

# Heuristic (glossary)

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*Widely accepted qualitative statements that, as judged from examples, add structure to ill-defined situations* (Rechtin 1991)

## Sources

Rechtin, Eberhardt. 1991. *Systems Architecting: Creating and Building Complex Systems*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: CRC Press.

## Discussion

Rechtin has at least five definitions of this term. However, they are not sufficiently different to warrant listing them all. This one is typical.

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