

Architectural Element

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Discussion

An architectural element identifies a defined construct within the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#).

An architectural element has assigned responsibilities and relationships. These responsibilities and relationships support architectural analysis, [Traceability](#), [conformance evaluation](#), and implementation mapping.

An architectural element differs from an implementation component. The [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#) defines the element's architectural meaning and role independently of any selected technology, product, language, or deployment platform.

Definition

defined construct within the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#) having specified responsibilities and relationships

Source

Structured Information Processing [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#)

Note

An architectural element provides a stable unit for architectural description, [Traceability](#), and [conformance analysis](#).

Example

A [Control Plane](#), [Data Plane](#), [Attachment Point](#), [Conformance Point](#), or [architectural governance layer](#) is an architectural element to which the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#) assigns responsibilities and relationships.

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