

# Descriptive Model (glossary)

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descriptive model

(1) *A model that describes things as they are.* (Turban, et al 2010)

(2) *That depicts or describes how things actually work, and answers the question, "What is this?"* (BusinessDictionary 2012)

## Sources

(1) Turban, E., R. Sharda, and D. Delen. 2010. *Decision Support and Business Intelligence Systems*, 9th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ, USA: Prentice-Hall.

(2) BusinessDictionary.com. 2012. s.v. "Descriptive Model."  
<http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/descriptive-model.html> (accessed: September 12, 2012).

## Discussion

Typical descriptive models may include those that describe the functional or physical architecture of a system, or the three dimensional geometric representation of a system.

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