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Statement

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

Source

Part 1, Section 13.6: Separation of Concerns Requirements.

Rationale

Semantics identifies meaning. Interpretation applies meaning within a context, purpose, authority, rule set, or decision process. Treating semantics and interpretation as the same concern obscures the difference between what information means and how a participant, authority, system, or process applies that meaning.

This requirement supports governed interpretation and prevents semantic definitions from being confused with interpretive actions or decisions.

Applies To

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

It applies specifically to:

- Information meaning
- Interpretive context
- Interpretive decisions
- Semantic definitions
- Governed interpretation

Verification

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

Verification activities include review checks confirming that:

- Semantics references identify meaning
- Interpretation references identify contextual application of meaning
- Semantic definitions do not replace interpretive decisions
- Interpretive material identifies the context or authority involved where relevant

Traceability

Related source section:

- [13.6 Separation of Concerns Requirements](#)

Related requirement identifiers:

- [p1-req-13-6-001](#)
- [p1-req-13-6-003](#)
- [p1-req-13-6-008](#)
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