

Governed

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Discussion

A subject is Governed when an identified [Authority](#) applies defined [Roles](#), [Policies](#), decision processes, accountability mechanisms, and oversight within an established scope.

A Governed subject has an identified governance context that can establish:

- The governing Authority
- The governed subject
- The applicable scope
- The applicable [Governance Domain](#)
- The applicable [Organizations](#)
- The applicable [Communities of Interest](#)
- The applicable [Actors](#)
- The applicable Roles
- The applicable responsibilities
- The applicable decision rights
- The applicable Policies
- The applicable [Governance Policies](#)
- The applicable approval processes
- The applicable change-control processes
- The applicable exception and waiver processes
- The applicable escalation processes
- The applicable enforcement mechanisms
- The applicable review processes
- The applicable accountability mechanisms
- The required [Evidence](#)
- The required [Provenance](#)
- The required [Traceability](#)

A subject can be Governed throughout:

- Creation
- Registration
- Classification
- Review
- Approval
- Use
- Modification
- Versioning
- Deployment
- Operation
- Validation
- Retention

- Supersession
- Withdrawal
- Retirement

A Governed subject can include:

- An Organization
- A Community of Interest
- A User
- A Role
- A [Node](#)
- A [Node Set](#)
- A [Test Environment](#)
- A [Test Definition](#)
- A [Test Run](#)
- A [Test Result](#)
- A [Baseline](#)
- An [Artifact](#)
- A [Resource](#)
- A [Catalog](#)
- A [Repository](#)
- A [Registry](#)
- An [Inventory](#)
- A process
- A decision
- Another subject placed within an established governance context

Definition

subject to [Governance](#) exercised by an identified [Authority](#) through defined [Roles](#), [Policies](#), decision processes, accountability mechanisms, and oversight within an established scope

Source

Adapted from:

- [Governance](#)
- [Authority](#)
- [Role](#)
- [Policy](#)
- [Governance Policy](#)
- [Governance Domain](#)
- DIDO Reference Architecture
- DIDO Reference Implementation Conceptual Model
- DIDO-TE draft Requirements Register

This definition establishes the characteristics required to describe a subject as Governed. It prevents

the term from serving as an undefined claim of control, approval, or oversight.

Note

Use the following link whenever the adjective appears:

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Governed differs from managed:

- Governed identifies the Authority, Roles, Policies, decision rights, accountability, and oversight applicable to a subject
- Managed concerns the activities used to plan, administer, coordinate, monitor, or control a subject

A subject can be managed without an adequately defined governance context.

Governed differs from controlled:

- Governed establishes who possesses Authority, which Policies apply, and how decisions receive accountability and oversight
- Controlled indicates that mechanisms constrain or direct the subject's behavior, state, access, or modification

A technical control does not by itself make a subject Governed.

Governed differs from authorized:

- Governed identifies the governance context applicable to the subject
- Authorized indicates that an Actor has granted permission for a specified action or use

A Governed subject is not necessarily authorized for every use.

Governed differs from approved:

- Governed identifies the applicable governance framework and processes
- Approved indicates that an authorized Actor has accepted a particular proposal, state, action, or outcome

A Governed subject can remain proposed, pending review, rejected, suspended, withdrawn, or retired.

Governed differs from compliant:

- Governed identifies the applicable Authority, Policies, responsibilities, and decision processes
- Compliant indicates satisfaction of identified obligations or criteria

A Governed subject can be noncompliant. Governance establishes how the responsible Actors identify, evaluate, report, and address the noncompliance.

Governed differs from [Validated](#):

- Governed identifies the applicable governance context
- Validated indicates that an authorized Actor has evaluated the subject against defined Validation Criteria for a stated purpose

A Governed subject is not necessarily Validated. A Validated subject is not necessarily Governed unless the Validation occurs within an established governance context.

Describing a subject as Governed requires more than the existence of a Policy. The governance context must identify, directly or through referenced information:

- The governing Authority
- The governed subject
- The applicable scope
- The responsible Roles
- The applicable Policies
- The applicable decision processes
- The applicable accountability mechanisms
- The applicable review and enforcement mechanisms
- The Evidence required to demonstrate application of Governance
- The required Provenance and Traceability

Governance can be centralized, distributed, or federated. Distributed or federated Governance must identify how participating Authorities coordinate:

- Decision rights
- Policy precedence
- Conflicts
- Exceptions
- Delegations
- Accountability
- Evidence
- Provenance
- Traceability

Example

A DIDO-TE Test Environment is Governed when the applicable governance context identifies:

- The Organization responsible for the Test Environment
- The governing Authority
- The applicable Governance Domain
- The Test Administrator, Test Operator, Evaluator, and Approval Authority Roles
- The Policies governing creation, configuration, access, use, modification, and retirement
- The approved Baseline
- The Test Definitions authorized for use
- The Resources authorized for allocation
- The process for initiating Test Runs
- The Validation Criteria
- The process for assigning Verdicts

- The process for making Validation Decisions
- The required Evidence
- The required Provenance
- The required Traceability

The Test Environment is not Governed merely because an administrator can configure it or an access-control mechanism restricts its use. The identified Authority, Roles, Policies, decision processes, accountability mechanisms, oversight, and Evidence establish that the Test Environment is Governed.

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