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Foreword

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Introduction

The systems and software engineering disciplines are continuing to mature while information technology advances. New terms are being generated and new meanings are being adopted for existing terms. This International Standard was prepared to collect and standardize terminology. Its purpose is to identify terms currently in use in the field and standard definitions for these terms. It is intended to serve as a useful reference for those in the Information Technology field, and to encourage the use of systems and software engineering standards prepared by ISO and liaison organizations IEEE Computer Society and Project Management Institute (PMI). It provides definitions that are rigorous, uncomplicated, and understandable by all concerned.

While it is useful to find the meaning of a term, no word stands in isolation. This International Standard makes it possible to search for related concepts and to view how a term is used in definitions of other terms.

Every effort has been made to use definitions from established systems and software engineering standards of ISO JTC 1/SC 7 and its liaison organizations IEEE Computer Society and the PMI. When existing standards were found to be incomplete, unclear or inconsistent with other entries in the vocabulary, however, new, revised, or composite definitions have been developed. Some definitions have been recast in a systems, rather than software, context.

This International Standard replaces IEEE Std 610.12-1990, IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology, which was contributed by the IEEE as a source document. The approach and lexical exactitude of IEEE Std 610.12-1990 served as a model for this International Standard. Nevertheless, approximately two-thirds of the definitions in this International Standard are new since IEEE Std 610.12 was last updated in 1990, a reflection of the continued evolution in the field.

The vocabulary is offered in both print and internet-accessible versions for ease of reference.

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Systems and software engineering — Vocabulary

1 Scope

Consistent with ISO vocabulary standards, each technical committee is responsible for standard terminology in its area of specialization. This International Standard provides a common vocabulary applicable to all systems and software engineering work falling within the scope of ISO JTC 1/SC 7.

The scope of each concept defined has been chosen to provide a definition that is suitable for general application. In those circumstances where a restricted application is concerned, a more specific definition might be needed.

Terms have been excluded if they were

- considered to be parochial to one group or organization;
- company proprietary or trademarked;
- multi-word terms whose meaning could be inferred from the definitions of the component words;
- terms whose meaning in the information technology (IT) field could be directly inferred from their common English meaning.

1.1 Relationship of the print and internet-accessible versions

The primary tool for maintaining this vocabulary is a database that is modified in a controlled fashion. Hosted by the IEEE Computer Society, the SEVOCAB (systems and software engineering vocabulary) database is publicly accessible at www.computer.org/sevocab. ISO/IEC 24765 is issued periodically as a formal, published International Standard reflecting a "snapshot" of the database.

The copyright notice provided with the database permits users to copy definitions from the database as long as the source of the definition is cited. Permitting public use of the definitions in the database is intended to encourage the use of other ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEEE systems and software engineering standards.

1.2 Vocabulary structure

Entries in the vocabulary are arranged alphabetically. Blanks precede all other characters in alphabetizing. Hyphens and slashes (- and /) follow all other characters in alphabetizing.

An entry can consist of a single word, such as "software"; a phrase, such as "test case"; or an acronym, such as "CDR". Phrases are given in their natural order (test plan) rather than in reversed order (plan, test). Acronyms can be listed separately as well as in parentheses following the source term. Terms that are verbs are shown without the infinitive marker "to".

After each term, numbered definitions are listed in order of preference, or from the most general to the more specific usages. The different definitions can show the use of a term as a noun, verb and adjective.

This International Standard includes references to the active source standards for each definition, so that the use of the term can be further explored. The sources of most of the definitions are ISO JTC 1/SC 7 or IEEE Computer Society standards and the PMI Glossary, Fourth Edition. Sources are listed in Annex A. In some

cases, the same definition can also be found in other active or withdrawn standards. No source is shown if the original source standard has been withdrawn or archived and the definition has been retained in this vocabulary.

Notes (comments), Examples, and illustrations taken from the source standards have been included to clarify selected definitions.

The following cross-references are used to show a term's relationship to other terms in the dictionary.

- *Syn* refers to a synonym: a term with the same meaning. Synonyms are listed under the preferred term and can be located by searching.
- *cf.* refers to related terms that are not synonyms.

1.3 PMI Glossary provisions

The Project Management Institute (PMI) Glossary definitions have been included without alteration in accordance with the copyright agreement. Many of these definitions include explanatory material. For other terms and other definitions that have ISO/IEC and IEEE standards as their source, explanatory matter is shown in the Notes and Examples.

Many of the definitions from the PMI Glossary begin with a word or phrase in brackets, such as [Process], [Output/Input], [Technique]. These bracketed entries refer to the schema of the Project Management Institute, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®¹) Guide* – Fourth Edition, which provides further explanation.

2 Conformance

The definitions in this International Standard are drawn from normative standards and informative guidance documents, including ISO Technical Reports (TR). This International Standard may be used as a normative document for projects and organizations claiming conformance to the normative source standards. Where terms have multiple definitions, users should consult the source standards for further information on appropriate usage within a specific context. Annex B lists other references.

Terms, definitions, and notes use spelling preferred in the USA. The use of capital letters has been minimized and generally limited to proper names and acronyms. In some cases the source standard uses another correct spelling (such as *behaviour* rather than *behavior*, *on-line* rather than *online*). Other correct spellings and capitalization of the terms, according to a national standard, an authoritative general dictionary or accepted style guide may be used with the definitions.

3 Terms and definitions

- ### 3.1 <Viewpoint> language
1. definitions of concepts and rules for the specification of an ODP system from the <viewpoint> viewpoint. ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996 Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.2.1.1

NOTE Thus, engineering language is defined as "definitions of concepts and rules for the specification of an ODP system from the engineering viewpoint".

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3.2**<X> federation**

1. a community of <x> domains. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.5.1.2*

3.3**<x> interceptor**

1. an engineering object in a channel, placed at a boundary between <x> domains. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.11*

NOTE An <x> interceptor performs checks to enforce or monitor policies on permitted interactions between basic engineering objects in different domains; performs transformations to mask differences in interpretation of data by basic engineering objects in different domains. An inter-subnetwork relay is an example of an interceptor.

3.4**1GL**

1. first-generation language

cf. machine language

3.5**2GL**

1. second-generation language

cf. assembly language

3.6**3GL**

1. third-generation language

cf. high order language

3.7**4GL**

1. fourth-generation language

3.8**5GL**

1. fifth-generation language

3.9**A-0 context diagram**

1. the only context diagram that is a required for a valid IDEF0 model, the A-0 diagram contains one box, which represents the top-level function being modeled, the inputs, controls, outputs, and mechanisms attached to this box, the full model name, the model name abbreviation, the model's purpose statement, and the model's viewpoint statement. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*

3.10**A4, A5**

1. International Standard paper sizes. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.1*

NOTE A4 is 210 mm by 297 mm and A5 is 148 mm by 210 mm; see ISO 216:2007.

3.11**abend**

1. abbreviation for abnormal end

3.12

abnormal end (abend)

1. termination of a process prior to completion

cf. abort, exception

3.13

abort

1. to terminate a process prior to completion

cf. abnormal end (abend), exception

3.14

absolute address

1. an address that is permanently assigned to a device or storage location and that identifies the device or location without the need for translation or calculation. *Syn:* explicit address, specific address

cf. relative address, relocatable address, symbolic address, absolute assembler, absolute code, absolute instruction

3.15

absolute assembler

1. an assembler that produces absolute code

cf. relocating assembler

3.16

absolute code

1. code in which all addresses are absolute addresses. *Syn:* specific code

cf. relocatable code

3.17

absolute instruction

1. a computer instruction in which all addresses are absolute addresses

cf. direct instruction, effective instruction, immediate instruction, indirect instruction

3.18

absolute loader

1. a loader that reads absolute machine code into main memory, beginning at the initial address assigned to the code by the assembler or compiler, and performs no address adjustments on the code

cf. relocating loader

3.19

abstract class

1. a class that cannot be instantiated independently. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.1*

NOTE That is, instantiation must be accomplished via a subclass. A class for which every instance must also be an instance of a subclass in the cluster (a total cluster) is called an abstract class with respect to that cluster.

3.20

abstract data type

1. a data type for which only the properties of the data and the operations to be performed on the data are specified, without concern for how the data will be represented or how the operations will be implemented

3.21**abstract design**

1. a generic form that needs specialization (further design work) to produce concrete designs. 2. design aimed at producing designs

3.22**abstraction**

1. a view of an object that focuses on the information relevant to a particular purpose and ignores the remainder of the information. 2. the process of formulating a view

cf. data abstraction

3.23**acceptability**

1. the exposure to loss (financial or otherwise) that an organization is willing to tolerate from a risk

NOTE Risk acceptability may apply to an individual risk or to a collection of risks, such as the totality of risks confronting a project or enterprise. Acceptability may differ for different categories of risk and may depend on the cost of treatment or other factors.

3.24**acceptable**

1. meeting stakeholder expectations that can be shown to be reasonable or merited. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.3.1*

3.25**acceptance criteria**

1. the criteria that a system or component must satisfy in order to be accepted by a user, customer, or other authorized entity. 2. those criteria, including performance requirements and essential conditions, which must be met before project deliverables are accepted. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. requirement, test criteria

3.26**acceptance test**

1. the test of a system or functional unit usually performed by the purchaser on his premises after installation with the participation of the vendor to ensure that the contractual requirements are met. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.05.07.*

cf. acceptance testing, validation testing

3.27**acceptance testing**

1. testing conducted to determine whether a system satisfies its acceptance criteria and to enable the customer to determine whether to accept the system. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.1. Syn: validation testing, acceptance test.* 2. formal testing conducted to enable a user, customer, or other authorized entity to determine whether to accept a system or component. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.1.*

cf. validation testing, acceptance test

3.28**access**

1. to obtain the use of a resource. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.04*

3.29

access facility

1. a set of service primitives that allow a stub objects to negotiate the abstract and transfer syntax to be used for the operation data to be transmitted over the channel. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.1

3.30

access method

1. a technique to obtain the use of data, the use of storage in order to read or write data, or the use of an input-output channel to transfer data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.08.03

3.31

access routine

1. a routine that provides access to a data structure that is hidden, usually because it is a global variable or used in an abstract data type

3.32

access transparency

1. a distribution transparency which masks differences in data representation and invocation mechanisms to enable interworking between objects. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.4.1.1

3.33

accessibility

1. usability of a product, service, environment or facility by people with the widest range of capabilities. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports*.4.1; *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering--requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.1

NOTE Although "accessibility" typically addresses users who have disabilities, the concept is not limited to disability issues.

3.34

accident

1. an unplanned event or series of events that results in death, injury, illness, environmental damage, or damage to or loss of equipment or property. *IEEE Std 1228-1994 (R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Safety Plans*.3.1.1

3.35

accuracy

1. a qualitative assessment of correctness, or freedom from error. 2. a quantitative measure of the magnitude of error

3.36

accuracy of measurement

1. the closeness of the agreement between the result of a measurement and the true value of the measurand. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods*.3.1

NOTE Accuracy is a qualitative concept. The term precision should not be used for "accuracy". [ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007 International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms] A true value is a value consistent with the definition of a given particular quantity and this is a value that would be obtained by a perfect measurement. In contexts where perfect measurement is not practically feasible, a conventional true value is a value attributed to a particular quantity and accepted, sometimes by convention, as having an uncertainty appropriate for a given purpose. 'Conventional true value', in the same reference, is sometimes called assigned value, best estimate of the value, conventional value or reference value. The accuracy should be expressed in terms of the Mean magnitude of relative error.

3.37**ACID**

1. Atomicity Consistency Isolation Durability. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.38**acquire project team**

1. [Process] the process of confirming human resource availability and obtaining the team necessary to complete project assignments. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.39**acquirer**

1. stakeholder that acquires or procures a product or service from a supplier. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.1.* 2. the individual or organization that specifies requirements for and accepts delivery of a new or modified software product and its documentation. *IEEE Std 1058-1998 IEEE Standard for Software Project Management Plans.3.1; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.1.* Syn: buyer, customer, owner, purchaser

NOTE The acquirer may be internal or external to the supplier organization. Acquisition of a software product may involve, but does not necessarily require, a legal contract or a financial transaction between the acquirer and supplier.

3.40**acquisition**

1. process of obtaining a system, software product or software service. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008) Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.2.* 2. process of obtaining a system product or service. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.2.* Syn: outsourcing

3.41**acquisition strategy**

1. specific approach to acquiring products and services that is based on considerations of supply sources, acquisition methods, requirements specification types, contract or agreement types, and related acquisition risks

3.42**action**

1. element of a step that a user performs during a procedure. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering--requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.2.* 2. a description of an operation to be taken in the formulation of a solution. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.7*

3.43**action entry**

1. an indication of the relevance of an action to a particular rule. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.9*

3.44**action of interest**

1. an action in a transaction which leads to a state change of significance to the transaction. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996 Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.13.7.1.2*

3.45**action stub**

1. a list of all the actions to be taken in the solution of a problem. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.11*

3.46
activation

1. one occurrence of a function's transformation of some subset of its inputs into some subset of its outputs. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.3*

3.47
activation constraint

1. a function's requirement for the presence of a non-empty object set in a particular arrow role as a precondition for some activation of the function. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.4*

3.48
active area

1. (on-screen documentation) area that responds to user input.4.3

EXAMPLE a window, icon or text field

3.49
active interconnection

1. a physical interaction mechanism allowing the action of one thing to cause a change or to stimulate an action in another thing. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections.3.1*

3.50
active redundancy

1. in fault tolerance, the use of redundant elements operating simultaneously to prevent, or permit recovery from, failures

cf. standby redundancy

3.51
active text

1. text displayed on the screen that responds to user input

3.52
active white space

1. area around textual or graphical elements, not including margins, which breaks up text, separates topic and subtopic groupings, indicates hierarchical and topical relationships, highlights information or makes text easier to read. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.54*

3.53
activity

1. set of cohesive tasks of a process. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.3; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.3.* 2. a component of work performed during the course of a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 3. an order submitted to the system under test (SUT) by a user or an emulated user demanding the execution of a data processing operation according to a defined algorithm to produce specific output data from specific input data and (if requested) stored data. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.1.* 4. a defined body of work to be performed, including its required input information and output information. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E.* 5. collection of related tasks. *ISO/IEC 90003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software.3.1.* 6. element of work performed during the implementation of a process. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.2*

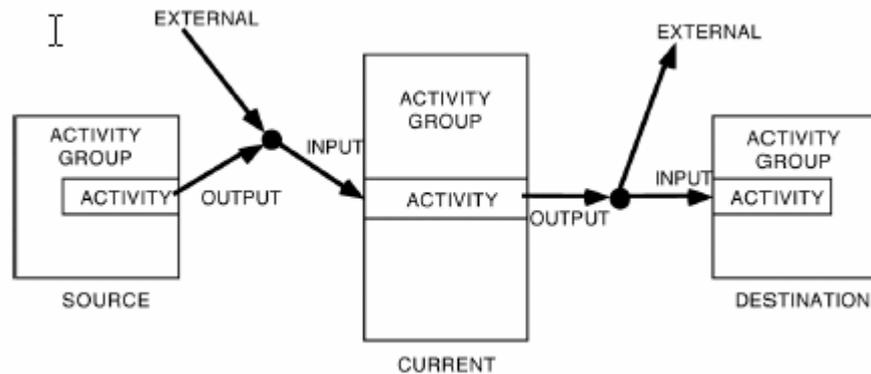


Figure 1 —Activity

NOTE An activity normally has an expected duration, cost, and resource requirements. Activities are often subdivided into tasks.

3.54 activity attributes

1. [Output/Input] multiple attributes associated with each schedule activity that can be included within the activity list. Activity attributes include activity codes, predecessor activities, successor activities, logical relationships, leads and lags, resource requirements, imposed dates, constraints, and assumptions. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.55 activity code

1. one or more numerical or text values that identify characteristics of the work or in some way categorize the schedule activity that allows filtering and ordering of activities within reports. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.56 activity duration

1. the time in calendar units between the start and finish of a schedule activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.57 activity group

1. a set of related activities. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E*

3.58 activity identifier

1. a short unique numeric or text identification assigned to each schedule activity to differentiate that project activity from other activities. Typically unique within any one project schedule network diagram. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.59 activity list

1. [Output/Input] a documented tabulation of schedule activities that shows the activity description, activity identifier, and a sufficiently detailed scope of work description so project team members understand what work is to be performed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.60 activity type

1. a classification of activities defined by the execution of the same algorithm. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.2*

3.61

actor

1. a role (with respect to that action) in which the enterprise object fulfilling the role participates in the action. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.3.1. 2. organization or CASE tool that supplies and/or acquires SEE Services. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services*.2.2.4. 3. in UML, someone or something outside the system that interacts with the system

NOTE It may be of interest to specify which actor initiates that action.

3.62

actual cost (AC)

1. total costs actually incurred and recorded in accomplishing work performed during a given time period for a schedule activity or work breakdown structure component. Actual cost can sometimes be direct labor hours alone, direct costs alone, or all costs including indirect costs. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: actual cost of work performed (ACWP)

cf. earned value management, earned value technique

3.63

actual duration

1. the time in calendar units between the actual start date of the schedule activity and either the data date of the project schedule if the schedule activity is in progress or the actual finish date if the schedule activity is complete. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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ACWP

1. actual cost of work performed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.65

adaptation data

1. data used to adapt a program to a given installation site or to given conditions in its operational environment

3.66

adaptation parameter

1. a variable that is given a specific value to adapt a program to a given installation site or to given conditions in its operational environment

EXAMPLE the variable `Installation_Site_Latitude`

3.67

adapter

1. an object adapter. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.1

3.68

adaptive maintenance

1. modification of a software product, performed after delivery, to keep a software product usable in a changed or changing environment. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance*.3.1

EXAMPLE The operating system might be upgraded and some changes may be made to accommodate the new operating system.

NOTE Adaptive maintenance provides enhancements necessary to accommodate changes in the environment in which a software product must operate. These changes are those that must be made to keep pace with the changing environment.

3.69**added source statements**

1. the count of source statements that were created specifically for the software product

3.70**address**

1. a number, character, or group of characters that identifies a given device or storage location. 2. to refer to a device or storage location by an identifying number, character, or group of characters. 3. to deal with, to take into consideration; (specifically) to decide whether and when a defined documentation topic is to be included, either directly or by reference to another document; to decide whether an item is to be recorded prior to the test execution (in a tool or not in a tool), recorded during the test execution, recorded post-test execution, not recorded (addressed by the process), or excluded. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.3

3.71**address field**

1. a field of a computer instruction that contains addresses, information necessary to derive addresses, or values of operands. *Syn*: address part

cf. operation field

3.72**address format**

1. the number and arrangement of address fields in a computer instruction. 2. the number and arrangement of elements within an address, such as the elements needed to identify a particular channel, device, disk sector, and record in magnetic disk storage

cf. n-address instruction, n-plus-one address instruction

3.73**address modification**

1. an arithmetic, logical, or syntactic operation performed on an address

cf. effective address, indexed address, relative address, relocatable address

3.74**address space**

1. the addresses that a computer program can access. 2. the number of memory locations that a central processing unit can address

NOTE In some systems, this may be the set of physical storage locations that a program can access, disjoint from other programs, together with the set of virtual addresses referring to those storage locations, which may be accessible by other programs.

3.75**addressing exception**

1. an exception that occurs when a program calculates an address outside the bounds of the storage available to it

cf. data exception, operation exception, overflow exception, protection exception, underflow exception

3.76**adjusted function point count (AFP)**

1. the unadjusted function point count multiplied by the value adjustment factor. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003; Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE calculated using a specific formula for development project, enhancement project, and application; commonly called the function point count

3.77

adjusted size

1. a size based on the functional size multiplied by the technical complexity adjustment. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002; Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10

NOTE This measure does not represent functional size.

3.78

Administer Procurements

1. [Process] the process of managing procurement relationships, monitoring contract performance, and making changes and corrections as needed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.79

adoption process

1. set of activities by which an organization brings CASE tools into widespread use. *ISO/IEC TR 14471:2007, Information technology — Software engineering — Guidelines for the adoption of CASE tools*.2.1.2

3.80

ADT

1. Abstract Data Type. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.81

AE(I)

1. Application Entity (Invocation). *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.82

afferent

1. pertaining to a flow of data or control from a subordinate module to a superordinate module in a software system

cf. efferent

3.83

agent

1. an enterprise object that has been delegated (authority, responsibility, a function, etc) by and acts for another enterprise object (in exercising the authority, carrying out the responsibility, performing the function, etc). *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.5.7

NOTE An agent may be a party or may be the ODP system or one of its components. Another system in the environment of the ODP system may also be an agent. The delegation may have been direct, by a party, or indirect, by an agent of the party having authorization from the party to so delegate.

3.84

aggregate responsibility

1. a broadly stated responsibility that is eventually refined as specific properties and constraints. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.3

3.85

agreement

1. mutual acknowledgement of terms and conditions under which a working relationship is conducted. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.4; *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.4

cf. contract

3.86**algebraic language**

1. a programming language that permits the construction of statements resembling algebraic expressions, such as $Y = X + 5$

cf. algorithmic language, list processing language, logic programming language

EXAMPLE FORTRAN

3.87**algorithm**

1. a finite set of well-defined rules for the solution of a problem in a finite number of steps. 2. a sequence of operations for performing a specific task. 3. a finite ordered set of well-defined rules for the solution of a problem. ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, *Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.05.05

EXAMPLE a complete specification of a sequence of arithmetic operations for evaluating $\sin x$ to a given precision

3.88**algorithmic language**

1. a programming language designed for expressing algorithms

cf. algebraic language, list processing language, logic programming language

EXAMPLE ALGOL

3.89**alias**

1. an alternate name for an IDEF1X model construct (class, responsibility, entity, or domain). IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) *IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.4

3.90**allocated baseline**

1. in configuration management, the initial approved specifications governing the development of configuration items that are part of a higher-level configuration item

cf. developmental configuration, functional baseline, product baseline, allocated configuration identification

3.91**allocated configuration identification**

1. in configuration management, the current approved specifications governing the development of configuration items that are part of a higher-level configuration item

cf. functional configuration identification, product configuration identification, allocated baseline

NOTE Each specification defines the functional characteristics that are allocated from those of the higher-level configuration item, establishes the tests required to demonstrate achievement of its allocated functional characteristics, delineates necessary interface requirements with other associated configuration items, and establishes design constraints, if any.

3.92**allocated requirement**

1. requirement that levies all or part of the performance and functionality of a higher level requirement on a lower level architectural element or design component

3.93

allocation

1. the process of distributing requirements, resources, or other entities among the components of a system or program. 2. the result of the distribution of requirements, resources, or other entities among the components of a system or program. 3. the decision to assign a function or decision to hardware, software, or humans. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.3*

NOTE Allocation may be made entirely to hardware, software, or humans, or to some combination to be resolved upon further functional decomposition.

3.94

alpha testing

1. first stage of testing before a product is considered ready for commercial or operational use

cf. beta testing

NOTE often performed only by users within the organization developing the software

3.95

alphanumeric

1. pertaining to data that consists of letters, digits, and usually other characters, such as punctuation marks, as well as to processes and functional units that use the data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.05*

3.96

ALS

1. Application Layer Structure. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.97

alternate flow

1. the part of a use case that describes its alternative implementations. *Syn: alternate path*

NOTE It is also used to describe error conditions, since errors can be considered a kind of alternative.

3.98

alternate key

1. a candidate key of an entity other than the primary key. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.5*

NOTE [key style]

3.99

analog

1. pertaining to continuously variable physical quantities or to data presented in a continuous form, as well as to processes and functional units that use the data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.06*

3.100

analog computer

1. a computer whose operations are analogous to the behavior of another system and that accepts, processes, and produces analog data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.05*

EXAMPLE an abacus

3.101**analogous estimating**

1. [Technique] an estimating technique that uses the values of parameters, such as scope, cost, budget, and duration or measures of scale such as size, weight, and complexity from a previous, similar activity as the basis for estimating the same parameter or measure for a future activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.102**analysis**

1. the process of studying a system by partitioning the system into parts (functions, components, or objects) and determining how the parts relate to each other. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.1. 2. investigation and collection phase of user documentation development that aims to specify types of users and their information needs.4.4

3.103**analysis model**

1. algorithm or calculation combining one or more base and/or derived measures with associated decision criteria. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.2

3.104**analyst**

1. a member of the technical community (such as a systems engineer or business analyst, developing the system requirements) who is skilled and trained to define problems and to analyze, develop, and express algorithms. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.1

3.105**ancestor (of a class)**

1. a generic ancestor of the class or a parent of the class or an ancestor of a parent of the class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.6

cf. generic ancestor, reflexive ancestor

3.106**ancestral box**

1. a box related to a specific diagram by a hierarchically consecutive sequence of one or more parent/child relationships. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.6

3.107**ancestral diagram**

1. a diagram that contains an ancestral box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.7

3.108**annotate**

1. a command used for listing the latest version of each program's source code line, along with the date, the file version it was introduced, and the person who committed it

3.109**annotation**

1. further documentation accompanying a requirement such as background information and/or descriptive material. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.2

3.110

announcement

1. an interaction - the invocation - initiated by a client object resulting in the conveyance of information from that client object to a server object, requesting a function to be performed by that server object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.3*

3.111

anomaly

1. condition that deviates from expectations, based on requirements specifications, design documents, user documents, or standards, or from someone's perceptions or experiences. *IEEE Std 1028-2008 IEEE Standard for Software Reviews and Audits.3.1*. 2. anything observed in the documentation or operation of software or system that deviates from expectations based on previously verified software products, reference documents, or other sources of indicative behavior. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.4*

3.112

ANSI

1. American National Standards Institute. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.2*

3.113

anticipatory buffering

1. a buffering technique in which data are stored in a buffer in anticipation of a need for the data

cf. dynamic buffering, simple buffering

3.114

anticipatory paging

1. a storage allocation technique in which pages are transferred from auxiliary storage to main storage in anticipation of a need for those pages

cf. demand paging

3.115

AP(I)

1. Application Process (Invocation). *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.116

aperiodic task

1. a task activated on demand. *Syn: asynchronous task*

3.117

API

1. Application Program Interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.118

applicability to a functional domain

1. the ability of an FSM method to take into account the characteristics of functional user requirements (FUR) which are pertinent to FSM in a functional domain. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods.3.2*

3.119**application**

1. a system for collecting, saving, processing, and presenting data by means of a computer. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* **2.** a coherent collection of automated procedures and data supporting a business objective. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10.* **3.** a cohesive collection of automated procedures and data supporting a business objective. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.* Syn: application system, information system

cf. system

NOTE It consists of one or more components, modules, or subsystems. Frequently a synonym for "system", the word "application" is preferred to express more precisely the nature of the subject matter of functional size measurement.

3.120**application administration function**

1. functions performed by users which include installation, configuration, application backup, maintenance (patching and upgrading) and de-installation. *ISO/IEC 25051:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Requirements for quality of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software product and instructions for testing.4.1*

3.121**application area**

1. a general term for a grouping of applications that handle a specific business area. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* **2.** a category of projects that have common components significant in such projects, but are not needed or present in all projects. Application areas are usually defined in terms of either the product (i.e., by similar technologies or production methods) or the type of customer (i.e., internal versus external, government versus commercial) or industry sector (i.e., utilities, automotive, aerospace, information technologies, etc.) Application areas can overlap. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

NOTE It corresponds to an administrative level for management purposes.

3.122**application area level**

1. the management level responsible for managing maintenance activities as well as new development or major enhancement projects for one or more applications. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.123**application boundary**

1. the border between the application and its environment of other applications and users. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* **2.** the border between the software being measured and the user. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.124**application engineering**

1. the process of constructing or refining application systems by reusing assets. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.1*

3.125**application frameworks**

1. a subsystem design made up of a collection of abstract and concrete classes and interfaces between them

NOTE Frameworks are often instantiation of a number of patterns.

3.126

application function point count

1. a count that provides a measure of the functionality the application provides to the end-user. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10. 2. the size of an application expressed in function points. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 3. a count that provides a measure of the current functionality the application provides to the user. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE i.e., the functionality already provided to the user or that is still to be provided. With it, the effort required to support the realized application can also be determined.

3.127

application generator

1. a code generator that produces programs to solve one or more problems in a particular application area

EXAMPLE a payroll generator

3.128

application manager

1. a person responsible for managing projects and support activities for one or more application areas. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.129

application problem

1. a problem submitted by an end user and requiring information processing for its solution. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990 Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.01.13

3.130

application software

1. software designed to help users perform particular tasks or handle particular types of problems, as distinct from software that controls the computer itself.4.5 2. software or a program that is specific to the solution of an application problem. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993 Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.04.01. 3. software designed to fulfill specific needs of a user

3.131

application-oriented language

1. a computer language with facilities or notations applicable primarily to a single application area

cf. authoring language, query language, specification language

EXAMPLE a language for computer-assisted instruction or hardware design

3.132

apportioned effort

1. effort applied to project work in proportion to measurable discrete work efforts, but which is not readily divisible into discrete efforts

cf. discrete effort

3.133

appraisal findings

1. results of an appraisal that identify the most important issues, problems, or opportunities for process improvement within the appraisal scope

NOTE Appraisal findings are inferences drawn from corroborated objective evidence.

3.134**appraisal participants**

1. members of the organizational unit who participate in providing information during an appraisal

3.135**appraisal team leader**

1. person who leads the activities of an appraisal and has satisfied qualification criteria for experience, knowledge, and skills defined by the appraisal method

3.136**approval**

1. written notification, by an authorized representative, that an information item appears to satisfy requirements, is complete. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products (Documentation) 5.1*

NOTE Such approval does not shift responsibility from the supplier to meet requirements under a two-party situation.

3.137**approved change request**

1. [Output/Input] a change request that has been processed through the integrated change control process and approved. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.138**approved modification**

1. the disposition of one or more proposed changes authorizing change to any SCIs. *ISO/IEC TR 15846:1998, Information technology — Software life cycle processes — Configuration Management.4.1*

NOTE There may be a many-to-many relationship of "proposed change" to "approved modification". A proposed change may cause modifications in several SCIs (even if only to the code and its test case). A modification may originate from several proposed changes, approved simultaneously or over a period of time while the modification is still in progress.

3.139**A-profile**

1. Application profile. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.140**arc**

1. a directed edge of a net which may connect a place to a transition or a transition to a place, normally represented by an arrow. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.1*

3.141**arc annotation**

1. an expression that may involve constants, variables and operators used to annotate an arc of a net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.1.3.* The expression must evaluate to a multiset over the type of the arc's associated place

3.142**architect**

1. the person, team, or organization responsible for systems architecture. *IEEE Std 1471-2000 IEEE Recommended Practice for Architectural Description of Software-Intensive Systems.3.2*

3.143**architecting**

1. the activities of defining, documenting, maintaining, improving, and certifying proper implementation of an architecture. *IEEE Std 1471-2000 IEEE Recommended Practice for Architectural Description of Software-Intensive Systems.3.3*

3.144

architectural description (AD)

1. a collection of products to document an architecture. *IEEE Std 1471-2000 IEEE Recommended Practice for Architectural Description of Software-Intensive Systems*.3.4

3.145

architectural design

1. the process of defining a collection of hardware and software components and their interfaces to establish the framework for the development of a computer system 2. the result of defining a collection of hardware and software components and their interfaces to establish the framework for the development of a computer system

cf. functional design

3.146

architectural design phase

1. the life-cycle phase in which a system's general architecture is developed, thereby fulfilling the requirements laid down by the software requirements document and detailing the implementation plan in response to it

3.147

architectural design review

1. a joint acquirer-supplier review to evaluate the technical adequacies of the software architectural design as depicted in the software design descriptions

3.148

architectural structure

1. a physical or logical layout of the components of a system design and their internal and external connections

EXAMPLE function-oriented (structured) design, object-oriented design, and data structure-oriented design

3.149

architectural style

1. definition of a family of systems in terms of a pattern of structural organization. 2. characterization of a family of systems that are related by sharing structural and semantic properties

EXAMPLE pipes and filters, layers, rule-based systems, and blackboards

3.150

architecture

1. fundamental organization of a system embodied in its components, their relationships to each other, and to the environment, and the principles guiding its design and evolution. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.5. 2. the organizational structure of a system or component. 3. the organizational structure of a system and its implementation guidelines. *Syn:* architectural structure

cf. component, module, subprogram, routine

NOTE sometimes refers to the design of a system's hardware and software components

3.151

archival pages

1. on-line data that is 1) not expected to change, and 2) no longer maintained. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle*.3.1.1

NOTE This data also may not be readily renderable by future tools.

3.152**argument**

1. an independent variable. 2. a specific value of an independent variable. 3. a constant, variable, or expression used in a call to a software module to specify data or program elements to be passed to that module

EXAMPLE the variable m in the equation $E = mc^2$

3.153**argument sort**

1. the sort of an argument of an operator. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.23.1. Syn: input sort*

3.154**arity**

1. the number of roles that participate in a relationship. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2.* 2. the input sorts and output sort for an operator. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004 Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.2*

NOTE A binary relationship has an arity of two. An n-ary relationship has an arity of n. (n>2) sometimes known as the "degree" of a relationship.

3.155**array**

1. an n-dimensional ordered set of data items identified by a single name and one or more indices, so that each element of the set is individually addressable

EXAMPLE a matrix, table, or vector

3.156**arrow**

1. a directed line, composed of one or more connected arrow segments in a single diagram from a single source (box or diagram boundary) to a single use (box or diagram boundary). *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.8.* 2. graphic presentation of a logical relationship between schedule activities in the precedence diagramming method

cf. arrow segment, boundary arrow, internal arrow

3.157**arrow label**

1. a noun or noun phrase associated with an arrow segment to signify the arrow meaning of the arrow segment. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.9*

NOTE Specifically, an arrow label identifies the object type set that is represented by an arrow segment.

3.158**arrow meaning**

1. the object types of an object type set, regardless of how these object types may be collected, aggregated, grouped, bundled, or otherwise joined within the object type set. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.10*

EXAMPLE a physical thing, a data element

3.159**arrow role**

1. the relationship between an object type set represented by an arrow segment and the activity represented by the box to which the arrow segment is attached. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.12*

NOTE There are four arrow roles: input, control, output, and mechanism.

3.160

arrow segment

1. a directed line that originates at a box side, arrow junction (branch or join), or diagram boundary and terminates at the next box side, arrow junction (branch or join), or diagram boundary that occurs in the path of the line. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.13*

3.161

artificial intelligence (AI)

1. the branch of computer science devoted to developing data processing systems that perform functions normally associated with human intelligence, such as reasoning, learning, and self-improvement. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.12*

3.162

artificial language

1. a language whose rules are explicitly established prior to its use. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.09. Syn: formal language*

3.163

ask

1. the combination of a specific activity; a demanded execution time, defined by a specific timeliness function; a specific task mode. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.19*

3.164

ASO

1. Application Service Object. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.165

assemble

1. to translate a computer program expressed in an assembly language into its machine language equivalent.
2. the process of constructing from parts one or more identified pieces of software. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.2*

cf. compile, disassemble, interpret

3.166

assemble-and-go

1. an operating technique in which there are no stops between the assembling, linking, loading, and execution of a computer program

3.167

assembled origin

1. the address of the initial storage location assigned to a computer program by an assembler, a compiler, or a linkage editor

cf. loaded origin, offset (1), starting address

3.168

assembler

1. a computer program that translates programs expressed in assembly language into their machine language equivalents

cf. absolute assembler, compiler, cross-assembler, interpreter, relocating assembler

3.169**assembly code**

1. computer instructions and data definitions expressed in a form that can be recognized and processed by an assembler. *Syn:* assembler code

cf. compiler code, interpretive code, machine code

3.170**assembly language**

1. a programming language that corresponds closely to the instruction set of a given computer, allows symbolic naming of operations and addresses, and usually results in a one-to-one translation of program instructions into machine instructions. *Syn:* assembler language, low-level language, second-generation language

cf. fifth-generation language, fourth-generation language, high order language, machine language

3.171**assertion**

1. a logical expression specifying a program state that must exist or a set of conditions that program variables must satisfy at a particular point during program execution. 2. a function or macro that complains loudly if a design assumption on which the code is based is not true

cf. invariant, proof of correctness

NOTE Types include input assertion, loop assertion, output assertion.

3.172**assessed capability**

1. the output of one or more relevant process assessments conducted in accordance with the provisions of ISO/IEC 15504. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.2*

3.173**assessment**

1. an action of applying specific documented criteria to a specific software module, package or product for the purpose of determining acceptance or release of the software module, package or product. *ISO/IEC 14102:2008, Information technology — Guideline for the evaluation and selection of CASE tools.3.1*

3.174**assessment constraints**

1. restrictions placed on the use of the assessment outputs and on the assessment team's freedom of choice regarding the conduct of the assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.3*

3.175**assessment indicator**

1. sources of objective evidence used to support the assessors' judgment in rating process attributes. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.4*

EXAMPLE work products, practice, or resource

3.176**assessment input**

1. information required before a process assessment can commence. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.5*

3.177

assessment instrument

1. a tool or set of tools that is used throughout an assessment to assist the assessor in evaluating the performance or capability of processes, in handling assessment data and in recording the assessment results. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.6*

3.178

assessment output

1. the tangible results from an assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.7*

cf. assessment record

3.179

assessment participant

1. an individual who has responsibilities within the scope of the assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.8*

EXAMPLE the assessment sponsor, assessors, and organizational unit members

3.180

assessment process

1. a determination of the extent to which the organization's standard processes contribute to the achievement of its business goals and to help the organization focus on the need for continuous process improvement [. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.9*

3.181

assessment purpose

1. a statement, provided as part of the assessment input, which defines the reasons for performing the assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.10*

3.182

assessment record

1. an orderly, documented collection of information which is pertinent to the assessment and adds to the understanding and verification of the process profiles generated by the assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.11*

3.183

assessment scope

1. a definition of the boundaries of the assessment, provided as part of the assessment input, encompassing the organizational limits of the assessment, the processes to be included, and the context within which the processes operate. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.12*

cf. process context

3.184

assessment sponsor

1. the individual or entity, internal or external to the organizational unit being assessed, who requires the assessment to be performed, and provides financial or other resources to carry it out. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.13*

3.185

assessment team

1. one or more individuals who jointly perform a process assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.14*

3.186**assessor**

1. an individual who participates in the rating of process attributes. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.15

NOTE An assessor is either a competent assessor or a provisional assessor.

3.187**asset**

1. an item that has been designed for use in multiple contexts. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation*.3.1.3. 2. an advantage or resource. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 3. a capital asset of the enterprise. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.188**assignment**

1. for a set of variables, the association of a value (of correct type) to each variable. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.3. Syn: binding

3.189**assignment statement**

1. a computer program statement that assigns a value to a variable

cf. control statement, declaration, clear, initialize, reset

EXAMPLE $Y = X - 5$

3.190**assist**

1. tester intervention in the form of direct procedural help provided by the test administrator to the test participants in order to allow the test to continue when the participants could not complete the tasks on their own. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports*.4.12

3.191**assistive technologies**

1. hardware or software that is added to or incorporated within a system that increases accessibility for an individual EXAMPLES Braille displays, screen readers, screen magnification software and eye tracking devices are assistive technologies. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports*.4.11

3.192**association**

1. in UML, a relationship between an actor and a use case that indicates that the actor interacts with the system by means of the use case 2. a relationship (binding) between protocol objects (or between a protocol object and an interceptor) that is established independently of the protocol exchanges that support a particular computational interaction. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000 Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.2

3.193**association management facility**

1. a set of service primitives which support the management of an association between protocol objects. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.3

3.194

associative class

1. a class introduced to resolve a many-to-many relationship. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.7

3.195

associative entity

1. an entity used to represent a relationship between other entities An associative entity is used when a relationship does not otherwise provide sufficient mechanisms. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.196

associative entity type

1. an entity type that contains attributes which further describe a many-to-many relationship between two other entity types. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. entity type

3.197

associative literal

1. a literal that denotes an instance in terms of its value. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.8

NOTE The form of expression used to state an associative literal is `className` with `propertyName: propertyValue`.

3.198

assumptions

1. factors that, for planning purposes, are considered to be true, real, or certain without proof or demonstration. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.199

assumptions analysis

1. [Technique] a technique that explores the accuracy of assumptions and identifies risks to the project from inaccuracy, inconsistency, or incompleteness of assumptions. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.200

asynchronous

1. pertaining to two or more processes that do not depend upon the occurrence of specific events such as common timing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.29

3.201

asynchronous I/O device

1. an I/O device that generates an interrupt after producing some input or generating some output

3.202

asynchronous I/O device interface task

1. a task that interfaces to an I/O device and is activated by interrupts from that device

3.203

asynchronous message communication

1. communication in which a producer task sends a message to a consumer task and does not wait for a response. *Syn*: loosely coupled message communication

NOTE A message queue could build up between the tasks.

3.204**atomic type**

1. a data type, each of whose members consists of a single, nondecomposable data item. *Syn:* primitive type

cf. composite type

3.205**attribute**

1. a property associated with a set of real or abstract things that is some characteristic of interest. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.9. 2. inherent property or characteristic of an entity that can be distinguished quantitatively or qualitatively by human or automated means. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering--Measurement process*.3.2; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.3. 3. a measurable physical or abstract property of an entity. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.1. 4. an identifiable association between an object and a value. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.2. 5. a function from the instances of a class to the instances of the value class of the attribute. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.9. 6. a unique item of information about an entity. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10. 7. a single-valued characteristic of an entity or relationship. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

EXAMPLE people, objects, places, events, ideas, combinations of things

NOTE can refer either to general characteristics such as reliability, maintainability, and usability or to specific features of a software product. ISO 9000 distinguishes two types of attributes: a permanent characteristic existing inherently in something; and an assigned characteristic of a product, process or system (e.g. the price of a product, the owner of a product). The assigned characteristic is not an inherent quality characteristic of that product, process or system. An attribute expresses some characteristic that is generally common to the instances of a class. The name of the attribute is the name of the role that the value class plays in describing the class, which may simply be the name of the value class (as long as using the value class name does not cause ambiguity).

3.206**attribute for quality measure**

1. attribute that relates to software product itself, to the use of the software product or to its development process. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.4

NOTE Attributes for quality measure are used in order to obtain quality measure elements.

3.207**attribute indicator**

1. an assessment indicator that supports the judgment of the extent of achievement of a specific process attribute. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.16

3.208**attribute name**

1. a role name for the value class of the attribute. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.10

3.209**attributed relationship**

1. a relationship that has attributes. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.210

attributive entity type

1. an entity type that further describes one or more attributes of another entity type. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. entity

3.211

audience

1. category of users sharing the same or similar characteristics and needs (for example, reason for using the documentation, tasks, education level, abilities, training, experience). *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.6*

NOTE There may be different audiences for documentation (for example, management, data entry, maintenance) that determine the content, structure, and use of the intended documentation.

3.212

audience research

1. planned process of interview, and of the analysis of interview records and personnel records. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.4*

NOTE The purpose of audience research is to determine the abilities, training, experience, limitations, prejudices and preferences of the intended readers of a document.

3.213

audit

1. independent assessment of products and processes, conducted by an authorized person to assess compliance with requirements. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.5*. 2. an independent examination of a software product, software process, or set of software processes to assess compliance with specifications, standards, contractual agreements, or other criteria. *IEEE Std 1028-2008 IEEE Standard for Software Reviews and Audits.3.2*. 3. an independent examination of a work product or set of work products to assess compliance with specifications, standards, contractual agreements, or other criteria 4. systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining audit evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which audit criteria are fulfilled. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.6*

NOTE An audit should result in a clear indication of whether the audit criteria have been met.

3.214

authoring language

1. a high-level programming language used to develop courseware for computer-assisted instruction

cf. authoring system

3.215

authoring system

1. a programming system that incorporates an authoring language

3.216

authority

1. the right to apply project resources, expend funds, make decisions, or give approvals. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.217

authorization

1. a prescription that a particular behavior shall not be prevented. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.4.2*

NOTE Unlike a permission, an authorization is an empowerment.

3.218**automate**

1. to make a process or equipment automatic. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.13*

3.219**automated or assisted software process**

1. software process that is performed either fully or partially supported by CASE tools. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services.2.2.3*

3.220**automated verification system**

1. a software tool that accepts as input a computer program and a representation of its specification and produces, possibly with human help, a proof or disproof of the correctness of the program. 2. a software tool that automates part or all of the verification process

3.221**automatic**

1. pertaining to a process or equipment that, under specified conditions, functions without human intervention. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.12*

3.222**automation**

1. the conversion of processes or equipment to automatic operation, or the results of the conversion. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.14*

3.223**availability**

1. the degree to which a system or component is operational and accessible when required for use. 2. ability of a component or service to perform its required function at a stated instant or over a stated period of time. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.1*

cf. error tolerance, fault tolerance, robustness

NOTE Often expressed as a probability. Availability is usually expressed as a ratio of the time that the service is actually available for use by the business to the agreed service hours.

3.224**B5**

1. International Standard paper size, 176 mm by 250 mm. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.5*

NOTE See ISO 216:2007.

3.225**BAC**

1. budget at completion. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.226**back matter**

1. material that appears at the end of a book or manual, such as an index. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.6*

3.227**background**

1. in job scheduling, the computing environment in which low-priority processes or those not requiring user interaction are executed

cf. foreground. background processing

3.228

background processing

1. the execution of a low-priority process while higher priority processes are not using computer resources, or the execution of processes that do not require user interaction

cf. foreground processing

3.229

backout

1. to undo the effects of a commit

NOTE Often by introducing a new commit that restores things to their previous state.

3.230

back-to-back testing

1. testing in which two or more variants of a program are executed with the same inputs, the outputs are compared, and errors are analyzed in case of discrepancies

cf. mutation testing

3.231

backup

1. a system, component, file, procedure, or person available to replace or help restore a primary item in the event of a failure or externally caused disaster 2. to create or designate a system, component, file, procedure, or person as a replacement. Syn: back-up

3.232

backup programmer

1. the assistant leader of a chief programmer team

cf. chief programmer

NOTE Responsibilities include contributing significant portions of the software being developed by the team, aiding the chief programmer in reviewing the work of other team members, substituting for the chief programmer when necessary, and having an overall technical understanding of the software being developed.

3.233

backward pass

1. the calculation of late finish dates and late start dates for the uncompleted portions of all schedule activities. Determined by working backwards through the schedule network logic from the project's end date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. schedule network analysis

3.234

backward recovery

1. the reconstruction of a file to a given state by reversing all changes made to the file since it was in that state.
2. a type of recovery in which a system, program, database, or other system resource is restored to a previous state in which it can perform required functions

cf. forward recovery

3.235

bag

1. a collection class whose members are unordered but in which duplicates are meaningful. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.11*

cf. list, set

3.236**base address**

1. an address used as a reference point to which a relative address is added to determine the address of the storage location to be accessed

cf. indexed address, relative address, self-relative address

3.237**base functional component (BFC)**

1. an elementary unit of functional user requirements defined by and used by an FSM method for measurement purposes. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts*.3.1. *Syn:* functional service

EXAMPLE a functional user requirement could be "Maintain Customers" which may consist of the following BFCs: "Add a new customer", "Report Customer Purchases", and "Change Customer Details". Another example might include a collection of logically related business data maintained by the software under study such as "Customer Details"

3.238**base measure**

1. measure defined in terms of an attribute and the method for quantifying it. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.3; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.5

NOTE A base measure is functionally independent of other measures.

3.239**base practice**

1. an activity that, when consistently performed, contributes to achieving a specific process purpose. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004 Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.17

3.240**baseline**

1. specification or product that has been formally reviewed and agreed upon, that thereafter serves as the basis for further development, and that can be changed only through formal change control procedures. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.6, *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.7. 2. formally approved version of a configuration item, regardless of media, formally designated and fixed at a specific time during the configuration item's life cycle. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes*.3.1. 3. agreement or result designated and fixed at a given time, from which changes require justification and approval. 4. document or a set of such documents formally designated and fixed at a specific time during the life cycle of a configuration item 5. work product that has been placed under formal configuration management. 6. snapshot of the state of a service or individual configuration items at a point in time. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification*.2.2. 7. description of a system and its components (configuration items) at a particular period including any approved updates. 8. an approved plan (for a project), plus or minus approved changes. It is compared to actual performance to determine if performance is within acceptable variance thresholds. Generally refers to the current baseline, but may refer to the original or some other baseline. Usually used with a modifier (e.g., cost performance baseline, schedule baseline, performance measurement baseline, technical baseline). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

NOTE A baseline should be changed only through formal configuration management procedures. Some baselines may be project deliverables while others provide the basis for further work. Baselines, plus approved changes from those baselines, constitute the current configuration identification.

3.241**baseline design**

1. a system design that has been agreed on by all stakeholders interested in the system development

3.242

baseline document

1. a system/software document that defines a work product that has been placed under configuration management

EXAMPLE system specifications, requirements specifications, and design specifications

3.243

baseline function point count

1. application function point count taken of the functionality at a point in time, from which changes can be measured. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

3.244

baseline management

1. in configuration management, the application of technical and administrative direction to designate the documents and changes to those documents that formally identify and establish baselines at specific times during the life cycle of a configuration item

3.245

basic engineering object

1. an engineering object that requires the support of a distributed infrastructure. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model. Architecture.8.1.1*

3.246

basic flow

1. the part of a use case that describes its most common implementation. *Syn: basic path, happy day scenario*

NOTE The basic flow is written assuming that no errors or alternatives exist.

3.247

basic interworking facility

1. a set of service primitives which have a direct correspondence with computational signals which model computational operations. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.3.3.4*

3.248

basic symbol

1. symbol used when the precise nature or form of, for example, the process or data media is not known or when it is not necessary to depict the actual medium. *ISO 5807:1985, Information processing — Documentation symbols and conventions for data, program and system flowcharts, program network charts and system resources charts.3.1*

3.249

basis set

1. the set of objects used to create a multiset. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.4*

3.250

batch

1. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which inputs are collected and processed all at one time, rather than being processed as they arrive, and a job, once started, proceeds to completion without additional input or user interaction

cf. conversational, interactive, online, real time

3.251**bathtub curve**

1. a graph of the number of failures in a system or component as a function of time

NOTE The name is derived from the usual shape of the graph: a period of decreasing failures (the early-failure period), followed by a relatively steady period (the constant-failure period), followed by a period of increasing failures (the wearout-failure period).

3.252**BCWP**

1. budgeted cost of work performed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.253**BCWS**

1. budgeted cost of work scheduled. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.254**behavior**

1. observable activity of a system, measurable in terms of quantifiable effects on the environment whether arising from internal or external stimulus. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description*.3.1. 2. the peculiar reaction of a thing under given circumstances. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description*.3.1. 3. the aspect of an instance's specification that is determined by the state-changing operations it can perform. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.12

3.255**behavior specification**

1. a structured collection of data that describes the potential variety of behavior possible from a system. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections — Classification and Description*.3.2

3.256**benchmark**

1. a standard against which measurements or comparisons can be made. 2. a procedure, problem, or test that can be used to compare systems or components to each other or to a standard. 3. a recovery file

3.257**BEO**

1. Basic Engineering Object. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.258**beta testing**

1. second stage of testing when a product is in limited production use

cf. alpha testing

NOTE often performed by a client or customer

3.259**BFC**

1. base functional component. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts*.4

3.260**BFC class**

1. defined group of BFC types. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.3.1

3.261

BFC Type

1. a defined category of BFCs. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts.3.2*

EXAMPLE 'External Inputs', 'External Outputs' and 'Logical Transactions', and data stores such as 'Internal Logical Files'

3.262

bidirectional traceability

1. association among two or more logical entities that is discernable in either direction (to and from an entity)

cf. requirements traceability

3.263

big-bang testing

1. a type of integration testing in which software elements, hardware elements, or both are combined all at once into an overall system, rather than in stages

3.264

bill of materials (BOM)

1. documented formal hierarchical tabulation of the physical assemblies, subassemblies, and components needed to fabricate a product

3.265

binary digit (bit)

1. a unit of information that can be represented by either a zero or a one. 2. an element of computer storage that can hold a unit of information as in (1). 3. a numeral used to represent one of the two digits in the binary numeration system; zero (0) or one (1)

3.266

bind

1. to assign a value to an identifier

cf. dynamic binding, static binding

EXAMPLE to assign a value to a parameter or to assign an absolute address to a symbolic address in a computer program

3.267

binder

1. an engineering object in a channel, which maintains a distributed binding between interacting basic engineering objects. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.10*

3.268

binding endpoint identifier

1. an identifier, in the naming context of a capsule, used by a basic engineering object to select one of the bindings in which it is involved, for the purpose of interaction. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.15*

EXAMPLE a memory address (for a data structure representing an engineering interface)

NOTE The same form of binding endpoint identifier can be used, whether the binding involved is either local or distributed.

3.269**binding object**

1. a computational object which supports a binding between a set of other computational objects. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.14*

3.270**bit**

1. either of the digits 0 or 1 when used in the binary numeration system. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.08.* 2. binary digit

3.271**bit steering**

1. a microprogramming technique in which the meaning of a field in a microinstruction is dependent on the value of another field in the microinstruction. *Syn: immediate control*

cf. residual control, two-level encoding

3.272**black box**

1. a system or component whose inputs, outputs, and general function are known but whose contents or implementation are unknown or irrelevant 2. pertaining to an approach that treats a system or component whose inputs, outputs, and general function are known but whose contents or implementation are unknown or irrelevant

cf. glass box

3.273**block**

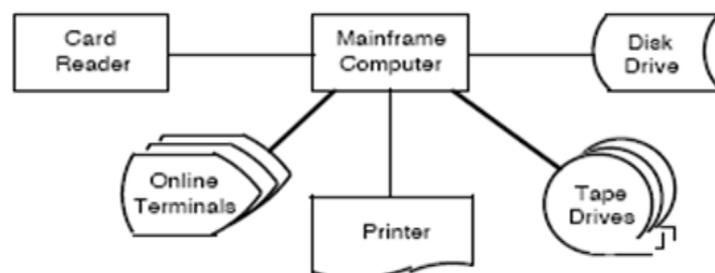
1. a group of contiguous storage locations, computer program statements, records, words, characters, or bits that are treated as a unit 2. to form a group

cf. block-structured language, delimiter

3.274**block diagram**

1. a diagram of a system in which the principal parts or functions are represented by blocks connected by lines that show the relationships of the blocks. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.27.* 2. a diagram of a system, computer, or device in which the principal parts are represented by suitably annotated geometrical figures to show both the functions of the parts and their functional relationships. *Syn: configuration diagram, system resources chart*

cf. box diagram, bubble chart, flowchart, graph, input-process-output chart, structure chart



Block Diagram

Figure 2 — Block Diagram

3.275

blocking factor

1. the number of records, words, characters, or bits in a block

3.276

block-structured language

1. a design or programming language in which sequences of statements, called blocks, are defined, usually with begin and end delimiters, and variables or labels defined in one block are not recognized outside that block

cf. structured programming language

EXAMPLE Ada, ALGOL, PL/I

3.277

BMT

1. Bench Mark Test. *ISO/IEC 14102:2008, Information technology — Guideline for the evaluation and selection of CASE tools*.8.2

3.278

body metadata

1. elements in the body of an HTML document providing administrative and/or navigational facilities for the user or administrator. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle*.3.1.2

3.279

BOM

1. bill of materials

3.280

Boolean expression

1. an expression that evaluates to true or false. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.26.1

3.281

Boolean signature

1. a signature where one of the sorts is Bool, corresponding to the carrier Boolean in any associated algebra, and one of the constants is true sub Bool, corresponding to the value true in the algebra. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.22.1

3.282

boot

1. to initialize a computer system by clearing memory and reloading the operating system

NOTE derived from bootstrap

3.283

bootstrap

1. a short computer program that is permanently resident or easily loaded into a computer and whose execution brings a larger program, such as an operating system or its loader, into memory 2. to use a program to bring up a larger program, such as an operating system

3.284

bootstrap loader

1. a short computer program used to load a bootstrap

3.285**bottom-up**

1. pertaining to an activity that starts with the lowest-level components of a hierarchy and proceeds through progressively higher-levels 2. pertaining to a method or procedure that starts at the lowest level of abstraction and proceeds towards the highest level. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.01.11*

cf. topdown. critical piece first

EXAMPLE bottom-up design, bottom-up testing

3.286**bottom-up design**

1. a design approach in which low-level pieces of a system are combined into an overall design. 2. the process of designing a system by identifying low-level components, designing each component separately, and then designing a structure to integrate the low-level components into larger and larger subsystems until the design is finished

3.287**bottom-up estimating**

1. [Technique] a method of estimating a component of work. The work is decomposed into more detail. An estimate is prepared of what is needed to meet the requirements of each of the lower, more detailed pieces of work, and these estimates are then aggregated into a total quantity for the component of work. The accuracy of bottom-up estimating is driven by the size and complexity of the work identified at the lower levels. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.288**boundary**

1. conceptual interface between the software under study and its users. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.3.2*

NOTE The boundary provides the measurement analyst(s) with a solid delimiter to distinguish, without ambiguity, what is included inside the measured software from what is part of the measured software's operating environment.

3.289**boundary arrow**

1. an arrow with one end (source or use) not connected to any box in a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.14*

cf. internal arrow

3.290**boundary ICOM code**

1. an ICOM code that maps an untunneled boundary arrow in a child diagram to an arrow attached to the parent box that is detailed by that diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.15*

3.291**boundary value**

1. a data value that corresponds to a minimum or maximum input, internal, or output value specified for a system or component

cf. stress testing

3.292**box**

1. a rectangle containing a box name, a box number, and possibly a box detail reference and representing a function in a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.16*

3.293

box detail reference

1. a square enclosure encompassing a box number, which indicates that the box is decomposed or detailed by a child diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.17*

3.294

box diagram

1. a control flow diagram consisting of a rectangle that is subdivided to show sequential steps, if-then-else conditions, repetition, and case conditions. *Syn: Chapin chart, Nassi-Shneiderman chart*

cf. block diagram, bubble chart, flowchart, graph, input-process-output chart, program structure diagram, structure chart

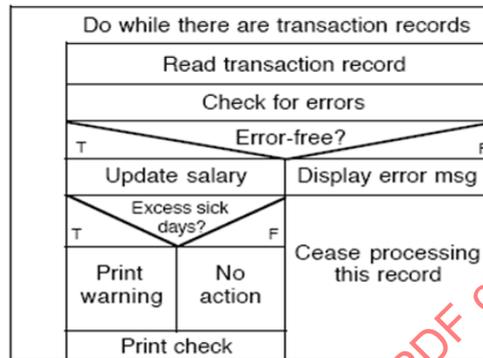


Figure 3 — Box diagram

3.295

box ICOM code

1. an ICOM code that maps a tunneled boundary arrow to an arrow attached to some ancestral box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.18*

3.296

box name

1. the verb or verb phrase placed inside a box that names the modeled function. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.19*

cf. function name

NOTE A box takes as its box name the function name of the function represented by the box.

3.297

box number

1. a single digit (0, 1, 2, ..., 9) placed in the lower right corner of a box to uniquely identify that box in a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.20*

NOTE The only box that may be numbered 0 is the box that represents the A0 function in A-0 and A-1 context diagrams.

3.298

brainstorming

1. [Technique] a general data gathering and creativity technique that can be used to identify risks, ideas, or solutions to issues by using a group of team members or subject-matter experts. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.299**branch**

1. a computer program construct in which one of two or more alternative sets of program statements is selected for execution. **2.** a point in a computer program at which one of two or more alternative sets of program statements is selected for execution. **3.** a junction at which a root arrow segment (going from source to use) divides into two or more arrow segments. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.21.* **4.** to perform the selection in (1). **5.** any of the alternative sets of program statements in (1). **6.** a set of evolving source file versions

cf. case, jump, go to, if-then-else

NOTE Every branch is identified by a tag. Often, a branch identifies the file versions that have been or will be released as a product release. May denote unbundling of arrow meaning, i.e., the separation of object types from an object type set. Also refers to an arrow segment into which a root arrow segment has been divided.

3.300**branch testing**

1. testing designed to execute each outcome of each decision point in a computer program

cf. path testing, statement testing

3.301**breakpoint**

1. a point in a computer program at which execution can be suspended to permit manual or automated monitoring of program performance or results

NOTE Types include code breakpoint, data breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, epilog breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, prolog breakpoint, static breakpoint. A breakpoint is said to be set when both a point in the program and an event that will cause suspension of execution at that point are defined; it is said to be initiated when program execution is suspended.

3.302**bubble chart**

1. a data flow, data structure, or other diagram in which entities are depicted with circles (bubbles) and relationships are represented by links drawn between the circles

cf. block diagram, box diagram, flowchart, graph, input-process-output chart, structure chart

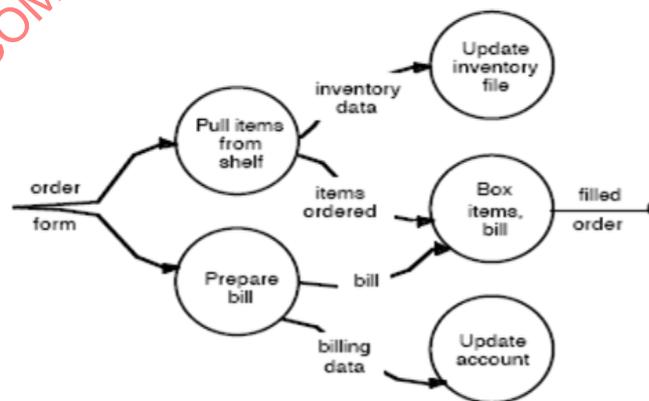


Figure 4 — Bubble chart

3.303

budget

1. a planned sequence of expenditures over time with monetary costs assigned to specific tasks or jobs. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* **2.** the approved estimate for the project or any work breakdown structure component or any schedule activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. estimate

NOTE often used also to refer to work effort as well as, or instead of, money

3.304

budget at completion (BAC)

1. the sum of all the budgets established for the work to be performed on a project or a work breakdown structure component or a schedule activity. The total planned value for the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.305

buffer

1. a device or storage area used to store data temporarily to compensate for differences in rates of data flow, time of occurrence of events, or amounts of data that can be handled by the devices or processes involved in the transfer or use of the data **2.** a routine that accomplishes the objectives in (1). **3.** to allocate, schedule, or use devices or storage areas as in (1)

3.306

build

1. an operational version of a system or component that incorporates a specified subset of the capabilities that the final product will provide

3.307

built-in class

1. a class that is a primitive in the IDEF1X metamodel. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.13

3.308

bundle

1. an arrow segment that collects multiple meanings into a single construct or abstraction, i.e., an arrow segment that represents an object type set that includes more than one object type. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.22.* **2.** to combine separate arrow meanings into a composite arrow meaning, expressed by joining arrow segments, i.e., the inclusion of multiple object types into an object type set. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.22*

3.309

business objective

1. strategy designed by senior management to ensure an organization's continued existence and enhance its profitability, market share, and other factors influencing the organization's success

3.310

busy

1. pertaining to a system or component that is operational, in service, and in use

cf. down, idle, up

3.311**busy time**

1. in computer performance engineering, the period of time during which a system or component is

cf. down time, idle time, set-up time, up time

NOTE operational, in service, and in use

3.312**buyer**

1. the acquirer of products, services, or results for an organization. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. an individual or organization responsible for acquiring a product or service for use by themselves or other users. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.2*. 3. the person or organization that accepts the system and pays for the project. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.2*

cf. customer

NOTE A software system could be such a product or service.

3.313**byte**

1. a group of adjacent binary digits operated upon as a unit and usually shorter than a computer word (frequently connotes a group of eight bits) 2. an element of computer storage that can hold a group of bits as in (1). 3. a string that consists of a number of bits, treated as a unit, and usually representing a character or a part of a character. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.09*

3.314**CAD**

1. Computer Aided Design. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.315**calculator**

1. a device that is suitable for performing arithmetic operations, but that requires human intervention to alter its stored program, if any, and to initiate each operation or sequence of operations. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.17*

NOTE A calculator performs some of the functions of a computer, but usually operates only with frequent human intervention.

3.316**calendar unit**

1. the smallest unit of time used in scheduling a project. Calendar units are generally in hours, days, or weeks, but can also be in quarter years, months, shifts, or even in minutes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.317**call**

1. a transfer of control from one software module to another, usually with the implication that control will be returned to the calling module 2. a computer instruction that transfers control from one software module to another as in (1) and, often, specifies the parameters to be passed to and from the module 3. to transfer control from one software module to another as in (1) and, often, to pass parameters to the other module

cf. go to

3.318

call arrow

1. an arrow that enables the sharing of detail between IDEF0 models (linking them together) or within an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.23*

NOTE The tail of a call arrow is attached to the bottom side of a box. One or more page references are attached to a call arrow.

3.319

call by name

1. a method for passing parameters, in which the calling module provides to the called module a symbolic expression representing the parameter to be passed, and a service routine evaluates the expression and provides the resulting value to the called module

cf. call by reference, call by value

NOTE Because the expression is evaluated each time its corresponding formal parameter is used in the called module, the value of the parameter may change during the execution of the called module.

3.320

call by reference

1. a method for passing parameters, in which the calling module provides to the called module the address of the parameter to be passed. *Syn: call by address, call by location*

cf. call by name, call by value

NOTE With this method, the called module has the ability to change the value of the parameter stored by the calling module.

3.321

call by value

1. a method of passing parameters, in which the calling module provides to the called module the actual value of the parameter to be passed

cf. call by name, call by reference

NOTE With this method, the called module cannot change the value of the parameter as stored by the calling module.

3.322

call graph

1. a diagram that identifies the modules in a system or computer program and shows which modules call one another. *Syn: call tree, tier chart*

cf. structure chart, control flow diagram, data flow diagram, data structure diagram, state diagram

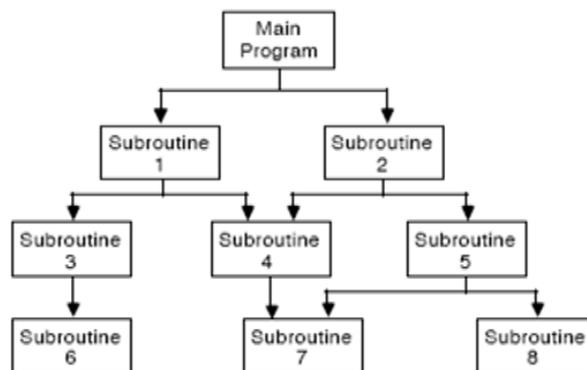


Figure 5 — Call graph

NOTE The result is not necessarily the same as that shown in a structure chart.

3.323

call list

1. the ordered list of arguments used in a call to a software module

3.324

call reference

1. a page reference attached to a call arrow. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.24*

3.325

called diagram

1. a decomposition diagram invoked by a calling box and identified by a page reference attached to a call arrow. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.25*

3.326

calling box

1. box that is detailed by a decomposition diagram that is not the box's child diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.26*

NOTE A call arrow is attached to the bottom of a calling box.

3.327

calling sequence

1. a sequence of computer instructions and, possibly, data necessary to perform a call to another module

3.328

camera-ready originals

1. set of images on paper, photographic film or another suitable medium from which a printing plate can be made by direct photographic transfer, and where each image contains all of the necessary text and graphic elements for one complete page of paper documentation, with each element in the correct position. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.7*

3.329

candidate FSM method

1. documented software size measurement method submitted for conformity evaluation. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998.3.1*

3.330

candidate key

1. an attribute, or combination of attributes, of an entity for which no two instances agree on the values. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.14*

NOTE [key style]

3.331

capability dimension

1. the set of elements in a process assessment model explicitly related to the measurement framework for process capability. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.18*

NOTE The attributes are organized into capability levels, comprising an ordinal scale of process capability.

3.332

capability indicator

1. an assessment indicator that supports the judgment of the process capability of a specific process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.19

NOTE An attribute indicator is a specific instance of a capability indicator.

3.333

capability maturity model

1. model that contains the essential elements of effective processes for one or more disciplines and describes an evolutionary improvement path from ad hoc, immature processes to disciplined, mature processes with improved quality and effectiveness

3.334

capable process

1. process that can satisfy specified product quality, service quality, and process-performance objectives

cf. stable process, standard process, statistically managed process

3.335

capital expenditure

1. a form of spending in which an enterprise trades money (capital) for acquisition of tangible objects such as furniture, computers, and the like. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.336

capsule

1. a configuration of engineering objects forming a single unit for the purpose of encapsulation of processing and storage. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.4

EXAMPLE a virtual machine (e.g., a process)

3.337

capsule manager

1. an engineering object which manages the engineering objects in a capsule. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.5

3.338

cardinality

1. the constraint on the number of entity instances that are related to the subject entity through a relationship. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2. 2. a specification of how many instances of a first class may or must exist for each instance of a second (not necessarily distinct) class, and how many instances of a second class may or must exist for each instance of a first class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.15

cf. cardinality constraint

NOTE For each direction of a relationship, the cardinality can be constrained.

3.339

cardinality constraint

1. a constraint that limits the number of instances that can be associated with each other in a relationship. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.16. 2. a constraint that limits the number of members in a collection. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.16

cf. cardinality

3.340**carrier**

1. a set of a many-sorted algebra. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.6

3.341**case**

1. a single-entry, single-exit multiple-way branch that defines a control expression, specifies the processing to be performed for each value of the control expression, and returns control in all instances to the statement immediately following the overall construct 2. Computer Aided Software Engineering. *ISO/IEC 14102:2008, Information technology — Guideline for the evaluation and selection of CASE tools*.4. Syn: multiple exclusive selective construct

cf. go to, jump, if-then-else. multiple inclusive selective construct

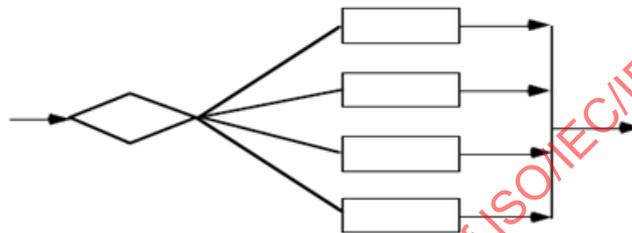


Figure 6 — Case construct

3.342**CASE needs**

1. organizational requirements which are met by CASE tool characteristics. *ISO/IEC TR 14471:2007, Information technology — Software engineering — Guidelines for the adoption of CASE tools*.2.1.3

NOTE These characteristics are detailed in ISO/IEC 14102:1995. They include management process, development process, maintenance, documentation, configuration management, quality assurance, verification, validation, environment needs, CASE tool integrability, quality characteristics, acquisition needs, implementation needs, support indicators, and certification requirements.

3.343**CASE tool**

1. software tool used for computer-aided software engineering (CASE). *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description*.3.3. 2. software product that can assist software engineers by providing automated support for software life-cycle activities. *ISO/IEC 14102:2008, Information technology — Guideline for the evaluation and selection of CASE tools*.3.2

NOTE: A CASE tool may provide support in only selected functional areas or in a wide variety of functional areas

3.344**cast**

1. to treat an object of one type as an object of another type. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.17

cf. coerce

3.345**catastrophic failure**

1. a failure of critical software

3.346

categorization scheme

1. an orderly combination of views and categories related to software. *ISO/IEC TR 12182:1998, Information technology — Categorization of software.4.1*

3.347

category

1. a specifically defined division or grouping of software based upon one or more attributes or characteristics. *ISO/IEC TR 12182:1998, Information technology — Categorization of software.4.3.* 2. an attribute of an anomaly to which a group of classifications belongs. *IEEE Std 1044-1993 (R2002) IEEE Standard Classification for Anomalies.3.2*

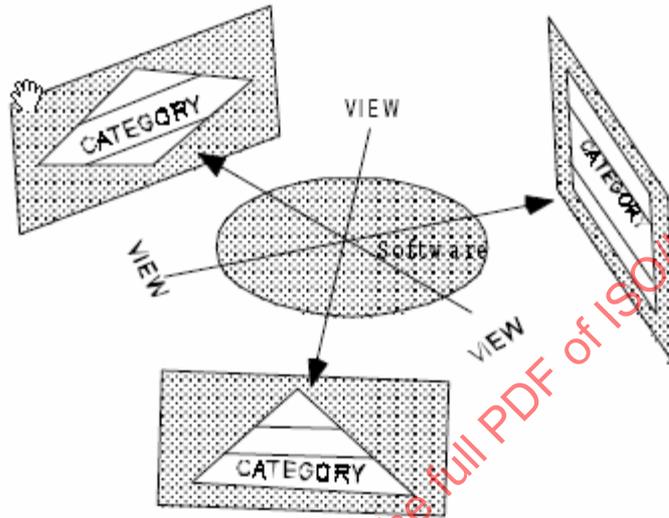


Figure 7 — Categorization of software

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category entity

1. an entity whose instances represent a subtype or subclassification of another entity (generic entity). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.21. Syn. subclass, subtype*

NOTE: [key style]

3.349

causal analysis

1. analysis of a defect to determine its cause

3.350

caution

1. Advisory in software user documentation that performing some action may lead to consequences that are unwanted or undefined, such as loss of data or an equipment problem. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.7*

cf. note, warning

3.351

CCB

1. configuration control board. 2. change control board

3.352**CCCS**

1. Client Conversion Code Sets. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.353**CCS**

1. Conversion Code Sets. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.354**CD**

1. Compact Disk. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.355**CDIF**

1. CASE Data Interchange Format (originally). *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.5.2

3.356**CDIF clear text encoding**

1. a clear text file encoding of a CDIF transfer file. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.357**CDIF exporter**

1. a tool that creates a CDIF transfer file. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.358**CDIF family of standards**

1. the CDIF family of standards is composed of a set of standards that, when used together, provide a standard definition for the interchange of information between modeling tools. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.359**CDIF graphical notation**

1. the set of rules governing the representation of CDIF modeling concepts in diagrams. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002 Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.360**CDIF identifier**

1. an attribute that uniquely identifies an object in the model section of a transfer. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.361**CDIF importer**

1. a tool that reads a CDIF transfer file and uses it to create or modify a model. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.362**CDIF metaidentifier**

1. a meta-meta-attribute that uniquely identifies a meta-object in the metamodel section of a transfer. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.363

CDIF meta-metamodel

1. the description of the set of concepts and notations used to define a metamodel. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Specifically, the CDIF meta-metamodel defines an Entity-Relationship-Attribute model that is used to construct and define both metamodels and the CDIF meta-metamodel itself.

3.364

CDIF semantic metamodel

1. the description of the set of concepts and notations used to define a model. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE The CDIF semantic metamodel defines an Entity-Relationship-Attribute model that is used to construct and define models used in systems development.

3.365

CDIF transfer

1. a combination of a particular syntax, a particular encoding of that syntax, and a metamodel. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE In other words, a complete definition of the format and contents of a transfer

3.366

CDIF transfer file

1. a transfer file conforming to ISO/IEC 15475. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.1*

3.367

CDIF transfer format

1. a combination of a particular syntax and a particular encoding of that syntax which together provides a complete definition of the transfer format. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

3.368

CDIF transfer syntax and encoding

1. a standard vehicle format supported by CDIF. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE The combination of SYNTAX.1 and ENCODING.1 forms the initial CDIF transfer syntax and encoding.

3.369

CDR

1. critical design review. 2. common data representation. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.3*

3.370

central processing unit (CPU)

1. a functional unit that consists of one or more processors and their internal storage. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.01*

3.371

certification

1. a written guarantee that a system or component complies with its specified requirements and is acceptable for operational use 2. a formal demonstration that a system or component complies with its specified requirements and is acceptable for operational use 3. the process of confirming that a system or component complies with its specified requirements and is acceptable for operational use

EXAMPLE a written authorization that a computer system is secure and is permitted to operate in a defined environment

3.372**certification artifact**

1. the tangible results from a certification process

EXAMPLE inspection checklists, metrics, problem reports

3.373**certification criteria**

1. a set of standards, rules, or properties to which an asset must conform in order to be certified to a certain level

NOTE Certification criteria are defined by a certification policy. Certification criteria may be specified as a set of certification properties that must be met.

3.374**certification process**

1. the process of assessing whether an asset conforms to predetermined certification criteria appropriate for that class of asset

3.375**certification property**

1. a statement about some feature or characteristic of an asset that may be assessed as being true or false during a certification process

NOTE Properties may relate to what an asset is, what it does, or how it relates to its operating environment. An assessment of a certification quality factor is accomplished by assessing the underlying certification properties.

3.376**Cfsu**

1. COSMIC functional size unit. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.* 4

3.377**chain**

1. one or more tasks submitted to the SUT in a defined sequence. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.* 4.3

3.378**chain type**

1. a classification of chains which is defined by the sequence of tasks types. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.* 4.4

NOTE The emulated users submit only chains of specified chain types to the SUT.

3.379**change**

1. the modification of an existing application comprising additions, changes and deletions. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.* 10. Syn: enhancement

3.380**change authority**

1. configuration board. *ISO/IEC TR 15846:1998, Information technology — Software life cycle processes — Configuration Management.* 4.2

NOTE Disposition is made by a designated change authority traditionally given the name "Change/Configuration Control Board". This authority may approve a proposed change, thus converting it to an approved modification, or may disapprove a proposed change, or may defer a decision.

3.381

change control

1. identifying, documenting, approving or rejecting, and controlling changes to the project baselines. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. version control

3.382

change control board (CCB)

1. a formally constituted group of stakeholders responsible for reviewing, evaluating, approving, delaying, or rejecting changes to a project, with all decisions and recommendations being recorded. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.383

change control procedure

1. actions taken to identify, document, review, and authorize changes to a software or documentation product that is being developed. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.8*

NOTE The procedures ensure that the validity of changes is confirmed, that the effects on other items are examined, and that those people concerned with the development are notified of the changes.

3.384

change control system

1. [Tool] a collection of formal documented procedures that define how project deliverables and documentation will be controlled, changed, and approved. In most application areas, the change control system is a subset of the configuration management system. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.385

change dump

1. a selective dump of those storage locations whose contents have changed since some specified time or event. *Syn: differential dump*

cf. dynamic dump, memory dump, postmortem dump, selective dump, snapshot dump, static dump

3.386

change management

1. judicious use of means to effect a change, or a proposed change, to a product or service

cf. configuration management

3.387

change project function point count

1. a count that measures the work-output arising from modifications to an existing application that add, change or delete user functions delivered when the project is complete. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

3.388

change record

1. record containing details of which configuration items are affected and how they are affected by an authorized change. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.3*

3.389

change request

1. requests to expand or reduce the project scope, modify policies, processes, plans, or procedures, modify costs or budgets, or revise schedules. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.390**changeover system**

1. a temporary information processing system used to facilitate the transition from an operational system to its successor. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System*

3.391**channel**

1. a configuration of stubs, binders, protocol objects and interceptors providing a binding between a set of interfaces to basic engineering objects, through which interaction can occur. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.8*

NOTE Bindings that require channels are referred to as distributed bindings in the engineering language; bindings between engineering objects that do not require channels (e.g. between engineering objects in the same cluster) are referred to as local bindings.

3.392**channel capacity**

1. the maximum amount of information that can be transferred on a given channel per unit of time; usually measured in bits per second or in baud

cf. memory capacity, storage capacity

3.393**character**

1. a letter, digit, or other symbol that is used to represent information. 2. a member of a set of elements that is used for the representation, organization, or control of data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.11*

3.394**character set**

1. a collection of characters used in an encoding to represent terminal symbols. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE The character set used is significant in the encoding of text and string meta-attributes for a CDIF transfer.

3.395**character type**

1. a data type whose members can assume the values of specified characters and can be operated on by character operators, such as concatenation

cf. enumeration type, integer type, logical type, real type

3.396**characteristic entity**

1. a meta-entity that provides additional attribution for another meta-object. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Other common names for characteristic entity are attributive entity and dependent entity. Each instance of a characteristic meta-entity is logically only related to one instance of one other meta-object, therefore an importer could incorporate the meta-attributes of a characteristic meta-entity with those of the 'owning' meta-object, where the owning meta-object is the one to which the characteristic meta-entity is related with a cardinality of 1:1.

3.397**characteristic of FUR**

1. a distinctive property of the FUR that is important for identifying the functional domain to which a specific set of FUR belongs. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-5:2004, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 5: Determination of functional domains for use with functional size measurement.3.1*

3.398

chart of accounts

1. numbering system used by a project or organization to identify costs by category, such as labor, supplies, materials, and equipment

cf. code of accounts

3.399

checkout

1. testing conducted in the operational or support environment to ensure that a software product performs as required after installation. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.5*

3.400

checkpoint

1. a point in a computer program at which program state, status, or results are checked or recorded. 2. an object template derived from the state and structure of an engineering object that can be used to instantiate another engineering object, consistent with the state of the original object at the time of checkpointing. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.20*

3.401

checkpointing

1. creating a checkpoint. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.21*

NOTE Checkpoints can only be created when the engineering object involved satisfies a pre-condition stated in a checkpointing policy.

3.402

chief programmer

1. the leader of a chief programmer team; a senior-level programmer whose responsibilities include producing key portions of the software assigned to the team, coordinating the activities of the team, reviewing the work of the other team members, and having an overall technical understanding of the software being developed

cf. backup programmer, chief programmer team

3.403

chief programmer team

1. a software development group that consists of a chief programmer, a backup programmer, a secretary/librarian, and additional programmers and specialists as needed, and that employs procedures designed to enhance group communication and to make optimum use of each member's skills

cf. backup programmer, chief programmer, egoless programming

3.404

child box

1. a box in a child diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.27*

3.405

child diagram

1. a decomposition diagram related to a specific box by exactly one child/parent relationship. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.28*

3.406**child entity**

1. the entity in a specific relationship whose instances can be related to zero or one instance of the other entity (parent entity). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.22*

NOTE [key style]

3.407**CI**

1. configuration item

3.408**CIM**

1. Computer Integrated Manufacturing. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.409**clabject**

1. dual entity that is a class and an object at the same time. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies.3.13*

NOTE Because of their dual nature, clabjects exhibit a class facet and an object facet, and can work as either at any time. Instances of powertypes are usually viewed as clabjects, since they are objects (because they are instances of a type, the powertype) and also classes (subtypes of the partitioned type).

3.410**claim**

1. a request, demand, or assertion of rights by a seller against a buyer, or vice versa, for consideration, compensation, or payment under the terms of a legally binding contract, such as for a disputed change. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.411**class**

1. an abstraction of the knowledge and behavior of a set of similar things. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.23.*
 2. a static programming entity in an object-oriented program that contains a combination of functionality and data. *Syn: type*

NOTE Classes are used to represent the notion of "things whose knowledge or actions are relevant".

3.412**class hierarchy**

1. an ordering of classes, in which a subclass is a specialization of its superclass

NOTE A class inherits attributes and relationships from its superclass and can define additional attributes and relationships of its own.

3.413**classification**

1. a choice within a category. *IEEE Std 1044-1993 (R2002) IEEE Standard Classification for Anomalies.3.3.*
 2. the manner in which the assets are organized for ease of search and extraction within a reuse library. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.4*

3.414**classification process**

1. a series of activities, starting with the recognition of an anomaly through to its closure. *IEEE Std 1044-1993 (R2002) IEEE Standard Classification for Anomalies.3.4*

NOTE The process is divided into four sequential steps interspersed with three administrative activities. The sequential steps are as follows: a) Step 1: Recognition, b) Step 2: Investigation, c) Step 3: Action, d) Step 4: Disposition. The three administrative activities applied to each sequential step are as follows: a) Recording, b) Classifying, c) Identifying impact.

3.415

class-level attribute

1. a mapping from the class itself to the instances of a value class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.24

3.416

class-level operation

1. a mapping from the (cross product of the) class itself and the instances of the input argument types to the (cross product of the) instances of the other (output) argument types. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.25

3.417

class-level responsibility

1. a responsibility that represents some aspect of the knowledge, behavior, or rules of the class as a whole. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.26

cf. instance-level responsibility

EXAMPLE The total registeredVoterCount would be a class-level property of the class registeredVoter; there would be only one value of registered- VoterCount for the class as a whole

3.418

clear

1. to set a variable, register, or other storage location to zero, blank, or other null value

cf. initialize, reset

3.419

clear text file encoding

1. a class of techniques for representing data based on first defining a human readable representation using some specific character repertoire and then defining an encoding for that repertoire. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.1

3.420

client

1. the code or process that invokes an operation on an object. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.3

3.421

client-side

1. a node, cluster or capsule, which: a) contains a basic engineering object corresponding to a computational client object; and b) contains, or is potentially capable of containing, stub, binder and protocol objects in a channel supporting operations involving the client object. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.5

3.422

cloning

1. instantiating a cluster from a cluster checkpoint. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.24

3.423**close procurements**

1. [Process] the process of completing each project procurement. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.424**close project or phase**

1. [Process] the process of finalizing all activities across all of the project management process groups to formally complete the project or phase. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.425**closed loop**

1. a loop that has no exit and whose execution can be interrupted only by intervention from outside the computer program or procedure in which the loop is located

cf. UNTIL, WHILE

3.426**closed subroutine**

1. a subroutine that is stored at one given location rather than being copied into a computer program at each place that it is called

cf. open subroutine

3.427**closed term**

1. a term comprising constants and operators but no variables. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.24.1. Syn: ground term

3.428**closing processes**

1. [Process Group] those processes performed to finalize all activities across all project management process groups to formally close the project or phase. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.429**cluster**

1. a configuration of basic engineering objects forming a single unit for the purposes of deactivation, checkpointing, reactivation, recovery and migration. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.2

EXAMPLE a segment of virtual memory containing objects

3.430**cluster checkpoint**

1. a cluster template containing checkpoints of the basic engineering objects in a cluster. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.22

3.431**cluster manager**

1. an engineering object which manages the basic engineering objects in a cluster. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.3

3.432

cluster template

1. an object template for a configuration of objects and any activity required to instantiate those objects and establish initial bindings. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.19*

3.433

CM

1. configuration management

3.434

CMIP

1. Common Management Information Protocol. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.435

CMIR

1. Client Makes it Right. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.3*

3.436

CMIS

1. Common Management Information Service. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.437

CNCS

1. Client Native Code Set. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.3*

3.438

code

1. in software engineering, computer instructions and data definitions expressed in a programming language or in a form output by an assembler, compiler, or other translator 2. to express a computer program in a programming language. 3. a character or bit pattern that is assigned a particular meaning

cf. source code, object code, machine code, micro code

EXAMPLE a status code

3.439

code breakpoint

1. a breakpoint that is initiated upon execution of a given computer instruction. *Syn:* control breakpoint

cf. data breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, epilog breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, prolog breakpoint, static breakpoint

3.440

code freeze

1. a period during which non-critical changes to the code are not allowed

3.441

code generator

1. a software tool that accepts as input the requirements or design for a computer program and produces source code that implements the requirements or design generator

cf. application

3.442**code of accounts**

1. [Tool] any numbering system used to uniquely identify each component of the work breakdown structure. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. chart of accounts

3.443**code of ethics standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a set of moral principles dealing with accepted standards of conduct by, within, and among professionals

3.444**code review**

1. a meeting at which software code is presented to project personnel, managers, users, customers, or other interested parties for comment or approval

cf. design review, formal qualification review, requirements review, test readiness review

3.445**code tuning**

1. the process of making statement-level changes to a program to make it more efficient. 2. changes made to program source code for the purpose of optimizing performance, usually to increase speed or reduce memory usage

3.446**coding**

1. in software engineering, the process of expressing a computer program in a programming language. 2. the transforming of logic and data from design specifications (design descriptions) into a programming language

3.447**coerce**

1. to treat an object of one type as an object of another type by using a different object. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.28*

cf. cast

3.448**cohesion**

1. the manner and degree to which the tasks performed by a single software module are related to one another. 2. in software design, a measure of the strength of association of the elements within a module. Syn: module strength

cf. coupling

NOTE Types include coincidental, communicational, functional, logical, procedural, sequential, and temporal.

3.449**coincidental cohesion**

1. type of cohesion in which the tasks performed by a software module have no functional relationship to one another

cf. communicational cohesion, functional cohesion, logical cohesion, procedural cohesion, sequential cohesion, temporal cohesion

3.450

collaboration

1. the cooperative exchange of requests among classes and instances in order to achieve some goal. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.29

3.451

collapse

1. to terminate development on one branch by integrating it with another

3.452

collect requirements

1. [Process] the process of defining and documenting stakeholders' needs to meet the project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.453

collection cardinality

1. a specification, for a collection-valued property, of how many members the value of the property, that is, the collection, may or must have for each instance. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.30

cf. cardinality constraint

3.454

collection class

1. a class in which each instance is a group of instances of other classes. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.31

3.455

collection-valued

1. a value that is complex. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.33

cf. scalar

NOTE That is, having constituent parts

3.456

collection-valued class

1. a class in which each instance is a collection of values. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.34

cf. scalar-valued class

3.457

collection-valued property

1. a property that maps to a collection class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.35. *Syn:* collection property

cf. scalar-valued property

3.458

co-location

1. [Technique] an organizational placement strategy where the project team members are physically located close to one another in order to improve communication, working relationships, and productivity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.459**command**

1. an expression that can be input to a computer system to initiate an action or affect the execution of a computer program

EXAMPLE the 'logon' command to initiate a computer session

3.460**command language**

1. a language used to express commands to a computer system

cf. command-driven

3.461**command-driven**

1. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which the user directs the system through commands. Syn: command driven

cf. menu-driven

3.462**comment**

1. information embedded within a computer program, job control statements, or a set of data that provides clarification to human readers but does not affect machine interpretation

3.463**commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS)**

1. software defined by a market-driven need, commercially available, and whose fitness for use has been demonstrated by a broad spectrum of commercial users. *IEEE Std 1062, 1998 Edition (R2002) IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Acquisition (includes IEEE Std 1062a)*.3.3. *ISO/IEC 25051:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Requirements for quality of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software product and instructions for testing*.4.3. 2. software product available for purchase and use without the need to conduct development activities. *ISO/IEC 90003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software*.3.4; *ISO/IEC 25051:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Requirements for quality of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software product and instructions for testing*.4.3. 3. an item that a supplier offers to several acquirers for general use. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering--Contents of systems and software life cycle information products (Documentation)*. 5.2

cf. software product

NOTE COTS software product includes the product description (including all cover information, data sheet, web site information, etc.), the user documentation (necessary to install and use the software), the software contained on a computer sensible media (disk, CD-ROM, internet downloadable, etc.). Software is mainly composed of programs and data. This definition applies also to product descriptions, user documentation and software which are produced and supported as separate manufactured goods, but for which typical commercial fees and licensing considerations may not apply.

3.464**commit**

1. to integrate the changes made to a developer's private view of the source code into a branch accessible through the version control system's repository

3.465**commit message**

1. an explanatory message accompanying a commit

NOTE often contains a brief description of the change and its rationale; names of contributors, reviewers, or approvers; a reference to third-party software from which the change was obtained; a schedule for integrating it to other branches; and a reference to the issue identifier associated with the change

3.466

commit privileges

1. a person's authority to commit changes

NOTE Sometimes privileges are associated with a specific part of the product (for example, artwork or documentation) or a specific branch.

3.467

commit war

1. a series of conflicting and mutually reversing commits introduced by developers who disagree on how a particular element should be coded

NOTE sometimes starts with a hostile backout

3.468

commit window

1. a period during which commits are allowed for a specific branch

NOTE In some development environments, commit windows for a maintenance branch might only open for short periods a few times a year.

3.469

commitment

1. an action resulting in an obligation by one or more of the participants in the act to comply with a rule or perform a contract. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.5.2*

NOTE The enterprise object(s) participating in an action of commitment may be parties or agents acting on behalf of a party or parties. In the case of an action of commitment by an agent, the principal becomes obligated.

3.470

committer

1. a developer with commit privileges

3.471

common ancestor constraint

1. a constraint that involves two or more relationship paths to the same ancestor class and states either that a descendent instance must be related to the same ancestor instance through each path or that it must be related to a different ancestor instance through each path. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.36*

3.472

common cause

1. a source of variation that is inherent in the system and predictable. On a control chart, it appears as part of the random process variation (i.e., variation from a process that would be considered normal or not unusual), and is indicated by a random pattern of points within the control limits. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn: random cause*
2. a source of variation of a process that exists because of normal and expected interactions among components of a process

cf. special cause.

3.473

common storage

1. a portion of main storage that can be accessed by two or more modules in a software system. *Syn: common area, common block*

cf. global data

3.474**common-environment coupling**

1. a type of coupling in which two software modules access a common data area. *Syn.*: common coupling, common environment coupling

cf. content coupling, control coupling, data coupling, hybrid coupling, pathological coupling

3.475**communication interface**

1. an interface of a protocol object that can be bound to an interface of either an interceptor object or another protocol object at an interworking reference point. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.14*

3.476**communication management plan**

1. [Output/Input] the document that describes: the communications needs and expectations for the project; how and in what format information will be communicated; when and where each communication will be made; and who is responsible for providing each type of communication. The communication management plan is contained in, or is a subsidiary plan of, the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.477**communicational cohesion**

1. a type of cohesion in which the tasks performed by a software module use the same input data or contribute to producing the same output data

cf. coincidental cohesion, functional cohesion, logical cohesion, procedural cohesion, sequential cohesion, temporal cohesion

3.478**communications domain**

1. a set of protocol objects capable of interworking. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.13*

3.479**communications planning**

1. process of defining how to meet the information and communication needs of the stakeholders: who needs what information, when they need it, and how it will be given to them

3.480**community**

1. a configuration of objects formed to meet an objective. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.5.1.1*

NOTE: The objective is expressed as a contract which specifies how the objective can be met.

3.481**community object**

1. a composite enterprise object that represents a community. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.2.2*

NOTE Components of a community object are objects of the community represented.

3.482**compaction**

1. in microprogramming, the process of converting a microprogram into a functionally equivalent microprogram that is faster or shorter than the original

cf. local compaction, global compaction

3.483

comparator

1. a software tool that compares two computer programs, files, or sets of data to identify commonalities or differences

NOTE Typical objects of comparison are similar versions of source code, object code, database files, or test results.

3.484

compatibility

1. the ability of two or more systems or components to perform their required functions while sharing the same hardware or software environment 2. the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information. 3. the capability of a functional unit to meet the requirements of a specified interface without appreciable modification. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.11

3.485

competent

1. having the combination of knowledge, formal and informal skills, training, experience, and behavioral attributes required to perform a task or role. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.4

3.486

competent assessor

1. an assessor who has demonstrated the competencies to conduct an assessment and to monitor and verify the conformance of a process assessment. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.20

3.487

compile

1. to translate a computer program expressed in a high-order language into its machine language equivalent

cf. assemble, decompile, interpret

3.488

compile-and-go

1. an operating technique in which there are no stops between the compiling, linking, loading, and execution of a computer program

3.489

compiler

1. a computer program that translates programs expressed in a high-order language into their machine language equivalents

cf. assembler, cross-compiler, incremental compiler, interpreter, root compiler

3.490

compiler code

1. computer instructions and data definitions expressed in a form that can be recognized and processed by a compiler

cf. assembly code, interpretive code, machine code

3.491

compiler directive source statement

1. source statement that defines macros, or labels, or directs the compiler to insert external source statements (for example, an include statement), or directs conditional compilation, or is not described by one of the other type attributes

3.492**compiler generator**

1. a translator or interpreter used to construct part or all of a compiler. *Syn:* compiler compiler, metacompiler

3.493**complete**

1. includes necessary, relevant requirements or descriptive material, responses are defined for the range of valid input data, and terms and units of measure are defined. *IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 IEEE/EIA Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Life cycle data.H.3 b)*

3.494**complete ICOM code**

1. a diagram feature reference in which dot notation joins an ICOM code to a diagram reference. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.29*

3.495**complete procedure**

1. all those activities which commence with entry to the procedure and conclude with exit from the procedure. *ISO 6593:1985 Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.1*

3.496**complete table**

1. a decision table where for all combinations of condition entries there exists a satisfying rule. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.17*

NOTE In practical terms extended entry tables will include limited entries and are therefore mixed entry tables. Any extended or mixed entry table may be transformed into a limited entry table.

3.497**completion code**

1. a code communicated to a job stream processor by a batch program to influence the execution of succeeding steps in the input stream

3.498**completion time theorem**

1. a real-time scheduling theorem

NOTE For a set of independent periodic tasks, if each task meets its first deadline when all tasks start at the same time, the deadlines will be met for any combination of start times.

3.499**complex processing GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which processing logic influences the development of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.500**complexity**

1. the degree to which a system's design or code is difficult to understand because of numerous components or relationships among components 2. pertaining to any of a set of structure-based metrics that measure the attribute in (1). 3. the degree to which a system or component has a design or implementation that is difficult to understand and verify

cf. simplicity

3.501

complexity matrix

1. a table used to allocate a weight to a function type. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE The matrix allocates this weight on the basis of the number of data element types in combination with the number of record types or file types referenced.

3.502

complexity of a function

1. the weight allocated to a function on the basis of which a number of function points is assigned to the function. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.503

component

1. an entity with discrete structure, such as an assembly or software module, within a system considered at a particular level of analysis. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.3.1.* 2. one of the parts that make up a system. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.6.* 3. set of functional services in the software, which, when implemented, represents a well-defined set of functions and is distinguishable by a unique name. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.A.4*

NOTE A component may be hardware or software and may be subdivided into other components. The terms "module," "component," and "unit" are often used interchangeably or defined to be subelements of one another in different ways depending upon the context. The relationship of these terms is not yet standardized. A component may or may not be independently managed from the end-user or administrator's point of view.

3.504

component integration test

1. testing of groups of related components. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.7*

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component standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of data or program components subdivided into other components

3.506

component testing

1. testing of individual hardware or software components. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.8*

3.507

composite key

1. a key comprising of two or more attributes. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.38*

NOTE [key style]

3.508

composite task

1. a task containing nested objects

3.509**composite type**

1. a data type each of whose members is composed of multiple data items

cf. atomic type

EXAMPLE a data type called PAIRS whose members are ordered pairs (x,y)

3.510**computational interface template**

1. an interface template for either a signal interface, a stream interface, or an operation interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.10*

NOTE A computational interface template comprises a signal, a stream or an operation interface signature as appropriate, a behavior specification and an environment contract specification.

3.511**computational object template**

1. an object template which comprises a set of computational interface templates which the object template can instantiate, a behavior specification, and an environment contract specification. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.9*

3.512**computational viewpoint**

1. a viewpoint on an ODP system and its environment which enables distribution through functional decomposition of the system into objects which interact at interfaces. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.1.1.3*

3.513**computer**

1. a functional unit that can perform substantial computations, including numerous arithmetic operations and logic operations without human intervention. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.03*

NOTE A computer may consist of a stand-alone unit or several interconnected units.

3.514**computer center**

1. a facility that includes personnel, hardware, and software, organized to provide information processing services. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.19.*
Syn: data processing center

3.515**computer crime**

1. a crime committed through the use, modification, or destruction of hardware, software, or data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.07.02*

3.516**computer generation**

1. category in a historical classification of computers based mainly on the technology used in their manufacture. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.17*

EXAMPLE first generation based on relays or vacuum tube, the second on transistors, the third on integrated circuits

3.517

computer graphics

1. methods and techniques for construction, manipulation, storage, and display of images by means of a computer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.08

3.518

computer instruction

1. a statement in a programming language, specifying an operation to be performed by a computer and the addresses or values of the associated operands 2. loosely, any executable statement in a computer program

cf. instruction format, instruction set

EXAMPLE Move A to B

3.519

computer language

1. a language designed to enable humans to communicate with computers

cf. design language, query language, programming language

3.520

computer network

1. a network of data processing nodes that are interconnected for the purpose of data communication. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.45

3.521

computer performance evaluation

1. an engineering discipline that measures the performance of computer systems and investigates methods by which that performance can be improved

cf. system profile, throughput, utilization, workload model

3.522

computer program

1. a combination of computer instructions and data definitions that enable computer hardware to perform computational or control functions 2. a syntactic unit that conforms to the rules of a particular programming language and that is composed of declarations and statements or instructions needed for a certain function, task, or problem solution. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.05.01

cf. software

3.523

computer program abstract

1. a brief description of a computer program that provides sufficient information for potential users to determine the appropriateness of the program to their needs and resources

3.524

computer resource

1. an element of a data processing system needed to perform required operations. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.23

EXAMPLE storage devices, input-output units, one or more processing units, data, files, and programs

3.525**computer resource allocation**

1. the assignment of computer resources to current and waiting jobs

cf. dynamic resource allocation, storage allocation

EXAMPLE the assignment of main memory, input/output devices, and auxiliary storage to jobs executing concurrently in a computer system

3.526**computer resources**

1. the computer equipment, programs, documentation, services, facilities, supplies, and personnel available for a given purpose

cf. computer resource allocation

3.527**computer science**

1. the branch of science and technology that is concerned with information processing by means of computers. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.18

3.528**computer software component (CSC)**

1. a functionally or logically distinct part of a computer software configuration item, typically an aggregate of two or more software units

3.529**computer software configuration item (CSCI)**

1. an aggregation of software that is designated for configuration management and treated as a single entity in the configuration management process

cf. hardware configuration item, configuration item

3.530**computer system**

1. a system containing one or more computers and associated software

3.531**computer-aided (CA)**

1. pertaining to a technique or process in which a computer does part of the work. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.14

3.532**computer-aided design (CAD)**

1. the use of a computer to design a device or a system, display it on a computer monitor or printer, simulate its operation, and provide statistics on its performance

NOTE The computer is provided with data concerning the item to be designed, how it is to function, and the rules for the way in which the different components can be joined.

3.533**computer-aided software engineering (CASE)**

1. the use of computers to aid in the software engineering process. *Syn:* computer aided software engineering

NOTE may include the application of software tools to software design, requirements tracing, code production, testing, document generation, and other software engineering activities.

3.534

computer-based software system (CBSS)

1. a software system running on a computer. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.5*

NOTE A CBSS may be a data processing system as seen by human users at their terminals or at equivalent machine-user-interfaces. It includes hardware and all software (system software and application software) which is necessary for realizing data processing functions required by its users.

3.535

computerization

1. automation by means of computers. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.16*

3.536

computerize

1. to automate by means of computers. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.15*

3.537

computing center

1. a facility designed to provide computer services to a variety of users through the operation of computers and auxiliary hardware and through services provided by the facility's staff

3.538

computing system specification concepts

1. visible and quantifiable abstractions of computing system characteristics having attributes in isolation and relationships in context. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description.3.4*

3.539

computing system tool

1. a computer-based tool used by a developer or maintainer organization for creating and evolving dynamic systems. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description.3.5*

EXAMPLE not only traditional CASE tools, but also requirements tools, verification and validation tools, design tools, and documentation tools

3.540

concept of operations (ConOps) document

1. a user-oriented document that describes a system's operational characteristics from the end user's viewpoint. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.4. Syn: operational concept description (OCD)*

3.541

concept phase

1. the period of time in the system life cycle during which the user needs are identified and system concepts are described and evaluated

NOTE precedes the requirements phase

3.542

conceptual data model

1. a data model that illustrates the data groups as they are seen by the user. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.543**conceptual model**

1. a model of the concepts relevant to some endeavor. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.39

3.544**conceptual system design**

1. a system design activity concerned with specifying the logical aspects of the system organization, its processes, and the flow of information through the system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.03.02

3.545**conciseness**

1. software attributes that provide implementation of a function with a minimum amount of code

3.546**concurrency**

1. the property of a system in which events may occur independently of each other, and hence are not ordered. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.7

cf. step, concurrent enabling

3.547**concurrent**

1. pertaining to the occurrence of two or more activities within the same interval of time, achieved either by interleaving the activities or by simultaneous execution 2. a problem, process, system, or application in which many activities happen in parallel, the order of incoming events is not usually predictable, and events often overlap. *Syn: parallel* (2)

cf. simultaneous

NOTE A concurrent system or application has many threads of control.

3.548**concurrent communication diagram**

1. a diagram depicting a network of concurrent tasks and their interfaces in the form of asynchronous and synchronous message communication, event synchronization, and access to passive information-hiding objects

3.549**concurrent enabling (of transition modes)**

1. a multiset of transition modes is concurrently enabled if all the involved input places contain enough tokens to satisfy the sum of all of the demands imposed on them by each input arc annotation evaluated for each transition mode in the multiset. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.10

3.550**concurrent task architecture**

1. a description of the concurrent tasks in a system or subsystem in terms of their interfaces and interconnections

3.551**condition**

1. a description of a contingency to be considered in the representation of a problem, or a reference to other procedures to be considered as part of the condition. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.6

3.552

condition entry

1. an indication of the relevance of a condition to a particular rule. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.8

3.553

condition stub

1. a list of all the conditions to be considered in the description of a problem. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.1

3.554

conditional information

1. information supplied with every product to which it is relevant

3.555

conditional jump

1. a jump that takes place only when specified conditions are met

cf. unconditional jump

3.556

conduct procurements

1. [Process] the process of obtaining seller responses, selecting a seller, and awarding a contract. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.557

configuration

1. the arrangement of a computer system or component as defined by the number, nature, and interconnections of its constituent parts 2. in configuration management, the functional and physical characteristics of hardware or software as set forth in technical documentation or achieved in a product 3. the arrangement of a system or network as defined by the nature, number, and chief characteristics of its functional units. 4. the requirements, design, and implementation that define a particular version of a system or system component. 5. the manner in which the hardware and software of an information processing system are organized and interconnected. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.26

cf. configuration item; form, fit, and function; version

3.558

configuration baseline

1. configuration information formally designated at a specific time during a product's or product component's life

NOTE Configuration baselines, plus approved changes from those baselines, constitute the current configuration information.

3.559

configuration control

1. an element of configuration management, consisting of the evaluation, coordination, approval or disapproval, and implementation of changes to configuration items after formal establishment of their configuration identification. *Syn*: change control

cf. configuration identification, configuration status accounting

3.560**configuration control board (CCB)**

1. a group of people responsible for evaluating and approving or disapproving proposed changes to configuration items, and for ensuring implementation of approved changes **2.** qualified personnel who evaluate, for approval or disapproval, all proposed changes to the current developmental baseline. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.07.08. Syn: change control board*

cf. configuration control

3.561**configuration identification**

1. an element of configuration management, consisting of selecting the configuration items for a system and recording their functional and physical characteristics in technical documentation **2.** the current approved technical documentation for a configuration item as set forth in specifications, drawings, associated lists, and documents referenced therein

cf. configuration control, configuration status accounting

3.562**configuration index**

1. a document used in configuration management, providing an accounting of the configuration items that make up a product

cf. configuration item development record, configuration status accounting

3.563**configuration item (CI)**

1. entity within a configuration that satisfies an end use function and that can be uniquely identified at a given reference point. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.7.* **2.** item or aggregation of hardware or software or both that is designed to be managed as a single entity. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes.3.2.* **3.** component of an infrastructure or an item which is, or will be, under the control of configuration management. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.4.* **4.** an aggregation of hardware, software, or both, that is designated for configuration management and treated as a single entity in the configuration management process **5.** aggregation of work products that is designated for configuration management and treated as a single entity in the configuration management process

cf. hardware configuration item, computer software configuration item, configuration identification, critical item

NOTE Configuration items may vary widely in complexity, size and type, ranging from an entire system including all hardware, software and documentation, to a single module or a minor hardware component.

3.564**configuration item development record**

1. a document used in configuration management, describing the development status of a configuration item based on the results of configuration audits and design reviews

cf. configuration index, configuration status accounting

3.565**configuration management (CM)**

1. a discipline applying technical and administrative direction and surveillance to: identify and document the functional and physical characteristics of a configuration item, control changes to those characteristics, record and report change processing and implementation status, and verify compliance with specified requirements **2.** technical and organizational activities comprising configuration identification, control, status accounting, and auditing. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.4.9*

cf. baseline, change management, configuration identification, configuration control, configuration status accounting, configuration audit

3.566

configuration management database (CMDB)

1. database containing all the relevant details of each configuration item and details of the important relationships between them. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.5*

3.567

configuration management system

1. the discipline of identifying the components of a continually evolving system to control changes to those components and maintaining integrity and traceability throughout the life cycle 2. [Tool] a subsystem of the overall project management system. It is a collection of formal documented procedures used to apply technical and administrative direction and surveillance to: identify and document the functional and physical characteristics of a product, result, service, or component; control any changes to such characteristics; record and report each change and its implementation status; and support the audit of the products, results, or components to verify conformance to requirements. It includes the documentation, tracking systems, and defined approval levels necessary for authorizing and controlling changes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.568

configuration status accounting

1. an element of configuration management, consisting of the recording and reporting of information needed to manage a configuration effectively

cf. configuration control, configuration identification, configuration index, configuration item, development record

NOTE This information includes a listing of the approved configuration identification, the status of proposed changes to the configuration, and the implementation status of approved changes.

3.569

conflict

1. a change in one version of a file that cannot be reconciled with the version of the file to which it is applied

NOTE can occur when versions from different branches are merged or when two committers work concurrently on the same file

3.570

conformance

1. the fulfillment by a product, process or service of specified requirements. *IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 IEEE/EIA Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Life cycle data.1.4.1*

3.571

conformity evaluation report

1. document that describes the conduct and results of the evaluation carried out for a COTS software product. *ISO/IEC 25051:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Requirements for quality of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software product and instructions for testing.4.2*

3.572

connectivity

1. the capability of a system or device to be attached to other systems or devices without modification. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.27*

3.573**consecutive**

1. pertaining to the occurrence of two sequential events or items without the intervention of any other event or item; that is, one immediately after the other.

3.574**consequence**

1. an outcome of an event. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.1*

NOTE The outcome may be a loss or a gain and may be expressed qualitatively or quantitatively.

3.575**consistency**

1. the degree of uniformity, standardization, and freedom from contradiction among the documents or parts of a system or component 2. software attributes that provide uniform design and implementation techniques and notations

cf. traceability

3.576**consistent**

1. Without internal conflicts. *IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 IEEE/EIA Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Life cycle data.H.3 d)*

3.577**constant**

1. a quantity or data item whose value cannot change. 2. an instance whose identity is known at the time of writing. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject). 3.1.40.* 3. the specification that an attribute or participant property value, once assigned, may not be changed, or that an operation shall always provide the same output argument values given the same input argument values. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject). 3.1.40.* 4. a numeric or string value that does not change during program execution

cf. variable figurative constant, literal

EXAMPLE the data item FIVE, with an unchanging value of 5

NOTE The identity of a constant state class instance is represented by #K, where K is an integer or a name.

3.578**constant-failure period**

1. the period of time in the life cycle of a system or component during which hardware failures occur at an approximately uniform rate

cf. early failure period, wearout-failure period, bathtub curve

3.579**constraint**

1. a limitation or implied requirement that constrains the design solution or implementation of the systems engineering process and is not changeable by the enterprise. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.5.* 2. a restriction on software life cycle process (SLCP) development. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E.* 3. a rule that specifies a valid condition of data. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.41.* 4. a responsibility that is a statement of facts that are required to be true in order for the constraint to be met. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.41.* 5. a restriction on the value of an attribute or the existence of any object based on the value or existence of one or more others. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology —*

CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2. **6.** an externally imposed limitation on system requirements, design, or implementation or on the process used to develop or modify a system. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.5. **7.** [Input]. the state, quality, or sense of being restricted to a given course of action or inaction. An applicable restriction or limitation, either internal or external to a project, which will affect the performance of the project or a process. For example, a schedule constraint is any limitation or restraint placed on the project schedule that affects when a schedule activity can be scheduled and is usually in the form of fixed imposed dates. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. **8.** a statement that expresses measurable bounds for an element or function of the system. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.4

cf. software life cycle process (SLCP)

NOTE That is, a constraint is a factor that is imposed on the solution by force or compulsion and may limit or modify the design changes.

3.580
construction

1. the process of writing, assembling, or generating assets. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology - Software Life Cycle Processes - Reuse Processes*.3.5. **2.** the activity in software development consisting of detailed design, coding, unit testing, and debugging

NOTE the collection of activities focused on creating source code

3.581
consumer

1. the organization or person who buys the software package. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages*.3.2.2

3.582
consumer software package

1. a software product designed and sold to carry out identified functions; the software and its associated documentation are packaged for sale as a unit. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages*.3.2.1

3.583
container interface

1. an interface of a data repository allowing access to data. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.14.1.1.2

3.584
content coupling

1. a type of coupling in which some or all of the contents of one software module are included in the contents of another module

cf. common-environment coupling, control coupling, data coupling, hybrid coupling, pathological coupling

3.585
context

1. the immediate environment in which a function (or set of functions in a diagram) operates. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.30

3.586
context diagram

1. a diagram that presents the context of the top-level function of an IDEF0 model, whose diagram number is a-n, where 0#n#9. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.31

NOTE The one-box A-0 context diagram is a required context diagram; those with diagram numbers A-1, A-2, ..., A-9 are optional context diagrams.

3.587

context of use

1. users, tasks, equipment (hardware, software and materials), and the physical and social environments in which a product is used. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.7*

NOTE [ISO 9241-11:1998]

3.588

context-sensitive help

1. type of on-screen documentation in which the information that is displayed depends upon the user's view of the software. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.10*

cf. embedded documentation, printed documentation

3.589

contiguous allocation

1. a storage allocation technique in which programs or data to be stored are allocated a block of storage of equal or greater size, so that logically contiguous programs and data are assigned physically contiguous storage locations

cf. paging (1)

3.590

contingency plan

1. a plan for dealing with a risk factor, should it become a problem

3.591

contingency reserve

1. [Output/Input] the amount of funds, budget, or time needed above the estimate to reduce the risk of overruns of project objectives to a level acceptable to the organization. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.592

continuous forms

1. forms produced in continuous lengths during the manufacturing process and intended primarily for use with sprocket-hole transporting mechanisms. *ISO 3535:1977, Forms design sheet and layout chart.4.1*

3.593

continuous iteration

1. a loop that has no exit

3.594

continuous representation

1. capability maturity model structure wherein capability levels provide a recommended order for approaching process improvement within each specified process area

3.595

continuous risk management

1. the process of analyzing the progress of a planned activity, project, or program on a periodic, ongoing basis and handling identified risk factors

NOTE Includes developing options and fallback positions to permit alternative solutions to reduce the impact if a risk factor becomes a problem.

3.596

contract

1. binding agreement between two parties, especially enforceable by law, or a similar internal agreement wholly within an organization. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.8. **2.** a legally binding document agreed upon by the customer and supplier. *IEEE Std 830-1998 IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Specifications*.3.1. **3.** [Output/Input] a contract is a mutually binding agreement that obligates the seller to provide the specified product or service or result and obligates the buyer to pay for it. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.597

contract administration

1. process of managing the contract and the relationship between the acquirer and supplier, including reviewing and documenting how the supplier is performing or has performed; establishing required corrective actions; and managing contract changes

3.598

contract management plan

1. document that describes how a specific agreement will be administered to monitor delivery of required documentation and performance of the statement of work, to evaluate performance, and to control changes

3.599

contract work breakdown structure (CWBS)

1. portion of the overall work breakdown structure applicable to a contract, developed and maintained by the supplier

3.600

contractual requirement

1. result of the analysis and refinement of customer requirements into a set of requirements suitable to be included in one or more solicitation packages, formal contracts, or supplier agreements between the acquirer and other appropriate organizations

cf. acquirer, customer requirement

3.601

contravariance

1. a rule governing the overriding of a property and requiring that the set of values acceptable for an input argument in the overriding property shall be a superset (includes the same set) of the set of values acceptable for that input argument in the overridden property, and the set of values acceptable for an output argument in the overriding property shall be a subset (includes the same set) of the set of values acceptable for that output argument in the overridden property. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.42

3.602

contribution

1. the function type's (ILF, EIF, EI, EO, EQ) contribution to the unadjusted function point count. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.603

control

1. in engineering, the monitoring of system output to compare with expected output and taking corrective action when the actual output does not match the expected output **2.** comparing actual performance with planned performance, analyzing variances, assessing trends to effect process improvements, evaluating possible alternatives, and recommending appropriate corrective action as needed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. **3.** in an IDEF0 model, a condition or set of conditions required for a function to produce correct output. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.2.1.32

3.604**control account**

1. [Tool]. a management control point where scope, budget (resource plans), actual cost, and schedule are integrated and compared to earned value for performance measurement. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. work package

3.605**control arrow**

1. an arrow or arrow segment that expresses IDEF0 control. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.33*

NOTE That is, an object type set whose instances establish a condition or set of conditions required for a function to produce correct output. The arrowhead of a control arrow is attached to the top side of a box.

3.606**control chart**

1. [Tool] a graphic display of process data over time and against established control limits, and that has a centerline that assists in detecting a trend of plotted values toward either control limit. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.607**control clustering**

1. a task-structuring criterion by which a control object is combined into a task with the objects it controls

3.608**control costs**

1. [Process] the process of monitoring the status of the project to update the project budget and managing changes to the cost baseline. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.609**control coupling**

1. a type of coupling in which one software module communicates information to another module for the explicit purpose of influencing the latter module's execution

cf. common-environment coupling, content coupling, data coupling, hybrid coupling, pathological coupling

3.610**control data**

1. data that select an operating mode, direct the sequential flow of a program, or otherwise directly influence the operation of software

EXAMPLE a loop control variable

3.611**control field**

1. the field comprising one or more input variables whose change in value, or lack of change, between successive logical records affect the flow of control through the main procedure. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.6*

3.612**control flow**

1. the sequence in which operations are performed during the execution of a computer program. *Syn:* flow of control

cf. data flow

3.613

control flow diagram

1. a diagram that depicts the set of all possible sequences in which operations may be performed during the execution of a system or program

cf. data flow diagram, call graph, structure chart

NOTE Types include box diagram, flowchart, input-process-output chart, state diagram.

3.614

control information

1. data that turns on or off one or more processes of an application or that influences the operation of a transaction. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. data that influences an elementary process of the application being counted. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*.6

NOTE It specifies what, when, or how data is to be processed.

3.615

control limits

1. the area composed of three standard deviations on either side of the centerline, or mean, of a normal distribution of data plotted on a control chart that reflects the expected variation in the data. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. specification limits

3.616

control loopback

1. loopback of output from one function to be control for another function in the same diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.34. Syn: feedback*

3.617

control point

1. a project agreed on point in time or times when specified agreements or controls are applied to the software configuration items being developed. *IEEE Std 828-2005 IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans*.2.1.1. *Syn: project control point*

EXAMPLE an approved baseline or release of a specified document/code or project milestone

3.618

control schedule

1. [Process] the process of monitoring the status of the project to update project progress and managing changes to the schedule baseline. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.619

control scope

1. [Process] the process of monitoring the status of the project and product scope and managing changes to the scope baseline. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.620

control statement

1. a program statement that selects among alternative sets of program statements or affects the order in which operations are performed

cf. assignment statement, declaration

EXAMPLE if-then-else, case

3.621**control store**

1. in a microprogrammed computer, the computer memory in which microprograms reside

cf. microword, nanostore

3.622**control task**

1. a task that makes decisions to control other tasks' execution

3.623**convention**

1. requirement employed to prescribe a disciplined, uniform approach to providing consistency in a software product, that is, a uniform pattern or form for arranging data

cf. practice, standard

3.624**conversational**

1. pertaining to an interactive system or mode of operation in which the interaction between the user and the system resembles a human dialog

cf. batch, interactive, online, real time

3.625**conversion**

1. modification of existing software to enable it to operate with similar functional capability in a different environment. 2. those activities associated with mapping data or programs from one format to another. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

EXAMPLE converting a program from FORTRAN to Ada, converting a program that runs on one computer to run on another

3.626**conversion functionality**

1. for a development project, functions provided to convert data and/or provide other user-specified conversion requirements, such as special conversion reports. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE for an enhancement project, functions delivered because of any conversion functionality required by the user

3.627**convertibility**

1. the ability to convert the results from applying two or more FSM methods in the measurement of a functional size of the same set of functional user requirements. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods.3.3*

3.628**cookie**

1. a quantity used to indicate or signal to a recipient of data, significant changes in the state of the entity supplying the data. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.3*

NOTE Web sites may store/retrieve cookies from user client systems to maintain state information including identification of users and transaction coherency.

3.629

copy

1. to read data from a source, leaving the source data unchanged, and to write the same data elsewhere in a physical form that may differ from that of the source 2. the result of a copy process as in (1)

cf. move

EXAMPLE to copy data from a magnetic disk onto a magnetic tape

3.630

copyright

1. the exclusive right granted to the owner of an original work of authorship, which is fixed in any tangible medium of expression, to reproduce, publish, perform, and/or sell the work

3.631

COQ

1. cost of quality. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.632

CORBA

1. Common Object Request Broker Architecture. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function.4*

3.633

coroutine

1. a routine that begins execution at the point at which operation was last suspended, and that is not required to return control to the program or subprogram that called it

cf. subroutine

3.634

corporate board or equivalent body

1. person or group of people who assumes legal responsibility for conducting or controlling an organization at the highest level. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes.3. 3*

3.635

corporate executive level

1. the management level responsible for the enterprise, including the Board of Directors. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.636

corporate governance

1. system by which organizations are directed and controlled. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.2*

3.637

corporate governance of IT

1. system by which the current and future use of IT is directed and controlled. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.3*

NOTE Corporate governance of IT involves evaluating and directing the use of IT to support the organization and monitoring this use to achieve plans. It includes the strategy and policies for using IT within an organization.

3.638

correctability

1. the degree of effort required to correct software defects and to cope with user complaints

3.639**corrective action**

1. documented direction for executing the project work to bring expected future performance of the project work in line with the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. acts used to remedy a situation, remove an error, or adjust a condition

3.640**corrective maintenance**

1. the reactive modification of a software product performed after delivery to correct discovered problems. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.2* 2. maintenance performed to correct faults in hardware or software

NOTE The modification repairs the software product to satisfy requirements.

3.641**correctness**

1. the degree to which a system or component is free from faults in its specification, design, and implementation. 2. the degree to which software, documentation, or other items meet specified requirements. 3. the degree to which software, documentation, or other items meet user needs and expectations, whether specified or not

3.642**COSMIC**

1. Common Software Measurement International Consortium. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*

3.643**cost constraint**

1. any limitation or restraint placed on the project budget such as funds available over time. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.644**cost management plan**

1. [Output/Input] the document that sets out the format and establishes the activities and criteria for planning, structuring, and controlling the project costs. The cost management plan is contained in, or is a subsidiary plan, of the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.645**cost of quality (COQ)**

1. [Technique] a method of determining the costs incurred to ensure quality. Prevention and appraisal costs (cost of conformance) include costs for quality planning, quality control (QC), and quality assurance to ensure compliance to requirements (i.e., training, QC systems, etc.). Failure costs (cost of non-conformance) include costs to rework products, components, or processes that are non-compliant, costs of warranty work and waste, and loss of reputation. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.646**cost performance baseline**

1. a specific version of the time-phased budget used to compare actual expenditures to planned expenditures to determine if preventive or corrective action is needed to meet the project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.647**cost performance index (CPI)**

1. a measure of cost efficiency on a project. It is the ratio of earned value (EV) to actual costs (AC). $CPI = EV$ divided by AC . *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.648

cost variance (CV)

1. a measure of cost performance on a project. It is the difference between earned value (EV) and actual cost (AC). $CV = EV \text{ minus } AC$. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.649

cost-plus-fee (CPF)

1. a contract in which the acquirer reimburses the supplier's allowable costs for performing the contract work and also pays a fee. *Syn: cost plus fee*

3.650

cost-plus-fixed-fee (CPFF) contract

1. a type of cost-reimbursable contract where the buyer reimburses the seller for the seller's allowable costs (allowable costs are defined by the contract) plus a fixed amount of profit (fee). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.651

cost-plus-incentive-fee (CPIF) contract

1. a type of cost-reimbursable contract where the buyer reimburses the seller for the seller's allowable costs (allowable costs are defined by the contract), and the seller earns its profit if it meets defined performance criteria. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.652

cost-reimbursable contract

1. a type of contract involving payment (reimbursement) by the buyer to the seller for the seller's actual costs, plus a fee typically representing seller's profit. Cost-reimbursable contracts often include incentive clauses where, if the seller meets or exceeds selected project objectives, such as schedule targets or total cost, then the seller receives from the buyer an incentive or bonus payment. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.653

COTS

1. Commercial-Off-The-Shelf. *ISO/IEC 9003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software.3.4*

3.654

counter

1. a variable used to record the number of occurrences of a given event during the execution of a computer program

EXAMPLE a variable that records the number of times a loop is executed

3.655

counting rule

1. conditions and procedures under which the measurement value is obtained. *ISO/IEC 14598-3:2000, Software engineering — Product evaluation — Part 3: Process for developers.4.1*

3.656

counting scope

1. the counting scope defines the functionality which will be included in a particular function point count. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.657**coupling**

1. the manner and degree of interdependence between software modules. **2.** the strength of the relationships between modules. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.1.4.2. **3.** a measure of how closely connected two routines or modules are. **4.** in software design, a measure of the interdependence among modules in a computer program

cf. cohesion

NOTE Types include common-environment coupling, content coupling, control coupling, data coupling, hybrid coupling, and pathological coupling.

3.658**CPAF**

1. cost plus award fee. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.659**CPC**

1. computer program component

cf. computer software component

3.660**CPCI**

1. computer program configuration item

cf. computer software configuration

3.661**CPF**

1. cost-plus-fee. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.662**CPFF**

1. cost plus fixed fee. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.663**CPI**

1. cost performance index. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.664**CPIF**

1. cost plus incentive fee. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.665**CPM**

1. critical path methodology. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. **2.** Counting Practices International Standard. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE the IFPUG equivalent of the NESMA International Standard ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Definitions and Counting Guidelines for the Application of Function Point Analysis

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CPPC

1. cost plus percentage of cost

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crash

1. the sudden and complete failure of a computer system or component

cf. hard failure

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crashing

1. [Technique] a specific type of project schedule compression technique performed by taking action to decrease the total project schedule duration after analyzing a number of alternatives to determine how to get the maximum schedule duration compression for the least additional cost. Typical approaches for crashing a schedule include reducing schedule activity durations and increasing the assignment of resources on schedule activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. fast tracking, schedule compression

3.669

create WBS (work breakdown structure)

1. [Process] the process of subdividing project deliverables and project work into smaller, more manageable components. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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crisis

1. a critical state of affairs in which a decisive, probably undesirable outcome is impending

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crisis management

1. steps to take when a contingency plan does not solve the associated problem

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criteria

1. standards, rules, or tests on which a judgment or decision can be based, or by which a product, service, result, or process can be evaluated. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. specific data items identified as contents of information items for appraising a factor in an evaluation, audit, test or review. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products*. 5.2

3.673

critical activity

1. any schedule activity on a critical path in a project schedule. Most commonly determined by using the critical path method. Although some activities are "critical", in the dictionary sense, without being on the critical path, this meaning is seldom used in the project context. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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critical chain method

1. [Technique] a schedule network analysis technique that modifies the project schedule to account for limited resources. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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critical design review (CDR)

1. a review conducted to verify that the detailed design of one or more configuration items satisfy specified requirements; to establish the compatibility among the configuration items and other items of equipment, facilities, software, and personnel; to assess risk areas for each configuration item; and, as applicable, to

assess the results of producibility analyses, review preliminary hardware product specifications, evaluate preliminary test planning, and evaluate the adequacy of preliminary operation and support documents 2. a review as in (1) of any hardware or software component

3.676**critical information**

1. information describing the safe use of the software, the security of the information created with the software, or the protection of the sensitive personal information created by or stored with the software. *ISO/IEC 26514; Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.11

3.677**critical item**

1. in configuration management, an item within a configuration item that, because of special engineering or logistic considerations, requires an approved specification to establish technical or inventory control at the component level

3.678**critical path**

1. generally, but not always, the sequence of schedule activities that determines the duration of the project. It is the longest path through the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. critical path methodology

3.679**critical path methodology (CPM)**

1. [Technique] a schedule network analysis technique used to determine the amount of scheduling flexibility (the amount of float) on various logical network paths in the project schedule network, and to determine the minimum total project duration. Early start and finish dates are calculated by means of a forward pass, using a specified start date. Late start and finish dates are calculated by means of a backward pass, starting from a specified completion date, which sometimes is the project early finish date determined during the forward pass calculation. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. critical path

3.680**critical piece first**

1. a system development approach in which the most critical aspects of a system are implemented first

cf. bottom-up, top-down

NOTE

The critical piece may be defined in terms of services provided, degree of risk, difficulty, or other criteria.

3.681**critical range**

1. metric values used to classify software into the categories of acceptable, marginal, or unacceptable. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.2

3.682**critical section**

1. the section of a task's internal logic that is executed mutually exclusively with other tasks

3.683**critical value**

1. metric value of a validated metric that is used to identify software that has unacceptable quality. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.3

3.684

criticality

1. the degree of impact that a requirement, module, error, fault, failure, or other characteristic has on the development or operation of a system. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.9

3.685

cross-assembler

1. an assembler that executes on one computer but generates machine code for a different computer

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cross-compiler

1. a compiler that executes on one computer but generates machine code for a different computer

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cross-reference generator

1. a software tool that accepts as input the source code of a computer program and produces as output a listing that identifies each of the program's variables, labels, and other identifiers and indicates which statements in the program define, set, or use each one. *Syn:* cross-referencer

3.688

cross-reference list

1. a list that identifies each of the variables, labels, and other identifiers in a computer program and indicates which statements in the program define, set, or use each one

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cross-reference tool

1. a software maintenance tool that lets the user determine where a variable is used or where a particular procedure is called on

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CSC

1. computer software component

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CSCI

1. computer software configuration item

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CSF

1. critical success factor. *ISO/IEC TR 14471:2007, Information technology — Software engineering — Guidelines for the adoption of CASE tools*.2.2

3.693

CT

1. communication technology. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.7. *Syn:* Communication Technology

3.694

curriculum standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a course of study on a body of knowledge that is offered by an educational institution

3.695

custom software

1. software product developed for a specific application from a user requirements specification. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.8

3.696**customer**

1. organization or person that receives a product or service. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.9; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.9.* **2.** the entity or entities for whom the requirements are to be satisfied in the system being defined and developed. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications.3.5.* **3.** an individual or organization who acts for the ultimate user of a new or modified hardware or software product to acquire the product and its documentation. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology-System Definition -Concept of Operation Document.3.7.* **4.** the person, or persons, who pay for the product and usually (but not necessarily) decide the requirements. *IEEE Std 830-1998 IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Specifications.3.2.* *Syn:* acquirer, buyer, beneficiary, purchaser

cf. stakeholder

EXAMPLE an end-user of the completed system, an organization within the same company as the developing organization (e.g., System Management)

NOTE A customer can be internal or external to the organization. The customer may be a higher level project. This is the entity to whom the system developer must provide proof that the system developed satisfies the system requirements specified. Customers are a subset of stakeholders.

3.697**customer requirement**

1. the result of eliciting, consolidating, and resolving conflicts among the needs, expectations, constraints, and interfaces of the product's relevant stakeholders in a way that is acceptable to the customer

3.698**customization**

1. adaptation of a software or documentation product to the needs of a particular audience. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.12*

3.699**cut-off date**

1. date after which changes to the software are reflected in the

1. cost variance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.700**CWBS**

1. contract work breakdown structure

3.701**cycle**

1. a period of time during which a set of events is completed. **2.** a set of operations that is repeated regularly in the same sequence, possibly with variations in each repetition

cf. software development cycle, software life cycle

3.702**cycle stealing**

1. the process of suspending the operation of a central processing unit for one or more cycles to permit the occurrence of other operations, such as transferring data from main memory in response to an output request from an input/output controller

3.703**cyclic search**

1. a storage allocation technique in which each search for a suitable block of storage begins with the block following the one last allocated

3.704

data

1. a representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automatic means 2. collection of values assigned to base measures, derived measures and/or indicators. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.4. 2. collection of values assigned to base measures, derived measures and/or indicators. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.9. 3. the representation forms of information dealt with by information systems and users thereof. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations*.3.2.6. 4. a reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or communication, or processing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.02

cf. data type

3.705

data abstraction

1. the process of extracting the essential characteristics of data by defining data types and their associated functional characteristics and disregarding representation details 2. the result of the process in (1)

cf. encapsulation, information hiding

3.706

data analysis

1. a systematic investigation of the data and their flow in a real or planned system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.02.08

3.707

data attribute

1. the smallest parcel of information, within an identified data group, carrying a meaning from the perspective of the software's functional user requirements. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*.3.4. 2. a characteristic of an entity. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.708

data bank

1. a set of data related to a given subject and organized in such a way that it can be consulted by subscribers. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.08.04

3.709

data breakpoint

1. a breakpoint that is initiated when a specified data item is accessed. *Syn*: storage breakpoint

cf. code breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, epilog breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, prolog breakpoint, static breakpoint

3.710

data characteristic

1. an inherent, possibly accidental, trait, quality, or property of data. *IEEE Std 1008-1987 (R1993, R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing*.2

EXAMPLE arrival rates, formats, value ranges, or relationships between field values

3.711

data communication

1. transfer of data among functional units according to sets of rules governing data transmission and the coordination of the exchange. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.39

3.712**data communications GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application communicates directly with the processor. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.713**data coupling**

1. a type of coupling in which output from one software module serves as input to another module. *Syn:* input-output coupling

cf. common-environment coupling, content coupling, control coupling, hybrid coupling, pathological coupling

3.714**data date**

1. the date up to or through which the project's reporting system has provided actual status and accomplishments. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn:* as-of date, time-now date

3.715**data declaration source statement**

1. source statement that reserves or initializes memory at compilation time

3.716**data element**

1. smallest parcel of information, within an identified data group, carrying a meaning from the perspective of the software's Functional User Requirements (FUR). *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.A.7. Syn:* data item

3.717**data element type (DET)**

1. a unique, user-recognizable, non-recursive item of information. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10.* 2. the most elementary form of data as seen by the user that serves for controlling, recording, or transferring information. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 3. a unique user recognizable, non-repeated field. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6.* 4. unique, user recognizable, non-repeated field in a BFC. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.3.3*

NOTE A data element can be a character string, or a digital or graphical element in a BFC. When 'data elements' are indicated for a BFC, the number of data elements is always greater than 0.

3.718**data exception**

1. an exception that occurs when a program attempts to use or access data incorrectly

cf. addressing exception, operation exception, overflow exception, protection exception, underflow exception

3.719**data flow**

1. the sequence in which data transfer, use, and transformation are performed during the execution of a computer program

cf. control flow

3.720
data flow diagram (DFD)

1. a diagram that depicts data sources, data sinks, data storage, and processes performed on data as nodes, and logical flow of data as links between the nodes. *Syn:* data flowchart, data flow graph

cf. control flow diagram, data structure diagram

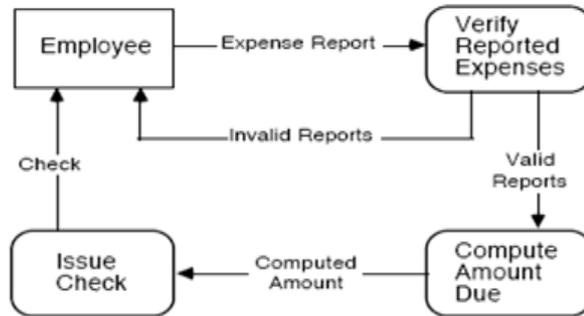


Figure 8 — Data flow diagram

3.721
data function

1. a logical file. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

cf. data functions

NOTE That is, a logical group of permanent data seen from the perspective of the user. FPA assigns each data function a type and distinguishes between the following types: the internal logical file and the external interface file.

3.722
data function type

1. one of two categories that FPA assigns to a data function; internal logical file and external interface file. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.723
data functions

1. the functionality provided to the user to meet internal and external data requirements. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. data function

NOTE Data functions are either internal logical files (ILFs) or external interface files (EIFs).

3.724
data group

1. a distinct, non empty, non ordered and non redundant set of data attributes where each included data attribute describes a complementary aspect of the same object of interest. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts*

cf. object of interest

3.725**data group**

1. a distinct, non empty, non ordered and non redundant set of data attributes where each included data attribute describes a complementary aspect of the same object of interest. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.A.6*

cf. object of interest

3.726**data information**

1. information that enters or exits the application and that satisfies the user's information need. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.727**data input sheet**

1. user documentation that describes, in a worksheet format, the required and optional input data for a system or component

cf. user manual

3.728**data inventory**

1. in an information processing system, all the data and their characteristics, including interdependencies. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.01.06*

3.729**data management**

1. in a data processing system, the functions that provide access to data, perform or monitor the storage of data, and control input-output operations. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.08.02.* 2. the disciplined processes and systems that plan for, acquire, and provide stewardship for business and technical data, consistent with data requirements, throughout the data lifecycle

3.730**data medium**

1. a material in or on which data can be recorded and from which data can be retrieved. Plural: media. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.51*

3.731**data model**

1. a graphical and textual representation of analysis that identifies the data needed by an organization to achieve its mission, functions, goals, objectives, and strategies and to manage and rate the organization. *IEEE 13201998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.44.* 2. a model about data by which an interpretation of the data can be obtained in the modeling tool industry. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE A data model is one that may be encoded and manipulated by a computer. A data model identifies the entities, domains (attributes), and relationships (associations) with other data and provides the conceptual view of the data and the relationships among data. [key style]

3.732**data movement (-type)**

1. a base functional component which moves one or more data attributes belonging to a single data group. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.6*

NOTE There are four types of COSMIC-FFP data movements: Entry, Exit, Read and Write.

3.733

data processing (DP)

1. the systematic performance of operations upon data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.06. *Syn:* automatic data processing (ADP)

EXAMPLE arithmetic or logic operations upon data, merging or sorting of data, assembling or compiling of programs, or operations on text, such as editing, sorting, merging, storing, retrieving, displaying, or printing

NOTE The term data processing should not be used as a synonym for information processing.

3.734

data processing system

1. one or more computers, peripheral equipment, and software that perform data processing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.20. *Syn:* computer system, computing system

3.735

data protection

1. the implementation of appropriate administrative, technical, or physical means to guard against unauthorized intentional or accidental disclosure, modification, or destruction of data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.07.01

3.736

data provider

1. individual or organization that is a source of data. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.5

3.737

data repository

1. an object providing the storage function. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.14.1.1.1

3.738

data store

1. organized and persistent collection of data and information that allows for its retrieval. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.6

3.739

data structure

1. a physical or logical relationship among data elements, designed to support specific data manipulation functions

3.740

data structure diagram

1. a diagram that depicts a set of data elements, their attributes, and the logical relationships among them

cf. data flow diagram, entity-relationship diagram

Employee Record									
Emp. No. (4)	Emp. Name			Emp. Address				Dept. No. (3)	Emp. sal. (4)
	First (10C)	Mid. (1C)	Last (16C)	Street (20C)	City (20C)	State (2C)	Zip (9)		

Figure 9 — Data structure diagram

3.741**data structure-centered design**

1. a software design technique in which the architecture of a system is derived from analysis of the structure of the data sets with which the system must deal

cf. input-process-output, modular decomposition, object-oriented design, rapid prototyping, stepwise refinement, structure clash, structured design, transaction analysis, transform analysis

3.742**data type**

1. a class of data, characterized by the members of the class and the operations that can be applied to them.
 2. a categorization of an abstract set of possible values, characteristics, and set of operations for an attribute. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.45. 3. a set of values and operations on those values. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.45. 4. a categorization of values operation arguments, typically covering both behavior and representation. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.4

EXAMPLE integers, real numbers, and character strings

NOTE [key style]

3.743**database**

1. a collection of interrelated data stored together in one or more computerized files. 2. a collection of data organized according to a conceptual structure describing the characteristics of the data and the relationships among their corresponding entities, supporting one or more application areas. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.08.05. 3. collection of data describing a specific target area that is used and updated by one or more applications. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.A.5. *Syn*: data base

3.744**database design specification**

1. a document that describes the content and format of the permanent or semi-permanent data necessary for the software to carry out its functions

3.745**data-sensitive fault**

1. a fault that causes a failure in response to some particular pattern of data. *Syn*: pattern-sensitive fault

cf. program-sensitive fault

3.746**data-structure-oriented design**

1. a design methodology used for business applications by basing the design on the logical data structures of the program specification

EXAMPLE the Jackson System Design and Warnier-Orr methods

3.747**datum**

1. singular of "data"

NOTE Data"" may be used for both singular and plural.

3.748

DCE

1. Distributed Computing Environment. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.749

deactivation

1. checkpointing a cluster, followed by deletion of the cluster. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.23

3.750

deadlock

1. a situation in which computer processing is suspended because two or more devices or processes are each awaiting resources assigned to the others **2.** a situation in which two or more tasks are suspended indefinitely because each task is waiting for a resource acquired by another task

cf. lockout

3.751

deblock

1. to separate the parts of a block

cf. block (2)

3.752

debug

1. to detect, locate, and correct faults in a computer program. **2.** to detect, locate, and eliminate errors in programs. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.05.07

NOTE Techniques include use of breakpoints, desk checking, dumps, inspection, reversible execution, single-step operation, and traces.

3.753

decision criteria

1. thresholds, targets, or patterns used to determine the need for action or further investigation, or to describe the level of confidence in a given result. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.7

3.754

decision criteria

1. thresholds, targets, or patterns used to determine the need for action or further investigation, or to describe the level of confidence in a given result. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.10

3.755

decision table

1. a table of all contingencies that are to be considered in the description of a problem together with the action to be taken. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.1. **2.** a table used to show sets of conditions and the actions resulting from them. **3.** a table of conditions that are to be considered in the analysis of a problem, together with the action to be taken for each condition. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.06.05

3.756**decision tree analysis**

1. [Technique] the decision tree is a diagram that describes a decision under consideration and the implications of choosing one or another of the available alternatives. It is used when some future scenarios or outcomes of actions are uncertain. It incorporates probabilities and the costs or rewards of each logical path of events and future decisions, and uses expected monetary value analysis to help the organization identify the relative values of alternate actions. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.757**declaration**

1. an action that establishes a state of affairs in the environment of the object making the declaration. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.5.3. 2. a non-executable program statement that affects the assembler or compiler's interpretation of other statements in the program 3. a set of statements which define the sets, constants, parameter values, typed variables and functions required for defining the annotations on a high-level Petri Net graph. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.8

NOTE The essence of a declaration is that, by virtue of the act of declaration itself and the authority of the object or its principal, it causes a state of affairs to come into existence outside the object making the declaration.

3.758**declarative language**

1. a nonprocedural language that permits the user to declare a set of facts and to express queries or problems that use these facts

cf. interactive language, rule-based language

3.759**decompile**

1. to translate a compiled computer program from its machine language version into a form that resembles, but may not be identical to, the original high-order language program

cf. compile

3.760**decompiler**

1. a software tool that decompiles computer programs

3.761**decomposition**

1. [Technique] a planning technique that subdivides the project scope and project deliverables into smaller, more manageable components, until the project work associated with accomplishing the project scope and providing the deliverables is defined in sufficient detail to support executing, monitoring, and controlling the work. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. the partitioning of a modeled function into its component functions. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.35

3.762**decomposition diagram**

1. a diagram that details its parent box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.36

3.763

decoupling

1. the process of making software modules more independent of one another to decrease the impact of changes to, and errors in, the individual modules

cf. coupling

3.764

defect

1. a problem which, if not corrected, could cause an application to either fail or to produce incorrect results. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method— Counting practices manual* 2. an imperfection or deficiency in a project component where that component does not meet its requirements or specifications and needs to be either repaired or replaced. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 3. a generic term that can refer to either a fault (cause) or a failure (effect). *IEEE Std 982.1-2005 IEEE Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability.*2.1

cf. fault

EXAMPLE (1) omissions and imperfections found during early life cycle phases and (2) faults contained in software sufficiently mature for test or operation

3.765

defect density

1. number of defects per unit of product size

EXAMPLE problem reports per thousand lines of code

3.766

defect repair

1. formally documented identification of a defect in a project component with a recommendation to either repair the defect or completely replace the component. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.767

defensive programming

1. a general approach to programming that assumes that errors will occur during both initial development and maintenance and, as a result, creates code in such a way that the program still operates properly when errors occur

3.768

define activities

1. [Process] the process of identifying the specific actions to be performed to produce the project deliverables. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.769

define scope

1. [Process] the process of developing a detailed description of the project and product. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.770

defined process

1. a process that is managed (planned, monitored and adjusted), and tailored from the organization's set of standard processes according to the organization's tailoring guidelines. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.*3.21

NOTE A defined process has a maintained process description; and contributes work products, measures, and other process improvement information to the organization's process assets. A project's defined process provides a basis for planning, performing, and improving the project's tasks and activities of the project.

3.771**definitive master version**

1. version of the software that is used to install the software and to create distribution copies. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006 Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes*.3. 4

3.772**degree of confidence**

1. the degree of confidence that software conforms to its requirements. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.2

3.773**degree of influence (DI)**

1. a numerical indicator of the amount of impact of each of the 14 general system characteristics, ranging from zero to five. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. a numerical indicator of the impact of each of the 19 (or more) technical complexity adjustment factors, ranging from 0 (no influence) to 5 (strong influence, throughout). *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10

NOTE These indicators are used to compute the value adjustment factor.

3.774**delegation**

1. the action that assigns authority, responsibility or a function to another object. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.5.4

NOTE A delegation, once made, may later be withdrawn.

3.775**deleted source statement**

1. source statement that is removed or modified from an existing software product as a new product is constructed

3.776**delimiter**

1. a character or set of characters used to denote the beginning or end of a group of related bits, characters, words, or statements

3.777**deliver primitive**

1. a service primitive for which the protocol object is the responding object of the corresponding communication. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.6

3.778**deliverable**

1. [Output/Input] any unique and verifiable product, result, or capability to perform a service that must be produced to complete a process, phase, or project. Often used more narrowly in reference to an external deliverable, which is a deliverable that is subject to approval by the project sponsor or customer. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. item to be provided to an acquirer or other designated recipient as specified in an agreement

cf. acquirer, product, result

NOTE This item can be a document, hardware item, software item, service, or any type of work product.

3.779

deliverables

1. items whose delivery to the customer is a requirement of the contract. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.9*

3.780

delivered source statement

1. source statement that is incorporated into the product delivered to the customer

3.781

delivery

1. release of a system or component to its customer or intended user

cf. software life cycle, system life cycle

3.782

delivery rate

1. the productivity measure for creating or enhancing an application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE It is expressed by the Project Function Points divided by the Work Effort for the development or enhancement project.

3.783

Delphi technique

1. [Technique] an information gathering technique used as a way to reach a consensus of experts on a subject. Experts on the subject participate in this technique anonymously. A facilitator uses a questionnaire to solicit ideas about the important project points related to the subject. The responses are summarized and are then recirculated to the experts for further comment. Consensus may be reached in a few rounds of this process. The Delphi technique helps reduce bias in the data and keeps any one person from having undue influence on the outcome. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.784

demand paging

1. a storage allocation technique in which pages are transferred from auxiliary storage to main storage only when those pages are needed

cf. anticipatory paging

3.785

demodularization

1. in software design, the process of combining related software modules, usually to optimize system performance

cf. downward compression, lateral compression, upward compression

3.786

demonstration

1. a dynamic analysis technique that relies on observation of system or component behavior during execution, without need for post-execution analysis, to detect errors, violations of development standards, and other problems

cf. testing

3.787

demonstrative product

1. a product which proves the relevance of a solution. *ISO/IEC TR 14759:1999, Software engineering — Mock up and prototype — A categorization of software mock up and prototype models and their use.3.2 a)*

3.788**dependability**

1. trustworthiness of a computer system such that reliance can be justifiably placed on the service it delivers. *IEEE Std 982.1-2005 IEEE Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability*.2.2
2. measure of the degree to which an item is operable and capable of performing its required function at any (random) time during a specified mission profile, given item availability at the start of the mission

NOTE Reliability, availability, and maintainability are aspects of dependability.

3.789**dependent entity**

1. an entity for which the unique identification of an instance depends upon its relationship to another entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.46. Syn: identifier-dependent entity

cf. independent entity [key style]

NOTE Expressed in terms of the foreign key, an entity is said to be dependent if any foreign key is wholly contained in its primary key

3.790**dependent state class**

1. a class whose instances are, by their very nature, intrinsically related to certain other state class instance(s). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.47

cf. independent state class

NOTE It would not be appropriate to have a dependent state class instance by itself and unrelated to an instance of another class(es) and, furthermore, it makes no sense to change the instance(s) to which it relates.

3.791**deployment**

1. phase of a project in which a system is put into operation and cutover issues are resolved

cf. release

3.792**derived data**

1. data that requires processing other than or in addition to direct retrieval and validation of information from internal logical files and/or external interface files. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. data that can be derived. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.793**derived measure**

1. measure that is defined as a function of two or more values of base measures. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.8; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.11

NOTE A transformation of a base measure using a mathematical function can also be considered as a derived measure.

3.794**derived property**

1. the designation given to a property whose value is determined by computation. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.50. Syn: derived attribute, derived participant party

NOTE The typical case of a derived property is as a derived attribute although there is nothing to prohibit other kinds of derived property.

3.795

derived requirement

1. a lower-level requirement that is determined to be necessary for a top-level requirement to be met. 2. a requirement that is not explicitly stated in customer requirements, but is inferred from contextual requirements (such as applicable standards, laws, policies, common practices, and management decisions) or from requirements needed to specify a product or service component

cf. product requirement

NOTE Derived requirements can arise during analysis and design of components of the product or service.

3.796

derived type

1. a data type whose members and operations are taken from those of another data type according to some specified rule

cf. subtype

3.797

descendent box

1. a box in a descendent diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.37*

3.798

descendent diagram

1. a decomposition diagram related to a specific box by a hierarchically consecutive sequence of one or more child/parent relationships. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.38*

3.799

description standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of product information or procedures provided to help understand, test, install, operate, or maintain the product

3.800

design

1. the process of defining the architecture, components, interfaces, and other characteristics of a system or component. 2. the result of the process in (1). 3. the process of defining the software architecture, components, modules, interfaces, and data for a software system to satisfy specified requirements 4. the process of conceiving, inventing, or contriving a scheme for turning a computer program specification into an operational program. 5. activity that links requirements analysis to coding and debugging. 6. stage of documentation development that is concerned with determining what documentation will be provided in a product and what the nature of the documentation will be. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.13*

cf. architectural design, detailed design, preliminary design

3.801

design analyzer

1. an automated design tool that accepts information about a program's design and produces such outputs as module hierarchy diagrams, graphical representations of control and data structure, and lists of accessed data blocks

3.802**design architecture**

1. an arrangement of design elements that provides the design solution for a product or life cycle process intended to satisfy the functional architecture and the requirements baseline. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.7

3.803**design authority**

1. the person or organization that is responsible for producing the design of the system. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.3

3.804**design characteristic**

1. the design attributes or distinguishing features that pertain to a measurable description of a product or process. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.8

3.805**design concept**

1. a fundamental idea that can be applied to designing a system

EXAMPLE information hiding

3.806**design constraint**

1. a software requirement that impacts or constrains the design of a software system or software system component. *Syn*: software design requirement

EXAMPLE physical requirements, performance requirements, software development standards, and software quality assurance (SQA) standards

3.807**design description**

1. a document that describes the design of a system or component. *Syn*: design document, design specification

cf. product specification, requirements specification

NOTE Typical contents include system or component architecture, control logic, data structures, input/output formats, interface descriptions, and algorithm.

3.808**design element**

1. a basic component or building block in a design

3.809**design entity**

1. part of a design that is structurally, functionally, or otherwise distinct from other elements or that plays a different role relative to other design entities 2. an element (component) of a design that is structurally and functionally distinct from other elements and that is separately named and referenced. *IEEE Std 1016-1998 IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Design Descriptions*.3.1

3.810**design fault**

1. a design (specification, coding) fault that results from a human error during system design and that might result in a design failure

3.811

design language

1. a specification language with special constructs and, sometimes, verification protocols, used to develop, analyze, and document a hardware or software design 2. a standardized notation, modeling technique, or other representation scheme and its usage conventions, shown to be effective in representing and communicating design information

cf. requirements specification language

NOTE Types include hardware design language, program design language.

3.812

design level

1. the design decomposition of the software item

EXAMPLE system, subsystem, program, or module

3.813

design methodology

1. a systematic approach to creating a design consisting of the ordered application of a specific collection of tools, techniques, and guidelines

3.814

design pattern

1. a description of the problem and the essence of its solution to enable the solution to be reused in different settings

NOTE not a detailed specification, but a description of accumulated wisdom and experience

3.815

design phase

1. the period in the software life cycle during which definitions for architecture, software components, interfaces, and data are created, documented, and verified to satisfy requirements 2. the period in the software life cycle during which the designs for architecture, software components, interfaces, and data are created, documented, and verified to satisfy requirements

cf. detailed design, preliminary design

3.816

design requirement

1. a requirement that specifies or constrains the design of a system or system component

cf. functional requirement, implementation requirement, interface requirement, performance requirement, physical requirement

3.817

design review

1. formal, documented, comprehensive, and systematic examination of a design to determine if the design meets the applicable requirements, to identify problems, and to propose solutions 2. a process or meeting during which a system, hardware, or software design is presented to project personnel, managers, users, customers, or other interested parties for comment or approval

cf. code review, formal qualification review, requirements review, test readiness review

NOTE Types include critical design review, preliminary design review, system design review.

3.818

design standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a design or a design description of data or program components

3.819**design strategy**

1. the overall plan and direction for performing design

EXAMPLE functional decomposition

3.820**design unit**

1. a logically related collection of design elements

NOTE In an Ada PDL, a design unit is represented by an Ada compilation unit.

3.821**design view**

1. a subset of design entity attribute information that is specifically suited to the needs of a software project activity. *IEEE Std 1016-1998 IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Design Descriptions*.3.2

3.822**design-to cost**

1. cost goals for the production cost (design-to unit production cost) and life-cycle cost (design-to life-cycle cost) of the products used to make the design converge on cost targets. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.9. Syn: design to cost

cf. design-to-cost

NOTE Cost goals should be treated with the same attention as any other performance parameter.

3.823**design-to-cost**

1. an approach to managing a system/software project so as to hold the project to a predetermined cost. Syn: cost as an independent variable (CAIV), design to cost

cf. design-to cost

NOTE Actual and projected costs are closely tracked, and actions such as deleting or postponing lower-priority requirements are taken if costs threaten to exceed targets.

3.824**desk checking**

1. the manual simulation of program execution to detect faults through step-by-step examination of the source program for errors in function or syntax. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.05.02. 2. a static analysis technique in which code listings, test results, or other documentation are visually examined, usually by the person who generated them, to identify errors, violations of development standards, or other problems

cf. inspection, walk-through

3.825**desktop publishing**

1. electronic publishing using a microcomputer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.16

3.826**destination address**

1. the address of the device or storage location to which data is to be transferred

cf. source address

3.827

destructive read

1. a read operation that alters the data in the accessed location

cf. nondestructive read

3.828

detailed design

1. the process of refining and expanding the preliminary design of a system or component to the extent that the design is sufficiently complete to be implemented 2. the result of the process in (1)

cf. software development process

3.829

detailed design description

1. a document that describes the exact detailed configuration of a computer program. Syn: detailed design specification

NOTE It identifies the input, output, control logic, algorithms, and data structure of each individual low-level component of the software product and is the primary product of the detailed design phase.

3.830

detailed design phase

1. the software development lifecycle phase during which the detailed design process takes place, using the software system design and software architecture from the previous phase (architectural design) to produce the detailed logic for each unit such that it is ready for coding

3.831

detailed design review

1. a milestone review to determine the acceptability of the detailed software design (as depicted in the detailed design description) to satisfy the requirements of the software requirements document

3.832

detailed function point count

1. the most accurate count to determine the size of an application or a project in which all the specifications needed for FPA are known in detail. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE This means that transactions have been specified up to the level of referenced logical files (the so-called file types referenced) and data element types, and that logical files have been specified up to the level of record types and data element types. As a result, the complexity of each function recognized can be established.

3.833

determine budget

1. [Process] the process of aggregating the estimated costs of individual activities or work packages to establish an authorized cost baseline. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.834

develop human resource plan

1. [Process] the process of identifying and documenting project roles, responsibilities, and required skills, reporting relationships, and creating a staffing management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.835

develop project charter

1. [Process] the process of developing a document that formally authorizes a project or a phase and documenting initial requirements that satisfy the stakeholders' needs and expectations. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.836**develop project management plan**

1. [Process] the process of documenting the actions necessary to define, prepare, integrate, and coordinate all subsidiary plans. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.837**develop project team**

1. [Process] the process of improving the competencies, team interaction, and the overall team environment to enhance project performance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.838**develop schedule**

1. [Process] the process of analyzing activity sequences, durations, resource requirements, and schedule constraints to create the project schedule. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.839**developed source statement**

1. source statement that is newly created for, added to, or modified for a software product

3.840**developer**

1. organization that performs development tasks (including requirements analysis, design, testing through acceptance) during a life cycle process. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.10.* 2. person who applies a methodology for some specific job, usually an endeavor. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies.3.11*

NOTE May include new development, modification, reuse, reengineering, maintenance, or any other activity that results in software products, and includes the testing, quality assurance, configuration management, and other activities applied to these products. Developers apply methodologies via enactment.

3.841**development**

1. the specification, construction, testing and delivery of a new application or of a discrete addition to an existing application. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10.* 2. the specification, construction, testing, and delivery of a new information system. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 3. software life cycle process that contains the activities of requirements analysis, design, coding, integration, testing, installation and support for acceptance of software products. *ISO/IEC 90003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software.3.5.* 4. activity of preparing documentation after it has been designed. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.14*

3.842**development branch**

1. branch where active product development takes place

NOTE A product build from the development branch will have the latest features, but will also likely be immature and unstable.

3.843**development plan**

1. plan for guiding, implementing, and controlling the design and development of one or more products or services

cf. project plan

3.844

development project

1. a project in which a completely new application is realized. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE It entails the specification, construction, testing, and delivery of a new application. During actualization, this project can be split up into a number of sub-projects. If these are carried out more or less in parallel, each being responsible for effectuating a certain sub-system of the total application, then each sub-project should be considered as an individual development project, if the sub-system itself is an application. Re-building an existing application, otherwise known as re-engineering, is considered as development.

3.845

development project function point count (DFP)

1. a count that measures a project that provides end-users with the first installation of the software. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. a count that measures the functionality provided to the end users with the first installation of the software, developed when the project is complete. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10. 3. a count that measures the functions provided to the users with the first installation of the software, delivered when the project is complete. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.846

development testing

1. formal or informal testing conducted during the development of a system or component, usually in the development environment by the developer. 2. testing conducted to establish whether a new software product or software-based system (or components of it) satisfies its criteria. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.10

cf. acceptance testing, operational testing, qualification testing

NOTE The criteria will vary based on the level of test being performed.

3.847

developmental baseline

1. the specifications that are in effect at a given time for a system under development. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.06.07

3.848

developmental configuration

1. in configuration management, the software and associated technical documentation that define the evolving configuration of a computer software configuration item during development

cf. allocated baseline, functional baseline, product baseline

NOTE The developmental configuration is under the developer's control, and therefore is not called a baseline.

3.849

deviation

1. a departure from a specified requirement. 2. a written authorization, granted prior to the manufacture of an item, to depart from a particular performance or design requirement for a specific number of units or a specific period of time

3.850

device

1. a mechanism or piece of equipment designed to serve a purpose or perform a function

3.851**device interface task**

1. a concurrent task that hides the characteristics of and interfaces to an external I/O device

3.852**DFD**

1. data flow diagram

3.853**diagnostic**

1. pertaining to the detection and isolation of faults or failures

EXAMPLE a diagnostic message, a diagnostic manual

3.854**diagnostic manual**

1. a document that presents the information necessary to execute diagnostic procedures for a system or component, identify malfunctions, and remedy those malfunctions

cf. installation manual, operator manual, programmer manual, support manual, user manual

NOTE Typically described are the diagnostic features of the system or component and the diagnostic tools available for its support.

3.855**diagonal microinstruction**

1. a microinstruction capable of specifying a limited number of simultaneous operations needed to carry out a machine language instruction

cf. horizontal microinstruction, vertical microinstruction

NOTE Diagonal microinstructions fall, in size and functionality, between horizontal microinstructions and vertical microinstructions. The designation 'diagonal' refers to this compromise rather than to any physical characteristic of the microinstruction.

3.856**diagram**

1. an instantiation of the formal diagram structure that consists only of semantically and syntactically valid IDEF0 graphical statements. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.39*

NOTE Each diagram is a single unit of an IDEF0 model that presents the top-level function that is the subject of the model (the A-0 context diagram), presents the context of the subject function (other context diagrams), or presents the details of a box (decomposition diagrams).

3.857**diagram boundary**

1. an edge of a diagram in a diagram page. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.40*

3.858**diagram feature**

1. an element of a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.41*

NOTE Diagram features include boxes, arrow segments, arrow labels, ICOM codes, ICOM labels, model notes, and reader notes.

3.859

diagram feature reference

1. an expression that unambiguously identifies a diagram feature within an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.42*

3.860

diagram number

1. that part of a diagram reference that corresponds to a diagram's parent function's node number. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.43*

NOTE The diagram number refers to the diagram that details or decomposes the function designated by the same node number.

3.861

diagram page

1. a model page that contains a context diagram or a decomposition diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.44*

3.862

diagram reference

1. an expression that unambiguously identifies a diagram and specifies the diagram's position in a specific model hierarchy. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.45*

NOTE A diagram reference is composed of a model name, abbreviation and a diagram number.

3.863

diagram title

1. a verb or verb phrase that describes the overall function presented by a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.46*

NOTE The diagram title of a child diagram is the box name of its parent box.

3.864

dialog

1. the conversation between the user and the application needed to execute a transaction. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.865

DIB

1. Directory Information Base. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.866

digit numeric character

1. character that represents a nonnegative integer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.12. Syn: numeric character*

EXAMPLE one of the characters 0, 1... F in the hexadecimal numeration system

3.867

digital

1. pertaining to data that consists of digits as well as to processes and functional units that use the data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.04*

3.868**digital computer**

1. a computer that is controlled by internally stored programs and that is capable of using common storage for all or part of a program and also for all or part of the data necessary for the execution of the programs; executing user-written or user-designated programs; performing user-designated manipulation of digitally represented discrete data, including arithmetic operations and logic operations; and executing programs that modify themselves during their execution. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.04

3.869**direct address**

1. an address that identifies the storage location of an operand. *Syn*: one-level address

cf. immediate data, indirect address, n-level address, direct instruction

3.870**direct and manage project execution**

1. [Process] the process of performing the work defined in the project management plan to achieve the project's objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.871**direct instruction**

1. a computer instruction that contains the direct addresses of its operands

cf. immediate instruction, indirect instruction, absolute instruction, effective instruction

3.872**direct measure**

1. a measure of an attribute that does not depend upon a measure of any other attribute. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.4

3.873**direct metric**

1. a metric that does not depend upon a measure of any other attribute. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.4

3.874**direct metric value**

1. a numerical target for a quality factor to be met in the final product. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.5

EXAMPLE Mean time to failure (MTTF) is a direct metric of final system reliability

3.875**direct staff-hour**

1. the amount of effort directly expended in creating a specific output product

3.876**directed graph**

1. a graph (sense 2) in which direction is implied in the internode connections. *Syn*: digraph

cf. undirected graph

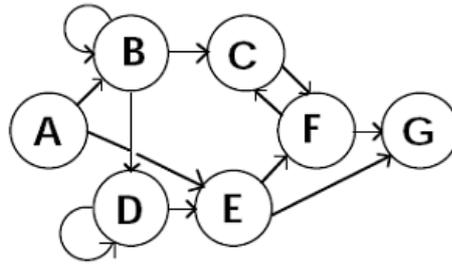


Figure 10 — Directed graph

3.877
director

1. member of the most senior governing body of an organization. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.5

NOTE Includes owners, board members, partners, senior executives or similar, and officers authorized by legislation or regulation

3.878
directory

1. a list of data items and information about those data items

3.879
disassemble

1. to translate an assembled computer program from its machine language version into a form that resembles, but may not be identical to, the original assembly language program

cf. assemble

3.880
disassembler

1. a software tool that disassembles computer programs

3.881
disclaimer

1. a notice that renounces or repudiates a legal claim or right

3.882
discrete

1. pertaining to data that consist of distinct elements, such as characters, or to physical quantities having a finite number of distinctly recognizable values, as well as to processes and functional units that use those data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.02.02

3.883
discrete data

1. data that arrives at specific time intervals

3.884
discrete effort

1. work effort that is separate, distinct, and related to the completion of specific work breakdown structure components and deliverables, and that can be directly planned and measured

cf. apportioned effort

3.885**discrete type**

1. a data type whose members can assume any of a set of distinct values

NOTE A discrete type may be an enumeration type or an integer type.

3.886**discrimination (threshold)**

1. largest change in a stimulus that produces no detectable change in the response of a measuring instrument, the change in the stimulus taking place slowly and monotonically. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods*.3.4

NOTE The discrimination threshold may depend on, for example, noise (internal or external) or friction. It may also depend on the value of the stimulus. [International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology, 1993, definition 5.11]

3.887**discriminator**

1. a property of a superclass, associated with a cluster of that superclass, whose value identifies to which subclass a specific instance belongs. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.51. 2. an attribute in the generic entity (or a generic ancestor entity) of a category cluster whose values indicate which category entity in the category cluster contains a specific instance of the generic entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.51. Syn: category discriminator

NOTE Since the value of the discriminator (when a discriminator has been declared) is equivalent to the identity of the subclass to which the instance belongs, there is no requirement for a discriminator in identity-style modeling.

3.888**disk**

1. a data medium originally consisting of a flat circular plate that is rotated in order to read or write data on one or both sides. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.52

3.889**distribute information**

1. [Process] the process of making relevant information available. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.890**distributed data processing GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application transfers data among components of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.891**distributed processing**

1. information processing in which discrete components may be located in different places, and where communication between components may suffer delay or may fail. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations*.3.2.1

3.892**distribution copy**

1. copy of the software definitive master version, for the purposes of installation onto other hardware, which resides for example on a server, or on physical media such as CDs. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes*.3. 5

3.893

DIT

1. Directory Information Tree. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.894

diversity

1. in fault tolerance, realization of the same function by different means

cf. software diversity

EXAMPLE use of different processors, storage media, programming languages, algorithms, or development teams

3.895

division of standards

1. division forms a family of standards serving complementary purposes. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.13*

3.896

DL

1. Definition Language. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.897

DN

1. Distinguished Name. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.898

document

1. uniquely identified unit of information for human use, such as a report, specification, manual or book, in printed or electronic form. *ISO/IEC TR 9294:2005, Information technology — Guidelines for the management of software documentation.3.1.* 2. to create a document as in (1). *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.11.* 3. to add comments to a computer program. 4. an item of documentation. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.10.* 5. a medium, and the information recorded on it, that generally has permanence and can be read by a person or a machine. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.11.* 6. information and its supporting medium. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.6.* 7. separately identified piece of documentation which could be part of a documentation set. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.15*

EXAMPLE in software engineering: project plans, specifications, test plans, user manuals

NOTE Documents include both paper and electronic documents.

3.899

document control

1. the application of configuration management to the control of documents

3.900

document set

1. collection of documentation that has been segmented into separately identified volumes or files for ease of distribution or use. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.17*

3.901**documentation**

1. a collection of documents on a given subject. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.12.* **2.** any written or pictorial information describing, defining, specifying, reporting, or certifying activities, requirements, procedures, or results. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.12.* **3.** the process of generating or revising a document. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.12.* **4.** collection of related documents that are designed, written, produced and maintained. *ISO/IEC TR 9294:2005, Information technology — Guidelines for the management of software documentation.3.2.* **5.** information that explains how to use a software product. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.16.* **6.** the management of documents, including identification, acquisition, processing, storage, and dissemination. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.12*

EXAMPLE printed manuals, on-screen information, and stand-alone online help

NOTE can be provided as separate documentation or as embedded documentation or both

3.902**documentation development staff**

1. staff involved in any phase of the planning, writing, editing and production of documentation. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.12*

NOTE This includes authors, designers, illustrators and project management staff.

3.903**documentation plan**

1. document which sets out the essential elements of the documentation project. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.13.* **2.** plan identifying the documents to be produced during the system or software life cycle. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products. 5.2*

3.904**documentation tree**

1. a diagram that depicts all of the documents for a given system and shows their relationships to one another

cf. specification tree

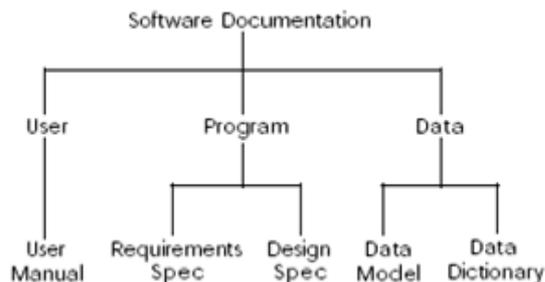


Figure 11 — Documentation tree

3.905**documenter**

1. party preparing the documentation. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.14*

3.906

domain

1. a distinct scope, within which common characteristics are exhibited, common rules observed, and over which a distribution transparency is preserved. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.2.5.*
2. a problem space. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes - Reuse Processes.3.6*

3.907

domain analysis

1. the analysis of systems within a domain to discover commonalities and differences among them. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.7.*
2. the process by which information used in developing software systems is identified, captured, and organized so that it can be reused to create new systems, within a domain. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.7.*
3. the result of the domain analysis process. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.7*

3.908

domain architecture

1. a generic, organizational structure or design for software systems in a domain. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.8*

NOTE The domain architecture contains the designs that are intended to satisfy requirements specified in the domain model. The domain architecture documents design, whereas the domain model documents requirements. A domain architecture: 1) can be adapted to create designs for software systems within a domain, and 2) provides a framework for configuring assets within individual software systems. The term "architecture" has been deliberately redefined to more properly convey its meaning in the software reuse context.

3.909

domain definition

1. the process of determining the scope and boundaries of a domain. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.9*

3.910

domain engineer

1. a party that performs domain engineering activities, including domain analysis, domain design, asset construction, and asset maintenance. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.10*

3.911

domain engineering

1. a reuse-based approach to defining the scope (i.e., domain definition), specifying the structure (i.e., domain architecture), and building the assets for a class of systems, subsystems, or applications. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.9*

NOTE "Assets" may include requirements, designs, software code, or documentation. Domain engineering may include the following activities: domain definition, domain analysis, developing the domain architecture, and domain implementation.

3.912

domain expert

1. an individual who is intimately familiar with the domain and can provide detailed information to the domain engineers. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.12*

3.913**domain model**

1. a product of domain analysis that provides a representation of the requirements of the domain. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.13*

NOTE The domain model identifies and describes the structure of data, flow of information, functions, constraints, and controls within the domain that are included in software systems in the domain. The domain model describes the commonalities and variabilities among requirements for software systems in the domain.

3.914**dot notation**

1. a technique for naming that joins the name of a parent class to the name of a dependent class with the period character. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.47*

EXAMPLE The diagram feature reference ABC/A31.3 uses dot notation to join the page reference of the parent diagram ABC/A31 to the feature reference for box 3 in that diagram

3.915**down**

1. pertaining to a system or component that is not operational or has been taken out of service

cf. up, busy, crash, idle

3.916**down time**

1. the period of time during which a system or component is not operational or has been taken out of service

cf. up time, busy time, idle time, mean time to repair, set-up time

3.917**download**

1. to transfer programs or data from a computer to a connected computer with fewer resources. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.36*

NOTE typically from a server to a personal computer

3.918**downward compatible**

1. pertaining to hardware or software that is compatible with an earlier or less complex version of itself

cf. upward compatible

EXAMPLE a program that handles files created by an earlier version of itself

3.919**downward compression**

1. in software design, a form of demodularization in which a superordinate module is copied into the body of a subordinate module

cf. lateral compression, upward compression

3.920**driver**

1. a software module that invokes and, perhaps, controls and monitors the execution of one or more other software modules. 2. a computer program that controls a peripheral device and, sometimes, reformats data for transfer to and from the device

cf. test driver

3.921

DSA

1. Directory System Agent. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.922

DUA

1. Directory User Agent. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.923

dumb terminal

1. user terminal that has no independent data processing capability. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.15. Syn: nonprogrammable terminal*

3.924

dump

1. a display of some aspect of a computer program's execution state, usually the contents of internal storage or registers. 2. a display of the contents of a file or device. 3. to copy the contents of internal storage to an external medium. 4. to produce a display or copy as in (1), (2), or (3)

NOTE Types include change dump, dynamic dump, memory dump, postmortem dump, selective dump, snapshot dump, static dump.

3.925

duration (DU or DUR)

1. the total number of work periods (not including holidays or other nonworking periods) required to complete a schedule activity or work breakdown structure component. Usually expressed as workdays or workweeks. Sometimes incorrectly equated with elapsed time. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.926

dyadic selective construct

1. an if-then-else construct in which processing is specified for both outcomes of the branch

cf. monadic selective construct

3.927

dynamic

1. pertaining to an event or process that occurs during computer program execution

cf. static

EXAMPLE dynamic analysis, dynamic binding

3.928

dynamic analysis

1. the process of evaluating a system or component based on its behavior during execution

cf. static analysis demonstration, testing

3.929

dynamic binding

1. binding performed during the execution of a computer program

cf. static binding

3.930**dynamic breakpoint**

1. a breakpoint whose predefined initiation event is a runtime characteristic of the program, such as the execution of any twenty source statements

cf. static breakpoint, code breakpoint, data breakpoint, epilog breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, prolog breakpoint

3.931**dynamic buffering**

1. a buffering technique in which the buffer allocated to a computer program varies during program execution, based on current need

cf. simple buffering

3.932**dynamic dump**

1. a dump that is produced during the execution of a computer program

cf. static dump, change dump, memory dump, postmortem dump, selective dump, snapshot dump

3.933**dynamic error**

1. an error that is dependent on the time-varying nature of an input

cf. static error

3.934**dynamic invocation**

1. constructing and issuing a request whose signature is possibly not known until run-time. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.6

3.935**dynamic model**

1. a model that describes individual requests or patterns of requests among objects. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.53

cf. static model

3.936**dynamic relocation**

1. relocation of a computer program during its execution

3.937**dynamic resource allocation**

1. a computer resource allocation technique in which the resources assigned to a program vary during program execution, based on current need

3.938**dynamic restructuring**

1. the process of restructuring a database, data structure, computer program, or set of system components during program execution

3.939

dynamic schema

1. a specification of the allowable state changes of one or more information objects, subject to the constraints of any invariant schemata. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.6.1.3*

NOTE Behavior in an information system can be modeled as transitions from one static schema to another, i.e., reclassification of instances from one type to another. In the information language, a state change involving a set of objects can be regarded as an interaction between those objects. Not all of the objects involved in the interaction need change state; some of the objects may be involved in a read-only manner.

3.940

dynamic skeleton

1. an interface-independent kind of skeleton, used by servers to handle requests whose signatures are possibly not known until run-time. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.2.7*

3.941

dynamic storage allocation

1. a storage allocation technique in which the storage assigned to a computer program varies during program execution, based on the current needs of the program and of other executing programs

3.942

EAC

1. estimate at completion. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.943

early finish date (EF)

1. in the critical path method, the earliest possible point in time on which the uncompleted portions of a schedule activity (or the project) can finish, based on the schedule network logic, the data date, and any schedule constraints. Early finish dates can change as the project progresses and as changes are made to the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.944

early start date (ES)

1. in the critical path method, the earliest possible point in time on which the uncompleted portions of a schedule activity (or the project) can start, based on the schedule network logic, the data date, and any schedule constraints. Early start dates can change as the project progresses and as changes are made to the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.945

early-failure period

1. the period of time in the life cycle of a system or component during which hardware failures occur at a decreasing rate as problems are detected and repaired. *Syn: burn-in period*

cf. constant-failure period, wearout-failure period, bathtub curve

3.946

earned value (EV)

1. the value of work performed expressed in terms of the approved budget assigned to that work for a schedule activity or work breakdown structure component. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn: budgeted cost of work performed (BCWP)*

3.947**earned value management (EVM)**

1. a management methodology for integrating scope, schedule, and resources, and for objectively measuring project performance and progress. Performance is measured by determining the budgeted cost of work performed (i.e., earned value) and comparing it to the actual cost of work performed (i.e., actual cost). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.948**earned value technique (EVT)**

1. [Technique] a specific technique for measuring the performance of work and used to establish the performance measurement baseline (PMB). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.949**echo**

1. to return a transmitted signal to its source, often with a delay to indicate that the signal is a reflection rather than the original. 2. a returned signal

3.950**ECP**

1. engineering change proposal

3.951**EDI**

1. electronic data interchange

3.952**edit**

1. to modify the form or format of computer code, data, or documentation

EXAMPLE to insert, rearrange, or delete characters

3.953**EF**

1. early finish date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.954**effective address**

1. the address that results from performing any required indexing, indirect addressing, or other address modification on a specified address

cf. generated address, indirect address, relative address

NOTE If the specified address requires no modification, it is also the effective address.

3.955**effective full license**

1. license rights for software which allow one full use of the software. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes*.3.6

EXAMPLE An underlying full license for version 1 of a software product, plus an underlying upgrade license to version 2 of the software product, combine to produce one effective full license for version 2 of the software product

NOTE An effective license consists of one or more underlying licenses.

3.956

effective instruction

1. the computer instruction that results from performing any required indexing, indirect addressing, or other modification on the addresses in a specified computer instruction

cf. absolute instruction, direct instruction, immediate instruction, indirect instruction

NOTE If the specified instruction requires no modification, it is also the effective instruction.

3.957

effectiveness

1. producing the intended or desired result. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. the accuracy and completeness with which users achieve specified goals. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports.4.2*

3.958

effectiveness analysis

1. an analysis of how well a design solution will perform or operate given anticipated operational scenarios. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.10*

3.959

effectiveness assessment

1. the evaluation of the design solution with respect to manufacturing, test, distribution, operations, support, training, environmental impact, cost-effectiveness, and life cycle cost. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.11*

3.960

efferent

1. pertaining to a flow of data or control from a superordinate module to a subordinate module in a software system

cf. afferent

3.961

efficiency

1. the degree to which a system or component performs its designated functions with minimum consumption of resources. 2. producing a result with a minimum of extraneous or redundant effort. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 3. resources expended in relation to the accuracy and completeness with which users achieve goals. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports.4.3*

cf. execution efficiency, storage efficiency

3.962

effort

1. the number of labor units required to complete a schedule activity or work breakdown structure component. Usually expressed as staff hours, staff days, or staff weeks. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. duration

3.963

egoless programming

1. a software development technique based on the concept of team, rather than individual, responsibility for program development

NOTE Its purpose is to prevent individual programmers from identifying so closely with their work that objective evaluation is impaired.

3.964**EI**

1. external input. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.965**EIF**

1. external interface file. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.966**electronic copy**

1. computer disk or other computer-readable medium containing a file or files from which the document can be printed. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.15*

3.967**electronic data interchange (EDI)**

1. structured way of transmitting data held electronically from database to database, usually using telecommunications networks

3.968**electronic mail (Email)**

1. correspondence in the form of messages transmitted over a computer network. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.17. Syn: e-mail*

3.969**electronic publishing**

1. the production of typeset-quality documents including text, graphics, and pictures with the assistance of a computer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.15*

3.970**element**

1. a component of a system; may include equipment, a computer program, or a human. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications.3.7*

EXAMPLE documents, requirements specifications, test cases, source code, installation information, and read-me files

3.971**element type**

1. a category or class of elements

3.972**elementary process**

1. the smallest unit of activity that is meaningful to the user(s). *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6*

3.973**ELSE-rule**

1. the actions to be taken for all combinations of conditions not covered by the other rules in the table. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.5*

NOTE The use of the ELSE-rule facility is optional.

3.974

embedded computer system

1. a computer system that is part of a larger system and performs some of the requirements of that system

EXAMPLE a computer system used in an aircraft or rapid transit system

3.975

embedded documentation

1. documentation that is accessed as an integral part of software. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.18

cf. separate documentation

EXAMPLE pop-up help and help text on a screen

3.976

embedded software

1. software that is part of a larger system and performs some of the requirements of that system

EXAMPLE software used in an aircraft or rapid transit system

3.977

emergency maintenance

1. an unscheduled modification performed to temporarily keep a system operational pending corrective maintenance. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance*.3.3

NOTE Emergency maintenance is a part of corrective maintenance.

3.978

emulated user

1. the imitation of a user, with regard to the tasks he submits and his time behavior, realized by a technical system. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems*.4.6

3.979

emulation

1. a model that accepts the same inputs and produces the same outputs as a given system. 2. the process of developing or using a model. 3. the use of a data processing system to imitate another data processing system, so that the imitating system accepts the same data, executes the same programs, and achieves the same results as the imitated system. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.02

cf. simulation

3.980

emulator

1. a device, computer program, or system that accepts the same inputs and produces the same outputs as a given system

cf. simulator

3.981

EMV

1. expected monetary value. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.982**en dash**

1. dash the same width as a lower-case 'n'. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.16*

3.983**enabling (a transition)**

1. a transition is enabled in a particular mode and net marking, when the following conditions are met: (1) the marking of each input place of the transition satisfies the demand imposed on it by its arc annotation evaluated for the particular transition mode; (2) the demand is satisfied when the place's marking contains (at least) the multiset of tokens indicated by the evaluated arc annotation. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.9*

NOTE The determination of transition modes guarantees that the transition condition is satisfied.

3.984**enabling system**

1. a system that complements a system-of-interest during its life cycle stages but does not necessarily contribute directly to its function during operation. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.11; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.9*

NOTE When a system-of-interest enters the production stage, an enabling production system is required. Each enabling system has a life cycle of its own.

3.985**enabling tokens**

1. the multiset of values obtained when an input arc annotation is evaluated for a particular binding to variables. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.25.1*

3.986**encapsulation**

1. a software development technique that consists of isolating a system function or a set of data and operations on those data within a module and providing precise specifications for the module 2. the concept that access to the names, meanings, and values of the responsibilities of a class is entirely separated from access to their realization. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.54.* 3. the idea that a module has an outside that is distinct from its inside, that it has an external interface and an internal implementation

cf. data abstraction, information hiding

3.987**encoding**

1. a definition of how the elements of a syntax are represented using an identified character set. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Details of representation of the various terminal symbols and data types in the syntax's grammar are provided.

3.988**ENCODING.1**

1. the primary encoding defined within the CDIF family of standards. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE The CDIF family of standards supports multiple transfer formats, each composed of a syntax and an encoding.

3.989

end item

1. an entity (hardware equipment, software equipment, data, facilities, material, services, and/or techniques) identified with an element of the SBS. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.12

3.990

end user

1. the person or persons who will ultimately be using the system for its intended purpose. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*. 2. individual person who ultimately benefits from the outcomes of the system. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.14. 3. the person who uses the software package. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages*.3.2.3. 4. any person that communicates or interacts with the software at any time. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.3.5. Syn: end-user

3.991

endeavor

1. IBD development effort aimed at the delivery of some product or service through the application of a methodology. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.5. Syn: endeavour

EXAMPLE projects, programs and infrastructural duties

3.992

endeavor element

1. simple component of an endeavor. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.7

EXAMPLE Customer, Invoice (classes), Name, Age (attributes), High-Level Class Model number 17 (a model), System Requirements Description (a document), Coding Cycle number 2, Coding Cycle number 3 (tasks)

NOTE During the execution of an endeavor, developers create a number of endeavor elements, such as tasks, models, classes, documents.

3.993

endnotes

1. notes collected at the end of a chapter or document. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.17

3.994

end-user efficiency GSC

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree of consideration for human factors and ease of use for the user of the application measured. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.995

engineering

1. the application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to structures, machines, products, systems, or processes

3.996

engineering change

1. an alteration in the configuration of a hardware/software configuration item or items, delivered, to be delivered, or under development, after formal establishment of their configuration identification 2. in configuration management, an alteration in the configuration of a configuration item or other designated item after formal establishment of its configuration identification

cf. configuration control, engineering change proposal, deviation, waiver

3.997**engineering change proposal (ECP)**

1. in configuration management, a proposed engineering change and the documentation by which the change is described and suggested

cf. configuration control

3.998**engineering interface reference**

1. an identifier, in the context of an engineering interface reference management domain, for an engineering object interface that is available for distributed binding. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.16*

NOTE An engineering interface reference is necessary to establish distributed bindings, and is distinct from the binding endpoint identifiers used by a basic engineering object for the purposes of interaction.

3.999**engineering interface reference management domain**

1. a set of nodes forming a naming domain for the purpose of assigning engineering interface references. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.17*

3.1000**engineering interface reference management policy**

1. a set of permissions and prohibitions that govern the federation of engineering interface reference management domains. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.18*

3.1001**engineering viewpoint**

1. a viewpoint on an ODP system and its environment that focuses on the mechanisms and functions required to support distributed interaction between objects in the system. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.1.1.4*

3.1002**enhancement**

1. the modification of an existing application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. the activities carried out for an application that change the specifications of the application and that also usually change the number of function points as a result. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1003**enhancement project**

1. a project in which enhancements are made to an existing application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE This means that functionality can be added to, changed in, or deleted from an existing application.

3.1004**enhancement project function point count (EFP)**

1. a count that measures the modifications to the existing application that add, change, or delete user functions delivered when the project is complete. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. a count that measures a project that realizes modifications to an existing application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1005

enterprise

1. the organization that performs specified tasks. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.13

NOTE An organization may be involved in several enterprises and an enterprise may involve one or more organizations`.

3.1006

enterprise environmental factors

1. [Output/Input] any or all external environmental factors and internal organizational environmental factors that surround or influence the project's success. These factors are from any or all of the enterprises involved in the project, and include organizational culture and structure, infrastructure, existing resources, commercial databases, market conditions, and project management software. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1007

enterprise viewpoint

1. a viewpoint on an ODP system and its environment that focuses on the purpose, scope, and policies for that system. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.1.1.1

3.1008

entity

1. a fundamental thing of relevance to the user, about which information is kept. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10. 2. in computer programming, any item that can be named or denoted in a program. 3. an object (i.e., thing, event or concept) that occurs in a model (i.e., transfer). *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2. 4. object that is to be characterized by measuring its attributes. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.9; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.15. 5. the representation of a set of real or abstract things that are recognized as the same type because they share the same characteristics and can participate in the same relationships. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.55. 6. a fundamental thing of relevance to the user, about which a collection of facts is kept. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 7. object to be modeled. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models*.6.3: 8. logical component of the data store, representing fundamental things of relevance to the user, and about which persistent information is stored. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.A.8

EXAMPLE a data item, program statement, or subprogram

3.1009

entity attribute

1. a named characteristic or property of a design entity. *IEEE Std 1016-1998 IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Design Descriptions*.3.3

NOTE It provides a statement of fact about the entity.

3.1010

entity instance

1. one of a set of real or abstract things represented by an entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.56

NOTE Each instance of an entity can be specifically identified by the value of the attribute(s) participating in its primary key. [key style]

3.1011**entity subtype**

1. a subdivision of an entity type. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. entity

NOTE A subtype inherits all the attributes and relationships of its parent entity type, and may have additional, unique attributes and relationships.

3.1012**entity-relationship (E-R) diagram**

1. a diagram that depicts a set of real-world entities and the logical relationships among them. *Syn: entity-relationship map*

cf. data structure diagram

3.1013**entry (-type)**

1. a data movement type that moves a data group from a user across the boundary into the functional process where it is required. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.7*

NOTE In COSMIC-FFP, an Entry is considered to include certain associated data manipulations (e.g. validation of the entered data). A data manipulation is anything that happens to data other than a movement.

3.1014**entry criteria**

1. states of being that must be present before an effort can begin successfully

cf. exit criteria

3.1015**entry field**

1. area on a screen or in a window in which a user enters data. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.19*

3.1016**entry point**

1. a point in a software module at which execution of the module can begin. *Syn: entrance, entry*

cf. exit, reentry point

3.1017**enumeration type**

1. a discrete data type whose members can assume values that are explicitly defined by the programmer

cf. character type, integer type, logical type, real type

EXAMPLE a data type called COLORS with possible values RED, BLUE, and YELLOW

3.1018**environment**

1. anything affecting a subject system or affected by a subject system through interactions with it, or anything sharing an interpretation of interactions with a subject system. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections — Classification and Description.3.6.* 2. the configuration(s) of hardware and software in which the software operates. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages.3.2.8.* 3. the circumstances, objects, and conditions that surround a system to be built. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.9.* 4. the circumstances, objects, and

conditions that will influence the completed system. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.9. **5.** a concept space, i.e., an area in which a concept has an agreed-to meaning and one or more agreed-to names that are used for the concept. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.57

3.1019

EO

1. external output. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1020

epilog breakpoint

1. a breakpoint that is initiated upon exit from a given program or routine. *Syn:* postamble breakpoint

cf. prolog breakpoint, code breakpoint, data breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, static breakpoint

3.1021

EQ

1. external inquiry. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1022

equivalent faults

1. two or more faults that result in the same failure mode

3.1023

E-R diagram

1. entity-relationship diagram

3.1024

ERA

1. Entity-Relationship-Attribute modeling. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.5.2

3.1025

ergonomics

1. the scientific discipline concerned with the understanding of the interactions among human and other elements of a system. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.12. **2.** the profession that applies theory, principles, data and methods to design in order to optimize human well-being and overall system performance. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.12

3.1026

errata

1. severe service-disrupting bugs for which there is no known workaround

NOTE Fixes for such bugs can often be introduced on a frozen branch.

3.1027

error

1. a human action that produces an incorrect result, such as software containing a fault. **2.** an incorrect step, process, or data definition. **3.** an incorrect result. **4.** the difference between a computed, observed, or measured value or condition and the true, specified, or theoretically correct value or condition

cf. failure, defect

EXAMPLE omission or misinterpretation of user requirements in a software specification, incorrect translation, or omission of a requirement in the design specification

3.1028**error message**

1. a message that the application gives when incorrect data is entered or when another processing error occurs. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1029**error model**

1. in software evaluation, a model used to estimate or predict the number of remaining faults, required test time, and similar characteristics of a system. *Syn: error prediction model*

3.1030**error prediction**

1. a quantitative statement about the expected number or nature of faults in a system or component

cf. error model, error seeding

3.1031**error processing**

1. the process of detecting and responding to a program's errors

3.1032**error seeding**

1. the process of intentionally adding known faults to those already in a computer program for the purpose of monitoring the rate of detection and removal, and estimating the number of faults remaining in the program. *Syn: bug seeding, fault seeding*

cf. indigenous error

3.1033**error tolerance**

1. the ability of a system or component to continue normal operation despite the presence of erroneous inputs

cf. fault tolerance, robustness

3.1034**ES**

1. early start date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1035**escaped**

1. preceding each occurrence of a pattern by the <EscapeCharacter>, if it is necessary to include a pattern in the text string that matches the <CloseText> delimiter. *ISO/IEC 15475-3:2002, Information technology — CDIF transfer format — Part 3: Encoding ENCODING.1.7.2.11*

3.1036**escrow**

1. source code and documentation that is kept in the custody of a third party until specified contractual conditions have been fulfilled. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.20*

3.1037**establish and maintain**

1. to formulate, document, and use [a policy or procedure] throughout an organization

NOTE This phrase means more than a combination of its component terms; it includes documentation and usage.

3.1038
estimate

1. [Output/Input] a quantitative assessment of the likely amount or outcome. Usually applied to project costs, resources, effort, and durations and is usually preceded by a modifier (i.e., preliminary, conceptual, feasibility, order-of-magnitude, definitive). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. budget

3.1039
estimate activity durations

1. [Process] the process of approximating the number of work periods needed to complete individual activities with estimated resources. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1040
estimate activity resources

1. [Process] the process of estimating the type and quantities of material, people, equipment or supplies required to perform each activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1041
estimate at completion (EAC)

1. [Output/Input] the expected total cost of a schedule activity, a work breakdown structure component, or the project when the defined scope of work will be completed. The EAC may be calculated based on performance to date or estimated by the project team based on other factors, in which case it is often referred to as the latest revised estimate. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. earned value technique, estimate to complete

3.1042
estimate costs

1. [Process] the process of developing an approximation of the monetary resources needed to complete project activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1043
estimate to complete (ETC)

1. [Output/Input] the expected cost needed to complete all the remaining work for a schedule activity, work breakdown structure component, or the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. earned value technique, estimate at completion

3.1044
estimated function point count

1. a possible function point count in an early phase of an application's life cycle to determine the size of an application or a project in which certain minimum specifications are assumed. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE Typically the number of functions is recorded per type, and a default value is used for the complexity average for the transactional functions (transactions) and low for the data functions (logical files).

3.1045
ETC

1. estimate to complete. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1046**EV**

1. earned value. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1047**evaluation**

1. systematic determination of the extent to which an entity meets its specified criteria. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.12.* 2. an action that assesses the value of something. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.5.5*

EXAMPLE the action by which an ODP system assigns a relative status to some thing according to estimation by the system. Value can be considered in terms of usefulness, importance, preference, acceptability, etc.; the evaluated target may be a credit rating, a system state, a potential behavior

3.1048**evaluation activity**

1. assessment of a software product against identified and applicable quality characteristics performed using applicable techniques or methods. *ISO/IEC 25001:2007, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Planning and management.4.1*

3.1049**evaluation checklist**

1. list of questions, each of which is designed to check for conformity of a product, process or service to one or more provisions within a particular International Standard. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998.3.2*

3.1050**evaluation group**

1. organization responsible for specifying the software quality requirements as well as managing and implementing the software quality evaluation activities through the provision of technology, tools, experiences, and management skills. *ISO/IEC 25001:2007, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Planning and management.4.2*

3.1051**evaluation method**

1. procedure describing actions to be performed by the evaluator in order to obtain results for the specified measurement applied to the specified product components or on the product as a whole. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.16*

3.1052**evaluation module**

1. a package of evaluation technology for a specific software quality characteristic or sub-characteristic. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.5*

3.1053**evaluation procedure**

1. series of tasks and steps that, when completed, enable the evaluation team to determine if the product, process or service being evaluated is conformant to a particular standard. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998.3.3*

3.1054**evaluation records**

1. documented objective evidence of all activities performed and of all results achieved within the evaluation process. *ISO/IEC 14598-5:1998, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 5: Process for evaluators.4.3*

3.1055
evaluation report

1. a system follow-up report that describes how the system objectives have been met, identifies the remaining problems, and is intended to assist future development. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.06.02. **2.** the document that presents evaluation results and other information relevant to an evaluation. *ISO/IEC 14598-5:1998, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 5: Process for evaluators*.4.2

3.1056
evaluation requester

1. the person or organization that requests an evaluation. *ISO/IEC 14598-5:1998, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 5: Process for evaluators*.4.4

3.1057
evaluation sponsor

1. person or organization that requires the evaluation to be performed and provides financial or other resources to carry it out. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998*.3.4

3.1058
evaluation technology

1. techniques, processes, tools, measures and relevant technical information used for evaluation. *ISO/IEC 25001:2007, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Planning and management*.4.3. *Syn:* technology used for evaluation

NOTE These include internal, external or quality in use measures or specific evaluation processes designed for developers, acquirers, or independent evaluators.

3.1059
evaluation tool

1. an instrument that can be used during evaluation to collect data, to perform interpretation of data or to automate part of the evaluation. *ISO/IEC 14598-5:1998, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 5: Process for evaluators*.4.5

EXAMPLE source code analyzers to compute code metrics, CASE tool inspection data or spreadsheets to produce syntheses of measures

3.1060
evaluator

1. individual or organization that performs an evaluation. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.18. **2.** the organization that performs an evaluation. *ISO/IEC 14598-5:1998, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 5: Process for evaluators*.4.6

EXAMPLE a testing laboratory, the quality department of a software development organization, a government organization or a user

3.1061
event

1. occurrence of a particular set of circumstances. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management*.3.2. **2.** an external or internal stimulus used for synchronization purposes

NOTE The event can be certain or uncertain. The event can be a single occurrence or a series of occurrences. The probability associated with the event can be estimated for a given period of time. [ISO Guide 73:2002, definition 3.1.4] An event can be an external interrupt, a timer expiration, an internal signal, or an internal message.

3.1062**event history**

1. an object representing significant actions. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.13.1.1.1*

3.1063**event sequence analysis**

1. performance analysis of the sequence of tasks that must be executed to service a given external event

3.1064**event sequence diagram**

1. a diagram that identifies the sequence of tasks required to process an external event

3.1065**event synchronization**

1. control of task activation by means of signals

NOTE Three types of event synchronization are possible: external interrupts, timer expiration, and internal signals from other tasks.

3.1066**event trace**

1. a time-ordered description of each external input and the time at which it occurred

3.1067**event-sequencing logic**

1. a description of how a task responds to each of its message or event inputs

NOTE in particular, what output is generated as a result of each input

3.1068**EVM**

1. earned value management. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1069**exception**

1. an event that causes suspension of normal program execution

NOTE Types include addressing exception, data exception, operation exception, overflow exception, protection exception, and underflow exception.

3.1070**exception handling**

1. a programming language mechanism that passes error information by throwing and catching exceptions

3.1071**exclusive requirement**

1. requirement of a normative document that must necessarily be fulfilled in order to comply with that document. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998.3.5 e*

NOTE deprecated: mandatory requirement. [ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004]

3.1072**executable requirements specification**

1. a software requirement specification that is represented in an executable requirements language

3.1073

executable source statement

1. source statement that directs the actions of the computer at run time

3.1074

execute

1. to carry out an instruction, process, or computer program. 2. directing, managing, performing, and accomplishing the project work, providing the deliverables, and providing work performance information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1075

executing processes

1. [Process Group] those processes performed to complete the work defined in the project management plan to satisfy the project's objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1076

execution efficiency

1. the degree to which a system or component performs its designated functions with minimum consumption of time

cf. execution time, storage efficiency

3.1077

execution time

1. the time which elapses between task submission and completion. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems*.4.7. 2. the amount of elapsed time or processor time used in executing a computer program. *Syn*: run time, running time

NOTE Processor time is usually less than elapsed time because the processor may be idle (for example, awaiting needed computer resources) or employed on other tasks during the execution of a program.

3.1078

execution trace

1. a record of the sequence of instructions executed during the execution of a computer program. *Syn*: code trace, control flow trace

cf. retrospective trace, subroutine trace, symbolic trace, variable trace

NOTE Often takes the form of a list of code labels encountered as the program executes.

3.1079

existence constraint

1. a constraint stating that an instance of one entity cannot exist unless an instance of another related entity also exists. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.59

NOTE [key style]

3.1080 existence dependency

1. a constraint between two related entities indicating that no instance of one can exist without being related to an instance of the other. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.60

NOTE The following association types represent existence dependencies: identifying relationships, categorization structures and mandatory nonidentifying relationships. [key style]

3.1081**existing software**

1. software that is already developed and available; is usable either "as is" or with modifications; and which is provided by the supplier, acquirer, or a third party. *ISO/IEC 14598-4:1999, Software engineering — Product evaluation — Part 4: Process for acquirers*.4.3

3.1082**exit**

1. a point in a software module at which execution of the module can terminate. 2. a data movement type that moves a data group from a functional process across the boundary to the user that requires it. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*.3.8

cf. entry point, return

3.1083**exit criteria**

1. states of being that must be present before an effort can end successfully

cf. entry criteria

3.1084**exit routine**

1. a routine that receives control when a specified event, such as an error, occurs

3.1085**expandability**

1. the degree of effort required to improve or modify software functions' efficiency

3.1086**expected monetary value (EMV) Analysis**

1. a statistical technique that calculates the average outcome when the future includes scenarios that may or may not happen. A common use of this technique is within decision tree analysis. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1087**expert judgment**

1. [Technique] judgment provided based upon expertise in an application area, knowledge area, discipline, industry, etc. as appropriate for the activity being performed. Such expertise may be provided by any group or person with specialized education, knowledge, skill, experience, or training.

3.1088**expert system (ES)**

1. a computer system that provides for expertly solving problems in a given field or application area by drawing inferences from a knowledge base developed from human expertise. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology--Vocabulary--Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.19

NOTE Some expert systems are able to improve their knowledge base and develop new inference rules based on their experience with previous problems.

3.1089**exploratory testing**

1. simultaneous learning, test design, and test execution. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.5.3.1.2

NOTE The tests are not defined in advance in an established test plan, but are dynamically designed, executed, and modified.

3.1090

export process

1. the process of generating a transfer file from a source environment. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.1*

3.1091

exporter

1. the agent of the export process. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.1*

3.1092

extend

1. in UML, a relationship from an extending use case to a base use case, specifying how the behavior defined for the extending use case can be optionally inserted into the behavior defined for the base use case

3.1093

extendability

1. the ease with which a system or component can be modified to increase its storage or functional capacity. *Syn: expandability, extensibility*

cf. flexibility, maintainability

3.1094

extended entry table

1. a decision table where the conditions and actions are generally described but are incomplete. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.15*

NOTE The specifications are completed by the values specified in the rules.

3.1095

extensional set

1. the set containing the currently existing instances of a class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.61. Syn: current extent*

NOTE The instances in the extensional set correspond to the database and data modeling notion of instance.

3.1096

external

1. an input information source or output information destination that is outside the scope of this standard and, therefore, may or may not exist. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E*

cf. invocation, iteration, mapping

3.1097

external attribute

1. a measurable property of an entity which can only be derived with respect to how it relates to its environment. *ISO/IEC 14598-3:2000, Software engineering — Product evaluation — Part 3: Process for developers.4.2*

NOTE External attributes are those that relate to requirements (external properties of the software). External attributes can only be derived from the operational behavior of the system of which it is a part.

3.1098

external event

1. an event from an external object, typically an interrupt from an external I/O device

3.1099**external I/O device**

1. a hardware input and/or output device that is outside the software system and part of the external environment

3.1100**external input (EI)**

1. a unique function recognized by the user in which data and/or control information from outside the application is entered into the application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. an elementary process that processes data or control information that comes from outside the application's boundary. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. external inquiry, external output

NOTE The primary intent of an EI is to maintain one or more ILFs and/or to alter the behavior of the system.

3.1101**external inquiry (EQ)**

1. a unique input/output combination recognized by the user in which the application distributes an output fully determined in size without further data processing, as a result of the input. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005 Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. an elementary process that sends data or control information outside the application boundary. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003 Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. external input, external output

NOTE The primary intent of an external inquiry is to present information to a user through the retrieval of data or control information from an ILF or EIF. The processing logic contains no mathematical formulas or calculations, and creates no derived data. No ILF is maintained during the processing, nor is the behavior of the system altered.

3.1102**external interface file (EIF)**

1. a logical group of permanent data seen from the perspective of the user that an application uses but that a different application maintains. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. a user-identifiable group of logically related data or control information referenced by the application, but maintained within the boundary of another application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6*

cf. internal logical file

NOTE The primary intent of an EIF is to hold data referenced through one or more elementary processes within the boundary of the application counted. This means an EIF counted for an application must be in an ILF in another application.

3.1103**external interface requirement**

1. a system or software requirement that specifies a hardware, software, or database element with which a system/software system or system/software component must interface, or that sets forth constraints on formats, timing, or other factors caused by such an interface

3.1104**external measure**

1. an indirect measure of a product derived from measures of the behavior of the system of which it is a part. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.6*

NOTE The system includes any associated hardware, software (either custom software or off-the-shelf software) and users. The number of failures found during testing is an external measure of the number of faults in the program, because the number of failures is counted during the operation of a computer system running the program. External measures can be used to evaluate quality attributes closer to the ultimate objectives of the design.

3.1105
external output (EO)

1. a unique output recognized by the user which crosses the application boundary. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. an elementary process that sends data or control information outside the application's boundary. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. external input, external inquiry

NOTE The primary intent of an external output is to present information to a user through processing logic other than, or in addition to, the retrieval of data or control information. The processing logic must contain at least one mathematical formula or calculation, or create derived data. An external output may also maintain one or more ILFs and/or alter the behavior of the system.

3.1106
external quality

1. the extent to which a product satisfies stated and implied needs when used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.7*

3.1107
external software quality

1. capability of a software product to enable the behavior of a system to satisfy stated and implied needs when the system is used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.19*

EXAMPLE The number of failures found during testing is an external software quality measure related to the number of faults present in the program. The two measures are not necessarily identical since testing may not find all faults, and a fault may give rise to apparently different failures in different circumstances

NOTE Attributes of the behavior can be verified and/or validated by executing the software product during testing and operation.

3.1108
extranet

1. a set of intranets connected for specific objectives, spanning multiple organizations. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.4*

3.1109
facilitate change GSC

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application has been developed for easy modification of processing logic or data structure. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1110
facility

1. physical means or equipment for facilitating the performance of an action. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.13*

3.1111**facility**

1. physical means or equipment for facilitating the performance of an action. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.10*

EXAMPLE buildings, instruments, tools

3.1112**factoring**

1. the process of decomposing a system into a hierarchy of modules. **2.** the process of removing a function from a module and placing it into a module of its own

cf. modular decomposition

3.1113**fail safe**

1. pertaining to a system or component that automatically places itself in a safe operating mode in the event of a failure. *Syn:* fail-safe, failsafe

cf. fail soft, fault secure, fault tolerance

EXAMPLE a traffic light that reverts to blinking red in all directions when normal operation fails

3.1114**fail soft**

1. pertaining to a system or component that continues to provide partial operational capability in the event of certain failures

cf. fail safe, fault secure, fault tolerance

EXAMPLE a traffic light that continues to alternate between red and green if the yellow light fails

3.1115**failure**

1. termination of the ability of a product to perform a required function or its inability to perform within previously specified limits. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.20.* **2.** an event in which a system or system component does not perform a required function within specified limits

NOTE A failure may be produced when a fault is encountered.

3.1116**failure mode**

1. the physical or functional manifestation of a failure

NOTE A system in failure mode may be characterized by slow operation, incorrect outputs, or complete termination of execution.

3.1117**failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA)**

1. [Technique] an analytical procedure in which each potential failure mode in every component of a product is analyzed to determine its effect on the reliability of that component and, by itself or in combination with other possible failure modes, on the reliability of the product or system and on the required function of the component; or the examination of a product (at the system and/or lower levels) for all ways that a failure may occur. For each potential failure, an estimate is made of its effect on the total system and of its impact. In addition, a review is undertaken of the action planned to minimize the probability of failure and to minimize its effects. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1118

failure rate

1. the ratio of the number of failures of a given category to a given unit of measure. *Syn:* failure ratio

EXAMPLE failures per unit of time, failures per number of transactions, failures per number of computer runs

3.1119

failure transparency

1. a distribution transparency which masks, from an object, the failure and possible recovery of other objects (or itself), to enable fault tolerance. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.4.1.2*

3.1120

fast tracking

1. [Technique] a specific project schedule compression technique that changes network logic to overlap phases that would normally be done in sequence, such as the design phase and construction phase, or to perform schedule activities in parallel. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. schedule compression, crashing

3.1121

fatal error

1. an error that results in the complete inability of a system or component to function

3.1122

fault

1. a manifestation of an error in software. 2. an incorrect step, process, or data definition in a computer program. 3. a defect in a hardware device or component. *Syn:* bug

NOTE: A fault, if encountered, may cause a failure.

3.1123

fault dictionary

1. a list of faults in a system or component, and the tests that have been designed to detect them

3.1124

fault isolation

1. the ability of a subsystem to prevent a fault within the subsystem from causing consequential faults in other subsystems. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.3.5*

3.1125

fault masking

1. a condition in which one fault prevents the detection of another

3.1126

fault secure

1. pertaining to a system or component in which no failures are produced from a prescribed set of faults

cf. fault tolerance, fail-safe, fail soft

3.1127

fault tolerance

1. the ability of a system or component to continue normal operation despite the presence of hardware or software faults. 2. the number of faults a system or component can withstand before normal operation is impaired. 3. pertaining to the study of errors, faults, and failures, and of methods for enabling systems to continue normal operation in the presence of faults

cf. error tolerance, fail safe, fail soft, fault secure, robustness

3.1128**fault-tolerant**

1. pertaining to a system or component that is able to continue normal operation despite the presence of faults.
Syn: fault tolerant

3.1129**FCA**

1. functional configuration audit

3.1130**FDC**

1. functional domain categorization. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-5:2004, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 5: Determination of functional domains for use with functional size measurement.4*

3.1131**FDT**

1. formal description techniques. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1132**feasibility**

1. the degree to which the requirements, design, or plans for a system or component can be implemented under existing constraints

3.1133**feasibility study**

1. a study to identify and analyze a problem and its potential solutions in order to determine their viability, costs, and benefits. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.02.02*

3.1134**feature**

1. distinguishing characteristic of a system item. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.13*

NOTE includes both functional and nonfunctional attributes such as performance and reusability

3.1135**feature branch**

1. a branch created for developing a particular set of features

NOTE The branch is typically not released but is collapsed back at some point to its parent branch.

3.1136**feature freeze**

1. a period during which no new features are added to a specific branch

NOTE allows the branch to stabilize for a release

3.1137**feature reference**

1. an expression that unambiguously identifies a diagram feature in a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.48*

3.1138

fetch

1. to locate and load computer instructions or data from storage

cf. move, store

3.1139

FF

1. finish-to-finish. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1140

FFP

1. firm fixed price. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1141

field of application (of a specification)

1. the properties the environment of the ODP system must have for the specification of that system to be used. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.1.2*

3.1142

fifth-generation language (5GL)

1. a computer language that incorporates the concepts of knowledge-based systems, expert systems, inference engines, and natural language processing

cf. assembly language, fourth-generation language, high-order language, machine language

3.1143

figurative constant

1. a data name that is reserved for a specific constant in a programming language

cf. literal

EXAMPLE The data name THREE may be reserved to represent the value 3.

3.1144

file

1. a set of related records treated as a unit. 2. for data functions, a logically related group of data, not the physical implementation of those groups of data. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 3. a named set of records stored or processed as a unit. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.08.06*

EXAMPLE in stock control, a file could consist of a set of invoice records

3.1145

file type referenced (FTR)

1. an internal logical file read or maintained by a transactional function, or an external interface file read by a transactional function. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. an internal logical file (ILF) or an external interface file (EIF) maintained or read by a transaction. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1146**final function point count**

1. a count to determine the number of function points at the end of a project. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1147**finish date**

1. a point in time associated with a schedule activity's completion. Usually qualified by one of the following: actual, planned, estimated, scheduled, early, late, baseline, target, or current. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1148**finish-to-finish (FF)**

1. the logical relationship where completion of work of the successor activity cannot finish until the completion of work of the predecessor activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. logical relationship

3.1149**finish-to-start (FS)**

1. the logical relationship where initiation of work of the successor activity depends upon the completion of work of the predecessor activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. logical relationship

3.1150**finite state machine**

1. a computational model consisting of a finite number of states and transitions between those states, possibly with accompanying actions

3.1151**firm-fixed-price (FFP) Contract**

1. a type of fixed price contract where the buyer pays the seller a set amount (as defined by the contract), regardless of the seller's costs. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1152**firmware**

1. combination of a hardware device and computer instructions or computer data that reside as read-only software on the hardware device. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.14.* 2. an ordered set of instructions and associated data stored in a way that is functionally independent of main storage, usually in a ROM. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.09*

NOTE The software cannot be readily modified under program control.

3.1153**first input routine**

1. those activities required to obtain the logical record, if any, to be processed first. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.4*

3.1154**first normal form**

1. result of a normalization process that transforms groups of data so they have a unique identifier, one or more attributes, and no repeating attributes. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1155

FiSMA

1. Finnish Software Measurement Association. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.A.10*

NOTE a network of Finnish companies, which share interest in developing software measurement and/or software processes

3.1156

fixed-price-incentive-fee (FPIF) contract

1. a type of contract where the buyer pays the seller a set amount (as defined by the contract), and the seller can earn an additional amount if the seller meets defined performance criteria. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1157

flag

1. a variable that is set to a prescribed state, often 'true' or 'false,' based on the results of a process or the occurrence of a specified condition

cf. indicator, semaphore

3.1158

flexibility

1. the ease with which a system or component can be modified for use in applications or environments other than those for which it was specifically designed. *Syn: adaptability*

cf. extendability, maintainability

3.1159

float

1. the amount of unscheduled time between sequential activities not on the critical path, which may be used to delay the completion of the earlier activity or advance the start of the later activity. *Syn: slack*

cf. free float, total float

3.1160

flow

1. an abstraction of a sequence of interactions, resulting in conveyance of information from a producer object to a consumer object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1*

NOTE A flow may be used to abstract over, for example, the exact structure of a sequence of interactions, or over a continuous interaction including the special case of an analogue information flow.

3.1161

flowchart

1. a graphical representation of a process or the step-by-step solution of a problem, using suitably annotated geometric figures connected by flowlines for the purpose of designing or documenting a process or program. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.06.*
2. graphical representation of the definition, analysis, or method of solution of a problem in which symbols are used to represent operations, data, flow, equipment, etc. *ISO 5807:1985, Information processing — Documentation symbols and conventions for data, program and system flowcharts, program network charts and system resources charts.3.3.*
3. a control flow diagram in which suitably annotated geometrical figures are used to represent operations, data, or equipment, and arrows are used to indicate the sequential flow from one to another. *Syn: flow chart, flow diagram*

cf. block diagram, box diagram, bubble chart, graph, input-process-output chart, structure chart

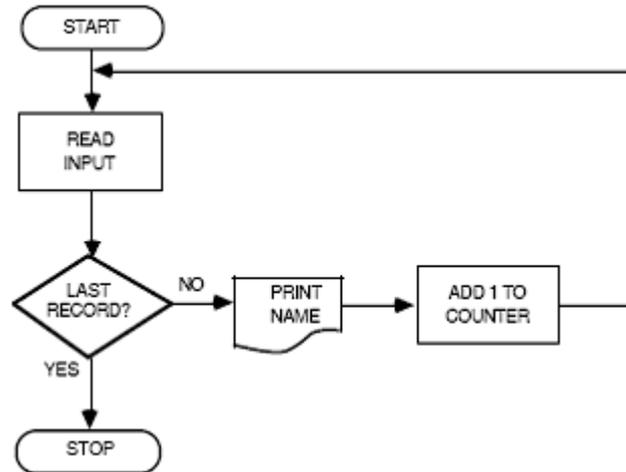


Figure 12 — Flowchart

3.1162 flowcharter

1. a software tool that accepts as input a design or code representation of a program and produces as output a flowchart of the program

3.1163 flowcharting

1. [Technique] the depiction in a diagram format of the inputs, process actions, and outputs of one or more processes within a system. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1164 FMEA

1. failure mode and effect analysis. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1165 foldout

1. single page wider than the rest, normally folded so that it does not protrude, that may be unfolded by the reader. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.18*

cf. throwclear

3.1166 footer

1. material repeated at the bottom of each page. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.19*

EXAMPLE page number

3.1167 footnote

1. text at the bottom of a page, usually in smaller type, which is referenced by means of a number or other device in the text on the same page. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.20*

3.1168

For Exposition Only (FEO) page

1. a model page that contains pictorial and graphical information (in contrast to text) about a specific diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.51*

NOTE Unlike a diagram, the contents of a For Exposition Only page (FEO page) need not comply with IDEF0 rules.

3.1169

forecast

1. estimate or prediction of conditions and events in the project's future based on information and knowledge available at the time of the forecast. The information is based on the project's past performance and expected future performance, and includes information that could impact the project in the future, such as estimate at completion and estimate to complete. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1170

foreground

1. in job scheduling, the computing environment in which high-priority processes or those requiring user interaction are executed

cf. background, foreground processing

3.1171

foreground processing

1. the execution of a high-priority process while lower priority processes await the availability of computer resources, or the execution of processes that require user interaction

cf. background processing

3.1172

foreign key

1. an attribute, or combination of attributes, of a child or category entity instance whose values match those in the primary key of a related parent or generic entity instance. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.62.* 2. data in an ILF or EIF that exists because the user requires a relationship with another ILF or EIF. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.* Syn: migrated key

NOTE A foreign key results from the migration of the parent or generic entity's primary key through a generalization structure or a relationship. [key style]

3.1173

form, fit, and function

1. in configuration management, that configuration comprising the physical and functional characteristics of an item as an entity, but not including any characteristics of the elements making up the item

cf. configuration identification

3.1174

formal design

1. the process of using a formal method for software design

3.1175

formal evaluation process

1. structured approach to evaluating alternative solutions against established criteria to determine a recommended solution to address an issue

3.1176**formal language**

1. a language whose rules are explicitly established prior to its use

cf. natural language

EXAMPLE programming languages and mathematical languages

3.1177**formal parameter**

1. a variable used in a software module to represent data or program elements that are to be passed to the module by a calling module

cf. argument (3)

3.1178**formal qualification review (FQR)**

1. the test, inspection, or analytical process by which a group of configuration items comprising a system is verified to have met specific contractual performance requirements

cf. code review, design review, requirements review, test readiness review

3.1179**formal requirements language**

1. an artificial language used to represent a software requirement. *Syn:* verifiable requirements language

NOTE The resulting formal requirements can be proven "correct" through proof-of-correctness methods.

3.1180**formal specification**

1. a specification that is used to prove mathematically the validity of an implementation or to derive mathematically the implementation. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.01.04.* 2. a specification written in a formal notation, often for use in proof of correctness. 3. a specification written and approved in accordance with established standards

3.1181**formal testing**

1. testing conducted in accordance with test plans and procedures that have been reviewed and approved by a customer, user, or designated level of management

cf. informal testing

3.1182**formalization**

1. the precise description of the semantics of a language in terms of a formal language such as first order logic. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.63*

3.1183**forms design sheet**

1. a layout chart, intended as an aid for the placing of rules and other pre-printed matter in the designing of forms, containing margin indicators and a network of lines indicating the locations of printed rules. *ISO 3535:1977, Forms design sheet and layout chart.4.3*

3.1184**forward pass**

1. the calculation of the early start and early finish dates for the uncompleted portions of all network activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. schedule network analysis, backward pass

3.1185

forward recovery

1. the reconstruction of a file to a given state by updating an earlier version, using data recorded in a chronological record of changes made to the file 2. a type of recovery in which a system, program, database, or other system resource is restored to a new, not previously occupied state in which it can perform required functions

3.1186

four-address instruction

1. a computer instruction that contains four address fields

cf. one-address instruction, two-address instruction, three-address instruction, zero-address instruction

EXAMPLE an instruction to add the contents of locations A, B, and C, and place the result in location D

3.1187

four-plus-one address instruction

1. a computer instruction that contains five address fields, the fifth containing the address of the instruction to be executed next

cf. one-plus-one address instruction, two-plus-one address instruction, three-plus-one address instruction

EXAMPLE an instruction to add the contents of locations A, B, and C, place the results in location D, then execute the instruction at location E

3.1188

fourth-generation language (4GL)

1. a computer language designed to improve the productivity achieved by high-order (third-generation) languages and, often, to make computing power available to non-programmers

cf. machine language, assembly language, high order language, fifth-generation language

NOTE Features typically include an integrated database management system, query language, report generator, and screen definition facility. Additional features may include a graphics generator, decision support function, financial modeling, spreadsheet capability, and statistical analysis functions.

3.1189

FPA

1. function point analysis. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1190

FPA table

1. an entity type that has a secondary function in the application (e.g., code tables, reference tables, entity types with constants, text, or decodings) and whose data can be maintained by the application to be counted or by a different application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1191

FPA tables EIF

1. the external interface file that is counted for the set of all FPA tables identified in an application that are only used by the application to be counted, but that are maintained by a different application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1192**FPA tables ILF**

1. the internal logical file that is counted for the set of all identifiable and maintainable FPA tables in an application. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1193**FP-EPA**

1. fixed price with economic price adjustment. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1194**FPIF**

1. fixed price incentive fee. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1195**F-profile**

1. Format and presentation profile. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1196**FQR**

1. formal qualification review

3.1197**framework**

1. a reusable design (models and/or code) that can be refined (specialized) and extended to provide some portion of the overall functionality of many applications. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.64. 2. a partially completed software subsystem that can be extended by appropriately instantiating some specific plug-ins

3.1198**free float**

1. the amount of time that a schedule activity can be delayed without delaying the early start date of any immediately following schedule activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. total float

3.1199**front matter**

1. material that comes at the front of a book or manual, such as the title page and table of contents. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.21

3.1200**frozen branch**

1. a branch where no development takes place, either in preparation for a release or because active development has ceased on it

3.1201**FS**

1. finish-to-start. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1202**FSM**

1. functional size measurement. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.4

3.1203

FSM method

1. a specific implementation of FSM defined by a set of rules. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.3.4

3.1204

FSMM

1. functional size measurement method. *ISO/IEC 14143-6, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 6: Guide for use of ISO/IEC 14143 series and related International Standards*.2

3.1205

FTR

1. file type referenced. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1206

function

1. an elementary unit of requirements and specifications defined and used for measurement purposes. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. a software module that performs a specific action, is invoked by the appearance of its name in an expression, may receive input values, and returns a single value 3. a task, action, or activity that must be accomplished to achieve a desired outcome. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.10. 4. the features or capabilities of an application as seen by the user. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 5. a defined objective or characteristic action of a system or component. 6. a transformation of inputs to outputs, by means of some mechanisms, and subject to certain controls, that is identified by a function name and modeled by a box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.53. 7. an aspect of the intended behavior of the system. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.6. 8. a single-valued mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.65. 9. part of an application that provides facilities for users to carry out their tasks. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.21

3.1207

function name

1. an active verb or verb phrase that describes what is to be accomplished by a function. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.54

NOTE A box takes as its box name the function name of the function represented by the box.

3.1208

function point (FP)

1. a unit which expresses the size of an application or of a project. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. a measure which represents the functional size of application software. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1209

function point analysis (FPA)

1. a standard method for measuring software development and maintenance from the customer's point of view. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. a form of functional size measurement (FSM) that measures the functional size of software development, enhancement and maintenance activities associated with business applications,

from the customer's point of view. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10. **3.** a method used to acquire a measurement of the amount of functionality an application provides a user. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1210

function point count

1. the function point measurement of a particular application or project. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*
2. the absolute sum of the number of function points of all the functions to be added to, changed in, or deleted from the project or the application to be counted. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1211

function point table

1. a table used to allocate function points to functions, depending on the function type and the complexity established for the function. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1212

function type

1. the five basic information services provided to the user of an application and identified in function point analysis: external input, external output, external inquiry, internal logical file, and external interface file. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*
2. the five types of components of which an application consists, seen from the perspective of FPA. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1213

functional analysis

1. a systematic investigation of the functions of a real or planned system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.02.06. **2.** examination of a defined function to identify all the subfunctions necessary to accomplish that function, to identify functional relationships and interfaces (internal and external) and capture these in a functional architecture, to flow down upper-level performance requirements and to assign these requirements to lower-level subfunctions

3.1214

functional architecture

1. an arrangement of functions and their subfunctions and interfaces (internal and external) that defines the execution sequencing, conditions for control or data flow, and the performance requirements to satisfy the requirements baseline. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.15. **2.** hierarchical arrangement of functions, their internal and external (external to the aggregation itself) functional interfaces and external physical interfaces, their respective functional and performance requirements, and their design constraints

3.1215

functional baseline

1. in configuration management, the initial approved technical documentation for a configuration item. **2.** the initial configuration established at the end of the requirements definition phase

cf. allocated baseline, developmental configuration, product baseline

3.1216

functional cohesion

1. a type of cohesion in which the tasks performed by a software module all contribute to the performance of a single function

cf. coincidental cohesion, communicational cohesion, logical cohesion, procedural cohesion, sequential cohesion, temporal cohesion

3.1217

functional complexity

1. a specific function type's complexity rating which has a value of low, average, or high. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE For data function types, the complexity is determined by the number of RETs and DETs. For transactional function types, the complexity is determined by the number of FTRs and DETs.

3.1218

functional configuration audit (FCA)

1. an audit conducted to verify that the development of a configuration item has been completed satisfactorily, that the item has achieved the performance and functional characteristics specified in the functional or allocated configuration identification, and that its operational and support documents are complete and satisfactory

cf. configuration management, physical configuration audit

3.1219

functional configuration identification

1. in configuration management, the current approved technical documentation for a configuration item

cf. allocated configuration identification, product configuration identification functional baseline

NOTE It prescribes all necessary functional characteristics, the tests required to demonstrate achievement of specified functional characteristics, the necessary interface characteristics with associated configuration items, the configuration item's key functional characteristics and its key lower-level configuration items, if any, and design constraints.

3.1220

functional decomposition

1. a type of modular decomposition in which a system is broken down into components that correspond to system functions and subfunctions

cf. hierarchical decomposition, stepwise refinement

3.1221

functional design

1. the process of defining the working relationships among the components of a system. 2. the result of the process in (1). 3. the specification of the functions of the components of a system and of the working relationships among them. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.03.03*

cf. architectural design

3.1222

functional domain

1. a class of software based on the characteristics of functional user requirements which are pertinent to FSM. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts.3.5*

3.1223**functional domain categorization (FDC)**

1. a process for identifying functional domains that conforms to the requirements of ISO/IEC TR 14143-5:2004, clause 53. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-5:2004, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 5: Determination of functional domains for use with functional size measurement*.3.2

3.1224**functional language**

1. a programming language used to express programs as a sequence of functions and function calls

EXAMPLE: LISP

3.1225**functional manager**

1. someone with management authority over an organizational unit within a functional organization. The manager of any group that actually makes a product or performs a service. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: line manager

3.1226**functional organization**

1. a hierarchical organization where each employee has one clear superior, and staff are grouped by areas of specialization and managed by a person with expertise in that area. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1227**functional process**

1. an elementary component of a set of functional user requirements, comprising a unique, cohesive and independently executable set of data movements. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*.3.9. 2. an elementary component of a set of Functional User Requirements, comprising a unique, cohesive and independently executable set of data or data movements (functional services). *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.A.11. Syn: transactional process

NOTE It is triggered by one or more Triggering events either directly, or indirectly via an 'actor'. It is complete when it has executed all that is required to be done in response to the Triggering event (-type).

3.1228**functional product**

1. a product capable of performing computations. *ISO/IEC TR 14759:1999, Software engineering — Mock up and prototype — A categorization of software mock up and prototype models and their use*.3.2 b)

3.1229**functional requirement**

1. a statement that identifies what a product or process must accomplish to produce required behavior and/or results. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*. 3.1.16. 2. a requirement that specifies a function that a system or system component must be able to perform

3.1230**functional service**

1. service that must be implemented in the piece of software in order to fulfill functional user requirements. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*. A.12. 2. base functional component (BFC). *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method*.3.6

3.1231**functional size**

1. a size of the software derived by quantifying the functional user requirements. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.3.6. Syn: FS

3.1232

functional size measurement (FSM)

1. the process of measuring functional size. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.3.7

3.1233

functional specification

1. a document that specifies the functions that a system or component must perform

NOTE often part of a requirements specification

3.1234

functional testing

1. testing that ignores the internal mechanism of a system or component and focuses solely on the outputs generated in response to selected inputs and execution conditions 2. testing conducted to evaluate the compliance of a system or component with specified functional requirements. *Syn:* black-box testing

cf. structural testing

3.1235

functional unit

1. an entity of hardware or software, or both, capable of accomplishing a specified purpose. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.40

3.1236

functional user requirements (FUR)

1. a subset of the user requirements describing what the software does, in terms of tasks and services. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.3.8

NOTE Functional User Requirements include but are not limited to: data transfer (for example, Input customer data, Send control signal); data transformation (for example, Calculate bank interest, Derive average temperature); data storage (for example, Store customer order, Record ambient temperature over time); data retrieval (for example, List current employees, Retrieve aircraft position). User Requirements that are not Functional User Requirements include but are not limited to: quality constraints (for example, usability, reliability, efficiency and portability); organizational constraints (for example, locations for operation, target hardware and compliance to standards); environmental constraints (for example, interoperability, security, privacy and safety); implementation constraints (for example, development language, delivery schedule).

3.1237

functionality

1. the capabilities of the various computational, user interface, input, output, data management, and other features provided by a product. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology-System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*. 3.1. 2. capability of the software product to provide functions which meet stated and implied needs when the software is used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 9126-1:2001, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 1: Quality model*. 6.1.

NOTE This characteristic is concerned with what the software does to fulfil needs.

3.1238

function-oriented design

1. the partitioning of a design into subsystems and modules, with each one handling one or more functions

cf. object-oriented design, data-structure-oriented design

3.1239

FUR

1. functional user requirement (s). *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 1: Definition of concepts*.4; *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*. 4

3.1240**Gantt chart**

1. [Tool] a graphic display of schedule-related information. In the typical bar chart, schedule activities or work breakdown structure components are listed down the left side of the chart, dates are shown across the top, and activity durations are shown as date-placed horizontal bars. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1241**garbage collection**

1. in computer resource management, a synonym for memory compaction (1)

3.1242**general system characteristics (GSCs)**

1. IFPUG terminology for the technical complexity adjustment factors. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*. 10. 2. a set of 14 questions that evaluate the overall complexity of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1243**generality**

1. the degree to which a system or component performs a broad range of functions

3.1244**generalization**

1. a taxonomy in which instances of both entities represent the same real or abstract thing. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.66. Syn: categorization

NOTE One entity (the generic entity) represents the complete set of things and the other (category entity) represents a subtype or sub-classification of those things. The category entity may have one or more attributes, or relationships with instances of another entity, not shared by all generic entity instances. Each instance of the category entity is simultaneously an instance of the generic entity. [key style]

3.1245**generalization structure**

1. a connection between a superclass and one of its more specific, immediate subclasses. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.69

3.1246**generalization taxonomy**

1. a set of generalization structures with a common generic ancestor. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.70. Syn: generalization hierarchy, generalization network

NOTE In a generalization taxonomy every instance is fully described by one or more of the classes in the taxonomy. The structuring of classes as a generalization taxonomy determines the inheritance of responsibilities among classes.

3.1247**generalize**

1. saying that a subclass *s* generalizes to a superclass *C* means that every instance of class *s* is also an instance of class *C*. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.66

NOTE Generalization is fundamentally different from a relationship, which may associate distinct instances.

3.1248

generally accepted

1. knowledge to be included in the study material of a software engineering licensing exam that a graduate would pass after completing four years of work experience. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.A

3.1249

generated address

1. an address that has been calculated during the execution of a computer program. *Syn*: synthetic address

cf. absolute address, effective address, indirect address, relative address

3.1250

generation

1. act of defining and describing a methodology from a particular metamodel. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.8

NOTE Generating a methodology includes explaining the structural position and semantics of each methodology element using the selected metamodel. Thus, what methodology elements are possible, and how they relate to each other, are constrained by such a metamodel. Usually, method engineers perform generation, yielding a complete and usable methodology.

3.1251

generic ancestor (of a class)

1. a superclass that is either an immediate superclass of the class or a generic ancestor of one of the superclasses of the class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.71

cf. reflexive ancestor

3.1252

generic entity

1. an entity whose instances are classified into one or more subtypes or subclassifications (category entities). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.72. *Syn*: superclass, supertype

NOTE: [key style]

3.1253

generic practice

1. an activity that, when consistently performed, contributes to the achievement of a specific process attribute. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.22

3.1254

generic program unit

1. a software module that is defined in a general manner and that requires substitution of specific data, instructions, or both, in order to be used in a computer program

cf. instantiation

3.1255

GIF

1. General Interworking Framework. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.4

3.1256

GIOP

1. General Inter-ORB Protocol. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.1257**glass box**

1. a system or component whose internal contents or implementation are known. 2. pertaining to an approach that treats a system or component as in (1). *Syn:* white box

cf. black box

3.1258**global attribute**

1. the condition when the attributes that describe the foreign keys are the same attributes (and attribute values) as those describing the associated candidate key. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models.6.1*

3.1259**global compaction**

1. in microprogramming, compaction in which microoperations may be moved beyond the boundaries of the single-entry, single-exit sequential blocks in which they occur

cf. local compaction

3.1260**global data**

1. data that can be accessed by two or more non-nested modules of computer program without being explicitly passed as parameters between the modules. *Syn:* common data

cf. local data

3.1261**global variable**

1. a variable that can be accessed by two or more non-nested modules of a computer program without being explicitly passed as a parameter between the modules

cf. local variable

3.1262**glossary**

1. the collection of the names and narrative descriptions of all terms that may be used for defined concepts within an environment. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.73.* 2. a set of definitions that includes arrow labels and box names used in an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.55*

3.1263**glossary page**

1. a model page that contains definitions for the arrow labels and box names in a specific diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.56*

3.1264**go to**

1. a computer program statement that causes a jump

cf. call, case, if-then-else branch

3.1265

goal

1. an intended outcome. *ISO/IEC TR 9126-4:2004, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 4: Quality in use metrics*.4.2. 2. intended outcome of user interaction with a product. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports*.4.8

NOTE [ISO 9241-11]

3.1266

GOTS

1. Government-off-the-Shelf. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1267

Government-off-the-Shelf

1. software supplied by the government for reuse in another project. *Syn: GOTS, Government-Off-The-Shelf, Government off the Shelf, Government Off The Shelf*

cf. COTS

3.1268

grade

1. a category or rank used to distinguish items that have the same functional use (e.g., "hammer"), but do not share the same requirements for quality (e.g., different hammers may need to withstand different amounts of force). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1269

granularity

1. the depth or level of detail at which data is collected

3.1270

graph

1. a diagram that represents the variation of a variable in comparison with that of one or more other variables.
2. a diagram or other representation consisting of a finite set of nodes and internode connections called edges or arcs

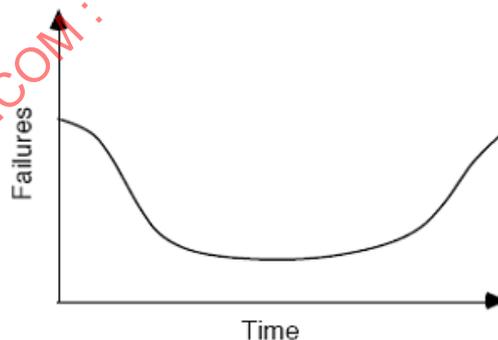


Figure 13 — Graph

EXAMPLE a graph showing a bathtub curve

3.1271

Grosch's law

1. a guideline formulated by H. R. J. Grosch, stating that the computing power of a computer increases proportionally to the square of the cost of the computer

cf. computer performance evaluation

3.1272**ground rules**

1. list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors adopted by a project team to improve working relationships, effectiveness, and communication

3.1273**GUI**

1. Graphical User Interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1274**hacker**

1. a technically sophisticated computer enthusiast. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.07.03.* 2. a technically sophisticated computer enthusiast who uses his or her knowledge and means to gain unauthorized access to protected resources. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.07.04*

3.1275**halt**

1. most commonly, a synonym for stop. 2. less commonly, a synonym for pause

3.1276**hard copy**

1. a permanent copy of a display image generated on an output unit such as a printer or a plotter, and which can be carried away. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.04*

3.1277**hard failure**

1. a failure that results in complete shutdown of a system

cf. soft failure

3.1278**hardware**

1. physical equipment used to process, store, or transmit computer programs or data. 2. all or part of the physical components of an information system. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.010.07*

cf. software

3.1279**hardware configuration item (HCI)**

1. an aggregation of hardware that is designated for configuration management and treated as a single entity in the configuration management process 2. a hardware entity that has been established as a configuration item

cf. software configuration item

NOTE An HCI exists where functional allocations have been made that clearly distinguish equipment functions from software functions and where the hardware has been established as a configuration item.

3.1280**hardware design language (HDL)**

1. a language with special constructs and, sometimes, verification protocols, used to develop, analyze, and document a hardware design

cf. program design language

3.1281

hardware engineering

1. application of a systematic, disciplined, and quantifiable approach to design, implement, and maintain a tangible product by transforming a set of requirements that represent the collection of stakeholder needs, expectations, and constraints; using documented techniques and technology

cf. software engineering, systems engineering

3.1282

hardware monitor

1. a device that measures or records specified events or characteristics of a computer system. 2. a software tool that records or analyzes hardware events during the execution of a computer program

EXAMPLE a device that counts the occurrences of various electrical events or measures the time between such events

3.1283

hazard

1. an intrinsic property or condition that has the potential to cause harm or damage. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.11.* 2. a source of potential harm or a situation with a potential for harm in terms of human injury, damage to health, property, or the environment, or some combination of these. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.11*

3.1284

hazard identification

1. the process of recognizing that a hazard exists and defining its characteristics. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.12*

3.1285

HCI

1. human computer interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview* 2. hardware configuration item. Syn: HWCI

3.1286

HDL

1. hardware design language

cf. design language

3.1287

HDTV

1. High Definition TV. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1288

head

1. the forefront of a branch, which contains the evolving versions of the source tree

NOTE A release coming out of head will have the newest features but will also likely be unstable.

3.1289

header

1. a block of comments placed at the beginning of a computer program or routine. 2. identification or control information placed at the beginning of a file or message. 3. material repeated at the top of each page. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.22*

3.1290**heading**

1. text that identifies the topic that will be covered in the following text. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.23

3.1291**heavily used configuration GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which computer resource restrictions influenced the development of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1292**heavyweight process**

1. a process with its own memory and multiple threads of control

3.1293**help system**

1. ancillary part of a program, or sometimes a separate program, that allows the user to view parts of the online documentation or help text on request. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.24

cf. online documentation system

3.1294**help text**

1. text which is accessed by the user through the use of software, and which is automatically selected according to the context in which it is called up. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.25

NOTE Help text is context-sensitive.

3.1295**hidden**

1. both private and protected. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.74

cf. public, private, protected

3.1296**hierarchical decomposition**

1. a type of modular decomposition in which a system is broken down into a hierarchy of components through a series of top-down refinements

cf. functional decomposition, stepwise refinement

3.1297**hierarchical modeling**

1. a technique used in computer performance evaluation, in which a computer system is represented as a hierarchy of subsystems, the subsystems are analyzed to determine their performance characteristics, and the results are used to evaluate the performance of the overall system

3.1298**hierarchically consecutive**

1. an unbroken unidirectional traversal of all nodes between two specified nodes in a tree. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.57

3.1299
hierarchy

1. a structure in which components are ranked into levels of subordination; each component has zero, one, or more subordinates; and no component has more than one superordinate component

cf. hierarchical decomposition, hierarchical modeling

3.1300
high level

1. general; abstract

3.1301
higher-level management

1. the person or persons who provide the policy and overall guidance for the process, but do not provide the direct day-to-day monitoring and controlling of the process

NOTE Such persons belong to a level of management in the organization above the immediate level responsible for the process.

3.1302
high-level design

1. the process of defining the high-level concepts that guide low-level design and implementation

cf. architecture

NOTE High-level design typically involves organizing a system into subprograms and specifying the interfaces between them.

3.1303
high-level net

1. an algebraic structure comprising a set of places; a set of transitions; a set of types; a function associating a type to each place, and a set of modes (a type) to each transition; pre function imposing token demands (multisets of tokens) on places for each transition mode; post function determining output tokens (multisets of tokens) for places for each transition mode; and an initial marking. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.11*

3.1304
high-level Petri Net graph

1. a net graph and its associated annotations comprising place types, arc annotations and transition conditions, and their corresponding definitions in a set of declarations, and an initial marking of the net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.12*

3.1305
high-order language (HOL)

1. a programming language that requires little knowledge of the computer on which a program will run, can be translated into several different machine languages, allows symbolic naming of operations and addresses, provides features designed to facilitate expression of data structures and program logic, and usually results in several machine instructions for each program statement. *Syn: high-level language, high order language, higher order language, third-generation language*

cf. assembly language, fifth-generation language, fourth-generation language, machine language

EXAMPLE Ada, COBOL, FORTRAN, ALGOL, PASCAL

3.1306
historical information

1. documents and data on prior projects including project files, records, correspondence, closed contracts, and closed projects. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1307**HLL****1. high-level language**

cf. high-order language

3.1308**HLPN**

1. High-level Petri Net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.2.1*

3.1309**HLPNG**

1. High-level Petri Net Graph. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.2.2*

3.1310**HLPNS**

1. High-level Petri Net Schema. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.2.3*

3.1311**HMI**

1. human-machine interface

cf. user interface

3.1312**HOL**

1. high-order language

3.1313**homogeneous redundancy**

1. in fault tolerance, realization of the same function with identical means

cf. diversity

EXAMPLE use of two identical processors

3.1314**horizontal microinstruction**

1. a microinstruction that specifies a set of simultaneous operations needed to carry out a given machine language instruction

cf. diagonal microinstruction, vertical microinstruction

NOTE Horizontal microinstructions are relatively long, often 64 bits or more, and are called 'horizontal' because the set of simultaneous operations that they specify are written on a single line, rather than being listed sequentially down the page.

3.1315**host machine**

1. the computer on which a program or file is installed. **2.** in a computer network, a computer that provides processing capabilities to users of the network. **3.** a computer used to develop software intended for another computer. **4.** a computer used to emulate another computer

3.1316

hostile backout

1. a backout done without prior arrangement by a committer other than the one who introduced the original change

NOTE This is usually the opening shot in a commit war.

3.1317

housekeeping operation

1. a computer operation that establishes or reestablishes a set of initial conditions to facilitate the execution of a computer program. *Syn:* overhead operation

EXAMPLE initializing storage areas, clearing flags, rewinding tapes, opening and closing files

3.1318

human behavior

1. understanding of interactions among humans and other elements of a system with the intent to ensure well-being and systems performance. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.6. Syn:* human behaviour

NOTE Human behavior includes culture, needs and aspirations of people as individuals and as groups.

3.1319

human resource plan

1. a document describing how roles and responsibilities, reporting relationships, and staffing management will be addressed and structured for the project. It is contained in or is a subsidiary plan of the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1320

human resource planning

1. identification and documentation of project roles, responsibilities and reporting relationships, as well as estimation of required staff by time period and creation of a staffing management plan

3.1321

human systems engineering

1. the activities involved throughout the system life cycle that address the human element of system design (including usability, measures of effectiveness, measures of performance, and total ownership cost). *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.20*

NOTE These activities include the definition and synthesis of manpower, personnel, training, human engineering, health hazards, and safety issues.

3.1322

HWCI

1. hardware configuration item

3.1323

hybrid computer

1. a computer that integrates analog computer components and digital computer components by interconnection of digital-to-analog converters and analog-to-digital converters. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.06*

NOTE A hybrid computer may use or produce analog data and discrete data.

3.1324

hybrid coupling

1. a type of coupling in which different subsets of the range of values that a data item can assume are used for different and unrelated purposes in different software modules

cf. common-environment coupling, content coupling, control coupling, data coupling, pathological coupling

3.1325**I/O**

1. input/output

3.1326**I/O task-structuring criteria**

1. a category of the task-structuring criteria addressing how device interface objects are mapped to I/O tasks and when an I/O task is activated

3.1327**IBD**

1. information-based domain. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies.4.2*

3.1328**ICOM code**

1. an expression in one diagram that unambiguously identifies an arrow segment in another diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.58. Syn: arrow reference*

NOTE An ICOM code is used to associate a boundary arrow of a child diagram with an arrow attached to an ancestral box.

3.1329**ICOM label**

1. an arrow label attached without a squiggle directly to the arrowhead of an output boundary arrow or to the arrowtail of an input, control, or mechanism boundary arrow. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.59*

NOTE An ICOM label associates a boundary arrow of a child diagram with an arrow label of an arrow attached to an ancestral box.

3.1330**icon**

1. graphic displayed on the screen that represents a function of the computer system. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.22*

3.1331**ICS**

1. Implementation Conformance Statement. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1332**ICT**

1. information and communication technology. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.7*

3.1333**ICWG**

1. Interface Control Working Group. *ISO/IEC TR 16326:1999, Software engineering — Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 12207 to project management.5*

NOTE Depending on the size and complexity of a project, can be a group of people, a single person or a function.

3.1334

IDEF0 model

1. abstractly, a hierarchical set of IDEF0 diagrams that depict, for a specific purpose and from a specific viewpoint, the functions of a system or subject area, along with supporting glossary, text, and For Exposition Only (FEO) information. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.60*

NOTE Concretely, a set of model pages that include at least an A-0 context diagram and an A0 decomposition diagram, a glossary or specific glossary pages, one or more text pages to accompany each diagram, and FEO pages and model pages of other types as needed.

3.1335

IDEF1X model

1. a set of one or more IDEF1X views, often represented as view diagrams that depict the underlying semantics of the views, along with definitions of the concepts used in the views. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.75*

3.1336

identifier

1. the name, address, label, or distinguishing index of an object in a computer program. 2. within an IDEF0 model, a model name, a box name, or an arrow label. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.61*

3.1337

identifier dependency

1. a constraint between two related entities requiring the primary key in one (child entity) to contain the entire primary key of the other (parent entity). *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.3.1.76*

NOTE Identifying relationships and categorization structures represent identifier dependencies. [key style]

3.1338

identify risks

1. [Process] the process of determining which risks may affect the project and documenting their characteristics. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1339

identify stakeholders

1. [Process] the process of identifying all people or organizations impacted by the project, and documenting relevant information regarding their interests, involvement, and impact on project success. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1340

identifying relationship

1. a specific (not many-to-many) relationship in which every attribute in the primary key of the parent entity is contained in the primary key of the child entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.79*

cf. nonidentifying relationship [key style]

3.1341

identity

1. the inherent property of an instance that distinguishes it from all other instances. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.80*

NOTE Identity is intrinsic to the instance and independent of the instance's property values or the classes to which the instance belongs.

3.1342**identity-style view**

1. a view produced using the identity-style modeling constructs. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.81

3.1343**IDL**

1. Interface Definition Language. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1344**idle**

1. pertaining to a system or component that is operational and in service, but not in use

cf. busy, down, up

3.1345**idle time**

1. the period of time during which a system or component is operational and in service, but not in use. *Syn: standby time*

cf. busy time, down time, set-up time, up time

3.1346**IEC**

1. International Electrotechnical Commission. *ISO/IEC TR 16326:1999, Software engineering — Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 12207 to project management*.5

3.1347**IFB**

1. invitation for bid. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1348**iff**

1. if and only if. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.2.4

3.1349**IFPUG**

1. International Function Point Users Group. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE membership governed, non-profit organization committed to promoting and supporting function point analysis and other software measurement techniques. The IFPUG maintains the definition of the direct descendent of the Albrecht 1984 FPA method.

3.1350**if-then-else**

1. a single-entry, single-exit two-way branch that defines a condition, specifies the processing to be performed if the condition is met and, optionally, if it is not, and returns control in both instances to the statement immediately following the overall construct

cf. case, jump, go to, dyadic selective construct, monadic selective construct

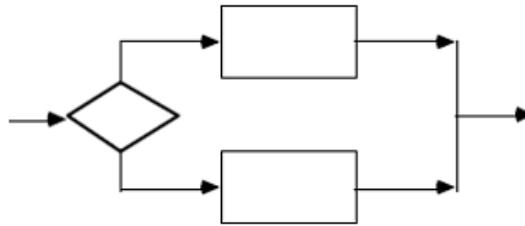


Figure 14 — If-then-else construct

3.1351

IIOF

1. Internet Inter-ORB Protocol. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOF)*.3.3

3.1352

IIOF-IOR

1. Internet Inter-ORB Protocol — Interoperable Object Reference. *ISO/IEC 14753:1999, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Interface references and binding*.4

3.1353

ILF

1. internal logical file. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1354

illustration

1. graphic element set apart from the main body of text and normally cited within the main text. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.23

NOTE used as the generic term for tables, figures, exhibits, screen captures, flow charts, diagrams, drawings, icons, and other graphic elements

3.1355

illustrative product

1. a non functional product. *ISO/IEC TR 14759:1999, Software engineering — Mock up and prototype — A categorization of software mock up and prototype models and their use*.3.2 c)

3.1356

image processing

1. the use of a data processing system to create, scan, analyze, enhance, interpret, or display images. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.20

3.1357

immediate data

1. data contained in the address field of a computer instruction

cf. direct address, indirect address, n-level address, immediate instruction

3.1358

immediate instruction

1. a computer instruction whose address fields contain the values of the operands rather than the operands' addresses

cf. direct instruction, indirect instruction, absolute instruction, effective instruction, immediate data

3.1359**immutable class**

1. a class for which the set of instances is fixed; its instances do not come and go over time. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.82

cf. mutable class, value class

3.1360**impact analysis**

1. identification of all system and software products that a change request affects and development of an estimate of the resources needed to accomplish the change

NOTE This includes determining the scope of the changes to plan and implement work, accurately estimating the resources needed to perform the work, and analyzing the requested changes' cost and benefits.

3.1361**imperative construct**

1. a sequence of one or more steps not involving branching or iteration

3.1362**implementable standard**

1. a template for a technology object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.9.1.1

3.1363**implementation**

1. the process of translating a design into hardware components, software components, or both. 2. the result of the process in (1). 3. a definition that provides the information needed to create an object and allow the object to participate in providing an appropriate set of services. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.8. 4. the installation and customization of packaged software. 5. construction. 6. the system development phase at the end of which the hardware, software and procedures of the system considered become operational. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.04.01. 7. a process of instantiation whose validity can be subject to test. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.9.1.2. 8. phase of development during which user documentation is created according to the design, tested, and revised. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.24

cf. coding

3.1364**implementation phase**

1. period of time in the software life cycle during which a software product is created from design documentation and debugged

3.1365**implementation requirement**

1. a requirement that specifies or constrains the coding or construction of a system or system component

cf. design requirement, functional requirement, interface requirement, performance requirement, physical requirement

3.1366**implementer**

1. organization that performs implementation tasks. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.15. Syn: developer

3.1367

implied addressing

1. a method of addressing in which the operation field of a computer instruction implies the address of the operands

cf. direct address, indirect address, relative address

EXAMPLE If a computer has only one accumulator, an instruction that refers to the accumulator needs no address information describing it. Types include one-ahead addressing and repetitive addressing.

3.1368

implied needs

1. needs that may not have been stated but are actual needs. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.23.* 2. needs that may not have been stated but are actual needs when the entity is used in particular conditions. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.10*

NOTE Implied needs are real needs which may not have been documented.

3.1369

import process

1. the process of incorporating the content of a transfer file into a target environment. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.1*

3.1370

importer

1. the agent of the import process. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.1*

3.1371

imposed date

1. a fixed date imposed on a schedule activity or schedule milestone, usually in the form of a "start no earlier than" and "finish no later than" date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1372

incident

1. any event which is not part of the standard operation of a service and which causes or may cause an interruption to, or a reduction in, the quality of that service. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.7*

cf. software test incident

NOTE may include request questions such as "How do I?" calls

3.1373

incipient failure

1. a failure that is about to occur

3.1374

include

1. in UML, a relationship from a base use case to an included use case specifying how the behavior defined for the included use case can be inserted into the behavior defined for the base use case

3.1375

incomplete process

1. process that is not performed or is performed only partially

NOTE One or more of the specific goals of the process are not satisfied.

3.1376**incremental compiler**

1. a compiler that completes as much of the translation of each source statement as possible during the input or scanning of the source statement. *Syn:* conversational compiler, interactive compiler, online compiler

NOTE typically used for online computer program development and checkout

3.1377**incremental development**

1. a software development technique in which requirements definition, design, implementation, and testing occur in an overlapping, iterative (rather than sequential) manner, resulting in incremental completion of the overall software product

cf. data structure-centered design, input-process-output, modular decomposition, object-oriented design, waterfall model

3.1378**incremental productivity**

1. the productivity computed periodically during development

3.1379**independent**

1. performed by an organization free from control by the supplier, developer, operator, or maintainer

3.1380**independent entity**

1. an entity for which each instance can be uniquely identified without determining its relationship to another entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.84. *Syn:* identifier-independent entity

cf. dependent entity [key style]

3.1381**independent state class**

1. a state class that is not a dependent state class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.85

cf. dependent state class

3.1382**independent verification and validation (IV&V)**

1. verification and validation performed by an organization that is technically, managerially, and financially independent of the development organization

3.1383**indexed address**

1. an address that must be added to the contents of an index register to obtain the address of the storage location to be accessed

cf. offset (2), relative address, self-relative address

3.1384**indicative function point count**

1. an indication denoting the estimated size of an application or project, based exclusively on a conceptual data model or a data model in the third normal-form. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1385

indicator

1. measure that provides an estimate or evaluation of specified attributes derived from a model with respect to defined information needs. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.4.24; ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.24.* **2.** a measure that can be used to estimate or predict another measure. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.11.* **3.** a device or variable that can be set to a prescribed state based on the results of a process or the occurrence of a specified condition

EXAMPLE a flag or semaphore

3.1386

indicator value

1. numerical or categorical result assigned to an indicator. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.11*

3.1387

indigenous error

1. a computer program error that has not been purposely inserted as part of an error-seeding process

3.1388

indirect address

1. an address that identifies the storage location of another address. *Syn:* multilevel address

cf. direct address, immediate data, indirect instruction, n-level address

NOTE The designated storage location may contain the address of the desired operand or another indirect address; the chain of addresses eventually leads to the operand.

3.1389

indirect instruction

1. a computer instruction that contains indirect addresses for its operands

cf. direct instruction, immediate instruction, absolute instruction, effective instruction

3.1390

indirect measure

1. a measure of an attribute that is derived from measures of one or more other attributes. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999 Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.12*

NOTE An external measure of an attribute of a computing system (such as the response time to user input) is an indirect measure of attributes of the software as the measure will be influenced by attributes of the computing environment as well as attributes of the software.

3.1391

inductive assertion method

1. a proof of correctness technique in which assertions are written describing program inputs, outputs, and intermediate conditions, a set of theorems is developed relating satisfaction of the input assertions to satisfaction of the output assertions, and the theorems are proved or disproved using proof by induction. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*

3.1392

infant mortality

1. the set of failures that occur during the early-failure period of a system or component

3.1393**influence diagram**

1. [Tool] a graphical representation of situations showing causal influences, time ordering of events, and other relationships among variables and outcomes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1394**influencer**

1. persons or groups that are not directly related to the acquisition or use of the product, but, who can affect the course of the project, positively or negatively, due to their position in the customer organization

cf. stakeholder

3.1395**informal testing**

1. testing conducted in accordance with test plans and procedures that have not been reviewed and approved by a customer, user, or designated level of management

cf. formal testing

3.1396**information**

1. knowledge that is exchangeable amongst users about things, facts, concepts, and so on, in a universe of discourse. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.3.2.5.* 2. In information processing, knowledge concerning objects, such as facts, events, things, processes, or ideas, including concepts, that within a certain context has a particular meaning. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.01*

NOTE Although information will necessarily have a representation form to make it communicable, it is the interpretation of this representation (the meaning) that is relevant in the first place.

3.1397**information analysis**

1. a systematic investigation of information and its flow in a real or planned system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.02.07*

3.1398**information content**

1. the set of metamodel and model instances found in a CDIF transfer. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

3.1399**information hiding**

1. a software development technique in which each module's interfaces reveal as little as possible about the module's inner workings and other modules are prevented from using information about the module that is not in the module's interface specification 2. containment of a design or implementation decision in a single module so that the decision is hidden from other modules

cf. encapsulation

3.1400**information item**

1. separately identifiable body of information that is produced and stored for human use during a system or software life cycle. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products (Documentation). 5.7*

3.1401

information item content

1. information included in an information item, associated with a system, product or service, to satisfy a requirement or need *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products (Documentation)*. 5.8

3.1402

information item type

1. a group of information items consistent with a pre-arranged set of generic criteria. *ISO/IEC 15289:2006, Systems and software engineering — Contents of systems and software life cycle information products (Documentation)*. 5.8

EXAMPLE A "plan" is the information item type for all plans and "report" is the information item type for all reports.

3.1403

information management

1. in an information processing system, the functions of controlling the acquisition, analysis, retention, retrieval, and distribution of information. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.08.01

3.1404

information need

1. insight necessary to manage objectives, goals, risks, and problems. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.25; *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.12

3.1405

information processing

1. the systematic performance of operations upon information, which includes data processing and may include operations such as data communication and office automation. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.05

NOTE The term information processing should not be used as a synonym for data processing.

3.1406

information processing requirements

1. the set of functions required by the commissioning user of the application software product (excluding any technical and quality requirements). *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.1.1

cf. software

3.1407

information processing system

1. one or more data processing systems and devices, such as office and communication equipment, that perform information processing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.21

3.1408

information product

1. one or more indicators and their associated interpretations that address an information need. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.13; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.26

EXAMPLE a comparison of a measured defect rate to planned defect rate along with an assessment of whether or not the difference indicates a problem

3.1409**information retrieval (IR)**

1. actions, methods, and procedures for obtaining information on a given subject from stored data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.03

3.1410**information system**

1. an information processing system, together with associated organizational resources such as human, technical, and financial resources, that provides and distributes information. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.22

3.1411**information system needs**

1. needs that can be specified as quality requirements by external measures and sometimes by internal measures. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.27

3.1412**information technology**

1. resources required to acquire, process, store and disseminate information. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.7. *Syn:* Information Technology, IT

NOTE includes Communication Technology (CT) and the composite term Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

3.1413**information viewpoint**

1. a viewpoint on an ODP system and its environment that focuses on the semantics of information and information processing. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.1.1.2

3.1414**Information-based domain (IBD)**

1. realm of activity for which information is the most valuable asset. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.1

NOTE Information creation, manipulation, and dissemination are the most important activities within information-based domains. Typical information-based domains are software and systems engineering, business process reengineering, and knowledge management.

3.1415**inheritance**

1. a semantic notion by which the responsibilities (properties and constraints) of a subclass are considered to include the responsibilities of a superclass, in addition to its own, specifically declared responsibilities. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.86

3.1416**inherited attribute**

1. an attribute that is a characteristic of a class by virtue of being an attribute of a generic ancestor. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.87. 2. an attribute that is a characteristic of a category entity by virtue of being an attribute in its generic entity or a generic ancestor entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.87

3.1417**inherited error**

1. an error carried forward from a previous step in a sequential process

3.1418

initial function point count

1. a function point count carried out at the beginning of a project. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1419

initial marking (of the net)

1. the set of initial place markings given with the high-level net definition. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14.1*

3.1420

initial marking of a place

1. a special marking of a place, defined with the high-level net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14.2*

3.1421

initial program loader

1. a bootstrap loader used to load that part of an operating system needed to load the remainder of the operating system

3.1422

initialization section

1. an optional list of unconditional actions to be executed sequentially before the first condition is examined. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.13*

NOTE It may be written in the row which follows that of the table heading.

3.1423

initialize

1. to set a variable, register, or other storage location to a starting value

cf. clear, reset

3.1424

initiating event

1. an event that can lead to a threat. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.3.7*

3.1425

initiating processes

1. [Process Group] those processes performed to define a new project or a new phase by obtaining authorization to start the project or phase. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1426

initiator

1. person or organization that has both the ability and authority to start a project

3.1427

inline code

1. a sequence of computer instructions that is physically contiguous with the instructions that logically precede and follow it

3.1428**inner cardinality**

1. the number of allowed instances of the relationship from the viewpoint of a single instance of the data object planning a role. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models.6.6.2*

cf. outer cardinality

3.1429**input**

1. data received from an external source. 2. pertaining to a device, process, or channel involved in receiving data from an external source. 3. to receive data from an external source. 4. to provide data from an external source. 5. loosely, input data. 6. in an IDEF0 model, that which is transformed by a function into output. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.62.* 7. [Process Input] any item, whether internal or external to the project that is required by a process before that process proceeds. May be an output from a predecessor process. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 8. data entered into an information processing system or any of its parts for storage or processing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.30.* 9. the process of entering data into an information processing system or any of its parts for storage or processing. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.31*

3.1430**input arc (of a transition)**

1. an arc directed from a place to the transition. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.1.1*

3.1431**input arrow**

1. an arrow or arrow segment that expresses IDEF0 input. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.63*

NOTE That is, an object type set whose instances are transformed by a function into output. The arrowhead of an input arrow is attached to the left side of a box.

3.1432**input assertion**

1. a logical expression specifying one or more conditions that program inputs must satisfy in order to be valid

cf. loop assertion, output assertion, inductive assertion, method

3.1433**input loopback**

1. loopback of output from one function to be input for another function in the same diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.64*

3.1434**input place (of a transition)**

1. a place connected to the transition by an input arc. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.20.1*

3.1435**input primitive**

1. the effort to develop software products, expressed in units of staff-hours

3.1436
input routine

1. those activities required to obtain the logical record to be processed next. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.5*

NOTE If there are no more logical records to be processed, the end-of-input condition becomes true.

3.1437
input-process-output

1. a software design technique that consists of identifying the steps involved in each process to be performed and identifying the inputs to and outputs from each step

cf. data structure-centered design, input-process-output chart, modular decomposition, object-oriented design, rapid prototyping

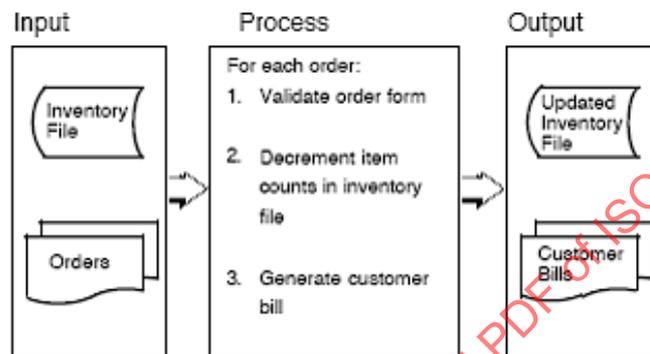


Figure 15 — Input-process-output chart

NOTE A refinement called hierarchical input-process-output identifies the steps, inputs, and outputs at both general and detailed levels of detail.

3.1438
input-process-output (IPO) chart

1. a diagram of a software system or module, consisting of a rectangle on the left listing inputs, a rectangle in the center listing processing steps, a rectangle on the right listing outputs, and arrows connecting inputs to processing steps and processing steps to outputs

cf. block diagram, box diagram, bubble chart, flowchart, graph, structure chart

3.1439
inspection

1. a visual examination of a software product to detect and identify software anomalies, including errors and deviations from standards and specifications. *IEEE Std 1028-2008 IEEE Standard for Software Reviews and Audits.3.3.* 2. a static analysis technique that relies on visual examination of development products to detect errors, violations of development standards, and other problems 3. [Technique] examining or measuring to verify whether an activity, component, product, result, or service conforms to specified requirements. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

NOTE Inspections are peer examinations led by impartial facilitators who are trained in inspection techniques. Determination of remedial or investigative action for an anomaly is a mandatory element of a software inspection, although the solution should not be determined in the inspection meeting. Types include code inspection; design inspection.

3.1440
installation and checkout phase

1. period of time in the software life cycle during which a software product is integrated into its operational environment and tested in this environment to ensure that it performs as required

3.1441**installation ease GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which conversion from previous environments influenced the development of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1442**installation manual**

1. a document that provides the information necessary to install a system or component, set initial parameters, and prepare the system or component for operational use

cf. diagnostic manual, operator manual, programmer manual, support manual, user manual

3.1443**installed function point count**

1. an application function point count related to a set of installed systems. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

3.1444**instance**

1. a discrete, bounded thing with an intrinsic, immutable, and unique identity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.89.*
 2. an individual occurrence of a type. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2.*
 3. the mapping of an activity that processes all of its input information and generates all of its output information. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process.3.1.5*

3.1445**instance-level attribute**

1. a mapping from the instances of a class to the instances of a value class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.90*

3.1446**instance-level operation**

1. a mapping from the (cross product of the) instances of the class and the instances of the input argument types to the (cross product of the) instances of the other (output) argument types. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.91*

3.1447**instance-level responsibility**

1. a responsibility that applies to each instance of the class individually. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.92*

cf. class-level responsibility

3.1448**instantiation**

1. the process of substituting specific data, instructions, or both into a generic program unit to make it usable in a computer program

3.1449**institutionalization**

1. ingrained way of doing business that an organization follows routinely as part of its corporate culture

3.1450**instruction counter**

1. a register that indicates the location of the next computer instruction to be executed. *Syn: program counter*

3.1451

instruction cycle

1. the process of fetching a computer instruction from memory and executing it

cf. instruction time

3.1452

instruction format

1. the number and arrangement of fields in a computer instruction

cf. address field, address format, operation field

3.1453

instruction length

1. the number of words, bytes, or bits needed to store a computer instruction

cf. instruction format

3.1454

instruction modifier

1. a word or part of a word used to alter a computer instruction

3.1455

instruction set

1. the complete set of instructions recognized by a given computer or provided by a given programming language. *Syn:* instruction repertoire

3.1456

instruction time

1. the time it takes a computer to fetch an instruction from memory and execute it

cf. instruction cycle

3.1457

instructional mode

1. usage mode that is intended to teach the use of software in performing tasks. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.25*

3.1458

instrument

1. in software and system testing, to install or insert devices or instructions into hardware or software to monitor the operation of a system or component

3.1459

instrumentation

1. devices or instructions installed or inserted into hardware or software to monitor the operation of a system or component

3.1460

integer type

1. a data type whose members can assume only integer values and can be operated on only by integer arithmetic operations, such as addition, subtraction, and multiplication

cf. character type, enumeration type, logical type, real type

3.1461

integrate

1. to combine software components, hardware components, or both into an overall system. 2. to pull in the changes from one child branch into its parent

3.1462**integrated circuit (IC)**

1. a small piece of semiconductive material that contains interconnected electronic elements. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.10. Syn: microchip, chip

3.1463**integrated repository**

1. a repository for storing all information pertinent to the sep to include all data, schema, models, tools, technical management decisions, process analysis information, requirement changes, process and product metrics, and trade-offs. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.18

3.1464**integrated team**

1. group of people with complementary skills and expertise who are committed to delivering specified work products in timely collaboration

NOTE Integrated team members provide skills and advocacy appropriate to all phases of the work products' life and are collectively responsible for delivering work products as specified. An integrated team should include empowered representatives from organizations, disciplines, and functions that have a stake in the success of the work products.

3.1465**integration**

1. the process of combining software components, hardware components, or both into an overall system

3.1466**integration test**

1. the progressive linking and testing of programs or modules in order to ensure their proper functioning in the complete system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.05.06. Syn: integration testing

3.1467**integration testing**

1. testing in which software components, hardware components, or both are combined and tested to evaluate the interaction among them. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation*.3.1.14; *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.14

NOTE commonly used for both the integration of components and the integration of entire systems

3.1468**integrity**

1. the degree to which a system or component prevents unauthorized access to, or modification of, computer programs or data

3.1469**integrity assurance authority**

1. the independent person or organization responsible for assessment of compliance with the integrity requirements. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.8

3.1470**integrity level**

1. value representing project-unique characteristics that define the importance of the software to the user. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation*.3.1.15. 2. degree to which software complies or must comply with a set of stakeholder-selected software and/or software-based system characteristics defined to reflect the importance of the software to its stakeholders. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.15. 3. symbolic value representing this degree of compliance within an integrity level scheme. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.15

NOTE "characteristics" such as software complexity, criticality, risk, safety level, security level, desired performance, reliability, or cost

3.1471

integrity level scheme

1. set of system characteristics (such as complexity, risk, safety level, security level, desired performance, reliability, and/or cost) selected as important to stakeholders, and arranged into discrete levels of performance or compliance (integrity levels), to help define the level of quality control to be applied in developing or delivering the software. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.16

3.1472

intellectual property

1. an output of creative human thought process that has some intellectual or informational value

NOTE Intellectual property can be protected by patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets.

3.1473

interaction group

1. a subset of the objects participating in a binding managed by the group function. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.13.4.1.1

3.1474

interactive

1. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which each user entry causes a response from or action by the system. 2. when the user communicates with the computer in a conversational-type manner. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10

3.1475

interactive language

1. a nonprocedural language in which a program is created as a result of interactive dialog between the user and the computer system

cf. declarative language, rule-based language

NOTE The system provides questions, forms, and so on, to aid the user in expressing the results to be achieved.

3.1476

interconnection

1. an association between a computing system tool and something in the environment that affects both endpoints, though not necessarily in the same way. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnection — Classification and Description*.3.7

3.1477

interconnection feature

1. a property by which members of an interconnection perspective are characterized. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.6

3.1478

interconnection group

1. a collection of interconnections to a CASE tool that have a common kind of endpoint in the environment. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.7

3.1479

interconnection perspective

1. a subset of interconnections that share common features in an interconnection group. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.8

3.1480**interface**

1. a shared boundary between two functional units, defined by various characteristics pertaining to the functions, physical signal exchanges, and other characteristics. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.38. **2.** a hardware or software component that connects two or more other components for the purpose of passing information from one to the other **3.** to connect two or more components for the purpose of passing information from one to the other. **4.** to serve as a connecting or connected component as in (2). **5.** the declaration of the meaning and the signature for a property or constraint. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.93. **6.** a shared boundary across which information is passed. **7.** a task's external specification

3.1481**interface control**

1. in configuration management, the administrative and technical procedures and documentation necessary to identify functional and physical characteristics between and within configuration items provided by different developers, and to resolve problems concerning the specified interfaces **2.** in configuration management, the process of identifying all functional and physical characteristics relevant to the interfacing of two or more configuration items provided by one or more organizations and ensuring that proposed changes to these characteristics are evaluated and approved prior to implementation

cf. configuration control

3.1482**interface design document (IDD)**

1. a description of the architecture and design of interfaces between system and components

cf. interface requirements specification (IRS)

NOTE These descriptions include control algorithms, protocols, data contents and formats, and performance.

3.1483**interface repository**

1. a storage place for interface information. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.9

3.1484**interface requirement**

1. a requirement that specifies an external item with which a system or system component must interact, or that sets forth constraints on formats, timing, or other factors caused by such an interaction

cf. design requirement, functional requirement, implementation requirement, performance requirement, physical requirement

3.1485**interface requirements specification (IRS)**

1. documentation that specifies requirements for interfaces between or among systems and components. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation*.3.1.17; *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.17

cf. interface specification, interface design document

NOTE These requirements include constraints on formats and timing.

3.1486**interface role**

1. a role of a community identifying behavior which takes place with the participation of objects that are not members of that community. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.3.4

3.1487

interface specification

1. the description of essential functional, performance, and design requirements and constraints at a common boundary between two or more system elements. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.19. 2. a document that specifies the interface characteristics of an existing or planned system or component

cf. interface requirements specification

NOTE This includes interfaces between humans and hardware or software, as well as interfaces between humans themselves.

3.1488

interface task

1. a task that is part of the application, which interfaces to the external environment

3.1489

interface testing

1. testing conducted to evaluate whether systems or components pass data and control correctly to one another

cf. component testing, integration testing, system testing, unit test

3.1490

interface type

1. a type satisfied by any object that satisfies a particular interface. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.18

3.1491

interim function point count

1. a count to determine the size of an interim enhancement during a new development project or an enhancement project. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE i.e., a count to determine the scope of an addition, a change, or a deletion of functional specifications. Both the change in the application function point count and the project function point count can be the subject of this count.

3.1492

interleave

1. to alternate the elements of one sequence with the elements of one or more other sequences so that each sequence retains its identity

EXAMPLE to alternately perform the steps of two different tasks in order to achieve concurrent operation of the tasks

3.1493

intermediate software product

1. product of the software development process that is used as input to another stage of the software development process. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.28

EXAMPLE static and dynamic models, other documents and source code

3.1494

intermediate software product needs

1. needs that can be specified as quality requirements by internal measures. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.29

3.1495**intermittent fault**

1. a temporary or unpredictable fault in a component

cf. random failure, transient error

3.1496**internal arrow**

1. an arrow connected at both ends (source and use) to a box in a diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.65*

cf. boundary arrow

3.1497**internal attribute**

1. a measurable property of an entity which can be derived purely in terms of the entity itself. *ISO/IEC 14598-3:2000, Software engineering — Product evaluation — Part 3: Process for developers.4.3*

NOTE Internal attributes are those that relate to the internal organization of the software and its development.

3.1498**internal event**

1. a means of synchronization between two tasks

3.1499**internal logical file (ILF)**

1. a logical group of permanent data seen from the perspective of the user that an application uses and maintains. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*
2. a user-identifiable group of logically related data or control information maintained within the boundary of the application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6*

cf. external interface file

NOTE The primary intent of an ILF is to hold data maintained through one or more elementary processes of the application being counted.

3.1500**internal measure**

1. a measure of the product itself, either direct or indirect. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.14*

NOTE The number of lines of code, complexity measures, the number of faults found in a walk through and the Fog Index are all internal measures made on the product itself.

3.1501**internal quality**

1. the totality of attributes of a product that determine its ability to satisfy stated and implied needs when used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.15*

3.1502**internal software quality**

1. capability of a set of static attributes of a software product to satisfy stated and implied needs when the software product is used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.30*

EXAMPLE The number of lines of code, complexity measures and the number of faults found in a walkthrough are all internal software quality measures made on the product itself

NOTE Static attributes include those that relate to the software architecture, structure and its components. Static attributes can be verified by review, inspection and/or automated tools.

3.1503

internal task-structuring criteria

1. a category of the task-structuring criteria addressing how internal objects are mapped to internal tasks and when an internal task is activated

3.1504

internationalization

1. process of developing information so that it is suitable for an international audience. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.26

cf. localization

3.1505

interoperability

1. the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to use the information that has been exchanged 2. the ability for two or more ORBs to cooperate to deliver requests to the proper object. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.19. 3. the capability to communicate, execute programs, and transfer data among various functional units in a manner that requires the user to have little or no knowledge of the unique characteristics of those units. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.47

cf. compatibility

3.1506

interoperability testing

1. testing conducted to ensure that a modified system retains the capability of exchanging information with systems of different types, and of using that information

3.1507

interpret

1. to translate and execute each statement or construct of a computer program before translating and executing the next

cf. assemble, compile

3.1508

interpreter

1. a computer program that translates and executes each statement or construct of a computer program before translating and executing the next

cf. assembler, compiler

3.1509

interpretive code

1. computer instructions and data definitions expressed in a form that can be recognized and processed by an interpreter

cf. assembly code, compiler code, machine code

3.1510

interrogation

1. an interaction consisting of one interaction, the invocation, initiated by a client object, resulting in the conveyance of information from that client object to a server object, requesting a function to be performed by

the server object, followed by - a second interaction - the termination - initiated by the server object, resulting in the conveyance of information from the server object to the client object in response to the invocation. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.4*

NOTE In interrogations, invocations and terminations are always paired. Announcements do not have terminations. Thus there is no possibility of an operation consisting of an invocation followed by a sequence of associated terminations.

3.1511 interrupt

1. the suspension of a process to handle an event external to the process. **2.** to cause the suspension of a process. **3.** loosely, an interrupt request. *Syn:* interruption

cf. interrupt latency, interrupt mask, interrupt priority, interrupt service routine, priority interrupt

3.1512 interrupt latency

1. the delay between a computer system's receipt of an interrupt request and its handling of the request

cf. interrupt priority

3.1513 interrupt mask

1. a mask used to enable or disable interrupts by retaining or suppressing bits that represent interrupt requests

3.1514 interrupt priority

1. the importance assigned to a given interrupt request

NOTE This importance determines whether the request will cause suspension of the current process and, if there are several outstanding interrupt requests, which will be handled first.

3.1515 interrupt request

1. a signal or other input requesting that the currently executing process be suspended to permit performance of another process

3.1516 interrupt service routine

1. a routine that responds to interrupt requests by storing the contents of critical registers, performing the processing required by the interrupt request, restoring the register contents, and restarting the interrupted process

3.1517 interval scale

1. scale in which the measurement values have equal distances corresponding to equal quantities of the attribute

EXAMPLE Cyclomatic complexity has the minimum value of one, but each increment represents an additional path. The value of zero is not possible

3.1518 Intranet

1. a managed network operating strictly within an organization. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.5*

NOTE More than one Intranet may exist within an organization, these may be isolated.

3.1519

intrinsic

1. the specification that a property is total (i.e., mandatory), single-valued, and constant. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.94

3.1520

intrinsic relationship

1. a relationship that is total, single-valued, and constant from the perspective of (at least) one of the participating classes, referred to as a dependent class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.95

cf. nonintrinsic relationship

EXAMPLE A transaction has an intrinsic relationship to its related account, because it makes no sense for an instance of a transaction to "switch" to a different account since that would change the very nature of the transaction

NOTE Such a relationship is considered to be an integral part of the essence of the dependent class.

3.1521

invariant

1. an assertion that should always be true for a specified segment or at a specified point of a computer program

3.1522

invariant schema

1. a set of predicates on one or more information objects which must always be true. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.6.1.1

NOTE The predicates constrain the possible states and state changes of the objects to which they apply. Thus, an invariant schema is the specification of the types of one or more information objects that will always be satisfied by whatever behavior the objects might exhibit.

3.1523

inverse engineering

1. the process of obtaining a high-level representation of the software from the source code

cf. reverse engineering

NOTE Inverse engineering provides a more abstract view of the system with the intent of recapturing design and requirements information.

3.1524

investment

1. allocation of human, capital, and other resources to achieve defined objectives and other benefits. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.8

3.1525

invitation for bid (IFB)

1. generally, this term is equivalent to request for proposal. However, in some application areas, it may have a narrower or more specific meaning. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1526

invocation

1. the mapping of a parallel initiation of activities of an integral activity group that perform a distinct function and return to the initiating activity. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process*.3.1.7

cf. instance, iteration, mapping

3.1527**invocation deliver**

1. a signal in the implicitly defined signal interface of a server computational object which has the same name and parameters as the invocation of an interrogation or announcement in the original operation interface. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.3.3.8*

3.1528**invocation submit**

1. a signal in the implicitly defined signal interface of a client computational object which has the same name and parameters as the invocation of an interrogation or announcement in the original operation interface. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.3.3.7*

cf. termination submit

3.1529**IOR**

1. Interoperable Object Reference. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.3*

3.1530**IPO chart**

1. input-process-output chart

3.1531**IPSE**

1. integrated programming support environment

cf. programming support environment

3.1532**IRS**

1. interface requirements specification. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.2*

3.1533**ISO**

1. International Organization for Standardization. *ISO/IEC TR 16326:1999, Software engineering — Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 12207 to project management.5*

3.1534**issue**

1. a uniquely identifiable entry in an issue-tracking system that describes a problem or an enhancement. 2. a point or matter in question or in dispute, or a point or matter that is not settled and is under discussion or over which there are opposing views or disagreements. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. problem report

NOTE The record of an issue includes its identifier and brief description, and often identifies the environment associated with it, its status, severity, priority, and resolution, as well as dependencies, details on replicating or solving a problem, the persons associated with it, attachments, and its change history.

3.1535**IT**

1. Information Technology. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1536

item

1. an entity such as a part, component, subsystem, equipment or system that can be individually considered
An item may consist of hardware, software or both. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.1

3.1537

item of documentation

1. information designed for a specific audience for a specific purpose, and using a specific medium (e.g., book, disk, quick-reference card, video) of a particular format. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.26

3.1538

iteration

1. the process of performing a sequence of steps repeatedly. 2. a single execution of the sequence of steps in (1)

cf. instance, invocation, mapping

NOTE One or more iterations comprise an instance.

3.1539

IV&V

1. independent verification and validation

3.1540

IXIT

1. Implementation Extra Information for Testing. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1541

JCL

1. job control language

3.1542

job

1. a user-defined unit of work that is to be accomplished by a computer

cf. job control language, job step, job stream

EXAMPLE the compilation, loading, and execution of a computer program

3.1543

job control language (JCL)

1. a language used to identify a sequence of jobs, describe their requirements to an operating system, and control their execution

3.1544

job function

1. a group of engineering processes that is identified as a unit for the purposes of work organization, assignment, or evaluation

EXAMPLE design, testing, or configuration management

3.1545

job step

1. a user-defined portion of a job, explicitly identified by a job control statement

NOTE: A job consists of one or more job steps.

3.1546**job stream**

1. a sequence of programs or jobs set up so that a computer can proceed from one to the next without the need for operator intervention. *Syn:* run stream

3.1547**join**

1. a junction at which an arrow segment (going from source to use) merges with one or more other arrow segments to form a root arrow segment. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.66*

NOTE may denote bundling of arrows, meaning the inclusion of multiple object types within an object type set

3.1548**jump**

1. to depart from the implicit or declared order in which computer program statements are being executed.
2. a program statement that causes a departure as in (1). 3. the departure described in (1). *Syn:* transfer

3.1549**junction**

1. a point at which either a root arrow segment divides into branching arrow segments or arrow segments join into a root arrow segment. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.67*

3.1550**kernel**

1. that portion of an operating system that is kept in main memory at all times. 2. a software module that encapsulates an elementary function or functions of a system. *Syn:* nucleus, resident control program

3.1551**kernel entity**

1. a classification used for a meta-entity whose instances can exist without the occurrences of other meta-entities. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

EXAMPLE An instance of the meta-entity called Attribute, having a name, full description and brief description, is significant without the knowledge of the DataObject it describes.

3.1552**key migration**

1. the modeling process of placing the primary key of a parent or generic entity in its child or category entity as a foreign key. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.96*

NOTE [key style]

3.1553**key-style view**

1. a view that represents the structure and semantics of data within an enterprise. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.97*

NOTE That is, data (information) models.

3.1554**knowledge**

1. aspect of an instance's specification that is determined by the values of its attributes, participant properties, and constant, read-only operations. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.98*

3.1555

knowledge base (K-base)

1. a database that contains inference rules and information about human experience and expertise in a domain. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.18

NOTE In self-improving systems, the knowledge base additionally contains information resulting from the solution of previously encountered problems

3.1556

KOPS

1. kilo-operations per second; that is, thousands of operations per second

cf. MFLOPS, MIPS

NOTE a measure of computer processing speed

3.1557

label

1. a name or identifier assigned to a computer program statement to enable other statements to refer to that statement. 2. one or more characters, within or attached to a set of data, that identify or describe the data. 3. a word or phrase that is attached to or part of a model graphic. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.99

3.1558

lag

1. [Technique] a modification of a logical relationship that directs a delay in the successor activity. For example, in a finish-to-start dependency with a ten-day lag, the successor activity cannot start until ten days after the predecessor activity has finished. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1559

language

1. a systematic means of communicating ideas by the use of conventionalized signs, sounds, gestures, or marks and rules for the formation of admissible expressions 2. a means of communication, with syntax and semantics, consisting of a set of representations, conventions, and associated rules used to convey information

3.1560

language binding

1. the means and conventions by which a programmer writing in a specific programming language accesses ORB capabilities. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.20. Syn: language mapping

3.1561

language processor

1. a computer program that translates, interprets, or performs other tasks required to process statements expressed in a given language

cf. assembler, compiler, interpreter, translator

3.1562

language standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a language used to describe a requirements specification, a design, or test data

3.1563**late finish date (LF)**

1. in the critical path method, the latest possible point in time that a schedule activity may be completed based upon the schedule network logic, the project completion date, and any constraints assigned to the schedule activities without violating a schedule constraint or delaying the project completion date. The late finish dates are determined during the backward pass calculation of the project schedule network. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1564**late start date (LS)**

1. in the critical path method, the latest possible point in time that a schedule activity may begin based upon the schedule network logic, the project completion date, and any constraints assigned to the schedule activities without violating a schedule constraint or delaying the project completion date. The late start dates are determined during the backward pass calculation of the project schedule network. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1565**latency**

1. the time interval between the instant at which an instruction control unit issues a call for data and the instant at which the transfer of data is started

3.1566**lateral compression**

1. in software design, a form of demodularization in which two or more modules that execute one after the other are combined into a single module

cf. downward compression, upward compression

3.1567**layer**

1. the result of the functional partitioning of the software environment such that all included functional processes perform at the same level of abstraction. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*.3.13

NOTE In a multi-layer software environment, software in one layer exchanges data with software in another layer through their respective functional processes. These interactions are hierarchical in nature; when considered in pairs, one layer is a "client" to the other. A "client" layer uses the functional services provided by other subordinate layers. Software items in the same layer can also exchange data. This type of data exchange is usually called "peer-to-peer" data exchange.

3.1568**layout**

1. the physical organization of source code including the use of white space, grouping, blank lines, alignment, indentation, and parentheses

3.1569**layout chart**

1. a sheet provided with scales and other indicators conforming to the characteristics of the majority of character printing machines in general office and data processing use. *ISO 3535:1977, Forms design sheet and layout chart*.4.2

3.1570**lead**

1. [Technique] a modification of a logical relationship that allows an acceleration of the successor activity. For example, in a finish-to-start dependency with a ten-day lead, the successor activity can start ten days before the predecessor activity has finished. A negative lead is equivalent to a positive lag. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. lag

3.1571

leading decision

1. a loop control that is executed before the loop body

cf. trailing decision, WHILE

3.1572

leaf diagram

1. a diagram that has no descendent diagrams. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.68*

NOTE that is, a diagram that does not contain any function that has been decomposed

3.1573

leaf node

1. a function that is not decomposed. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.69*

NOTE A box that represents a leaf node does not have a box detail reference.

3.1574

lessons learned

1. [Output/Input] the learning gained from the process of performing the project. Lessons learned may be identified at any point. Also considered a project record, to be included in the lessons learned knowledge base. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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lessons learned knowledge base

1. a store of historical information and lessons learned about both the outcomes of previous project selection decisions and previous project performance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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level

1. a designation of the coverage and detail of a view. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.100.* 2. the position in the hierarchy of control field elements, where a logical record contains more than one control field element. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.7*

NOTE There are multiple levels of view; each is intended to be distinct, specified in terms of the modeling constructs to be used.

3.1577

level 1 control break

1. a situation which occurs when the values in the control field elements in the current logical record (and at the level specified) are not the same as the values in the same elements of the immediately previously processed logical record. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.8*

NOTE The values of the control field elements will be obtained from the current logical record in the initiation routines of the appropriate level. The action of examining the control field should ensure that if there is a change in value at a level above 1, a control break is registered at all levels subordinate to the level at which the change actually occurs.

3.1578

level 1 initiation routine

1. those activities required when level 1 control break occurs to commence processing all records belonging to level 1 record group. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.11*

3.1579**level 1 record group**

1. a set of records whose control field elements are equal for all levels superior to and including level 1. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups*.2.9

3.1580**level 1 termination routine**

1. those activities required when level 1 control break occurs to conclude processing all records belonging to level 1 record group. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups*.2.1

3.1581**level of abstraction**

1. a view of an object at a specific level of detail

3.1582**level of effort (LOE)**

1. support activity which does not produce definitive end products, generally characterized by a uniform rate of work performance over a period of time determined by the activities supported

EXAMPLE customer liaison, project cost accounting, project management

3.1583**level of performance**

1. the degree to which the needs are satisfied, represented by a specific set of values for the quality characteristics. *ISO/IEC 9126-1:2001, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 1: Quality model*.4.1

3.1584**LF**

1. late finish date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1585**license**

1. a legal agreement between two parties, the licensor and the licensee, as to the terms and conditions for the use or transfer of an intellectual property right from the licensor to the licensee

3.1586**licensing standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of an authorization given by an official or a legal authority to an individual or organization to do or own a specific thing

3.1587**life cycle**

1. evolution of a system, product, service, project or other human-made entity from conception through retirement. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.16, *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.11. 2. the system or product evolution initiated by a perceived stakeholder need through the disposal of the products. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.20

3.1588**life cycle cost**

1. the total investment in product development, manufacturing, test, distribution, operation, support, training, and disposal. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.21. Syn: life-cycle cost

3.1589

life cycle model

1. framework of processes and activities concerned with the life cycle that may be organized into stages, which also acts as a common reference for communication and understanding. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.16, ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.12.*
Syn: life-cycle model

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life cycle processes

1. a set of interrelated activities that result in the development or assessment of software products. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.18; IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.18.* *Syn:* life-cycle processes

NOTE Each activity consists of tasks. The life cycle processes may overlap one another. For V&V purposes, no process is concluded until its development products are verified and validated according to the defined tasks in the Software Validation and Verification Plan.

3.1591

lightweight process

1. a process with a single thread of control; a task

3.1592

limited entry table

1. a decision table where all the conditions and actions are completely described without reference to the rules. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.14*

3.1593

line of code

1. a programming-language statement; a non-comment, nonblank deliverable source statement

3.1594

link

1. to create a load module from two or more independently translated object modules or load modules by resolving cross-references among them 2. a part of a computer program, often a single instruction or address, that passes control and parameters between separate modules of the program 3. to provide a link as in (2). 4. (on-screen documentation) active area that displays either a new topic or a different part of the current topic. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.27*

cf. linkage editor

3.1595

linkage editor

1. a computer program that creates a single load module from two or more independently translated object modules or load modules by resolving cross-references among the modules and, possibly, by relocating elements. *Syn:* linker

cf. linking loader

NOTE may be part of a loader

3.1596

linking loader

1. a computer program that reads one or more object modules into main memory in preparation for execution, creates a single load module by resolving cross-references among the separate modules, and, in some cases, adjusts the addresses to reflect the storage locations into which the code has been loaded

cf. absolute loader, linkage editor, relocating loader

3.1597**list**

1. a set of data items, each of which has the same data definition. **2.** to print or otherwise display a set of data items. **3.** a collection class that contains no duplicates and whose members are ordered. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.101

3.1598**list function**

1. an online function that displays an overview of entity type occurrences that may or may not have to satisfy a certain selection criterion. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1599**list processing language**

1. a programming language designed to facilitate the manipulation of data expressed in the form of lists

cf. algebraic language, algorithmic language, logic programming language

EXAMPLE LISP and IPL

3.1600**listing**

1. an ordered display or printout of data items, program statements, or other information

3.1601**literal**

1. in a source program, an explicit representation of the value of an item. **2.** the denotation of a specific instance of a value class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.102. **3.** a number or string that is used by a program directly rather than being embedded in a named constant or variable

3.1602**LITSR**

1. level interim test status report. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1603**load**

1. to read machine code into main memory in preparation for execution and, in some cases, to perform address adjustment and linking of modules **2.** to copy computer instructions or data from external storage to internal storage or from internal storage to registers

cf. loader

3.1604**load map**

1. a computer-generated list that identifies the location or size of all or selected parts of memory-resident code or data

3.1605**load module**

1. a computer program or subprogram in a form suitable for loading into main storage for execution by a computer; usually the output of a linkage editor

cf. object module

3.1606

load-and-go

1. an operating technique in which there are no stops between the loading and execution phases of a computer program

3.1607

loaded origin

1. the address of the initial storage location of a computer program at the time the program is loaded into main memory

cf. assembled origin, offset (1), starting address

3.1608

loader

1. a computer program that reads machine code into main memory in preparation for execution and, in some cases, adjusts the addresses and links the modules 2. any program that reads programs or data into main memory

cf. bootstrap, linkage editor

NOTE: Types include absolute loader, linking loader, relocating loader.

3.1609

local area network (LAN)

1. a computer network located on a user's premises within a limited geographical area. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms* 01.01.46

NOTE Communication within a local area network is not subject to external regulations; however, communication across the LAN boundary may be subject to some form of regulation.

3.1610

local compaction

1. in microprogramming, compaction in which microoperations are not moved beyond the boundaries of the single-entry, single-exit sequential blocks in which they occur

cf. global compaction

3.1611

local customization

1. FSM method that has been modified for local use, such that it might produce different functional sizes from those obtained prior to modification. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts* 3.9

3.1612

local data

1. data that can be accessed by only one module or set of nested modules in a computer program. 2. data that can be accessed only within the routine in which it is declared

cf. global data

3.1613

local SAM owner

1. individual at any level of the organization below that of the SAM owner who is identified as being responsible for SAM for a defined part of the organization. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes* 3. 7

3.1614**local variable**

1. a variable that can be accessed by only one module or set of nested modules in a computer program

cf. global variable

3.1615**localization**

1. creation of a national or specific regional version of a product. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.28

cf. internationalization

NOTE Localization may be carried out separately from the translation process.

3.1616**location facility**

1. a set of service primitives that allow a client-side binder object to ask a server-side if it will accept requests carrying invocations to a particular (computational) server object. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.3.3.9

NOTE The server-side can confirm or reject the proposal or suggest an alternative server-side that is capable of handling requests.

3.1617**location reference**

1. indicator following a heading or subheading in an index, showing to which part of the document the heading or subheading refers. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.27

3.1618**location transparency**

1. a distribution transparency which masks the use of information about location in space when identifying and binding to interfaces. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.4.1.3

3.1619**lock**

1. an exclusive permission to edit a file

3.1620**lockout**

1. a computer resource allocation technique in which shared resources (especially data) are protected by permitting access by only one device or process at a time

cf. deadlock, semaphore

3.1621**LOE**

1. level of effort. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1622**log**

1. a document used to record and describe or denote selected items identified during execution of a process or activity. Usually used with a modifier, such as issue, quality control, action, or defect. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1623

log off

1. to end a session. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.54. Syn: log out*

3.1624

log on

1. to initiate a session. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.53. Syn: log in*

3.1625

logic programming language

1. a programming language used to express programs in terms of control constructs and a restricted predicate calculus

cf. algebraic language, algorithmic language, list processing language

EXAMPLE PROLOG

3.1626

logical cohesion

1. a type of cohesion in which the tasks performed by a software module perform logically similar functions

cf. coincidental cohesion, communicational cohesion, functional cohesion, procedural cohesion, sequential cohesion, temporal cohesion

EXAMPLE processing of different types of input data

3.1627

logical file

1. a logical group of permanent data seen from the perspective of the user. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

cf. data function

NOTE It is an internal logical file or an external interface file.

3.1628

logical layout

1. the set of user required data element types and their logical structure as defined for an output product, apart from aspects of physical implementation. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE This does not pertain to the physical way in which data is presented on a screen, report, or other media.

3.1629

logical record

1. the set of data which is processed in a single iteration of the main procedure. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.3*

NOTE It may be part or the whole of a single physical record or of a number of records.

3.1630

logical relationship

1. a dependency between two project schedule activities, or between a project schedule activity and a schedule milestone. The four possible types of logical relationships are: Finish-to-Start; Finish-to-Finish; Start-to-Start; and Start-to-Finish. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn: dependency*

cf. precedence relationship

3.1631**logical source statement (LSS)**

1. software instruction, independent of the physical format (lines of code) in which it appears

cf. physical source statement

3.1632**logical trace**

1. an execution trace that records only branch or jump instructions

cf. execution trace, retrospective trace, subroutine trace, symbolic trace, variable trace

3.1633**logical transaction**

1. the basic functional component of Mk II FPA. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

NOTE The smallest complete unit of information processing that is meaningful to the end user in the business. It is triggered by an event in the real world of interest to the user, or by a request for information. It comprises an input, process and output component. It must be self-contained and leave the application being counted in a consistent state.

3.1634**logical type**

1. a data type whose members can assume only logical values (usually TRUE and FALSE) and can be operated on only by logical operators, such as and, OR, and NOT

cf. character type, enumeration type, integer type, real type

3.1635**loop**

1. a sequence of computer program statements that is executed repeatedly until a given condition is met or while a given condition is true 2. to execute a sequence of computer program statements as in (1). *Syn:* iterative construct

cf. loop body, loop control, UNTIL, WHILE

3.1636**loop assertion**

1. a logical expression specifying one or more conditions that must be met each time a particular point in a program loop is executed. *Syn:* loop invariant

cf. input assertion, output assertion, inductive assertion method

3.1637**loop body**

1. the part of a loop that accomplishes the loop's primary purpose

cf. loop control

3.1638**loop control**

1. the part of a loop that determines whether to exit from the loop

cf. loop body, leading decision, trailing decision

3.1639**loopback**

1. an internal arrow that is the output of a box whose box number is greater than the box number of the box that uses that arrow as input, control, or mechanism. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.70*

NOTE These uses are referred to as input loopback, control loopback, and mechanism loopback, respectively.

3.1640

loopback testing

1. testing in which signals or data from a test device are input to a system or component, and results are returned to the test device for measurement or comparison

3.1641

loop-control variable

1. a program variable used to determine whether to exit from a loop

3.1642

low level

1. specific; detailed

3.1643

lowclass

1. if an instance is in a class S and not in any subclass of S, then S is the lowclass for the instance. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.103

3.1644

low-level design

1. the process of design at the individual-routine or, sometimes, class level under the guidance of a more general design. *Syn*: detailed design

3.1645

LS

1. late start date. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1646

LTC

1. level test case. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1647

LTD

1. level test design. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1648

LTL

1. level test log. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1649

LTP

1. level test plan. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

cf. LTPr

3.1650

LTPr

1. level test procedure. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

cf. LTP

3.1651

LTR

1. level test report. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1652**machine code**

1. computer instructions and data definitions expressed in a form that can be recognized by the processing unit of a computer

cf. assembly code, compiler code, interpretive code

3.1653**machine language**

1. a language that can be recognized by the processing unit of a computer. *Syn:* first-generation language, machine-oriented language

cf. assembly language, fifth-generation language, fourth-generation language, high-order language, symbolic language

NOTE Such a language usually consists of patterns of 1s and 0s, with no symbolic naming of operations or addresses.

3.1654**machine-dependent**

1. pertaining to software that relies on features unique to a particular type of computer and therefore executes only on computers of that type

cf. machine-independent

3.1655**machine-independent**

1. pertaining to software that does not rely on features unique to a particular type of computer, and therefore executes on computers of more than one type

cf. machine-dependent, portability

3.1656**machine-readable**

1. pertaining to data in a form that can be automatically input to a computer. *Syn:* machine readable

EXAMPLE data encoded on a diskette

3.1657**macro**

1. in software engineering, a predefined sequence of computer instructions that is inserted into a program, usually during assembly or compilation, at each place that its corresponding macroinstruction appears in the program. *Syn:* macro definition

cf. macroinstruction, macrogenerator, open subroutine

3.1658**macro library**

1. a collection of macros available for use by a macrogenerator

cf. system library

3.1659**macroassembler**

1. an assembler that includes, or performs the functions of, a macrogenerator

3.1660

macrogenerator

1. a routine, often part of an assembler or compiler, that replaces each macroinstruction in a source program with the predefined sequence of instructions that the macroinstruction represents. *Syn:* macro-generating program

3.1661

macroinstruction

1. a source code instruction that is replaced by a predefined sequence of source instructions, usually in the same language as the rest of the program and usually during assembly or compilation

cf. macro, macrogenerator

3.1662

macroprocessor

1. a routine or set of routines provided in some assemblers and compilers to support the definition and use of macros

3.1663

macroprogramming

1. computer programming using macros and macroinstructions

3.1664

magic number

1. literal value that is used by a program directly rather than being embedded in a named constant or variable. *Syn:* magic string

cf. literal

3.1665

main procedure

1. all those activities, subsequent to the general initiation routine and prior to the general termination routine within the complete procedure. *ISO 6593:1985, Information processing — Program flow for processing sequential files in terms of record groups.2.2*

3.1666

main program

1. a software component that is called by the operating system of a computer and that usually calls other software components

cf. routine, subprogram

3.1667

mainframe

1. a computer intended to run in a computer center, with extensive capabilities and resources to which other computers may be connected so that they can share facilities. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.02*

3.1668

maintainability

1. the ease with which a software system or component can be modified to change or add capabilities, correct faults or defects, improve performance or other attributes, or adapt to a changed environment 2. the ease with which a hardware system or component can be retained in, or restored to, a state in which it can perform its required functions 3. the capability of the software product to be modified. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.4.* 4. the average effort required to locate and fix a software failure. 5. speed and ease with which a program can be corrected or changed. *IEEE Std 982.1-2005 IEEE Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability.2.3*

cf. extendability, flexibility

NOTE Modifications may include corrections, improvements or adaptation of the software to changes in environment, and in requirements and functional specifications [ISO/IEC 9126-1].

3.1669

maintainability plan

1. a document setting out the specific maintainability practices, resources and sequence of activities relevant to software

NOTE The developer prepares the Maintainability Plan.

3.1670

maintained

1. the ability to modify data through an elementary process, that is, add, change, delete, populate, revise, update, assign, and create. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6*

3.1671

maintainer

1. individual or organization that performs maintenance activities. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.31.*
 2. organization that performs maintenance activities. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.18*

3.1672

maintenance

1. the process of modifying a software system or component after delivery to correct faults, improve performance or other attributes, or adapt to a changed environment 2. the process of retaining a hardware system or component in, or restoring it to, a state in which it can perform its required functions 3. the effort to keep an application performing according to its specifications, generally without changing its functionality (or function point count). *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual. Syn: software maintenance*

cf. adaptive maintenance, corrective maintenance, perfective maintenance

3.1673

maintenance (support) rate

1. the productivity measure for maintaining an application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE It is expressed as the Work Effort by category of maintenance divided by 1000 Application Function Points in a period of time.

3.1674

maintenance branch

1. a branch where most development concerns bug fixes

3.1675

maintenance enhancement

1. a modification to an existing software product to satisfy a new requirement. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.5*

NOTE There are two types of software enhancements, adaptive and perfective. A maintenance enhancement is not a software correction.

3.1676

maintenance manual (MM)

1. a software engineering project-deliverable document that enables a system's maintenance personnel (rather than users) to maintain the system

cf. operator manual, user manual

3.1677

maintenance personnel

1. software engineers who maintain software systems

3.1678

maintenance plan

1. a document setting out the specific maintenance practices, resources, and sequence of activities relevant to maintaining a software product

3.1679

maintenance program

1. the organizational structure, responsibilities, procedures, processes, and resources used for implementing the maintenance plan. *Syn:* maintenance infrastructure

3.1680

maintenance project

1. a software development project described as maintenance to correct errors in an original requirements specification, to adapt a system to a new environment, or to enhance a system

3.1681

manage project team

1. [Process] the process of tracking team member performance, providing feedback, resolving issues, and managing changes to optimize project performance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1682

manage stakeholder expectations

1. [Process] the process of communicating and working with stakeholders to meet their needs and addressing issues as they occur. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1683

managed network

1. a network or set of networks established and controlled by one or more organizations to meet specific organizational or business needs. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.6*

3.1684

managed process

1. performed process that is planned and executed in accordance with policy; employs skilled people having adequate resources to produce controlled outputs; involves relevant stakeholders; is monitored, controlled, and reviewed; and is evaluated for adherence to its process description

cf. performed process

3.1685

managed web site

1. a site created and maintained based on organizational guidelines. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.7*

3.1686

management

1. system of controls and processes required to achieve the strategic objectives set by the organization's governing body. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.9*

NOTE Management is subject to the policy guidance and monitoring set through corporate governance.

3.1687**management process**

1. the activities that are undertaken in order to ensure that the software engineering processes are performed in a manner consistent with the organization's policies, goals, and standards. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.8

3.1688**management review**

1. a systematic evaluation of a software acquisition, supply, development, operation, or maintenance process performed by or on behalf of management that monitors progress, determines the status of plans and schedules, confirms requirements and their system allocation, or evaluates the effectiveness of management approaches used to achieve fitness for purpose. *IEEE Std 1028-2008 IEEE Standard for Software Reviews and Audits*.3.4

3.1689**mandatory**

1. a syntax keyword used to specify a total mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.104

cf. optional, total

3.1690**mandatory category**

1. category that is essential to establish a common definition and to provide common terminology and concepts for communication among projects, business environments, and personnel. *IEEE Std 1044-1993 (R2002) IEEE Standard Classification for Anomalies*.3.5

3.1691**mandatory nonidentifying relationship**

1. a nonidentifying relationship in which an instance of the child entity must be related to an instance of the parent entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.105

cf. optional nonidentifying relationship nonidentifying relationship [key style]

3.1692**mandatory subgroup**

1. one of the two types of subgroups for record element types (RETs). *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

NOTE Mandatory subgroups mean the user must use one of the subgroups during an elementary process that creates an instance of the data.

3.1693**manufacture**

1. in software engineering, the process of copying software to disks, chips, or other devices for distribution to customers or users

3.1694**manufacturer**

1. the organization that develops the software package. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages*.3.2.4

3.1695**manufacturing phase**

1. the period of time in the software life cycle during which the basic version of a software product is adapted to a specified set of operational environments and is distributed to a customer base

3.1696

many-sorted algebra

1. a mathematical structure comprising a set of sets and a set of functions taking these sets as domains and co-domains. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.13*

3.1697

many-to-many relationship

1. a relationship between two state classes (not necessarily distinct) in which each instance of one class may be associated with any number of instances of a second class (possibly none), and each instance of the second class may be related to any number of instances of the first class (possibly none). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.106*

3.1698

map program

1. a software tool, often part of a compiler or assembler, that generates a load map

3.1699

mapping

1. an assigned correspondence between two things that is represented as a set of ordered pairs. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.107.* 2. establishing a sequence of activities according to a selected software life cycle model (SLCM). *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E*

cf. instance, invocation, iteration, software life cycle model (SLCM)

3.1700

mapping completeness

1. a designation of whether a mapping is complete (totally mapped) or incomplete (partial). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.108*

cf. partial, total

3.1701

marketing organization

1. the organization that markets the software package. *ISO 9127:1988, Information processing systems — User documentation and cover information for consumer software packages.3.2.5*

3.1702

marking (of a net)

1. the set of the place markings for all places of the net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14*

3.1703

marking of a place

1. a multiset of tokens associated with ('residing in') the place. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14.3*

3.1704

mark-up

1. document with comments written on it indicating changes that need to be made. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.28.* 2. process of producing such a document as in (1). *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.28*

3.1705**mask**

1. a pattern of bits or characters designed to be logically combined with an unknown data item to retain or suppress portions of the data item

cf. interrupt mask

EXAMPLE The bit string '00000011' when logically ANDed with an eight-bit data item, gives a result that retains the last two bits of the data item and has zero in all the other bit positions.

3.1706**master library**

1. a software library containing master copies of software and documentation from which working copies can be made for distribution and use

cf. production library, software development library, software repository, system library

3.1707**master schedule**

1. [Tool] a summary-level project schedule that identifies the major deliverables and work breakdown structure components and key schedule milestones. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. milestone schedule

3.1708**material**

1. the aggregate of things used by an organization in any undertaking, such as equipment, apparatus, tools, machinery, gear, material, and supplies. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn: materiel*

3.1709**matrix organization**

1. any organizational structure in which the project manager shares responsibility with the functional managers for assigning priorities and for directing the work of persons assigned to the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1710**mean execution time**

1. the mean value of all execution times of tasks of the j-the task type which were submitted within the rating interval. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.8*

3.1711**mean execution time rating value**

1. the quotient (corresponding to the j-th task type) of the mean execution time reference value and the measured mean execution time. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.9*

3.1712**mean execution time reference value**

1. the mean execution time maximally accepted by the emulated user. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.10*

3.1713**mean time between failures (MTBF)**

1. the expected or observed time between consecutive failures in a system or component

cf. up time

3.1714

mean time to repair (MTTR)

1. expected or observed duration required to return a malfunctioning system or component to normal operations. 2. the mean time the maintenance team requires to implement a change and restore the system to working order

cf. down time

3.1715

meaning (of a responsibility)

1. a statement of what the responsibility means. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.109

NOTE The statement of responsibility is written from the point of view of the requester, not the implementer. The statement of responsibility states what the requester needs to know to make intelligent use of the property or constraint. That statement should be complete enough to let a requester decide whether to make the request, but it should stop short of explaining how a behavior or value is accomplished or derived. Meaning is initially captured using freeform natural language text in a glossary definition. It may be more formally refined into a statement of pre-conditions and post-conditions using the specification language.

3.1716

measurable concept

1. abstract relationship between attributes of entities and information needs. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.14

3.1717

measurand

1. particular quantity subject to measurement. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods*.3.5

EXAMPLE vapor pressure of a given sample of water at 20 °C

NOTE The specification of a measurand may require statements about quantities such as time, temperature and pressure. [International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology, 1993, definition 2.6].

3.1718

measure

1. variable to which a value is assigned as the result of measurement. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.15; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.32. 2. make a measurement. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.16; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.33. 3. a way to ascertain or appraise value by comparing it to a norm. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.6. 4. to apply a metric. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.6. 5. a number that assigns relative value. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 6. to ascertain or appraise by comparing to a standard. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 7. the number or category assigned to an attribute of an entity by making a measurement. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.18. 8. the number or symbol assigned to an entity by a mapping from the empirical world to the formal, relational world in order to characterize an attribute. *IEEE Std 982.1-2005 IEEE Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability*.2.4. 9. the act or process of measuring. *IEEE Std 982.1-2005 IEEE Standard Dictionary of Measures of the Software Aspects of Dependability*.2.4

3.1719**measure of effectiveness (MOE)**

1. the metrics by which an acquirer will measure satisfaction with products produced by the technical effort. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.23

3.1720**measure of performance (MOP)**

1. an engineering performance measure that provides design requirements that are necessary to satisfy an MOE. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.24

NOTE There are generally several measures of performance for each MOE

3.1721**measurement**

1. act or process of assigning a number or category to an entity to describe an attribute of that entity. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.7. 2. the assignment of numbers to objects in a systematic way to represent properties of the object. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.9.4.2. 3. the use of a metric to assign a value (which may be a number or category) from a scale to an attribute of an entity. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.19. 4. set of operations having the object of determining a value of a measure. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.34. 5. the assignment of values and labels to aspects of software engineering (products, processes, and resources) and the models that are derived from them, whether these models are developed using statistical, expert knowledge or other techniques. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.8. 6. assigning relative value. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 7. a figure, extent, or amount obtained by measuring. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.7

3.1722**measurement analyst**

1. individual or organization that is responsible for the planning, performance, evaluation, and improvement of measurement. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.18

3.1723**measurement experience base**

1. data store that contains the evaluation of the information products and the measurement process as well as any lessons learned during the measurement process. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.19

3.1724**measurement function**

1. algorithm or calculation performed to combine two or more base measures. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.20, *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.35

3.1725**measurement librarian**

1. individual or organization that is responsible for managing the measurement data store(s). *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.21

3.1726**measurement method**

1. logical sequence of operations, described generically, used in quantifying an attribute with respect to a specified scale. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.22; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.36

NOTE The type of measurement method depends on the nature of the operations used to quantify an attribute. Two types may be distinguished: subjective - quantification involving human judgment; objective - quantification based on numerical rules.

3.1727

measurement procedure

1. set of operations, described specifically, used in the performance of a particular measurement according to a given method. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.23; ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.37*

3.1728

measurement process

1. process for establishing, planning, performing and evaluating software measurement within an overall project or organizational measurement structure. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.24; ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.38*

3.1729

measurement process owner

1. individual or organization responsible for the measurement process. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.25*

3.1730

measurement sponsor

1. individual or organization that authorizes and supports the establishment of the measurement process. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.26*

3.1731

measurement standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of evaluating a process or product

3.1732

measurement user

1. individual or organization that uses the information products. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.27*

3.1733

measuring instrument

1. device intended to be used to make measurements, alone or in conjunction with supplementary device(s). *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods.3.6*

3.1734

mechanicals

1. printing, binding, production and layout details for paper-based documentation. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.29*

3.1735

mechanism

1. in an IDEF0 model, the means used by a function to transform input into output. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.71*

3.1736

mechanism arrow

1. an arrow or arrow segment that expresses IDEF0 mechanism. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.72*

NOTE That is, an object type set whose instances are used by a function to transform input into output. The arrowhead of a mechanism arrow is attached to the bottom side of a box.

3.1737**mechanism loopback**

1. loopback of output from one function to be mechanism for another function in the same diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.73*

3.1738**medium**

1. a channel of communication or information, plural is media. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

EXAMPLE a report issued on paper or in microfiche

3.1739**memory**

1. the addressable storage space in a processing unit and all other internal storage that is used to execute instructions. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.11*

3.1740**memory capacity**

1. the maximum number of items that can be held in a given computer memory; usually measured in words or bytes

cf. channel capacity, storage capacity

3.1741**memory compaction**

1. a storage allocation technique in which the contents of all allocated storage areas are moved to the beginning of the storage space and the remaining storage blocks are combined into a single block 2. a storage allocation technique in which contiguous blocks of non-allocated storage are combined to form single blocks. *Syn: garbage collection*

3.1742**memory dump**

1. a display of the contents of all or part of a computer's internal storage, usually in binary, octal, or hexadecimal form

cf. change dump, dynamic dump, postmortem dump, selective dump, snapshot dump, static dump

3.1743**memory map**

1. a diagram that shows where programs and data are stored in a computer's memory

3.1744**menu**

1. a list displayed on a screen showing available functions from which a choice can be made. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis* 2. a list of options displayed by a data processing system, from which the user can select an action to be initiated. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.06.* 3. (on-screen documentation) list of topics from which the user may choose. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.29*

3.1745**menu by-pass**

1. in a menu-driven system, a feature that permits advanced users to perform functions in a command-driven mode without selecting options from the menus

3.1746

menu structure

1. the implementation of a dialog by means of a series of interrelated menus and screens. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.1747

menu-driven

1. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which the user directs the system through menu selections

cf. menu by-pass, command-driven

3.1748

merge

1. to combine different changes to the same file

NOTE Many systems follow the optimistic strategy of combining all lines that do not conflict.

3.1749

merge from current

1. to merge changes from the current branch into the stable branch(es)

NOTE To avoid disruptive changes in a stable branch, code changes are typically first introduced into the current (development) branch, tested, and then merged back.

3.1750

message

1. a communication sent from one object to another. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.110*

cf. request

NOTE Message encompasses requests to meet responsibilities as well as simple informative communications.

3.1751

meta-

1. a prefix to a concept to imply definition information about the concept. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Specifically, used to designate the location of an object in the three model layers.

3.1752

meta-attribute

1. a definition of a characteristic of a meta-entity or meta-relationship. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Instances of a meta-attribute occur in a model as data values.

3.1753

meta-entity

1. a definition of a type of data object that occurs in CDIF models. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Specifically, a meta-entity represents a set of zero or more meta-attributes, stored together to represent a thing, event or concept that has instances in a model.

3.1754

metalanguage

1. a language used to specify some or all aspects of a language

cf. stratified language, unstratified language

EXAMPLE Backus-Naur form

3.1755

meta-meta-attribute

1. a definition of a characteristic of a meta-meta-entity or meta-meta-relationship. Instances of a meta-meta-attribute occur in a metamodel as meta-data values. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

3.1756

meta-meta-entity

1. a definition of the behavior and structure of meta-entities, meta-relationships, meta-attributes, or subject areas. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE i.e., a definition of the meta-object definitions used to describe information in models

3.1757

meta-meta-relationship

1. a definition of a type of data object that occurs in CDIF metamodels. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Specifically, a meta-meta-relationship represents the definition of a relationship between instances of meta-meta-entities.

3.1758

metamodel

1. a logical information model that specifies the modeling elements used within another (or the same) modeling notation. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections — Classification and Description.3.8*. 2. a metamodel V_m for a subset of IDEFobject is a view of the constructs in the subset that is expressed using those constructs such that there exists a valid instance of V_m that is a description of V_m itself. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.111*. 3. a model containing detailed definitions of the meta-entities, meta-relationships and meta-attributes whose instances appear in the model section of a CDIF transfer. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*. 4. specification of the concepts, relationships and rules that are used to define a methodology. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies.3.4. Syn: meta-model*

3.1759

meta-object

1. a generic term for meta-entities, meta-relationships and meta-attributes. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

3.1760

meta-object facility

1. a specification of the object management group for repositories of type information for arbitrary type systems. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function.3.3.1*

3.1761

meta-relationship

1. a definition of a type of data object that occurs in CDIF models. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE Specifically, a meta-relationship represents the definition of a relationship between meta-entities that has instances in a model. A meta-relationship may also define a set of zero or more meta-attributes, stored together to represent characteristics of a relationship between meta-entities.

3.1762
method

1. an implementation of an operation. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.21. 2. a statement of how property values are combined to yield a result. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.112

3.1763
method engineer

1. person who designs, builds, extends and maintains methodologies. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.1

NOTE Method engineers create methodologies from metamodels via generation.

3.1764
method standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of the orderly process or procedure used in the engineering of a product or performing a service

3.1765
methodology

1. a system of practices, techniques, procedures, and rules used by those who work in a discipline. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. specification of the process to follow together with the work products to be used and generated, plus the consideration of the people and tools involved, during an IBD development effort. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.2

NOTE A methodology specifies the process to be executed, usually as a set of related activities, tasks and/or techniques, together with the work products that must be manipulated (created, used or changed) at each moment and by whom, possibly including models, documents and other inputs and outputs. In turn, specifying the models that must be dealt with implies defining the basic building blocks that should be used to construct.

3.1766
methodology element

1. simple component of a methodology. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.3.6

NOTE Usually, methodology elements include the specification of what tasks, activities, techniques, models, documents, languages and/or notations can or must be used when applying the methodology. Methodology elements are related to each other, comprising a network of abstract concepts. Typical methodology elements are Capture Requirements, Write Code for Methods (kinds of tasks), Requirements Engineering, High-Level Modeling (kinds of activities), Pseudo-code, Dependency Graphs (notations), Class, Attribute (kinds of model building blocks), Class Model, Class Diagram, Requirements Specification (kind of work products).

3.1767
metric

1. a combination of two or more measures or attributes. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. a quantitative measure of the degree to which a system, component, or process possesses a given attribute. 3. the defined measurement method and the measurement scale. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.20

cf. software quality metric

3.1768
metric validation

1. the act or process of ensuring that a metric reliably predicts or assesses a quality factor. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.11

3.1769**metric value**

1. a metric output or an element that is from the range of a metric. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.12*

3.1770**metrics framework**

1. a decision aid used for organizing, selecting, communicating, and evaluating the required quality attributes for a software system. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.9*. 2. a hierarchical breakdown of quality factors, quality subfactors, and metrics for a software system. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.9*

3.1771**metrics sample**

1. a set of metric values that is drawn from the metrics database and used in metrics validation. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.1*

3.1772**MFLOPS**

1. millions of floating point operations per second. 2. megaflops, a unit of measure of processing performance equal to one million floating-point operations per second. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.26*

cf. KOPS, MIPS

NOTE: a measure of computer processing speed

3.1773**micro code assembler**

1. a computer program that translates microprograms from symbolic form to binary form

3.1774**microarchitecture**

1. the microword definition, data flow, timing constraints, and precedence constraints that characterize a given microprogrammed computer

3.1775**microcode**

1. a collection of microinstructions, comprising part of or all of microprograms. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.19*. *Syn: micro code*

3.1776**microcomputer**

1. a digital computer whose processing unit consists of one or more microprocessors, and includes storage and input-output facilities. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.19*

3.1777**microinstruction**

1. in microprogramming, an instruction that specifies one or more of the basic operations needed to carry out a machine language instruction

cf. micro code, microoperation, microprogram

NOTE Types include diagonal microinstruction, horizontal microinstruction, vertical microinstruction.

3.1778**microoperation**

1. in microprogramming, one of the basic operations needed to carry out a machine language instruction

cf. microinstruction

3.1779

microprocessor

1. a processor whose elements have been miniaturized into one or a few integrated circuits. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.09

3.1780

microprogram

1. a sequence of instructions, called microinstructions, specifying the basic operations needed to carry out a machine language instruction. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation*

3.1781

microprogrammable computer

1. a microprogrammed computer in which microprograms can be created or altered by the user

3.1782

microprogrammed computer

1. a computer in which machine language instructions are implemented by microprograms rather than by hard-wired logic

cf. microarchitecture, microprogrammable computer

NOTE A microprogrammed computer may or may not be a microcomputer; the concepts are not related despite the similarity of the terms.

3.1783

microprogramming

1. the process of designing and implementing the control logic of a computer by identifying the basic operations needed to carry out each machine language instruction and representing these operations as sequences of instructions in a special memory called control store

cf. micro code, microinstruction, microprogram

NOTE This method is an alternative to hard-wiring the control signals necessary to carry out each machine language instruction. Techniques include bit steering, compaction, residual control, single-level encoding, two-level encoding.

3.1784

microword

1. an addressable element in the control store of a microprogrammed computer

3.1785

migrated attribute

1. a foreign key attribute of a child entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.113

NOTE [key style]

3.1786

migration

1. moving a cluster to a different capsule. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.27

3.1787

migration transparency

1. a distribution transparency which masks from an object, the ability of a system to change the location of that object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.4.1.4

NOTE Migration is often used to achieve load balancing and reduce latency.

3.1788**milestone**

1. a significant point or event in the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. a scheduled event used to measure progress. *IEEE Std 1058-1998 IEEE Standard for Software Project Management Plans*.3.3

EXAMPLE Major milestones for software projects may include an acquirer or managerial sign-off, baselining of a specification, completion of system integration, and product delivery. Minor milestones might include baselining of a software module or completion of a chapter of the user manual

3.1789**milestone schedule**

1. [Tool] a summary-level schedule that identifies the major schedule milestones. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. master schedule

3.1790**MIM**

1. Management Information Model. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1791**minicomputer**

1. a digital computer that is functionally intermediate between a microcomputer and a mainframe. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.23

NOTE Servers and network devices have generally replaced minicomputers.

3.1792**minimum delay programming**

1. a programming technique in which storage locations for computer instructions and data are chosen so that access time is minimized

3.1793**minimum tasks**

1. those tasks required for the integrity level assigned to the software to be tested. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.19

3.1794**MIPS**

1. million instructions per second

cf. KOPS, MFLOPS

NOTE a measure of computer processing speed

3.1795**mirror site**

1. a duplicate copy of a master site maintained on a different host typically to provide redundancy, higher performance, or local access. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle*.3.1.8

3.1796**MIS**

1. Management Information Systems. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method*.4

3.1797

mistake

1. a human action that produces an incorrect result

NOTE The fault tolerance discipline distinguishes between a human action (a mistake), its manifestation (a hardware or software fault), the result of the fault (a failure), and the amount by which the result is incorrect (the error).

3.1798

mitigating function

1. a function that, if provided successfully, will prevent an initiating event from becoming a specified threat. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.11

3.1799

mixed entry table

1. a decision table whose stub consists of rows in which limited and extended entries are written. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.16

3.1800

mixed mode

1. pertaining to an expression that contains two or more different data types. *Syn: mixed type*

EXAMPLE $Y = X + N$, where X and Y are floating point variables and N is an integer variable

3.1801

MMC(S)

1. Multimedia Conferencing (System). *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1802

MMI

1. man-machine interface

cf. user interface

3.1803

mobility schema

1. a specification putting constraints on the mobility of an object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.16.4.1.1

3.1804

mock object

1. temporary dummy objects created to aid testing until the real objects become available

3.1805

mock-up

1. a throw-away product. *ISO/IEC TR 14759:1999, Software engineering — Mock up and prototype — A categorization of software mock up and prototype models and their use*.3.2 d)

NOTE It can be retained for verification or training, and as a record.

3.1806

mode

1. a set of related features or functional capabilities of a product. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.1. 2. a value taken from the transition's type when considering a high-level Petri Net graph. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004 Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.26.2.1

EXAMPLE on-line, off-line, and maintenance modes

3.1807**model**

1. a representation of a real world process, device, or concept. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.11. **2.** a representation of something that suppresses certain aspects of the modeled subject. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.115. **3.** an interpretation of a theory for which all the axioms of the theory are true. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.115. **4.** a related collection of instances of meta-objects, representing (describing or prescribing) an information system, or parts thereof, such as a software product. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2. **5.** a semantically closed abstraction of a system or a complete description of a system from a particular perspective

3.1808**model glossary**

1. the collection of the names and definitions of all defined concepts that appear within the views of a model. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.116. **2.** the diagrams that correspond to the nodes of the hierarchical graph structure of an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.74

3.1809**model hierarchy**

1. the diagrams that correspond to the nodes of the hierarchical graph structure of an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.74

3.1810**model layers**

1. the different layers of definition (or abstraction) used in defining the CDIF family of standards. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

NOTE The four model layers in CDIF are user data, model, metamodel, meta-metamodel. Any given model layer provides an accurate and complete definition of all the instances that may occur one layer below the given layer. For example, the meta-metamodel provides a set of definitions that are used to construct and understand the metamodel; the metamodel provides a set of definitions that are used to construct and understand a model.

3.1811**model name**

1. a unique, descriptive name that distinguishes one IDEF0 model from other IDEF0 models with which it may be associated. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.75

NOTE An IDEF0 model's model name and model name abbreviation are placed in the A-0 context diagram along with the model's purpose statement and viewpoint statement.

3.1812**model name abbreviation**

1. a unique short form of a model name that is used to construct diagram references. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.76

3.1813**model note**

1. a textual and/or graphical component of a diagram that records a fact not otherwise depicted by a diagram's boxes and arrows. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.77

3.1814

model note number

1. an integer number, placed inside a small square, that unambiguously identifies a model note in a specific diagram. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.78*

3.1815

model page

1. a logical component of an IDEF0 model that can be presented on a single sheet of paper. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.79*

NOTE Model pages include diagram, text, FEO, and glossary pages.

3.1816

modeling tool

1. a tool that provides support for modeling, i.e., representing, a software product or an information system. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

3.1817

modifiability

1. the ease with which a system can be changed without introducing defects

cf. maintainability

3.1818

modifiable

1. structured and has a style such that changes can be made completely, consistently, and correctly while retaining the structure. *IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 IEEE/EIA Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Life cycle data.H.3 e)*

3.1819

modification request (MR)

1. proposed changes to a product that is being maintained. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.6*. 2. forms associated with the various trouble/problem-reporting documents and the configuration change control documents. Syn: change request

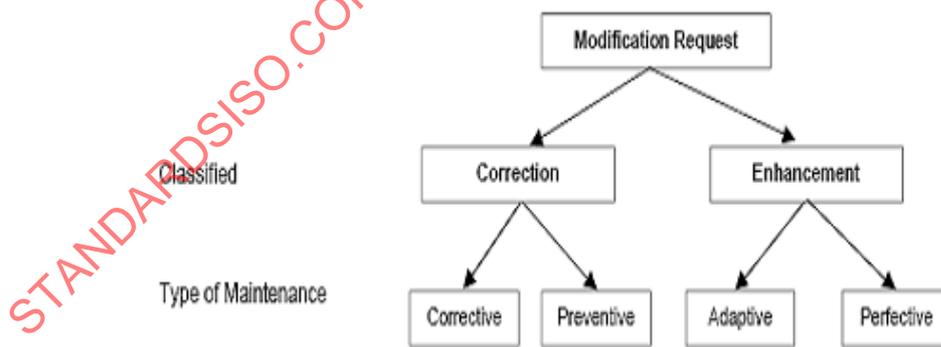


Figure 16 — Modification request

NOTE The MR may later be classified as a correction or enhancement and identified as corrective, preventive, adaptive, or perfective maintenance. Trouble/problem-reporting documents include incident and trouble reports; configuration change control documents include software change requests (SCRs).

3.1820**modified source statement**

1. source statement that has been changed from the original source

3.1821**modified-off-the-shelf (MOTS)**

1. software product that is already developed and available, usable either 'as is' or with modification, and provided by the supplier, acquirer, or a third party. *IEEE Std 1062, 1998 Edition (R2002) IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Acquisition (includes IEEE Std 1062a)*.3.6

3.1822**MODL**

1. Meta-Object Definition Language. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function*.4

3.1823**modular**

1. composed of discrete parts

cf. modular decomposition, modular programming

3.1824**modular decomposition**

1. the process of breaking a system into components to facilitate design and development; an element of modular programming. *Syn*: modularization

cf. cohesion, coupling, demodularization, factoring, functional decomposition, hierarchical decomposition, packaging

3.1825**modular programming**

1. a software development technique in which software is developed as a collection of modules

cf. data structure-centered design, input-process-output, modular decomposition, object-oriented design, rapid prototyping, stepwise refinement, structured design, transaction analysis, transform analysis

3.1826**modularity**

1. the degree to which a system or computer program is composed of discrete components such that a change to one component has minimal impact on other components 2. software attributes that provide a structure of highly independent components. 3. the extent to which a routine or module is like a black box

cf. cohesion, coupling

3.1827**module**

1. a program unit that is discrete and identifiable with respect to compiling, combining with other units, and loading. 2. a logically separable part of a program. 3. a set of source code files under version control that can be manipulated together as one. 4. a collection of both data and the routines that act on it

NOTE The terms 'module', 'component,' and 'unit' are often used interchangeably or defined to be subelements of one another in different ways depending upon the context. The relationship of these terms is not yet standardized.

3.1828**module data**

1. data that can be accessed by any routine within the module in which it is declared but not by routines in other modules. *Syn*: instance data, class data

3.1829

MOF

1. Meta-Object Facility. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function*.4

3.1830

monadic selective construct

1. an if-then-else construct in which processing is specified for only one outcome of the branch, the other outcome resulting in skipping this processing

cf. dyadic selective construct

3.1831

monitor

1. a software tool or hardware device that operates concurrently with a system or component and supervises, records, analyzes, or verifies the operation of the system or component 2. collect project performance data with respect to a plan, produce performance measures, and report and disseminate performance information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: execution monitor

cf. hardware monitor, software monitor

3.1832

monitor and control project work

1. [Process] the process of tracking, reviewing, and regulating the progress to meet the performance objectives defined in the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1833

monitor and control risks

1. [Process] the process of implementing risk response plans, tracking identified risks, monitoring residual risks, identifying new risks, and evaluating risk process throughout the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1834

monitoring

1. examination of the status of the activities of a supplier and of their results by the acquirer or a third party. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.19

3.1835

monitoring and controlling processes

1. [Process Group] those processes required to track, review, and regulate the progress and performance of the project, identify any areas in which changes to the plan are required, and initiate the corresponding changes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1836

Monte Carlo analysis

1. a technique that computes, or iterates, the project cost or project schedule many times using input values selected at random from probability distributions of possible costs or durations, to calculate a distribution of possible total project cost or completion dates. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1837

Monte Carlo simulation

1. a process which generates hundreds or thousands of probable performance outcomes based on probability distributions for cost and schedule on individual tasks. The outcomes are then used to generate a probability distribution for the project as a whole. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1838**move**

1. to read data from a source, altering the contents of the source location, and to write the same data elsewhere in a physical form that may differ from that of the source

cf. copy

EXAMPLE to move data from one file to another

3.1839**MTBF**

1. mean time between failures

3.1840**MTP**

1. master test plan. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1841**MTR**

1. master test report. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.2

3.1842**MTTR**

1. mean time to repair

3.1843**multiaddress instruction**

1. a computer instruction that contains more than one address field. *Syn*: multiple-address instruction

cf. one-address instruction

3.1844**multi-component system**

1. measured system consisting of more than one piece of software. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.A.13

3.1845**multiple inclusive selective construct**

1. a special instance of the case construct in which two or more different values of the control expression result in the same processing

EXAMPLE values 1 and 2 cause one branch, 3 and 4 cause another, and so on

3.1846**multiple inheritance**

1. the ability of a subclass to inherit responsibilities from more than one superclass. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004), IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.119. 2. the situation when the subtype inherits all of the meta-attributes and meta-relationships of all of its supertypes (and their supertypes, etc). *ISO/IEC 15474-2:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 2: Modelling and extensibility*.6.2.6

3.1847**multiple readers and writers**

1. an algorithm that lets multiple readers access a shared data repository concurrently; however, writers must have mutually exclusive access to update the repository

3.1848

multiple sites GSC

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application has been developed for multiple locations and user organizations. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1849

multiple-hit decision table

1. a decision table where at least one set of conditions will be satisfied by more than one rule. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.3*

3.1850

multiplicity

1. a natural number (i.e., non-negative integer) which describes the number of repetitions of an item in a multiset. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.15.1*

3.1851

multiprocessing

1. a mode of operation in which two or more processes are executed concurrently by separate processing units that have access (usually) to a common main storage

cf. multiprogramming, multitasking, time sharing

3.1852

multiprogramming

1. a mode of operation in which two or more computer programs are executed in an interleaved manner by a single processing unit

cf. multiprocessing, multitasking, time sharing

3.1853

multiset

1. a collection of items where repetition of items is allowed. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.15*

3.1854

multiset cardinality

1. the sum of the multiplicities of each of the members of the multiset. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.15.2.*

Syn: cardinality of a multiset

3.1855

multitasking

1. a mode of operation in which two or more tasks are executed in an interleaved manner

cf. multiprocessing, multiprogramming, time sharing

3.1856

multi-valued

1. a mapping that is not a function. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.117*

cf. function

3.1857

multi-valued property

1. a property with a multi-valued mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.118*

cf. single-valued property

3.1858**mutable class**

1. a class for which the set of instances is not fixed; its instances come and go over time. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.120

cf. immutable class, state class

3.1859**mutation testing**

1. a testing methodology in which two or more program mutations are executed using the same test cases to evaluate the ability of the test cases to detect differences in the mutations

3.1860**mutual exclusion**

1. giving access to shared data only to one task at a time

NOTE can be enforced by means of binary semaphores or by using monitors

3.1861**mutually exclusive clustering**

1. a task structuring criterion in which a group of objects are combined into one task because only one object can be executed at any one time

3.1862**N 2 diagram**

1. a system engineering or software engineering tool for tabulating, defining, analyzing, and describing functional interfaces and interactions among system components. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.1

NOTE The N 2 diagram is a matrix structure that graphically displays the bidirectional interrelationships between functions and components in a given system or structure.

3.1863**n-address instruction**

1. a computer instruction that contains n address fields, where n may be any non-negative integer

cf. one-address instruction, two-address instruction, n-plus-one address instruction

3.1864**name**

1. a word or phrase that designates some model construct. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.121

NOTE Such as a class, responsibility, subject domain, etc.

3.1865**named constant**

1. an identifier that refers to a numeric or string value that does not change during program execution

3.1866**named constraint**

1. a constraint that is specific to a particular model, rather than being inherent in some modeling construct. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.122

NOTE Such as a cardinality constraint. A named constraint is explicitly named, its meaning is stated in natural language, and its realization is written in the specification language.

3.1867

nano code

1. a collection of nanoinstructions

3.1868

nanoinstruction

1. in a two-level implementation of microprogramming, an instruction that specifies one or more of the basic operations needed to carry out a microinstruction

3.1869

nanostore

1. in a two-level implementation of microprogramming, a secondary control store in which nanoinstructions reside

3.1870

N-ary relationship

1. a relationship with arity (degree) $n > 2$. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview.4.2*

NOTE A relationship that has more than two participating entities. (Note that a single entity may participate several times in a single relationship.)

3.1871

natural language

1. a language whose rules are based on usage rather than being pre-established prior to the language's use.
2. a language whose rules are based on current usage without being specifically prescribed. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.08*

cf. formal language

EXAMPLE German and English

3.1872

navigation

1. means by which a user moves from one part of a software application to another. 2. act of accessing documentation and viewing different topics. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.30*

3.1873

navigational aids

1. features of software that help the user to navigate around a computer application. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

EXAMPLE shortcut keys to move through a dialog faster

3.1874

NDI

1. non-developmental item. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.2*

3.1875

near-critical activity

1. a schedule activity that has low total float. The concept of near-critical is equally applicable to a schedule activity or schedule network path. The limit below which total float is considered near critical is subject to expert judgment and varies from project to project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1876**nest**

1. to incorporate a computer program construct into another construct of the same kind

EXAMPLE to nest one subroutine, block, or loop within another; to nest one data structure within another

3.1877**nesting**

1. embedding one construct inside another

EXAMPLE to embed a WHILE loop within another WHILE loop or to embed an IF test within a WHILE loop

3.1878**net**

1. a general term used to describe all classes of Petri Nets. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.16

3.1879**net graph**

1. a directed graph comprising a set of nodes of two different kinds, called places and transitions, and their interconnection by directed edges, called arcs, such that only places can be connected to transitions, and transitions to places, but never transitions to transitions, nor places to places. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.16.1

3.1880**network**

1. an arrangement of nodes and interconnecting branches. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.44

3.1881**network chart**

1. a directed graph used for describing and scheduling events, activities, and their relationships in project control. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.07.05

3.1882**network logic**

1. the collection of schedule activity dependencies that makes up a project schedule network diagram. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1883**network open end**

1. schedule activity without any predecessor activities or successor activities, causing a break in a schedule network path

NOTE Network open ends are usually caused by missing logical relationships.

3.1884**network path**

1. any continuous series of schedule activities connected with logical relationships in a project schedule network diagram. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1885**network planning**

1. a technique that uses network charts for planning, scheduling, and controlling a project. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.07.06

3.1886
networking

1. developing relationships with persons who may be able to assist in the achievement of objectives and responsibilities

3.1887
new source statements

1. the sum of the added and modified source statements

3.1888
n-level address

1. an indirect address that specifies the first of a chain of n storage locations, the first n-1 of which contains the address of the next location in the chain and the last of which contains the desired operand

cf. direct address, immediate data

EXAMPLE a two-level address

3.1889
node

1. in a diagram, a point, circle, or other geometric figure used to represent a state, event, or other item of interest. 2. a configuration of engineering objects forming a single unit for the purpose of location in space, and which embodies a set of processing, storage and communication functions. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.7.* 3. a modeled function located within the hierarchical graph structure of an IDEF0 model by its designated node number. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.80.* 4. one of the defining points of a schedule network; a junction point joined to some or all of the other dependency lines. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 5. a vertex of a net graph, i.e., a place or a transition. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.16.2*

cf. graph (2)

EXAMPLE a computer and the software it supports (operating system and applications); a parallel computer the control of a single operating system

NOTE A node may have internal structure which is not of concern in an engineering specification.

3.1890
node index

1. a text listing, often indented, of the nodes in an IDEF0 model, shown in outline order. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.81*

NOTE Same meaning and node content as a node tree

3.1891
node letter

1. the letter that is the first character of a node number. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.82*

3.1892
node number

1. an expression that unambiguously identifies a function's position in a model hierarchy. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.83*

NOTE A node number is constructed by concatenating a node letter, the diagram number of the diagram that contains the box that represents the function, and the box number of that box.

3.1893**node tree**

1. a graphical listing of the nodes of an IDEF0 model, showing parent-child relationships as a graphical tree. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.84*

NOTE same meaning and node content as a node index

3.1894**nomenclature standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a system or set of names, or designations, or symbols

3.1895**non-deliverable item**

1. hardware or software product that is not required to be delivered under the contract but may be employed in the development of a product. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.20. Syn: nondeliverable item*

3.1896**nondelivered source statement**

1. source statement that is developed in support of the final product, but not delivered to the customer. *Syn: non-delivered source statement*

3.1897**nondestructive read**

1. a read operation that does not erase the data in the accessed location. *Syn: non-destructive read*

cf. destructive read

3.1898**nondeveloped source statement**

1. existing source statement that is reused or deleted. *Syn: non-developed source statement*

3.1899**nondevelopmental**

1. developed prior to its current use in an acquisition or development process

NOTE Such an item may require minor modifications to meet the requirements of its current intended use.

3.1900**nonfunctional requirement**

1. a software requirement that describes not what the software will do but how the software will do it. *Syn: design constraints, non-functional requirement*

cf. functional requirement

EXAMPLE software performance requirements, software external interface requirements, software design constraints, and software quality attributes. Nonfunctional requirements are sometimes difficult to test, so they are usually evaluated subjectively

3.1901**nonidentifying relationship**

1. a specific (not many-to-many) relationship in which some or all of the attributes contained in the primary key of the parent entity do not participate in the primary key of the child entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.123. Syn: non-identifying relationship*

cf. identifying relationship, mandatory nonidentifying relationship, optional nonidentifying relationship [key style]

3.1902

nonintrinsic relationship

1. a relationship that is partial, is multi-valued, or may change. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.125. Syn: non-intrinsic relationship

cf. intrinsic relationship

3.1903

nonkey attribute

1. an attribute that is not the primary or a part of a composite primary key of an entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.125. Syn: non-key attribute

NOTE [key style]

3.1904

non-primary entity

1. a data entity-type arrived at by Third Normal Form analysis which is not one of the main entity-types for which the application in question has been built. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual*.10

cf. system entity

NOTE Non-primary entities have only very few attributes, e.g. code, description.

3.1905

nonprocedural language

1. a language in which the user states what is to be achieved without having to state specific instructions that the computer must execute in a given sequence

cf. procedural language, declarative language, interactive language, rule-based language

3.1906

nonprocedural programming language

1. a computer programming language used to express the parameters of a problem rather than the steps in a solution. *IEEE Std 1008-1987 (R1993, R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing*.2. Syn: non-procedural programming language

cf. procedural programming language

EXAMPLE report writer or sort specification languages

3.1907

nontechnical requirement

1. requirement affecting product and service acquisition or development that is not a property of the product or service

EXAMPLE numbers of products or services to be delivered; data rights for delivered COTS nondevelopmental items; delivery dates; milestones with exit criteria; work constraints associated with training, site provisions, and deployment schedules

3.1908

non-terminal symbol

1. a part of the hierarchical definition of a syntax that is further decomposed in the hierarchy. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2

3.1909

non-time-critical computationally intensive task

1. a low-priority compute-bound task that consumes spare CPU cycles

3.1910**no-op**

1. abbreviation for no-operation

3.1911**no-operation**

1. a computer operation whose execution has no effect except to advance the instruction counter to the next instruction. *Syn:* do-nothing operation

NOTE used to reserve space in a program or, if executed repeatedly, to wait for a given event; often abbreviated no-op

3.1912**NOR**

1. in configuration management, a notice of revision

3.1913**normalization**

1. the process by which any data structure can be transformed by a database designer into a set of normalized relations that have no repeating groups. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1914**not printable**

1. not a <GeneralPrintableChar>, ", #,], <EscapeCharacter> or <WhiteSpace>. *ISO/IEC 15475-3:2002, Information technology — CDIF transfer format — Part 3: Encoding ENCODING.1.7.2.11*

3.1915**notation standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of formal interfaces within a profession

3.1916**note**

1. helpful hint or other information that may assist the user by emphasizing or supplementing important points of the main text. *IEEE Std 1063-2001 (R2007) IEEE Standard for Software User Documentation.2.7.* **2.** a body of free text that describes some general comment or specific constraint about a portion of a model. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.126*

cf. caution, warning

3.1917**notebook computer**

1. battery-powered portable computer small and light enough to be operated anywhere. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.22.* *Syn:* laptop computer

3.1918**notice of revision (NOR)**

1. a form used in configuration management to propose revisions to a drawing or list, and, after approval, to notify users that the drawing or list has been, or will be, revised accordingly

cf. configuration control, engineering change, specification change notice

3.1919**n-plus-one address instruction**

1. a computer instruction that contains n+1 address fields, the last containing the address of the instruction to be executed next

cf. one-plus-one address instruction, two-plus-one address instruction, n-address instruction

3.1920

nucleus

1. an engineering object which coordinates processing, storage and communications functions for use by other engineering objects within the node to which it belongs. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.6

EXAMPLE an operating system (kernel)

3.1921

numeric

1. pertaining to data that consists of numerals as well as functional units that use the data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.02.03

3.1922

object

1. an encapsulation of data and services that manipulate that data. 2. a program constant or variable. 3. a specific entity that exists in a program at runtime in object-oriented programming. 4. a member of an object set and an instance of an object type. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.2.1.85. 5. pertaining to the outcome of an assembly or compilation process

cf. object code, object module, object program

NOTE An object represents something in the observable world that may be distinguished from other instances of its object type and may be uniquely identified.

3.1923

object adapter

1. the ORB component which provides object reference, activation, and state related services to an object implementation. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.22

NOTE There may be different adapters provided for different kinds of implementations.

3.1924

object code

1. computer instructions and data definitions in a form output by an assembler or compiler

cf. source code

NOTE An object program is made up of object code.

3.1925

object identifier

1. some concrete representation for the identity of an object (instance). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.128. Syn: oid

NOTE The object identifier (oid) is used to show examples of instances with identity, to formalize the notion of identity, and to support the notion in programming languages or database systems.

3.1926

Object Management Group (OMG)

1. an international standards organization that owns and maintains CORBA and UML standards

3.1927

object model

1. an integrated abstraction that treats all activities as performed by collaborating objects and encompassing both the data and the operations that can be performed against that data. *IEEE/EIA 12207.2-1997 IEEE/EIA*

Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Implementation considerations.3.1.129

NOTE An object model captures both the meanings of the knowledge and actions of objects behind the abstraction of responsibility.

3.1928

object module

1. a computer program or subprogram that is the output of an assembler or compiler

cf. load module, object program

3.1929

object of interest (-type)

1. as identified from the point of view of the functional user requirements, any physical thing, as well as any conceptual object or part of a conceptual object in the world of the user about which the software is required to process and/or store data. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.*3.17

NOTE An object of interest is a synonym of 'entity-type' on an entity-relationship diagram, and has the same meaning as the subject of a relation in Third Normal Form.

3.1930

object program

1. a computer program that is the output of an assembler or compiler. *Syn:* target program

cf. source program object module

3.1931

object reference

1. a value that unambiguously identifies an object. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).*3.2.24

NOTE Object references are never reused to identify another object.

3.1932

object set

1. a subset of instantiations from the set of all possible instantiations of all object types within an object type set. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.*2.1.86

NOTE An object set is a subset of the union of the members of an object type set; the set of object sets includes the empty set and the set of the union of the members of the object type set itself. An object set is modeled by an arrow segment.

3.1933

object type

1. the set of all possible instantiations of a singular concept, either physical or data, within an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.*2.1.87

NOTE An IDEF0 object type is generally analogous to an IDEF1X entity or an IDEF1 entity class.

3.1934

object type set

1. a named set of one or more object types. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.*2.1.88

NOTE An object type set may include object types that are themselves grouped as object type sets. An object type set is designated by an arrow label.

3.1935

objective

1. something toward which work is to be directed, a strategic position to be attained, or a purpose to be achieved, a result to be obtained, a product to be produced, or a service to be performed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. practical advantage or intended effect, expressed as preferences about future states. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.2.1. Syn: purpose

NOTE Some objectives are ongoing, some are achieved once met. The enterprise language systematically uses the term objective, (rather than purpose) and emphasizes the need of expressing objective in measurable terms.

3.1936

objective evidence

1. data supporting the existence or verity of something. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.24

NOTE Objective evidence may be obtained through observation, measurement, test, or other means. [ISO 9000:2000]

3.1937

object-oriented design

1. a software development technique in which a system or component is expressed in terms of objects and connections between those objects

cf. data structure-centered design, input-process-output, modular decomposition, rapid prototyping, stepwise refinement, structured design, transaction analysis, transform analysis

3.1938

object-oriented language

1. a programming language that allows the user to express a program in terms of objects and messages between those objects

EXAMPLE Smalltalk and LOGO

3.1939

objref

1. abbreviation for object reference. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.25

3.1940

OBS

1. organizational breakdown structure. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.1941

observation

1. instance of applying a measurement procedure to produce a value for a base measure. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.29; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.39

3.1942

observation period

1. the time interval, where the measurement procedure is observed for collecting (logging) measurement results for rating or validation, consisting of the rating interval and the supplementary run. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems*.4.11

3.1943**occupational title standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of the general areas of work or profession

3.1944**OCL**

1. Object Constraint Language. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function.4*

3.1945**octet**

1. a byte that consists of eight bits. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.02.10. Syn: 8-bit byte*

3.1946**ODP**

1. Open Distributed Processing. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1947**ODP function**

1. a function required to support Open Distributed Processing. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.3.1*

3.1948**ODP IDL**

1. Open Distributed Processing Interface Definition Language. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.4*

3.1949**ODP standards**

1. this reference model and those standards that comply with it, directly or indirectly. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.3.2.2*

3.1950**ODP system**

1. a system which conforms to the requirements of ODP standards. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.3.2.4*

3.1951**ODP-RM**

1. Open Distributed Processing: Reference Model. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function.4. Syn: RM-ODP*

3.1952**office automation (OA)**

1. the integration of office activities by means of an information processing system. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.09*

NOTE This term includes in particular the processing and communication of text, images, and voice.

3.1953**offline**

1. pertaining to a device or process that is not under the direct control of the central processing unit of a computer. 2. pertaining to the operation of a functional unit that takes place either independently of, or in parallel with, the main operation of a computer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.42*

cf. online (2)

3.1954

offset

1. the difference between the loaded origin and the assembled origin of a computer program. 2. a number that must be added to a relative address to determine the address of the storage location to be accessed.

Syn: relocation factor

3.1955

off-the-shelf

1. already developed and available. ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), *Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.21

3.1956

OID

1. Object Identifier. ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998 *Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service*.4

3.1957

OMG

1. Object Management Group. ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, *Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1958

OMT

1. Object Modeling Technique. ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, *Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.1959

one-address instruction

1. a computer instruction that contains one address field. Syn: single-address instruction, single-operand instruction

cf. multiaddress instruction, two-address instruction, three-address instruction, four-address instruction, zero-address instruction

EXAMPLE an instruction to load the contents of location A

3.1960

one-ahead addressing

1. a method of implied addressing in which the operands for a computer instruction are understood to be in the storage locations following the locations of the operands used for the last instruction executed

cf. repetitive addressing

3.1961

one-plus-one address instruction

1. a computer instruction that contains two address fields, the second containing the address of the instruction to be executed next

cf. two-plus-one address instruction, three-plus-one address instruction, four-plus-one address instruction

EXAMPLE an instruction to load the contents of location A, then execute the instruction at location B

3.1962

one-to-many relationship

1. a relationship between two state classes in which each instance of one class, referred to as the child class, is specifically constrained to relate to no more than one instance of a second class, referred to as the parent class. IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) *IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.131

3.1963**online**

1. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which input data enter the computer directly from the point of origin or output data are transmitted directly to the point where they are used 2. pertaining to a device or process that is under the direct control of the central processing unit of a computer. 3. pertaining to the operation of a functional unit when under the control of a computer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.41*

cf. batch, conversational, real time

EXAMPLE an airline reservation system

3.1964**online data entry GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which data is entered through interactive transactions. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1965**online documentation**

1. information accessed by the user through the use of software, but that may not be sensitive to context. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.31*

cf. help text

3.1966**online update GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which internal logical files are updated online. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1967**on-screen documentation**

1. documentation that is intended to be read on the screen by the user while using the software. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.31*

cf. printed documentation, embedded documentation

EXAMPLE pop-up help and help text on a screen

3.1968**ontology**

1. a logical structure of the terms used to describe a domain of knowledge, including both the definitions of the applicable terms and their relationships. *IEEE Std 1175.1-2002 (R2007) IEEE Guide for CASE Tool Interconnections-Classification and Description.3.9*

3.1969**OOD**

1. object-oriented design

3.1970**OPA**

1. organizational process asset. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process*

3.1971

open distributed processing

1. distributed processing designed to conform to ODP standards. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.3.2.3*

3.1972

open subroutine

1. a subroutine that is copied into a computer program at each place that it is called. *Syn: direct insert subroutine*

cf. closed subroutine, inline code, macro

3.1973

operable

1. state of being able to perform the intended function

3.1974

operand

1. a variable, constant, or function upon which an operation is to be performed

EXAMPLE in the expression $A = B + 3$, B and 3 are the operands

3.1975

operating environment (software)

1. the set of software operating concurrently on a specified computer system. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.18*

3.1976

operating system

1. a collection of software, firmware, and hardware elements that controls the execution of computer programs and provides such services as computer resource allocation, job control, input/output control, and file management in a computer system

3.1977

operation

1. in computer mathematics, the action specified by an operator on one or more operands. 2. in programming, a defined action that can be performed by a computer system. 3. the process of running a computer system in its intended environment to perform its intended functions. 4. an interaction between a client object and a server object which is either an interrogation or an announcement. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.2.* 5. a property that is a mapping from the (cross product of the) instances of the class and the input argument types to the (cross product of the) instances of the other (output) argument types. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject).3.1.132.* 6. an action needed to perform an activity. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services.2.2.5.* 7. arithmetic or logical operation performed in an algorithmic and manipulation BFC. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.3.7*

EXAMPLE in the expression $A = B + 3$, the process of adding B to 3 to obtain A

3.1978

operation and maintenance phase

1. the period of time in the software life cycle during which a software product is employed in its operational environment, monitored for satisfactory performance, and modified as necessary to correct problems or to respond to changing requirements

3.1979

operation code

1. a character or set of characters that specifies a computer operation. *Syn: op code*

EXAMPLE the code BNZ to designate the operation 'branch if not zero'

3.1980**operation exception**

1. an exception that occurs when a program encounters an invalid operation code

cf. addressing exception, data exception, overflow exception, protection exception, underflow exception

3.1981**operation field**

1. the field of a computer instruction that specifies the operation to be performed. *Syn:* function field, operation part

cf. address field

3.1982**operation interface**

1. an interface in which all the interactions are operations. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.7*

3.1983**operation interface signature**

1. an interface signature for an operation interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.7.1.12*

NOTE An operation interface signature comprises a set of announcements and interrogation signatures as appropriate, one for each operation type in the interface, together with an indication of causality (client or server, but not both) for the interface as a whole, with respect to the object which instantiates the template.

3.1984**operational**

1. pertaining to a system or component that is ready for use in its intended environment. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.17.* 2. pertaining to a system or component that is installed in its intended environment. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.20.* 3. pertaining to the environment in which a system or component is intended to be used. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.18*

3.1985**operational ease GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application attends to operational aspects, such as, start-up, back-up, and recovery processes. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.1986**operational product**

1. product which functions in real conditions of operations. *ISO/IEC TR 14759:1999, Software engineering — Mock up and prototype — A categorization of software mock up and prototype models and their use.3.2 e)*

3.1987**operational scenario**

1. description of an imagined sequence of events that includes the interaction of the product or service with its environment and users, as well as interaction among its product or service components

NOTE Operational scenarios are used to evaluate the requirements and design of the system and to verify and validate the system.

3.1988**operational testing**

1. testing conducted to evaluate a system or component in its operational environment. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.21*

cf. development testing, acceptance testing, qualification testing

**3.1989
operations**

1. ongoing execution of activities that produce the same product or provide a repetitive service

EXAMPLE production, manufacturing, accounting

**3.1990
operator**

1. a mathematical or logical symbol that represents an action to be performed in an operation. 2. individual or organization that operates the system. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.40.* 3. entity that performs the operation of a system. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.22; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.13; ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.30.* 4. a symbol representing the name of a function. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.17.* 5. an individual or an organization that contributes to the functionality of a system and draws on knowledge, skills, and procedures to contribute the function. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process.3.1.25*

NOTE The role of operator and the role of user may be vested, simultaneously or sequentially, in the same individual or organization. An individual operator combined with knowledge, skills and procedures may be considered as an element of the system. In the context of this specific definition, the term entity means an individual or an organization.

**3.1991
operator manual**

1. a document that provides the information necessary to initiate and operate a system or component. *Syn:* operator's manual, operations manual

cf. diagnostic manual, installation manual, programmer manual, support manual, user manual

NOTE Typically described are procedures for preparation, operation, monitoring, and recovery. An operator manual is distinguished from a user manual when a distinction is made between those who operate a computer system (mounting tapes, etc) and those who use the system for its intended purpose.

**3.1992
opportunity**

1. a condition or situation favorable to the project, a positive set of circumstances, a positive set of events, a risk that will have a positive impact on project objectives, or a possibility for positive changes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. threat

**3.1993
opportunity study**

1. a study to examine a problem and determine whether or not it requires being solved during the time period under consideration. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.02.01*

**3.1994
optimizing process**

1. quantitatively managed process that is improved based on an understanding of the common causes of variation inherent in the process

NOTE The focus of an optimizing process is on continually improving the range of process performance through both incremental and innovative improvements.

3.1995**optional**

1. a syntax keyword used to specify a partial mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.133

cf. mandatory, partial

3.1996**optional attribute**

1. an attribute that may have no value for an instance. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.134

3.1997**optional category**

1. category that provides additional details that are not essential but may be useful in particular situations. *IEEE Std 1044-1993 (R2002) IEEE Standard Classification for Anomalies*.3.6

3.1998**optional nonidentifying relationship**

1. a nonidentifying relationship in which an instance of the child entity can exist without being related to an instance of the parent entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.135

cf. mandatory nonidentifying relationship. nonidentifying relationship [key style]

3.1999**optional requirement**

1. requirement of a normative document that must be fulfilled in order to comply with a particular option permitted by that document. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998*.3.6

NOTE An optional requirement may be either: a) one of two or more alternative requirements, or b) an additional requirement that must be fulfilled only if applicable and may otherwise be disregarded. [ISO/IEC Guide 2]

3.2000**optional subgroup**

1. subgroups which the user has the option of using during an elementary process that adds or creates an instance or the data. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2001**optional task**

1. task that may be added to the minimum testing tasks to address specific requirements. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.22

3.2002**ORB**

1. Object Request Broker. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.2003**ORB core**

1. the ORB component which moves a request from a client to the appropriate adapter for the target object. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.10

3.2004

order clash

1. in software design, a type of structure clash in which a program must deal with two or more data sets that have been sorted in different orders

cf. data structure-centered design

3.2005

ordinal scale

1. scale in which the measurement values are rankings

NOTE The assignment of defects to a severity level is a ranking.

3.2006

organization

1. person or a group of people and facilities with an arrangement of responsibilities, authorities and relationships. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.14. 2. company, corporation, government, not-for-profit or other legally constituted body, including associations, clubs, partnerships, government agencies, publicly listed companies, private companies and sole traders, that has its own function(s) and administration. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.10. 3. people and processes assembled to produce a specific output (product or service). *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection--Characterization of Interconnections*.3.9

NOTE An identified part of an organization (even as small as a single individual) or an identified group of organizations can be regarded as an organization if it has responsibilities, authorities and relationships.

3.2007

organization chart

1. graphical depiction of hierarchies and interrelationships among persons working together

3.2008

organization level

1. the management level or levels responsible for managing one or more data processing or information systems organizations. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2009

organizational breakdown structure (OBS)

1. [Tool] a hierarchically organized depiction of the project organization arranged so as to relate the work packages to the performing organizational units. (Sometimes OBS is written as Organization Breakdown Structure with the same definition.). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2010

organizational maturity

1. extent to which an organization has explicitly and consistently deployed processes that are documented, managed, measured, controlled, and continually improved

NOTE Organizational maturity may be measured via appraisals.

3.2011

organizational policy

1. guiding principle typically established by senior management that is adopted by an organization to influence and determine decisions

3.2012**organizational process assets**

1. [Output/Input] any or all process related assets, from any or all of the organizations involved in the project that are or can be used to influence the project's success. These process assets include formal and informal plans, policies, procedures, and guidelines. The process assets also include the organizations' knowledge bases such as lessons learned and historical information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. **2.** artifacts that relate to describing, implementing, and improving processes, such as policies, measurements, process descriptions, and process implementation support tools

cf. process asset library

NOTE The term process assets is used to indicate that these artifacts are developed or acquired to meet the business objectives of the organization and that they represent investments by the organization that are expected to provide current and future business value.

3.2013**organizational unit**

1. the part of an organization that is the subject of measurement. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.31. **2.** that part of an organization that is assessed. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.25

NOTE An organizational unit deploys one or more processes that operate within a coherent set of business goals. An organizational unit is typically part of a larger organization, although in a small organization the organizational unit may be the whole organization.

3.2014**origin**

1. the address of the initial storage location assigned to a computer program in main memory

cf. assembled origin, loaded origin, starting address

3.2015**origin attribute**

1. the classification of software as either developed or nondeveloped

3.2016**original source statement**

1. source statement that is obtained from an external product

3.2017**orphan**

1. line of text on its own at the end of a page. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.33

3.2018**OSE**

1. Open System Environment. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2019**OSF**

1. Open Software Foundation. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2020**OSI**

1. Open Systems Interconnection. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2021

outer cardinality

1. the number of allowed instances of a participating data object from the viewpoint of the other participants in the relationship. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models.6.6.1*

cf. inner cardinality

3.2022

output

1. data transmitted to an external destination. 2. pertaining to a device, process, or channel involved in transmitting data to an external destination. 3. the process by which an information processing system, or any of its parts, transfers data outside of that system or part. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.34.* 4. [Process Output] a product, result, or service generated by a process. May be an input to a successor process. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 5. in an IDEF0 model, that which is produced by a function. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.89.* 6. pertaining to data transmitted to an external destination. 7. to transmit data to an external destination

3.2023

output arc (of a transition)

1. an arc directed from the transition to a place. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.1.2*

3.2024

output argument

1. an argument that has not been specified as an input argument. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.136*

cf. input argument

NOTE It is possible for an output argument to have no value at the time a request is made.

3.2025

output arrow

1. an arrow or arrow segment that expresses IDEF0 output. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.90*

NOTE That is, an object type set whose instances are created by a function by transforming the function's input. The arrowtail of an output arrow is attached to the right side of a box.

3.2026

output assertion

1. a logical expression specifying one or more conditions that program outputs must satisfy in order for the program to be correct

cf. input assertion, loop assertion, inductive assertion method

3.2027

output place (of a transition)

1. a place connected to the transition by an output arc. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.20.2*

3.2028

output primitive

1. primitive that includes source statements, function points, and documents

3.2029**output product**

1. the physical form that information can take and that an application distributes. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

EXAMPLE a report, an output file, or a message to a different application

3.2030**output sort**

1. the sort of an output of an operator. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.23.3. Syn: range sort

3.2031**overflow exception**

1. an exception that occurs when the result of an arithmetic operation exceeds the size of the storage location designated to receive it

cf. addressing exception, data exception, operation exception, protection exception, underflow exception

3.2032**overhead time**

1. the amount of time a computer system spends performing tasks that do not contribute directly to the progress of any user task

EXAMPLE time spent tabulating computer resource usage for billing purposes

3.2033**overlay**

1. a storage allocation technique in which computer program segments are loaded from auxiliary storage to main storage when needed, overwriting other segments not currently in use 2. a computer program segment that is maintained in auxiliary storage and loaded into main storage when needed, overwriting other segments not currently in use 3. to load a computer program segment from auxiliary storage to main storage in such a way that other segments of the program are overwritten

3.2034**overlay supervisor**

1. a routine that controls the sequencing and positioning of overlays

3.2035**overload**

1. to assign an operator, identifier, or literal more than one meaning, depending upon the data types associated with it at any given time during program execution

3.2036**override**

1. the ability of a property in a subclass to respecify the realization of an inherited property of the same name while retaining the same meaning. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.137

3.2037**overriding property**

1. a property in a subclass that has the same meaning and signature as a similarly named property in one of its superclasses, but has a different realization. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.138

3.2038

owned attribute

1. an attribute of an entity that has not migrated into the entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.139

NOTE [key style]

3.2039

owner

1. person or organization that owns the copyright for the Candidate FSM method. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998*.3.7

3.2040

owner of the FSM method

1. the person or organization that owns the intellectual property rights for the FSM method. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods*.3.7

3.2041

pack

1. to store data in a compact form in a storage medium, using known characteristics of the data and medium in such a way as to permit recovery of the data

cf. unpack

3.2042

package

1. a separately compilable software component consisting of related data types, data objects, and subprograms

cf. data abstraction, encapsulation, information hiding

3.2043

packaging

1. in software development, the assignment of modules to segments to be handled as distinct physical units for execution by a computer

3.2044

padding

1. the technique of filling out a fixed-length block of data with dummy characters, words, or records. 2. dummy characters, words, or records used to fill out a fixed-length block of data

3.2045

page

1. a fixed-length segment of data or of a computer program treated as a unit in storage allocation. 2. in a virtual storage system, a fixed-length segment of data or of a computer program that has a virtual address and is transferred as a unit between main and auxiliary storage 3. a screenful of information on a video display terminal

cf. paging

3.2046

page breakage

1. a portion of main storage that is unused when the last page of data or of a computer program does not fill the entire block of storage allocated to it

cf. paging

3.2047**page frame**

1. a block of main storage having the size of, and used to hold, a page

cf. paging

3.2048**page reference**

1. an expression that unambiguously identifies a model page. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.91*

NOTE The page reference incorporates a diagram reference to the associated diagram, the type of page, and any sequencing data needed to distinguish different pages of the same type that are associated with the same diagram.

3.2049**page swapping**

1. the exchange of pages between main storage and auxiliary storage

cf. paging

3.2050**page table**

1. a table that identifies the location of pages in storage and gives significant attributes of those pages

cf. paging

3.2051**page type letter**

1. the uppercase letter in a page reference that denotes a specific type of model page. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.92*

3.2052**page zero**

1. in the paging method of storage allocation, the first page in a series of pages

3.2053**pager**

1. a routine that initiates and controls the transfer of pages between main and auxiliary storage

cf. paging

3.2054**paging**

1. a storage allocation technique in which programs or data are divided into fixed-length blocks called pages, main storage is divided into blocks of the same length called page frames, and pages are stored in page frames, not necessarily contiguously or in logical order 2. a storage allocation technique in which programs or data are divided into fixed-length blocks called pages, main storage is divided into blocks of the same length called page frames, and pages are transferred between main and auxiliary storage as needed 3. the transfer of pages as in (2). *Syn:* block allocation

cf. contiguous allocation, page, page breakage, page frame, page swapping, page table, page zero, pager, working set

3.2055**paper documentation**

1. that part of the documentation which is in printed form. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.34*

3.2056

parallel

1. pertaining to the simultaneous transfer, occurrence, or processing of the individual parts of a whole, such as the bits of a character, using separate facilities for the various parts

cf. serial (1), concurrent

3.2057

parallel classes

1. a pair of classes that are distinct, are not mutually exclusive and have a common generic ancestor class and for which neither is a generic ancestor of the other. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.140

3.2058

parallel construct

1. a program construct consisting of two or more procedures that can occur simultaneously

3.2059

parallel run operation

1. operation of two information processing systems, a given one and its intended replacement, with the same application and source data, for comparison and confidence. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.04.05

3.2060

parameter

1. a variable that is given a constant value for a specified application. 2. a constant, variable, or expression that is used to pass values between software modules. 3. a symbol that can take a range of values defined by a set it is defined as a constant in the signature. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.18

cf. adaptation

3.2061

parameterized collection class

1. a collection class restricted to hold only instances of a specified type (class). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.141

3.2062

parameterized high-level net graph

1. a high-level net graph that contains parameters in its definition. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.19

3.2063

parametric estimating

1. [Technique] an estimating technique that uses a statistical relationship between historical data and other variables (e.g. square footage in construction, lines of code in software development) to calculate an estimate for activity parameters, such as scope, cost, budget, and duration. An example for the cost parameter is multiplying the planned quantity of work to be performed by the historical cost per unit to obtain the estimated cost. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2064

parent box

1. an ancestral box related to its child diagram by exactly one parent/child relationship. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0*.2.1.93

NOTE That is, a box detailed by a child diagram. The existence of this child diagram is indicated by a box detail reference.

3.2065**parent diagram**

1. a diagram that contains a parent box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.94*

3.2066**parent entity**

1. an entity in a specific relationship whose instances can be related to a number of instances of another entity (child entity). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.142*

NOTE [key style]

3.2067**parent function**

1. a function modeled by a parent box. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language - Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.95*

3.2068**Pareto chart**

1. [Tool] a histogram, ordered by frequency of occurrence, that shows how many results were generated by each identified cause. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2069**parse**

1. to determine the syntactic structure of a language unit by decomposing it into more elementary subunits and establishing the relationships among the subunits

EXAMPLE to decompose blocks into statements, statements into expressions, expressions into operators and operands

3.2070**parser**

1. a software tool that parses computer programs or other text, often as the first step of assembly, compilation, interpretation, or analysis

3.2071**partial**

1. an incomplete mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.143*

cf. total, mapping completeness, optional

NOTE That is, some instances map to no related instance. An attribute may be declared partial, meaning it may have no value. A participant property is declared optional as part of the relationship syntax. An operation is declared partial when it may have no meaning for some instances, i.e., it may not give an answer or produce a response.

3.2072**partial cluster**

1. a subclass cluster in which an instance of the superclass may exist without also being an instance of any of the subclasses. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.144. Syn: incomplete cluster*

cf. total cluster, superclass

3.2073

partial correctness

1. in proof of correctness, a designation indicating that a program's output assertions follow logically from its input assertions and processing steps

cf. total correctness

3.2074

participant property

1. a property of a state class that reflects that class' knowledge of a relationship in which instances of the class participate. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.145

NOTE When a relationship exists between two state classes, each class contains a participant property for that relationship. A participant property is a mapping from a state class to a related (not necessarily distinct) state class. The name of each participant property is the name of the role that the other class plays in the relationship, or it may simply be the name of the class at the other end of the relationship (as long as using the class name does not cause ambiguity). A value of a participant property is the identity of a related instance.

3.2075

partitioning

1. decomposition; the separation of the whole into its parts

3.2076

party

1. organization entering into an agreement. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.15. 2. an enterprise object modeling a natural person or any other entity considered to have some of the rights, powers and duties of a natural person. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.5.1

EXAMPLE enterprise objects representing natural persons, legal entities, governments and their parts, and other associations or groups of natural persons Parties are responsible for their actions and the actions of their agents

3.2077

pass

1. a single cycle in the processing of a set of data, usually performing part of an overall process

EXAMPLE a pass of an assembler through a source program; a pass of a sort program through a set of data

3.2078

pass/fail criteria

1. decision rules used to determine whether a software item or a software feature passes or fails a test. *Syn:* pass-fail criteria

3.2079

passive I/O device

1. a device that does not generate an interrupt on completion of an input or output operation

NOTE The input from a passive input device must be read either on a polled basis or on demand.

3.2080

passive I/O device interface task

1. a task that interfaces to a passive I/O device and either reads from it or writes to it on demand

3.2081

passive interconnection

1. an interoperability agreement describing a common interpretation of one or more phenomena shared between two interacting things. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.1

3.2082**passive object**

1. an object with no thread of control

NOTE an object with operations that concurrent objects (that is, tasks) invoke directly or indirectly

3.2083**passive white space**

1. top, bottom, left and right margins which surround text. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.55*

3.2084**patch**

1. a modification made directly to an object program without reassembling or recompiling from the source program.
2. a modification made to a source program as a last-minute fix or afterthought.
3. a modification to a source or object program.
4. to perform a modification as in (1), (2), or (3)

3.2085**path**

1. in software engineering, a sequence of instructions that may be performed in the execution of a computer program.
2. in file access, a hierarchical sequence of directory and subdirectory names specifying the storage location of a file

3.2086**path analysis**

1. analysis of a computer program to identify all possible paths through the program, to detect incomplete paths, or to discover portions of the program that are not on any path

3.2087**path condition**

1. a set of conditions that must be met in order for a particular program path to be executed

3.2088**path convergence**

1. the merging or joining of parallel schedule network paths into the same node in a project schedule network diagram. Path convergence is characterized by a schedule activity with more than one predecessor activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2089**path divergence**

1. extending or generating parallel schedule network paths from the same node in a project schedule network diagram. Path divergence is characterized by a schedule activity with more than one successor activity. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2090**path expression**

1. a logical expression indicating the input conditions that must be met in order for a particular program path to be executed

3.2091**path testing**

1. testing designed to execute all or selected paths through a computer program

cf. branch testing, statement testing

3.2092

pathological coupling

1. a type of coupling in which one software module affects or depends upon the internal implementation of another

cf. common-environment coupling, content coupling, control coupling, data coupling, hybrid coupling

3.2093

pause

1. to suspend the execution of a computer program. *Syn:* halt (2)

cf. stop

3.2094

PCA

1. physical configuration audit

3.2095

PCO

1. Point of Control and Observation. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2096

PDL

1. program design language

3.2097

PDM

1. precedence diagramming method. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2098

PDR

1. preliminary design review

3.2099

peer review

1. review of work products performed by peers during development of the work products to identify defects for removal

cf. inspection, structured walkthrough, work product

3.2100

percent complete

1. an estimate, expressed as a percent, of the amount of work that has been completed on an activity or a work breakdown structure component. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2101

perfective maintenance

1. modification of a software product after delivery to detect and correct latent faults in the software product before they are manifested as failures. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.7.* **2.** software maintenance performed to improve the performance, maintainability, or other attributes of a computer program. **3.** improvements in software's performance or functionality, for example, in response to user suggestions and requests

NOTE Perfective maintenance provides enhancements for users, improvement of program documentation, and recoding to improve software performance, maintainability, or other software attributes.

3.2102**perform integrated change control**

1. [Process] the process of reviewing all change requests, approving changes, and managing changes to the deliverables, organizational process assets, project documents, and project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2103**perform qualitative analysis**

1. [Process] the process of prioritizing risks for further analysis or action by assessing and combining their probability of occurrence and impact. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2104**perform quality assurance**

1. [Process] the process of auditing the quality requirements and the results from quality control measurements to ensure appropriate quality standards and operational definitions are used. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2105**perform quality control**

1. [Process] the process of monitoring and recording results of executing the quality activities to assess performance and recommend necessary changes. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2106**perform quantitative analysis**

1. [Process] the process of numerically analyzing the effect of identified risks on overall project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2107**performance**

1. the degree to which a system or component accomplishes its designated functions within given constraints, such as speed, accuracy, or memory usage

3.2108**performance analysis**

1. a quantitative analysis of a real-time system (or software design) executing on a given hardware configuration with a given external workload applied to it

3.2109**performance GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which response time and throughput performance considerations influenced the application development. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2110**performance indicator**

1. an assessment indicator that supports the judgment of the process performance of a specific process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.26*

3.2111**performance measurement baseline**

1. an approved integrated scope-schedule-cost plan for the project work against which project execution is compared to measure and manage performance. Technical and quality parameters may also be included. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2112

performance reports

1. [Output/Input] documents and presentations that provide organized and summarized work performance information, earned value management parameters and calculations, and analyses of project work progress and status. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2113

performance requirement

1. the measurable criterion that identifies a quality attribute of a function or how well a functional requirement must be accomplished. *IEEE Std 1220-2005 IEEE Standard for the Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process*.3.1.26. 2. a system or software requirement specifying a performance characteristic that a system/software system or system/software component must possess 3. a requirement that imposes conditions on a functional requirement

3.2114

performance specification

1. a document that specifies the performance characteristics that a system or component must possess

NOTE often part of a requirements specification. These characteristics typically include speed, accuracy, and memory usage.

3.2115

performance testing

1. testing conducted to evaluate the compliance of a system or component with specified performance requirements

cf. functional testing

3.2116

performed process

1. process that accomplishes the needed work to produce work products

NOTE satisfies the specific goals of the process area

3.2117

performing organization

1. the enterprise whose personnel are most directly involved in doing the work of the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2118

periodic I/O device interface task

1. a task that interfaces to a passive I/O device and polls it regularly

3.2119

periodic task

1. a task that a timer event activates at regular intervals

3.2120

peripheral equipment

1. a device that is controlled by and can communicate with a particular computer. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.07

EXAMPLE external storage

3.2121

permanence

1. the degree to which failures can affect object state changes due to completed transactions. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996 Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.13.7.1.5

3.2122**persistence schema**

1. a specification of constraints on the use of specific processing, storage and communication functions. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.16.5.1.1*

3.2123**persistence transparency**

1. a distribution transparency which masks, from an object, the deactivation and reactivation of other objects (or itself). *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.4.1.7*

NOTE Deactivation and reactivation are often used to maintain the persistence of an object when a system is unable to provide it with processing, storage and communication functions continuously.

3.2124**persistent storage**

1. storage which enables a functional process to store data beyond the life of the functional process and/or which enables a functional process to retrieve data stored by another functional process, or stored by an earlier occurrence of the same functional process. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.19*

3.2125**persistent URI**

1. a reference that does not need to change at the link in a document, and can still reach the desired object even though that object may have changed locations. *IEEE Std 2001-2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for the Internet — Web Site Engineering, Web Site Management, and Web Site Life Cycle.3.1.9*

3.2126**personal computer (PC)**

1. a microcomputer primarily intended for stand-alone use by an individual. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.20*

3.2127**personnel**

1. an individual expected to perform duties on behalf of the organization, including officers, employees and contractors. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes.3. 8*

3.2128**PERT**

1. program evaluation and review technique

3.2129**Petri net**

1. an algebraic structure with two sets, one called places and the other called transitions, together with their associated relations and functions, and named after their inventor, Carl Adam Petri. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.16.3.* 2. an abstract, formal model of information flow, showing static and dynamic properties of a system

NOTE A Petri net is usually represented as a graph having two types of nodes (called places and transitions) connected by arcs, and markings (called tokens) indicating dynamic properties.

3.2130**physical configuration audit (PCA)**

1. an audit conducted to verify that a configuration item, as built, conforms to the technical documentation that defines it

cf. functional configuration audit

3.2131

physical requirement

1. a requirement that specifies a physical characteristic that a system or system component must possess

cf. design requirement, functional requirement, implementation requirement, interface requirement, performance requirement

EXAMPLE material, shape, size, weight

3.2132

physical source statement (PSS)

1. source statement considered as a line of code

cf. logical source statement

3.2133

picture

1. illustration that shows the actual appearance of physical objects. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.32*

EXAMPLE photograph, drawing

3.2134

PIGS

1. Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.4*

3.2135

pilot project

1. a project designed to test a preliminary version of an information processing system under actual but limited operating conditions and which will then be used to test the definitive version of the system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990 Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.01.07*

3.2136

pipeline

1. a software or hardware design technique in which the output of one process serves as input to a second, the output of the second process serves as input to a third, and so on, often with simultaneity within a single cycle time

3.2137

pixel

1. smallest element of a screen display; short for 'picture element'. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.35*

3.2138

PIXIT

1. Protocol Implementation Extra Information for Testing. *ISO/IEC 10746-2:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Foundations.4*

3.2139

place

1. a node of a net, taken from the place kind, normally represented by an ellipse in the net graph. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.20*

NOTE A place is typed.

3.2140**place type**

1. a non-empty set of data items associated with a place. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.20.3

NOTE This set can describe an arbitrarily complex data structure.

3.2141**place/transition net**

1. a Petri Net comprising a net graph with positive integers associated with arcs and an initial marking function which associates a natural number of simple tokens ('black dots') with places. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.16.4

3.2142**plan communications**

1. [Process] the process of determining project stakeholder information needs and defining a communication approach. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2143**plan procurement**

1. [Process] the process of documenting project purchasing decisions, specifying the approach, and identifying potential sellers. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2144**plan quality**

1. [Process] the process of identifying quality requirements and/or standards for the project and product, and documenting how the project will demonstrate compliance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2145**plan risk management**

1. [Process] the process of defining how to conduct risk management activities for a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2146**plan risk responses**

1. [Process] the process of developing options and actions to enhance opportunities and to reduce threats to project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2147**plan standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a scheme for accomplishing defined objectives or work within specified resources

3.2148**planned process**

1. process that is documented by both a description and a plan

NOTE The related process description and plan should be coordinated, and the plan should include standards, requirements, objectives, resources, and assignments.

3.2149**planned value (PV)**

1. the authorized budget assigned to the scheduled work to be accomplished for a schedule activity or work breakdown structure component. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: budgeted cost of work scheduled (BCWS)

3.2150

planning package

1. a work breakdown structure component below the control account with known work content but without detailed schedule activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. control account

3.2151

planning processes

1. [Process Group] those processes performed to establish the total scope of the effort, define and refine the project objectives, and develop the course of action required to attain those objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2152

platform

1. a collection of hardware and software components that are needed for a CASE tool to operate. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.11

3.2153

PM

1. Project Manager. *ISO/IEC TR 16326:1999, Software engineering — Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 12207 to project management*.5. 2. program manager

3.2154

PMBOK®

1. Project Management Body of Knowledge. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2155

PMIS

1. project management information system. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2156

PMO

1. project management office. 2. program management office

3.2157

PMP®

1. Project Management Professional. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2158

PN

1. Petri Net. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.2.5

3.2159

point

1. measure of vertical distance; there are approximately 28 points to the millimeter (72 points to the inch). *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.36

3.2160

point design

1. the selection of one design that satisfies the requirements without examining other, potentially more effective, designs

3.2161**pointer**

1. a data item that specifies the location of another data item

EXAMPLE a data item that specifies the address of the next employee record to be processed

3.2162**policy**

1. a set of rules related to a particular purpose. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.4.1. 2. clear and measurable statements of preferred direction and behavior to condition the decisions made within an organization. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.11

NOTE A rule can be expressed as an obligation, an authorization, a permission, or a prohibition. Not every policy is a constraint. Some policies represent an empowerment.

3.2163**portability**

1. the ease with which a system or component can be transferred from one hardware or software environment to another. 2. the capability of a program to be executed on various types of data processing systems without converting the program to a different language and with little or no modification. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.04.06. Syn: transportability

cf. machine-independent

3.2164**portable computer**

1. a microcomputer that can be hand-carried for use in more than one location. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.03.21

3.2165**portfolio**

1. a collection of projects or programs and other work that are grouped together to facilitate effective management of that work to meet strategic business objectives. The projects or programs of the portfolio may not necessarily be interdependent or directly related. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2166**portfolio management**

1. [Technique] the centralized management of one or more portfolios, which includes identifying, prioritizing, authorizing, managing, and controlling projects, programs, and other related work, to achieve specific strategic business objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2167**port-to-port time**

1. the elapsed time between the application of a stimulus to an input interface and the appearance of the response at an output interface

cf. response time, think time, turnaround time

3.2168**postcondition**

1. a condition that is guaranteed to be true after a successful property request. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.147. 2. a constraint that must be true when a use case has ended. Syn: post-condition

3.2169

postmortem dump

1. a dump that is produced upon abnormal termination of a computer program. *Syn:* post-mortem dump

cf. change dump, dynamic dump, memory dump, selective dump, snapshot dump, static dump

3.2170

postprocessor

1. a computer program or routine that carries out some final processing step after the completion of the primary process. *Syn:* post-processor

cf. preprocessor

EXAMPLE a routine that reformats data for output

3.2171

powertype

1. a type the instances of which are subtypes of the partitioned type. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies.3.12*

EXAMPLE The class TreeSpecies is a powertype of the class Tree, since each instance of TreeSpecies is also a subclass of Tree

3.2172

PR&RPI

1. Problem Reporting and Resolution Planned Information. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process.2.2*

3.2173

practice

1. an activity that contributes to the purpose or outcomes of a process or enhances the capability of a process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.27.* 2. requirements employed to prescribe a disciplined uniform approach to the software development process. 3. a specific type of professional or management activity that contributes to the execution of a process and that may employ one or more techniques and tools. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. conventions, standards

3.2174

precedence diagramming method (PDM)

1. [Technique] a schedule network diagramming technique in which schedule activities are represented by boxes (or nodes). Schedule activities are graphically linked by one or more logical relationships to show the sequence in which the activities are to be performed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn:* activity-on-node (AON)

3.2175

precedence relationship

1. the term used in the precedence diagramming method for a logical relationship. In current usage, however, precedence relationship, logical relationship, and dependency are widely used interchangeably, regardless of the diagramming method used. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. logical relationship

3.2176

precision

1. the degree of exactness or discrimination with which a quantity is stated

cf. accuracy

EXAMPLE a precision of 2 decimal places versus a precision of 5 decimal places

3.2177**precompiler**

1. a computer program or routine that processes source code and generates equivalent code that is acceptable to a compiler

EXAMPLE a routine that converts structured FORTRAN to ANSI-standard FORTRAN

3.2178**precondition**

1. a condition that is required to be true before making a property request. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.148.
2. a constraint that must be true when a use case is invoked. Syn: pre-condition

3.2179**predecessor activity**

1. the schedule activity that determines when the logical successor activity can begin or end. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2180**predictive metric**

1. a metric applied during development and used to predict the values of a software quality factor. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.13

3.2181**predictive metric value**

1. a numerical target related to a quality factor to be met during system development. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.14

NOTE This is an intermediate requirement that is an early indicator of final system performance. For example, design or code errors may be early predictors of final system reliability.

3.2182**preliminary design**

1. the process of analyzing design alternatives and defining the architecture, components, interfaces, and timing and sizing estimates for a system or component 2. the result of the process in (1)

cf. detailed design

3.2183**preliminary design review (PDR)**

1. a review conducted to evaluate the progress, technical adequacy, and risk resolution of the selected design approach for one or more configuration items; to determine each design's compatibility with the requirements for the configuration item; to evaluate the degree of definition and assess the technical risk associated with the selected manufacturing methods and processes; to establish the existence and compatibility of the physical and functional interfaces among the configuration items and other items of equipment, facilities, software and personnel; and, as applicable, to evaluate the preliminary operational and support documents 2. a review as in (1) of any hardware or software component

cf. critical design review, system design review

3.2184**preparation time**

1. the time which elapses before the task submission. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems*.4.12

cf. task mode

NOTE The event of starting the preparation time depends on the definition of the task mode of the following task.

3.2185

preprocessor

1. a computer program or routine that carries out some processing step prior to the primary process

cf. postprocessor

EXAMPLE a precompiler or other routine that reformats code or data for processing

3.2186

prescription

1. an action that establishes a rule. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.5.6*

3.2187

presentable

1. can be retrieved and viewed. *IEEE/EIA 12207.1-1997 IEEE/EIA Standard: Industry Implementation of International Standard ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Life cycle data.H.3 g)*

3.2188

prestore

1. to store data that are required by a computer program or routine before the program or routine is entered

3.2189

prettyprinting

1. the use of indentation, blank lines, and other visual cues to show the logical structure of a program

3.2190

preventive action

1. a documented direction to perform an activity that can reduce the probability of negative consequences associated with project risks. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2191

preventive maintenance

1. the modification of a software product after delivery to detect and correct latent faults in the software product before they become operational faults. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.8.* 2. maintenance performed for the purpose of preventing problems before they occur. 3. changes to hardware or software performed to prevent future defects or failures. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 4. continuously upgrading a system to enable it to cope with current and future changes. 5. designing a software system that is easy to maintain

3.2192

previously developed software

1. software that has been produced prior to or independent of the project for which the plan is prepared, including software that is obtained or purchased from outside sources. *IEEE Std 1228-1994 (R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Safety Plans.3.1.2*

3.2193

primary entity-type

1. in Mk II FPA, one of the main entity-types which has the attributes that the application has been designed to process and/or store. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10*

3.2194**primary key**

1. the candidate key selected as the unique identifier of an entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.149

NOTE [key style]

3.2195**primitive**

1. the lowest level for which data is collected

EXAMPLE error, failure, fault, time, time interval, date, number of non-commentary source code statements, edges, and nodes

NOTE Primitives are directly measurable or countable, or may be given a constant value or condition for a specific measure.

3.2196**principal**

1. a party that has delegated (authority, a function, etc) to another. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language*.6.5.8

3.2197**printed documentation**

1. documentation that is either provided in printed form, or provided in electronic form for the customer or user to print. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.33

cf. embedded documentation

3.2198**priority**

1. the level of importance assigned to an item. 2. a rank order of status, activities, or tasks. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.1

3.2199**priority ceiling protocol**

1. an algorithm that provides bounded priority inversion

NOTE that is, at most one lower-priority task can block a higher-priority task

3.2200**priority interrupt**

1. an interrupt performed to permit execution of a process that has a higher priority than the process currently executing

3.2201**priority inversion**

1. a case where a task's execution is delayed because a lower priority task is blocking it

3.2202**private**

1. a responsibility that is visible only to the class or the receiving instance of the class (available only within methods of the class). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.150. 2. known only within a single routine or module

cf. protected, public, hidden

3.2203

private type

1. a data type whose structure and possible values are defined but are not revealed to the user of the type

cf. information hiding

3.2204

privileged instruction

1. a computer instruction that can be executed only by a supervisory program

3.2205

probability

1. the extent to which an event is likely to occur. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.3.* 2. mathematically, a real number in the scale 0 to 1 attached to a random event, related to a long-run relative frequency of occurrence or to a degree of belief that an event will occur. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.3*

NOTE For a high degree of belief, the probability is near 1. Frequency rather than probability may be used in describing risk. Degrees of belief about probability can be chosen as classes or ranks, such as rare/ unlikely/ moderate/ likely/ almost certain, or incredible/ improbable/ remote/ occasional/ probable/ frequent. [ISO Guide 73:2002, definition 3.1.3]

3.2206

probability and impact matrix

1. [Tool] a common way to determine whether a risk is considered low, moderate, or high by combining the two dimensions of a risk: its probability of occurrence, and its impact on objectives if it occurs. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2207

problem

1. unknown underlying cause of one or more incidents. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.82.* 2. a negative situation to overcome

NOTE risk factor becomes a problem when a risk metric (an objective measure) crosses a predetermined threshold (the problem trigger).

3.2208

problem definition

1. a statement of a problem, which may include a description of the data, the method, the procedures, and algorithms used to solve it. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.02.03.* Syn: problem description

3.2209

problem domain

1. a set of similar problems that occur in an environment and lend themselves to common solutions. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.2*

3.2210

problem report (PR)

1. a document used to identify and describe problems detected in a product. *ISO/IEC 14764:2006 (IEEE Std 14764-2006), Software Engineering — Software Life Cycle Processes — Maintenance.3.9*

NOTE PRs are either submitted directly to denote faults or established after impact analysis is performed on Modification Requests and faults are found.

3.2211**problem state**

1. in the operation of a computer system, a state in which programs other than the supervisory program can execute. *Syn:* slave state, user state

cf. supervisor state

3.2212**problem-oriented language**

1. a programming language designed for the solution of a given class of problems

EXAMPLE list processing languages, information retrieval languages, simulation languages

3.2213**procedural cohesion**

1. a type of cohesion in which the tasks performed by a software module all contribute to a given program procedure, such as an iteration or decision process

cf. coincidental cohesion, communicational cohesion, functional cohesion, logical cohesion, sequential cohesion, temporal cohesion

3.2214**procedural language**

1. a programming language in which the user states a specific set of instructions that the computer must perform in a given sequence. *Syn:* procedure-oriented language

cf. nonprocedural language, algebraic language, algorithmic language, list processing language, logic programming language

NOTE All widely-used programming languages are of this type.

3.2215**procedural programming language**

1. a computer programming language used to express the sequence of operations to be performed by a computer. *IEEE Std 1008-1987 (R1993, R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Unit Testing.2*

cf. nonprocedural programming language

EXAMPLE COBOL

3.2216**procedure**

1. ordered series of steps that specify how to perform a task. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.34.* 2. a written description of a course of action as in (1). 3. a portion of a computer program that is named and that performs a specific action. 4. specified way to carry out an activity or process. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes.3. 9.* 5. a routine that does not return a value

3.2217**process**

1. set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.16; ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.32.* 2. a predetermined course of events defined by its purpose or by its effect, achieved under given conditions. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.01.24.* 3. to perform operations on data. 4. a collection of steps taking place in a prescribed manner and leading to an objective. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.3.5.* 5. in data processing, the predetermined course of events that occur during the execution of

all or part of a program. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.01.25. **6.** an executable unit managed by an operating system scheduler. **7.** system of activities, which use resources to transform inputs into outputs. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.41

NOTE [ISO 9000:2005] The term "activities" covers use of resources. A process may have multiple starting points and multiple end points. The prescribed manner may be a partially ordered sequence. A process specification can be a workflow specification. An enterprise specification may define types of processes and may define process templates.

3.2218

process action plan

1. plan, usually resulting from appraisals, that documents how specific improvements targeting the weaknesses uncovered by an appraisal will be implemented

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process action team

1. team that has the responsibility to develop and implement process improvement activities for an organization as documented in a process action plan

3.2220

process architect

1. the person or group that has primary responsibility for creating and maintaining the software life cycle process (SLCP). *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process*.Annex E

cf. software life cycle process (SLCP)

3.2221

process architecture

1. ordering, interfaces, interdependencies, and other relationships among the process elements in a standard process

NOTE Process architecture also describes the interfaces, interdependencies, and other relationships between process elements and external processes, such as contract management.

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process area

1. cluster of related practices in an area that, when implemented collectively, satisfies a set of goals considered important for making improvement in that area

3.2223

process assessment

1. a disciplined evaluation of an organizational unit's processes against a Process Assessment Model. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.29

3.2224

process assessment model

1. a model suitable for the purpose of assessing process capability, based on one or more process reference models. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.30

3.2225

process asset library

1. collection of information that can be useful to those who are defining, implementing, and managing processes in the organization

NOTE may include process-related documentation such as policies, defined processes, checklists, lessons-learned documents, templates, standards, procedures, plans, and training materials

3.2226**process attribute**

1. a measurable characteristic of process capability applicable to any process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.31*

3.2227**process attribute rating**

1. a judgment of the degree of achievement of the process attribute for the assessed process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.32*

3.2228**process capability**

1. a characterization of the ability of a process to meet current or projected business goals. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.33.*
2. range of expected results that can be achieved by following a process

3.2229**process capability determination**

1. a systematic assessment and analysis of selected processes within an organization against a target capability, carried out with the aim of identifying the strengths, weaknesses and risks associated with deploying the processes to meet a particular specified requirement. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.34*

3.2230**process capability determination sponsor**

1. the individual or entity, internal or external to the organizational unit being assessed, who requires the process capability determination to be performed, and provides financial or other resources to carry it out. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.35*

3.2231**process capability level**

1. a point on the six-point ordinal scale (of process capability) that represents the capability of the process; each level builds on the capability of the level below. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.36*

3.2232**process capability level rating**

1. a representation of the achieved process capability level derived from the process attribute ratings for an assessed process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.37*

3.2233**process context**

1. the set of factors, documented in the assessment input, that influence the judgment, comprehension and comparability of process attribute ratings. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary.3.38*

3.2234**process description**

1. documented expression of a set of activities performed to achieve a given purpose

NOTE A process description provides an operational definition of the major components of a process. The description specifies, in a complete, precise, and verifiable manner, the requirements, design, behavior, or other characteristics of a process. It also may include procedures for determining whether these provisions have been satisfied. Process descriptions can be found at the activity, project, or organizational level.

3.2235

process dimension

1. the set of elements in a process assessment model explicitly related to the processes defined in the relevant process reference model(s). *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.39

NOTE The processes may be grouped based on different criteria.

3.2236

process group

1. collection of related processes. 2. team of specialists who facilitate the definition, maintenance, and improvement of processes used by the organization

3.2237

process improvement

1. actions taken to change an organization's processes so that they more effectively and/or efficiently meet the organization's business goals. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.40. 2. the result of activities that better the performance and maturity of the organization's processes

3.2238

process improvement objective

1. set of target characteristics established to guide the effort to improve an existing process in a specific, measurable way, either in terms of resultant product or service characteristics, such as quality, performance, and conformance to standards, or in the way in which the process is executed, such as elimination of redundant process steps, combination of process steps, and improvement of cycle time

3.2239

process improvement program

1. the strategies, policies, goals, responsibilities and activities concerned with the achievement of specified improvement goals. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.41

NOTE A process improvement program can span more than one complete cycle of process improvement.

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process improvement project

1. a subset of the process improvement program that forms a coherent set of actions to achieve a specific improvement. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.42

3.2241

process improvement sponsor

1. the individual or entity, internal or external to the organizational unit being assessed, who requires the process improvement to be performed, and provides financial or other resources to carry it out. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.43

3.2242

process management

1. the direction, control, and coordination of work performed to develop a product or perform a service

EXAMPLE quality assurance

3.2243

process measures

1. information captured about the development process. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2244**process metric**

1. a metric used to measure characteristics of the methods, techniques, and tools employed in developing, implementing, and maintaining the software system. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.15

3.2245**process outcome**

1. an observable result of a process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.44. 2. observable result of the successful achievement of the process purpose. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.27; *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.18

NOTE An outcome is an artifact, a significant change of state or the meeting of specified constraints. An outcome statement describes one of the following: production of an artifact; a significant change in state; meeting of specified constraints, e.g., requirements, goals.

3.2246**process owner**

1. person (or team) responsible for defining and maintaining a process

NOTE At the organizational level, the process owner is the person (or team) responsible for the description of a standard process; at the project level, the process owner is the person (or team) responsible for the description of the defined process. A process may therefore have multiple owners at different levels of responsibility.

3.2247**process performance**

1. the extent to which the execution of a process achieves its purpose. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.45

3.2248**process profile**

1. the set of process attribute ratings for an assessed process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.46

3.2249**process purpose**

1. high-level objective of performing the process and the likely outcomes of effective implementation of the process. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.17. 2. the high-level measurable objectives of performing the process and the likely outcomes of effective implementation of the process. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.47

NOTE The implementation of the process should provide tangible benefits to the stakeholders.

3.2250**process reference model**

1. a model comprising definitions of processes in a life cycle described in terms of process purpose and outcomes, together with an architecture describing the relationships between the processes. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.48

3.2251**process standard**

1. a standard that deals with the series of actions or operations used in making or achieving a product

3.2252**process tailoring**

1. making, altering, or adapting a process description for a particular end

EXAMPLE a project tailors its defined process from the organization's set of standard processes to meet objectives, constraints, and the environment of the project

3.2253

processing logic

1. requirements specifically requested by the user to complete an elementary process. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003; Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.7*

NOTE such as validations, algorithms, or calculations, and reading or maintaining a file

3.2254

processor

1. in a computer, a functional unit that interprets and executes instructions. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.08*

NOTE A processor consists of at least an instruction control unit and an arithmetic and logic unit.

3.2255

procurement documents

1. [Output/Input] those documents utilized in bid and proposal activities, which include the buyer's Invitation for Bid, Invitation for Negotiations, Request for Information, Request for Quotation, Request for Proposal and seller's responses. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

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procurement management plan

1. [Output/Input] the document that describes how procurement processes from developing procurement documentation through contract closure will be managed. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2257

product

1. an artifact that is produced, is quantifiable, and can be either an end item in itself or a component item. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 2. complete set of software and documentation. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.36.* 3. output of the software development activities (e.g., document, code, or model). *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process. Annex E.* 4. result of a process. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.33. Syn: material, goods*

cf. activity, deliverable, result

NOTE [ISO 9000:2005] There are four agreed generic product categories: hardware (e.g., engine mechanical part); software (e.g., computer program); services (e.g., transport); and processed materials (e.g., lubricant). Hardware and processed materials are generally tangible products, while software or services are generally intangible. Most products comprise elements belonging to different generic product categories. Whether the product is then called hardware, processed material, software, or service depends on the dominant element.

3.2258

product analysis

1. the process of evaluating a product by manual or automated means to determine if the product has certain characteristics

3.2259

product authority

1. person or persons with overall responsibility for the capabilities and quality of a product. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.37*

3.2260**product baseline**

1. in configuration management, the initial approved technical documentation (including, for software, the source code listing) defining a configuration item during the production, operation, maintenance, and logistic support of its life cycle 2. the hardware/software configuration identification established at the end of a development phase

cf. allocated baseline, developmental configuration, functional baseline, product configuration identification

3.2261**product configuration identification**

1. the current approved or conditionally approved technical documentation defining a configuration item during the production, operation, maintenance, and logistic support phases of its life cycle

cf. allocated configuration identification, functional configuration identification, product baseline

NOTE It prescribes all necessary physical or form, fit, and function characteristics of a configuration item, the selected functional characteristics designated for production acceptance testing, and the production

3.2262**product description**

1. a description of the properties of a software package, with the main purpose of helping potential buyers to evaluate for themselves the suitability of the product before purchasing it

NOTE The product description is not a specification; it serves a different purpose.

3.2263**product engineering**

1. the technical processes to define, design, and construct or assemble a product

3.2264**product life cycle**

1. a collection of generally sequential, non-overlapping product phases whose name and number are determined by the manufacturing and control needs of the organization. The last product life cycle phase for a product is generally the product's retirement. Generally, a project life cycle is contained within one or more product life cycles. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2265**product line**

1. group of products or services sharing a common, managed set of features that satisfy specific needs of a selected market or mission 2. a collection of systems that are potentially derivable from a single domain architecture. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.14*

3.2266**product management**

1. the definition, coordination, and control of the characteristics of a product during its development cycle

EXAMPLE configuration management

3.2267**product measures**

1. information captured about the developed software application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2268

product metric

1. a metric used to measure the characteristics of any intermediate or final product of the software development process. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.16

3.2269

product requirement

1. refinement of customer requirements into the developers' language, making implicit requirements into explicit derived requirements

3.2270

product scope

1. the features and functions that characterize a product, service or result. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2271

product scope description

1. the documented narrative description of the product scope. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2272

product specification

1. a document that specifies the design that production copies of a system or component must implement.
2. a document that describes the characteristics of a planned or existing product for consideration by potential customers or users

cf. design description

NOTE For software, this document describes the as-built version of the software.

3.2273

product standard

1. a standard that defines what constitutes completeness and acceptability of items that are used or produced, formally or informally, during the software engineering process

3.2274

product support

1. the providing of information, assistance, and training to install and make software operational in its intended environment and to distribute improved capabilities to users

3.2275

production

1. steps involved in taking draft text and turning it into camera-ready originals, completed help text or online documentation. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.39

3.2276

production library

1. a software library containing software approved for current operational use

cf. master library, software development library, software repository, system library

3.2277

productivity

1. the ratio of work product to work effort. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. delivery rate

3.2278**professional standard**

1. a standard that identifies a profession as a discipline and distinguishes it from other professions

3.2279**program**

1. to write a computer program. 2. to design, write, modify, and test programs. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.02.* 3. a group of related projects managed in a coordinated way to obtain benefits and control not available from managing them individually. Programs may include elements of related work outside of the scope of the discrete projects in the program. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. computer program

3.2280**program construct**

1. a set of one or more procedure parts and a control part which may be implicit. *ISO/IEC 8631:1989, Information technology — Program constructs and conventions for their representation.2*

NOTE Each procedure part consists of one or more operations to be performed or may be null.

3.2281**program design language (PDL)**

1. a specification language with special constructs and, sometimes, verification protocols, used to develop, analyze, and document a program design

cf. hardware design language, pseudo code

3.2282**Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT)**

1. a technique for estimating that applies a weighted average of optimistic, pessimistic, and most likely estimates when there is uncertainty with the individual activity estimates. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2283**program instruction**

1. a computer instruction in a source program

NOTE A program instruction is distinguished from a computer instruction that results from assembly, compilation, or other interpretation process.

3.2284**program librarian**

1. the person responsible for establishing, controlling, and maintaining a software development library

3.2285**program listing**

1. a printout or other human readable display of the source and, sometimes, object statements that make up a computer program

3.2286**program maintenance manual**

1. a document that provides the information necessary to maintain a program. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.06.08*

3.2287**program management**

1. the centralized coordinated management of a program to achieve the program's strategic objectives and benefits. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2288

program mutation

1. a computer program that has been purposely altered from the intended version to evaluate the ability of test cases to detect the alteration 2. the process of creating an altered program as in (1)

cf. mutation testing

3.2289

program network chart

1. a diagram that shows the relationship between two or more computer programs

3.2290

program specification

1. a document that describes the structure and functions of a program in sufficient detail to permit programming and to facilitate maintenance. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.06.06*

3.2291

program status word (PSW)

1. a computer word that contains information specifying the current status of a computer program. 2. a special-purpose register that contains a program status word as in (1)

NOTE The information may include error indicators, the address of the next instruction to be executed, currently enabled interrupts, and so on.

3.2292

program synthesis

1. the use of software tools to aid in the transformation of a program specification into a program that realizes that specification

3.2293

programmable breakpoint

1. a breakpoint that automatically invokes a previously specified debugging process when initiated

cf. code breakpoint, data breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, epilog breakpoint, prolog breakpoint, static breakpoint

3.2294

programmable terminal

1. a user terminal that has built-in data processing capability. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.03.14. Syn: intelligent terminal*

3.2295

programmer manual

1. a document that provides the information necessary to develop or modify software for a given computer system

cf. diagnostic manual, installation manual, operator manual, support manual, user manual

NOTE Typically described are the equipment configuration, operational characteristics, programming features, input/output features, and compilation or assembly features of the computer system.

3.2296

programming

1. the general activity of software development. 2. the designing, writing, modifying, and testing of programs. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.03*

cf. construction

NOTE especially construction activities

3.2297**programming language**

1. a language used to express computer programs. 2. an artificial language for expressing programs. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.05.10

3.2298**programming support environment**

1. an integrated collection of software tools accessed via a single command language to provide programming support capabilities throughout the software life cycle

cf. scaffolding

NOTE sometimes called integrated programming support environment. The environment typically includes tools for specifying, designing, editing, compiling, loading, testing, configuration management, and project management.

3.2299**programming system**

1. a set of programming languages and the support software (editors, compilers, linkers, etc.) necessary for using these languages with a given computer system

3.2300**program-sensitive fault**

1. a fault that causes a failure when some particular sequence of program steps is executed

cf. data-sensitive fault

3.2301**progressive elaboration**

1. [Technique] continuously improving and detailing a plan as more detailed and specific information and more accurate estimates become available as the project progresses, and thereby producing more accurate and complete plans that result from the successive iterations of the planning process. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2302**project**

1. endeavor with defined start and finish dates undertaken to create a product or service in accordance with specified resources and requirements. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.20; *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.34. 2. an undertaking with pre-specified objectives, magnitude and duration. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*.20.07.01. 3. a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 4. a collection of work tasks with a time frame and a work product to be delivered. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 5. set of activities for developing a new product or enhancing an existing product. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.38

NOTE A project may be viewed as a unique process comprising coordinated and controlled activities and may be composed of activities from the Project Processes and Technical Processes.

3.2303**project agreement**

1. a document or set of documents baselined by the acquirer and the supplier that specifies the conditions under which the project will be conducted. *IEEE Std 1058-1998 IEEE Standard for Software Project Management Plans*.3.4

NOTE A project agreement may include items such as the scope, objectives, assumptions, management interfaces, risks, staffing plan, resource requirements, price, schedule, resource and budget allocations, project deliverables, and acceptance criteria for the project deliverables. Documents in a project agreement may include some or all of the

following: a contract, a statement of work, user requirements, system engineering specifications, software requirements specifications, a software project management plan, supporting process plans, a business plan, a project charter, or a memo of understanding.

3.2304

project calendar

1. a calendar of working days or shifts that establishes those dates on which schedule activities are worked and nonworking days that determine those dates on which schedule activities are idle. Typically defines holidays, weekends and shift hours. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. resource calendar

3.2305

project charter

1. [Output/Input] a document issued by the project initiator or sponsor that formally authorizes the existence of a project, and provides the project manager with the authority to apply organizational resources to project activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2306

project communications management

1. [Knowledge Area] project communications management includes the processes required to ensure timely and appropriate generation, collection, distribution, storage, retrieval, and ultimate disposition of project information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2307

project control

1. the activities concerned with monitoring the progress of a project, its direction, quality, and resource utilization, as compared with project plans. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.07.04*

3.2308

project cost management

1. [Knowledge Area] project cost management includes the processes involved in estimating, budgeting, and controlling costs so that the project can be completed within the approved budget. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2309

project deliverable

1. a work product to be delivered to the acquirer. *IEEE Std 1058-1998 IEEE Standard for Software Project Management Plans.3.5*

NOTE Quantities, delivery dates, and delivery locations are specified in a project agreement. Project deliverables may include the following: operational requirements, functional specifications, design documentation, source code, object code, test results, installation instructions, training aids, user manuals, product development tools, and maintenance documentation. Project deliverables may be self-contained or may be part of a larger system's deliverables.

3.2310

project file

1. a central repository of material pertinent to a project. *Syn: project notebook*

NOTE Contents typically include memos, plans, technical reports, and related items.

3.2311

project function point count

1. the size of a development project or an enhancement project expressed in function points. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE In other words, the total functionality to be added, changed, or deleted. It enables those involved to determine the effort required in order to realize new software or to change the functionality of existing software. In the latter case, a project function point count pertains to the addition, change, or deletion of functions.

3.2312

project human resource management

1. [Knowledge Area] project human resource management includes the processes that organize and manage the project team. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2313

project initiation

1. launching a process that can result in the authorization of a new project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2314

project integration management

1. [Knowledge Area] project integration management includes the processes and activities needed to identify, define, combine, unify, and coordinate the various processes and project management activities within the project management process groups. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2315

project leader

1. a person who manages or leads projects. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2316

project level

1. the management level responsible for managing individual new development or major enhancement projects. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2317

project life cycle

1. a collection of generally sequential project phases whose name and number are determined by the control needs of the organization or organizations involved in the project. A life cycle can be documented with a methodology. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2318

project management (PM)

1. the application of knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques to project activities to meet the project requirements. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.*
 2. the activities concerned with project planning and project control. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.07.02*

3.2319

Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®)

1. An inclusive term that describes the sum of knowledge within the profession of project management. As with other professions, such as law, medicine, and accounting, the body of knowledge rests with the practitioners and academics that apply and advance it. The complete project management body of knowledge includes proven traditional practices that are widely applied and innovative practices that are emerging in the profession. The body of knowledge includes both published and unpublished materials. This body of knowledge is constantly evolving. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2320

project management information system (PMIS)

1. [Tool] an information system consisting of the tools and techniques used to gather, integrate, and disseminate the outputs of project management processes. It is used to support all aspects of the project from initiating through closing, and can include both manual and automated systems. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2321

project management knowledge area

1. an identified area of project management defined by its knowledge requirements and described in terms of its component processes, practices, inputs, outputs, tools, and techniques. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2322

project management office (PMO)

1. an organizational body or entity assigned various responsibilities related to the centralized and coordinated management of those projects under its domain. The responsibilities of a PMO can range from providing project management support functions to actually being responsible for the direct management of a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2323

project management plan

1. [Output/Input] a formal, approved document that defines how the project is executed, monitored and controlled. It may be a summary or detailed and may be composed of one or more subsidiary management plans and other planning documents. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2324

project management process group

1. a logical grouping of project management inputs, tools and techniques, and outputs. The project management process groups include initiating processes, planning processes, executing processes, monitoring and controlling processes, and closing processes. Project management process groups are not project phases. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2325

project management software

1. applications specifically designed to aid the project management team with planning, monitoring, and controlling the project, including cost estimating, scheduling, collaboration, and risk analysis

3.2326

project management system

1. [Tool] the aggregation of the processes, tools, techniques, methodologies, resources, and procedures to manage a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2327

project management team

1. the members of the project team who are directly involved in project management activities. On some smaller projects, the project management team may include virtually all of the project team members. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2328

project manager (PM)

1. the person assigned by the performing organization to achieve the project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. person who manages one or more projects or groups of projects. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 3. person with overall responsibility for the management and running of a project. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.39

3.2329**project organization chart**

1. [Output/Input] a document that graphically depicts the project team members and their interrelationships for a specific project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2330**project phase**

1. a collection of logically related project activities, usually culminating in the completion of a major deliverable. Project phases are mainly completed sequentially, but can overlap in some project situations. A project phase is a component of a project life cycle. A project phase is not a project management process group. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2331**project plan**

1. a document that describes the technical and management approach to be followed for a project

EXAMPLE a software development plan

NOTE The plan typically describes the work to be done, the resources required, the methods to be used, the procedures to be followed, the schedules to be met, and the way that the project will be organized.

3.2332**project planning**

1. the activities concerned with the specification of the components, timing, resources, and procedures of a project. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990 Information technology--Vocabulary--Part 20: System development.20.07.03*

3.2333**project portfolio**

1. collection of projects that addresses the strategic objectives of the organization. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.30; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.21*

3.2334**project procurement management**

1. [Knowledge Area] project procurement management includes the processes to purchase or acquire the products, services, or results needed from outside the project team to perform the work. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2335**project quality management**

1. [Knowledge Area] project quality management includes the processes and activities of the performing organization that determine quality policies, objectives, and responsibilities so that the project will satisfy the needs for which it was undertaken. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2336**project resource constraint**

1. limitation or restraint placed on resource usage, such as what resource skills or disciplines are available and the amount of a given resource available during a specified time frame

3.2337**project risk management**

1. [Knowledge Area] project risk management includes the processes concerned with conducting risk management planning, identification, analysis, responses, and monitoring and control on a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2338

project risk profile

1. a project's current and historical risk-related information; a compendium or aggregate of all of the individual risk profiles in a project. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.4*

cf. risk profile, risk state

NOTE The project risk profile information includes the risk management context, along with the chronological record of risks and their individual risk profiles, priority ordering, risk-related measures, treatment status, contingency plans, and risk action requests. A project risk profile consists of a collection of the risk profiles of all the individual risks, which in turn includes the current and historical risk states.

3.2339

project schedule

1. [Output/Input] the planned dates for performing schedule activities and the planned dates for meeting schedule milestones. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2340

project schedule network diagram

1. [Output/Input] any schematic display of the logical relationships among the project schedule activities. Always drawn from left to right to reflect project work chronology. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition. Syn: logic diagram*

3.2341

project scope

1. the work that must be performed to deliver a product, service, or result with the specified features and functions. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2342

project scope management

1. [Knowledge Area] project scope management includes the processes required to ensure that the project includes all the work required, and only the work required, to complete the project successfully. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2343

project scope statement

1. [Output/Input] the narrative description of the project scope, including major deliverables, project assumptions, project constraints, and a description of work, that provides a documented basis for making future project decisions and for confirming or developing a common understanding of project scope among the stakeholders. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2344

project specification

1. a specification of the objectives, requirements, and scope of a project and its relations to other projects. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development.20.07.07*

3.2345

project team

1. the project manager, and, for some projects, the project sponsor, and the group of persons who report either directly or indirectly to the project manager and who are responsible for performing project work as a regular part of their assigned duties, including the staff supporting project management

3.2346

project team directory

1. a documented list of project team members, their project roles and communication information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2347**project time management**

1. [Knowledge Area] project time management includes the processes required to manage the timely completion of a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2348**project/application attribute**

1. characteristics of a project or an application that may have a significant impact on productivity. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

EXAMPLE hardware platform, personnel experience, tools, and methodology

NOTE The project/application attribute is used to categorize project data during analysis.

3.2349**projectized organization**

1. any organizational structure in which the project manager has full authority to assign priorities, apply resources, and direct the work of persons assigned to the project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2350**prolog breakpoint**

1. a breakpoint that is initiated upon entry into a program or routine. *Syn: preamble breakpoint*

cf. epilog breakpoint, code breakpoint, data breakpoint, dynamic breakpoint, programmable breakpoint, static breakpoint

3.2351**prompt**

1. a symbol or message displayed by a computer system, requesting input from the user of the system. 2. to display a symbol or message as in (1). 3. a visual or audible message sent by a program to request or guide the user's response. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.06.07*

3.2352**proof**

1. final copy of a paper document presented to the acquirer for review prior to publication. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.40*

NOTE Unless alterations are requested, the finished document should be identical to the proof copy in all respects other than paper stock, binding and colors. Proofs are generally photocopies of the camera-ready originals.

3.2353**proof of correctness**

1. a formal technique used to prove mathematically that a computer program satisfies its specified requirements. 2. a proof that results from applying the technique in (1)

cf. assertion, formal specification, inductive assertion method, partial correctness, total correctness

3.2354**property**

1. a responsibility that is an inherent or distinctive characteristic or trait that manifests some aspect of an object's knowledge or behavior. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.151*

NOTE Three kinds of property are defined: attribute, participant properties due to relationships, and operations.

3.2355

proposal

1. compilation of benefits, costs, risks, opportunities, and other factors applicable to decisions to be made. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology*.1.6.12

NOTE includes business cases

3.2356

proposed change

1. a report of anomaly, required or recommended enhancement from the time an idea is recorded until the disposition by a designated change authority. *ISO/IEC TR 15846:1998, Information technology — Software life cycle processes — Configuration Management*.4.3

NOTE The disposition may be to reject, to defer for further analysis, or to accept. Upon acceptance the proposed change becomes an approved modification. There may be a one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-many relationship between proposed changes and approved modifications.

3.2357

protected

1. a responsibility that is visible only to the class or the receiving instance of the class (available only within methods of the class or its subclasses). *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.152

cf. private, public, hidden

3.2358

protection exception

1. an exception that occurs when a program attempts to write into a protected area in storage

cf. addressing exception, data exception, operation exception, overflow exception, underflow exception

3.2359

protocol

1. a set of conventions that govern the interaction of processes, devices, and other components within a system

3.2360

protocol object

1. an engineering object in a channel, which communicates with other protocol objects in the same channel to achieve interaction between basic engineering objects (possibly in different clusters, possibly in different capsules, possibly in different nodes). *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.8.1.12

3.2361

prototype

1. a preliminary type, form, or instance of a system that serves as a model for later stages or for the final, complete version of the system 2. model or preliminary implementation of a piece of software suitable for the evaluation of system design, performance or production potential, or for the better understanding of the software requirements. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process*.4.41

NOTE A prototype is used to get feedback from users for improving and specifying a complex human interface, for feasibility studies, or for identifying requirements.

3.2362

prototyping

1. a hardware and software development technique in which a preliminary version of part or all of the hardware or software is developed to permit user feedback, determine feasibility, or investigate timing or other issues in support of the development process

cf. rapid prototyping

3.2363 provision

1. expression in the content of a normative document, that takes the form of a statement, an instruction, a recommendation or a requirement. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998*.3.8

NOTE These types of provision are distinguished [in English] by the form of wording they employ, e.g., instructions are expressed in the imperative mood, recommendations by the use of the auxiliary "should", and requirements by the use of the auxiliary "shall". [ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004]

3.2364 provisional assessor

1. a person who has the skills and competencies to carry out assessments under the guidance and supervision of a competent assessor. *ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*.3.49

3.2365 PSCI

1. Protocol Support for Computational Interactions. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.4

3.2366 pseudo instruction

1. a source language instruction that provides information or direction to the assembler or compiler and is not translated into a target language instruction. *Syn:* pragma, pseudo-op, pseudo operation

EXAMPLE an instruction specifying the desired format of source code listings

3.2367 pseudocode

1. a combination of programming language constructs and natural language used to express a computer program design. 2. a general term for structured English or program design language. 3. English-like statements used for low-level program design

EXAMPLE IF the data arrives faster than expected, THEN reject every third input ELSE process all data received
ENDIF.

3.2368 PSW

1. program status word

3.2369 PTNG

1. Place/Transition Net Graph. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.2.6

3.2370 public

1. a responsibility that is not hidden. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.153. 2. known to multiple routines or modules

cf. hidden, private, protected

NOTE that is, visible to any requester (available to all without restriction)

3.2371

purpose statement

1. brief statement of the reason for an IDEF0 model's existence that is presented in the a-0 context diagram of the model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.96*

3.2372

PV

1. planned value. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2373

QA

1. quality assurance

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QC

1. quality control

3.2375

QME

1. quality measure element. *ISO/IEC 25021:2007, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Quality measure elements.5*

3.2376

QOS

1. Quality of Service. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2377

QR

1. quality requirements. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-4:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 4: Reference model.4*

3.2378

qualification

1. process of demonstrating whether an entity is capable of fulfilling specified requirements. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.31; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.22.* 2. the process of determining whether a system or component is suitable for operational use

3.2379

qualification requirement

1. set of criteria or conditions that have to be met in order to qualify a software product as complying with its specifications and being ready for use in its target environment or integration with its containing system. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.32*

3.2380

qualification testing

1. testing, conducted by the developer and witnessed by the acquirer (as appropriate), to demonstrate that a software product meets its specifications and is ready for use in its target environment or integration with its containing system. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.33.* 2. testing conducted to determine whether a system or component is suitable for operational use. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.24*

cf. acceptance testing, development testing, operational testing

3.2381**qualitative risk analysis**

1. prioritizing risks for subsequent further analysis or action by assessing and combining their probability of occurrence and impact

3.2382**quality**

1. the degree to which a system, component, or process meets specified requirements. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.25. 2. ability of a product, service, system, component, or process to meet customer or user needs, expectations, or requirements. 3. the totality of characteristics of an entity that bear on its ability to satisfy stated and implied needs. *ISO/IEC 9126-1:2001, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 1: Quality model*.B.21. 4. conformity to user expectations, conformity to user requirements, customer satisfaction, reliability, and level of defects present. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 5. the degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 6. the degree to which a system, component, or process meets customer or user needs or expectations. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation*.3.1.25

3.2383**quality assurance (QA)**

1. a planned and systematic pattern of all actions necessary to provide adequate confidence that an item or product conforms to established technical requirements 2. a set of activities designed to evaluate the process by which products are developed or manufactured. 3. the planned and systematic activities implemented within the quality system, and demonstrated as needed, to provide adequate confidence that an entity will fulfill requirements for quality. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.34. 4. part of quality management focused on providing confidence that quality requirements will be fulfilled. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.23

NOTE There are both internal and external purposes for quality assurance: within an organization, quality assurance provides confidence to management; in contractual situations, quality assurance provides confidence to the customer or others. Some quality control and quality assurance actions are interrelated. Unless requirements for quality fully reflect the needs of the user, quality assurance may not provide adequate confidence.

3.2384**quality attribute**

1. characteristic of software, or a generic term applying to quality factors, quality subfactors, or metric values. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.17. 2. feature or characteristic that affects an item's quality. 3. requirement that specifies the degree of an attribute that affects the quality that the system or software must possess

3.2385**quality control (QC)**

1. a set of activities designed to evaluate the quality of developed or manufactured products. 2. the process of verifying one's own work or that of a co-worker.

cf. quality assurance

NOTE This term has no standardized meaning in software engineering at this time.

3.2386**quality evaluation**

1. systematic examination of the extent to which an entity is capable of fulfilling specified requirements. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.22

NOTE The requirements may be formally specified, as when a product is developed for a specific user under a contract, or specified by the development organization, as when a product is developed for unspecified users, such as consumer software, or the requirements may be more general, as when a user evaluates products for comparison and selection purposes.

3.2387

quality factor

1. a management-oriented attribute of software that contributes to its quality. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.18. 2. higher-level quality attribute

3.2388

quality factor sample

1. a set of quality factor values that is drawn from the metrics database and used in metrics validation. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.19

3.2389

quality factor value

1. a value of the direct metric that represents a quality factor. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology*.2.2

cf. metric value

3.2390

quality in use (measure)

1. the extent to which a product used by specific users meets their needs to achieve specific goals with effectiveness, productivity, safety and satisfaction in specific contexts of use. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.42

cf. usability

NOTE This definition of quality in use is similar to the definition of usability in ISO 9241-11.

3.2391

quality management

1. coordinated activities to direct and control an organization with regard to quality. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005; Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)*.12

NOTE ISO 9000-2000.

3.2392

quality management plan

1. [Output/Input] the quality management plan describes how the project management team will implement the performing organization's quality policy. The quality management plan is a component or a subsidiary plan of the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2393

quality measure element (QME)

1. base measure or derived measure that is used for constructing software quality measures. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.43; *ISO/IEC 25021:2007, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Quality measure elements*.4.14

NOTE The software quality characteristics or subcharacteristics of the entity are derived afterwards by calculating a software quality measure.

3.2394

quality metric

1. a quantitative measure of the degree to which an item possesses a given quality attribute. 2. a function whose inputs are software data and whose output is a single numerical value that can be interpreted as the degree to which the software possesses a given quality attribute

3.2395**quality model**

1. defined set of characteristics, and of relationships between them, which provides a framework for specifying quality requirements and evaluating quality. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.44.* 2. the set of characteristics and the relationships between them which provide the basis for specifying quality requirements and evaluating quality. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview.4.24*

3.2396**quality requirement**

1. a requirement that a software attribute be present in software to satisfy a contract, standard, specification, or other formally imposed document. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.21*

3.2397**quality subfactor**

1. a decomposition of a quality factor or quality subfactor to its technical components. *IEEE Std 1061-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Software Quality Metrics Methodology.2.22*

3.2398**quantitative risk analysis**

1. numerical analysis of the effect on overall project objectives of identified risks

3.2399**quantity (base)**

1. one of the quantities that, in a system of quantities, are conventionally accepted as functionally independent of one another. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.2*

3.2400**query language**

1. a language used to access information stored in a database

cf. programming language, specification language

3.2401**queue**

1. a list in which items are appended to the last position of the list and retrieved from the first position of the list

3.2402**quiescing**

1. the process of bringing a device or system to a halt by rejecting new requests for work

3.2403**RACI**

1. responsible, accountable, consult, and inform. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2404**RAM**

1. responsibility assignment matrix. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2405**random failure**

1. a failure whose occurrence is unpredictable except in a probabilistic or statistical sense

cf. intermittent fault, transient error

3.2406

rapid prototyping

1. a type of prototyping in which emphasis is placed on developing prototypes early in the development process to permit early feedback and analysis in support of the development process

cf. waterfall model, data structure-centered design, incremental development, input-process-output, modular decomposition

3.2407

rate-monotonic algorithm

1. a real-time scheduling algorithm that assigns higher priorities to tasks with shorter periods

3.2408

rating

1. action of mapping the measured value to the appropriate rating level. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.45*

NOTE used to determine the rating level associated with the software for a specific quality characteristic. Rating and rating levels can be applied to characteristics other than quality characteristics.

3.2409

rating interval

1. the time interval of the measurement procedure from the time the SUT reaches a stable state of operation to the time the measurement results are fulfilling the required statistical significance. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.13*

3.2410

rating level

1. scale point on an ordinal scale, which is used to categorize a measurement scale. *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE.4.46*

NOTE The rating level enables software product to be classified (rated) in accordance with the stated or implied needs. Appropriate rating levels may be associated with the different views of quality, i.e., Users', Managers,' or Developers.'

3.2411

ratio

1. the result of dividing one measured quantity by another. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2412

raw requirement

1. an environmental or customer requirement that has not been analyzed and formulated as a well-formed requirement. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications.3.13*

3.2413

RBS

1. risk breakdown structure. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 2. resource breakdown structure

3.2414

RDA

1. Remote Database Access. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2415**RDN**

1. Relative Distinguished Name. *ISO/IEC 13235-3:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Trading Function — Part 3: Provision of Trading Function using OSI Directory service.4*

3.2416**reachability graph**

1. a directed graph of nodes and edges, where the nodes correspond to reachable markings, and the edges correspond to transition occurrences. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.21*

3.2417**reachability set**

1. the set of reachable markings of the net, including the initial marking. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14.5*

3.2418**reachable marking**

1. a marking of the net that can be reached from the initial marking by the occurrence of transitions. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation.2.1.14.4*

3.2419**reactivation**

1. cloning a cluster following its deactivation. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.26*

3.2420**read**

1. to access data from a storage device or data medium. 2. a data movement type that moves a data group from persistent storage within reach of the functional process which requires it. *ISO/IEC 19761:2003, Software engineering — COSMIC-FFP — A functional size measurement method.3.21*

cf. destructive read, nondestructive read, write

NOTE A read is considered to include certain associated data manipulations necessary to achieve the read.

3.2421**readability**

1. the ease with which a system's source code can be read and understood, especially at the detailed, statement level

3.2422**reader note**

1. a comment made by a reader about a diagram and placed on the diagram page. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.97*

NOTE A reader note is not part of the diagram itself, but rather is used for communication about a diagram during model development.

3.2423**reading reference**

1. data storage entity or record, or interface record from another software or system containing data retrieved in a BFC. *ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.3.8*

NOTE The number of reading references is equal to 0 for all BFC types where it is applicable.

3.2424

read-only

1. a property that causes no state changes. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.155

NOTE That is, it does no updates.

3.2425

real address

1. the address of a storage location in the main storage part of a virtual storage system

cf. virtual address

3.2426

real storage

1. the main storage portion of a virtual storage system

cf. virtual storage

3.2427

real type

1. a data type whose members can assume real numbers as values and can be operated on by real number arithmetic operations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and square root

cf. character type, enumeration type, integer type, logical type

3.2428

realization

1. the representation of interface responsibilities through specified algorithms and representation properties. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.156

NOTE The realization states "how" a responsibility is met; it is the statement of the responsibility's method. Realization consists of any necessary representation properties together with the algorithm (if any). A realization may involve representation properties or an algorithm, or both. For example, an attribute typically has only a representation and no algorithm. An algorithm that is a "pure algorithm" (i.e., without any representation properties) uses only literals; it does not "get" any values as its inputs. Finally, a derived attribute or operation typically has both an algorithm and representation properties.

3.2429

real-time

1. a problem, system, or application that is concurrent and has timing constraints whereby incoming events must be processed within a given timeframe 2. pertaining to a system or mode of operation in which computation is performed during the actual time that an external process occurs, in order that the computation results can be used to control, monitor, or respond in a timely manner to the external process. *Syn:* realtime, real time

3.2430

real-time scheduling theory

1. a theory for priority-based scheduling of concurrent tasks with hard deadlines

NOTE It addresses how to determine whether a group of tasks, whose individual CPU utilization is known, will meet their deadlines.

3.2431

real-world object

1. entity that exists in a three-dimensional form and, by association, implies similar properties or behavior to software functions. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.41

EXAMPLE printer, filing cabinet, file folder and sheet of paper

3.2432**recommendation**

1. provision that conveys advice or guidance. *ISO/IEC 14143-2:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 2: Conformity evaluation of software size measurement methods to ISO/IEC 14143-1:1998.3.9*

NOTE: [ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004]

3.2433**record**

1. a set of related data items treated as a unit. 2. document stating results achieved or providing evidence of activities performed. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.9*

EXAMPLE in stock control, the data for each invoice could constitute one record

3.2434**record element type (RET)**

1. a user-recognizable subgroup of data elements within an ILF or EIF. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual.6*

3.2435**record type**

1. an entity type in a logical file. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

3.2436**recoverability**

1. the degree to which object state changes resulting from failed transactions are cancelled. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996 Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.13.7.1.4*

3.2437**recovery**

1. the restoration of a system, program, database, or other system resource to a state in which it can perform required functions 2. cloning a cluster after cluster failure or deletion. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.8.1.25*

cf. backward recovery, checkpoint, forward recovery

3.2438**recto**

1. page on the same side (i.e. right or left) as the front cover. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.42*

3.2439**RECU**

1. Repair/Enhancement/ Conversion/User support/Prevention. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

cf. maintenance (support) rate

3.2440**recursion**

1. a process in which a software module calls itself. 2. the process of defining or generating a process or data structure in terms of itself

cf. simultaneous recursion

3.2441

recursive

1. pertaining to a software module that calls itself. 2. pertaining to a process or data structure that is defined or generated in terms of itself

3.2442

redundancy

1. in fault tolerance, the presence of auxiliary components in a system to perform the same or similar functions as other elements for the purpose of preventing or recovering from failures

cf. active redundancy, diversity, homogeneous redundancy, standby redundancy

3.2443

reengineering

1. the examination and alteration of software to reconstitute it in a new form, including the subsequent implementation of the new form. *ISO/IEC TR 19759:2005, Software Engineering — Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK).6.4.2.* 2. the complete cycle of performing reverse engineering followed by forward engineering

3.2444

reentrant

1. pertaining to a software module that can be entered as part of one process while also in execution as part of another process and still achieve the desired results. *Syn:* reenterable, re-entrant

3.2445

reentry point

1. the place in a software module at which the module is reentered following a call to another module. *Syn:* re-entry point

3.2446

reference expression

1. an expression that uniquely identifies a box, a node or function, a diagram, or a model page within an IDEF0 model. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.98*

3.2447

reference FSM method

1. an FSM method to be used for comparison reasons when verifying the functional size measurement results. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-4:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 4: Reference model.3.3*

3.2448

reference mode

1. usage mode that is intended to provide quick access to specific information for software users who are generally familiar with the software functions. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.42*

3.2449

reference user requirement collection (RUR Collection)

1. a subset of RUR which is selected to match the purpose in a specific evaluation. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-4:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 4: Reference model.3.5*

3.2450

reference user requirements (RUR)

1. a standard set of user requirements which conforms to the requirements. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-4:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 4: Reference model.3.4*

3.2451**referential integrity**

1. a guarantee that a reference refers to an object that exists. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.157. 2. a guarantee that all specified conditions for a relationship hold true. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.157

EXAMPLE if a class is declared to require at least one instance of a related state class, it would be invalid to allow an instance that does not have such a relationship

3.2452**reflexive**

1. in a relationship, the condition when the same data object plays both (binary or many (n-ary)) roles. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models*.6.5. *Syn*: recursive

3.2453**reflexive ancestor (of a class)**

1. the class itself or any of its generic ancestors. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.158

cf. generic ancestor

3.2454**regression test**

1. retesting to detect faults introduced by modification

3.2455**regression testing**

1. selective retesting of a system or component to verify that modifications have not caused unintended effects and that the system or component still complies with its specified requirements 2. testing required to determine that a change to a system component has not adversely affected functionality, reliability or performance and has not introduced additional defects. *ISO/IEC 90003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software*.3.11. 3. functional testing that follows modification and maintenance

3.2456**regulation**

1. requirements imposed by a governmental body. These requirements can establish product, process or service characteristics including applicable administrative provisions—that have government-mandated compliance. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2457**relation**

1. a set of relationships of the same relationship type. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function*.3.2.3

3.2458**relationship**

1. a real-world association among one or more entities. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2. 2. an association between two (not necessarily distinct) classes that is deemed relevant within a particular scope and purpose. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.159. 3. a semantic connection between model elements. 4. an association of interest between two entities. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 5. a predicate involving two or more roles with assigned values. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function*.3.2.1

NOTE The association is named for the sense in which the instances are related. A relationship can be represented as a time-varying binary relation between the instances of the current extents of two state classes.

3.2459

relationship instance

1. an association of specific instances of the related classes. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.160

3.2460

relationship name

1. a verb or verb phrase that reflects the meaning of the relationship expressed between the two entities shown on the diagram on which the name appears. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.161

NOTE [key style]

3.2461

relationship type

1. a type of relationship which expresses the number and type of the roles. *ISO/IEC 14769:2001, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Type Repository Function*.3.2.2

3.2462

relative address

1. an address that must be adjusted by the addition of an offset to determine the address of the storage location to be accessed

cf. absolute address, base address, indexed address, self-relative address

3.2463

relative chain frequency

1. the relative frequency of using the l-th chain type by an emulated user of the i-th type. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems*.4.14

3.2464

release

1. a delivered version of an application which may include all or part of an application. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual* 2. collection of new and/or changed configuration items which are tested and introduced into the live environment together. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification*.2.10. 3. a software version that is made formally available to a wider community. 4. particular version of a configuration item that is made available for a specific purpose. *IEEE Std 828-2005 IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans*.2.12; *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.35. 5. the formal notification and distribution of an approved version. *IEEE Std 828-2005 IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans*.2.1.2.

EXAMPLE a test release

NOTE Release management includes defining acceptable quality levels for release, authority to authorize the release, and release procedures.

3.2465

release engineer

1. the person responsible for coordinating development toward a release

NOTE The release engineer will monitor pending issues for a given release, oversee the code freeze, and tag the release once it gets out the door.

3.2466

relevant stakeholder

1. stakeholder that is identified for involvement in specified activities and is included in a plan

3.2467**reliability**

1. the ability of a system or component to perform its required functions under stated conditions for a specified period of time. 2. capability of the software product to maintain a specified level of performance when used under specified conditions. *ISO/IEC 9126-1:2001, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 1: Quality model. 6.2.*

cf. availability, MTBF

NOTE Wear or aging does not occur in software. Limitations in reliability are due to faults in requirements, design, and implementation. Failures due to these faults depend on the way the software product is used and the program options selected rather than on elapsed time.

3.2468**reliability growth**

1. the improvement in reliability that results from correction of faults

3.2469**relocatable**

1. pertaining to code that can be loaded into any part of main memory

cf. relocating loader

NOTE The starting address is established by the loader, which then adjusts the addresses in the code to reflect the storage locations into which the code has been loaded.

3.2470**relocatable address**

1. an address that is to be adjusted by the loader when the computer program containing the address is loaded into memory

cf. absolute address

3.2471**relocatable code**

1. code containing addresses that are to be adjusted by the loader to reflect the storage locations into which the code is loaded

cf. absolute code

3.2472**relocate**

1. to move machine code from one portion of main memory to another and to adjust the addresses so that the code can be executed in its new location

3.2473**relocating assembler**

1. an assembler that produces relocatable code

cf. absolute assembler

3.2474**relocating loader**

1. a loader that reads relocatable code into main memory and adjusts the addresses in the code to reflect the storage locations into which the code has been loaded. *Syn:* relative loader

cf. absolute loader

3.2475

relocation dictionary

1. the part of an object module or load module that identifies the addresses that must be adjusted when a relocation occurs

3.2476

relocation transparency

1. a distribution transparency which masks relocation of an interface from other interfaces bound to it. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.4.4.1.5*

3.2477

relocator

1. an object providing the relocation function. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.14.3.1.1*

3.2478

remote job entry (RJE)

1. submission of jobs through a remote input device connected to a computer through a data link. *Syn: remote batch entry*

3.2479

remote terminal emulator (RTE)

1. a data processing system realizing a set of emulated users. *ISO/IEC 14756:1999, Information technology — Measurement and rating of performance of computer-based software systems.4.15*

3.2480

repair

1. the correction of defects that have resulted from errors in external design, internal design, or code. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual. Syn: defect removal*

EXAMPLE missing functions that do not result in application failure (external design error) or errors resulting in a stop-run situation (code error)

3.2481

reparent

1. to move the changes developed under one branch into another

NOTE The changes are not committed to the original branch.

3.2482

repeatability (of results of measurements)

1. closeness of the agreement between the results of successive measurements of the same measurand carried out under the same conditions of measurement. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods.3.8*

NOTE These conditions are called repeatability conditions. Repeatability conditions include the same measurement procedure, the same observer, the same measuring instrument, used under the same conditions; the same location; repetition over a short period of time. Repeatability may be expressed quantitatively in terms of the dispersion characteristics of the results. [International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology, 1993, definition 3.6]

3.2483

repetitive addressing

1. a method of implied addressing in which the operation field of a computer instruction is understood to address the operands of the last instruction executed

cf. one-ahead addressing

3.2484**replication**

1. copying a software product from one medium to another. *ISO/IEC 90003:2004, Software engineering — Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001:2000 to computer software*.3.13

3.2485**replication schema**

1. a specification of constraints on the replication of an object including both constraints on the availability of the object and constraints on the performance of the object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.16.7.1.1

3.2486**replication transparency**

1. a distribution transparency which masks the use of a group of mutually behaviorally compatible objects to support an interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.4.4.1.6

NOTE Replication is often used to enhance performance and availability.

3.2487**repo bloat**

1. changes recorded in the repository that do not contribute anything useful to the project's history

EXAMPLE a large erroneous commit and its associated back-out operation

NOTE A repo master can reduce repo bloat through repo surgery.

3.2488**repo master**

1. the person in charge of the version control system's repository

NOTE one who has rights to perform repo surgery

3.2489**repo surgery**

1. changes made directly to the version control system's repository, bypassing the system's commands

EXAMPLE by issuing database commands or directly manipulating system files

NOTE Through repo surgery, a repo master can perform operations that the version control system does not directly support.

3.2490**report**

1. an output of data in a layout specified by the user. *ISO/IEC 24570:2005, Software engineering — NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1 — Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis*

NOTE The output medium used is not relevant for FPA and it can pertain to both an external output and an external inquiry.

3.2491**report performance**

1. [Process] the process of collecting and distributing performance information, including status reports, progress measurements, and forecasts. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2492**report standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of describing results of engineering and management activities

**3.2493
repository**

1. a collection of all software-related artifacts belonging to a system. 2. the location/format in which such a collection is stored

NOTE Artifacts are, for example, the software engineering environment.

**3.2494
representation**

1. a likeness, picture, drawing, block diagram, description, or symbol that logically portrays a physical, operational, or conceptual image or situation. *IEEE Std 1233-1998 (R2002) IEEE Guide for Developing System Requirements Specifications*.3.14. 2. one or more properties used by an algorithm for the realization of a responsibility. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.162

**3.2495
representation property**

1. a property on which an algorithm operates. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.163

**3.2496
representation standard**

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of portraying aspects of an engineering or management product

**3.2497
reproducibility (of results of measurements)**

1. closeness of the agreement between the results of measurements of the same measurand carried out under changed conditions of measurement. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-3:2003, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 3: Verification of functional size measurement methods*.3.9

NOTE A valid statement of reproducibility requires specification of the conditions changed. The changed conditions may include the principle of measurement; method of measurement; observer; measuring instrument; reference standard; location; conditions of use; time. Reproducibility may be expressed quantitatively in terms of the dispersion characteristics of the results. Results are here usually understood to be corrected results. [International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology, 1993, definition 3.7]

**3.2498
request**

1. a message sent from one object (the sender) to another object (the receiver), directing the receiver to fulfill one of its responsibilities. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.164. 2. a call issued by a client that causes a service to be performed. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.12

cf. message

NOTE Specifically, a request may be for the value of an attribute, for the value of a participant property, for the application of an operation, or for the truth of a constraint. Request also encompasses sentences of such requests. Logical sentences about the property values and constraints of objects are used for queries, pre-conditions, post-conditions, and responsibility realizations.

**3.2499
request for change**

1. form or screen used to record details of a request for a change to any configuration item within a service or infrastructure. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification*.2.11

3.2500**request for information (RFI)**

1. a type of procurement document whereby the buyer requests a potential seller to provide various pieces of information related to a product or service or seller capability. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2501**request for proposal (RFP)**

1. a document used by the acquirer as a means to announce intention to potential bidders to acquire a specified system, product, or service. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.24.* 2. a request for services, research, or a product prepared by a customer and delivered to prospective developers with the expectation that prospective developers will respond with their proposed cost, schedule, and development approach. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document.3.2.* 3. a type of procurement document used to request proposals from prospective sellers of products or services. In some application areas, it may have a narrower or more specific meaning. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 4. collection of formal documents that includes a description of the desired form of response from a potential supplier, the relevant statement of work for the supplier, and required provisions in the supplier agreement. *Syn:* request for tender, solicitation package

3.2502**request for quotation (RFQ)**

1. a type of procurement document used to request price quotations from prospective sellers of common or standard products or services. Sometimes used in place of request for proposal and in some application areas, it may have a narrower or more specific meaning. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2503**requested change**

1. [Output/Input] a formally documented change request that is submitted for approval to the integrated change control process. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2504**required inputs**

1. set of items necessary to perform the minimum testing tasks mandated within a life cycle activity. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.27*

3.2505**required outputs**

1. set of items produced as a result of performing the minimum testing tasks mandated within any life cycle activity. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.28*

3.2506**requirement**

1. a condition or capability needed by a user to solve a problem or achieve an objective. 2. a condition or capability that must be met or possessed by a system, system component, product, or service to satisfy an agreement, standard, specification, or other formally imposed documents 3. a documented representation of a condition or capability as in (1) or (2) 4. a condition or capability that must be met or possessed by a system, product, service, result, or component to satisfy a contract, standard, specification, or other formally imposed document. Requirements include the quantified and documented needs, wants, and expectations of the sponsor, customer, and other stakeholders. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. design requirement, functional requirement, implementation requirement, interface requirement, performance requirement, physical requirement

3.2507

requirement standard

1. a standard that describes the characteristics of a requirements specification

3.2508

requirements allocation

1. the assignment or budgeting of top-level functional or nonfunctional requirements among the lower-level partitioned functions for accomplishment

NOTE In this manner, the system elements that perform all or part of specific requirements are identified.

3.2509

requirements analysis

1. the process of studying user needs to arrive at a definition of system, hardware, or software requirements. 2. the process of studying and refining system, hardware, or software requirements. 3. a systematic investigation of user requirements to arrive at a definition of a system. *ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 20: System development*. 20.02.04. 4. determination of product- or service-specific performance and functional characteristics based on analyses of customer needs, expectations, and constraints; operational concept; projected utilization environments for people, products, services, and processes; and measures of effectiveness

3.2510

requirements derivation

1. the changing or translation of a requirement through analysis into a form that is suitable for low-level analysis or design. 2. in a hierarchical structure, the next lower level that is associated with a given element

3.2511

requirements document

1. document containing any combination of requirements or regulations to be met by a COTS software product. *ISO/IEC 25051:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuARE) — Requirements for quality of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software product and instructions for testing*. 4.6

EXAMPLE a technical or ergonomic standard, a requirements list (or model requirements specification) from a group (e.g. a market sector, technical or user association), a law or a decree

3.2512

requirements elicitation

1. the process through which the acquirers (customers or users) and the suppliers (contractor) of a system discover, review, articulate, understand, and document the users' needs and the constraints on the system and the development activity 2. the use of systematic techniques, such as prototypes and structured surveys, to proactively identify and document customer and end-user needs

3.2513

requirements engineering

1. the science and discipline concerned with analyzing and documenting requirements

NOTE It comprises needs analysis, requirements analysis, and requirements specification.

3.2514

requirements flow-down

1. the systematic decomposition of system requirements into allocated and derived requirements, appropriately assigned to low-level functional components

3.2515

requirements partitioning

1. the separation or decomposing of a top-level requirement or design into successively lower-level detailed requirements or design. *Syn:* decomposition

3.2516**requirements phase**

1. the period of time in the software life cycle during which the requirements for a software product are defined and documented

3.2517**requirements review**

1. a process or meeting during which the requirements for a system, hardware item, or software item are presented to project personnel, managers, users, customers, or other interested parties for comment or approval

cf. code review, design review, formal qualification review, test readiness review

NOTE Types include system requirements review, software requirements review.

3.2518**requirements specification**

1. a document that specifies the requirements for a system or component

cf. design description, functional specification, performance specification

NOTE Typically included are functional requirements, performance requirements, interface requirements, design requirements, and development standards.

3.2519**requirements specification language**

1. a specification language with special constructs and, sometimes, verification protocols, used to develop, analyze, and document hardware or software requirements

cf. design language

3.2520**requirements traceability**

1. the identification and documentation of the derivation path (upward) and allocation/ flow-down path (downward) of requirements in the requirements hierarchy 2. discernable association between a requirement and related requirements, implementations, and verifications

3.2521**requirements traceability matrix (RTM)**

1. a table that links requirements to their origin and traces them throughout the project life cycle. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2522**requirements traceability tool**

1. a software development tool that establishes a traceability among itemized software requirements specifications, design elements, code elements, and test cases

NOTE It also supports various associated query, analysis, and report-generation capabilities.

3.2523**reserve**

1. a provision in the project management plan to mitigate cost and/or schedule risk. Often used with a modifier (e.g., management reserve, contingency reserve) to provide further detail on what types of risk are meant to be mitigated. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*.
Syn: buffer, contingency allowance+H47

3.2524

reserve analysis

1. [Technique] an analytical technique to determine the essential features and relationships of components in the project management plan to establish a reserve for the schedule duration, budget, estimated cost, or funds for a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2525

reserved word

1. a word in a programming language, of which the meaning is fixed by the rules of that language and which, in certain or all contexts, cannot be used by the programmer for any purpose other than its intended one

EXAMPLE IF, THEN, WHILE

3.2526

reset

1. to set a variable, register, or other storage location back to a prescribed state

cf. clear, initialize

3.2527

residual control

1. a microprogramming technique in which the meaning of a field in a microinstruction depends on the value in an auxiliary register

cf. bit steering, two-level encoding

3.2528

residual risk

1. a risk that remains after risk responses have been implemented. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2529

resource

1. skilled human resources (specific disciplines either individually or in crews or teams), equipment, services, supplies, commodities, materiel, budgets, or funds. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. 2. asset that is utilized or consumed during the execution of a process. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.37; ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.25*. 3. a role (with respect to that action) in which the enterprise object fulfilling the role is essential to the action, requires allocation, or may become unavailable. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.3.3*. 4. an enterprise object which is essential to some behavior and which requires allocation or may become unavailable. *ISO/IEC 15414:2006, Information technology — Open distributed processing — Reference model — Enterprise language.6.3.3*. 5. people, procedure, software, information, equipment, consumable, infrastructure, capital and operating funds, and time. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.13*

EXAMPLE diverse entities such as funding, personnel, facilities, capital equipment, tools, and utilities such as power, water, fuel and communication infrastructures

NOTE Allocation of a resource may constrain other behaviors for which that resource is essential. Resources may be reusable, renewable or consumable. A consumable resource may become unavailable after some amount of use or after some amount of time (in case a duration or expiry has been specified for the resource).

3.2530

resource breakdown structure (RBS)

1. a hierarchical structure of resources by resource category and resource type used in resource leveling schedules and to develop resource-limited schedules, and which may be used to identify and analyze project human resource assignments. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2531**resource calendar**

1. a calendar of working days and nonworking days that determines those dates on which each specific resource is idle or can be active. Typically defines resource specific holidays and resource availability periods. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. project calendar

3.2532**resource histogram**

1. a bar chart showing the amount of time that a resource is scheduled to work over a series of time periods. Resource availability may be depicted as a line for comparison purposes. Contrasting bars may show actual amounts of resource used as the project progresses. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2533**resource leveling**

1. [Technique] any form of schedule network analysis in which scheduling decisions (start and finish dates) are driven by resource constraints (e.g., limited resource availability or difficult-to-manage changes in resource availability levels). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2534**resource management**

1. the identification, estimation, allocation, and monitoring of the means used to develop a product or perform a service

EXAMPLE estimating

3.2535**resource monitor task**

1. a task ensuring sequential access to a resource

3.2536**resource-limited schedule**

1. a project schedule whose schedule activity, scheduled start dates and scheduled finish dates reflect expected resource availability

3.2537**respecialize**

1. a change by an instance from being an instance of its current subclass to being an instance of one of the other subclasses in its current cluster. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.165

cf. specialize, unspecialize

3.2538**response time**

1. the elapsed time between the end of an inquiry or command to an interactive computer system and the beginning of the system's response

cf. port-to-port time, think time, turnaround time

3.2539**responsibility**

1. a generalization of properties (attributes, participant properties, and operations) and constraints. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.166

NOTE An instance possesses knowledge, exhibits behavior, and obeys rules. These are collectively referred to as the instance's responsibilities. A class abstracts the responsibilities in common to its instances. A responsibility may apply to each instance of the class (instance-level) or to the class as a whole (class-level).

3.2540

responsibility assignment matrix (RAM)

1. [Tool] a structure that relates the project organizational breakdown structure to the work breakdown structure to help ensure that each component of the project's scope of work is assigned to a person or team. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2541

restart

1. to cause a computer program to resume execution after a failure, using status and results recorded at a checkpoint

3.2542

restart point

1. a point in a computer program at which execution can be restarted following a failure. *Syn:* rescue point

3.2543

result

1. the information returned to the client. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.13. 2. an output from performing project management processes and activities. Results include outcomes (e.g., integrated systems, revised process, restructured organization, tests, trained personnel, etc.) and documents (e.g., policies, plans, studies, procedures, specifications, reports, etc.). *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. product, deliverable

NOTE may include values as well as status information indicating that exceptional conditions were raised in attempting to perform the requested service

3.2544

retainage

1. portion of a contract payment that is withheld until contract completion to ensure full performance of the contract terms

3.2545

retirement

1. withdrawal of active support by the operation and maintenance organization, partial or total replacement by a new system, or installation of an upgraded system. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes*.4.38; *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes*.4.26. 2. removal of support from an operational system or component. 3. permanent removal of a system or component from its operational environment

3.2546

retirement phase

1. the period of time in the software life cycle during which support for a software product is terminated

cf. software life cycle, system life cycle

3.2547

retrospective trace

1. a trace produced from historical data recorded during the execution of a computer program

cf. execution trace, subroutine trace, symbolic trace, variable trace

NOTE This differs from an ordinary trace, which is produced cumulatively during program execution.

3.2548**return**

1. to transfer control from a software module to the module that called it. **2.** to assign a value to a parameter that is accessible by a calling module. **3.** a computer instruction or process that performs the transfer in (1)

cf. return code

3.2549**return code**

1. a code used to influence the execution of a calling module following a return from a called module

3.2550**return on investment (ROI)**

1. ratio of revenue from output (product or service) to development and production costs, which determines whether an organization benefits from performing an action to produce something

3.2551**return value**

1. a value assigned to a parameter by a called module for access by the calling module

3.2552**reusability**

1. the degree to which an asset can be used in more than one software system, or in building other assets. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.15.* **2.** in a reuse library, the characteristics of an asset that make it easy to use in different contexts, software systems, or in building different assets. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes.3.15*

cf. generality

3.2553**reusability GSC**

1. one of the 14 general system characteristics describing the degree to which the application and the code in the application have been specifically designed, developed, and supported to be usable in other applications. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2554**reusable**

1. pertaining to a software module or other work product that can be used in more than one computer program or software system

3.2555**reusable product**

1. product developed for one use but having other uses, or one developed specifically to be usable on multiple projects or in multiple roles on one project. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.1.29*

EXAMPLE commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) products, acquirer-furnished products, products in reuse libraries, and preexisting developer products

NOTE Each use may include all or part of the product and may involve its modification. This term can be applied to any software or system product (for example, requirements or architectures), not just to software or system itself.

3.2556**reusable software product**

1. a software product developed for one use but having other uses, or one developed specifically to be usable on multiple projects or in multiple roles on one project. *IEEE Std 1012-2004 IEEE Standard for Software Verification and Validation.3.1.25*

EXAMPLE COTS software products, acquirer-furnished software products, software products in reuse libraries, and pre-existing developer software products

NOTE Each use may include all or part of the software product and may involve its modification. This term can be applied to any software product (for example, requirements, architectures), not just to software itself

3.2557

reuse

1. the use of an asset in the solution of different problems. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes*.3.16. 2. building a software system at least partly from existing pieces to perform a new application

3.2558

reuse sponsor

1. a member of the organization's management who authorizes, approves, promotes, and obtains the funding and other resources for the Reuse Program. *IEEE Std 1517-1999 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Information Technology — Software Life Cycle Processes — Reuse Processes*.3.17

3.2559

reused source statement

1. unmodified source statement obtained for the product from an external source

3.2560

reverse engineering

1. determining what existing software will do and how it is constructed (to make intelligent changes). 2. a software engineering approach that derives a system's design or requirements from its code

3.2561

reversible execution

1. a debugging technique in which a history of program execution is recorded and then replayed under the user's control, in either the forward or backward direction. Syn: backward execution, playback, replay, reverse execution

3.2562

review

1. a process or meeting during which a work product, or set of work products, is presented to project personnel, managers, users, customers, or other interested parties for comment or approval 2. a process or meeting during which a software product is presented to project personnel, managers, users, customers, user representatives, or other interested parties for comment or approval. *IEEE Std 1028-2008 IEEE Standard for Software Reviews and Audits*.3.5

3.2563

rework

1. action taken to bring a defective or nonconforming component into compliance with requirements or specifications. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2564

RFI

1. request for information. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2565

RFP

1. request for proposal. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2566

RFQ

1. request for quotation. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2567**risk**

1. an uncertain event or condition that, if it occurs, has a positive or negative effect on a project's objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* **2.** the combination of the probability of an abnormal event or failure and the consequence(s) of that event or failure to a system's components, operators, users, or environment. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.*3.1.30. **3.** the combination of the probability of an event and its consequence. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.*3.5; *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.*1.6.14. **4.** a measure that combines both the likelihood that a system hazard will cause an accident and the severity of that accident. *IEEE Std 1228-1994 (R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Safety Plans.*3.1.3. **5.** a function of the probability of occurrence of a given threat and the potential adverse consequences of that threat's occurrence. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.*3.12. **6.** the combination of the probability of occurrence and the consequences of a given future undesirable event. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.*3.1.30

NOTE Generally used only when there is at least the possibility of negative consequences. In some situations, risk arises from the possibility of deviation from the expected outcome or event. See ISO/IEC Guide 51 for issues related to safety. Risk can be associated with software, systems, products, and projects.

3.2568**risk acceptance**

1. acknowledgment of a risk factor's existence along with a decision to accept the consequences if the corresponding problem occurs **2.** [Technique] a risk response planning technique that indicates that the project team has decided not to change the project management plan to deal with a risk, or is unable to identify any other suitable response strategy. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* **3.** the decision to accept a risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.*3.6. Syn: risk assumption

NOTE Risk acceptance depends on risk criteria.

3.2569**risk action request**

1. the recommended treatment alternatives and supporting information for one or more risks determined to be above a risk threshold. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.*3.7

3.2570**risk analysis**

1. the process of examining identified risk factors for probability of occurrence, potential loss, and potential risk-handling strategies

3.2571**risk avoidance**

1. a course of action that removes a risk factor from further consideration. **2.** [Technique] a risk response planning technique for a threat that creates changes to the project management plan that are meant to either eliminate the risk or to protect the project objectives from its impact. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

EXAMPLE changing the requirements, extending the schedule, or transferring the risk factor to another domain

3.2572**risk breakdown structure (RBS)**

1. [Tool] a hierarchically organized depiction of the identified project risks arranged by risk category and subcategory that identifies the various areas and causes of potential risks. The risk breakdown structure is often tailored to specific project types. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2573

risk category

1. a class or type of risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.8* 2. a group of potential causes of risk. Risk causes may be grouped into categories such as technical, external, organizational, environmental, or project management. A category may include subcategories such as technical maturity, weather, or aggressive estimating. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. source

EXAMPLE technical, legal, organizational, safety, economic, engineering, cost, schedule

NOTE A risk category is a characterization of a source of risk.

3.2574

risk criteria

1. the terms of reference by which the significance of risk is assessed. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.9*

NOTE Risk criteria can include associated cost and benefits, legal and statutory requirements, socio-economic and environmental aspects, the concerns of stakeholders, priorities and other inputs to the assessment.

3.2575

risk dimension

1. a perspective from which risk assessment is being made for the system. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.3.13*

EXAMPLE safety, economic, security

3.2576

risk exposure

1. the potential loss presented to an individual, project, or organization by a risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.10.* 2. a function of the likelihood that the risk will occur and the magnitude of the consequences of its occurrence. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.10.* 3. the product of probability times potential loss for a risk factor

NOTE Risk exposure is commonly defined as the product of a probability and the magnitude of a consequence, that is, an expected value or expected exposure.

3.2577

risk factor

1. a potential problem that would be detrimental to a planned activity, project, or program, characterized by the probability of problem occurrence ($0 \leq p \leq 1$) and a potential loss (of life, money, property, reputation, and so on) should the problem occur

NOTE Both probability and potential loss might change over time.

3.2578

risk handling

1. a course of action taken in response to a risk factor

NOTE includes risk acceptance, risk avoidance, risk transfer, and risk mitigation

3.2579

risk identification

1. an organized, systematic approach to determining the risk factors associated with a planned activity, project, or program

cf. identify risks

3.2580**risk leverage factor (rlf)**

1. $rlf = (reb - rea)/rnc$, where reb is risk exposure before risk mitigation, rea is risk exposure after risk mitigation, and rnc is the risk mitigation activity's cost

NOTE Larger rlf values indicate better mitigation strategies.

3.2581**risk management**

1. an organized process for identifying and handling risk factors. 2. organized, analytic process to identify what might cause harm or loss (identify risks); to assess and quantify the identified risks; and to develop and, if needed, implement an appropriate approach to prevent or handle causes of risk that could result in significant harm or loss 3. coordinated activities to direct and control an organization with regard to risk. *ISO/IEC 38500:2008, Corporate governance of information technology.1.6.15*

NOTE The primary goal of risk management is to identify and respond to potential problems with sufficient lead-time to avoid a crisis situation. Includes initial identification and handling of risk factors as well as continuous risk management.

3.2582**risk management plan**

1. a description of how the elements and resources of the risk management process will be implemented within an organization or project. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.11.* 2. [Output/Input]. The document describing how project risk management will be structured and performed on the project. It is contained in or is a subsidiary plan of the project management plan. Information in the risk management plan varies by application area and project size. The risk management plan is different from the risk register that contains the list of project risks, the results of risk analysis, and the risk responses. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2583**risk management process**

1. a continuous process for systematically identifying, analyzing, treating, and monitoring risk throughout the life cycle of a product or service. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.12*

3.2584**risk management system**

1. set of elements of an organization's management system concerned with managing risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.13*

NOTE Management system elements can include strategic planning, decision making, and other processes for dealing with risk. The culture of an organization is reflected in its risk management system. [ISO Guide 73:2002]

3.2585**risk metric**

1. an objective measure associated with a risk factor to be mitigated

3.2586**risk mitigation**

1. a course of action taken to reduce the probability of and potential loss from a risk factor. 2. [Technique] a risk response planning technique associated with threats that seeks to reduce the probability of occurrence or impact of a risk to below an acceptable threshold. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

NOTE includes executing contingency plans when a risk metric crosses a predetermined threshold (when a risk factor becomes a problem)

3.2587

risk monitoring and control

1. tracking identified risks, monitoring residual risks, identifying new risks, executing risk response plans, and evaluating their effectiveness throughout the project life cycle

3.2588

risk profile

1. a chronological record of a risk's current and historical risk state information. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.14*

3.2589

risk reduction

1. reducing the probability and/or potential impact of a risk factor

NOTE Risk reduction might involve research, prototyping, and other means of exploration.

3.2590

risk register

1. [Output/Input] the document containing the results of the qualitative risk analysis, quantitative risk analysis, and risk response planning. The risk register details all identified risks, including description, category, cause, probability of occurring, impact(s) on objectives, proposed responses, owners, and current status. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2591

risk state

1. the current project risk information relating to an individual risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.15*

NOTE The information concerning an individual risk may include the current description, causes, likelihood, consequences, estimation scales, confidence of the estimates, treatment, threshold, and an estimate of when the risk will reach its threshold.

3.2592

risk threshold

1. a condition that triggers some stakeholder action. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering — Life cycle processes — Risk management.3.16*

NOTE Different risk thresholds may be defined for each risk, risk category or combination of risks based on differing risk criteria.

3.2593

risk tolerance

1. the degree, amount, or volume of risk that an organization or individual will withstand. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2594

risk transfer

1. transferring responsibility for managing a risk factor to another organization or functional entity better able to mitigate the risk factor

3.2595

risk transference

1. [Technique] a risk response planning technique that shifts the impact of a threat to a third party, together with ownership of the response. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2596**risk treatment**

1. the process of selection and implementation of measures to modify risk. *ISO/IEC 16085:2006 (IEEE Std 16085-2006), Systems and software engineering--Life cycle processes--Risk management*.3.17. **2.** means of modifying risk

NOTE Risk treatment measures can include avoiding, optimizing, transferring, or retaining risk.

3.2597**risk trigger**

1. the predetermined threshold value of a risk metric that triggers invocation of a contingency plan when the risk metric crosses the threshold

3.2598**RJE**

1. remote job entry

3.2599**RM-ODP**

1. Reference Model of Open Distributed Processing. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview* **2.** Open Distributed Processing: Reference Model. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions*.4

3.2600**robotics**

1. the techniques involved in designing, building, and using robots. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.13

3.2601**robustness**

1. the degree to which a system or component can function correctly in the presence of invalid inputs or stressful environmental conditions

cf. error tolerance, fault tolerance

3.2602**ROI**

1. return on investment

3.2603**role**

1. the participation of an entity in a relationship. *ISO/IEC 15474-1:2002, Information technology — CDIF framework — Part 1: Overview*.4.2. **2.** a defined function to be performed by a project team member, such as testing, filing, inspecting, coding. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. **3.** the expression of an object playing a part in a relationship. *ISO/IEC 15476-4:2005, Information technology — CDIF semantic metamodel — Part 4: Data models*.6.5

NOTE Each instance of a role has a minimum and maximum cardinality, and may be attributed. The direction of the role indicates how to read the name of the role.

3.2604**role name**

1. a name that more specifically names the nature of a related value class or state class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.167. **2.** a name assigned to a foreign key attribute to represent the use of the foreign key in

the entity. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.167

NOTE For a relationship, a role name is a name given to a class in a relationship to clarify the participation of that class in the relationship, that is, connote the role played by a related instance. For an attribute, a role name is a name used to clarify the sense of the value class in the context of the class for which it is a property.

3.2605

roll in

1. to transfer data or computer program segments from auxiliary storage to main storage

cf. roll out, swap

3.2606

roll out

1. to transfer data or computer program segments from main storage to auxiliary storage for the purpose of freeing main storage for other uses

cf. roll in, swap

3.2607

rolling wave planning

1. [Technique] a form of progressive elaboration planning where the work to be accomplished in the near term is planned in detail at a low level of the work breakdown structure, while the work far in the future is planned at a relatively high level of the work breakdown structure, but the detailed planning of the work to be performed within another one or two periods in the near future is done as work is being completed during the current period. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2608

root arrow segment

1. the arrow segment of a junction from which other arrow segments branch or to which other arrow segments join. *IEEE Std 1320.1-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Functional Modeling Language — Syntax and Semantics for IDEF0.2.1.99*. Syn: root, root segment

3.2609

root cause

1. source of a defect such that if it is removed, the defect is decreased or removed

3.2610

root cause analysis

1. [Technique] an analytical technique used to determine the basic underlying reason that causes a variance or a defect or a risk. A root cause may underlie more than one variance or defect or risk. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: root-cause analysis

3.2611

root compiler

1. a compiler whose output is a machine independent, intermediate-level representation of a program

NOTE A root compiler, when combined with a code generator, comprises a full compiler.

3.2612

root-cause analysis

1. determination of a potential problem's (a risk factor's) underlying cause or causes. Syn: root cause analysis.

3.2613**routine**

1. a subprogram that is called by other programs and subprograms. **2.** a function or procedure invocable for a single purpose. **3.** a program, or part of a program, that may have some general or frequent use. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms.01.05.04*

cf. coroutine, subroutine

NOTE The terms 'routine,' 'subprogram,' and 'subroutine' are defined and used differently in different programming languages.

3.2614**RPC**

1. Remote Procedure Call. *ISO/IEC 10746-1:1998, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference model: Overview*

3.2615**RTM**

1. requirements traceability matrix. *IEEE Std 829-2008 IEEE Standard for Software and System Test Documentation.3.2*

3.2616**rule**

1. a single column through the condition and action entry parts of the decision table, defining a unique set of conditions to be satisfied and the actions to be taken in consequence. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables.3.4*

NOTE A rule is satisfied if all conditions meet the condition entries of the rule.

3.2617**Rule and Constraint Language (RCL)**

1. a declarative specification language that is used to express the realization of responsibilities and to state queries. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.168*

cf. specification language

3.2618**rule-based language**

1. a nonprocedural language that permits the user to state a set of rules and to express queries or problems that use these rules

cf. declarative language, interactive language

3.2619**run**

1. in software engineering, a single, usually continuous, execution of a computer program. **2.** to execute a computer program

cf. run time

3.2620**run time**

1. the instant at which a computer program begins to execute. **2.** the period of time during which a computer program is executing

cf. execution time

3.2621

RUR

1. Reference User Requirements. *ISO/IEC TR 14143-4:2002, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement — Part 4: Reference model*.4

3.2622

safety

1. the expectation that a system does not, under defined conditions, lead to a state in which human life, health, property, or the environment is endangered. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels*.3.14

3.2623

safety-critical software

1. software that falls into one or more of the following categories: a) software whose inadvertent response to stimuli, failure to respond when required, response out-of-sequence, or response in combination with other responses can result in an accident b) software that is intended to mitigate the result of an accident c) software that is intended to recover from the result of an accident. *IEEE Std 1228-1994 (R2002) IEEE Standard for Software Safety Plans*.3.1.4

3.2624

SAM

1. software asset management

3.2625

SAM owner

1. individual at a senior organization-wide level who is identified as being responsible for SAM. *ISO/IEC 19770-1:2006, Information technology — Software asset management — Part 1: Processes*.3. 11

3.2626

sample instance diagram

1. a form of presenting example instances in which instances are shown as separate graphic objects. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.169

cf. sample instance table

NOTE The graphic presentation of instances can be useful when only a few instances are presented.

3.2627

sample instance table

1. a form of presenting example instances in which instances are shown as a tabular presentation. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.170

cf. sample instance diagram

NOTE The tabular presentation of instances can be useful when several instances of one class are to be presented.

3.2628

satisfaction

1. freedom from discomfort, and positive attitudes towards the use of the product. *ISO/IEC 25062:2006, Software engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Common Industry Format (CIF) for usability test reports*.4.4

3.2629

scaffolding

1. computer programs and data files built to support software development and testing, but not intended to be included in the final product

cf. programming support environment

EXAMPLE dummy routines or files, test case generators, software monitors, stubs

3.2630**scalar**

1. a value that is atomic. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.171

cf. collection-valued

NOTE that is, having no parts

3.2631**scalar-valued class**

1. a class in which each instance is a single value. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.173

cf. collection-valued class

3.2632**scalar-valued property**

1. a property that maps to a scalar-valued class. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFObject)*.3.1.174. *Syn*: scalar property

cf. collection-valued property

3.2633**scale**

1. a set of values with defined properties. *ISO/IEC 14598-1:1999, Information technology — Software product evaluation — Part 1: General overview*.4.27. 2. ordered set of values, continuous or discrete, or a set of categories to which the attribute is mapped. *ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process*.3.35; *ISO/IEC 25000:2005, Software Engineering — Software product Quality Requirements and Evaluation (SQuaRE) — Guide to SQuaRE*.4.48

EXAMPLE a nominal scale which corresponds to a set of categories; an ordinal scale which corresponds to an ordered set of scale points; an interval scale which corresponds to an ordered scale with equidistant scale points; and a ratio scale which not only has equidistant scale point but also possess an absolute zero

NOTE The type of scale depends on the nature of the relationship between values on the scale. Metrics using nominal or ordinal scales produce qualitative data, and metrics using interval and ratio scales produce quantitative data.

3.2634**SCCS**

1. Server Conversion Code Sets. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.3

3.2635**scenario**

1. a step-by-step description of a series of events that may occur concurrently or sequentially. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.2. 2. an account or synopsis of a projected course of events or actions. *IEEE Std 1362-1998 (R2007) IEEE Guide for Information Technology — System Definition — Concept of Operation Document*.3.2. 3. a description of a specific sequence of actions. *Syn*: script, set, suite

cf. use case

3.2636**schedule baseline**

1. a specific version of the schedule model used to compare actual results to the plan to determine if preventive or corrective action is needed to meet the project objectives. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2637

schedule compression

1. [Technique] shortening the project schedule duration without reducing the project scope. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

cf. crashing, fast tracking

3.2638

schedule development

1. process of creating the project schedule by analyzing activity sequences, activity durations, resource requirements, and schedule constraints

3.2639

schedule management plan

1. [Output/Input] the document that establishes criteria and the activities for developing and controlling the project schedule. It is contained in, or is a subsidiary plan of, the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2640

schedule model

1. [Tool] a model used in conjunction with manual methods or project management software to perform schedule network analysis to generate the project schedule for use in managing the execution of a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: project schedule

3.2641

schedule network analysis

1. [Technique] the technique of identifying early and late start dates, as well as early and late finish dates, for the uncompleted portions of project schedule activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: schedule analysis

cf. critical path method, critical chain method, resource leveling

3.2642

schedule performance index (SPI)

1. a measure of schedule efficiency on a project. It is the ratio of earned value (EV) to planned value (PV). The SPI = EV divided by PV. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2643

schedule variance (SV)

1. a measure of schedule performance on a project. It is the algebraic difference between the earned value (EV) and the planned value (PV). $SV = EV - PV$. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2644

scheduled finish date (SF)

1. the point in time that work was scheduled to finish on a schedule activity. The scheduled finish date is normally within the range of dates delimited by the early finish date and the late finish date. It may reflect resource leveling of scarce resources. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: planned finish date (PF)

3.2645

scheduled start date (SS)

1. the point in time that work was scheduled to start on a schedule activity. The scheduled start date is normally within the range of dates delimited by the early start date and the late start date. It may reflect resource leveling of scarce resources. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*. Syn: planned start date (PS)

3.2646**scheduler**

1. a computer program, usually part of an operating system, that schedules, initiates, and terminates jobs

3.2647**SCI**

1. Software Configuration Item. *ISO/IEC TR 15846:1998, Information technology — Software life cycle processes — Configuration Management.5.1*

3.2648**SCM**

1. Software Configuration Management. *ISO/IEC TR 15846:1998, Information technology — Software life cycle processes — Configuration Management.5.1*

3.2649**SCMPI**

1. Software Configuration Management Planned Information. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process.2.2*

3.2650**SCN**

1. specification change notice

3.2651**scope**

1. the sum of the products, services, and results to be provided as a project. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 2. the behavior that system is expected to exhibit

cf. project scope, product scope

3.2652**scope baseline**

1. an approved specific version of the detailed scope statement, work breakdown structure (WBS), and its associated WBS dictionary. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2653**scope change**

1. any change to the project scope. A scope change almost always requires an adjustment to the project cost or schedule. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2654**scope creep**

1. additional functionality that was not specified in the original requirements but is identified as the requirements and scope are clarified and the functions are defined. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.10.* 2. adding features and functionality (project scope) without addressing the effects on time, costs, and resources, or without customer approval. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition.* 3. additional functionality that was not specified in the original requirements, but is identified as the scope is being clarified and the functions defined. *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual. Syn: scope gallop*

3.2655**scope management plan**

1. [Output/Input] the document that describes how the project scope will be defined, developed, and verified and how the work breakdown structure will be created and defined, and that provides guidance on how the project scope will be managed and controlled by the project management team. It is contained in or is a subsidiary plan of the project management plan. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2656

scope of the FSM

1. the set of functional user requirements to be included in a specific FSM instance. *ISO/IEC 14143-1:2007, Information technology — Software measurement — Functional size measurement; Part 1: Definition of concepts.3.11; ISO/IEC 29881:2008, Information technology — Software and systems engineering — FiSMA 1.1 functional size measurement method.A.16*

EXAMPLE If an organization needs to know the size of its software portfolio, then the Scope of the FSM will include all the functional user requirements currently utilized. However, if a project manager is seeking to determine the size of a particular release of software, then the scope will include only those functional user requirements impacted by the project.

NOTE The Scope of the FSM is determined by the purpose for measuring the software.

3.2657

screen dump

1. representation of what the user will see while using the software. *ISO/IEC 15910:1999, Information technology — Software user documentation process.4.43*

3.2658

S-curve

1. graphic display of cumulative costs, labor hours, percentage of work, or other quantities, plotted against time. Used to depict planned value, earned value, and actual cost of project work. The name derives from the S-like shape of the curve (flatter at the beginning and end, steeper in the middle) produced on a project that starts slowly, accelerates, and then tails off. Also a term used to express the cumulative likelihood distribution that is a result of a simulation, a tool of quantitative risk analysis. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2659

SDD

1. software design description. 2. software design document

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SDP

1. software development plan

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SDR

1. system design review

3.2662

second normal form

1. result of a normalization process that transforms groups of data so that each non-key attribute depends on the key attribute(s) of the group of data and all parts of the key attribute(s). *ISO/IEC 20926:2003, Software engineering — IFPUG 4.1 Unadjusted functional size measurement method — Counting practices manual*

3.2663

secondary risk

1. a risk that arises as a direct result of implementing a risk response. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2664

secondary window

1. window that contains information that depends on information in another window (the primary window). *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.4.43*

3.2665

security

1. the protection of system items from accidental or malicious access, use, modification, destruction, or disclosure. *ISO/IEC 15026:1998, Information technology — System and software integrity levels.3.15.*

2. protection of information and data so that unauthorized persons or systems cannot read or modify them and authorized persons or systems are not denied access to them. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.39.* **3.** all aspects related to defining, achieving, and maintaining confidentiality, integrity, availability, non-repudiation, accountability, authenticity, and reliability of a system. *ISO/IEC 15288:2008 (IEEE Std 15288-2008), Systems and software engineering — System life cycle processes.4.27*

NOTE Security also pertains to personnel, data, communications, and the physical protection of computer installations.

3.2666

security accreditation

1. Formal declaration by management that an IT system is approved to operate in a particular security mode using a prescribed set of safeguards at an acceptable level of risk. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process.3.1.* **2.** An independent accreditation body's certification that an IT system meets a predetermined security standard. *IEEE Std 1074-2006 IEEE Standard for Developing a Software Project Life Cycle Process.3.1*

3.2667

security authority

1. the administrator responsible for the implementation of a security policy. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.15.1.2*

3.2668

security branch

1. a branch, created at the time of a release, to which only security commits are made

3.2669

security domain

1. a domain in which the members are obliged to follow a security policy established and administered by a security authority. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.15.1.3*

NOTE The security authority is the controlling object for the security domain.

3.2670

security interaction policy

1. those aspects of the security policies of different security domains that are necessary in order for interactions to take place between those domains. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.15.1.4*

3.2671

security kernel

1. a small, self-contained collection of key security-related statements that works as a privileged part of an operating system, specifying and enforcing criteria that must be met for programs and data to be accessed

3.2672

security policy

1. the rules for need-to-know and access-to-information at each project organization level. **2.** a set of rules that constrains one or more sets of activities of one or more sets of objects. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.15.1.1*

3.2673

SEE

1. Software Engineering Environment. *ISO/IEC TR 16326:1999, Software engineering — Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 12207 to project management.5*

3.2674

SEE service

1. one or more service operations to support life cycle activities for the SEE. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services.2.2.2*

NOTE A SEE Service supplier provides a SEE Service for a SEE Service acquirer.

3.2675

SEE service acquirer

1. an actor that acquires an SEE service. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services.2.2.6*

3.2676

SEE service supplier

1. an actor that supplies an SEE service. *ISO/IEC 15940:2006, Information Technology — Software Engineering Environment Services.2.2.7*

3.2677

segment

1. one of the subsystems or combinations of subsystems that make up an overall system. 2. in storage allocation, a self-contained portion of a computer program that can be executed without maintaining the entire program in main storage 3. a collection of data that is stored or transferred as a unit. 4. in path analysis, a sequence of computer program statements between two consecutive branch points. 5. to divide a system, computer program, or data file into segments as in (1), (2), or (3)

EXAMPLE the accounts payable segment of a financial system

3.2678

selective dump

1. a dump of designated storage location areas only

cf. change dump, dynamic dump, memory dump, postmortem dump, snapshot dump, static dump

3.2679

selective trace

1. a variable trace that involves only selected variables

cf. execution trace, retrospective trace, subroutine trace, symbolic trace, variable trace

3.2680

self-descriptiveness

1. the degree to which a system or component contains enough information to explain its objectives and properties. 2. software attributes that explain a function's implementation

cf. maintainability, testability, usability

3.2681

self-documented

1. pertaining to source code that contains comments explaining its objectives, operation, and other information useful in understanding and maintaining the code

3.2682

self-relative address

1. an address that must be added to the address of the instruction in which it appears to obtain the address of the storage location to be accessed

cf. base address, indexed address, offset, relative address

3.2683**seller**

1. a provider or supplier of products, services, or results to an organization. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2684**semantic agreement**

1. a passive interconnection in which two things agree on a common interpretation of statements (symbol arrangements) by reference to a shared thing or phenomenon. *IEEE Std 1175.2-2006 IEEE Recommended Practice for CASE Tool Interconnection — Characterization of Interconnections*.3.12

cf. syntactic agreement

3.2685**semantic error**

1. an error resulting from a misunderstanding of the relationship of symbols or groups of symbols to their meanings in a given language

cf. syntactic error

3.2686**semantics**

1. the meaning of the syntactic components of a language. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.175. 2. the relationships of symbols or groups of symbols to their meanings in a given language

cf. syntax

3.2687**semaphore**

1. a shared variable used to synchronize concurrent processes by indicating whether an action has been completed or an event has occurred

cf. flag, indicator

3.2688**SEMDM**

1. software engineering metamodel for development methodologies. *ISO/IEC 24744:2007, Software Engineering — Metamodel for Development Methodologies*.4.2

3.2689**sensitivity analysis**

1. a quantitative risk analysis and modeling technique used to help determine which risks have the most potential impact on the project. It examines the extent to which the uncertainty of each project element affects the objective being examined when all other uncertain elements are held at their baseline values. The typical display of results is in the form of a tornado diagram. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2690**separate documentation**

1. documentation that may be used independently of the software

cf. embedded documentation

EXAMPLE printed manual and freestanding hypertext system

3.2691**sequence activities**

1. [Process] the process of identifying and documenting relationships among the project activities. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2692

sequential

1. pertaining to the occurrence of two or more events or activities in such a manner that one must finish before the next begins. *Syn:* serial (2)

cf. consecutive

3.2693

sequential clustering

1. a task-structuring criterion in which objects that are constrained to execute sequentially are mapped to a task

3.2694

sequential cohesion

1. a type of cohesion in which the output of one task performed by a software module serves as input to another task performed by the module

cf. coincidental cohesion, communicational cohesion, functional cohesion, logical cohesion, procedural cohesion, temporal cohesion

3.2695

serial

1. pertaining to the sequential transfer, occurrence, or processing of the individual parts of a whole, such as the bits of a character, using the same facilities for successive parts

cf. parallel (1), sequential

3.2696

serial construct

1. a program construct consisting of a sequence of steps not involving a decision or loop. *Syn:* sequential construct

3.2697

server

1. a hardware system or software program which provides a service to clients. 2. a process implementing one or more operations on one or more objects. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).3.2.14*

3.2698

server-side

1. a node, cluster or capsule, which: a) contains, or is potentially capable of containing, a basic engineering object that corresponds to a computational server object and stub, binder and protocol objects in a channel supporting operations involving the server object; or b) contains, or is a potentially capable of containing, a protocol object which (possibly via interactions with other engineering objects) can return a reply identifying another server-side. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.3.3.10*

3.2699

service

1. performance of activities, work, or duties associated with a product. *ISO/IEC 12207:2008 (IEEE Std 12207-2008), Systems and software engineering — Software life cycle processes.4.40; ISO/IEC 15939:2007, Systems and software engineering — Measurement process.3.36*

cf. product, result, deliverable

3.2700

service desk

1. customer facing support group who do a high proportion of the total support work. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.12*

3.2701**service export**

1. an interaction with the trading function in which a service offer is advertised, by adding the service offer to an identified set of service offers. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.14.5.1.2*

3.2702**service import**

1. an interaction with the trading function which searches an identified set of service offers to discover interfaces at which a service satisfying a specified type is available. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.14.5.1.3*

3.2703**service level agreement (SLA)**

1. written agreement between a service provider and a customer that documents services and agreed service levels. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.13*

3.2704**service management**

1. management of services to meet the business requirements. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.14*

3.2705**service offer**

1. information about an interface including both an identifier for the interface and its computational interface signature type. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture.14.5.1.1*

NOTE The identifier enables binding to the interface. The computational signature enables a trader to ensure service import selects service offers which will interact in the way expected by the importing object. Additional information in the service offer can be used to provide greater discrimination than that embodied in interface signatures.

3.2706**service primitive**

1. an abstract definition of an interaction of channel objects that causes protocol exchanges between the protocol objects in the channel. *ISO/IEC 14752:2000, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Protocol support for computational interactions.3.3.11*

3.2707**service provider**

1. the organization aiming to achieve ISO/IEC 20000. *ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Specification.2.15*

3.2708**set**

1. a collection class with no duplicate members and where order is irrelevant. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).3.1.176*

cf. bag, list

3.2709**set-up time**

1. the period of time during which a system or component is being prepared for a specific operation

cf. busy time, down time, idle time, setup time, up time

3.2710**SF**

1. start-to-finish. *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) — Fourth Edition*

3.2711

shadow class

1. a class presented in a view that is specified in some other view. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.177

3.2712

shell

1. a computer program or routine that provides an interface between the user and a computer system or program

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should-cost estimate

1. estimate of the cost of a product or service used to evaluate the reasonableness of a supplier's proposed price

3.2714

signal

1. an atomic shared action resulting in one-way communication from an initiating object to a responding object. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.7.1.1. 2. a variation of a physical quantity used to represent data. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology--Vocabulary--Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.02.01

NOTE A signal is an interaction.

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signal interface

1. an interface in which all the interactions are signals. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.7.1.6

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signal interface signature

1. an interface signature for a signal interface. *ISO/IEC 10746-3:1996, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Reference Model: Architecture*.7.1.11

NOTE A signal interface signature comprises a finite set of action templates, one for each signal type in the interface. Each action template comprises the name for the signal, the number, names and types of its parameters, and an indication of causality (initiating or responding, but not both) with respect to the object which instantiates the template.

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signature

1. the definition of the parameters of a given operation, including their number order, data types, and passing mode; the results if any; and the possible outcomes (normal vs. exceptional) that might occur. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP)*.3.2.15. 2. a mathematical structure comprising a set of sorts and a set of operators. *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.22. 3. a statement of what the interface to a responsibility "looks like". *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject)*.3.1.178

NOTE A signature consists of the responsibility name, along with a property operator and the number and type of its arguments, if any. A type (class) may be specified for each argument in order to limit the argument values to being instances of that class

3.2718

signpost

1. text, symbol, or small graphic that helps the user identify where particular types of information are located or where the information in the current display fits into the whole document. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation*.4.45

NOTE Information of different types may be indicated by symbols or graphics of different types.

3.2719**simple buffering**

1. a buffering technique in which a buffer is allocated to a computer program for the duration of the program's execution

cf. dynamic buffering

3.2720**simple token**

1. a valueless token, normally represented by a black dot, and used in place/transition nets (as opposed to high-level nets). *ISO/IEC 15909-1:2004, Software and system engineering — High-level Petri nets — Part 1: Concepts, definitions and graphical notation*.2.1.25.2

3.2721**simplicity**

1. the degree to which a system or component has a design and implementation that is straightforward and easy to understand 2. software attributes that provide implementation of functions in the most understandable manner

cf. complexity

3.2722**simulation**

1. a model that behaves or operates like a given system when provided a set of controlled inputs. 2. the process of developing or using a model as in (1). 3. the use of a data processing system to represent selected behavioral characteristics of a physical or abstract system. *ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 1: Fundamental terms*.01.06.01

cf. emulation

3.2723**simulator**

1. a device, computer program, or system that behaves or operates like a given system when provided a set of controlled inputs

cf. emulator

3.2724**simultaneous**

1. pertaining to the occurrence of two or more events at the same instant of time

cf. concurrent

3.2725**simultaneous recursion**

1. a situation in which two software modules call each other

3.2726**single-hit decision table**

1. a decision table where any set of conditions will be satisfied by one, and only one, rule. *ISO 5806:1984, Information processing — Specification of single-hit decision tables*.3.2

3.2727**single-level encoding**

1. a microprogramming technique in which different microoperations are encoded as different values in the same field of a microinstruction. *Syn*: single level encoding

cf. two-level encoding

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single-step operation

1. a debugging technique in which a single computer instruction, or part of an instruction, is executed in response to an external signal. *Syn:* single-step execution, step-by-step operation

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single-valued property

1. a property with a single-valued mapping. *IEEE Std 1320.2-1998 (R2004) IEEE Standard for Conceptual Modeling Language Syntax and Semantics for IDEF1X97 (IDEFobject).*3.1.179

cf. multi-valued property

3.2730

sizing

1. the process of estimating the amount of computer storage or the number of source lines required for a software system or component

cf. timing

3.2731

skeleton

1. the object-interface-specific ORB component which assists an object adapter in passing requests to particular methods. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).*3.2.16

3.2732

SLCP

1. Software Life Cycle Processes. *ISO/IEC TR 9126-3:2003, Software engineering — Product quality — Part 3: Internal metrics.*5

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SLOC

1. Source Lines of Code, the number of lines of programming language code in a program before compilation. *ISO/IEC 20968:2002, Software engineering — Mk II Function Point Analysis — Counting Practices Manual.*10

3.2734

slush

1. a preparation for a feature or code freeze

NOTE During this period, developers will commit code they have been working on but are discouraged from starting on new elements. If a freeze lasts for a long time, a slush might be introduced to ease its passing by allowing in some extra elements.

3.2735

SME

1. subject-matter expert. *ISO/IEC 26514, Systems and software engineering — Requirements for designers and developers of user documentation.*4.44

3.2736

SMIR

1. Server Makes It Right. *ISO/IEC 19500-2:2003, Information technology — Open Distributed Processing — Part 2: General Inter-ORB Protocol (GIOP)/Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP).*3.3

3.2737

snapshot dump

1. a dynamic dump of the contents of one or more specified storage areas

cf. change dump, dynamic dump, memory dump, postmortem dump, selective dump, static dump