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# **ALIGNMENT OF REMMO WITH RBAC TO MANAGE ACCESS RIGHTS IN THE FRAME OF ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE**

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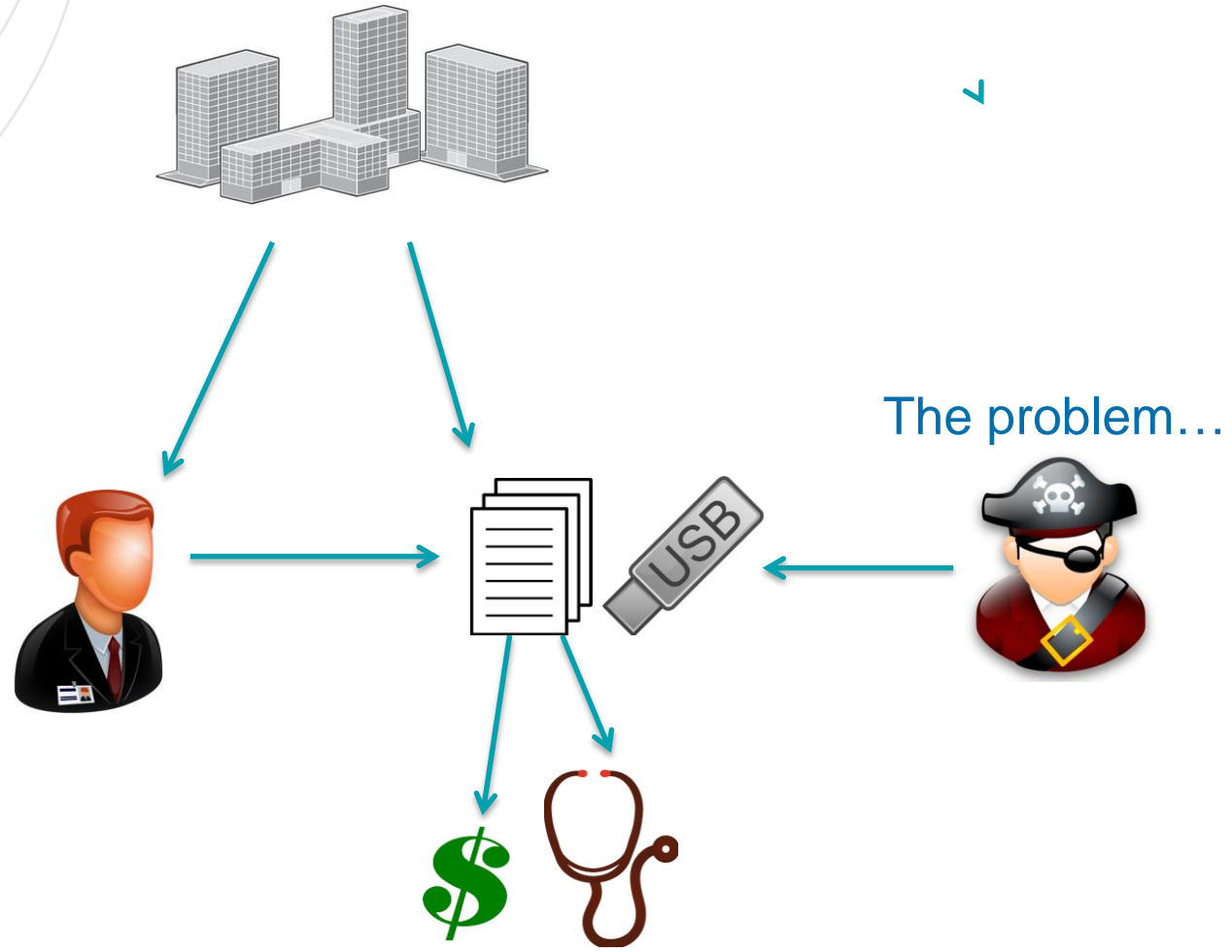
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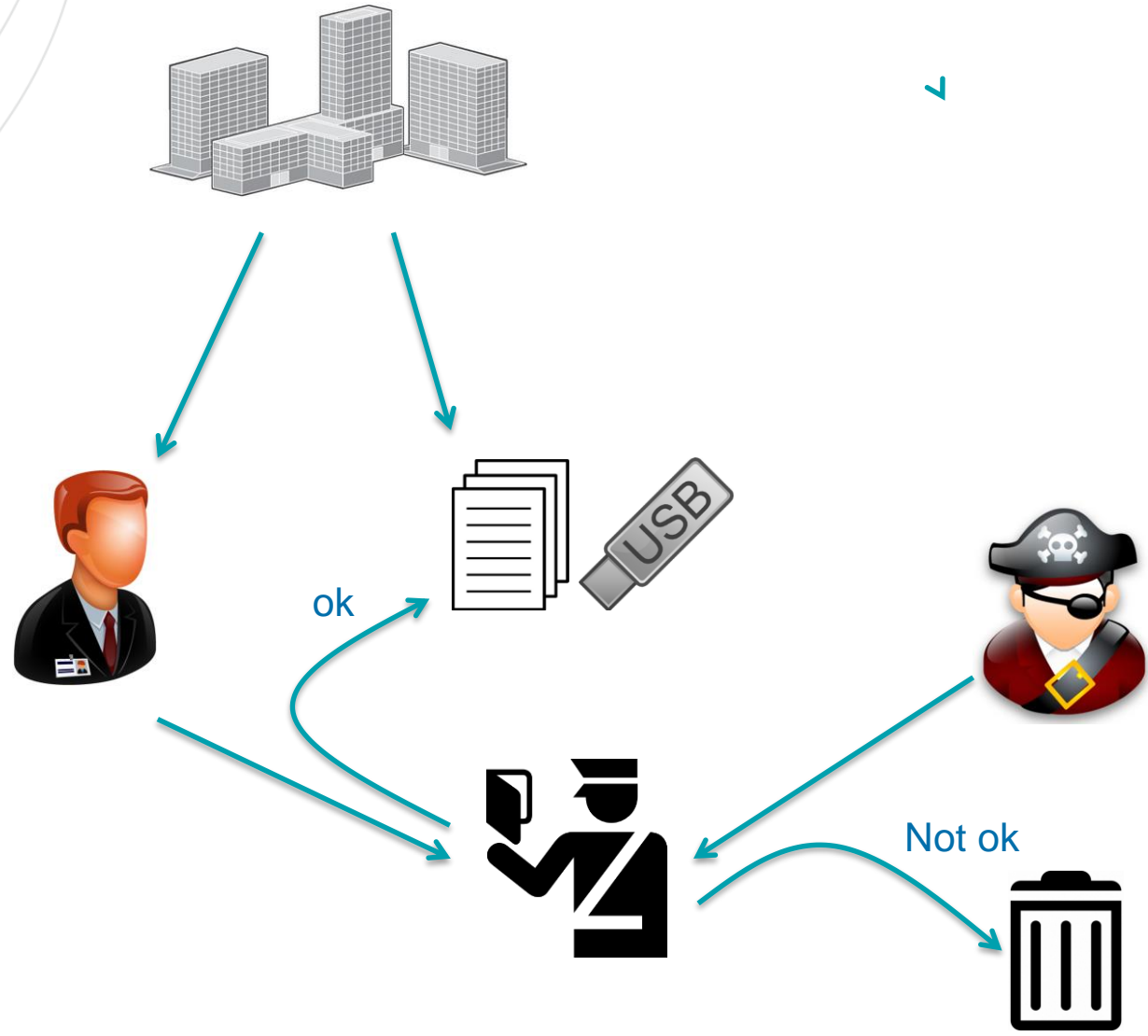
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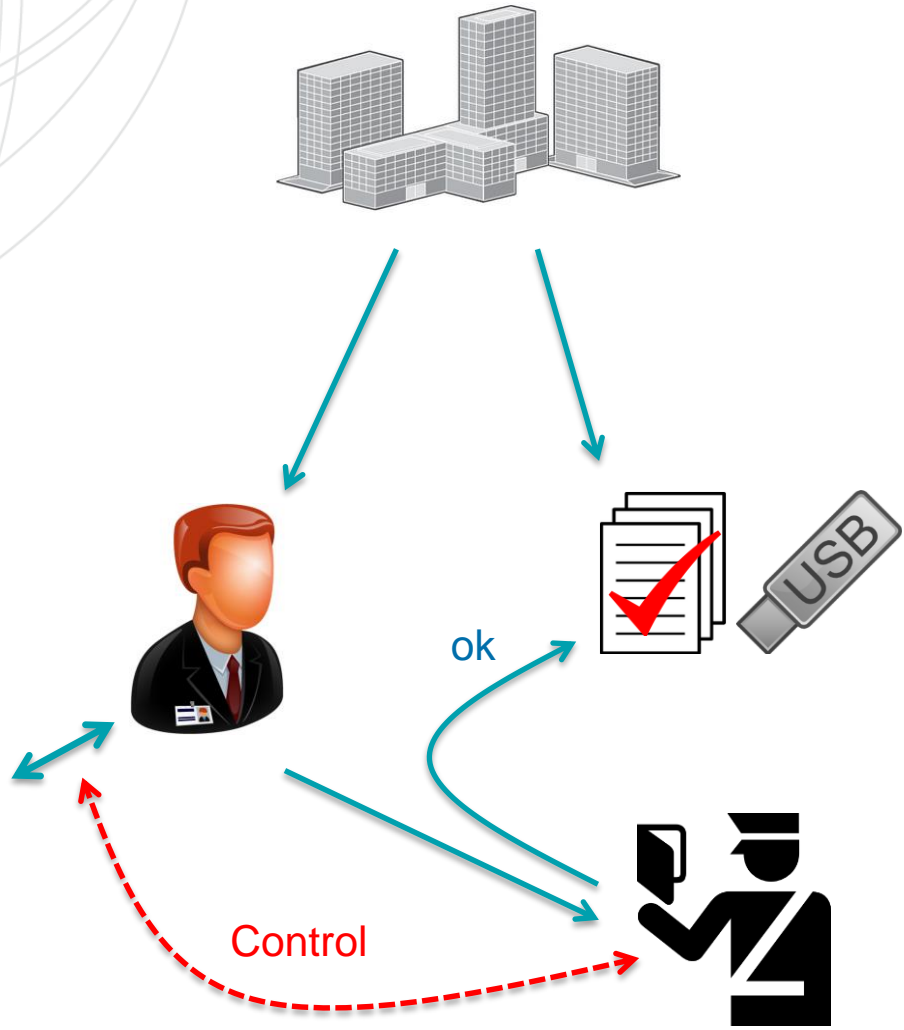
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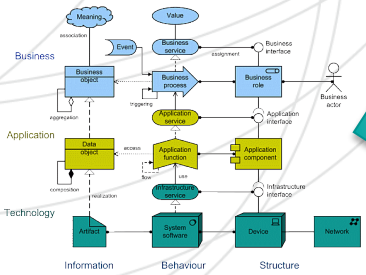
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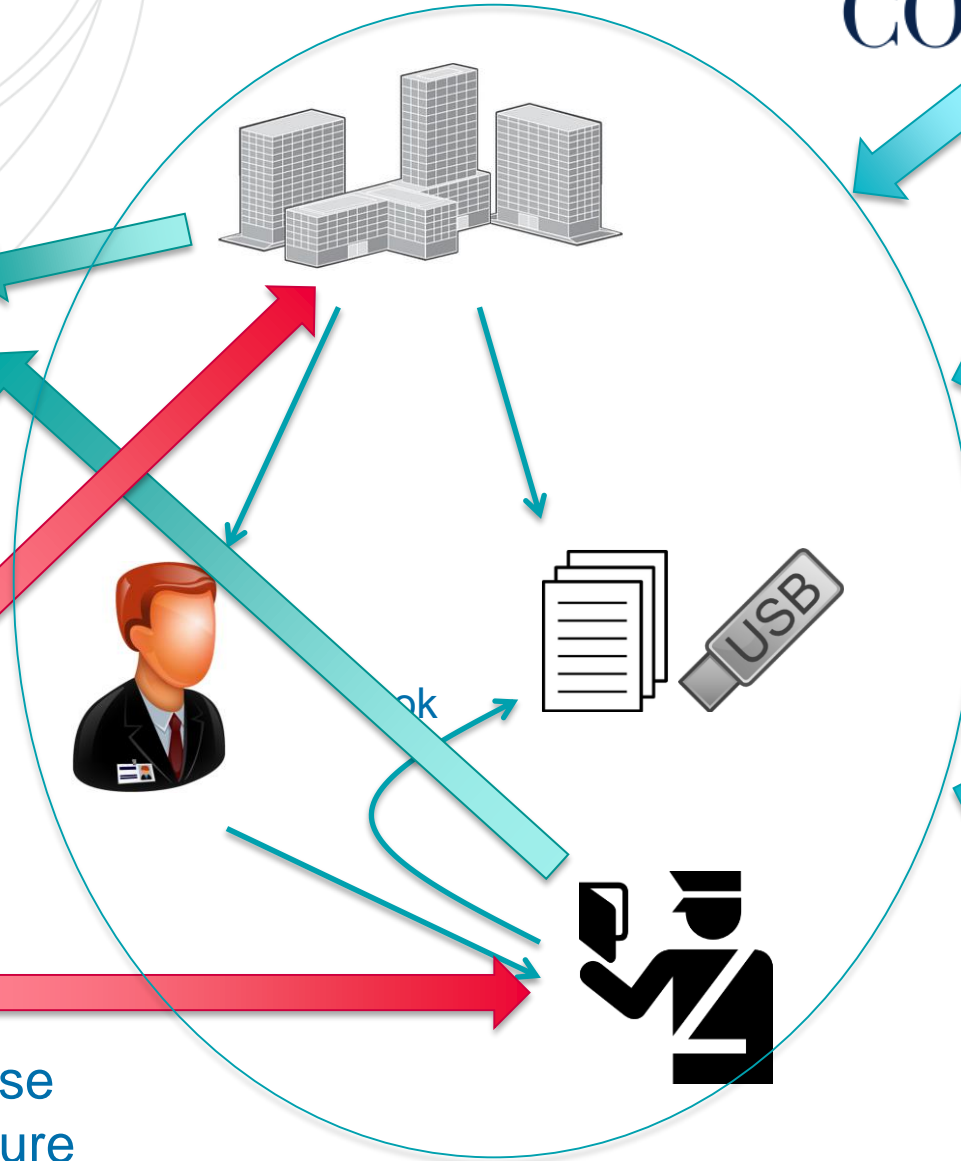


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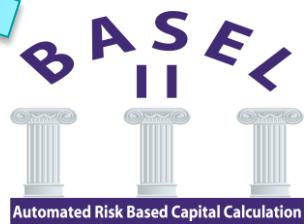
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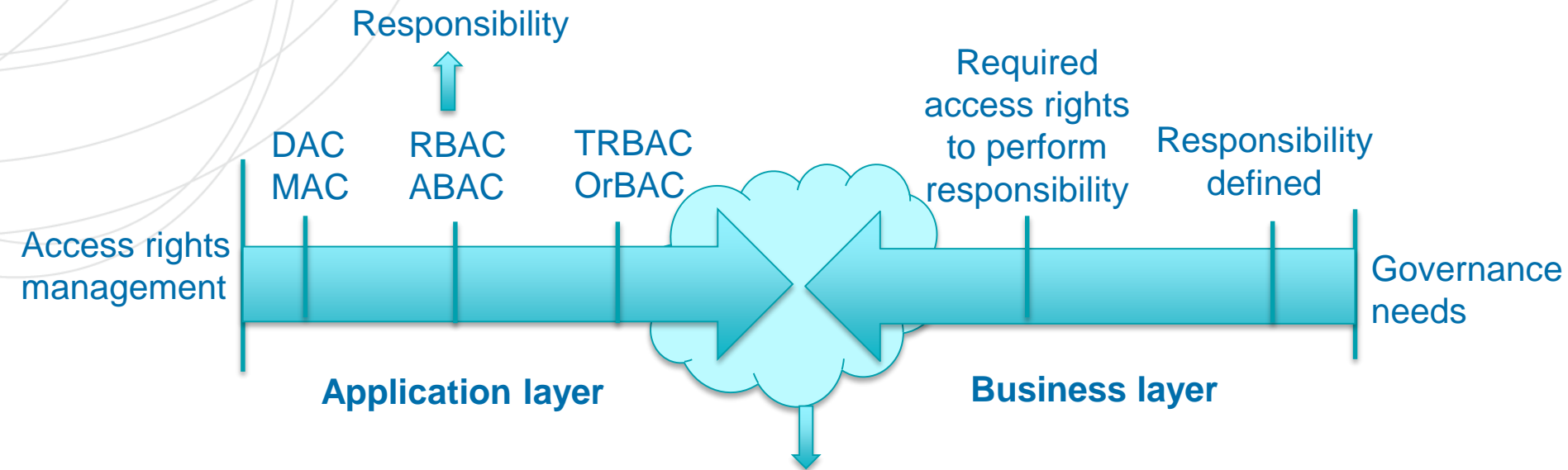


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# INTRODUCTION

## Responsibility as an hyphen

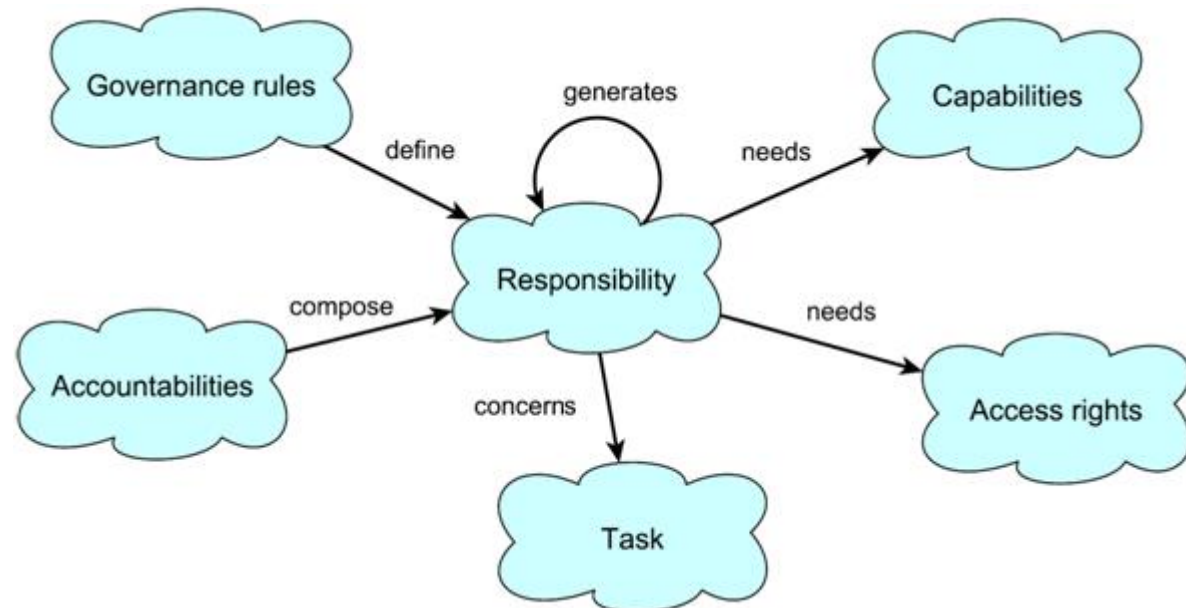
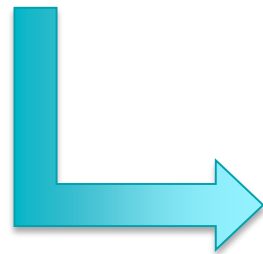


- Access rights management tends to consider business concepts
- Governance needs require to provide accurate access rights
- Responsibility is perceived as an hyphen between both worlds

# INTRODUCTION

## Unrefined picture of zone of concepts

	COBIT	ISO/IEC 27000	ISO/IEC 38500	BASEL II	SOX
Responsibility needs capabilities	X		X	X	X
Responsibility generates responsibility	X	X	X	X	
Responsibility composed of accountabilities	X	X	X	X	X
Responsibility concerns tasks	X	X	X	X	X
Responsibility defined by Governance rules	X		X	X	X
Responsibility needs access rights	X	X			X



# INTRODUCTION

## Designed artefacts

- Considering the corporate and IT governance needs, what are the concepts which constitute the core of the employee responsibility and how these concepts may be associated in a dedicated Responsibility metamodel?
- **Responsibility metamodel**
- How may business/IT alignment be improved considering the responsibility, in the context of enterprise architecture models, and for the field of access rights management?
- **ArchiMate extension with the Responsibility metamodel**
- How may responsibility be mapped with the role based access control model and how does this mapping enhances the engineering of roles?
- **Method for the access rights management**

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# RESPONSIBILITY METAMODEL

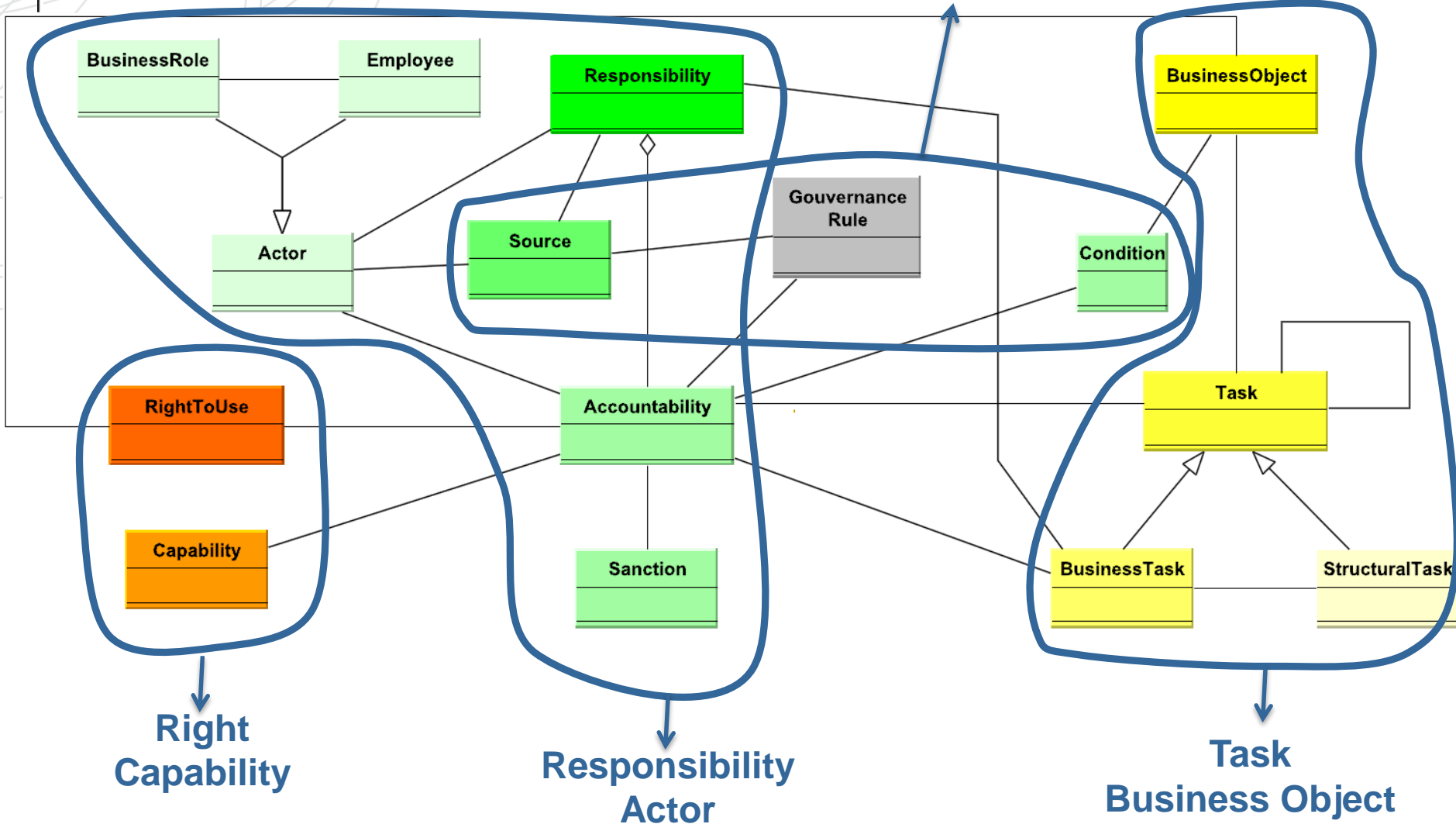
## Method and Limitations

- Method
  - Review of the concepts from the literature
  - Concepts definition
  - Integration in the Responsibility metamodel
- Limitations
  - Responsibility relates to business tasks
  - Responsibility are those of employees from bureaucratic organisations
  - Responsibility metamodel kept simple

# RESPONSIBILITY METAMODEL

Uncluttered view

Condition, Source  
Governance rule



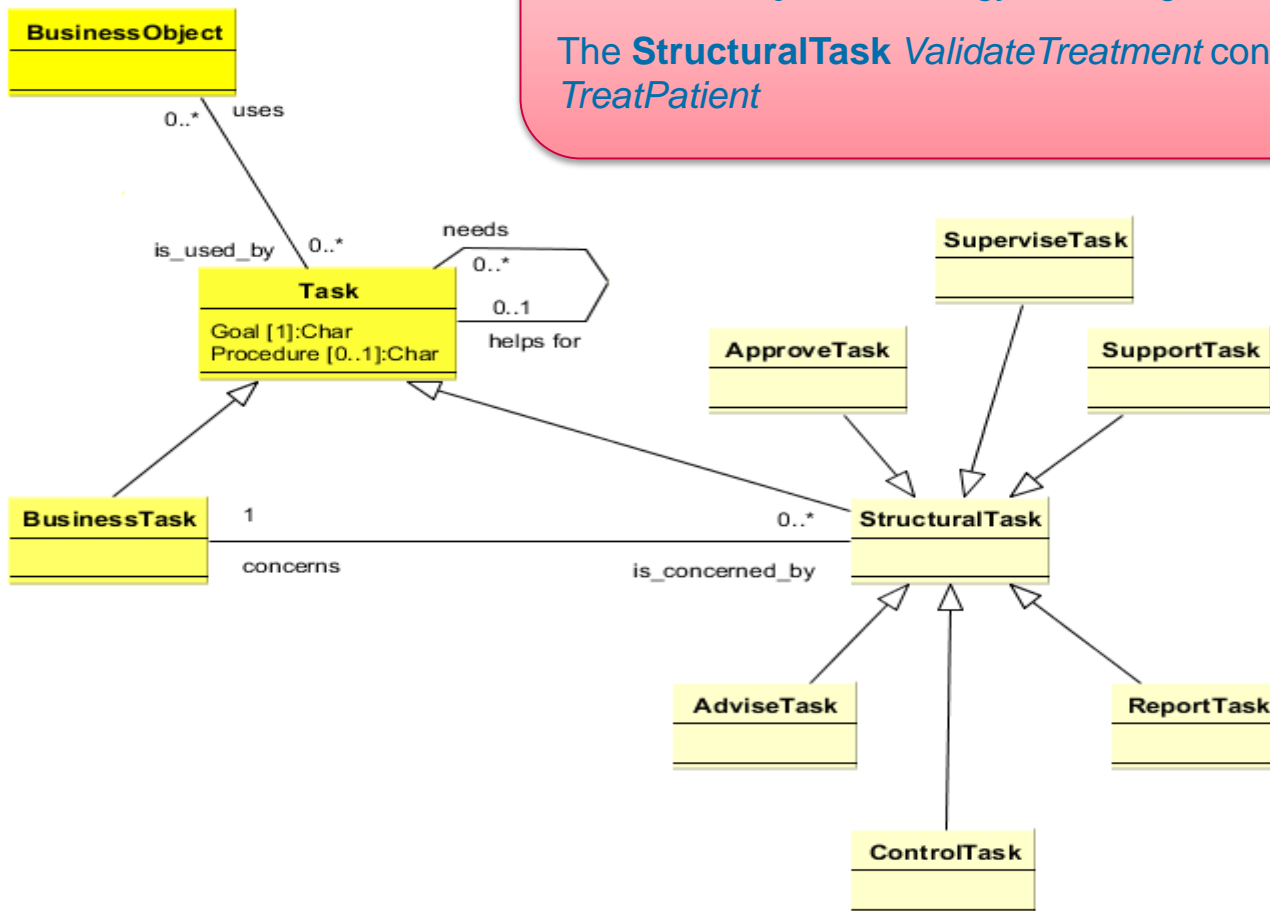
# RESPONSIBILITY METAMODEL

## Task and Business object

The **BusinessTask** *TreatPatient* uses the **BusinessObject** *PatientFile*

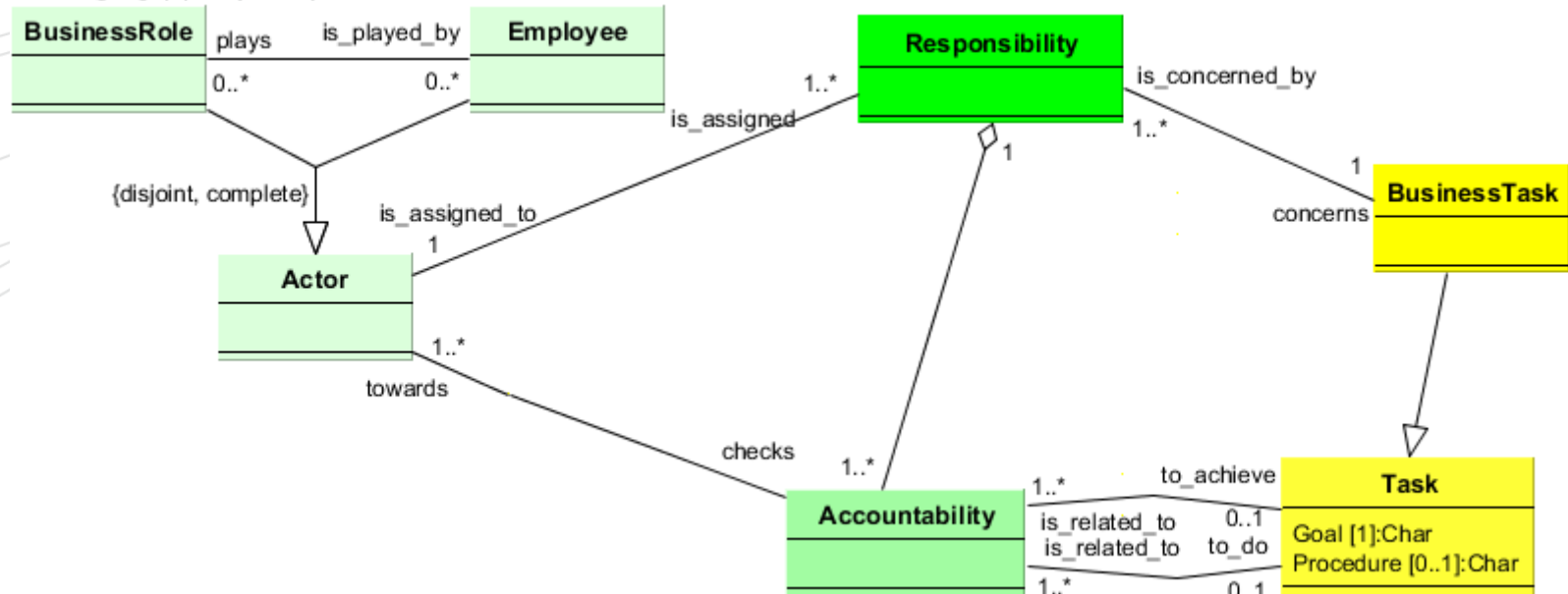
The **BusinessTask** *SeekInformationAboutPathology* uses the **BusinessObject** *PathologyKnowledgeBase*

The **StructuralTask** *ValidateTreatment* concerns the **BusinessTask** *TreatPatient*



# RESPONSIBILITY METAMODEL

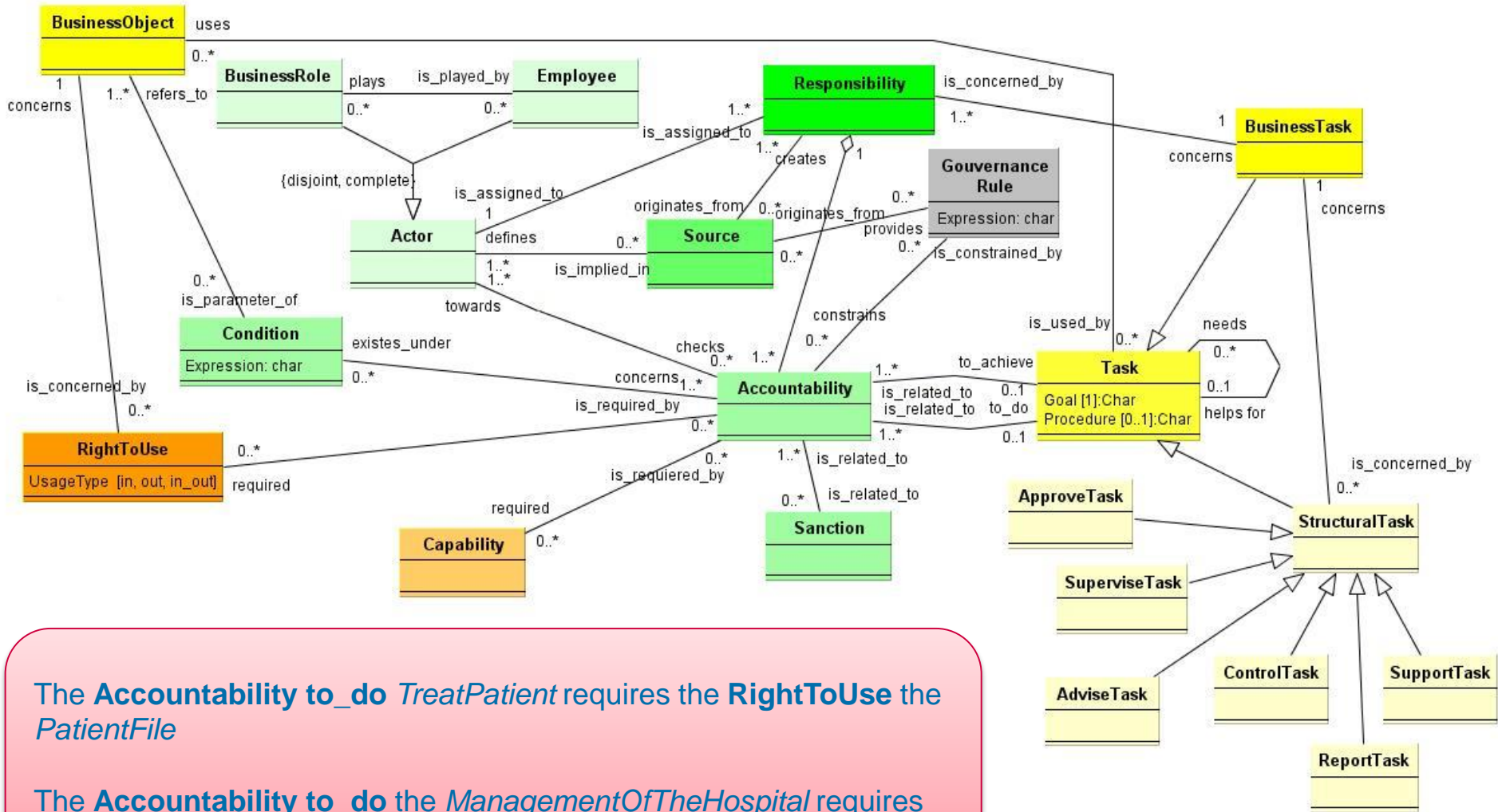
## Actor, Responsibility, Accountability



Alice plays the **BusinessRole** of *IT specialist* and is assigned to the **Responsibility** which aggregates the **Accountability to\_do** *UpdatePathologyKnowledgeBase*

The *DoctorGeneral* is assigned to the **Responsibility** which aggregates the **Accountability to\_achieve** *TreatPatient*

# RESPONSIBILITY METAMODEL



The **Accountability to\_do** *TreatPatient* requires the **RightToUse** the *PatientFile*

The **Accountability to\_do** the *ManagementOfTheHospital* requires the **Capability** to *Manage a team*

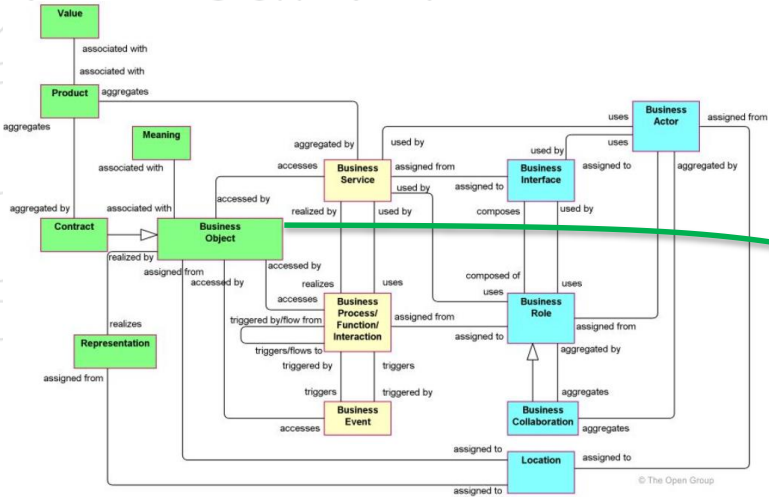


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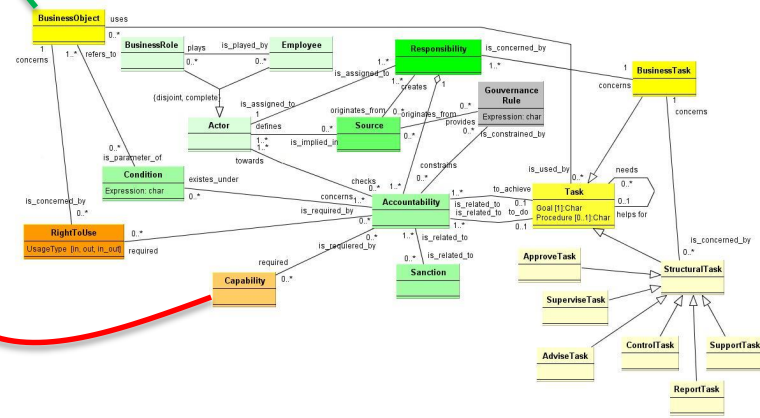
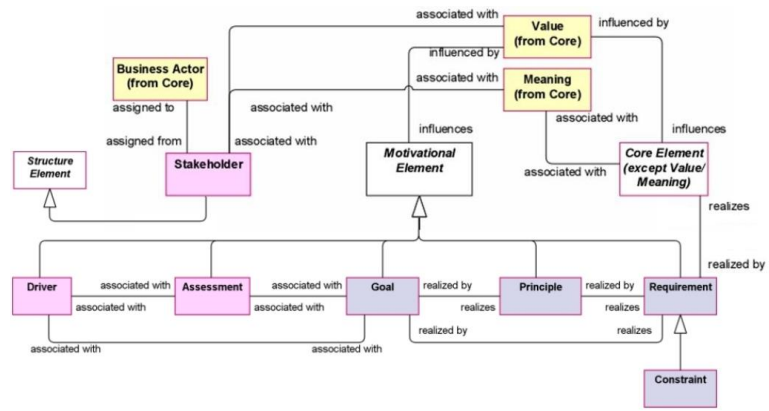
## Type of mappings



n-m mapping

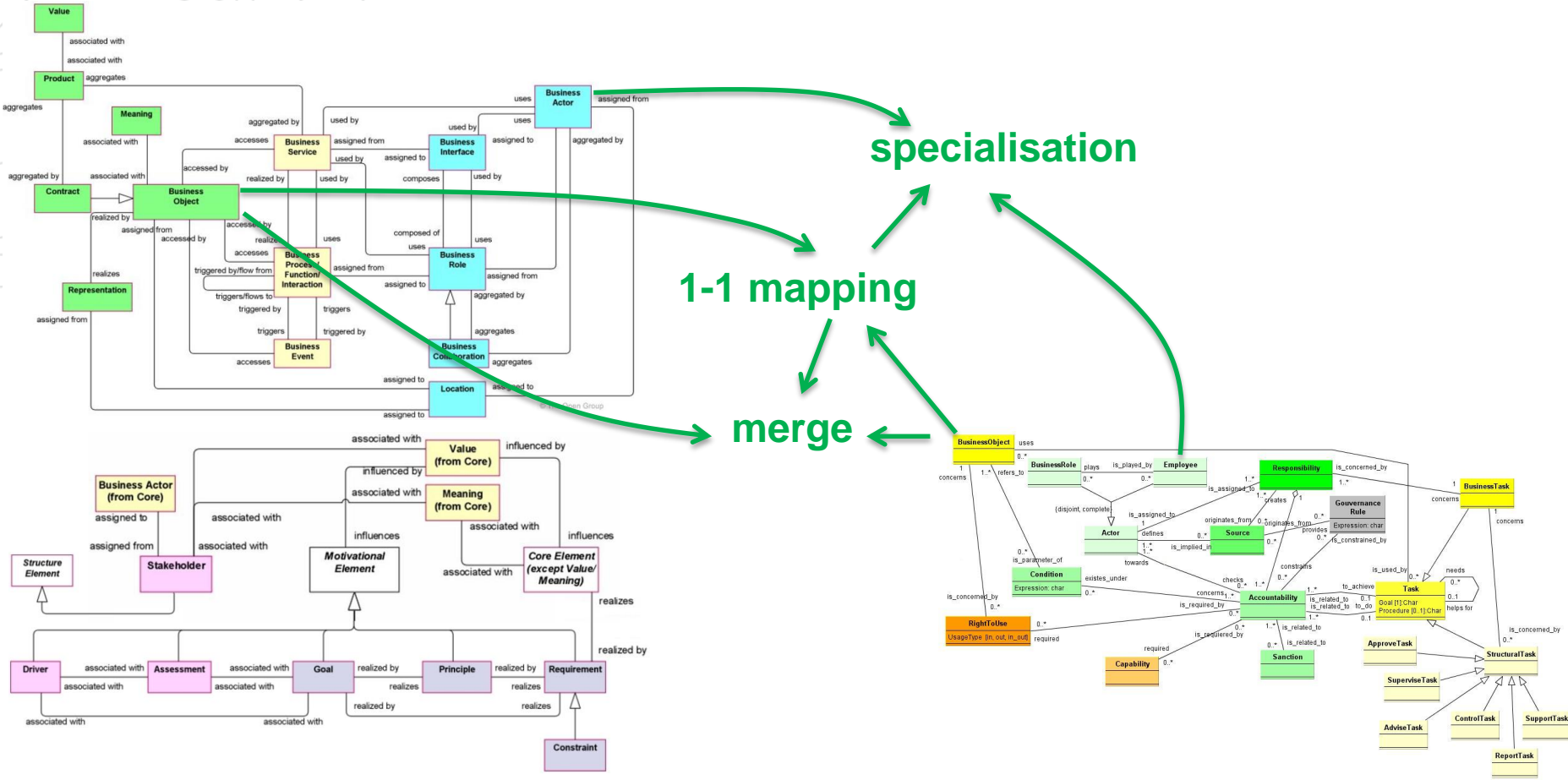
1-1 mapping

No mapping



# ARCHIMATE EXTENSION

## Metamodel Integration



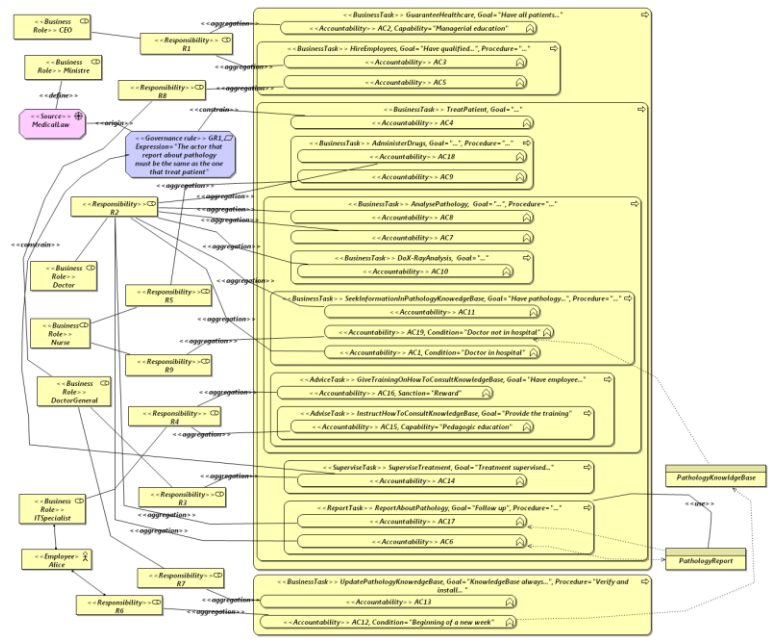
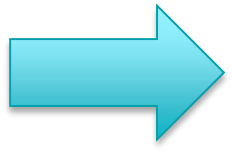
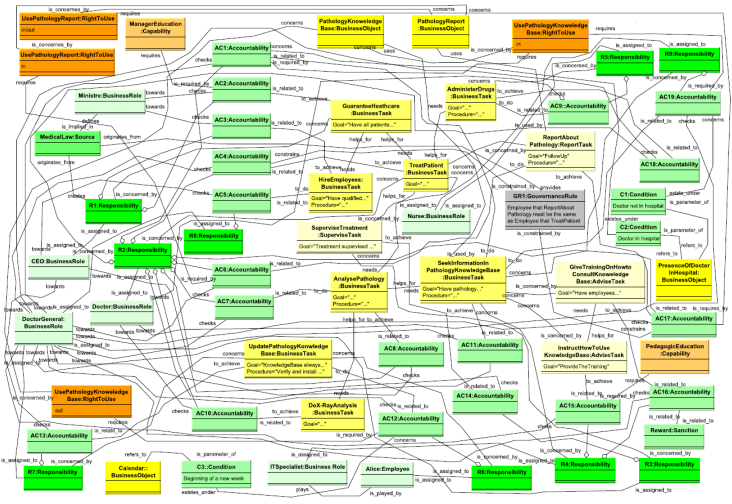
# ARCHIMATE EXTENSION

## Result

Responsibility element	ArchiMate element	Mapping	Integration rule	Integrated element
Business Object	Business Object	1:1	Merge	Business Object
Task	Business Process	1:1	Specialisation	<<Task>>
R_Business Role	Business Role	1:1	Specialisation	<<R_BusinessRole>>
Responsibility	Business Role	1:1	Specialisation	<<Responsibility>>
Employee	Business Actor	1:1	Specialisation	<<Employee>>
Accountability	Business Function	1:1	Specialisation	<<Accountability>>
Right To Use	Access association	1:1	Specialisation	<<RightToUse>>
Sanction	-	-	Addition of attribute	<<Accountability>>, Sanction: Sanction description
Condition	-	-	Addition of attribute	<<Accountability>>, Condition: Condition description
Capability	-	-	Addition of attribute	<<Accountability>>, Capability: Capability description
Source	Driver	1:1	Specialisation	<<Source>
Governance Rule	Requirement	1:1	Specialisation	<<Governance Rule>>

# ARCHIMATE EXTENSION

## Illustration



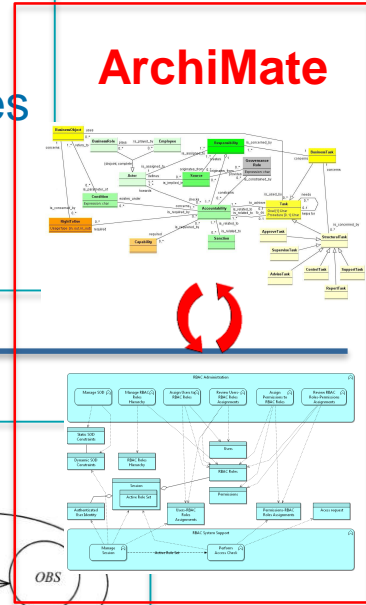
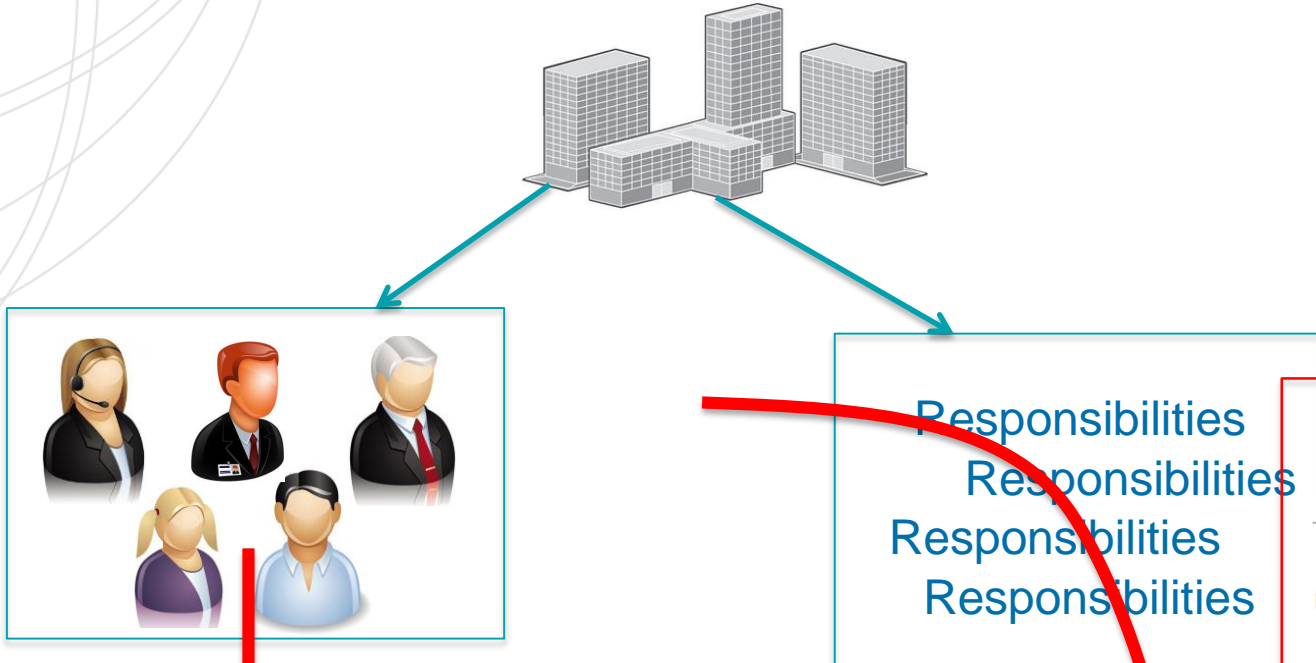
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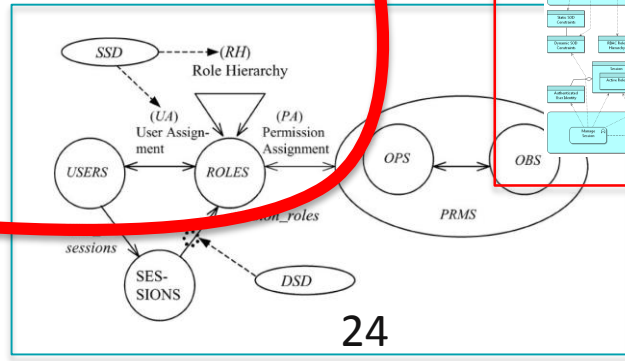
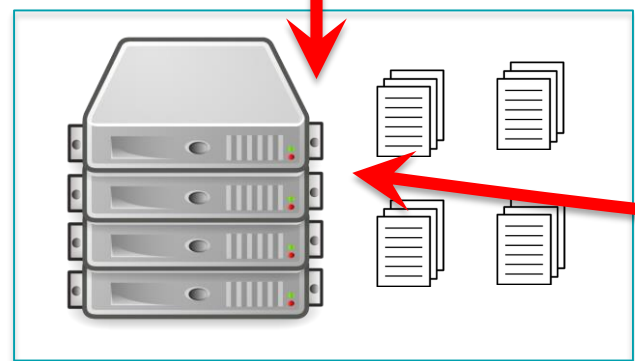
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## Principle

Business  
Layer

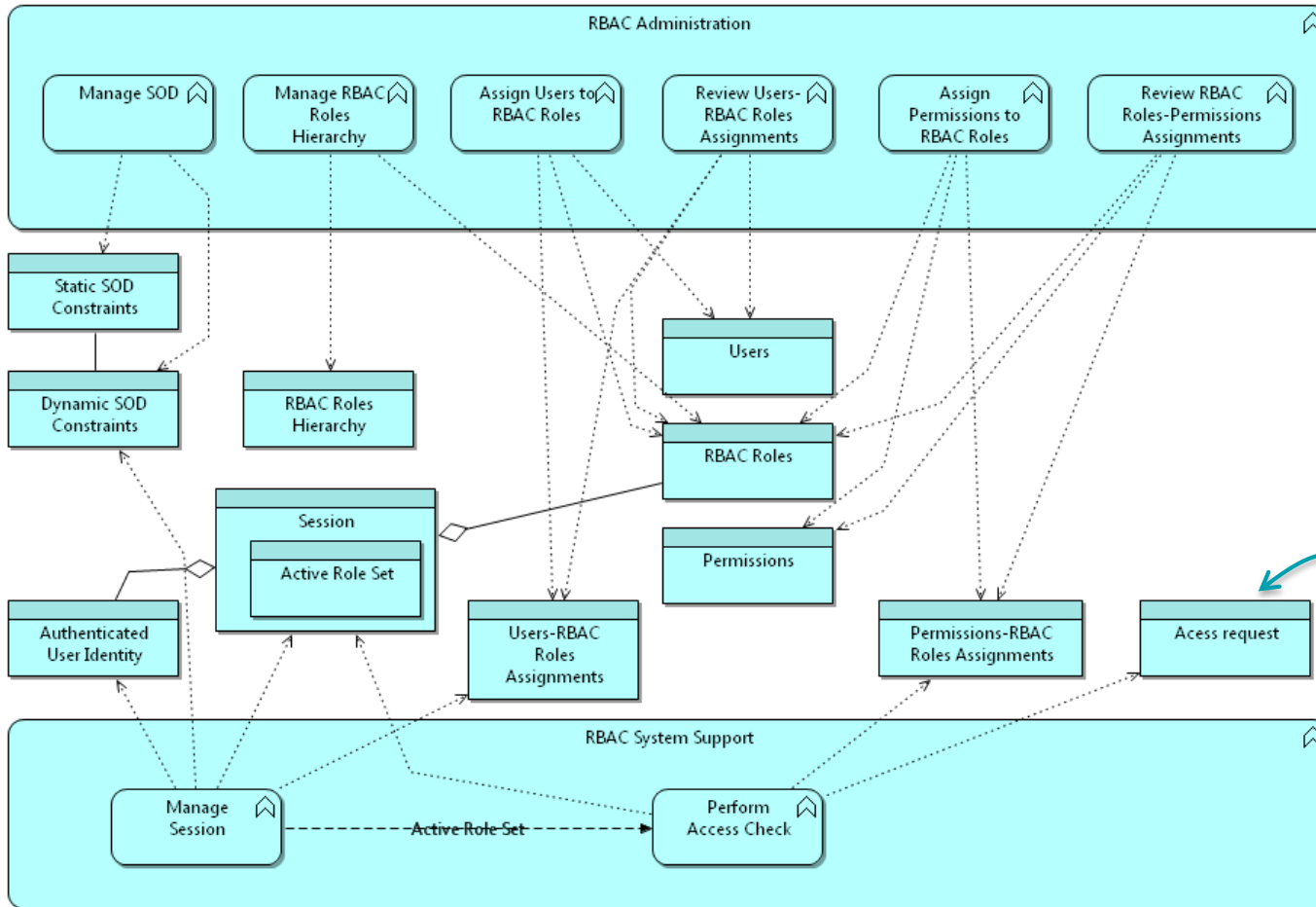


Application  
Layer



# AR MANAGEMENT METHOD

Existing *RBAC reference model* in ArchiMate, *Band (2011)*



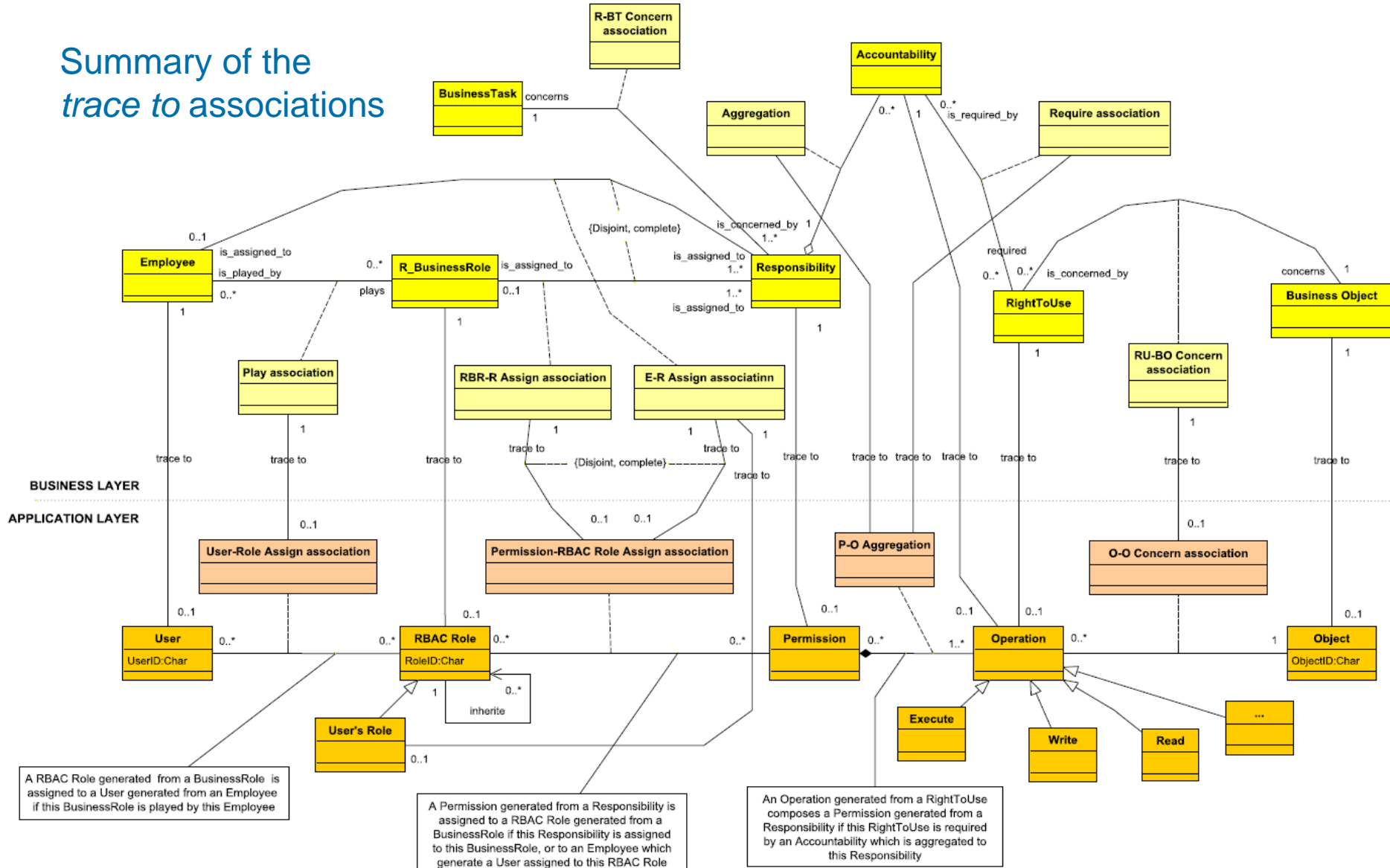
**Application function:** represents a behaviour element that groups automated behaviour which can be performed by an application component

**Data object:** represents a passive element suitable for automated processing

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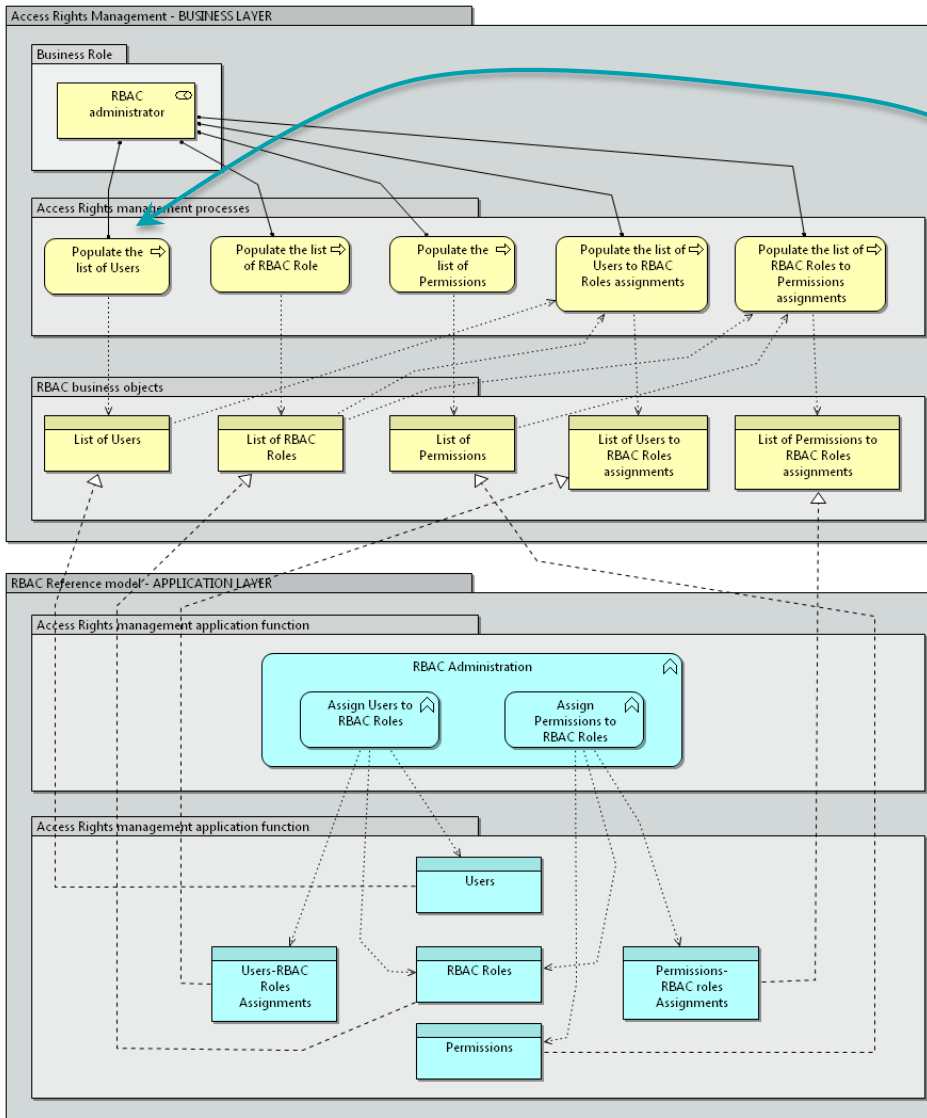
## Responsibility-RBAC alignment

Summary of the  
*trace to* associations



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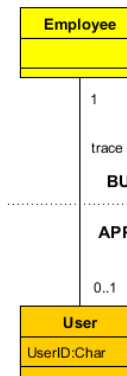
## AR Management Reference Model



Business role: RBAC administrator

Business processes:

• *Populate the list of Users*



- Collects the list of employees who need to access the information system
- *From the responsibilities model in ArchiMate*
- Output: Business object «List of Users»
- List of users realized by data object «Users»

• *Populate the list of RBAC Roles*

• *Populate the list of Permissions*

• *Populate the list of Users to RBAC Roles assignments*

• *Populate the list of RBAC Roles to Permissions assignments*

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# CONCLUSIONS

- State of the art: Access Control Models and Governance needs
  - Access rights models/methods tend to consider business concepts (responsibility)
  - Governance requires the definition of responsibilities and associated access rights
  - 3 main designed artefacts:

1. Responsibility metamodel
2. Responsibility extension of ArchiMate Business layer
3. Method for access rights management based on the Responsibility alignment with RBAC

- Limitations
  - Evaluation mainly performed with case studies
  - Alignment only with RBAC model

# THANK YOU ! QUESTIONS ?



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