

# Complex (glossary)

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(1) *An adjective describing a system's design or code that is difficult to understand because of numerous components or relationships among components (ISO/IEC/IEEE 2010).*

(2) *An adjective describing a system or component that has a design or implementation that is difficult to understand and verify (ISO/IEC/IEEE 2010).*

## Sources

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## Discussion

Modified from the definition of *complexity* in the SEVOCAB.

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