## **Recursion (glossary)**

recursion

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The process of defining or generating a process or data structure in terms of itself. (ISO/IEC/IEEE 24765 2010)

## Sources

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## **Discussion**

In the systems engineering context, recursion is used in re-application of the same standard (in the case ISO/IEC 15288) as a system is decomposed into system elements and where the elements are systems as well. The standard is re-applied for each system-of-interest (SoI) on each level.

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