



FEATURED ARCHITECTURE GUIDE

The Sovereign BSS Architecture Guide — 2024 Edition

An exhaustive framework for transitioning legacy monolithic billing systems into sovereign, microservices-led ecosystems. Includes security, jurisdiction, and deployment guidance for Tier-1 operators.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tier-1 operators face a structural choice: modernize BSS architecture around sovereign, evidence-governed principles, or continue absorbing the compounding cost of monolithic billing debt. This guide defines the reference architecture, jurisdictional evidence model, and phased migration path that governed telecom monetization requires — covering the eighteen operating domains, jurisdiction engine, and AI governance layer that comprise a sovereign BSS estate.

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Governed domains

99.999%

Cutover availability target

40%

Avg. operational overhead reduction



Why sovereignty is now a BSS requirement, not a preference

Regulators across the EU, APAC, and the Gulf increasingly require telecom operators to demonstrate exact data residency, processing jurisdiction, and auditable control lineage for subscriber and billing data. A legacy monolithic BSS — built for a single jurisdiction and a single monetization model — cannot produce this evidence without extensive, brittle customization.

The cost of an unverified estate

Operators without a governed jurisdiction engine typically discover residency and access violations only during a regulatory audit or a customer security review — at which point remediation is reactive, expensive, and reputationally costly. A sovereign architecture instead treats jurisdiction, evidence, and access as first-class, continuously verified properties of every domain.

KEY DEFINITION

Sovereign BSS: a billing and monetization estate in which every domain declares its data residency, processing jurisdiction, and access lineage as a verifiable, machine-readable property — not a policy document.



The eighteen-domain reference architecture

A sovereign BSS estate decomposes the traditional monolith into eighteen bounded domains, each independently deployable, independently governed, and independently auditable. This section maps the domain boundaries most relevant to Tier-1 operators beginning a transformation program.

- Charging & Rating — real-time and batch rating engines with sub-5ms response targets
- Jurisdiction Engine — residency and processing-location enforcement at the transaction level
- Evidence Ledger — append-only, cryptographically verifiable decision and access history
- AI Governance — explainable classification with mandatory human review gates
- Subscriber Lifecycle — zero-touch provisioning, eSIM/IoT activation, and deactivation

Domain independence as a migration strategy

Because each domain is independently bounded, operators can migrate incrementally — running the legacy monolith and the new domain in parallel behind a routing layer, validating outcomes, and cutting over one domain at a time rather than in a single high-risk event.



Phased migration: from legacy debt to governed estate

Our recommended migration sequence prioritizes the domains with the highest regulatory exposure and the lowest architectural coupling first, building institutional confidence before tackling the charging and rating core.

- Phase 1: Evidence Ledger and Jurisdiction Engine stood up alongside the legacy estate, in read-only observation mode
- Phase 2: Subscriber lifecycle and identity domains migrated with dual-write validation
- Phase 3: Charging and rating cutover, executed domain-by-domain behind a routing proxy
- Phase 4: Legacy mainframe decommissioning with full evidence-chain continuity preserved

FIELD NOTE

Operators following this sequence report 99.999% availability through cutover, with the Evidence Ledger providing continuous audit coverage even while legacy and sovereign domains run in parallel.



Governance, AI oversight, and what comes next

A sovereign BSS is not a one-time migration — it is an operating model. AI-assisted classification, anomaly detection, and rating optimization all operate within the Evidence Ledger's review gates, meaning every AI-influenced decision remains traceable to a human reviewer of record.

Recommended next steps

Operators evaluating this transition should begin with a jurisdiction and domain-boundary assessment of their current estate, benchmarked against the eighteen-domain reference model described in this guide. Our solutions architecture team can walk your team through a tailored assessment.

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To discuss how the findings in “The Sovereign BSS Architecture Guide” apply to your network, request a full institutional briefing with our solutions architecture team.

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