

Revision History

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Discussion

A Revision History identifies the [Revisions](#) of an [Artifact](#) and the relationships that order those Revisions over time.

A Revision History may identify:

- Each Revision
- The content associated with each Revision
- The immediately preceding Revision
- The immediately succeeding Revision
- Branching relationships
- Merging relationships
- Change authors
- Change timestamps
- Change descriptions
- Approval or release states

The applicable requirements determine the required Revision History content.

A Revision History allows an actor or process to:

- Distinguish Artifact states
- Determine the order of Revisions
- Identify a preceding Revision
- Compare Revisions
- Retrieve an identified Revision
- Reconstruct an earlier Artifact state
- Determine how an Artifact changed over time

A Revision History differs from a Revision:

- A Revision identifies one distinguishable Artifact state
- A Revision History identifies multiple Revisions and the relationships among them

Definition

history identifying the revisions of an artifact and the relationships that order those revisions over time

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Note

A Revision History may be linear or may include branches and merges.

A Revision History does not by itself establish:

- Approval of a Revision
- Release of a Revision
- Authorization to deploy a Revision
- Required retention periods
- The reason a Revision was accepted or rejected

Separate governance and lifecycle controls establish those conditions.

Example

The Revision History of an Infrastructure Configuration identifies Revisions 1, 2, and 3 and records that Revision 2 succeeds Revision 1 and Revision 3 succeeds Revision 2.

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