

# 11.9 Traceability Preserves Layering

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**Traceability** connects conceptual elements, logical elements, implementation artifacts, deployment artifacts, and **Evidence**. It allows reviewers to understand how a concern moves through the document set without allowing later layers to redefine earlier layers.

A logical element traces to a conceptual element. An implementation artifact traces to a logical element. A deployment artifact traces to an implementation artifact. **Evidence** traces to the claim, behavior, artifact, or condition it supports.

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