

Artifact

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Discussion

An Artifact is an identifiable digital work product created, acquired, used, modified, generated, exchanged, delivered, or preserved during an activity.

An Artifact may be atomic or composite. A composite Artifact may contain, organize, or reference other Artifacts.

An Artifact may have multiple versions. A version may have one or more representations in different formats or media types. Copies of the same representation may exist at multiple locations.

An Artifact remains distinct from:

The subject that the Artifact describes
The activity that creates or uses the Artifact
The metadata that describes and manages the Artifact
The repository or location in which the Artifact is stored
The physical object, system, or storage medium associated with the Artifact

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Source

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Note

Within Crucible, an Artifact exists in digital form.

A physical object, system, or storage medium may contain, embody, or be produced from an Artifact, but does not become an Artifact solely for that reason.

Identification of an Artifact does not by itself establish its version, provenance, authenticity, integrity, approval status, release status, retention status, or suitability for a particular purpose.

An Artifact may exist independently of Crucible. An Artifact placed under Crucible control is described by an Artifact Catalog Record.

The term does not require a particular format, media type, repository, storage medium, location, tool, or implementation technology.

Example

A software package delivered by a third party is an Artifact. Different versions of the package remain associated with the same identifiable work product while constituting distinct managed versions.

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