

Conformance Point

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Discussion

A conformance point is an objectively identifiable location where compliance with a defined architectural requirement is inspected or evaluated.

A conformance point supports repeatable evaluation by linking a requirement to an observable architectural location, artifact, behavior, interface, boundary, or evidence source.

A conformance point differs from a general design feature. A design feature describes a characteristic of an implementation. A conformance point identifies where an evaluator inspects or evaluates compliance with the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#).

Definition

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

Source

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

Note

A conformance point provides a stable inspection location for evaluating implementation compliance with an architectural requirement.

Example

An [Attachment Point](#) at which a [structured information artifact](#) enters a governed processing service is a conformance point when the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#) requires validation before acceptance.

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