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ELEMENTS IN THE DATA FLOW

Element	Description
External entity	**External entity** The *external entity* shape represents any entity outside the application that interacts with the application via an entry point, i.e. the points where data enters the system.
Process	**Process** The *process* shape represents a task that handles data within the application. The task may process the data or perform an action based on the data.
Data store	**Data store** The *data store* shape ii used to represent locations where data is stored. Data stores do not modify data – they only store data.
(flow arrow)	**Flow** The *data flow* shape represents data movement within the system. The direction of the arrow shows the direction in which the data flows.
Trust boundry	**Trust boundary** The *trust boundary* shape represents the change of trust levels as data flows through the application. Boundaries show any point where the level of trust changes.