

Architectural Element

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Discussion

An architectural element identifies a defined construct within the [reference_architecture](#).

An architectural element has assigned responsibilities and relationships. These responsibilities and relationships support architectural analysis, [traceability](#), [conformance evaluation](#), and implementation mapping.

An architectural element differs from an implementation component. The [reference_architecture](#) defines the element's architectural meaning and role independently of any selected technology, product, language, or deployment platform.

Definition

defined construct within the [reference_architecture](#) having specified responsibilities and relationships

Source

Structured Information Processing [reference_architecture](#)

Note

An architectural element provides a stable unit for architectural description, [traceability](#), and [conformance analysis](#).

Example

A [control_plane](#), [data_plane](#), [attachment_point](#), [conformance_point](#), or [architectural governance layer](#) is an architectural element to which the [reference_architecture](#) assigns responsibilities and relationships.

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