

Accreditation Boundary

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Discussion

An Accreditation Boundary identifies the systems, components, services, information, interfaces, infrastructure, processes, personnel roles, and operating environments included within an [Accreditation](#).

The boundary establishes the scope of the applicable requirements, controls, assessments, risks, and supporting [Evidence](#). It also distinguishes included elements from external systems, services, organizations, and dependencies.

An Accreditation Boundary may contain internal subdivisions, trust boundaries, deployment environments, or responsibility boundaries. Those subdivisions remain part of the Accreditation Boundary when the accreditation includes them.

For an [Accredited Software Factory](#), the boundary identifies the factory components and operational processes covered by the applicable [Operational Approval](#).

Definition

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Source

Generalised from security-accreditation, authorization-boundary, conformity-assessment, and risk-management usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

An Accreditation Boundary defines the scope of an accreditation rather than a physical boundary alone. The boundary may include distributed components, external services under defined agreements, connected environments, and disconnected environments.

A dependency located outside the Accreditation Boundary may still affect the risks, controls, or evidence associated with the accredited entity.

Example

The Accreditation Boundary for a Software Factory includes source-control services, build services, hardened build workers, dependency repositories, artifact repositories, compliance services, deployment automation, administrative processes, and approved interfaces to external infrastructure providers.

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