Whole-of- Government digital transformation

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Whole-of-government approach for digital development



GovStack: Who we are

GovStack is a multistakeholder, community-driven initiative, focused on accelerating national digital transformation worldwide, and drawing on expertise from contributors across the private sector, civil society, and governments all over the world.

The initiative was founded by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Estonia, Germany, and the Digital Impact Alliance at the United Nations Foundation in 2020.



Republic of Estonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung **giz** Dietekte Geselfchaft Zusammenzeit (1822) seise





GovStack: Why we exist

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development to speed up global development.

Many of these goals rely on our ability to deliver services to people, and we know that digital technology can facilitate broader access.

GovStack aims to break down the barriers to building sustainable digital public infrastructure and help governments create human-centered digital services that empower individuals and improve well-being.



Country governments struggle with the digitization of their public services for several reasons



SILOES

Siloed investments and duplicative efforts by development partners promote fragmented digital governance and silos in partner countries.



FUNDING

Challenges in procuring and implementing affordable IT solutions persist, as do challenges in creating the necessary capital to invest in ICT infrastructure projects.



SCALING

Huge challenges exist in adapting and investing in projects at scale, particularly around the rollout of physical ICT infrastructure, the deployment and use of common data platforms.



COORDINATION

Problems in coordination commonly occur in aligning ICT ministry work with that of other agencies.

W-o-G approach overcomes digital transformation challenges by utilizing a common reusable stack of Building Blocks

Government services Citizen-centric, secure, interoperable digital services for overall citizen journeys built for cross-sector Use cases for Health, Agriculture, Education

Digital Information mediation (Middleware) Whole-of-Government Open API Gateway, secure information **Digital Government** exchange Platform - Common and Social Security GovStack **Common Applications BBs** built out of common, eLearning, Scheduling, eMarketplace, standards-based, Business Intelligence/Analytics, secure, interoperable Workflow, etc. and reusable digital Core Stack BBs capabilities and services Identity/Authentication, Security, - Building Blocks - and Consent, Payments, Registration, available also as Messaging, etc. Microservices Hosting

> A WoG Digital Government Platform is a "platform of platforms" that can be used by any government agency, department across different sectors to build new government digital services without having to design, test and operate the underlying systems and infrastructure themselves.

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GovStack leverages W-o-G approach to design digital government services with generic Building Blocks



What are Building Blocks?

Generically-defined **software components** that in combination provide key functionalities to facilitate generic workflows common across multiple sectors.

What are their characteristics?

- Interoperable with other Building Blocks
- Reusable software components
- Open-source, commercial off-the-shelf (COTS), or freely available with open access to data
- Facilitate one or more generic workflows
- Applicable to use cases across multiple sectors

Building Blocks set

Identified components so far



GovStack is building a community driven toolbox to drive digital government initiatives globally



Take the guess work out of building your stack.

We'll give you the Building Blocks to ensure your stack is scalable, optimized for innovation, and built to last. Specifications ready :
ID, Payments, Registration, Registries, Information Mediator, Security, Architecture, Scheduling, Messaging, Workflow, Consent
Q3 2023: e-Signature, e-Marketplace, UX/UI, GIS, Cloud & Infrastructure



Jump in the sandbox to experiment and create.

A digital testing environment to learn, experiment, and prototype services based on Building Blocks. Q3 2023: GovStack Sandox with 4 govStack compliant Building Blocks: Information Mediator, Consent, ID & Payments Other DPGs: eRegistrations from UNCTAD and Ukraine and workflow from DIGIT India



GovLearn

The global knowledge hub for egovernment.

Join one of our Communities of Practice (like the <u>CIO Digital Leaders Forum</u>) to be on the cutting edge of digital government with best practices and tools. Ready: <u>GovStack implementation playbook</u> Q4: GovStack LMS in Atingi

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GovStack integrates seamlessly with nationally adopted data frameworks and policies while enabling efficient data governance



SCALING SILOES COORDINATION

- Fragmentation of data
- Different data standards
- Risks of Data Security and Privacy
- Risks of Duplication
- Loss of data integrity for data in transit
- Limited analytics

/	Building Block Design	
	Principles	
0	Interoperable	
0	Citizen-Centric	
0	Open Standards and Open	
	Source	
0	Sustainable	
0	Secure	
0	Accessible	
0	Flexible	
0	Robust	
	<u>+</u>	
Technical/Non-Technical		
	Requirements	
0	Federated architecture	
0	API Gateways	
0	Adapter based Data	
	Exchange	



GovSpecs

- ID and
- Verification,
- Payments,
- Registration,
- Registries,
- Information
 - Mediator,
 - Security,
- Government
 Enterprise
 Reference
 Architecture

- Scheduling,
- Messaging,
- Workflow,
- Consent
- e-Signature,
- e-Marketplace,
- UX/UI,
- GIS,
- Cloud &

Infrastructure

[refer to: Building Blocks section of Govstack.global]

GovStack has crafted an implementation framework to expedite W-o-G based digital transformation

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GovStack can be incorporated into policy

GovStack can guide service design, prototype & scaling



How to read the Playbook on Gitbook:



GovStack engagement opportunities allow countries to select the level of involvement that best suits their needs



Implement GovStack

Become a reference implementation country and transform your government services.



Technical Contribution

Develop and review Building Block specifications in GovStack working groups

Learning and Exchange

Share best practices in our GovStack communities of practice and exchange formats





Together, Digital Public Goods and BBs enable Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to speed up progress on Global Development







Interoperable open source solutions that are relevant to the SDGs and have generic components may be both Building Blocks and Digital Public Goods

Source: https://digitalpublicgoods.net/blog/unpacking-concepts-definitions-digital-public-infrastructure-building-blocks-and-their-relation-to-digital-public-goods/

Thank You



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Annex

The GovStack approach has wide-ranging benefits





Speed Increases speed of delivery by facilitating reuse of core service elements and redirecting resources towards improving citizen outcomes.



Cost-efficiency Provides common capabilities crossdepartments / -agencies which avoids duplication of efforts, reduces cost to develop new e-gov. services.



Real economic return Provides socioeconomic ROI by enabling faster and closer connections from government to addressing needs of citizens and businesses.



ONE government Enables service delivery that links and invokes different parts of government, providing a connected, consistent and seamless user experience.



Agility + Responsiveness Enable governments to design and deliver new services quickly to respond to needs and unexpected circumstances (e.g. global pandemic and disasters).



Integration + exchange Enables integrated transactions and exchange of information across other equivalent stacks and systems through standards and open APIs.



Harmonized policies Opens possibilities for aggregation of big data for richer insights that would help develop better nonconflicting policies and monitor operations.



Minimized vendor lock-in Minimizes product 'lock-in' and allows independent services to run where modular Building Blocks could be replaced without impacting overall exp.

GovStack Building Blocks are released in waves



India

In 2018, government enterprise architecture is published, IndEA,

 The IndEA framework guides investment into digital public goods, which in effect are centrally administered digital infrastructure and applications available to all sectors and facilitated by a set of Open APIs called "India Stack".

• A prime example is India's national ID system (**Aadhaar**), with over **1.2billion** subscribers.

Since its introduction, Aadhaar has stimulated the growth of India's digital economy, enabling digital payments of US\$ 57 billion, and saving the government US\$ 13 billion in reduced transaction overheads.

[source: India: "SDG Digital Investment Framework," pg. 11 (DIAL and ITU, 2019)]



Each solution is enabled by the India Stack

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Estonia

 Estonia among a group of countries w. "Very High" scoring of the UN's E-Government
 Development Index (EDGI) as of 2020 [2022 UN E-Government Survey]

99% of the public services are available
 online 24/7 with 44% Estonians voting
 electronically and an estimated 844 years of
 work saved. [e-estonia]

Estonia embraces a similar <u>Building Block</u>
 approach with an <u>interoperability service</u> called X Road as the backbone of e-Estonia
 connecting 52,000 organizations as indirect
 users

• Seamless cross-sector integration of gov. services can be viewed as <u>demonstrations here</u>.



Singapore

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- Singapore also among a group of countries w. "Very High" scoring of the UN's E-Government Development Index (EDGI) as of 2020 [2022 UN E-<u>Government Survey</u>]
- SGN's "GovTech Stack" employs reusable microservices (similar to the approach of Estonia) e.g. national ID for authentication as <u>one of the core layers in the stack</u>.
- Conscious reorganization of ministerial structure to allow for holistic cross-ministerial planning and approach with council of Ministry CIOs and <u>whole-of-government</u> <u>coordination</u>.
- "To date, /based on 2019 KPIs on Digital Government
 Blueprint of Singapore/, 95% of /digital government
 service/ transactions (by volume) are completed
 digitally from end-to-end, meeting the target of 90-95%."

This is how SGTS creates a better experience across government digital agencies

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Moldova

Front-Office Digitization (FOD) is a framework containing a collection of visual components and integration libraries that enables rapid design and development of digital government services front-offices. Designed with a focus on user experience, FOD components are used to easily configure and develop thin back-office for governmental service providers. Optionally, FOD could be integrated with any existing service provider back-office. The main beneficiaries of FOD-based services are citizens, businesses, and foreigners.

Building on a re-engineering methodology, FOD focuses on reusing data and other available electronic platforms and tools to simplify or eliminate public service requests, minimize the time needed to solve a request and ensure efficient backoffice operations. As a result, users don't have to physically go to the public service provider to request, pay or receive the service. In the case of electronic-only document requests, the document is delivered only by electronic means. Three complex public services have already been developed based on FOD, with three additional services currently underway.



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Country Engagement updates in focus countries: Use cases prioritized

Government services have been identified though a collaborative effort including government representatives, the GovStack global & country teams as well as tech experts from the ecosystem during in-country workshops



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Building Blocks can be applied across many sectors to support high-impact use cases



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