

# Jurisdiction

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## Discussion

A jurisdiction identifies an organisational or sovereign authority boundary within which structural control or semantic control is retained.

Jurisdictions establish the legal and regulatory context for governance, policy enforcement, data residency, information disclosure, semantic interpretation, and conformance evaluation.

A jurisdiction differs from a geographic region. A geographic region identifies a physical or territorial area. A jurisdiction identifies an authority boundary that governs control, obligations, and interpretation within the [reference\\_architecture](#).

## Definition

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## Source

Structured Information Processing [reference\\_architecture](#)

## Note

A jurisdiction provides an authoritative context for determining which organisation or sovereign entity controls the structure, meaning, policy, and lifecycle obligations of architectural artefacts or structured information artefacts.

## Example

A national regulator, central bank, standards body, financial institution, or governed consortium defines a jurisdiction when it retains authority over structural definitions, semantic interpretation, policy rules, release constraints, or conformance obligations.

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