

Governance Constraint

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Discussion

A governance constraint identifies a rule or control mechanism governing the definition, modification, versioning, or authority over architectural artefacts.

Governance constraints support the retention of authority, lifecycle control, semantic and structural consistency, traceability, and the controlled evolution of architectural artefacts.

A governance constraint differs from an implementation constraint. An implementation constraint is a limit or condition imposed by a selected technology, product, language, runtime, or deployment environment. A governance constraint defines control over architectural meaning, structure, lifecycle, and authority within the [Reference Architecture \(RA\)](#).

Definition

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Source

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

Note

A governance constraint preserves controlled meaning, structure, lifecycle, and authority for architectural artefacts.

Example

A governance constraint requires approved authority review before a [semantic_artifact](#), [structural_artifact](#), [Conformance Point](#), or [Attachment Point](#) changes.

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