

ACH - Working with Templates



Starting from CAST AIP 8.3.23, **CAST Architecture Checker** will no longer be installed as part of the CAST AIP setup, whether installing CAST AIP from scratch or on a server where a previous release of CAST AIP exists. CAST Architecture Checker has evolved into a **standalone component** where all feature requests and bug fixes are now managed. This standalone component can be downloaded from **CAST Extend** (<https://extending.castsoftware.com/#/search-results?q=archichecker>).

Up-to-date documentation can be found here: [CAST Architecture Checker](#).

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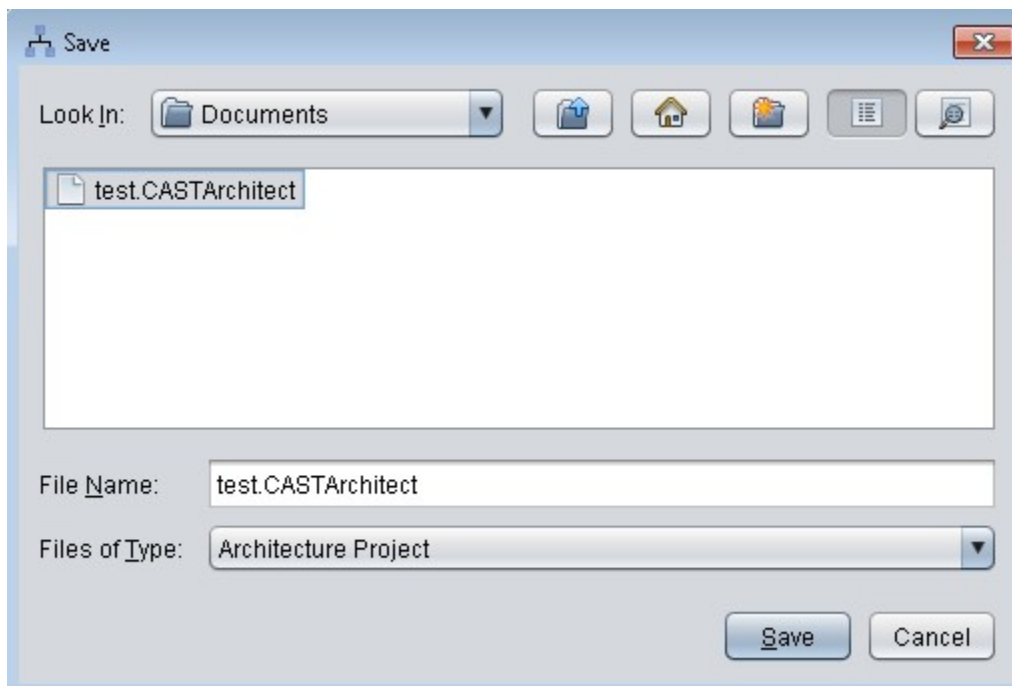
The Templates feature in the CAST Architecture Checker allows you to define one or more templates (that can be freely distributed as Windows files) and which can be selected as a basis for a new Architecture Model.

In essence, templates function exactly like **Architecture Models** in that you can define **layers** and **sets** and can **save the configuration to file**. However, a template can be used as the starting point for a new Architecture Model (see [Define a new Architecture Model](#)).

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Creating a new custom template

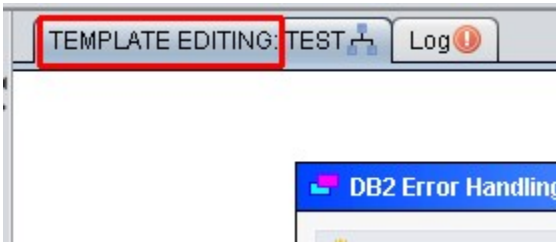
- Define a new model - see [Define a new Architecture Model](#)
- Define the layers and sets you require as the basis for the template (exactly as you would when working with an Architecture Model):
 - [Define Layers, Sets and Dependencies](#)
 - [Define Layer or Set Contents](#)
- Use the **File > Save As** option to save the configuration to file - when using this option, the CAST Architecture Checker will offer you the default template storage location (%USERPROFILE%\Documents - you can change this using the **Edit > Settings** menu option) and save the configuration as a **.CASTArchitect** file



- The configuration is now saved and can be loaded in the future as a Template (or as An Architecture Model).

Opening and editing an existing custom template

- Use the **File > Open Template** option to locate a saved template (**.CASTArchitect** file) on disk.
- The CAST Architecture Checker will offer you the default template storage location (%USERPROFILE%\Documents - you can change this using the **Edit > Settings** menu option).
- Select the template you require - it will now open and CAST Architecture Checker will notify you that you are working with a template (as oppose to an Architectue Model):



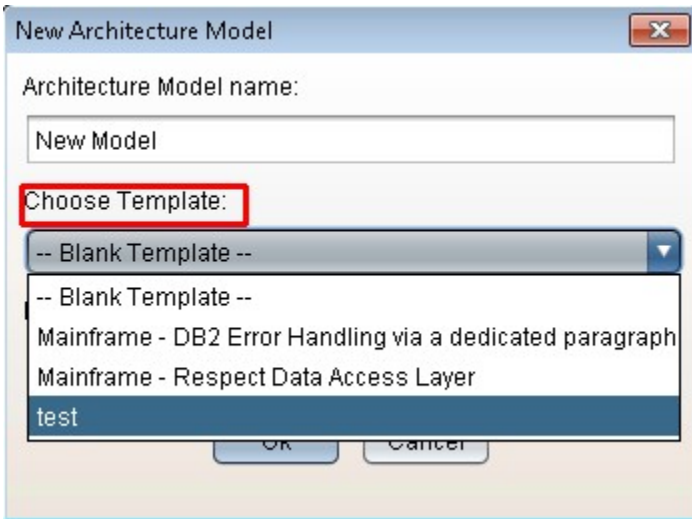
Saving an existing custom template that you have edited

- Use the **File > Save Template** option to save the open template on disk.

Using an existing custom template as a basis for a new model

If you have existing templates that you would like to use as a basis for a new Architecture model:

- Click the **File > New Architecture Model** option
- Select the custom template you require from the drop downlist - the CAST Architecture Checker will offer you all predefined templates shipped with the software, and any custom templates you have saved to the default template storage location (%USERPROFILE%\Documents - you can change this using the **Edit > Settings** menu option):



- Your new model will open containing all configuration saved to the custom template you have chosen.