

Conformance Point

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Discussion

A Conformance Point is an objectively identifiable location at which an evaluator inspects or evaluates whether an identified subject satisfies an applicable [Requirement](#) and therefore achieves [Conformance](#).

A Conformance Point supports repeatable evaluation by linking a Requirement to an observable architectural location, [Artifact](#), behaviour, interface, boundary, or [Evidence](#) source.

A Conformance Point forms part of a [Conformance Model](#).

A Conformance Point differs from a design feature. A design feature describes a characteristic of an implementation. A Conformance Point identifies where an evaluator performs or observes an assessment.

Definition

objectively identifiable location at which conformance with a specified requirement is inspected or evaluated

Source

- [\[DTE6\]](#), Section 6.4.6, *Implementation Conformance Model*

Note

A Conformance Point provides a stable location for evaluating Conformance.

A Conformance Point identifies where an evaluation occurs.

A [Conformance Criterion](#) identifies the assessable condition used during that evaluation.

Example

An [Attachment Point](#) at which a [Structured Information Artifact](#) enters a governed processing service is a Conformance Point when the applicable [Reference Architecture](#) requires validation before acceptance.

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