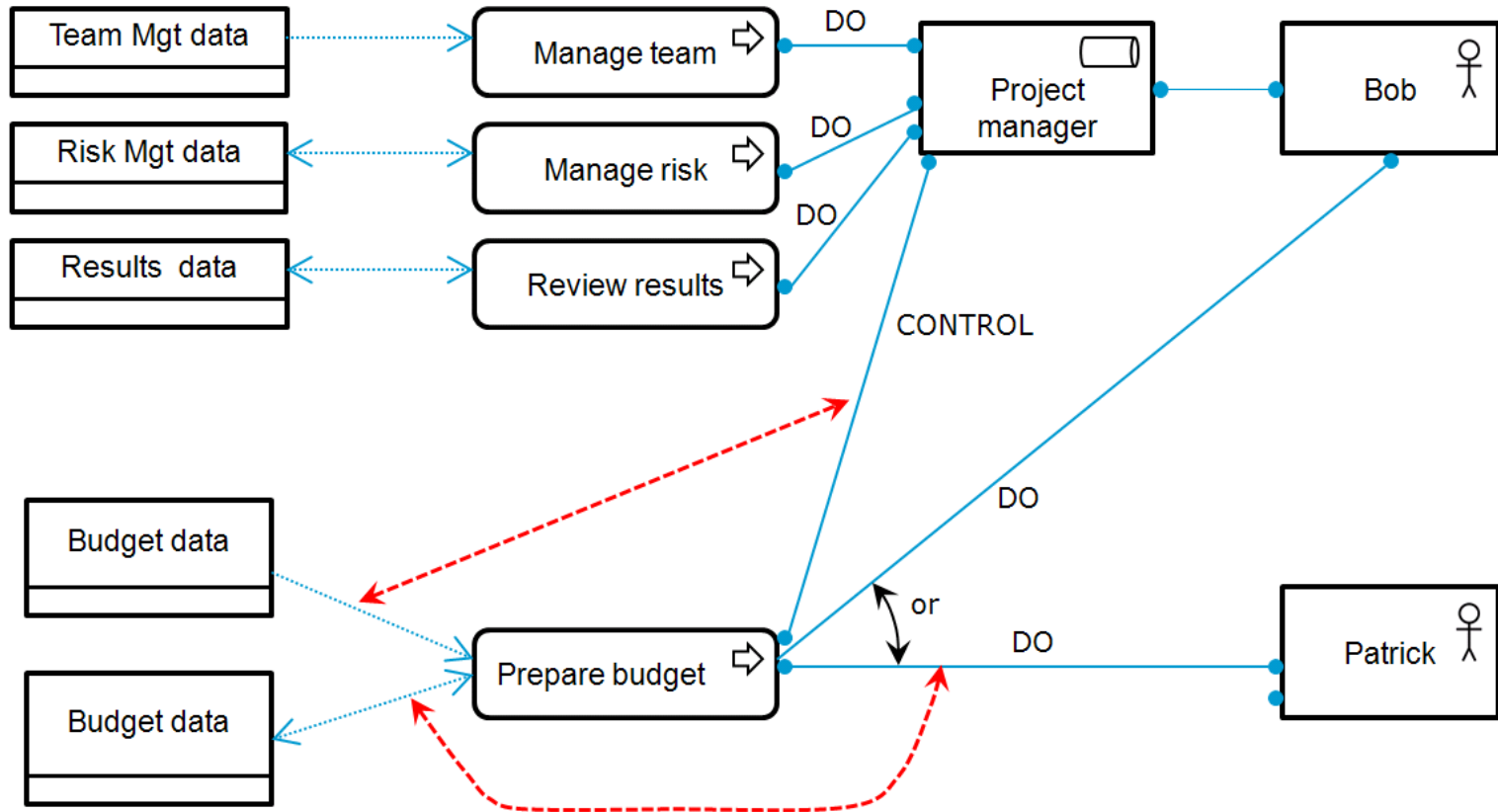
- In this model, the Secretary role is assigned to the Prepare Budget Process
- What happens to the other secretaries?  
→ They receive too many rights

# Case study



- In this model, Patrick gets a special-purpose role
- Is Patrick the only person who can manage the budget ?

# What we need to model





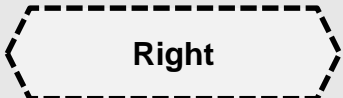
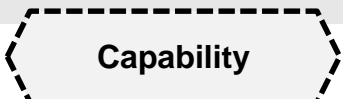
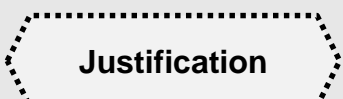
Therefore, we introduce **RESPONSIBILITY**



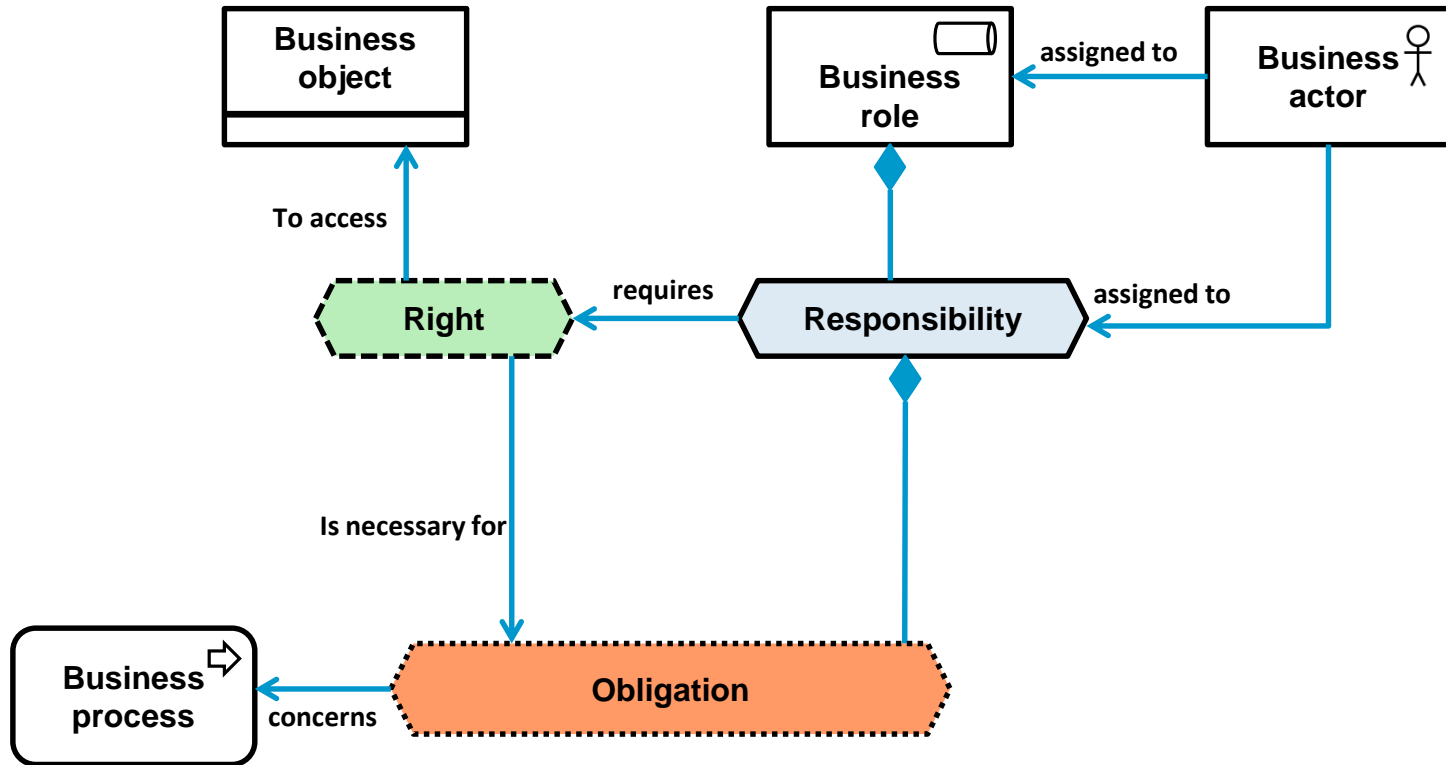
# Responsibility Modeling

- How should responsibility be modelled, both in general and specifically in ArchiMate ?
  - New concepts
  - Relation between those concepts and ArchiMate
  - Illustrations with the case study

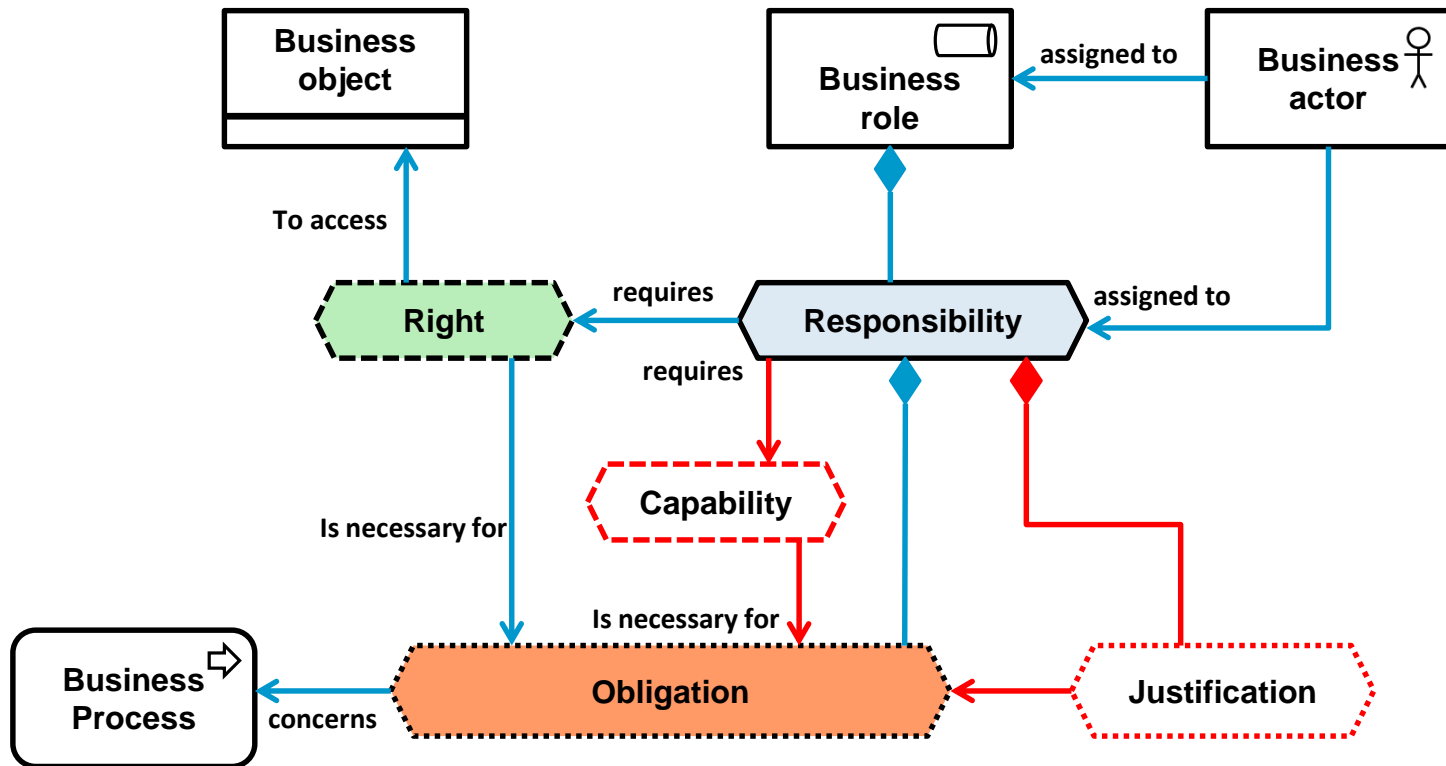
# New Concepts

| Name           | Symbol   | Meaning  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Responsibility |   | A property assigned to a business actor that aggregates a set of obligations and rights                                    |
| Obligation     |   | An obligation is a duty to perform a task  |
| Right          |   | An ability granted to a business actor by the enterprise in order to enable the business actor to perform a specific task. |
| Capability     |   | An ability of a business actor that has not been granted by the enterprise.  |
| Justification  |  | A justification is a duty to report and explain the action to a given authority  |

# Responsibility Modeling



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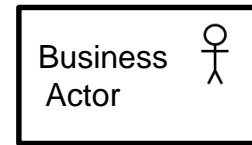
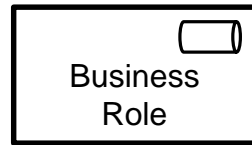
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# Second research question

- How to include the responsibility with RBAC and with RBAC administration framework ?
  - Introduction of the responsibility at the business layer and at the application layer
  - Association of the responsibility with the Business role and the RBAC role.
    - Illustration with the case study

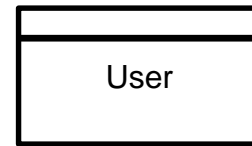
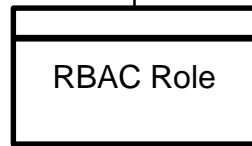
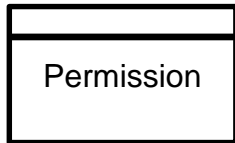
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Application Layer

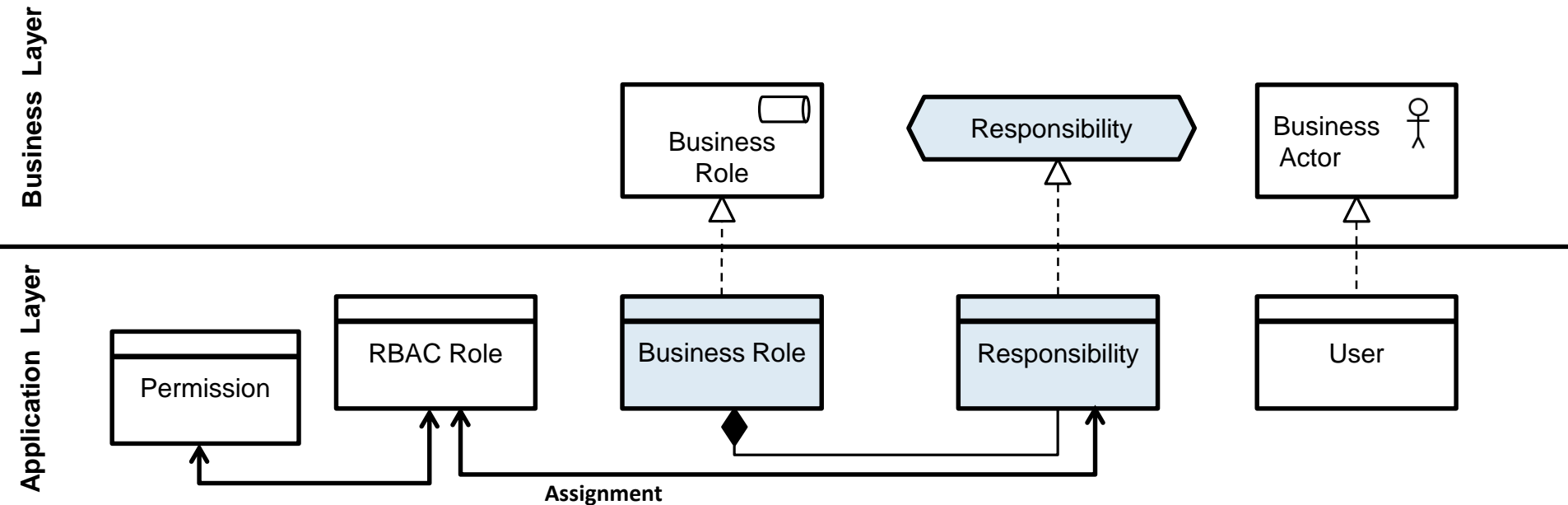
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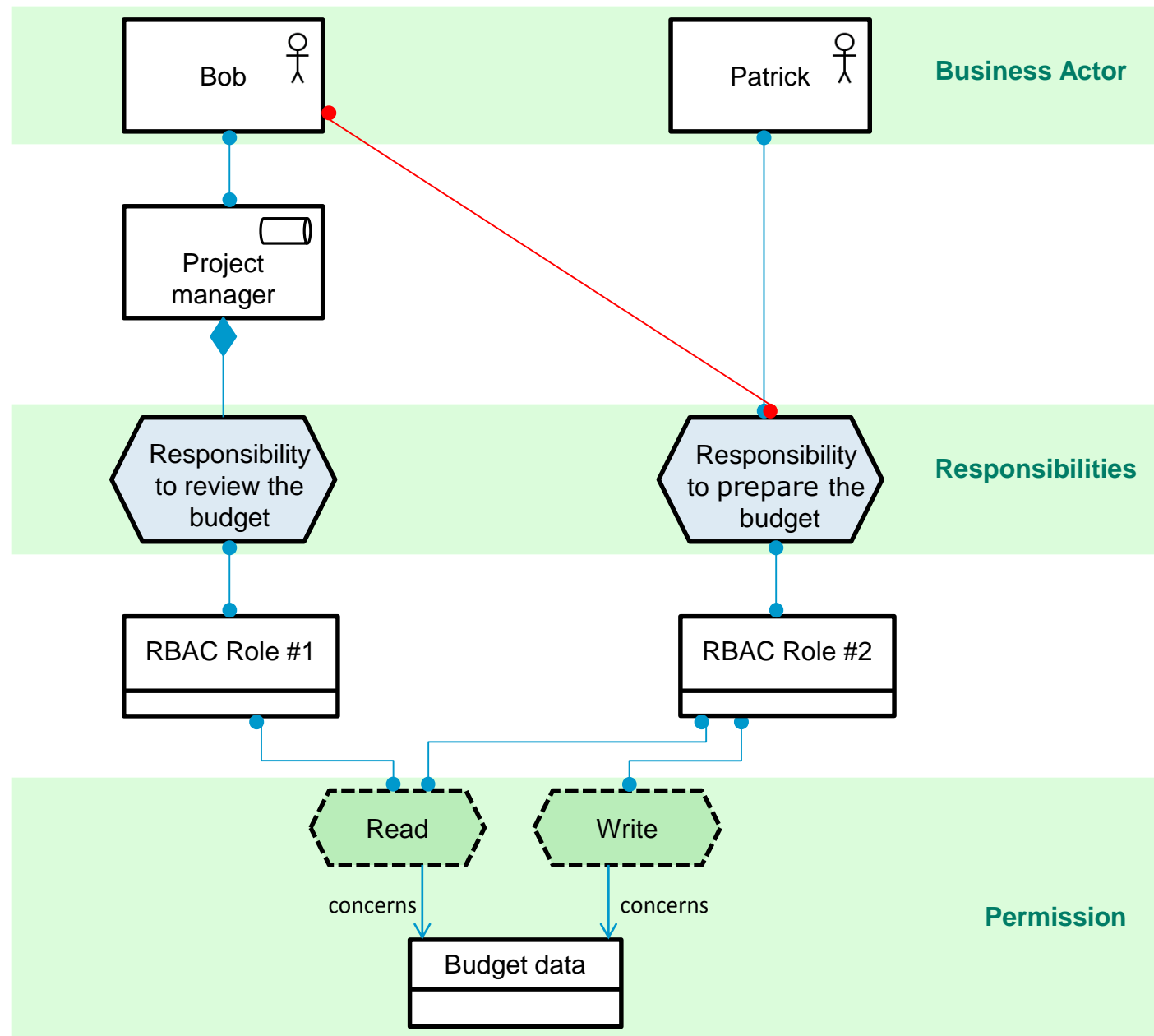
Assignment



# Administrative Framework **with** Responsibility

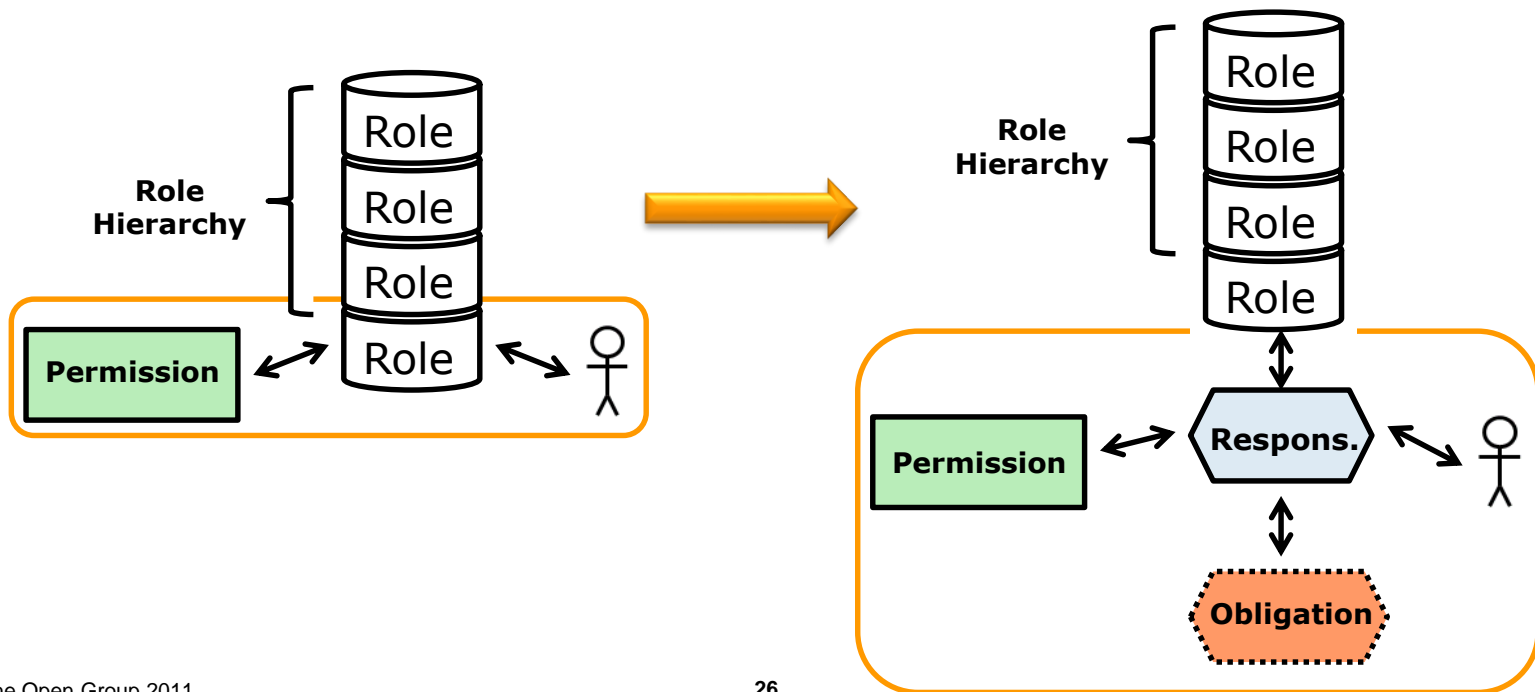


# Case Study with Responsibility



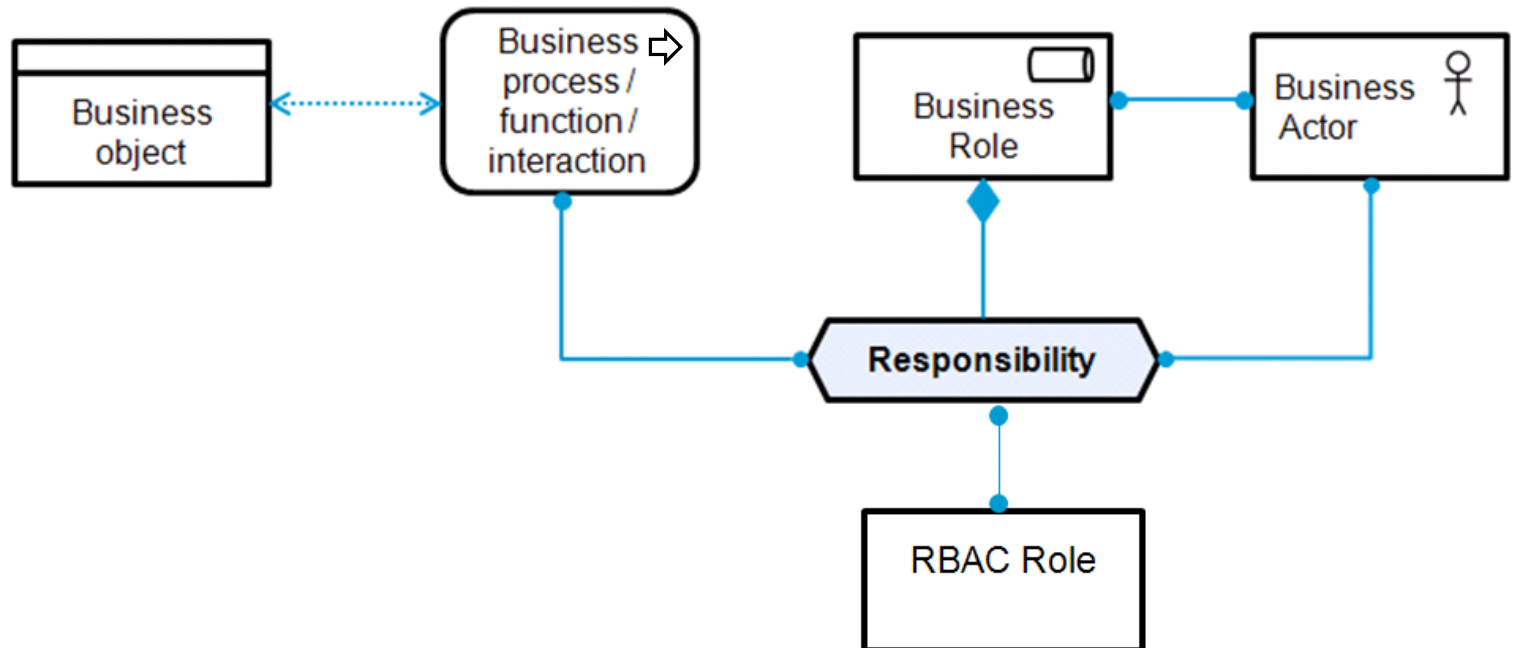
# Conclusion

- In order to meet security and governance requirements, enterprises must precisely define responsibilities and provision access rights
- The proposed responsibility extension to ArchiMate enables this precision



# Conclusion

- The **responsibility** concept aligns access rights between the ArchiMate Business and Application layers.



# Motivation: The *Inaction* Problem in Information Security

# Stakeholder Inaction Causes Great Harm

- According to an international study of 761 data compromise incidents in 2010<sup>1</sup>
  - 83% of victims were targets of opportunity, the same as 2009
  - 92% of attacks were not highly difficult, up 7% from 2009
  - 96% of breaches were avoidable through simple or intermediate controls, the same as 2009
  - 89% of victims subject to the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard<sup>2</sup> had not achieved compliance

# Why Don't Stakeholders Act?

- Economic explanations fall into categories such as<sup>3</sup>
  - Misaligned incentives
    - Breach victims often suffer more than individuals responsible for preventing breaches
    - Employees are often more motivated to do things quickly and cheaply than securely
  - Asymmetric information
    - Market participants are variously incented to exaggerate or minimize risk
    - Exaggerated claims about premium countermeasures make customers unwilling to pay extra for better security
  - Network Externalities
    - Embracing weak security often helps build market share
    - Early countermeasure adopters must often await broader adoption to realize benefits
  - Externalities of Insecurity
    - The social cost of asset compromise is often greater than the owners' cost

# Why Don't Stakeholders Act?

- Security measures are always trade-offs, but our innate psychology causes us to misinterpret risk. Bruce Schneier<sup>4</sup> identifies five areas that we often get wrong
  - Risk severity
  - Risk probability
  - Risk impact
  - Effectiveness of countermeasures
  - Comparison of disparate risks and costs
- For example, we often<sup>4</sup>
  - Exaggerate spectacular but rare risks and downplay common ones
  - Have trouble estimating risks for anything outside our normal situation
  - Perceive personified risks as greater than anonymous risks
  - Underestimate risks we willingly take or have some control over, but overestimate risks we can't control
  - Overestimate risks that are receiving great publicity, that are new, or are man-made relative to risks that are less publicized, commonplace or natural in origin



# Why Don't Stakeholders Act?

- We are much better equipped to address imminent threats versus those looming in the distance. As Schneier<sup>4</sup> says
  - *“We are very well adapted to dealing with the security environment endemic to hominids living in small family groups on the highland plains of East Africa”*
- In fact, our “Abstract concepts are largely metaphorical”<sup>5</sup>. For example, we
  - *Punch a hole* in the firewall
  - Experience security *breaches*
  - Analyze attack *surfaces*
  - All too often, end up between a *rock and a hard place*

# Questions for Discussion

- How can security architects use the ArchiMate visual modeling language to
  - Align stakeholders' *perceptions* of risk with the logical and mathematical *reality* of enterprise risk?
  - Enable the sponsors, designers and implementers of controls to make the best possible protective decisions for their enterprise?
- How can The Open Group build on ArchiMate 2.0 to better support security architecture?

# Thank You!

# Supplementary Material

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