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## Introduction

As the complexity of systems continues to increase and the list of capabilities required of those systems continues to grow, systems are expected to deliver those capabilities under various conditions, including adverse ones. Resilience is the quality characteristic that enables systems to achieve this. Broadly speaking, systems resilience involves the capabilities of systems to avoid, withstand, and recover from adversity. Resilience goals are realized through application of techniques during processes related to requirements, architecture, design or operations of a system.

This document focuses on establishing systems resilience concepts that form the basis for understanding, building and enhancing the resilience of systems. It also provides a resilience framework that includes fundamental objectives, means objectives and techniques for achieving systems resilience. It is compatible with a system engineering approach and with system life cycle processes.

This document serves as a foundation for other documents related to various aspects of systems resilience.



# Systems and software engineering — Systems resilience concepts

## 1 Scope

This document establishes concepts for understanding and improving systems resilience. Systems resilience addresses the capabilities of systems under adversity.

This document is applicable to human-created systems that can be either physical or conceptual, or a combination of both. It applies to systems as defined in ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288, including services and products. It is not intended to apply to naturally occurring systems.

## 2 Normative references

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