

# Rules

Rules are programmable restrictions that you can apply to any action in the [TokenPolicy](#) . They are the tool of compliance, regulation, and enforcement of certain business logic in the closed-loop system.

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Some rules, such as denylist or allowlist require configuration. For example, a denylist rule might require a list of addresses that are not allowed to perform certain actions. A rule module can define a configuration structure and provide functions to add, modify, retrieve, and remove the configuration.

A single rule has a single configuration, even when assigned to multiple actions. If there's a need to have configuration per action, a rule module needs to define a storage structure that can hold and manage multiple configurations.

The configuration system comes with a set of guarantees to protect token owners from malicious actions (or upgrades) from rule module developers:

The only attack vector available to the rule creator is upgrading the module and creating a function to bypass the restriction. Make sure to use rules provided by a trusted developer.

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A good practice for rules is to provide a method to remove the configuration, as a rule can use a custom type for it. However, a token owner can always call the `remove_rule_config` function to remove the configuration.

Because the configuration has store , the token owner can wrap and transfer or store the configuration somewhere else. If the Config type has drop , the value can be ignored.

## Rule structure

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## Cheatsheet: Rule configuration API