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An ecosystem of organizations
aimed at transforming the field,
by making Architecture
accessible





An Architect



An Architect is an ecosystem of organizations which aim to transform the field through innovation & disruption. As a digital organization, its values are part of a wider movement toward making knowledge accessible.

Using technology as a tool to grant access to information, the group equips South Africans with the knowledge necessary to becoming an architectural designer. An Architect defines itself as a movement and is a vertical organization which articulates the path of progression and provides a decentralised platform to obtain reliable, authentic and accurate information on it.

Through our platforms, we have access to academics, students, candidates and professionals across the country. Our social media groups and email lists have followings from around the world.

Founded in 2018, An Architect operates as a *stealth start-up*. Its committee remains fluid and undisclosed with only a single representative acting as the face of the organization. Stealth start-ups are common in the domain of venture capital and is generally used to protect the intellectual property of the business in its early years.

Who are we?

Our Values, Visually Expressed



The Magnifying Glass

Our magnifying glass profile suggests the overarching ideas of inquiry, inspection and investigation for the authenticity of content provided.

'A' for Architect, 'A' for Accessible

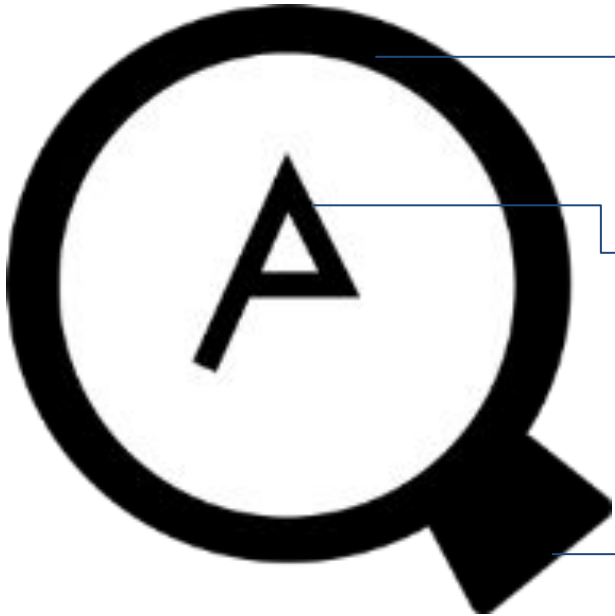
The 'A' in the centre is the initial of the word 'Architect', the end goal of those who the organization wishes serve - people interested in the idea of an architect.

The Section Handle

The 'A' also depicts one of the most recognizable icons in the architectural pictorial landscape: the section handle shown on drawings; it suggest the idea of cutting through planes to make accessible the hidden content.

The Search Icon

An easily identifiable icon in the Information Age, like the search engine, we aim to use technology as a tool to find reliable information. The section symbol, the magnifying lense and the letter 'A' all represent the ideas of inquiry, investigation and access toward gaining reliable knowledge on the field - as easily as using a search engine.



What we do:

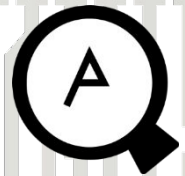
Our Organization's Missions

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As a a vertical organization, An Architect executes its mission through through 4 facets: **D.R.A.W. – Design, Research, Academics & Work.**

All facets practice a culture of collaboration and work in conjunction with each other as well as external organizations.

Facets can take the form of an organization through: *social media platforms and/or business entities.*

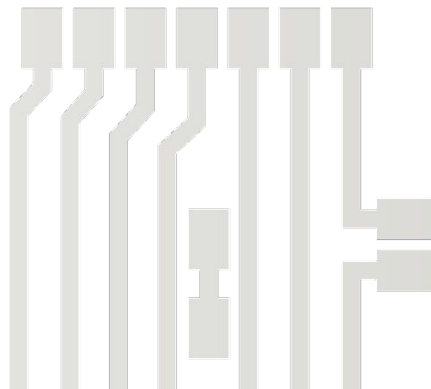
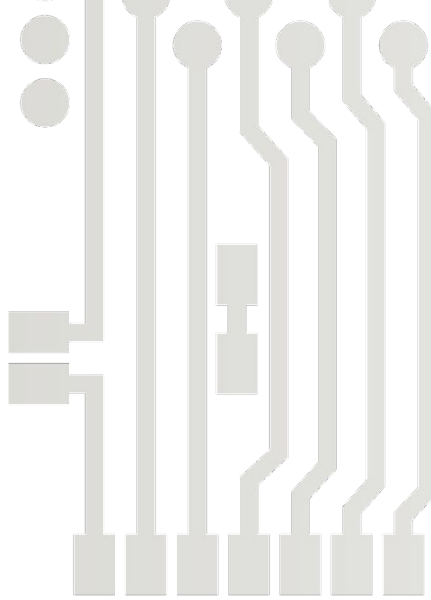
DESIGN:

BUSINESS ENTITY

Design functions as a collaborative set of businesses which offer the services of an architectural practitioner and mentoring for candidates' Monthly Training Records (MTR).

The aim of Design is to ensure that the knowledge gained from Academia is practically applied to projects, from which income can be generated through Work.

Its role is crucial as it lies between the theoretical and practical. Currently, a mentoring project is underway to grant access of knowledge to students preparing to enter the workforce.



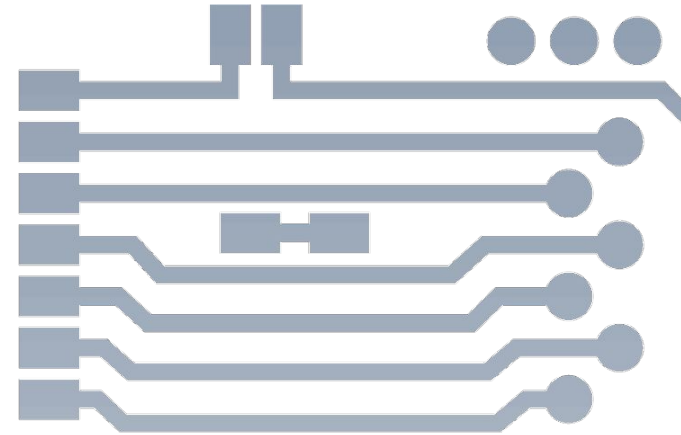
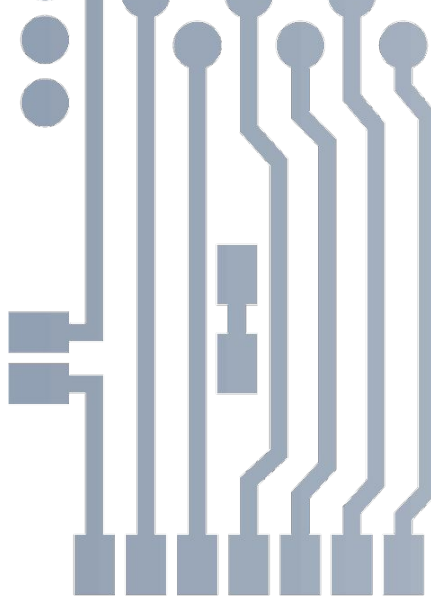
We believe the future of architectural practice is here. Check out our vision for the future architectural studio - where we design structures and spaces in the universe, metaverse and multiverse... Click the question mark icon to redirect to our future practice page:



RESEARCH:

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

Research is conducted through the social media page: The Future of Architecture. Most recently, the group collaborated with international parties to provide free access to movements in the field which will lead to future developments affecting architectural education and practice. The series focused on Computational Design & Automation, Decoloniality & Alternate Realities, Ecosystemic Sustainability and Extended Realities. Skills training and further professional development through short-course, CPD events and webinars is planned. This Department ensures that the Design functions always remain informed on recent developments.

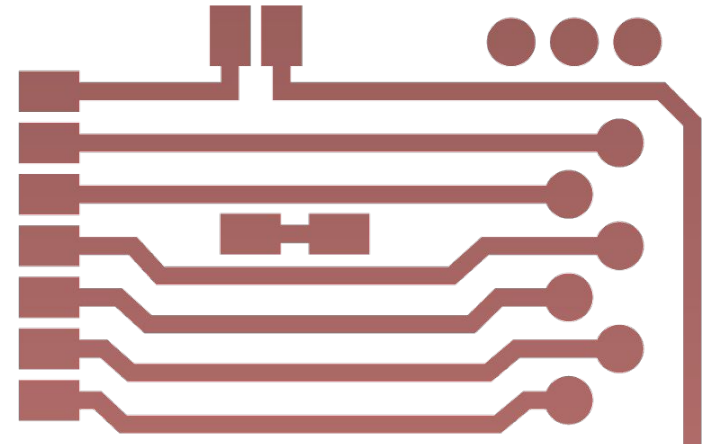
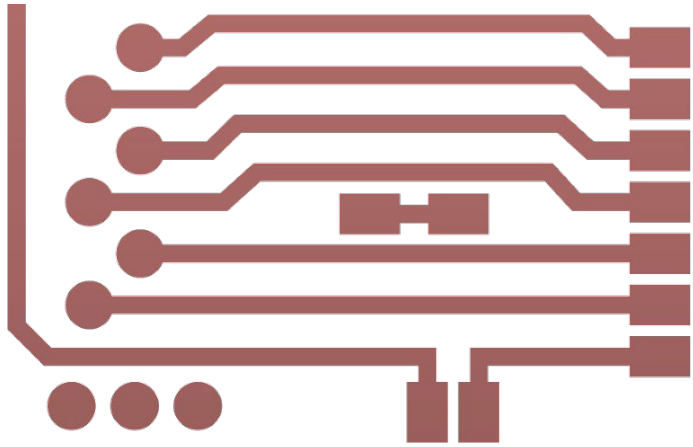


Finding influence from the programmes offered, CPD courses are presented and general knowledge is shared through the Future of Architecture Facebook Page to make information accessible. Click the icon to take you to the Facebook page



ACADEMIA:

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM +
BUSINESS ENTITY



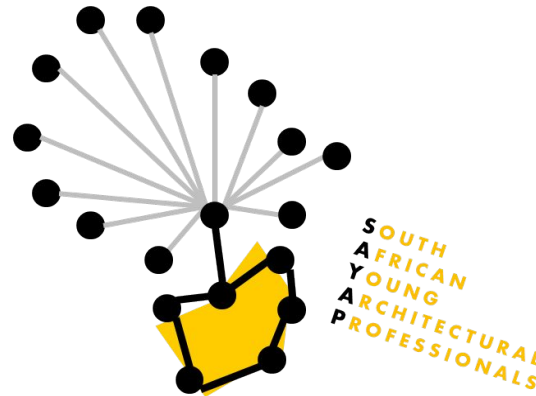
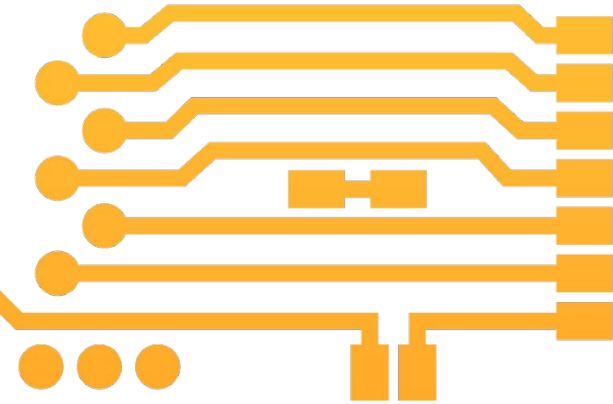
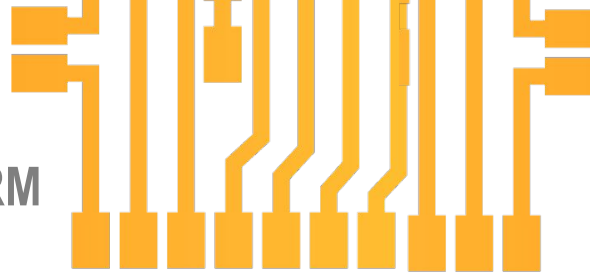
Academia or the broader definition of education is transformed and reinvented through two main programmes: the *Becoming An Architect* campaign which contains a series of free booklets distributed nationwide & the *Internet of Architecture (IoA)*.

IOA is a free online platform providing experimental, contemporary architectural educational content. Educationalists from around the globe share their knowledge through video lectures and live sessions.

Skills and knowledge can be assessed for those seeking to obtain recognition for content covered. The aim is for this segment to provide certification on future skills.

WORK:

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM
+ BUSINESS ENTITY



Work is undertaken by professionals in the physical and digital realms. As part of this process, graduates and entry-level professionals are offered guidance through our internal and external members in the form of mentorship. The Professional Practice Examination, a milestone in a professional's pathway, is a main focus in which the way we

prepare for the examination is reimagined and improved. Through joining the LinkedIn and Facebook groups, members will be exposed to networking and professional development.

Also partially run by South African Young Professionals Network will be responsible for organizing PPE workshops and providing a marketplace for upcoming professionals. The purpose of the group is to create a network of young professionals capable of making information on business easily accessible to the field.

Click the question mark to direct you to the Year Planner + Organization Mission Statement. Click the icon for the Facebook Group





COLLABORATE?

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM
OR BUSINESS ENTITY

So far, in our 5 year journey we have:

- **Developed career guides** for high school + university students, candidates and professionals through e-books
- **Published undergraduate literature**
- **Produced an online series** on the Future of Architecture
- **Developed new curriculum**
- **Established networks of students, candidates and professionals**

- If you would like to join us in our next step toward transforming the field - **by making education accessible, creating relevant CPD courses and creating an alternate system to becoming an architect**, feel free to reach out to us!:

anarchitect.eproducts@gmail.com

Click the question mark icon to direct you to our Facebook Page with a community of 2800+ members



Why work with us?

Our Values, Directly Communicated



Removing Barriers to Entry

We believe that everyone and anyone interested in becoming an architect should have access to accurate, reliable and easily available content. And we aim to provide it by removing barriers to entry, one challenge at a time.

By Creating Alternate Pathways

We believe that in the journey toward becoming an architectural designer - either in academia or through professional licensure - there should be alternate paths which can assess the experience, knowledge and attitude an individual possesses. Should we find alternate pathways, we open up the profession to more people from all backgrounds and walks of life - thereby enriching the field.

Why?

**Because anyone can
become An Architect.**

And we hope to help everyone get there.
Need we say anymore?