

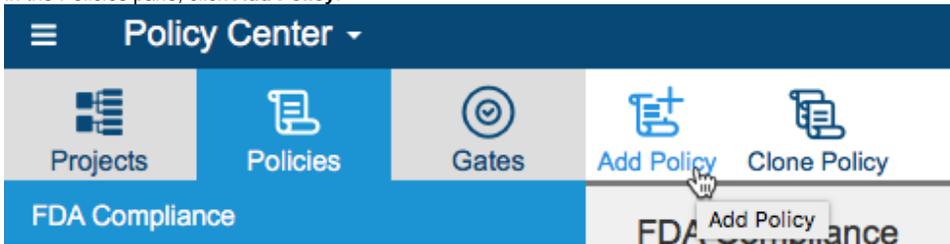
# Defining Policies

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## Adding a Policy

1. In the Policies pane, click **Add Policy**.



2. Specify a name for the policy.
3. Specify the policy type (fixed or gated).

**Types of Policies**

A **gated** policy can be parameterized so that you can establish different thresholds at different gates and different points in time.

A **fixed** policy cannot be parameterized in this way; it is always applied in the exact same way.

For example, you might have a defect prevention policy requiring compliance to an increasingly strict set of static analysis rules as the SDLC progresses: maybe the initial phase might require compliance only to severity 1 rules, but compliance to severity 1-3 rules must be achieved by code freeze.

FDA Compliance	
Version: 1.0	Type: <input type="radio"/> Fixed <input checked="" type="radio"/> Gated
Description: In order to release any FDA-oriented software, the application must meet the described 510K process and core metrics.	Author: John Doe
	Approved by: Jane Doe
	Date approved: 2/1/2017 

4. Specify metadata, such as version, description, author, and approval information.

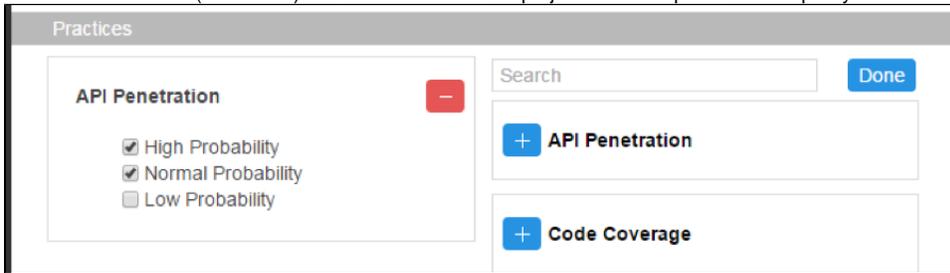
**Policy Definition Best Practices**

Document policies in natural, understandable human language within the context of the associated business goals. For example, if you want a policy that requires all methods to be unit tested, benefits to the business should be clearly described.

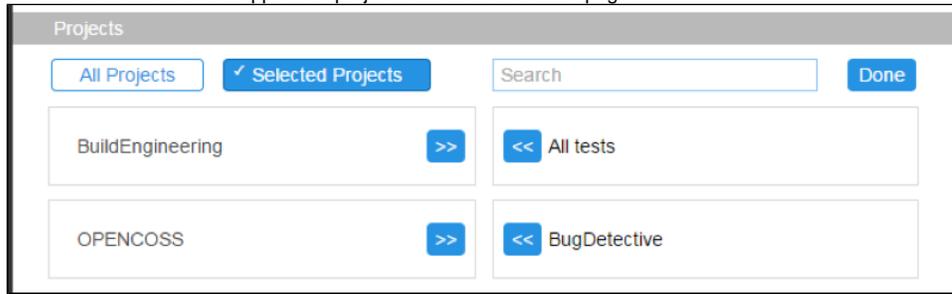
Quantifying risk is an important step in achieving a credible and compelling reason for action. For example, this might involve quantifying the cost of an outage or understanding the impact to brand equity in quantifiable terms. Far too often, the concept of software quality is addressed in a "fluffy" manner of fear, uncertainty, and doubt rather than of known quantifiable impacts. With an understanding of business demands, development teams can then focus their efforts on the aspects of the application that are truly most important to the business.

5. Click **Edit** in the Practices section and add any practices you need to enforce the policy. DTP Enterprise Pack does not ship with any practices pre-installed. You must download, install, and deploy them to your DTP environment (see [Downloading and Installing Artifacts](#)). You can add any number of practices, and you can add a single practice multiple times, each with different practice success criteria. See [Policy Center Practice - Static Analysis](#).

6. Define the conditions (thresholds) that must be met for the project to be compliant with the policy and click **Done**.



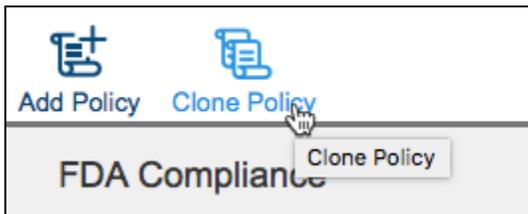
7. Specify whether this policy should be applied across all projects, or associated only with specific projects. To limit the policy to specific projects:
- a. Click **Selected Projects** in the Projects area.
  - b. Click **Edit** and move each applicable project to the left side of the page.



c. Click **Done**.

## Cloning a Policy

Click the **Clone Policy** button to create a policy with duplicate settings>



## Deleting a Policy

Click **Delete** to delete the policy.