

# Interface (glossary)

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1. *A shared boundary between two functional units, defined by various characteristics pertaining to the functions, physical signal exchanges, and other characteristics.* (ISO/IEC 1993)

2. *A hardware or software component that connects two or more other components for the purpose of passing information from one to the other.* (ISO/IEC 1993)

3. *To connect two or more components for the purpose of passing information from one to the other.* (ISO/IEC/IEEE 2009)

## Sources

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## Discussion

None.

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