

# System Context (glossary)

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(1) *Describes the system relationships and environment, resolved around a selected system-of-interest.* (Flood and Carson 1993)

(2) *Diagram defining the highest level view of a system in its environment.* (Flood and Carson 1993)

## Source

(1) and (2) Flood, R.L. and E.R. Carson. 1993. *Dealing with complexity: An introduction to the theory and application of systems science*, 2nd ed. New York, NY, USA: Plenum Press.

## Discussion

Definition (1) describes the reason for considering context.

Definitions (2) relates context to a context diagram. This is most common way in which context is express in systems engineering. A number of context diagram notations are available.

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