

## 4.5 Explicit Information Structures

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The Logical Architecture defines information exchange through logical [Data Structure Definitions](#) and logical [Data Structure Instances](#).

Logical [Data Structure Definitions](#) identify the structure, meaning, and constraints of information classes at the PIM level. Logical [Data Structure Instances](#) represent populated occurrences that Nodes exchange, record, interpret, validate, or use as [Evidence](#).

The Logical Architecture does not prescribe IDL, Protocol Buffers, JSON Schema, XML Schema, Avro, OpenAPI, database schemas, ontology classes, or generated language types. Later implementation profiles select those representations.

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