

Baseline Selection

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Discussion

Baseline Selection chooses an identified [Baseline](#) Revision for application to a specified subject, activity, or context.

The selection may depend on:

- The subject being governed
- The target [Infrastructure Environment](#)
- The deployment purpose
- The implementation platform
- Security classification
- Applicable policy
- Applicable jurisdiction
- Delivery phase
- Operational state
- Effective date
- Approval status
- Compatibility constraints

Baseline Selection may choose:

- An Infrastructure Baseline
- A Security Baseline
- A Deployment Baseline
- A Machine Image Baseline
- A Compliance Baseline
- A composition of multiple Baselines

Baseline Selection differs from [Baseline Approval](#):

- Baseline Approval authorizes a Baseline Revision for a defined use
- Baseline Selection chooses the approved or otherwise applicable Baseline Revision for a particular context

Baseline Selection also differs from Baseline Composition:

- Baseline Selection chooses one or more applicable Baselines
- Baseline Composition combines selected Baseline content according to defined composition rules

Definition

selection of an identified baseline revision for application to a specified subject, activity, or context

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Note

Baseline Selection should identify:

- The selected Baseline
- The selected Revision
- The subject or activity to which it applies
- The selection criteria
- The effective context
- The selecting actor or process

Selection of a Baseline does not by itself establish that the Baseline is approved or that the subject conforms to it.

Applicable requirements determine whether only approved Baselines may be selected.

Example

A deployment workflow selects the approved production Security Baseline Revision applicable to the target operating system and security classification.

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