

# Iteration (glossary)

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*The action or a process of iterating or repeating an action or process; a procedure in which repetition of a sequence of operations yields results successively closer to a desired result.*  
(Oxford English Dictionary)

## Sources

Oxford English Dictionary. s.v. "Iteration."

## Discussion

This dictionary definition captures the essential idea of repeating an action in order to get closer to the answer we need.

Iteration is used as a generic term for successive application of a systems approach to the same problem situation, learning from each application, in order to progress towards greater stakeholder satisfaction.

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