

P1-REQ-13-6-003

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Statement

The Conceptual Architecture SHALL distinguish [Structure](#) from [Semantics](#).

Source

Part 1, Section 13.6: Separation of Concerns Requirements.

Rationale

Structure describes form, organisation, and arrangement. Semantics describes meaning. A structure may carry or constrain meaning, but the structure does not itself replace semantic interpretation.

This requirement prevents structural definitions, schemas, message formats, tables, topics, or models from being treated as the meaning of the information they organise.

Applies To

This requirement applies to Structure and Semantics references within the Conceptual Architecture.

It applies specifically to:

- Structural descriptions
- Semantic descriptions
- Information meaning
- Data Structure Definitions
- Structured-information processing

Verification

Verification SHALL confirm that the Conceptual Architecture distinguishes Structure from Semantics.

Verification activities include review checks confirming that:

- Structure references identify form, organisation, or arrangement
- Semantics references identify meaning
- Structural material does not replace semantic material

- Semantic material remains explicit where meaning affects interpretation or governance

Traceability

Related source section:

- [13.6 Separation of Concerns Requirements](#)

Related requirement identifiers:

- [p1-req-13-6-001](#)
- [p1-req-13-6-002](#)
- [p1-req-13-6-004](#)

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