

Baseline Reuse

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Discussion

Baseline Reuse applies the same identified [Baseline](#) Revision to two or more subjects, activities, or contexts without modifying the Baseline content.

Baseline Reuse may apply the same Baseline Revision to:

- Multiple [Infrastructure Environments](#)
- Multiple [Machine Images](#)
- Multiple deployments
- Multiple provider implementations
- Multiple organizational domains
- Repeated lifecycle activities
- Repeated compliance assessments

The subject-specific result may differ because of:

- Platform Specific Parameters
- Environment-specific values
- Permitted overrides
- Selected optional controls
- Context-specific constraints

Those differences remain separate from the reused Baseline content.

Baseline Reuse differs from copying and modifying a Baseline:

- Baseline Reuse applies the same Baseline Revision without changing its content
- Copying and modifying Baseline content creates a different candidate Baseline or Revision

Baseline Reuse also differs from Baseline Composition:

- Baseline Reuse applies the same Baseline Revision more than once
- Baseline Composition combines content from multiple Baselines

Definition

application of the same identified baseline revision to two or more subjects, activities, or contexts without modification of the baseline content

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Note

Baseline Reuse does not require identical resulting subjects.

The applicable requirements determine which subject-specific values may vary without changing the reused Baseline.

A revised Baseline is a different Revision and should remain distinguishable from the Baseline Revision previously reused.

Example

A build workflow applies the same Security Baseline Revision to development, test, and production Machine Images while keeping environment-specific network and monitoring values separate from the Baseline content.

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