

Integrated Product Team (IPT) (glossary)

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(1) *An interdisciplinary team assigned to an element of the system breakdown structure* (Created for SEBoK).

(2) *An interdisciplinary team* (Created for SEBoK).

Sources

This definition was developed for the SEBoK.

Discussion

The primary definition is adapted from Browning (2009) and corresponds to the traditional meaning of "Integrated Product Team". The second definition is not found in any reference but corresponds to the meaning that has evolved in many segments of industry. In industry the term "functional IPT" is also used to designate teams that are not assigned to an element of the system structural breakdown structure but rather represent disciplines that cross system element boundaries, such as reliability.

Works Cited

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