

Accelerating Data Engineering Using a Data Catalogue

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 - 4th Industrial Revolution Survey
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 - Data Fabric
 - Data Science Workbenches
 - Analytical Databases
 - The Agentic Enterprise

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- AI-Driven Active Data Governance
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- Data Warehouse Modernisation
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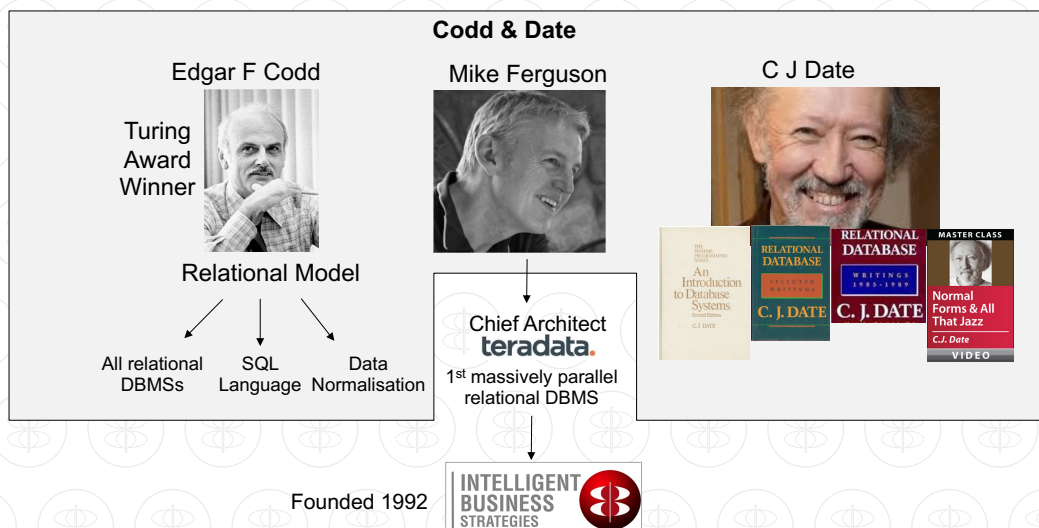
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What Is A Data Catalogue?

Enterprise Data Catalogue

Data catalogue software connects to data stores, IoT schema registries and tools in your organisation to automatically discover and classify the structured, semi-structured and unstructured data and data relationships that exist in your distributed data estate and also profile its quality.

It creates an inventory of all your data assets, labels data so you know how to govern it and discovers lineage to understand how data is processed.

A data catalogue is a metadata repository that contains a knowledge graph of your data and its relationships, to enable users to find and access information quickly and to enable you to create data governance policies in the catalogue to govern data in a consistently across your data estate.

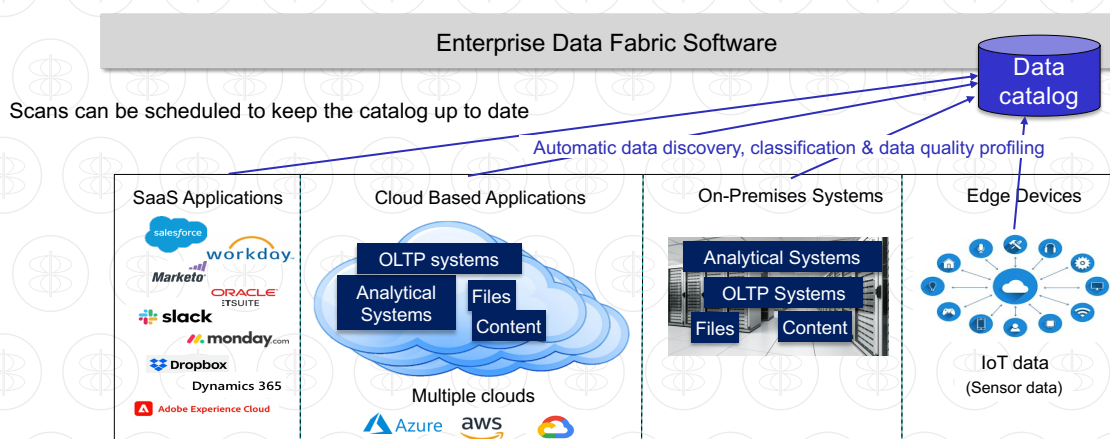
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You Need A Data Catalog To Automatically Discover What Data Is Available, Its Quality, Sensitivity And Where It Is Across Your Data Estate to Govern It

Automatically discover, classify, data quality profile and catalog data



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Data Catalog Product Examples (A Very Crowded Market)

- Ab Initio data catalog
- Actian Zeenea
- Alation
- Alex Solutions
- Altair (Cambridge Semantics) Anzo Catalog
- Alteryx Connect
- Amazon Glue Catalog
- Apache Atlas (open source)
- Ataccama ONE Data Catalog
- Atlan Catalog
- BigID Data Catalog
- Boomi AtomSphere Data Platform Catalog
- Cloudera Data Platform SDX Catalog
- Collibra Catalog
- Databricks Unity Catalog
- Denodo Catalog
- Google Cloud Data Catalog
- Hitachi Vantara Pentaho Data Catalog
- IBM Knowledge Catalog
- Informatica IDMC Data Governance & Catalog
- Microsoft Purview
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Data Catalog
- Qlik
 - [Enterprise Data Catalog](#)
 - [Qlik \(Talend\) Data Catalog](#)
- Quest (formerly erwin) Data Catalog
- Rocket Software (formerly ASG) Intelligent Data Catalog
- SAP DataSphere Catalog (cloud)
- SAS Information Catalog
- Salesforce Tableau Catalog
- Servicenow data.world
- Snowflake Polaris
- TIBCO Cloud Metadata Catalog
- Top Quadrant TopBraid EDG Data Catalog
- Truist Zalon Arena Data Catalog

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What Core Capabilities Should A Data Catalog Offer?

Core Capability	Additional Comments
Business glossary management	• Create common business data names and definitions for common understanding
Automated data discovery	• On-premises, multiple clouds, SaaS Apps edge
Knowledge graph of your data estate	• Understand data relationships, who / what uses that data, dependencies & more
AI assisted search and faceted search to find data	• To help data producers quickly and easily find the data they need
Automated data governance classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto detection of sensitive data types, e.g., personal data, financial data • Trainable classifiers to label data using user defined governance classification schemes • Classification grouping, e.g., all personal data subject to GDPR
Automated data quality profiling	• Understand data anomalies, completeness
Automated extraction & derivation of lineage	• Understand how data has been processed, where it is used and who uses it
Data Governance of a distributed data estate	• Define policies based on data governance classifications & classification groups
Tag management	• Allow people to tag data and files for easy location and governance in the future
Data governance policy management	• Policies to govern data access security, privacy, retention, sharing and quality
Data usage behavioural observation	• Harvest database query logs, understand frequency of use, usage patterns,
Data marketplace	• Provide consumers with 'ready-made', high quality data and govern data sharing
Lineage visualisation	• Understand data processing at a glance, understand reports & models using it
Integration with data fabric and 3 rd party tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access from 3rd party tools, launch of data preparation tools • Governance of self-service data preparation jobs • Governance of reports, dashboards, ML models....

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Data Catalogs Can Support Multiple Personas

- Personas
 - Chief data officers
 - Data stewards
 - Data engineers (data producers)
 - Data scientists
 - Business analysts
 - IT developers (including catalog access via APIs)
- Data catalogs also integrate with many other tools
 - Data science workbenches
 - ETL tools
 - BI tools
 - Data modelling tools
 - API management tools
 - Data automation tools
 - Data observability tools

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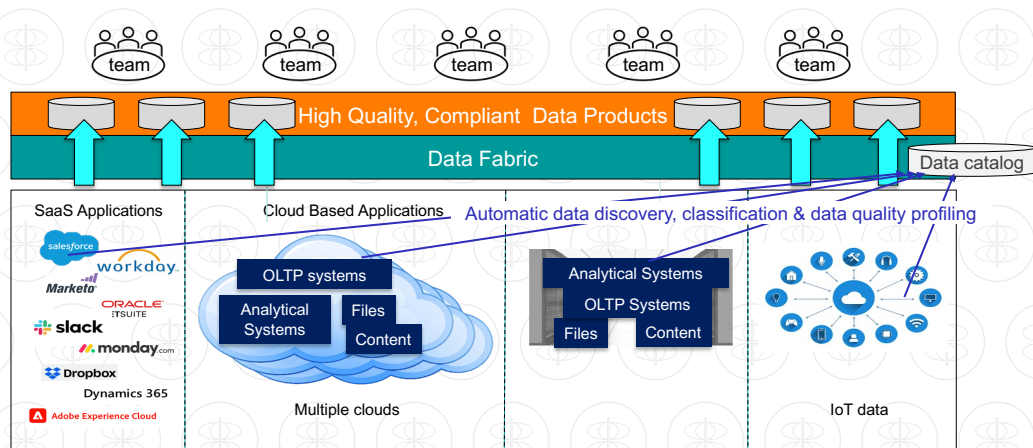
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Creating Reusable Data Products Is An Approach Fast Gaining Momentum As A Way of Incrementally Building Up A Secure And Compliant Data Foundation

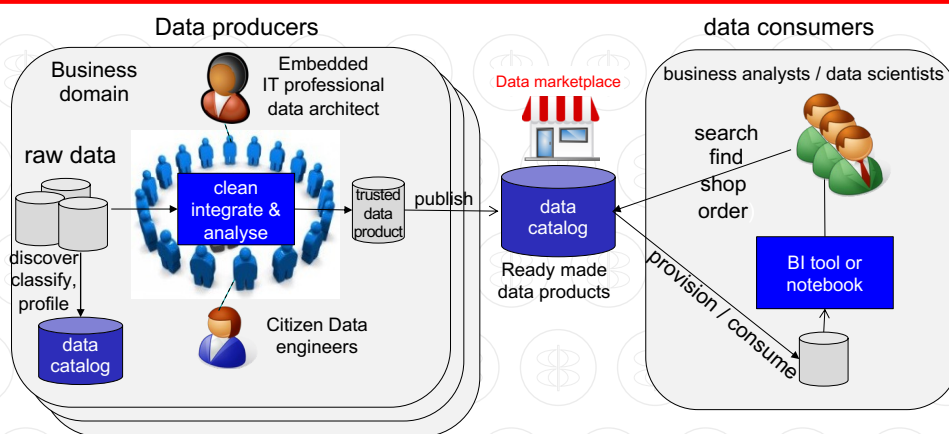


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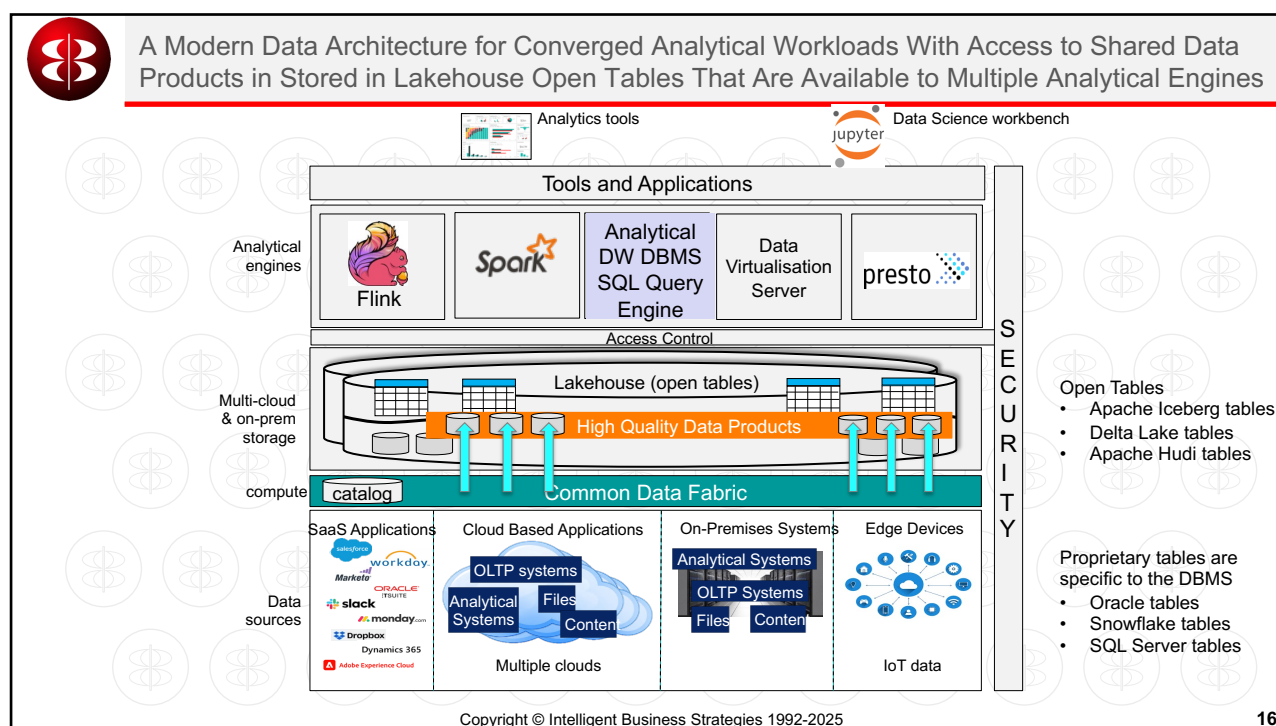
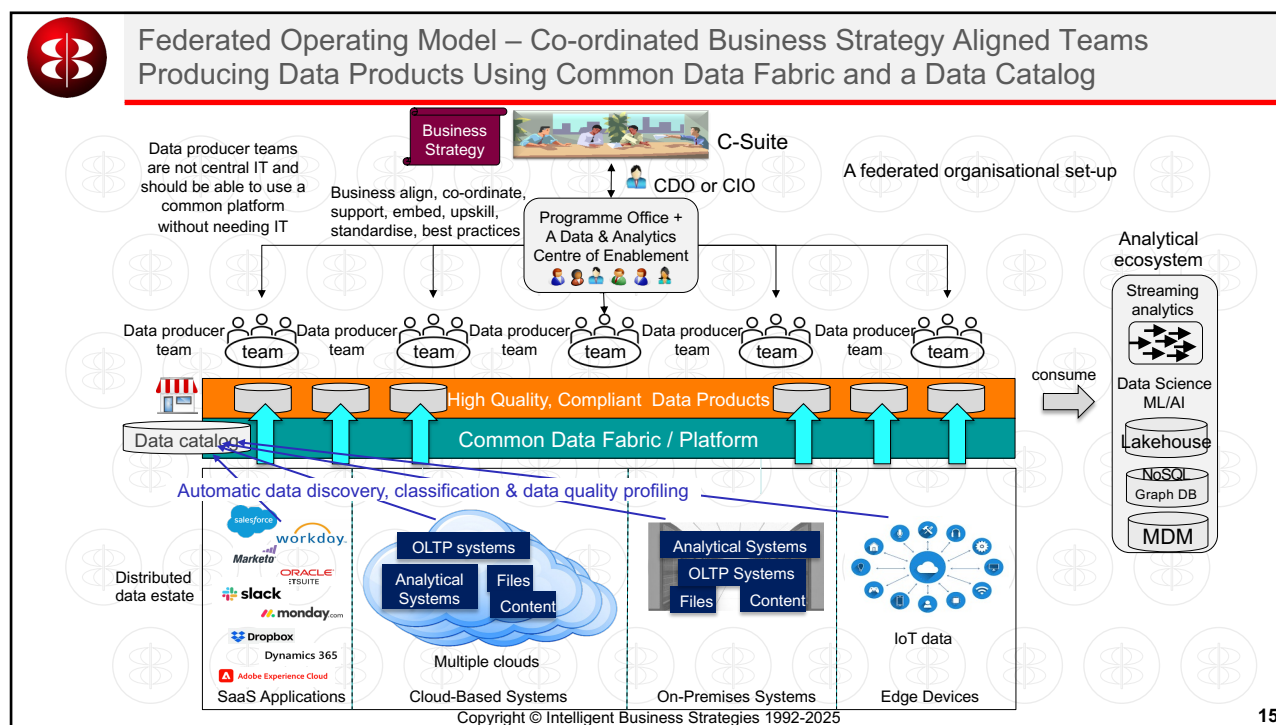
Key Requirements – Organisational Implications If You Are To Become Data Driven – We Need Data Product Producers And Consumers



- Need to make use of
 - A business glossary and data catalog
 - A collaborative approach to producing data and analytical products
 - A catalog / data marketplace to quickly find reusable trusted data products to drive business value

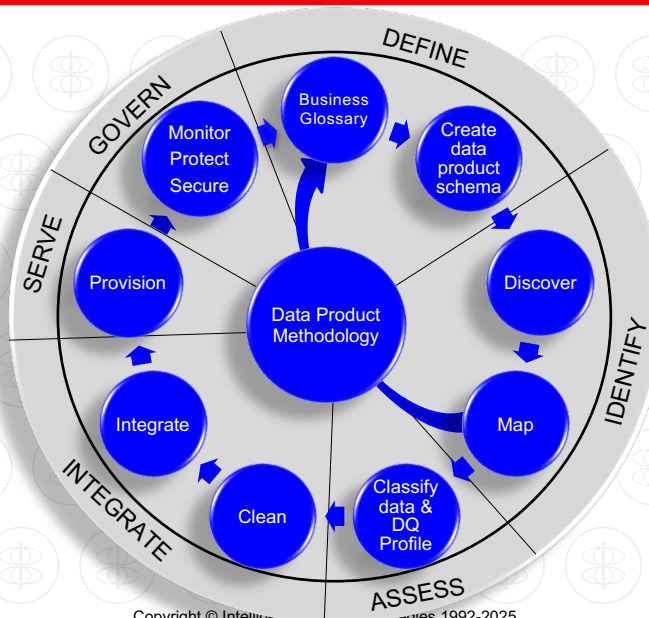
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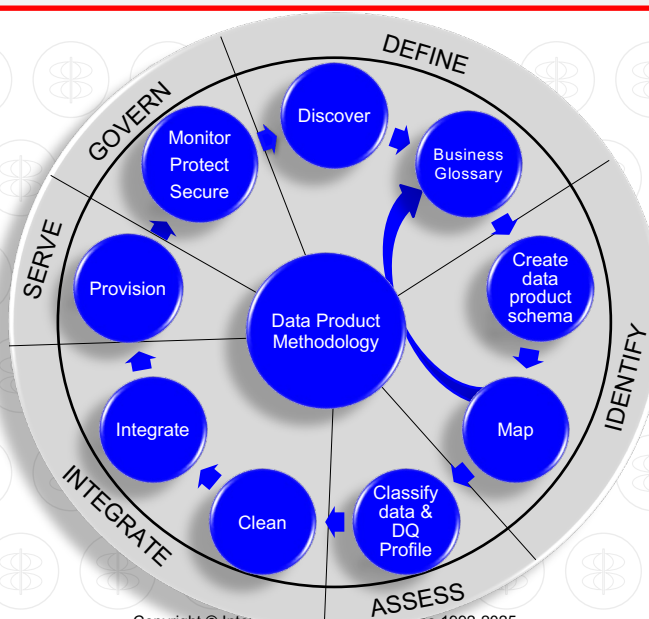
A Best Practice Continuous Improvement **Top-Down** Methodology For Creating Structured Data Products That Starts With Defining Your Business Classsary



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There is Also a **Bottom-Up** Variation Of The Methodology To Create Structured Data Products By Discovering What Data Exists and Auto Generate Your Business Glossary Terms



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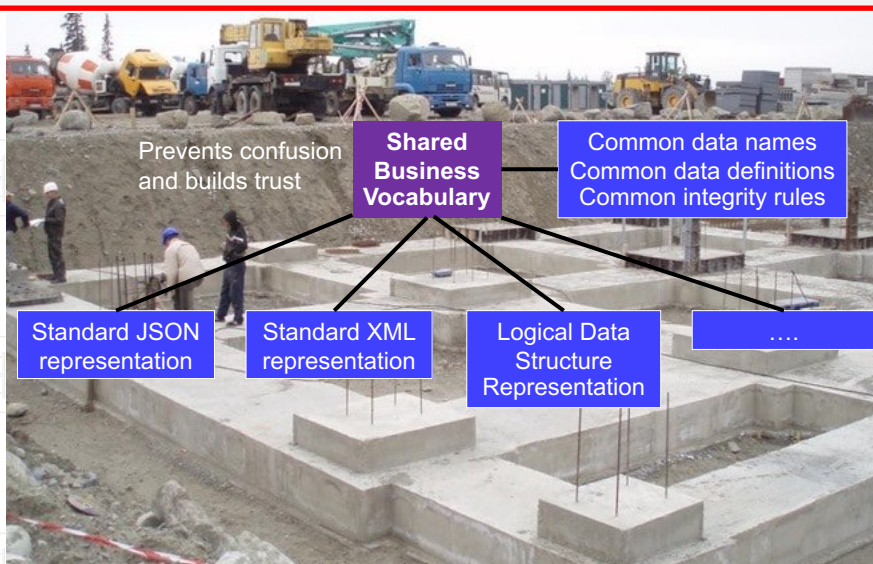
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The Foundation For Data Management And Governance Is A Common Vocabulary And Lineage

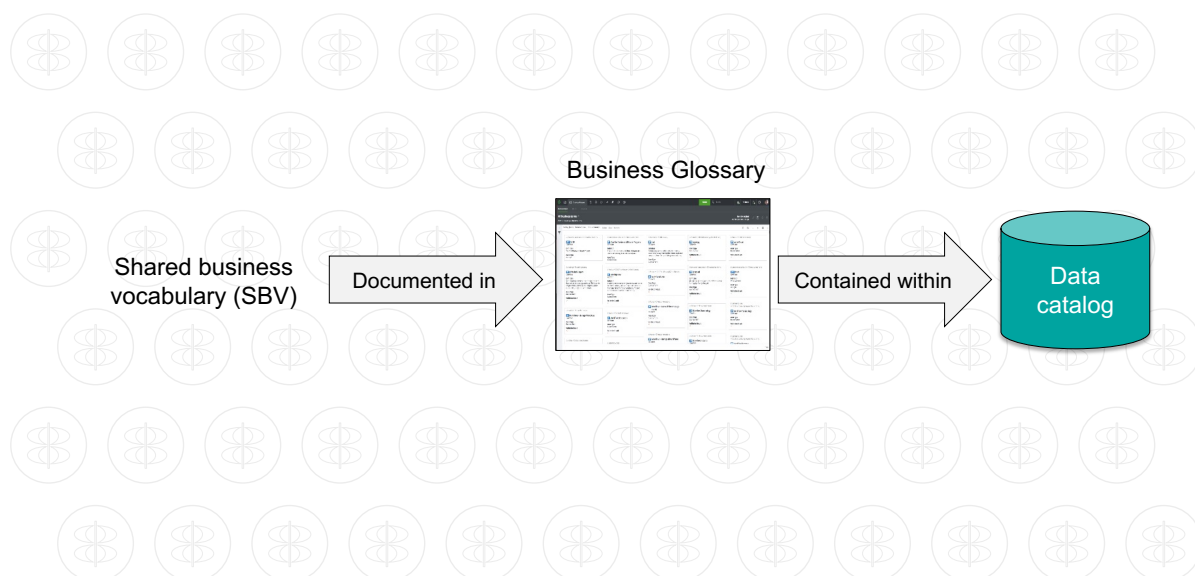


The SBV acts as the foundation for sharing data across systems irrespective of whether those systems are on-premises or in the cloud - It is fundamental to getting rid of complexity

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A Shared Business Vocabulary Is Defined In A Business Glossary Which Is Typically Part Of A Data Catalog



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Options For Defining Your Own Shared Business Vocabulary

1. Adopt pre-built vocabularies as a standard
2. Leverage existing enterprise data models
 - If these models exist in your organisation, they are probably managed by data architects and may be widely adopted
3. Use a business data concept model to start with and incrementally define your own vocabulary from scratch
 - Use a data catalog to automatically discover data to help build out all attributes and to help automate the mapping of physical data assets to the terms in your glossary
4. Use Generative AI to automatically generated business glossary terms for the data it finds during automatic data discovery within a data catalog

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Pre-Built Common Business Vocabularies Example - IBM Knowledge Accelerators - E.g. IBM Knowledge Accelerator for Financial Services

The screenshot displays the IBM Knowledge Accelerator for Financial Services interface. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with categories like 'Business Core Vocabulary', 'Business Performance Indicators', and 'Business Scopes'. The main content area is titled 'Channel Usage' and shows a table of governance artifacts. The table has columns for Name, Description, and Primary category. The right sidebar provides details about the category, including a description, collaborators, controls, and category path.

Name	Description	Primary category
Account Access Channel	Identifies the different delivery and communications mechanisms through which...	Group
Accounting Unit	The Data Concept Accounting Unit identifies a repository used to monitor both monetary and...	Accounting
Arrangement	The Data Concept Arrangement represents a potential or actual agreement between two or...	Arrangement
Average Card Payment Transaction Amount	A measure that identifies the average spend that was transacted by payment cards.	Payments
Average Number Of Channels Used	A measure that identifies the average number of distinct channels employed to carry out business.	Business Performance Indi
Average Time To Notify Payment Exception	A measure that identifies the average amount of time taken to notify Involved Parties of...	Business Performance Indi
Breach Data Subject Contact Percentage	A measure that identifies the percentage of the data subjects that where informed about the...	Risk Management
Business Activity	The Data Concept Business Activity describes actions performed by or for the Financial...	Business Activity

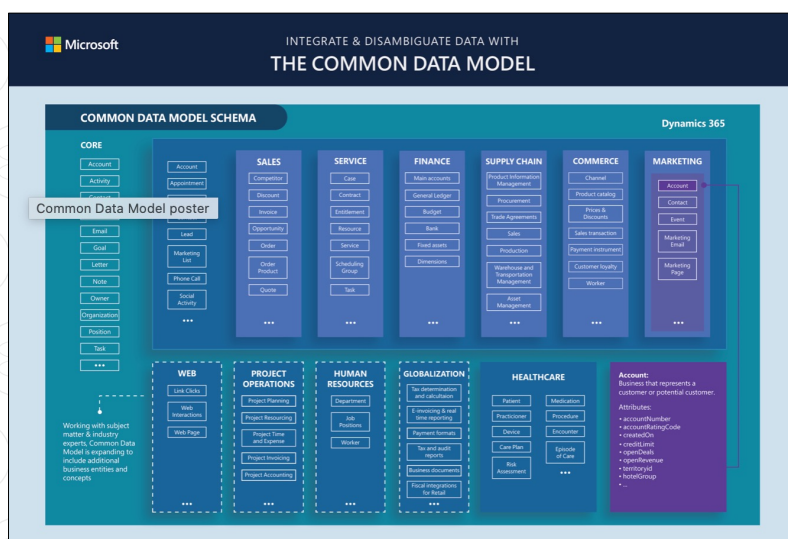
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Pre-Built Vocabularies Example - Microsoft Common Data Model

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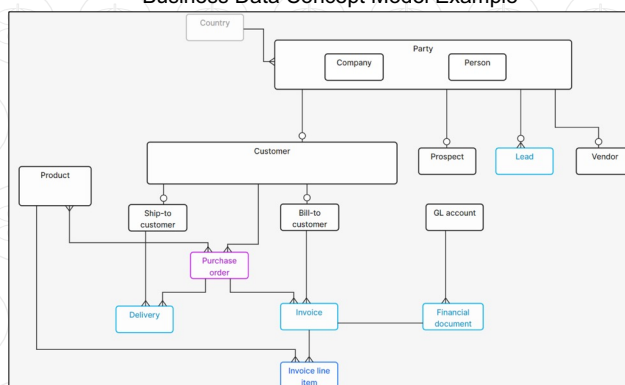
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A Good Top-Down Approach To Starting A Business Glossary Is To Create A Business Data Concept Model

- Identify the data concepts, properties and relationships and construct a data concept model
- It is good practice to highlight all master and transaction data concepts in your data concept model

Business Data Concept Model Example



Some vendors provide complete definitions for business data entities and all their attributes to get you started quickly, e.g., Collibra uses Schema.org, Microsoft has a CDM

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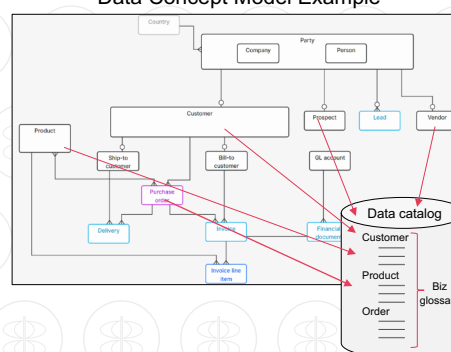
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Steps To Creating A Common Vocabulary – From Data Concept Model To Data Marketplace

- Identify the data concepts, properties and relationships and construct a data concept model
- The data concepts become the 'skeleton data entities' in the common vocabulary
- Each data concept and its attributes should be defined in the business glossary as a data entity with a data owner
- Use the catalog to discover the data for each data entity in underlying data stores across the data landscape
- Design DataOps component-based pipelines to create the data products with common vocabulary data names
- Publish all data products in a data marketplace

Data Concept Model Example



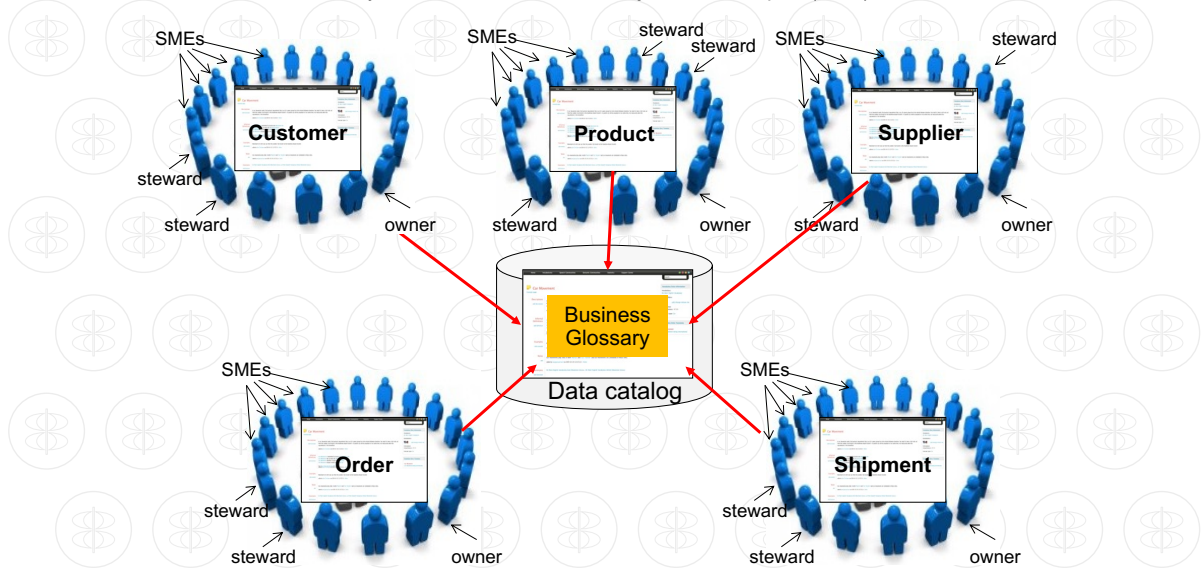
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Several Communities Are Likely To Be Involved In Defining Common Data Names And Definitions For Data In A Business Glossary

Communities may include a mix of IT and subject matter expert (SME) business users



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Data Catalogs Can Also Use AI to Auto Generate Business Data Names for Your Business Glossary That Can Be Accepted or Rejected - E.g. User Confirmed Business Terms in Alation

This is a bottom-up approach to creating a business glossary

Columns & Sample Content Data

Columns (32) Sample Content (100)

Search Columns

#	↑	Column	Title	Description	Type	Popularity	Data Health
1		DATE_ID	Date Id	Date ID = unique identifier for date	NUMBER(38, 0)		1
2		ORG_ID	Organization	Alation automatically generated this title and a user confirmed it.	NUMBER(38, 0)		No Rules
3		DISTRIBUTOR_ID	Distributor Id	Identifier for each Beer Distributor	NUMBER(38, 0)		✓
4		BREWERY_ID	Brewery Id	Identifier for each brewery.	NUMBER(38, 0)		No Rules
5		ACCT_ID	Account Id	Account Identification for each account.	NUMBER(38, 0)		No Rules
6		TOTAL_REVENUE	Total Revenue	Total Revenue identified in Numbers.	NUMBER(38, 0)		No Rules
7		COST_OF_GOODS_SOLD	Cost Of Goods Sold	Shows the number of units sold by Cost.	FLOAT		No Rules
8		GROSS_PROFIT	Gross Profit	Revenue - Expense = Gross Profit ID.	FLOAT		No Rules
9		OPERATING_EXPENSE	Operating Expense	Overhead Cost	FLOAT		No Rules

Source: Alation

Green 'robot heads' indicate that the AI Generated business term has been confirmed by a business user

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Data Catalogs Can Also Recommend Business Terms That You Can Accept or Decline - E.g., Informatica IDMC Data Governance and Catalog

The screenshot displays the Informatica IDMC Data Governance and Catalog interface. It features a navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Contains, Lineage, Relationships, Data Quality, Stakeholders, Attributes, Tickets, and History. The main content area is divided into sections for Glossaries, Data Element Classifications, and Inferred Data Types. A callout box highlights the 'CLAIRE Recommendations (1)' section, showing a dropdown menu with options: 'Credit Card Details', 'Accept', 'Decline', and 'Accept and save as Business Name'.

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Using Generative AI For Business Glossary Metadata Enrichment - Auto-Generation of Business Term Descriptions in Atlan Business Glossary

The screenshot shows the Atlan Business Glossary interface. It includes a navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Linked assets, and a search bar. The main content area displays a 'Term Summary' for 'Claim approval rate'. A callout box highlights the 'Readme' section, showing a dropdown menu with options: 'Draft', 'Draft with 13 hours ago', and 'Add'. A red box labeled '1' points to the 'Add' button. Another red box labeled '2' points to the 'Pick a template' button. A third red box labeled '3' points to the 'AI generate' button. The 'AI generate' button is labeled 'AI generate' and 'Write manually'. The 'Readme' section shows a table of contents with items: Summary, Critical Inputs, and Relevant Business Processes. The 'Summary' section contains text about the 'Claim approval rate' metric.

Source: Atlan

Add a Readme, pick from a template and auto generate the Readme text using a generative LLM

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Automatic Data Discovery Is About Discovering What Data Exists In Your Data Stores – The Data Catalog Is Populated With Physical Data Names

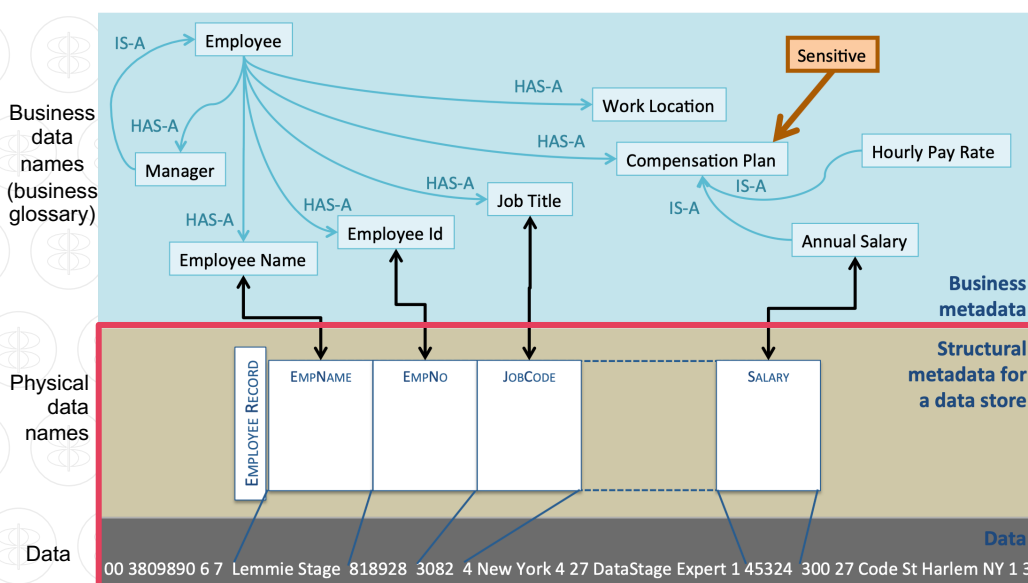
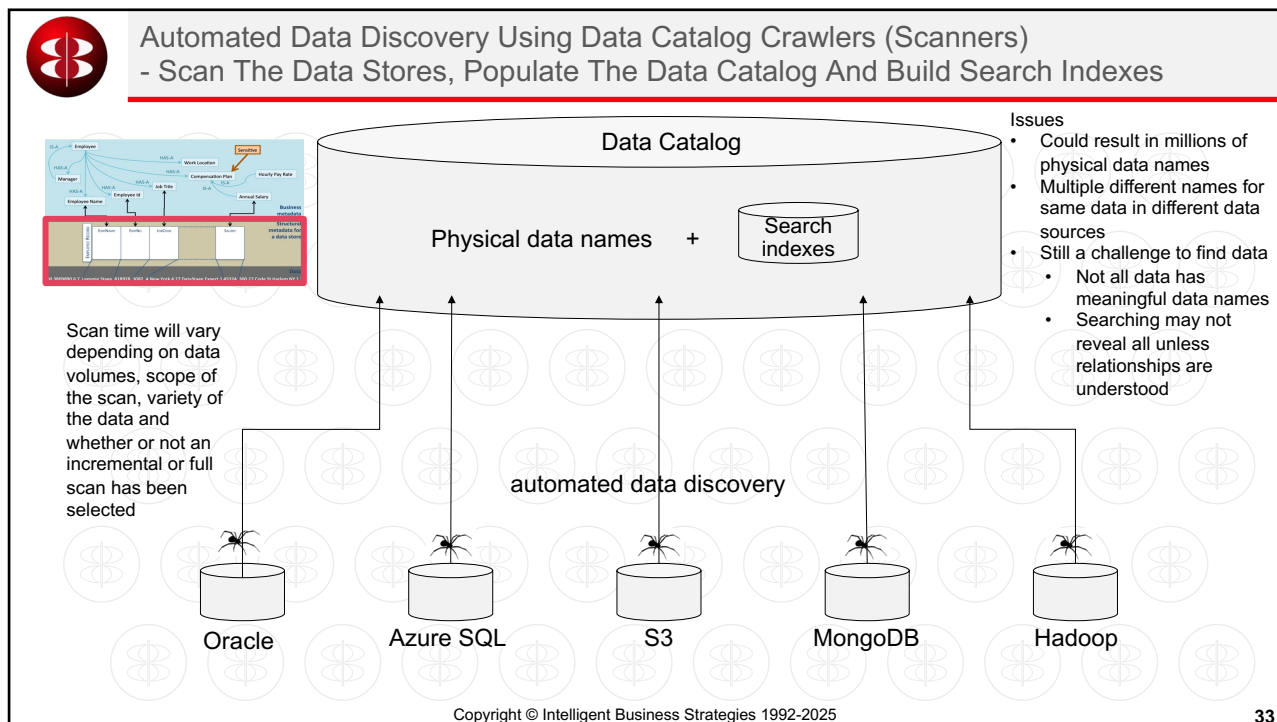


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Registering Data Sources In A Data Catalog For Automated Discovery
 – Product Example: Microsoft Purview

Data sources can also be grouped into collections for easy management

Register sources (Azure Blob Storage)

Name *

blob-storage

Azure subscription

< your subscription >

Storage account name *

< your storage account >

Endpoint

Select a collection

None

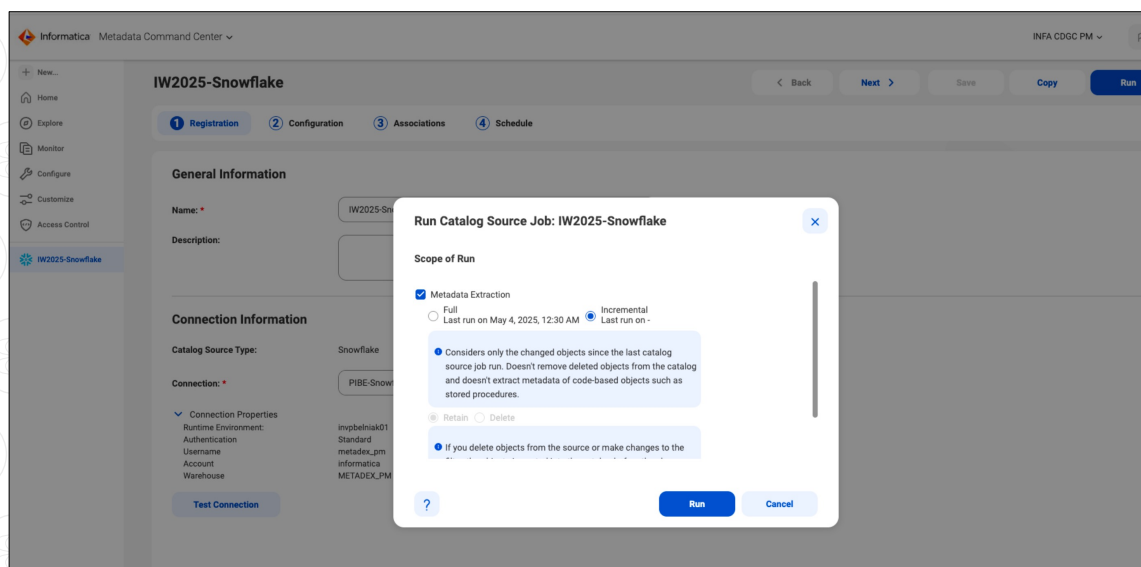
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Some Data Catalog Products Offer Incremental Data Discover Scans - E.g., Informatica IDMC Data Governance and Catalog



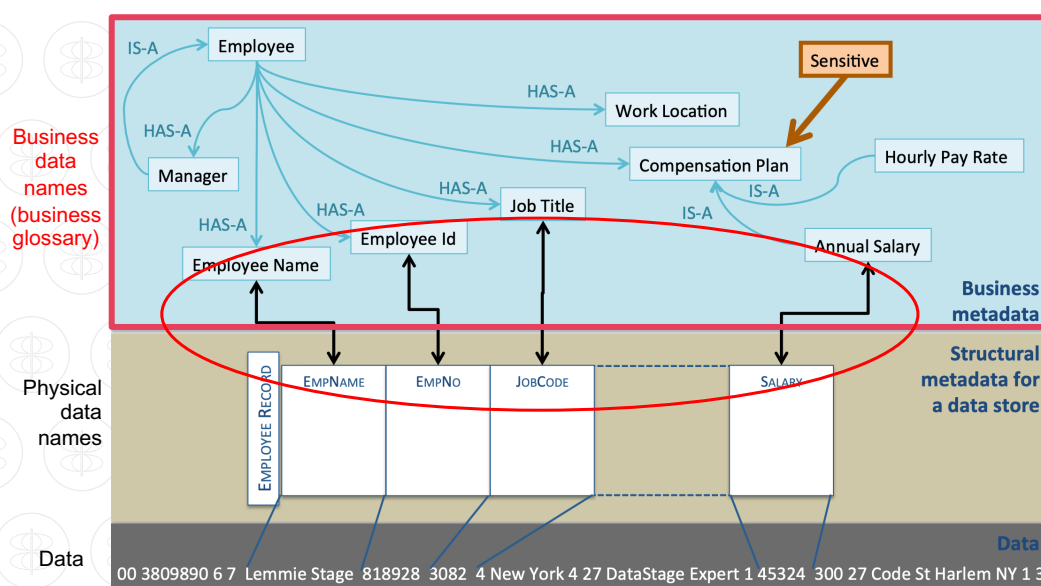
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The Mapping Of Discovered Data In A Data Store To Business Metadata In A Business Glossary Enables Us To Understand The Meaning Of Data



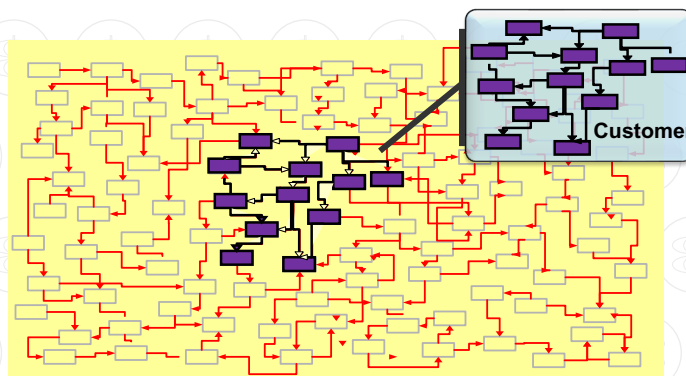
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Automated Mapping of Raw Data to Business Terms Seeks to Determine the Meaning of Discovered Data and to Identify Complete Data Entities From Data Across Your Data Estate



- Automated determination and grouping of data across multiple systems into business entities

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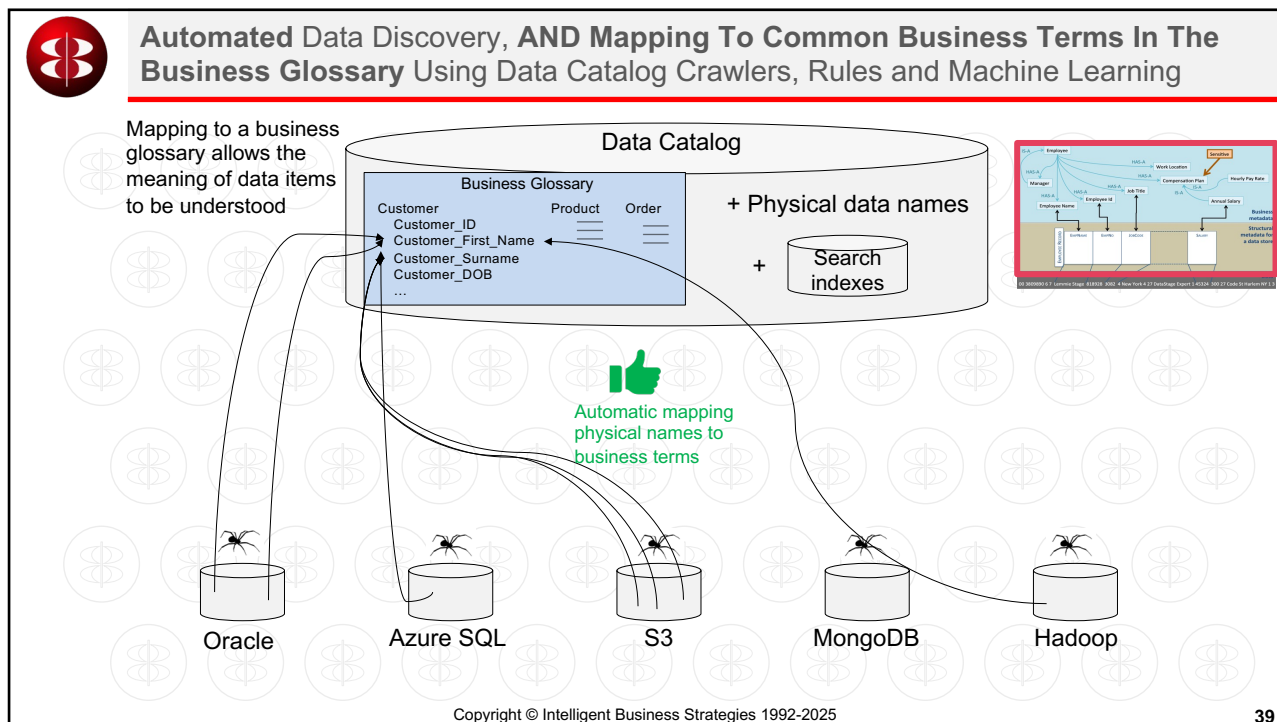
How Do You Map Physical Data Names To Business Terms In A Business Glossary?

- Manual mapping done by business domain subject matter experts and data stewards
 - For occasional use and overriding incorrect automated mappings
 - Very time consuming and not practical for millions of files and thousands of tables and columns
 - Highly unlikely that any employee will understand data assets in SaaS applications
- **Automatically mapping** using several techniques
 - Pre-built machine learning models (AI-driven algorithmic scoring)
 - AI assisted mapping
 - Auto data discovery
 - Auto data clustering of similar data
 - Observability of manual mapping to glossary terms
 - Auto labelling of similar data based on observations
 - Training machine learning models to do it automatically
 - User defined rules, e.g., regular expressions
 - Reference data



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Enabling Glossary Business Term Association In Informatica IDMC Data Governance and Catalog To Map Physical Data Names To Business Terms in a Business Glossary

Informatica Metadata Command Center

INFA CDGC PM

Amazon Redshift

1 Registration 2 Configuration 3 Associations 4 Schedule

Metadata Extraction Data Profiling and Quality Data Classification Relationship Discovery **Glossary Association**

Enable Glossary Association: ☒

Enable auto-acceptance ☒ Confidence Score Threshold for Auto-Acceptance: 90 %

Considers all published business terms in the glossary while making recommendations to associate your technical assets.

Informatica, can automatically map physical data names to business terms in a business glossary. It does this by using an algorithm (based on accepted business terms on data domains, column similarity, and name match between a column and business term) to calculate a confidence score that it can map it correctly. You can specify a threshold for the confidence score above which it will automatically assign a business term to a physical data asset.

Source: Informatica

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Auto Discovery of Complete Data Entities Such as Customer, Address, Product is Also Possible in Informatica Data Governance and Catalog Using Entity Classifications

Data entities are foundational data products

Order									
Field0	Field1	Field2	Field3	Field4	Field5	Field6	Field7	Field8	Field9
4/5/2015	Estelle	Chambers	7312 Branch St.	Far Rockaway	NY	11691	70520	Samsung SD Card 8GB Class 6	341326.38
8/30/2016	Alfred	Sanchez	7549 Maiden St.	Potomac	MD	20854	71889	Haigoe UTP CAT6 Patch cable Oranje 0,5M Qlmz	97508
10/8/2015	Brandon	Valdez	11 N. Longfellow Lane	Atlantic City	NJ	8401	73018	Harvik tablet TAB36 8" GoTab gravity	569264.92
12/21/2013	Jo	Morton	7 Sunbeam Dr.	Upper Darby	PA	19082	72572	Logitech Lapdesk N500 Comfort	1182692
	Rodolfo	Wells	2 Edgewater St.	Lawndale	CA	90240			94115.51
	Diana	Schultz	44 Lafayette St.	Holly Springs	NC	27540			154800
1/8/2013	Chelsea	Sandoval	59 Sierra Ave.	Staunton	VA	24401			897484.04
8/5/2016	Johnny	Nunez	8415 Lakeshore Lane	Bartlett	IL	60103			375680
2/9/2015	Shane	McDaniel	147 Garden Avenue	New Kensington	PA	15068			7757619.49
10/4/2016									450465.41
10/13/2013									156000
11/25/2016	Wendell	Ferguson	24 rocky river St.	Plattsburgh	NY	12501			756820
4/5/2015	Nathaniel	McGee	7235 Briarwood St.	Aberdeen	SD	57401			4528096
4/25/2015	Norman	McKenzie	8307 West Wild Horse Ave.	Cartersville	GA	30120			1619895.54
2/8/2017			9263 Birchpond Street	Inman	SC	29349			1127675
11/27/2016			105 Main Dr.	Stoughton	MA	2072			211752
11/24/2016	Brenda	Griffin	838 West Oakwood St.	Arlington	MA	7474			475554.18
1/12/2016	Donnie	Huff							70022.51
7/28/2016	Dora	Shelton							250000
12/16/2015	Nick	Thomas	768 Fairway Lane	East Lansing	MI	48823			9000
3/6/2013	Lloyd	Schmidt							275100
7/24/2013	Sylvia	Stephens							
10/24/2015	Tommie	Craig	79 Jackson Street	Dracut	MA	1826			
8/23/2015	Alicia	Stevens	328 Snake Hill Rd.	Hallandale	FL	33009			

Source: Informatica

You define data entities that you want it to identify and then run the classifications

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Identifying Complete Data Entities - Informatica IDMC Data Governance and Catalog Can Classify Data Elements and Complete Data Entities

Snowflake Demo DB				
1 Registration	2 Configuration	3 Associations	4 Schedule	
✓ Metadata Extraction	✓ Data Profiling and Quality	✓ Data Classification	✓ Relationship Discovery	✓ Glossary Association
✓ Writeback				
Enable Data Classification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Choose either CLAIRE generated classifications, data classification rules, or both:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Generated Data Classifications powered by CLAIRE				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Classification Rules				
Data Classifications (15)				
Name	Type	Sensitivity	Description	Last Updated
Ireland Personal Public Service (PPS)...	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350026067
Japan My Number - Personal	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350454012
Latvia Personal Code	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350340912
Lithuania Personal Code	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350176094
Luxembourg Identification Number(n...	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350345092
Luxembourg National Identification ...	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350184238
Person	Data Entity	-	Person Entity: BirthDate, Email, Gender, S...	1679927528991
	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350476132
	Data Element	B PH	This data element classification classifies...	1687350374412

List of Selected
Element and Entity
Classifications

Source: Informatica

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You Can Also Add Your Own Rules to Extend Data Catalogs - Using Regex in Pentaho Data Catalog to Identify Social Security Number Data and Map It Your Business Glossary Terms

The screenshot shows the Pentaho Data Catalog interface. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Glossary', 'Data Facets', 'Tagging Rules', and 'Origins'. A blue callout box points to the 'Glossary' section with the text 'Import or create business glossary'. Another blue callout box points to the 'Tagging Rules' section with the text 'Manage tags'. The main area displays a tree view of the business glossary, including categories like 'US State', 'US State Abbreviation', 'US Zip Code', 'Year', 'User-defined Tags', 'Address', 'Food Service', 'Restaurant ID', 'Restaurant Name', 'Cuisine', and 'Inspections'. A red box highlights the 'Social Security Number' entry, which is expanded to show its details. The details include a 'Name' field with the value 'Social Security Number', a 'Description' field with the value 'Social Security Number', a 'Tagging Rule' field with the regex pattern `^(?!000)(?!666)(?!9)[0-9][3][!00][0-9][2][!0000][0-9][4]$`, a 'Test Data' field, a 'Test' button, and fields for 'Min Length' (11), 'Max Length' (11), and 'Association Accuracy' (20%).

Source: Hitachi Vantara

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Topics – Where Are We?

- What is a data catalogue?
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- Publishing data products in a data marketplace within the data catalog

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Several Vendors Support Predefined Classifiers To Classify Sensitive Data Types – E.g., AWS Glue Studio Can Detect And Process Sensitive Data

• Detect PII in each cell

Scan the entire data set, and act on each occurrence individually.

• Detect fields containing PII

To reduce costs and improve performance, sample only a portion of the data and act on fields across all records.

Select entities to detect

Available entities (19)

Find entities

Select all Clear all Create new Manage

Entity name	Category
<input type="checkbox"/> Person's name	Universal, HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Email (General)	Universal
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	Universal
<input type="checkbox"/> IP Address	Networking
<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Address	Networking
<input type="checkbox"/> US Phone	United States, HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> US Passport	United States
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN)	United States, HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> US Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	United States, HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> US/Canada bank account	United States, HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> US driving license	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> National Drug Code (NDC)	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> National Provider Identifier (NPI)	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Registration Number	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN)	HIPAA
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Beneficiary Identifier	HIPAA

- Universal (e.g., Email, Credit Card)
- HIPAA (e.g., US Driving License, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code)
- Networking (e.g., IP Address, MAC Address)
- United States (e.g., US Phone, US Passport)
- United Kingdom (e.g., UK Bank Account, UK VAT)
- Japan (e.g., Japan My Number, Japan Passport)

Choose what you want to do with identified PII data

Actions

Choose actions to take on detected entities.

- **Enrich data with detection results**
Create a new column that will contain any entity type detected in that row.
- **Redact detected text**
Replace detected entity with a string you choose.
- **Apply cryptographic hash**
Apply a SHA-256 cryptographic hash function to the input string.

Source: AWS

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Informatica Metadata Command Center Let's You Import Over 200 Predefined Classifications That You Can Use To Identify Country Specific Personal Data In Sources

Informatica Metadata Command Center

monitoringdev2 from selfservice

Explore

Data Classifications

Import Predefined Content

Data Classifications (23)

Name	Type	Description	Updated On	Updated By
ABA Routing No	Data Element	This identifies ABA	10 Nov 2021, 03:33	monitoringdev2
All Match	Data Element		10 Nov 2021, 03:29	monitoringdev2
Amex	Data Element	This identifies Amer	10 Nov 2021, 03:33	monitoringdev2
Birth date	Data Element	it matches a birthda	10 Nov 2021, 03:33	monitoringdev2
Company Ticker USA	Data Element	This identifies the S	10 Nov 2021, 03:33	monitoringdev2
Credit Card	Data Element	This validates VISA,	10 Nov 2021, 03:33	monitoringdev2

Source: Informatica

Note that Informatica predefined classifications cannot be modified

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Several Vendors Support Predefined Classifiers To Classify Sensitive Data Types – E.g. 200+ Pre-Defined Classifiers Used In Microsoft Purview

Examples

- People's names
- Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Postal codes
- Passport numbers
- Driving license numbers
- Social security numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Bank account numbers
-

Sensitive info types

Search

☐ Select all

- ☐ Japan Bank Account Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ German Driver's License Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ U.K. National Insurance Number (NIN) Microsoft Corporation
- ☒ Japan Passport Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☒ France Passport Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ Singapore National Registration Ident... Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ Canada Driver's License Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☒ U.S. / U.K. Passport Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ Australia Tax File Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ India Unique Identification (Aadhaar) ... Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ SWIFT Code Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ Israel National ID Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ ABA Routing Number Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ New Zealand Ministry of Health Num... Microsoft Corporation
- ☐ Swiss Social Security Number (SSN) Microsoft Corporation

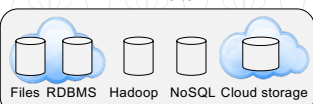
Add

Cancel

These are examples of very specific sensitive data classifications

You can also add your own sensitive data types

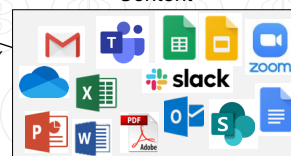
Data



Scan & classify

You need to identify where this sensitive data is in all data stores and content

Content



Scan & classify

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Microsoft Purview Data Catalog – Table Schema And Automated Classification Of A Discovered Data Asset

Microsoft Azure Purview Adatum Corp				
Home > Search results for "Revenue" > RevByCustomer				
RevByCustomer Confidential				
Azure Synapse Analytics Table				
Edit Refresh Synapse Analytics				
Overview Schema Lineage Contacts Related				
Column name ↑↓	Data type ↑↓	Classifications	Glossary terms	Description ↑↓
CustomerID	int	CustomerID	Customer	Unique Customer Identifier
CompanyName	int			Customer Company Name
EmailAddress	int	EmailAddress		Customer Email Address
Phone	nvarchar			Customer Phone Number
FirstName	nvarchar	Person's Name		Customer Contact First Name
LastName	nvarchar	Person's Name		Customer Contact Last Name
SalesInvoiceNumber	int	InvoiceNumber		Unique Sales Invoice Number
OrderQuantity	int		SalesOrder	Sales Order Quantity
ProductCode	nvarchar	ProductCode		Standardized Product Code
DiscountAmount	nvarchar			Discounted Amount
BillingID	int		Finance	Unique Billing Identifier
CostCenterCode	nvarchar	CostCenterCode		Unique Code for Accounting Cost Center
SalesAmount	int			Sales Amount
TaxAmount	int		Tax	Tax Amount

Source: Microsoft

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Microsoft Purview Data Catalog – Classification Counts Show How Many Data Sources, Files And Tables Have That Data Of That Classification Type

This allows you to see the proliferation of sensitive data across your data estate so that you can create policies to protect it

Classification	Category	Sources	Files	Tables
EmailAddress	Personal	227	6.31M	5.56M
Geolocation (Lat/Lon)	Personal	138	4.92M	523K
EU GPS Coordinates	Personal	2	2.74M	-
Credit Card Number	Financial	15	1.13M	423K
InvoiceNumber	Custom	98	961M	610K
Person's Name	Personal	85	891K	1.90M
CustomerID	Custom	139	877K	638K
ProductCode	Custom	13	521K	3.12M
CostCenterCode	Security	73	512K	291K
U.S. Social Security Number (SSN)	Government	10	310K	59K
U.S. Driver's License Number	Government	6	293K	125K
U.S. Bank Account Number	Financial	48	275K	23K
IP Address	Miscellaneous	5	248K	98K
TransactionID	Custom	11	120K	847K

Source: Microsoft

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Generative AI in Data Governance – Defining Data Quality Data Validation Rules Using Collibra AI Assistant

Collibra AI Assistant

Prompt *

Write Rule

Given this table: test.expense_reference

with the following columns:

[current_employee, employee_id, expense_limit, first_name, last_name, username]

Write a SparkSQL statement to find records where

expense is expensive and last name is invalid

Change Values Controls

Generate

SELECT * FROM test.expense_reference WHERE expense_limit > 1000 AND last_name IS NULL

Copy to Workbench Close

Source: Collibra

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Some Data Catalogs Also Offer AI-Assisted Auto-generation of Data Quality Rules – e.g. Microsoft AI-Suggested Data Quality Rules

The screenshot shows the Microsoft 365 Data Catalog interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options like Home, Data Catalog, Data search, Data product search, Data management, Business domains, Data products, Data quality, Data access, Data estate health, Rules and permissions, Solutions, and Related solutions. The main content area is titled 'Customer Address SAP' and shows a table of rules. A red box highlights the 'Suggest rules' button. Below it, a 'Suggest rules' dialog box is open, showing a list of suggested rules with columns for Rule name, Rule type, Column(s), Rule description, Status, and Quality score. A red box highlights the 'Run rule suggestion' button in the dialog.

Source: Microsoft

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Data Catalogs Can Perform Automatic Data Quality Profiling and Generate Metadata In the Data Catalog – E.g. IBM Knowledge Catalog

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Pak for Data interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options like Data discovery, New discovery job, and Select the type of discovery that you want to run. The main content area shows two options: 'Quick scan' and 'Automated discovery'. The 'Quick scan' option is described as a quick overview of the quality of your data based on the analysis of data sample. The 'Automated discovery' option is described as a full analysis of your data to provide detailed data quality insights.

Source: IBM

Automated full and incremental data quality profiling is also supported by other vendors e.g. Informatica EDC

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Automated Data Quality Profiling – Cloud Pak For Data and IBM Knowledge Catalog

IBM Cloud Pak for Data

Projects > DataLakeWorkspace > Data assets > BANK_CUSTOMERS

Columns Governance Data quality Data classes Data types Rules Primary keys Foreign keys

BANK_CUSTOMERS

Description
No description.

Data quality score 95% +2%

Columns 16
Rows 500
Reviewed 500

Threshold 80%
Analysis status Outdated
Last analysis Mar 23, 2020

Find a column

Name (physical)	Score	Delta
CUSTO...	100%	0%
NAME	100%	0%
ADDRE...	100%	0%
ZIP	78%	0%
CREDIT...	100%	0%
AGE	99%	0%
GENDER	100%	0%

Source: IBM

Columns (16)

Search for a column

Name	Analysis status	Last analyzed	Data class	Term	Format	Nullability	Uniqueness	Minimum	Maximum
CUSTOMER_ID	Completed	last month	Credit Card Validation Number	Customer 92%	+ 5 more	9999		1320	2279
NAME	Completed	last month	Person Name	Name 100%	+ 2 more	NA		Abdul R Peterson	Zoe U Ankenbrock
ADDRESS	Completed	last month	Text	Address 100%	+ 3 more	NA		*C/O E.H. KRAUSE INDUSTRY TX	Wythenshawe Manchester
ZIP	Completed	last month	US Zip Code	Zip Code 100%		99999-9999		01815-0008	No ZIP
CREDIT_RATING	Completed	last month	Credit Card Validation Number	Credit Card Validation ... 100%	999			600	824
AGE	Completed	last month	Code	Age 100%	+ 2 more	99.9		18	91
GENDER	Completed	last month	Gender	Gender 100%	+ 3 more	A		F	M
MARITAL_STATUS	Completed	last month	Legal Marital/Civil Status	Marital status 100%	+ 1 more	aaaaaaa		cohabitant	widowed

Publish puts the DQ metadata into IBM Knowledge catalog for all to see

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IBM Cloud Pak For Data Automated Data Quality Profiling Highlights Data Quality Issues, E.g., Data Violates The Matching Rules Set Up In A Data Class

IBM Cloud Pak for Data

Projects > DataLakeWorkspace > Data assets > BANK_CUSTOMERS > Columns > ZIP

Governance Data quality Column properties Data classes Formats Data types Rules Frequency distribution

ZIP

Description
No description.

Data quality score 78% 0%

Rows 500
Analysis status Completed
Last status analysis Mar 23, 2020
Last DQ analysis Mar 23, 2020

Find a column

Name (physical)	Score	Delta
CUSTO...	100%	0%
NAME	100%	0%
ADDRE...	100%	0%
ZIP	78%	0%
CREDIT...	100%	0%
AGE	99%	0%
GENDER	100%	0%
MARIT...	98%	0%
PROFE...	100%	0%

Source: IBM

Column data quality dimension results (11)

Search for a dimension

Dimension name	# of findings	% of findings	Delta	Ignore
Data class violations	106	21%	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Inconsistent capitalization	3	1%	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data type violations	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplicated values	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Format violations	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inconsistent representation of missing values	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missing values	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspect values	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspect values in correlated columns	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
Values out of range	0	0%	—	<input type="checkbox"/>

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IBM Knowledge Catalog Allows You To Add Poor Quality Data To A Project And Immediately Start Cleaning It Using Self-Service Data Preparation

The screenshot displays the IBM Watson Knowledge Catalog interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various data preparation operations under the 'CLEANSE' category, including 'Convert column value to missing', 'Extract date or time value', 'Remove duplicates', 'Remove empty rows', 'Replace missing values', and 'Replace substring'. The main area shows a table of data with columns 'TRANSACTIONS', 'PRODUCT_LINE', and 'PRODUCT_TYPE'. A filter is applied: 'Filtered by: COUNTRY where value contains United States'. The right sidebar shows details for the 'ONLINEORDERS_flow' data refinery, including its location and output file 'ONLINEORDERS_shaped.csv'.

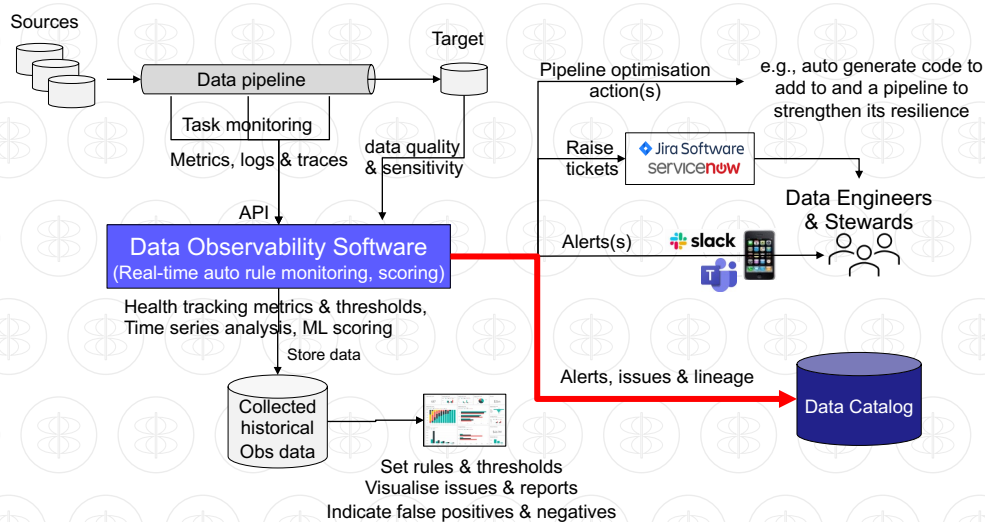
Source: IBM

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Data Observability Can Also Monitor Executing Data Pipelines, Cause Alerts and Pass Issues to Data Catalogs



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Real-Time AI-Driven Active Data Governance In Data Quality Can Come From Integration Between Data Catalogs, Data Observability and DBMSs – E.g. Alation DQ Alerts

Data Quality

Rule	Object Name	Status	Value	Description	Last Updated
LN001-Invalid Number Ch...	date_id	Alert	1%	Percentage of values that contain numeric digits < 2% of total Green, 2-5% of total...	Jun 9, 2022 12:12 PM
LN002-Null Values	distributor_id	No Issues	9%	Percentage of null values < 10% of total Green, 10-15% of total Yellow, >15% Red	Jun 9, 2022 12:12 PM
LN003-Blocked Words	closing_inventory	No Issues	0%	Percentage of values with blocked words < 0% of total Green, > 0% Red	Jun 9, 2022 12:21 PM

Source: Alation

Integrates with SODA, Monte Carlo, Snowflake DMFs, Databricks etc.

Alation has DQ processes for Snowflake and Databricks to help govern DQ in these platforms

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In Some Data Catalogs, Data Quality Can Also Be Overlayed on Top of Data Asset Lineage to See Data Quality Issues at a Glance – Alation Data Quality Overlay

Data Health Summary

Upstream Issues	Column Count	Status
0	1	Red
0	0	Yellow
2	2	Green
1	29	No Rule

Source: Alation

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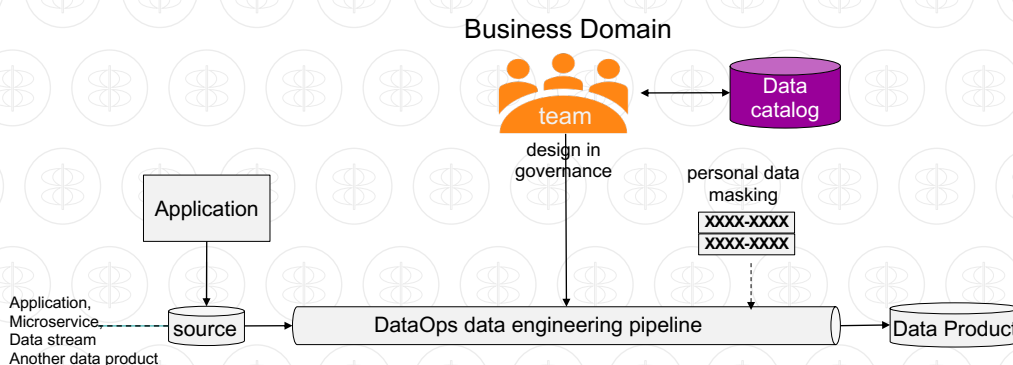
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Data Producers Should Check If Data Is Classified As Sensitive In The Data Catalog And Mask Sensitive Data In The Pipeline When Creating Data Products

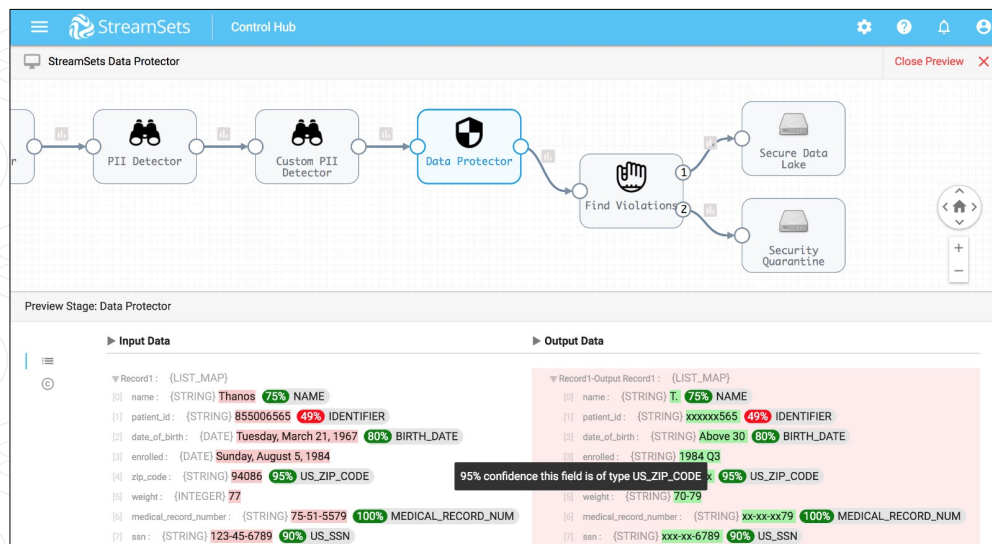


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Data Masking In A Pipeline That Produces a Data Product – E.g. IBM StreamSets



Source: StreamSets

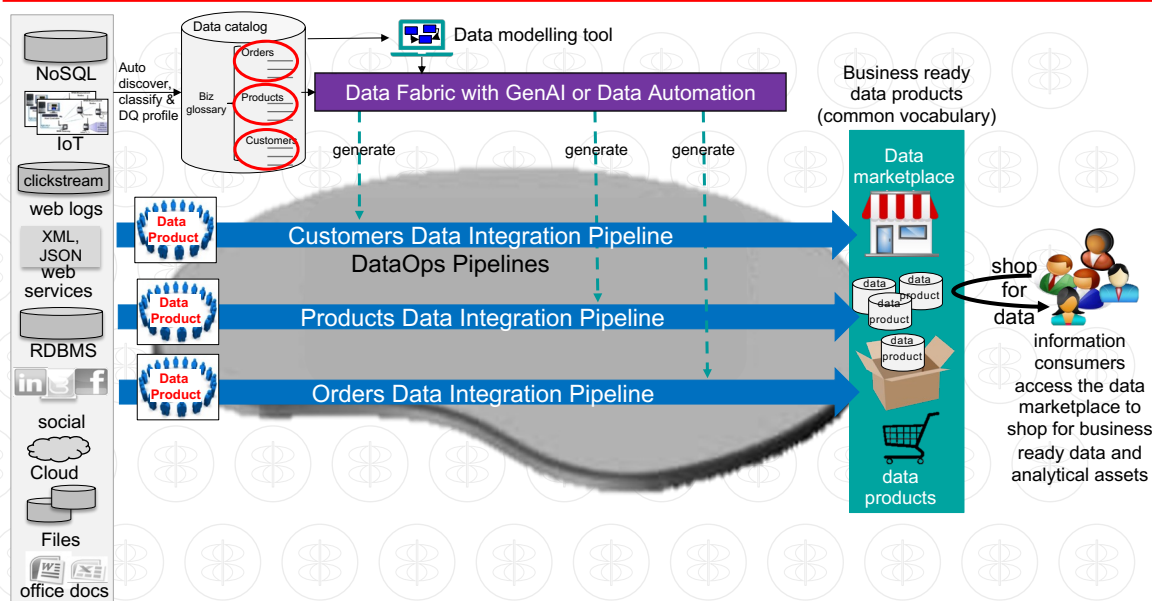
Masking capability is available in several data fabric software offerings

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Use Metadata, Gen AI Data Automation To Generate Pipelines To Produce A Data Product For Each Entity Defined In The Business Glossary Within A Data Catalog

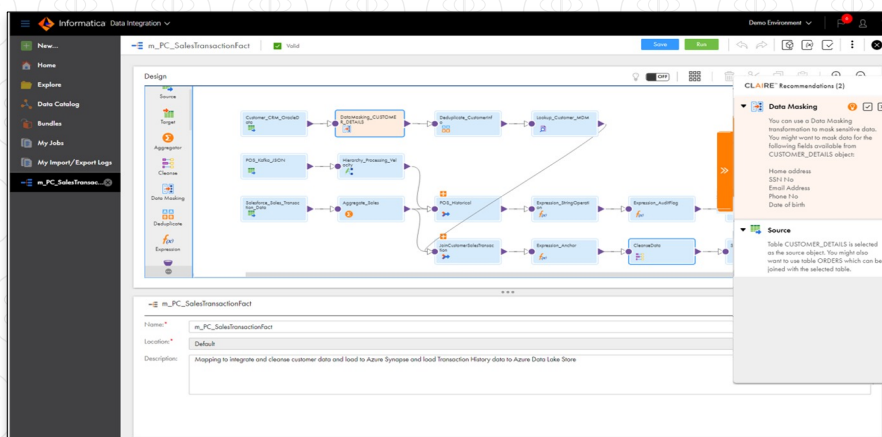


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AI Assisted Data Fabric Software Can Now Automatically Generate Pipelines – Informatica IDMC CLAIRE Co-Pilot AI-Driven Automated Pipeline Generation



Source: Informatica

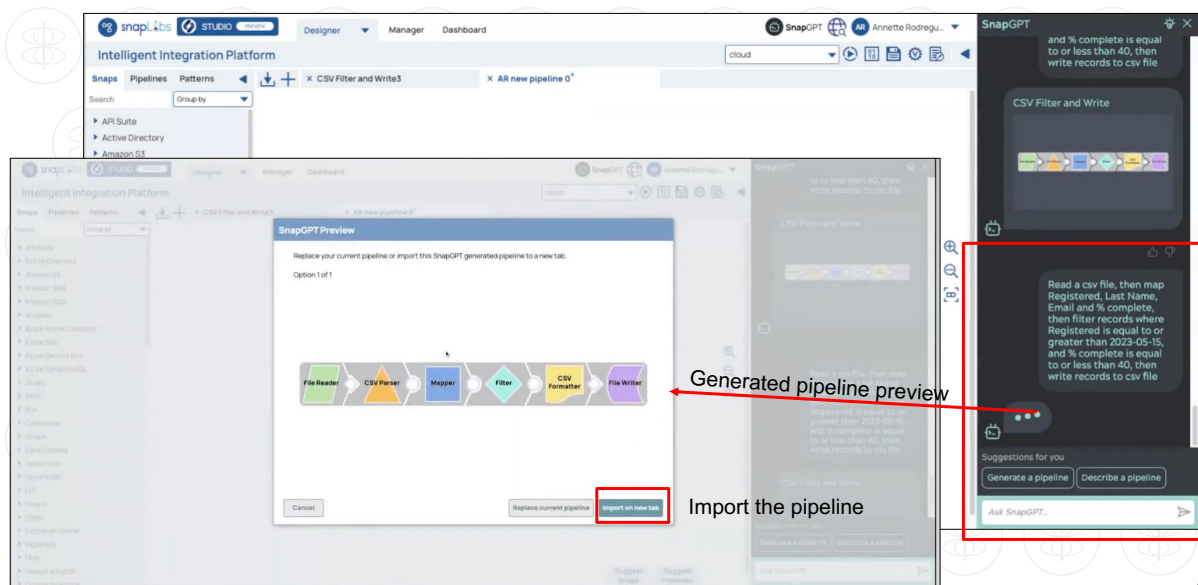
- Fully automated data pipeline generation
- Support for unstructured, semi-structured and hierarchical data sources
- Automated creation data masking, cleansing and standardization rules
- Support for join, union, normalization and denormalization of data sources
- Simplifies and accelerates development
- Improves productivity

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Generative AI In Data Engineering Opens Up Data Product Development To Citizen Data Engineers – SnapLogic SnapGPT Prompt Based Data Engineering



Generated pipeline preview

Import the pipeline

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Generative AI Prompt Based Data Engineering – SnapLogic SnapGPT Pipeline Configuration Wizard

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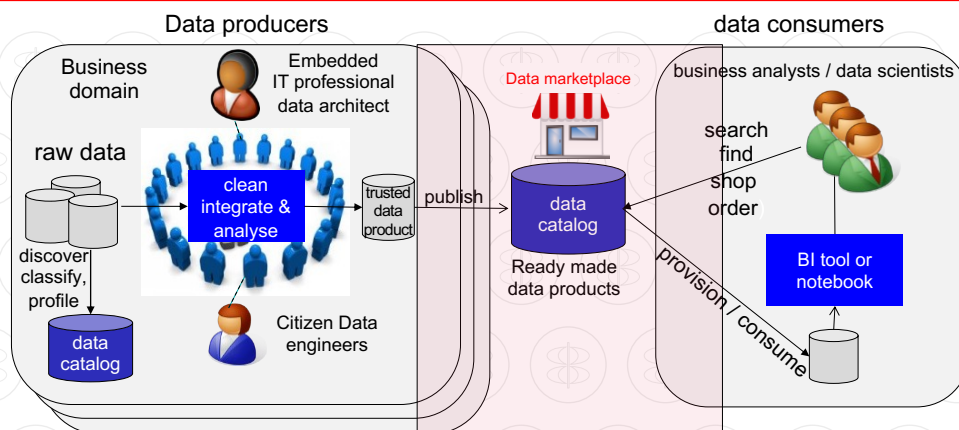
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Where Are We? – Publishing Trusted Data Products In A Marketplace For Consumption



- Need to make use of
 - A business glossary and data catalog
 - A collaborative approach to producing data and analytical products
 - A catalog / data marketplace to quickly find reusable trusted data products to drive business value

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What Is An Enterprise Data Marketplace?

Enterprise Data Marketplace

A catalog application that governs the sharing of published ready-made, trusted, data and analytical products that are available as services with common data names documented in a business glossary, full metadata lineage and that are tagged and organised to make them easy to find, access, share and reuse across the enterprise

Product examples:

- Alation Marketplaces
- Amazon Datazone
- Collibra Data Marketplace
- Databricks Data Marketplace
- CData (Data Virtuality) Data Shop
- Harbr Data
- IBM Data Product Hub
- Informatica IDMC Data Marketplace
- One Data Data Products Marketplace
- Microsoft Purview
- Quest Data Marketplace
- Qlik Data Products Catalog
- Snowflake Internal Data Marketplace
- Snowflake External Data Marketplace
- SAP DataSphere Data Marketplace

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Key Elements In Enterprise Data Sharing – Governing The Publishing Of Data Products

- Quality assurance and governance of data products is needed before they are published in a marketplace for consumption

Business Glossary +
Data Lineage
+ Data Freshness
+ Data Owners



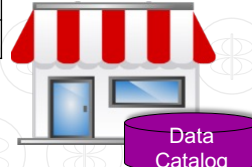
Data product

Data Quality score	✓
Common data names (business glossary)	✓
Full metadata lineage	✓
Access security policy defined	✓
Privacy policy defined	✓
Retention policy defined	✓
Version management	✓
Data sharing agreement defined (terms & conditions)	✓
Tagged by business objective	✓

Data product
quality
assurance



Data marketplace



Data
Catalog

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Collibra Data Marketplace Includes Recommended Data

Data basket

Collibra

Data Marketplace Search Discover

Search in Data Marketplace

All Employee data Reports More

Popular Data

ICAT Data Quality Issue Issue Category 37 visits

Recommended Data

ICAT Data Quality Issue Issue Category

Recent Data Visits

TWS Customer Sales Insights Approved Visited 13 minutes ago

TWS Customer Insights Visited 13 minutes ago

ICAT Completeness Issue Visited about 3 hours ago

ICAT Data Quality Issue Visited 8 days ago

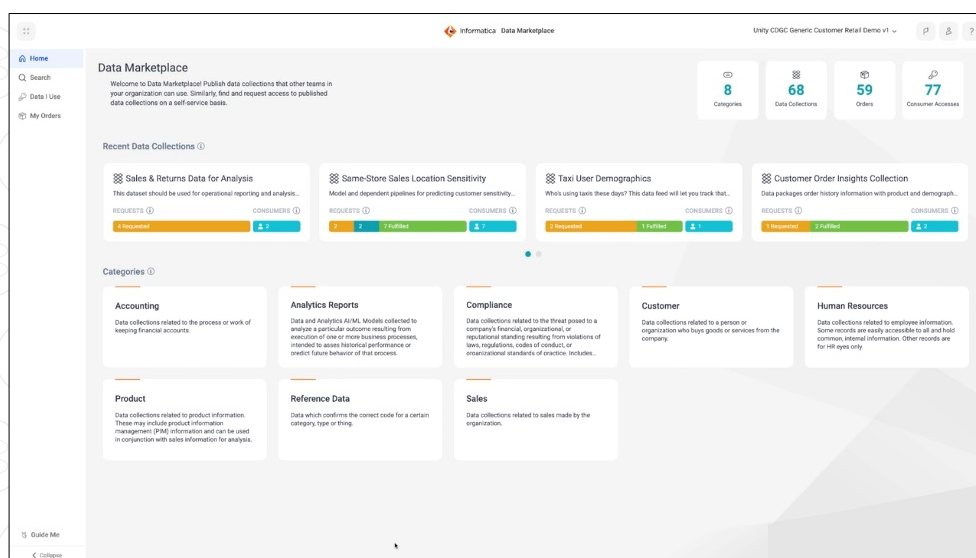
ICAT Data Definition Issue Visited 8 days ago

Log Issue

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Information Consumers Shopping For Data In An Enterprise Data Marketplace – E.g. Informatica IDMC Data Marketplace Data Categories



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Audit history, reporting, analytics on data consumption patterns

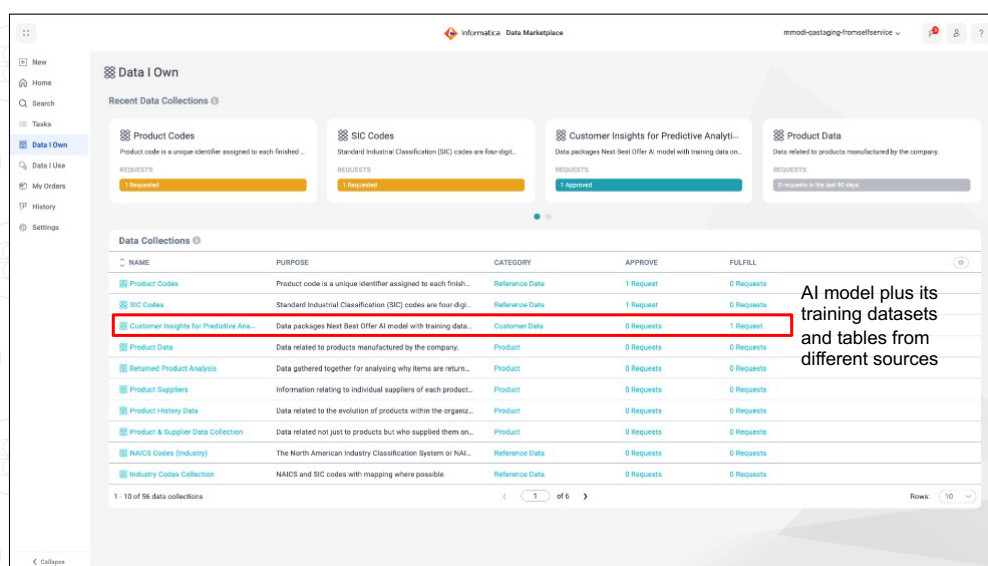
Categories contain data collections

Data collections contain data assets

Data assets can contain one or more data elements



Informatica IDMC Data Marketplace – Includes Data Products And Machine Learning Models



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AI model plus its training datasets and tables from different sources



Informatica IDMC Data Marketplace – Data Product Terms Of Use (Data Contract)

The screenshot shows the Informatica IDMC Data Marketplace interface. The 'Terms of Use' section is highlighted, showing a 'Controlled' status for personally identifiable data. A red arrow points to this status with the text: "Terms of use indicate that this data collection is controlled because it contains PII data".

Source: Informatica

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Some Data Catalogs Will Now Let You View Data Quality Scores By Business Domain and By Data Products – E.g. Microsoft Purview

In this case there is a hierarchy showing Corporate Functions and then business domains

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Purview Data Quality interface. It displays a hierarchy of Corporate Functions and a table of Data Quality scores for various data products. The table includes columns for Data product name, Type, Owner, Status, Data assets, Quality score, and Last updated.

Data product name	Type	Owner	Status	Data assets	Quality score	Last updated
Country/Region Common Data an...	MasterDataAn...	Nick Doughty	Draft	11	---	06/11/2024, 5:18 PM
Facility Energy Consumption	Dataset	Nick Doughty	Expired	1	---	11/14/2024, 11:55 AM
Organization Data	MasterDataAn...	Nick Doughty	Draft	3	Medium 58.1	11/27/2024, 8:45 AM
Product Master (ASPM)	MasterDataAn...	Nick Doughty	Draft	5	---	04/10/2024, 4:06 PM

Source: Microsoft

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Microsoft Purview - You Can Also Monitor Health Actions Associated With Data Products

Microsoft 365 - Purview

Health actions

Active | In progress | Resolved | My items

Assigned to: All | Severity: All | Add filter

Showing 10 of 10

Finding name	Days active	Status	Finding type	Finding subtype	Target entity	Assigned to	Created
Data profile outlier values detected	0 days	Not started	Data Quality Management	Data profile	dimensionality	---	3/22/2024, 6:45 PM
Data asset quality rule score has fallen below...	1 day	Not started	Data Quality Management	Data asset quality rule score	Customer	---	3/22/2024, 11:13 PM
Data asset quality rule score has fallen below...	1 day	In progress	Data Quality Management	Data asset quality rule score	Customer	Shirley Mannen	3/22/2024, 11:13 PM
Missing owners on data assets	1 day	Not started	Trusted Data	Data product ownership	Customer Master List	3 owners	3/22/2024, 6:09 PM
Data profile abnormally high null counts det...	4 days	Not started	Data Quality	Data profile	Customer Address SAP	---	3/19/2024, 10:56 PM
Missing data quality scores on data assets	1 day	Not started	Trusted Data	Data quality enablement	Customer Master List	3 owners	3/22/2024, 9:09 AM
Missing data quality scores on data products	1 day	Not started	Trusted Data	Data quality enablement	Customer Master List	3 owners	3/22/2024, 9:09 AM
Data asset quality rule score has fallen below...	1 day	Not started	Data Quality Management	Data asset quality rule score	Customer	---	3/22/2024, 11:13 PM
Data product is not endorsed	1 day	Not started	Trusted Data	Data product certification	Customer Master List	3 owners	3/22/2024, 9:19 AM
Data quality Assessment job has been Skipp...	2 days	In progress	Data Quality	Data quality job unsuccessful	Customer Address SAP	---	3/21/2024, 11:01 AM

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Microsoft Purview - Generative AI Can Suggest New Assets to Add To a Data Products

Microsoft 365 - Purview

Customer Master List

Description

Use cases

Data assets

Glossary terms

Critical data elements

Create suggestions

All generated suggestions. Verify the content below, as it might contain errors.

Generate more

Showing 10 suggestions. 6 selected

Name	Source type	Description
Customer address.csv	Azure Data Lake Storage G...	...
Customer Master (ACME)	Azure Data Lake Storage G...	The data has been through mastering process to ensure...
Commercial Customer ...	Cloudin MDM Entity	/Customer Entity in Cloudin
Customer Profile.csv	Azure Data Lake Storage G...	...
Customer Profile	Azure Data Lake Storage G...	Intermediate data table containing standardized data from...

CustomerB2B Golden Asset

customerprofileSAP

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Microsoft Purview - Data Product Owners Can Also Set Policies Including the Duration of the Data Access Policy

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Purview Data Catalog interface. The main pane shows the 'Customer Master List' data product, which is a master data and reference data asset. It includes a description, use cases, and a list of data assets (8) such as 'Customer', 'Customer Address SAP', and 'CustomerAddress'. The right sidebar, titled 'Manage access policies', is open, showing the 'Policy Configuration' tab. This tab allows users to configure and manage access policies and request forms. It includes sections for 'Permitted access' (Data usage purpose, Name, Description), 'Access time limit' (Maximum time allowed for data access), 'Approval requirements' (Manager approval required, Privacy and compliance review required), and 'Digital Attestations' (Permit data copies, Require acknowledgement of terms of use). A 'Preview request form' button is also visible.

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