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# Policy Decision Point (PDP)

## Definition

The PDP, Policy Decision Point, is in charge of evaluating the defined rules. The Policy Decision Point is essentially a policy compiler. The PDP must verify that the specified rules are within the scope of the rule authors authority. The PDP **provides the authorization** to the PEP.

## XACML Policy Management

The policy language is used to describe general access control requirements, and has standard extension points for defining new functions, data types, combining logic, etc. The request/response language lets you form a query to ask whether or not a given action should be allowed, and interpret the result.

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It is possible to import an existing PolicySet into the system. The file to import must be a well-formed XML.

To know more about XACML, read [XACML 2.0 Standard Specification](#)

## Related objects

- [Policy set](#)
- [Policy](#)
- [Policy set reference](#)
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[https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/2713/Brief\\_Introduction\\_to\\_XACML.html](https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/2713/Brief_Introduction_to_XACML.html)

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