

Data Governance SprintTM

Establish Data Governance in Weeks instead of Months

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• De Volksbank (Data Strategy – 1,5 day)

• City of Antwerp (MDM – 1 day)

• Bol.com (DAMA-DMBOK - 1 day)

• De Voorkempen (*Pragmatic DG for SMEs – 2 days*)

• Profel Group (MDM – 3 days)

• De Nederlandsche Bank (DAMA-DMBOK – 2 days)

• ISS Netherlands (MDM – 2 days)

• Vlerick – MBA program (Data Governance – Guest lecture)

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Speaking Engagements:

• DGIQ/EDW (Anaheim, 2025)

Data and Al Conference (London, 2025)

Data Modeling Zone (Phoenix, 2025)

• DGIQ East (Washington DC, 2024)

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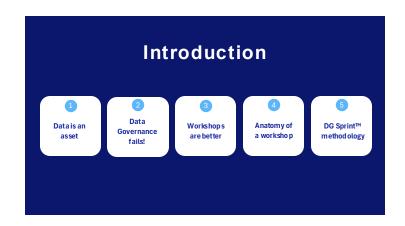
DGIQ East (Washington DC, 2023)

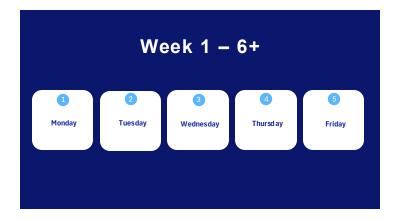
AI 4 Business Summit (Brussels, 2019)



Training AGENDA

We'll cover the following eight areas of training







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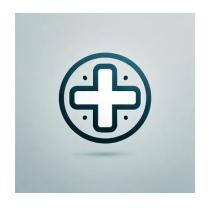
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Data is a strategic ASSET

BlueCross HealthCare



- Vision Statement: "To be a beacon of excellence in healthcare, providing qualitative, innovative, and patient-centered services that promote wellness and improve the quality of life for the communities we serve."
- Company Objectives:
 - Deliver Exceptional Patient Care
 - Foster a Culture of Continuous Improvement
 - Expand Community Health Initiatives



Data is a strategic ASSET

Core Business Function Facilities Information Human **Finance** Data **Supply Chain** Management Resources **Technology** Governance Strategic Assets Medical Equipment & Patient Care & Employees & Capital & Expenses Software & Data & Analytics Supplies **Work Locations** Contractors & Revenue Hardware Solutions

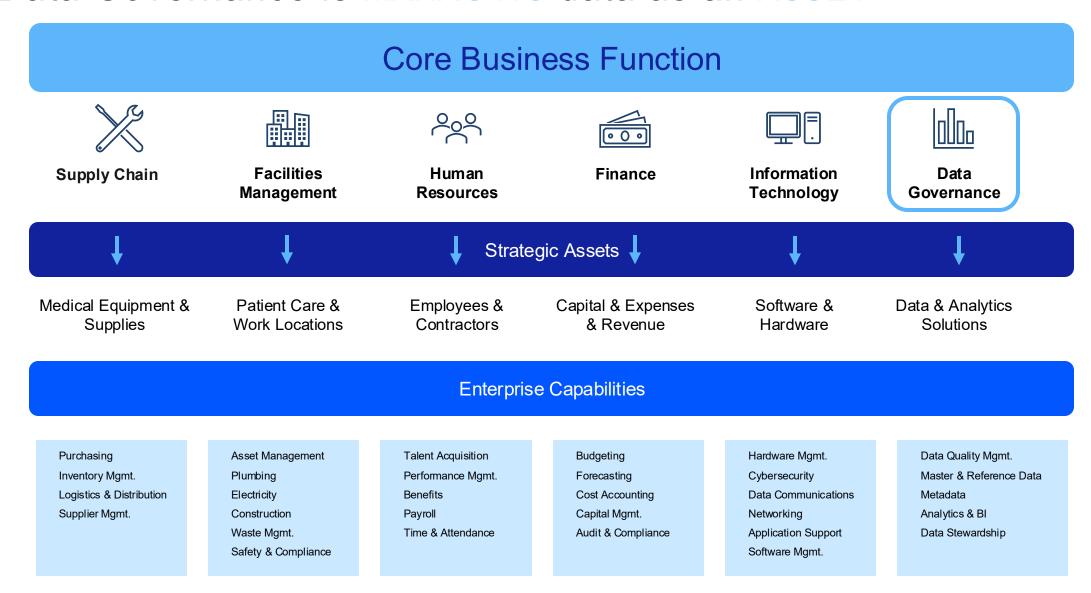
Data Governance is MANAGING data as an ASSET

CORE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

Supply Chain	Facilities Management	Human Resources	Finance	Information Technology	Data Governance	
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Medical Equipment & Supplies	Patient Care & Work Locations	Employees & Contractors	Capital & Expenses & Revenue	Software & Hardware	Data & Analytics Solutions	

STRATEGIC ASSETS

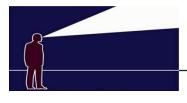
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It Takes a Lot to Succeed with Data

Five elements are essential to success with data

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Quality Data	+	to Work/ Monetize	+	Organizational Capability	+	Technology	+	Defense	=	High costs/ Low trust/ High "friction"		
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Quality Data	+	Put Data to Work/ Monetize	+	Organizational Capability	+	Technology	+	Defense	=	Can't scale		
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Actionable Takeaways from

Opinion & Analysis

Data Governance Is Failing — Here's Why



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https://www.cdomagazine.tech/opinion-analysis/data-governance-is-failing-heres-why

MOST Data Governance programs fail!

- Most businesses today are unfit for data.
- Data Governance programs are bolted on, not built in.
- Policies, standards, glossaries, roles all exist on paper.
- The data office is a supplicant.
- People experience it as extra work added on top of their "day job", competing with "real work".
- People side versus Technology side!
- Growing complexity of modern data organizations.
- Where's the value? And what about the communication?
- Data governance, as practiced, is still an unproven theory.
- Disconnect between speed of business and speed of a data governance program.
- Traditional Data Governance strategies fail...time and time again!

MOST Data Governance programs fail!

The gap between rapid business movement and slow data governance implementation, plus the failure of traditional strategies, highlights the need for a more <u>flexible and pragmatic approach</u>.

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How effective are your **MEETINGS**?



Endless debate cycles



Biased meetings & wrong priorities



Frustrated teams & loss of momentum



Communication barriers

Why workshops are **BETTER** than meetings?

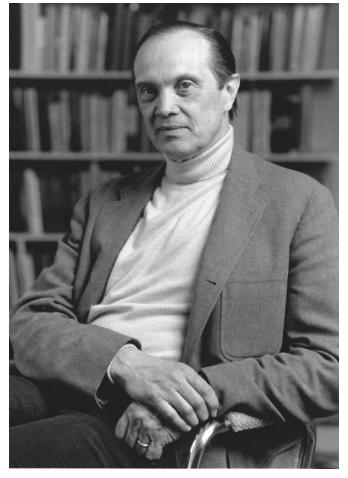
- Grab pen and paper
- I flash some words on the screen
- Take 20 seconds to write down every word you remember
- I'll show the words again, how many did you remember?

Tape Flower Cat Fish Tree Head Door King Key Square Ball Hammer Shoe Box House **Apple** Milk Ball

The magical number 7 (plus or minus 2)

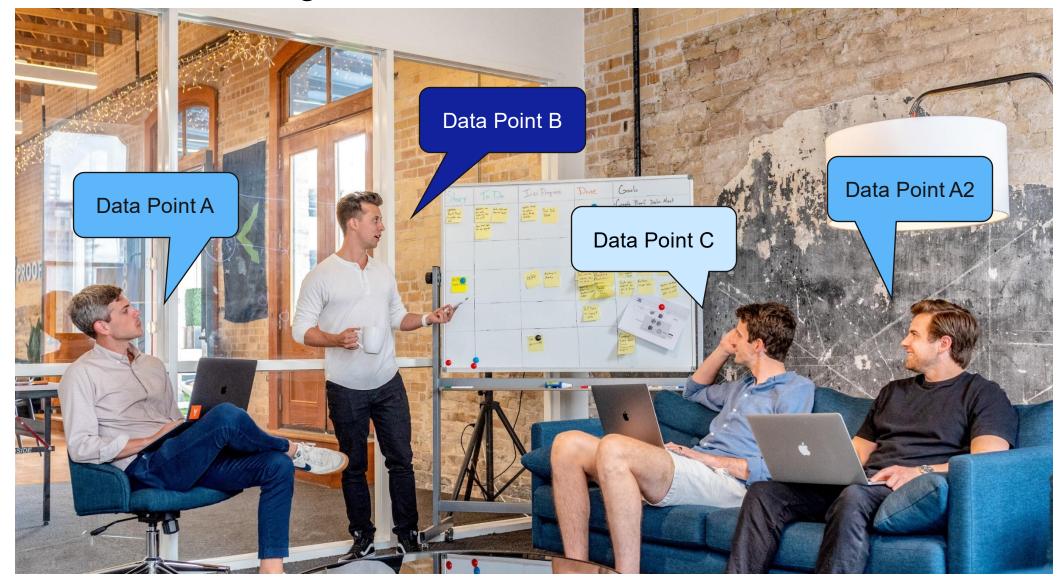
Some limits on our capacity for processing information.

So how does this play out in a meeting?



George Miller

A TYPICAL meeting



The **BRAIN** stuff

In meetings, you have a ton of information being produced, but people don't actually remember. Our brains struggle to process this data avalanche, especially when cognitive biases like **recency bias** and **primacy bias** come into play.

Our brains are just not made to process the amount of data that happens in a meeting.



A workshop is a **POWERHOUSE!**

Workshops allow you to visualize meetings and make decisions based on the data that is visualized around you.

The importance of a workshop FACILITATOR

As a workshop facilitator (aka *The Workshopper*), you help groups of people or teams **make decisions** and **solve problems**.

From crafting a vision for data governance to overcoming implementation challenges, workshops can play a crucial role in the development and deployment of effective data governance within a company.



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PRINCIPLES

Every great workshop is built on a solid set of guiding principles. Think of these principles as the **fundamental rules** that shape the success of any workshop you run.

These rules are not something you need to actively think about. They are so basic and straightforward that they naturally guide the flow of the workshop.

Leaving out any of these crucial elements usually leads to a less effective workshop. So, make sure you keep them in mind!



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- 2. Discussions are Visualized
- 3. We Work Alone, Together
- 4. There's Always a Decision

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The Workshopper decides who should speak, when they should speak and for how long.

The Workshopper also makes sure the speaker stays on-topic and is giving information relevant to the point in the workshop.

This, for example, helps us avoid someone giving ideas and solutions while we're still trying to define the challenge.

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The Workshopper ensures that all relevant data and topics are easily readable and scannable at all points during the workshop.

It's extremely difficult for a group to keep more than a few pieces of data in their heads at once.

The Workshopper removes this burden by visualizing the conversations in a standardized way.

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Participants in our workshops are working towards the same goal, always collaborating together in real-time, but they rarely communicate or share ideas freely.

Ideas and conversation points are created individually and then anonymized to reduce idea contamination, group think, and group biases.

This allows even the most introverted group members to present ideas and topics they might usually not get a chance to articulate.

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We don't end any workshop without a decision. Workshops must end with clear next steps and clear responsibilities assigned.

It's because of this that we don't start any workshop without ensuring that one of the participants takes the role of **the "decider"**.

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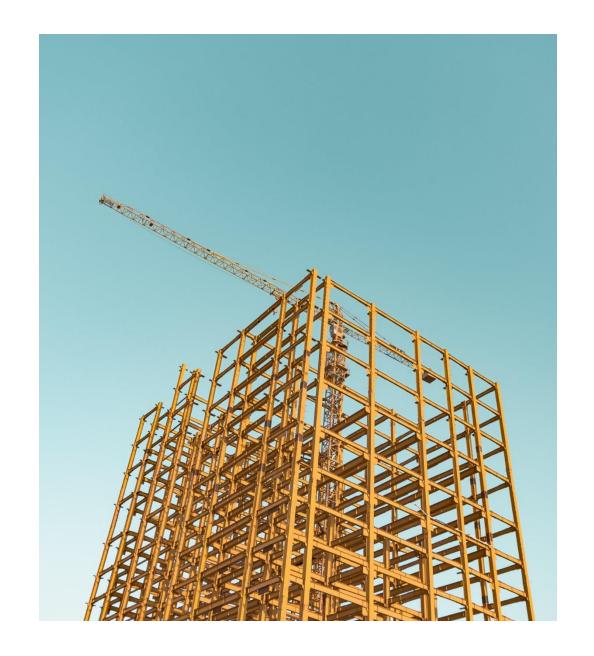
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FRAMEWORK

The backbone of any workshop is its structural framework, which provides the necessary **logic and organization**.

One highly recommended framework is the "4C's". It offers a sturdy structure for any workshop.

This framework enables a seamless integration of specific exercises into the workshop's agenda, ensuring a coherent flow.



4 C's framework

- 1. Collect
- 2. Choose
- 3. Create
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Every workshop needs to start with a phase of information collection. This can be where a team comes together to collect challenges, ideas, data, inspiration, or anything that could come up in an open conversation.

The data collected then needs to be visualized for all participants to see.

4 C's framework

- 1. Collect
- 2. Choose
- 3. Create
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Once enough content and data has been collected, it's time to Choose what to focus on and what to ignore. It's important that the entire team really knows exactly what they're working on so they don't create solutions for the wrong or irrelevant challenges.

The Choose phase of the workshop gives clear direction and acts as a foundation for everything else.

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Once the team has collected and shared the relevant information and everybody's on the same page with the "scope of work", it's time for team members to Create solutions.

Solutions don't need to be final, or even well thoughtout — at this point it's more about creating multiple potential solutions.

4 C's framework

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A workshop is useless without actionable takeaways, unless the goal was purely about inspiring the team.

In the commit phase, the Workshopper helps participants to commit to a small number of solutions that will be executed on and discard/de-prioritize others, while also helping the team define the next steps.

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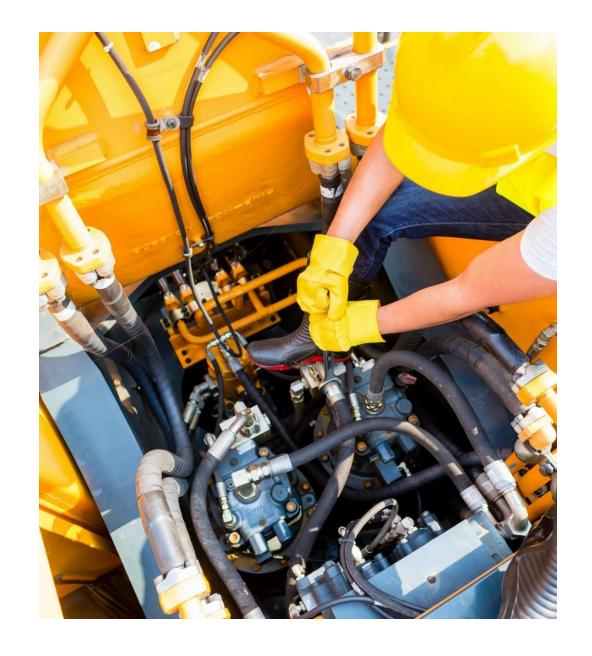


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MECHANICS

The guiding principles are like the unconscious, instinctive parts of workshop planning and execution, while the operational mechanics zoom in on the actual execution of the workshop itself.

You can see these mechanics at play in almost every workshop activity, shaping what happens behind the scenes.



- 1. Standardized, Anonymized Note Taking
- 2. Multi-Layered Voting
- 3. Timeboxing

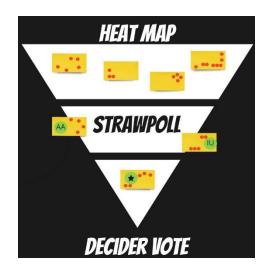
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Rather than everyone in the workshop taking their own notes with their own systems on their own mediums (a.k.a notebooks, laptops etc), everyone in the workshop uses the same note-taking **medium** (Sticky-Notes or digital alternatives) and the same note-taking **structure** (one 'idea' or point per Sticky-Note).

This allows the conversations to be visualized in a standardized way that everyone can understand and refer back to.

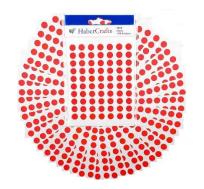
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When decisions need to be made, we use a voting system that can be customized based on the level of commitment needed.

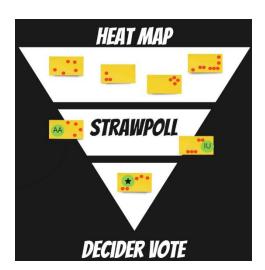
There are 3 layers in total:

- A. Anonymous Heatmap Voting
- B. Semi-Anonymous Strawpoll Voting
- C. Decider Vote





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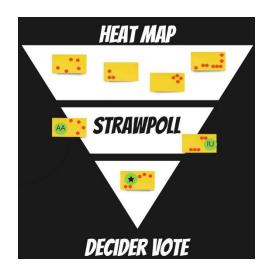


A. Anonymous Heatmap Voting

Participants get a large amount of voting dots and register their interest on ideas, challenges or topics.

This is usually a non-committal voting type which is only used to guide the conversation and show where the interest in the group lies.

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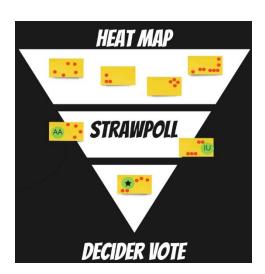
B. Semi-Anonymous Strawpoll Voting

Participants generally get one voting dot and with this dot they need to decide on one solution or challenge that they want the group to focus on.

This voting exercise begins anonymously as the participant gets time to think about their selection. They then write their name on the vote and everyone in the group votes at the same time.

This allows the group to see who voted for what, but not to influence the votes.

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C. Decider Vote

This is the final commitment of the workshop where the assigned decider of the group must make a final decision (or multiple final decisions depending on the workshop).

This decider vote might happen multiple times during a workshop, especially if there are issues that need a tie-breaker to resolve.

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Every exercise in a workshop should be timeboxed to ensure that the workshop actually gets completed and to avoid certain exercises dragging on too long.

The time boxing should always feel a little too short, while still being fair. You may also add or remove time as you see fit depending on the situation.

An example of this might be during Lightning Demos, if you feel the workshop needs more inspiration, you could extend this section.

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EXERCISES

When it comes to workshops, there are so many exercises to choose from, it can be overwhelming! I prefer using a core set of 10 exercises that are absolute game-changers when you really get the hang of them.

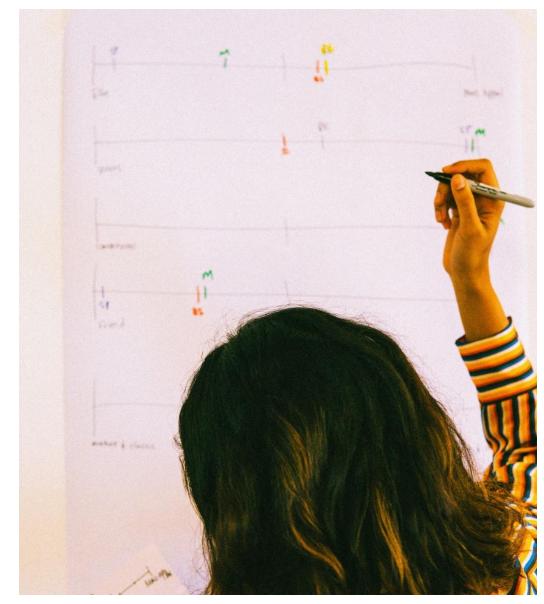
The secret is to become a pro at these essential exercises, so you can make the most impact in your workshops.











10 CORE exercises

- 1. Challenges Interview
- 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm
- 3. Sailboat
- 4. Lightning Demos
- 5. Applied Users Story Mapping

- 6. Process Map
- 7. Purpose & Guiding Principles
- 8. Concept Creation
- 9. Action Board
- 10. Storyboard

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History of the **DESIGN SPRINT**

Jake Knapp worked at Microsoft and later at Google.

He experienced firsthand how building products would often take months, or even a year, before they could be launched.

Something clicked for Jake in 2009 when he was in Stockholm for 1 week in January. During that short amount of time, he designed, prototyped, and tested an idea - which turned out to be Google Hangout.

That's when he realized that there had to be a better way to build products!



History of the **DESIGN SPRINT**

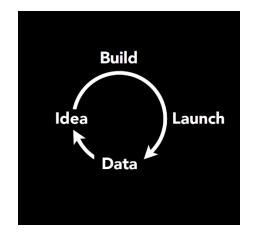
So Jake was thinking about that amazing magic that happened during that one week of collaboration and design.

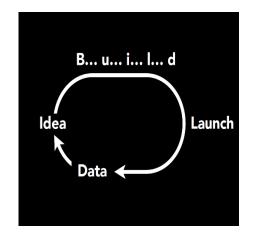
And he was trying to figure out, what does a perfect week actually look like?

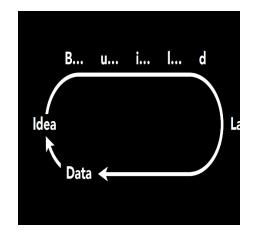
- Confidence
- ✓ Commitment
- Momentum
- ✓ Hard & Fun

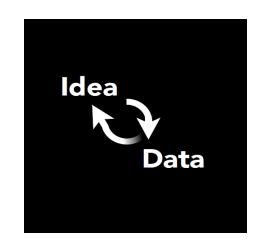


Get data about an idea FAST!



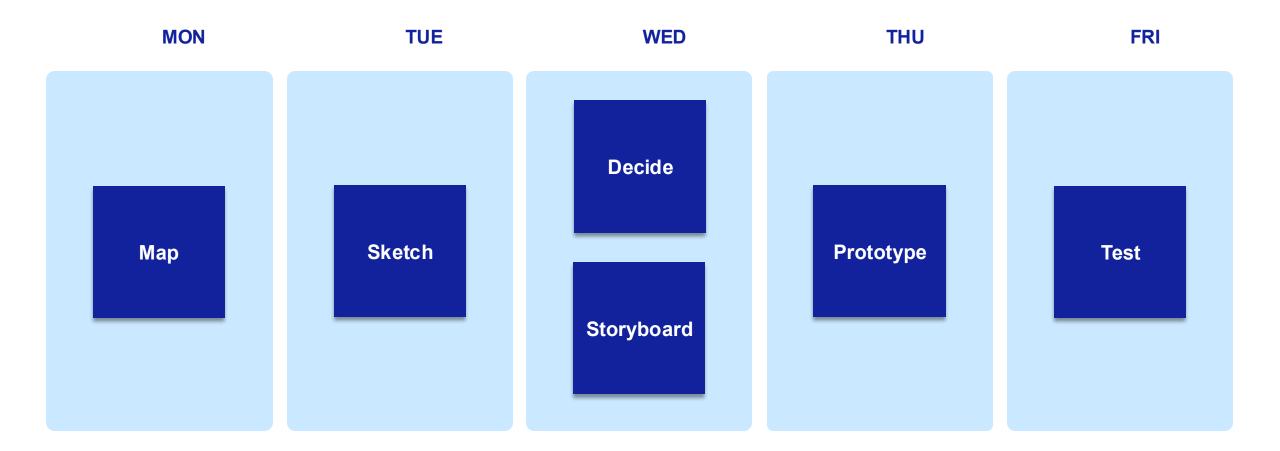






The Design Sprint

The **STANDARD** design sprint

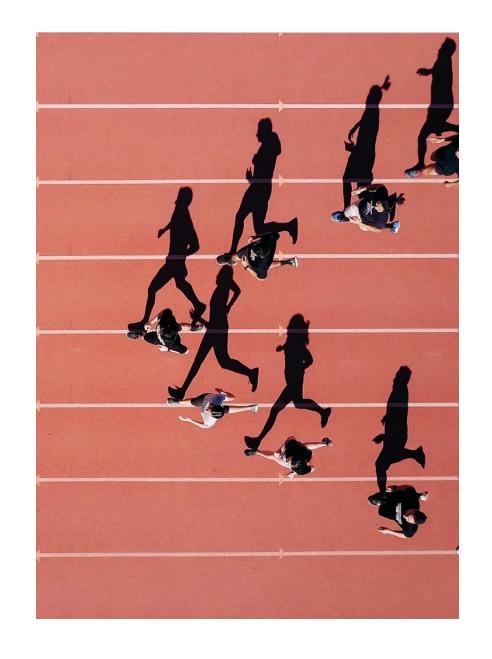


What is a design **SPRINT**?

The Design Sprint is a **step-by-step five-day system** that helps you solve big problems and test big ideas. It's being used a lot for building better products faster.

A sprint is about **moving fast**, **getting momentum** and stopping at everything to be right kills it.

I started using the design sprint because it's such a simple and obvious way to **kickstart a data governance program**. You can plug it into any type of problem, run the process, and always make sure you're validating ideas and solving those problems in a really short amount of time!



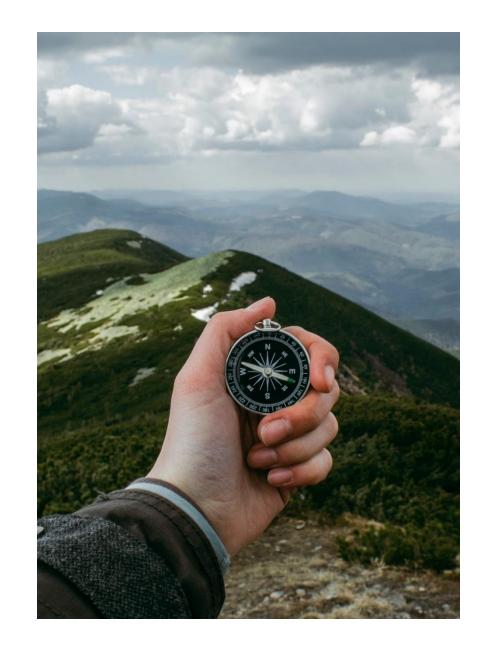
What is a **STRATEGY** sprint?

The Strategy Sprint is a **structured process** - think of it as an enhanced, more dynamic variant of the Design Sprint.

It's all about guiding leadership teams to design an actionable, impactful strategy.

During the Strategy Sprint workshop, we dive deep into the client's business **purpose** and critical **challenges**. Together, we generate coordinated **actions** to overcome these hurdles and propel the company forward.

No more fluff or pie-in-the-sky thinking - we focus on clarity and tangible action.



How did this turn into a DATA GOVERNANCE SprintTM?

When it comes to setting up Data Governance, you've got to make some **important decisions** and tackle those **big problems**. It can feel like it takes forever sometimes — weeks, months, or even years! Endless meetings, decisions being challenged repeatedly, and constantly shifting focus to the next urgent matter.

Having a structured process — *like the Design and Strategy Sprint* - to make decisions, test ideas and solve problems (or data use cases) quickly is a true **game-changer** in the field of Data Governance.

It's like finding the secret sauce that makes everything smoother and more efficient. Because in the end you want to make it stick!



Now what is a DATA GOVERNANCE SPRINTTM?

Imagine a five-week journey where you **design**, **build**, and **test** core components of your data governance program. This is what our Data Governance SprintTM is all about.

It's a structured, hands-on experience for data leadership teams, that uses a proven, repeatable approach that transforms your data governance concepts into reality in weeks, not months.

From designing a winning, action-oriented data governance strategy that moves your company to managing data as an asset, to creating a business glossary and piloting an operating model with engaged data stewards—this **iterative approach** helps you make tangible progress in no time, while keeping momentum and morale high.

Data Governance SPRINTTM to the rescue





1 Establishing Data Governance CAPABILITIES



Through Incremental Implementation of USE CASES



In WEEKS Instead of Months





Metadata



Elements



Data Literacy



Data Governance Sprint™

DGPO Framework – Core Areas of Practice (CAP)

Who stewards are & what they do: Find people passionate about data · Define steward roles & responsibilities

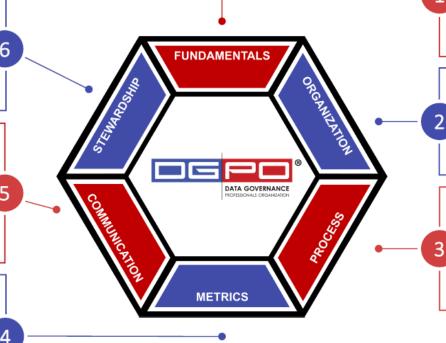
- · Foster ongoing stakeholder care
- Find both business + IT stewards/SMEs
- · Create a culture of Unity of Purpose

Marketing your program & sharing outcomes:

- Educate stakeholders
- Define a communication plan
- Use standardized templates
- · Define a RACI matrix
- · Tailor training materials
- · Use existing toolsets

Showing continuous improvement & progress:

- · Identify program level metrics
- · Create dashboards with drilldown
- Include qualitative & quantitative metrics





- · Create a data culture (data as an asset)
- Identify program priorities
- Involve senior leadership
- Define DG strategy (mission, vision, charter)
- · Conduct a maturity assessment

Internal & external organizational considerations:

- Define organizational bodies
- Define organizational & relationship chart
- Define key roles & responsibilities

The "Why, What, and How" of execution:

- Determine which focus areas need processes
- Establish repeatable processes
- Develop clear process documentation
- · Identify integration opportunities
- Implement, enforce & maintain processes



Source: https://dgpo.org/

- Measure projected vs. actual business value
- · Report what's meaningful

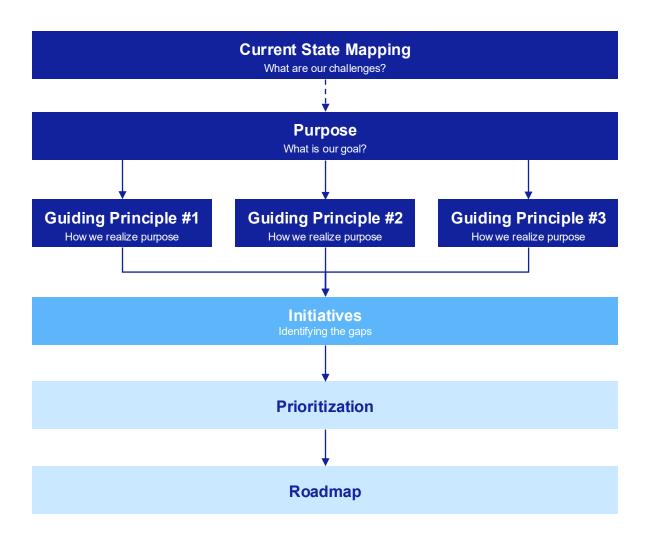


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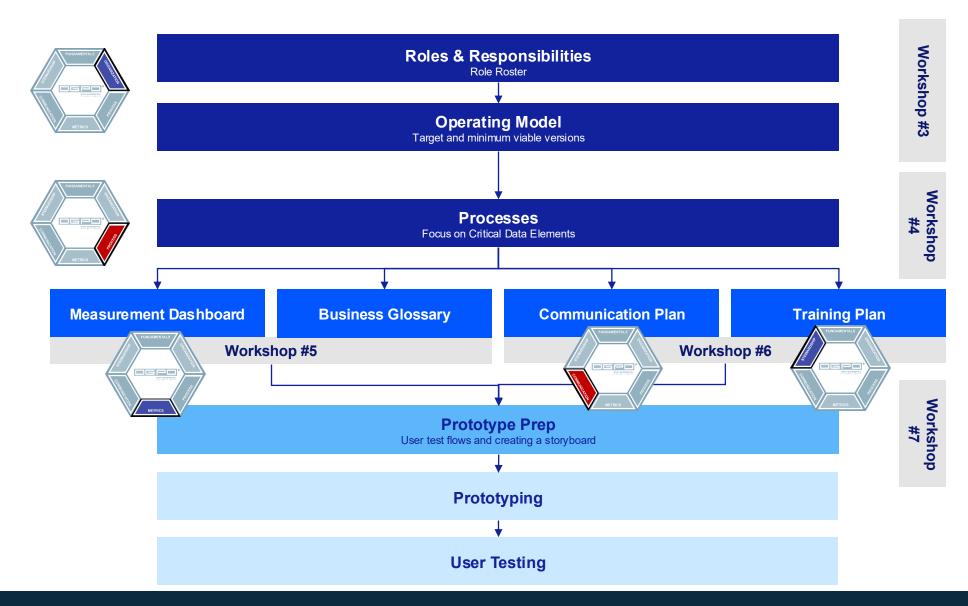




Workshop #1
Understanding 'As Is' and defining 'To Be"

Workshop #2
Bridge to Governance

Data Governance SPRINTTM



What **PROBLEMS** should you solve in a sprint?

It's super important to bring the **right types of problems (or data use cases)** into a sprint, or you risk wasting people time and also poisoning people against the idea that Design Sprints can be effective.

Problems should be:

- Big enough
- Costly enough
- Be validated quickly
- Not if one or two people can already address

I usually go for data quality related problem. Data quality pain points is something that every company is struggling with and is often a quick win.



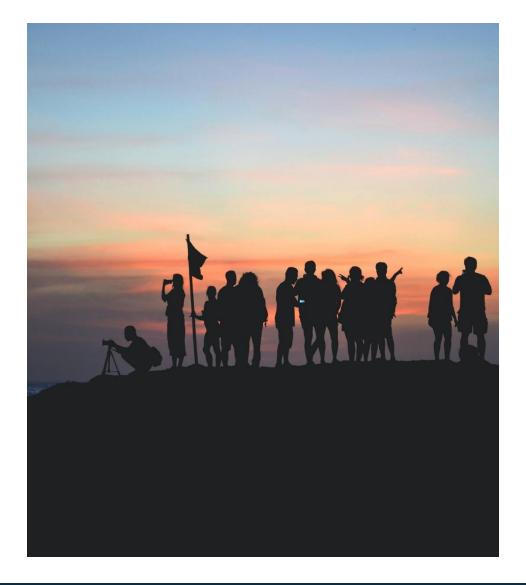
Choose the right **PEOPLE** for the sprint team

You should involve a mix of stakeholders and experts who can provide different insights and perspectives on the challenge. For the Data Governance sprints, this could be:

- √ The CDO (or someone similar C-level person)
- ✓ The data governance officer
- Some business owners from various departments
- Somebody from IT

Having a mix of people is ideal!

I recommend involving no more than **seven people** to keep things lean and manageable.



Choosing a **DECIDER**

You'll need a designated Decider. This is the person who actually has the **authority** to make decisions on the topic and take **responsibility** for them. It's usually the CEO, CDO, or senior manager.

Your Decider will also help you assemble the rest of the Sprint team.

What if the decider can't be present?

- Involve the decider in expert interview, the map and long term questions and goals.
- Need to hand over decision-making power to somebody in the room and should be final.



Key **SUCCESS** Factors! ...but also **PITFALLS**

•	Start with the problem and assess the current state	
		Data Governance must be problem-focused—address specific business problems that need solving. But don't boil the ocean!
		Evaluate your existing data landscape to understand the current state before initiating efforts.
Focus on critical data and deliver measurable benefits		n critical data and deliver measurable benefits
		Start with governing Critical Data Elements (CDEs) to create the greatest impact.
		Ensure the focus is on improving data quality, accessibility, security, privacy, and retention.
•	Deliver e	early wins and demonstrate value
		Deliver measurable benefits early on to build momentum and maintain stakeholder support.
		Data Governance must demonstrate real and ongoing value to the organization, so link it to the business strategy.
•	Secure commitment and communicate effectively	
		Gain ongoing support both from the top (leadership) and the bottom (operational level).
		Keep stakeholders informed and engaged—communicate the value of Data Governance consistently.
Prioriti		e process over tools
		Focus on establishing strong processes for Data Governance rather than relying on technology alone.
	Define control measurements and evolve into business as usual	
		Set clear metrics to track progress and success.
		Treat Data Governance as a continuous process that evolves into business as usual, not a one-off initiative.

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Set-up **Onboarding**

Awareness Session

ca. 45 - 60 mins

Onboarding Interviews

ca. 45 min. per participant, 1-on-1

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Onboarding Interviews

ca. 45 min. per participant, 1-on-1 **WED**

Internal Research

Synthesizing onboarding interviews & document analysis

Workshop set-up

Preparing for the upcoming workshop

THU

Workshop 1 of 7

The Fundamentals ca. 6h. with the entire team FRI

Workshop 2 of 7

Bridging the Gap ca. 6h,

with the entire team





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Laying the Groundwork | The Fundamentals

Welcome to Week 1: Laying the Groundwork for Your Data Governance Sprint™

This week is all about building a strong foundation for our Data Governance SprintTM.

We'll focus on onboarding the right team, ensuring everyone is on the same page, and aligning our goals. By the end of this week, we'll have a clear understanding of our data governance challenges, a well-defined purpose, and a set of guiding principles that will steer us through the rest of the DG SprintTM.

This is where we establish **the momentum** that will carry us forward, so let's dive in and start strong.

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Laying the Groundwork | Set-up and Onboarding

Begin by **kicking off internally** with your core team, ensuring that senior leadership is engaged and assigns the crucial role of '**The Decider***,' who will have the final say on key decisions.

Identify and assemble the right stakeholders for the Sprint. Prepare and distribute an online survey to capture initial insights into the organization's data governance maturity.

Some activities, such as sending out the survey and identifying stakeholders, can be initiated before the official start of the Sprint. This groundwork is essential for ensuring the DG SprintTM runs smoothly and efficiently.

Engage Senior Leadership

- Schedule a brief kick-off meeting with senior leadership to discuss the Sprint's objectives and their role in the process.
- Confirm the assignment of the 'Decider' role, who will make final decisions during the DG SprintTM.

Assemble the Right Team

- Identify and invite key stakeholders and team members to participate in the DG Sprint[™] workshops.
- Ensure diversity in the team by including members from various departments who interact with data.

Distribute the Online Survey

- Develop and distribute an online survey to assess the organization's data governance maturity.
- Set a deadline for survey completion to allow for timely analysis and integration into the workshop planning.



^{*} Probably The Decider will be the Chief Data Officer (CDO) or somebody of the senior executive team with a similar role.

Laying the Groundwork | Awareness Session

Our Awareness Session is designed to establish a **common understanding** of the importance of data within your organization.

We'll explore the concept of "data as an asset," ensuring that every participant recognizes its value and understands how it contributes to our business objectives.

This session will help get everyone on the same page and align our perspectives before we delve into the more detailed aspects of the Sprint.

The session should be limited to **1 hour**, so please send out the invite well in advance to ensure full participation.

Introduction to Data as an Asset

- Develop a brief presentation explaining the concept of "data as an asset" and its importance to the organization.
- Share examples of how data governance has positively impacted other organizations.

Align on Key Concepts





- Ensure all participants understand the core areas of practice of data governance.
- Explain in simple terms some essential concepts like data quality, data stewardship, metadata and master data.

Facilitate Group Discussion

- Encourage participants to share their thoughts on the current data culture and any misconceptions they might have.
- Address common myths and challenges related to data governance to align everyone's understanding.

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Laying the Groundwork | The Onboarding Interviews

During the Onboarding Interviews, we'll conduct one-on-one sessions with the Decider and other key participants.

These interviews are critical for gathering initial insights into the challenges and priorities of your data governance program.

We'll use the information gathered to prepopulate some workshop documents like the Challenges Map, Challenges Interview, and the Business Needs & Culture Canvas.

This ensures that the exercises during the first workshops run smoother and more efficiently.

Schedule Interviews

- Arrange one-on-one interviews with the Decider and all key stakeholders participating in the Sprint. Send out invites well in advance.
- Allocate at least 60 minutes per interview to dive deep into challenges and priorities.

Prepare Interview Questions

- Develop a set of open-ended questions focused on identifying the main data challenges, current governance needs, change capacity, and organizational goals.
- Include questions related to the Challenges Map, Challenges Interview, and Business Needs & Culture Canvas.

Document Insights

- Consider **recording** the interview so you can focus fully on the conversation and review it afterward for accurate documentation.
- Take detailed notes during (or after) each interview, focusing on key themes and specific pain points.
- Identify recurring challenges or priorities that will need to be addressed during the workshops.



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Laying the Groundwork | Internal Research

Internal research is the backbone of our Data Governance SprintTM, ensuring that every discussion and decision is rooted in a deep understanding of your organization's current state.

This phase involves a **comprehensive review** of the insights gathered from onboarding interviews, the results of the online survey, and any existing documentation related to data governance and management.

This thorough research lays the groundwork for informed, strategic decision-making throughout the DG SprintTM.

Analyze Interview Data

- Review and synthesize the information gathered during the onboarding interviews.
- Identify key themes, main challenges, current situation and business objectives that will inform the workshop discussions.

Review Existing Documentation

- Review any existing documentation related to data governance and data management, including data flow diagrams, data lineage, data architecture, data policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Examine any past audits, assessments, or evaluations of data management practices to identify areas of improvement or success.

Online Survey Analysis

- Analyze the results of the online survey to assess the organization's data governance maturity.
- Identify patterns and insights that will shape the workshop content and discussions.



Laying the Groundwork | Workshop Set-up

The success of our Data Governance SprintTM hinges on a well-prepared and thoughtfully organized workshop environment.

The Workshop Set-up phase is all about **finalizing logistics** and **preparing materials** to ensure our sessions are productive and focused.

A meticulous preparation will create the ideal setting for collaboration, enabling us to dive straight into the DG SprintTM with clarity and confidence.

Prepopulate Workshop Documents

- Use the insights gained from our interviews and research to prepopulate the Challenges Map, Business Needs & Culture Canvas, and prepare How Might We (HMW) questions for the Challenges Interview.
- Highlight areas that require further discussion or clarification during the workshops.

Finalize Workshop Logistics & Materials

- Reserve a dedicated (War) room for the workshops, ensuring it's equipped with necessary materials (sticky notes, voting dots, markers, a whiteboard, etc.).
- Set up the room to facilitate collaboration, making sure there are ample refreshments and water available for participants throughout the day. Don't forget lunch!

Test Technology

- Test any technology that will be used during the workshop, such as projectors, video conferencing tools, or collaborative software.
- Ensure backup options are available in case of technical issues.



Laying the Groundwork | Workshop Set-up

- Get a (War) room that can be blocked for about 3 weeks
- Whiteboard space
- Natural life
- Snack & drinks

- Post-its and voting dots (different sizes and colors)
- Sharpies
- Masking Tape
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- White A4 and A5 paper

- Time Timer
- Magic Paper
- Camera (for pictures afterwards)
- Bluetooth Speaker
- A Spotify playlist



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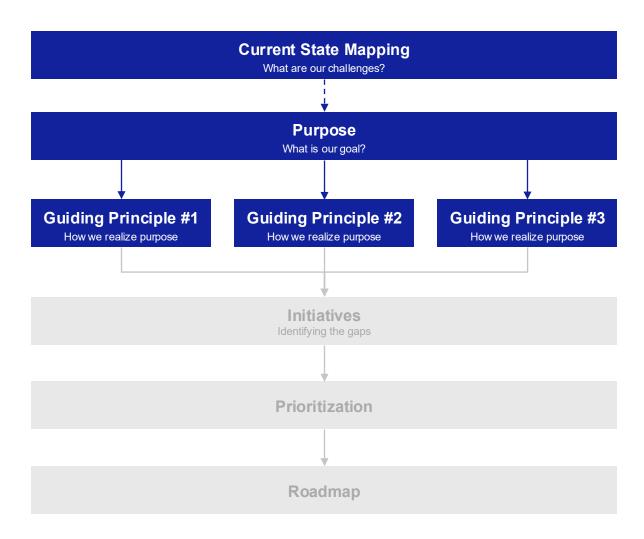
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Data Governance SPRINTTM





Workshop #1
Understanding 'As Is' and defining 'To Be"

Workshop #2
Bridge to Governance

The Fundamentals | Workshops 1 and 2 of 7

The Fundamentals Workshops: Establishing the Foundation for Data Governance

The Fundamentals workshops are the cornerstone of our Data Governance SprintTM, where we take a comprehensive look at how your organization currently manages its data assets and chart a clear path toward your desired future state.

By the end of The Fundamentals workshops, you'll have a thorough understanding of the "As Is" state, the "To Be" vision, and the gaps that need to be bridged. This clarity will provide a strong, actionable foundation for the remainder of the DG SprintTM and beyond, ensuring that your data governance efforts are aligned with your strategic objectives and ready to drive meaningful progress.

Workshop 1: Thursday Full-Day

- Focus on understanding the current state of data management within your organization.
- Identify existing challenges and examine current practices.
- Define the "To Be" state, our vision for data governance, aligned with business objectives and strategic goals.
- Work through four key exercises: The Challenges Map, Challenges Interview, Purpose, and Guiding Principles.

Workshop 2: Friday Full-Day

- Highlight the gaps between the current state and the future vision established on Thursday.
- Prioritize the actions needed to bridge these gaps.
- Focus on improving the quality and understanding of critical data elements.
- Work through five engaging exercises designed to create a clear roadmap with prioritized use cases.



The challenges MAP



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Data (What)								
Processes (How)								
People (Who)								
Technology (How)								
	Location (Where) and Time (When and How Long)							

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Challenges INTERVIEW



Requirements and Constraints	
<u>R</u> esponsibility	
Improvement and Prevention	
<u>S</u> tructure and Meaning	
C ommunication	
<u>C</u> hange	
<u>E</u> thics	

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Customers	Products Services	Goals		Issues Opportunities	Strategies
Culture			Environ	ment	

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The Fundamentals | Workshop 1 of 7

Exercise 1. The Challenges Map

Exercise 2. Challenges Interview

Exercise 3. Purpose

Exercise 4. Guiding Principles

We start by capturing the data challenges and pain points on a Challenges Map.

The purpose is to get a **high-level overview** of how the key components (data, processes, people, & technology) interact with the information life cycle within the organization.

It helps to **identify root causes** and **determine improvements** needed to correct existing problems and prevent them from reappearing.



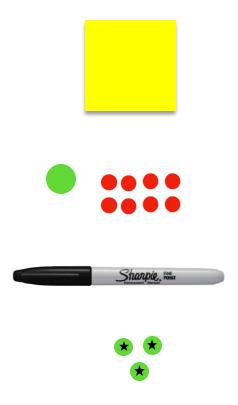
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Between 1 to 2 hours

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- First, we'll start to **collect** and **visualize** all our data challenges on the Challenges Map. The goal is to understand how the key components (data, processes, people, & technology) interact with the information life cycle within an organization.
- The key is to get a high-level view of how the company manages its data assets.
- The Challenges Map is part of the Framework for Information Quality (FIQ) designed by Danette McGilvray*. The FIQ can be used as a quick reference and helpful tool for diagnosis, planning and communication about the components necessary for high-quality information.



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- To streamline the process, consider pre-filling the Challenges Map with insights gathered from the Onboarding Interviews. This will significantly enhance the efficiency of the exercise, providing participants with concrete examples to kickstart their thinking and making the session flow much more smoothly.
- The exercise will run in 4 rounds, focusing on different key components one at a time and its impact on the data life cycle.
- With regards to what information to focus on, think about specific critical data subject domains and how the data is managed throughout its life cycle.



Workshop 1 of 7 | The Challenges Map

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- 4. Flow

Step 1: Reflect on Data (What)

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Ask everyone to silently write as many data challenges and pain points they experience across their information life cycle on individual sticky notes as they can think.
- Emphasis that they only need to focus on the "Data (What)" component first and that the be as granular as possible.
- One challenge per sticky note.

Inconsistent definitions across departments

Frequent missing fields in customer data Data format phone number incompatible across systems

Outdated records not regularly purged

Reported figures differ from operational data



Workshop 1 of 7 | The Challenges Map

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Step 1: Reflect on Data (What)

- Account for Location and Time: While thinking about the data challenges, also consider where and when these challenges occur within your organization. Reflect on when specific information needs to be available and for how long it needs to be retained or accessed. For example, think about:
 - Where (location) certain tasks related to data occur (e.g., physical location or system location).
 - When (time) specific data needs to be available, how long it should remain accessible, and what dependencies exist around timing (e.g., real-time needs, historical access).

Geographical data missing for specific regions

Data entry errors during peak hours

Backups not aligned with global operations

Real-time data updates lag during offhours Data access restricted to certain locations



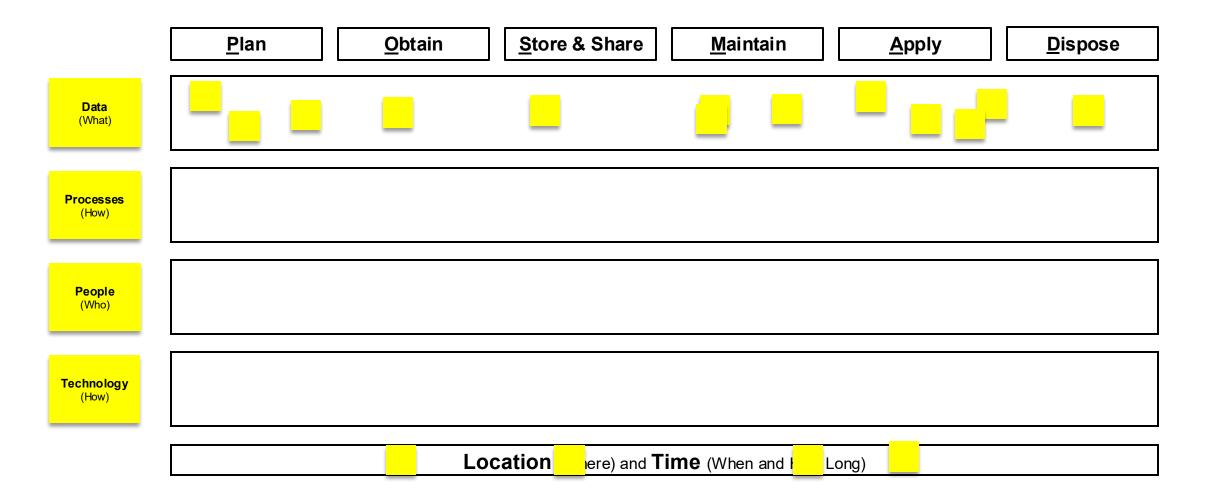
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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 5 10 minutes
- One by one, each participant will approach the Challenges Map and present their challenges to the group.
- Simply read out the challenges as written on their sticky notes—this is not the time for discussion or debate.
- After presenting, they place their sticky notes on the Challenges Map in the designated intersection for "Data (What)" within the information life cycle.
- If there are duplicates, they could remove or stack them.



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Step 3: Reflect on Processes (How)

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Just like step 1, ask everyone to silently write as many data process challenges and pain points they experience across their information life cycle on individual sticky notes.
- Emphasis that they now only need to focus on the "Processes (How)" component and that the be as granular as possible.
- Again, one challenge per sticky note.

Lack of alignment between data and goals

Frequent errors in manual data entry Data sharing restricted by siloed systems

Users
struggle to
find relevant
data

Retention policies not well-defined



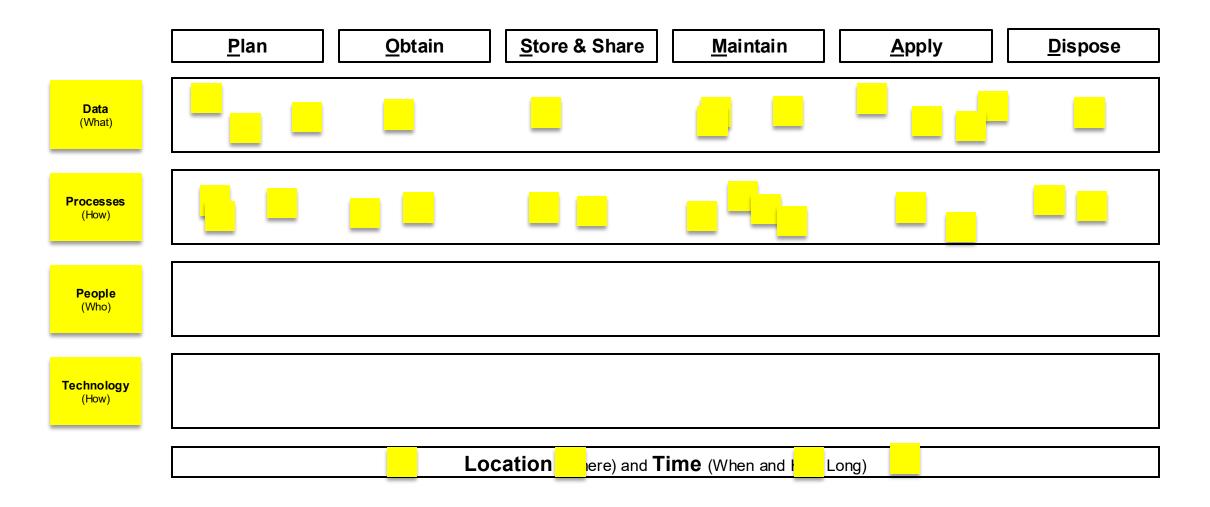
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Step 4: Present

- Timing: 5 10 minutes
- Similarly like step 2, each participant will approach the Challenges Map, one by one, and present their challenges to the group.
- Simply read out the challenges as written on their sticky notes—this is not the time for discussion or debate.
- After presenting, they place their sticky notes on the Challenges Map in the designated intersection for "Processes (How)" within the information life cycle.



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Step 5: Reflect on People and Organization (Who)

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Rinse and repeat. Now ask everyone to silently write as many people and organization challenges and pain points they experience across the information life cycle on individual sticky notes.
- Emphasis that they now only need to focus on the "People and Organization (Who)" component and that the be as granular as possible.
- Again, one challenge per sticky note.

Roles not clearly defined, causing confusion

Overloaded staff causes data input delays

Inconsistent oversight weakens data security Lack of guidance results in poor data usage

Misinformation due to poor communication



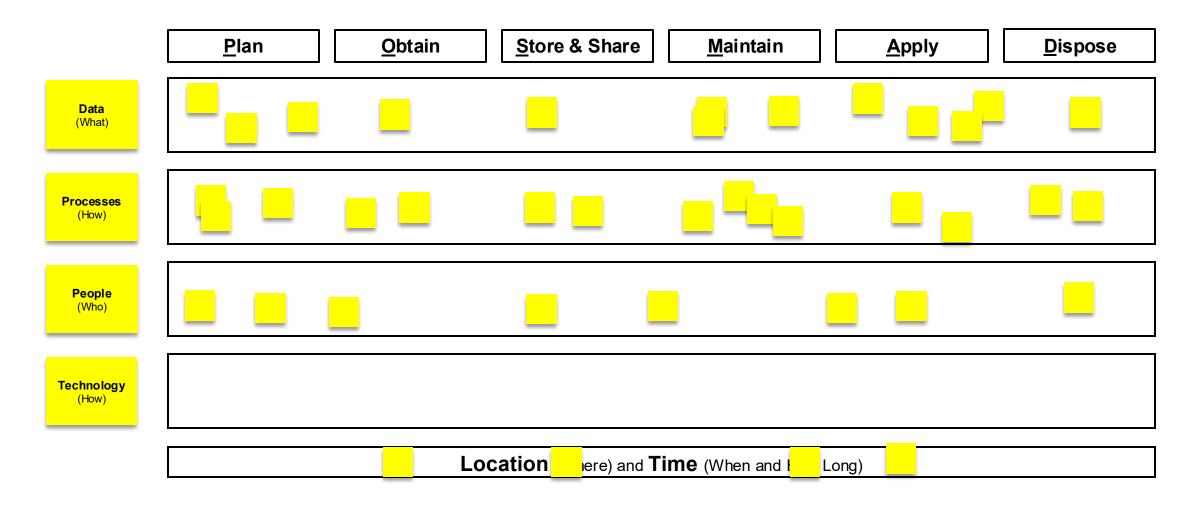
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Step 6: Present

- Timing: 5 10 minutes
- Again, each participant will approach the Challenges Map, one by one, and present their challenges to the group.
- Simply read out the challenges as written on their sticky notes—this is not the time for discussion or debate.
- After presenting, they place their sticky notes on the Challenges Map in the designated intersection for "People and Organization (Who)" within the information life cycle.



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Step 7: Reflect on <u>Technology (How)</u>

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Finally, ask everyone to silently write as many technology challenges and pain points they experience across the information life cycle on individual sticky notes.
- Emphasis that they now only need to focus on the "Technology (How)" component and that the be as granular as possible.
- Again, one challenge per sticky note.

Architecture
doesn't
support realtime data
quality checks

System doesn't validate data inputs properly AS/400 incompatible with newer data formats

Slow
database
queries
delay report
generation

Mainframe data not securely erased



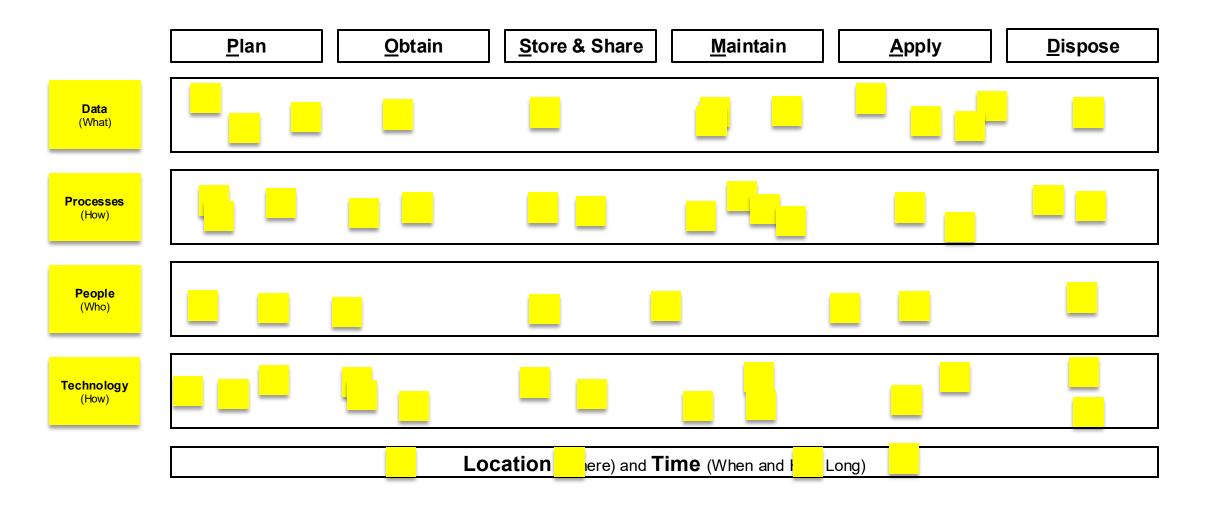
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Step 8: Present

- Timing: 5 10 minutes
- Again, each participant will approach the Challenges Map, one by one, and present their challenges to the group.
- Simply read out the challenges as written on their sticky notes—this is not the time for discussion or debate.
- After presenting, they place their sticky notes on the Challenges Map in the designated intersection for "Technology (How)" within the information life cycle.



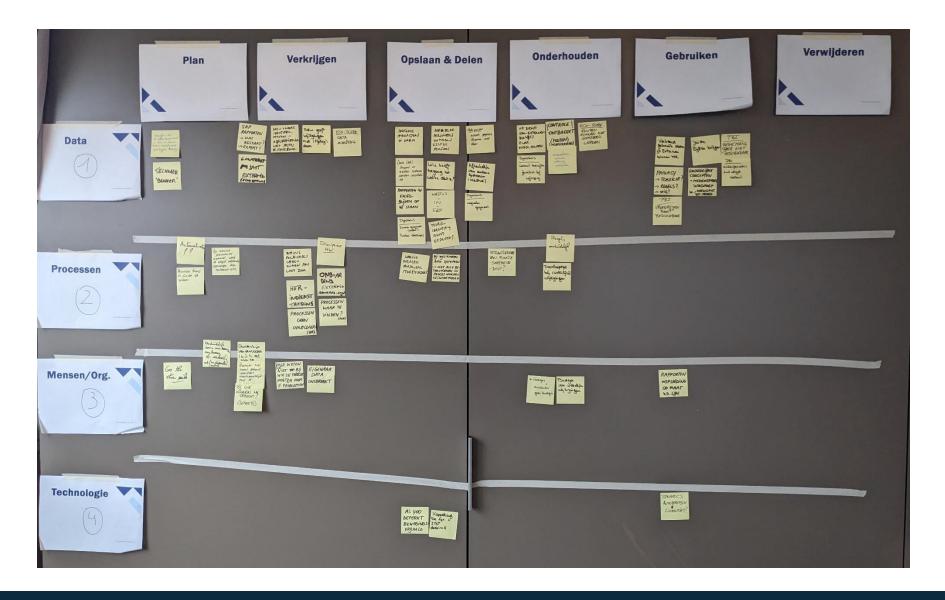
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Step 9: Heatmap Voting

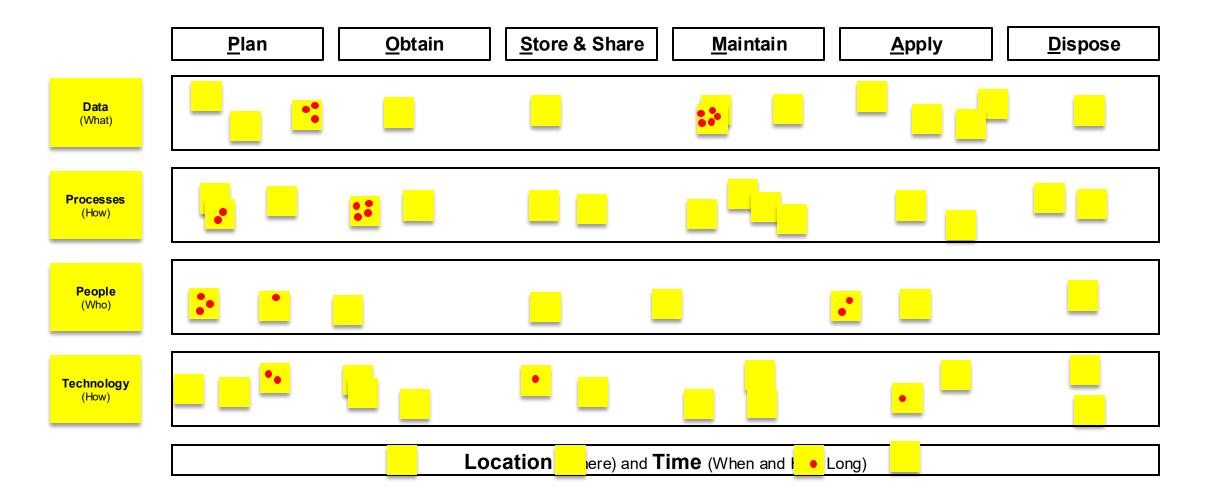
- Timing: 10 minutes
- Once all challenges have been mapped, ask the participants to take a few minutes to silently review the entire Challenges Map and identify these areas they find most important, challenging, or critical.



- Each participant will receive a limited number of red voting dots, so they should really think about what they want to vote on.
- Next, ask the participants to place their dots on the areas of the map that they find most critical or in need of attention.
- There are <u>no voting rules</u>, so they can place more than one dot on areas they want to focus on.
- Avoid discussions! The goal is to get a heatmap overview.



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Data format phone number incompatible across systems

Step 10: Strawpoll Voting

• **Timing:** 5 minutes

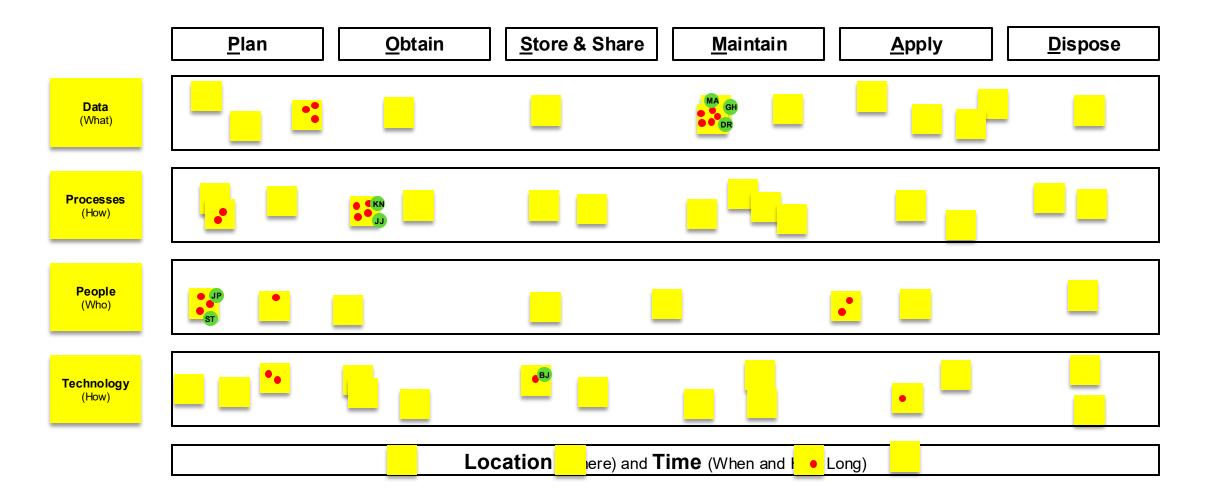


- Give each participant a large voting dot and have them write their initials on it.
- Set a timer for 5 minutes and have participants silently decide which challenge they think is most critical (without voting).
- Once they've decided which one they'll choose, they should write their reasoning on a sticky note.
- Once the time is up, everyone should vote at the same time to avoid influencing each other's votes.





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Step 11: Present

- Timing: 1 minute per person
- The Facilitator goes over the Straw Poll votes and calls each participant one by one to explain to the group:
 - 1. Which challenge they've chosen
 - 2. Why did they choose it
- The Facilitator needs to take care that the participants don't ramble and don't take more than one minute to explain their reasoning.





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Step 12: Decider Vote





- The Decider is given one (or two, or three) special voting dot(s) and must decide which challenges are the most critical ones to address.
- Have the Decider explain their choice to the team.



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Exercise 1. The Challenges Map

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We will try to get a deeper understanding of the challenges and the **broad-impact components** that affect the quality of information.

This is a **structured discussion** where we listen to our participants and collect all the challenges that come up during the interview.

We capture our thoughts as questions in the 'How Might We' format. The HMW format helps us define our biggest challenge without prescribing a solution.

Next, we narrow down the Challenges Interview (written in the form of "How Might We" questions) and identify focus areas in the Challenge Map.



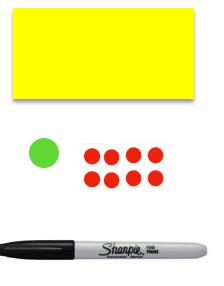
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- Next, we'll start to collect and visualize all the additional factors (called broad-impact components) that affect the quality of the data in our organization overall.
- The broad-impact components are part of the Framework for Information Quality (FIQ) designed by Danette McGilvray*.
- There are 7 broad-impact components, abbreviated to RRISCCE.
- These broad-impact components should be considered throughout the POSMAD Information Life Cycle as they affect the four key components.



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- These are the 7 broad-impact components*:
 - 1. Requirements and Constraints
 - 2. Responsibility
 - 3. Improvement and Prevention
 - Structure, Context, and Meaning
 - 5. Communication and Training
 - 6. Change
 - 7. Ethics
- Goal is to narrow down the Challenge Map to the most vital challenges we want to focus on in our Data Governance program.



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- During our Challenges Interview, the participants are the experts, and the facilitator is going to interview them one by one.
- Only **one person speaks** at a time during the interview process. Everyone else takes notes using HMW's.
- We utilize the "How Might We's" (HMW's) standardized notetaking system, transforming problems and challenges in an actionable way without prescribing a solution.

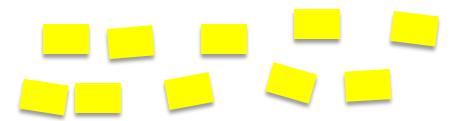




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Step 1: The Interview

- Timing: 5 minutes per person
- Only interview one person at a time.
- Formulate questions that refer to the 7 broad-impact components.
- As soon as you've created an HMW, pause the interview and show it as an example.
- It's okay to skip people who don't want to speak.
- Use simple, open-ended phrases like:
 - "talk about the <u>responsibility</u> challenges you're having"
 - "go into more detail on that"
 - "tell me more"

Challenges INTERVIEW





Let the broad-impact components guide your open-ended questioning

Requirements and Constraints	Business, User, Functional, Technology, Legal, Regulatory, Compliance, Contractual, Industry, Internal Policies, Access, Security, Privacy, Data Protection
<u>R</u> esponsibility	Accountability, Authority, Ownership, Governance, Stewardship, Motivation, Reward
Improvement and Prevention	Continuous Improvement, Root Causes, Prevention, Correction, Enhancement, Audit, Controls, Monitoring, Metrics, Targets
<u>S</u> tructure and Meaning	Definitions, Relationships, Metadata, Standards, Reference Data, Data Models, Business Rules, Architecture, Semantics, Taxonomies, Ontologies, Hierarchies
C ommunication	Awareness, Engagement, Outreach, Listening, Feedback, Trust, Confidence, Education, Training, Documentation
<u>C</u> hange	Management of Change and Associated Impact, Organizational Change Management, Change Control
<u>E</u> thics	Individual and Societal Good, Justice, Rights and Freedoms, Truthfulness, Standards of Conduct, Avoiding Harm, Supporting Well-Being

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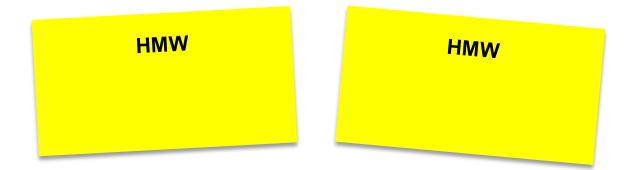
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Step 1: The Interview

- Give each participant a block of rectangular sticky notes.
- Write "HMW" on the top of each new sticky note.
- Everyone listens as the expert talks, and re-writes problems as "How Might We's"
- Focus on quantity!





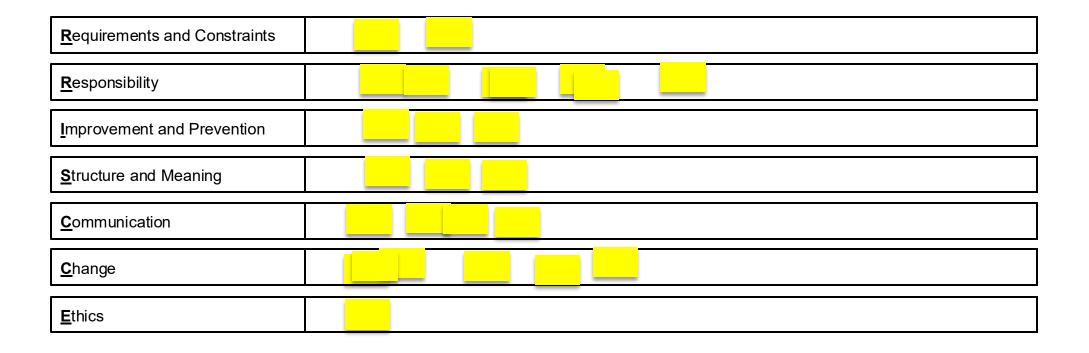
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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 5 10 minutes
- Each participant will take turns presenting their HMW's to the group. Simply read the challenges as written on your sticky notes—this is not the time for discussion or debate.
- After presenting, place your HMW's on the RRISCCE matrix displayed on the wall.
- Then, as a group, identify any duplicates and either remove or stack them together.

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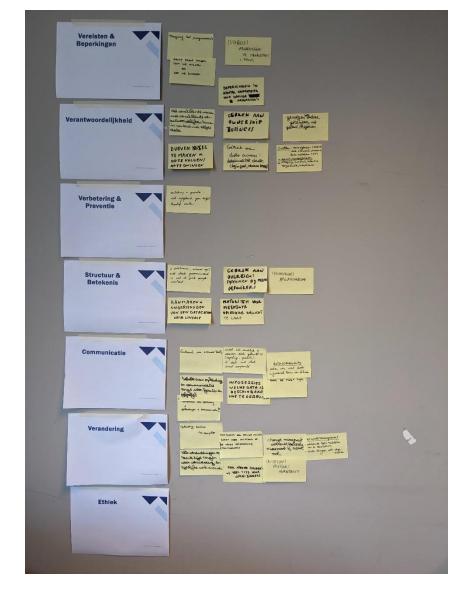




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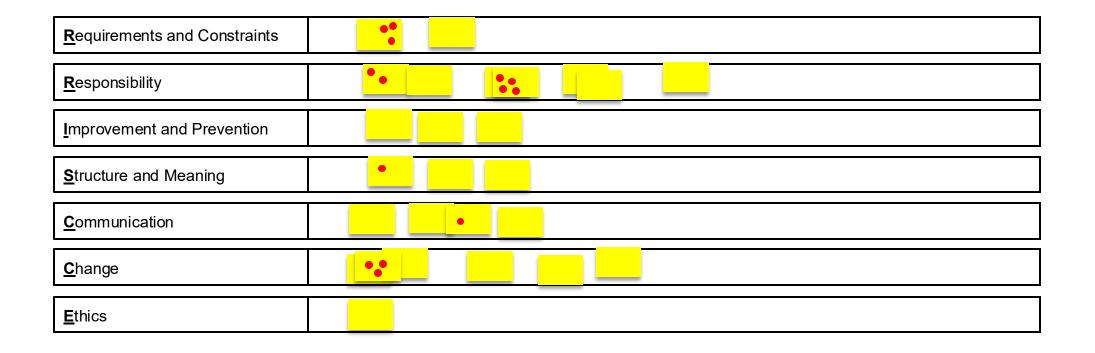
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Step 3: Heatmap Voting

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Ask the participants to look through the HMWs (silently) and vote on those HMWs they find most important, challenging, or critical.
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- Each participant has a limited number of red voting dots, so they should really think about what they want to vote on.
- There are <u>no voting rules</u>, so they can place more than one dot on areas they want to focus on.
- If you want to take notes, use a sticky note.
- Avoid discussions! The goal is to get a heatmap overview.

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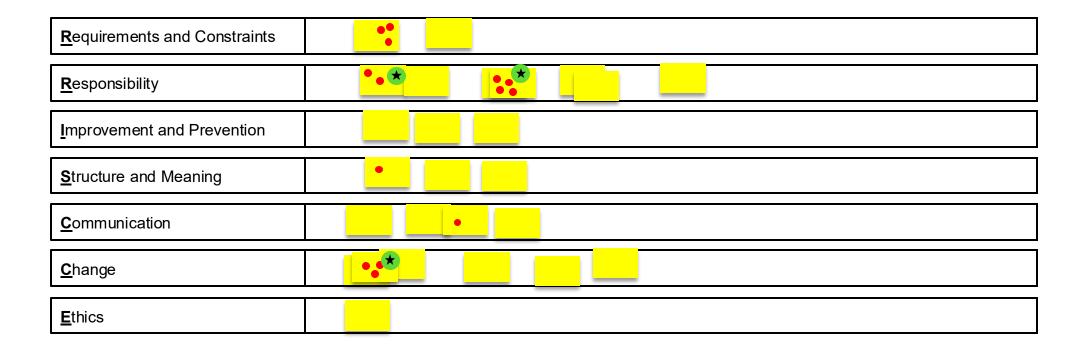
Step 4: Decider Vote



- Timing: 5 minutes
- Give the Decider three voting dots and allow them to vote on the areas the Decider find most important, challenging, or critical.

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Step 5: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Remove all but the top-voted HMW questions from the RRISCCE matrix, remembering that the Decider vote is automatically at the top.
- These are our key challenges.











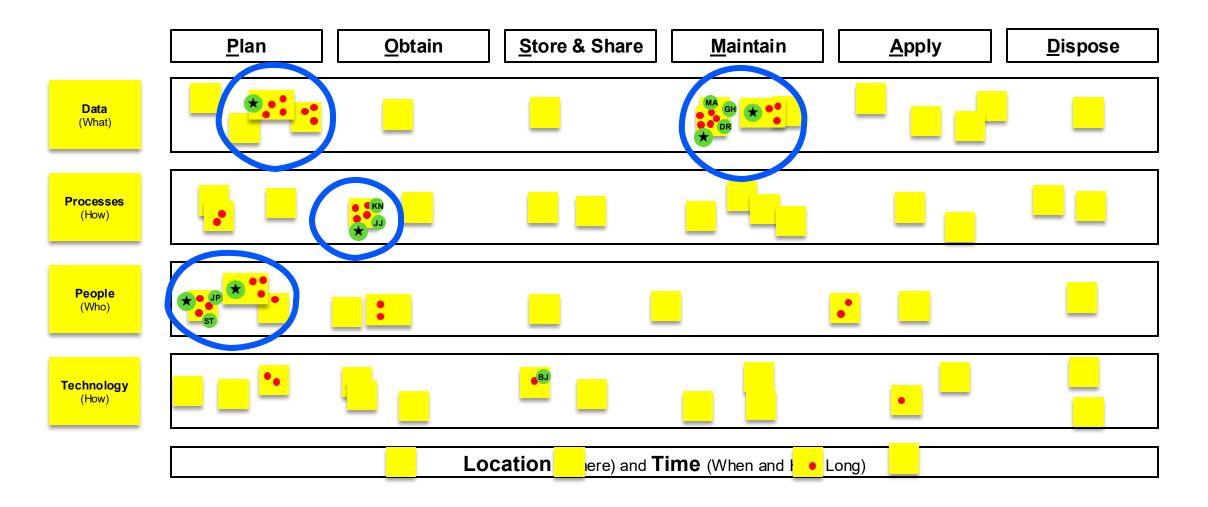
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Step 6: Decide on focus areas

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Let's go back to the **Challenge Map** and put our key challenges on the corresponding areas, indicating how they affect the Information Life Cycle.
- Then we identify the most critical focus areas in the map.
- These focus areas will highlight the use cases and projects that we'll include in our Data Governance roadmap.



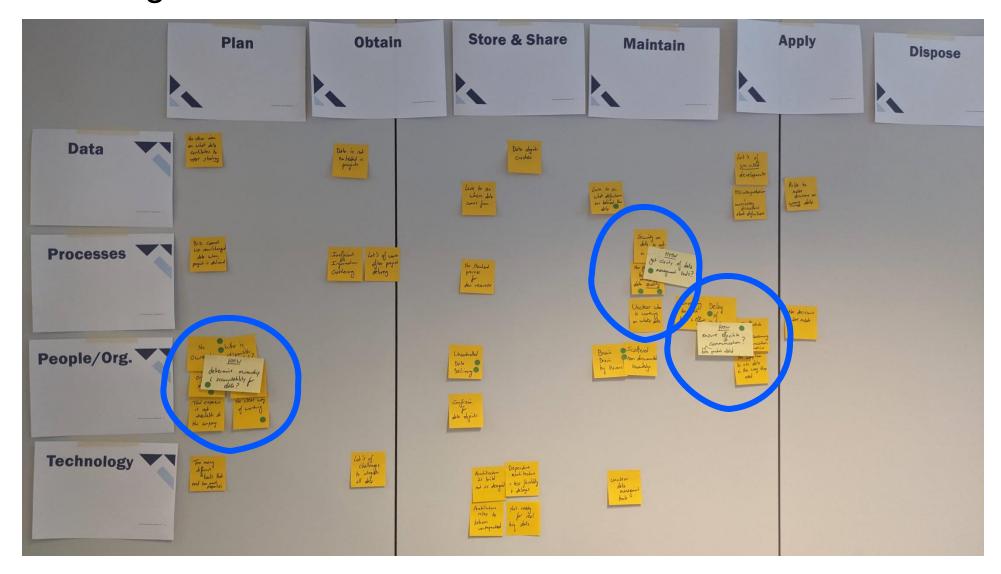
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Exercise 1. The Challenges Map

Exercise 2. Challenges Interview

Exercise 3. Purpose

Exercise 4. Guiding Principles

In this exercise, we will focus on identifying the **fundamental reason why** we are implementing data governance within our organization. This isn't just about the technical aspects or the tasks we need to perform; it's about aligning our data governance efforts with the overarching business objectives and goals.

Understanding this purpose will ensure that every data governance initiative we undertake directly contributes to the success and strategic direction of the company.

A well-defined purpose will become **our Vision**, guiding our decisions, helping us prioritize, and making sure that everyone—across all levels—understands the critical role that data governance plays in our collective success.



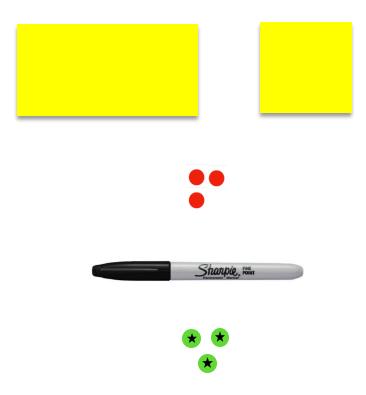
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Between 45 to 60 minutes

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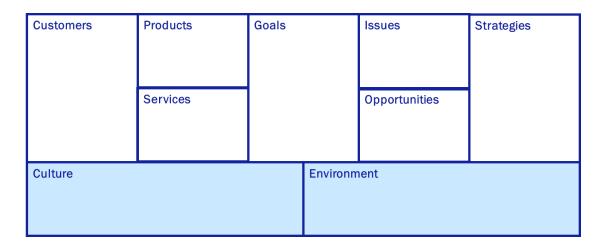
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- Forget everything you might have read about "purpose" in the past. We're not here to create a fluffy, non-committal vision statement that sounds good but doesn't drive action. In this Data Governance Sprint™, we'll focus on defining a clear, practical purpose for our data governance efforts—one that will remain relevant and actionable when you look back in two years.
- This purpose will be the foundation of your entire Data Governance Strategy. It will guide our actions throughout the sprint and serve as the **driving force** behind every decision we make in this workshop (and outside), ensuring our efforts directly contribute to achieving the **company's strategic goals**.
- Our purpose also serves as our vision for our Data Governance program.



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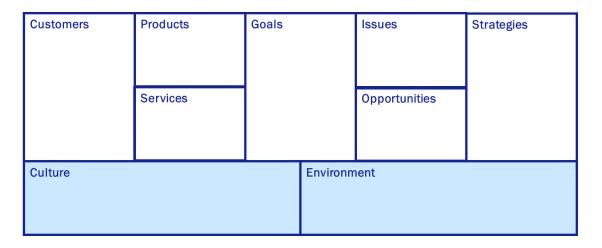
- Before we can define the purpose of our data governance efforts, it's crucial that we first gain a solid understanding of the company's business needs, goals, and culture.
- This understanding will allow us to align our data governance purpose effectively with the company's overall strategies. By doing so, we ensure that our data governance initiatives directly support and drive the organization's success.





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The Business Needs & Culture canvas is a critical tool that helps us align our data governance purpose with the broader objectives and cultural context of the organization. By understanding these elements, we can ensure that our data governance initiatives are not only aligned with the company's goals but also resonate with its culture and values.

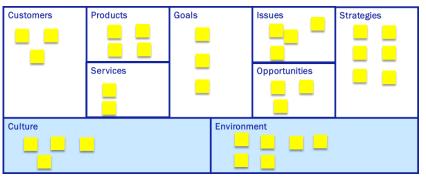




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Step 1: Prepopulating and Review

- Timing: 5 minutes
- If you have already conducted onboarding interviews, you may have prepopulated this canvas with key insights gathered during those discussions.
- In such cases, we will begin this exercise by reviewing the prepopulated information together. This review helps ensure that the information accurately reflects the current state of the organization.





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Step 2: Collecting Inputs

- Timing: 10 minutes
- If the canvas has not been prepopulated, we will start by gathering input from all participants.
- Each participant will receive a set of square sticky notes.
- For **each component** of the canvas, participants should write down **1 to 3 key points**. This should be based on their knowledge of the organization's business needs and cultural context. One key point per sticky note.

Primary market: B2B clients

Achieve 20% revenue growth Digital transformation initiatives Innovationdriven, startup mentality

Regulatory pressure from government



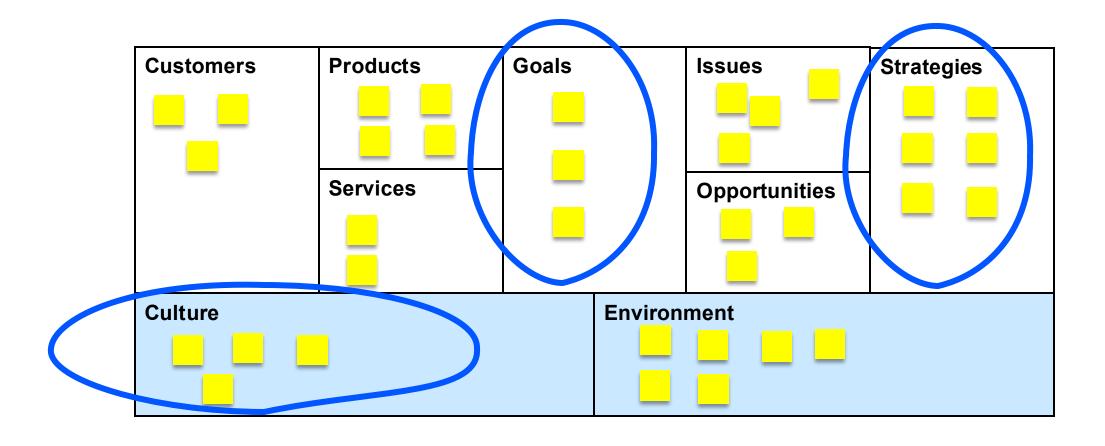
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Step 3: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- Each participant will now present their sticky notes, one by one, to the group.
- After presenting, participants will place their sticky notes in the corresponding sections of the canvas.
- During this phase, we will avoid discussion. The goal is to collect and visualize the information.







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Step 4: Facilitated Interaction

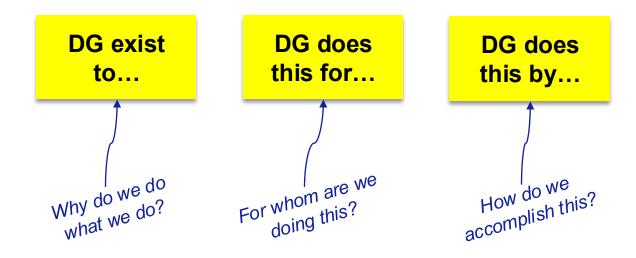
- **Timing:** 5 minutes
- We will spend a few minutes facilitating interaction specifically around the Goals, Strategies, and Culture components of the canvas.
- This ensures that the group is aligned on these critical aspects.
- By the end of this exercise, we will have a shared understanding of the organization's business needs and cultural context, providing a strong foundation for the Purpose Mapping exercise.



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Step 1: Write Purposes

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Give every participant a block of rectangular sticky notes.
- Each participant writes on three sticky notes and completes each sentence:





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Step 1: Write Purposes

Make sure to prepare an example!

DG exist to...

foster trust in our data.

DG do this for...

internal and external stakeholders who depend on our data.

DG do this by...

maintaining data integrity through rigorous quality checks and balances.

DG exist to...

enhance customer experience.

DG do this for...

our valued customers whose interactions with us are influenced by our data.

DG do this by...

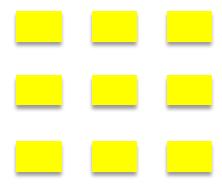
leveraging data insights to personalize and improve their experience.



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Step 1: Write Purposes

- Each participant should create 2 to 3 Purposes.
- Guide the participants by asking: "2 years from now, in an ideal world, what purpose will Data Governance fulfill in the company and to our customers?"
- Ensure that your purpose should give similar clarity to anyone at any hierarchical level, from CEO to janitor, why they are doing what they are doing.

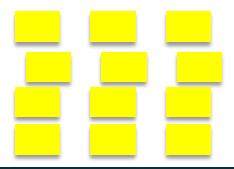




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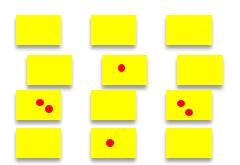
Step 2: Visualize

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Ask participants to choose only 1 purpose sentence from their set of purposes (so choose 1 set of three sticky notes).
- Then ask them to stick their chosen purpose sentence on the wall.
- Make sure to stick each purpose sentence nicely below each other, this makes the voting easier.





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Step 3: Vote

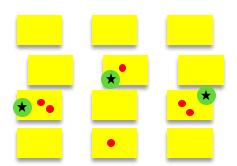
Timing: 10 minutes



- Give every participant except the decider 3 voting dots.
- Ask them to silently vote on the elements of the purpose sentences that they believe best capture the role of data governance in supporting the business objectives. (no discussion!)
- There are **no voting rules**—they can vote on their own purpose sentence if they choose.
- To cast a vote, participants should place one dot on each purpose sentence element they support.



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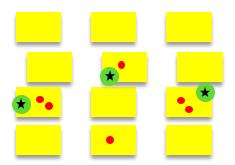
Step 4: Decider Vote



- Timing: 5 minutes
- Give the decider 3 special voting dots.
- The decider goes last and is encouraged to talk about their choices.
- To cast a vote, the decider should place one dot on each purpose sentence element they support.
- Tell the decider that there are no voting rules. They can also vote on any parts of purpose sentences to create the ultimate purpose sentence.

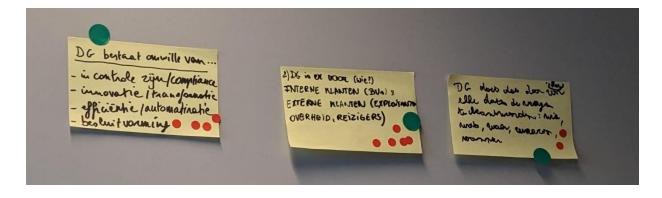


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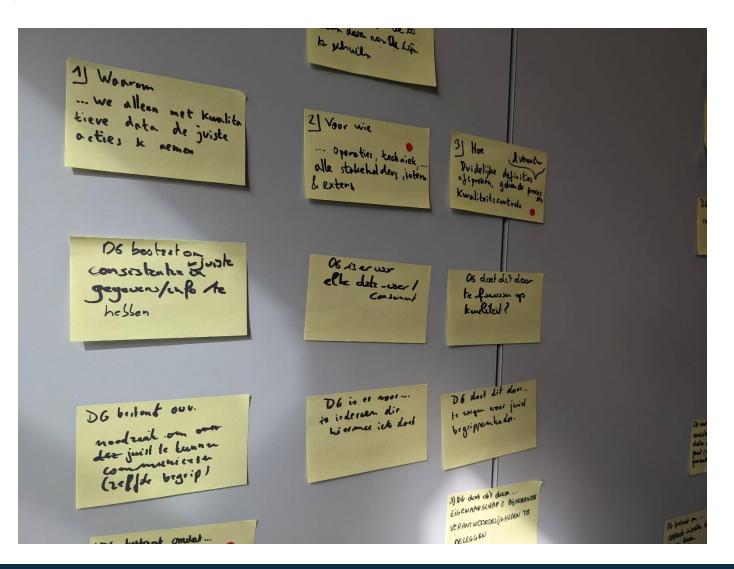
Step 5: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Take the purpose sentence chosen by the decider off the board and place it next to the board.



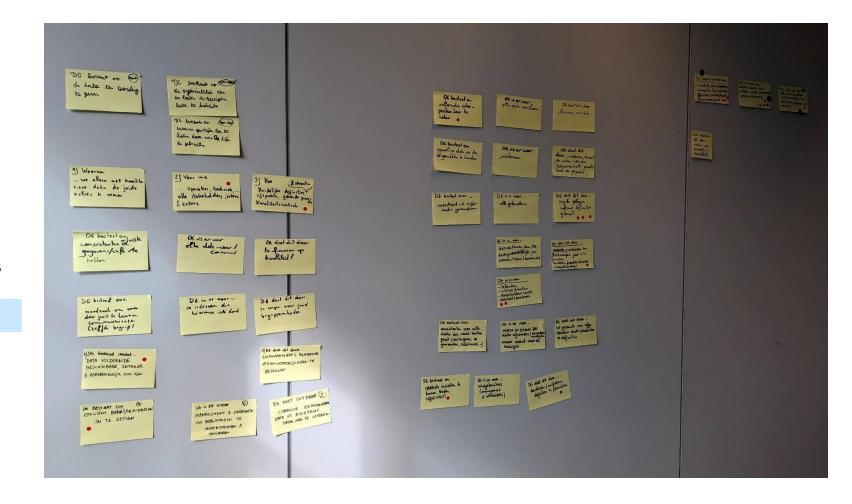


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Exercise 1. The Challenges Map

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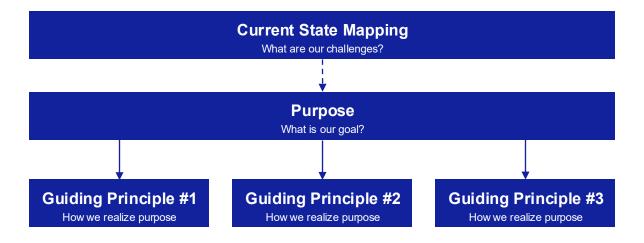
Exercise 3. Purpose

Exercise 4. Guiding Principles



As we build upon the foundation we've established in our previous exercises—assessing the current state of our data landscape, highlighting key use cases and pain points, and defining our vision and purpose—it's now time to finalize our approach by defining our Guiding Principles.

These principles are the **fundamental beliefs** that will steer your organization's approach to data. Think of them as your **North Star**, providing clear direction and setting the stage for how data should be managed and treated within your company.





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2. What you'll need

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Between 45 to 60 minutes



- 1. Timing
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- A guiding principle, for instance, might be "Data is managed and secure," which underscores the value your organization places on data. These principles are crucial because they articulate what needs to happen to realize our data governance purpose and achieve our vision.
- By the end of this exercise, we will have a set of Guiding Principles that will not only support our purpose but also ensure that everyone in the organization understands and aligns with our data governance strategy.



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We realize this by...

We realize this by...

We realize this by...

Step 1: Write Guiding Principles

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Provide each participant with a block of rectangular sticky notes.
- Ask participants to reflect on the question: "How do we realize our data governance purpose for our company in practical terms?"
- Emphasize the importance of keeping it simple and high-level!
- Each participant should write up to **three sticky notes**, each completing the sentence: **"We realize this by...**"
- Each participant will create up to three Guiding Principles that outline practical steps or beliefs needed to fulfill the data governance purpose.



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Step 1: Write Guiding Principles

Make sure to prepare an example!

We realize this by...

treating data as an enterprise asset.

We realize this by...

ensuring data meets its purpose.

We realize this by...

maintaining a single data source.

We realize this by...

securing and managing data effectively.

We realize this by...

ensuring accountability at every data touchpoint.

We realize this by...

ensuring data is accessible.

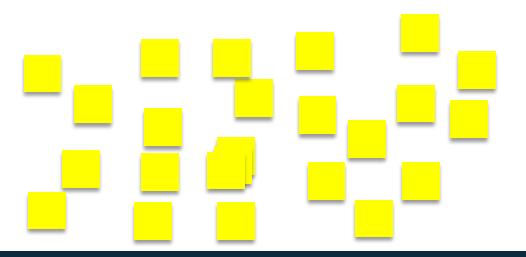




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Step 2: Visualize Principles

- Timing: 1 minute
- Ask participants to stick all their Guiding Principles on the wall.
- Don't categorize the ideas at this stage; simply remove any duplicates or stack them without discussion.

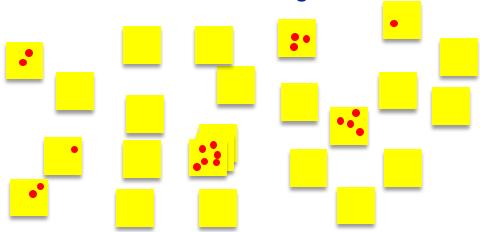




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Step 3: Vote

- **Timing:** 5 minutes
- Give every participant 2 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the sticky notes that they believe to be most likely to help them achieve the data governance purpose— avoid discussions.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.



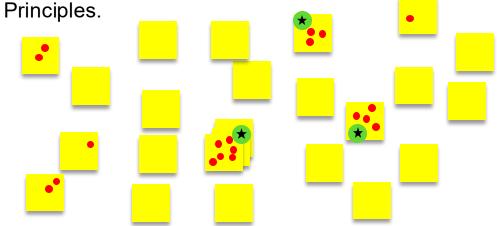


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Step 4: Decider Vote

- **Timing:** 5 minutes
- Give the decider 3 special voting dots.
- The decider goes last and is encouraged to talk about their decision.
- The decider can vote on any part of the principles, even combining elements to craft the ultimate set of Guiding



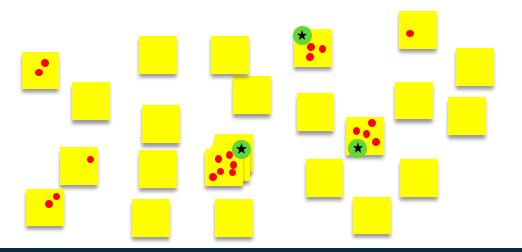


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Step 5: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Remove all but the Guiding Principles voted by the Decider from the board.





You can reformulate

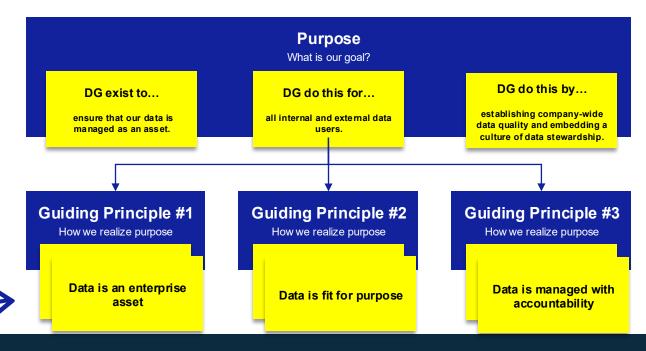
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Step 6: Bringing it all Together

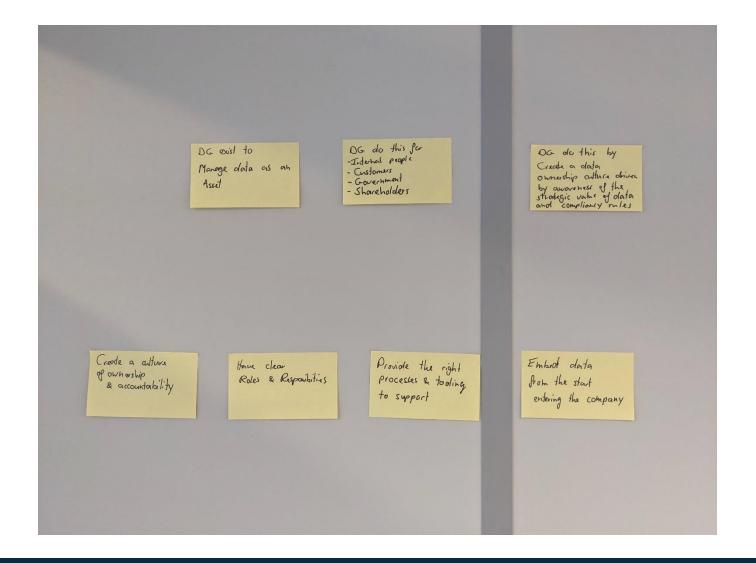
- Timing: 1 minute
- Put both the revisualized Purpose Sentence and the Guiding Principles together to get a good overview.







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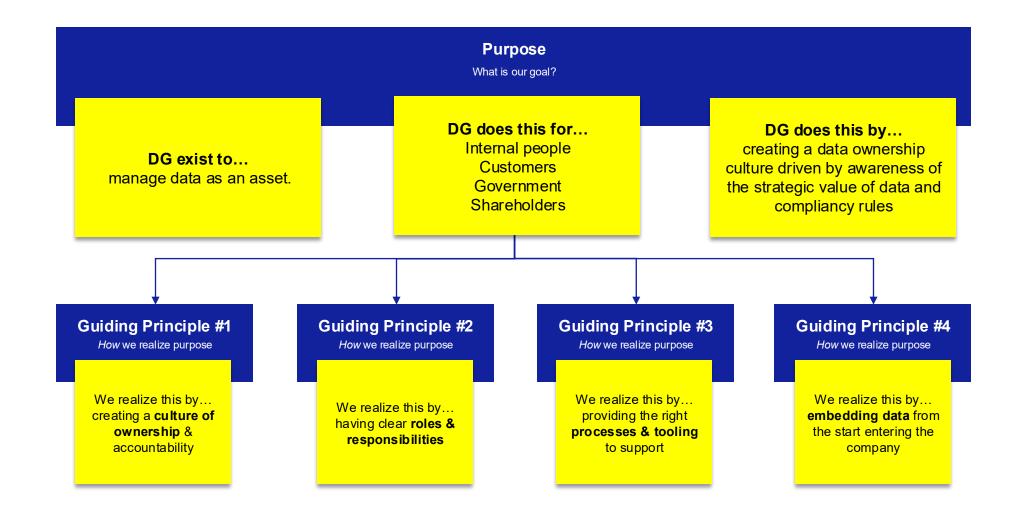


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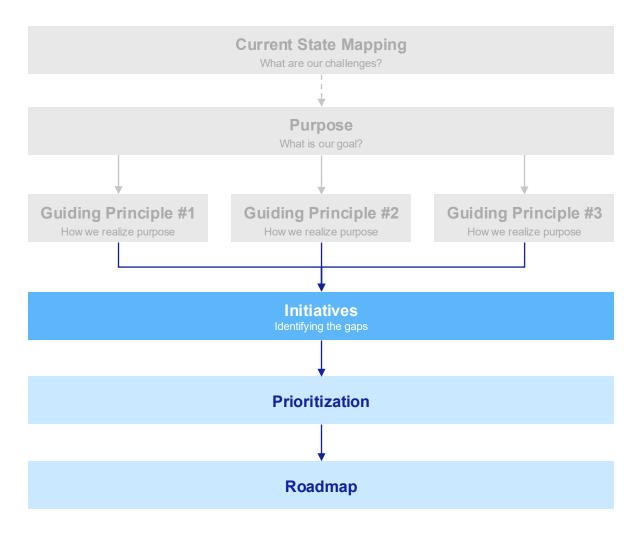
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Data Governance SPRINTTM





Workshop #1
Understanding 'As Is' and defining 'To Be"

Workshop #2
Bridge to Governance

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Exercise 1. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 2. Action Board

Exercise 3. Action Steps

Exercise 4. Roadmap

Exercise 5. CDF Shortlist

Let's kick off our creative engines with the 10 for 10 Brainstorm! This exercise is all about generating a wide range of ideas to bridge the gap between our current state and the future vision for data governance.

In this session, we'll draw inspiration from our Purpose, Guiding Principles, and the focus areas identified in our Challenges Map. The aim is to come up with as many ideas as possible whether they seem practical or far-fetched, all ideas are welcome

Why is this important? Because the more ideas we generate, the more likely we are to uncover innovative solutions that will propel us forward.



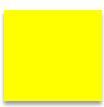
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Between 15 to 20 minutes

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- The exercise is a rapid brainstorming session aiming to generate 10 ideas in 5 minutes on how we can achieve our desired future state for data governance and address the key challenges identified earlier.
- Participants get a short amount of time to write down lots of ideas.
- Don't worry about the quality of the ideas, just the quantity! We'll refine and prioritize these ideas in later exercises, so don't hold back—let your imagination run wild!
- In the second part of the workshop, participants will curate and select the stronger ideas.
- Only one idea per sticky note!



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Step 1: Generate Ideas

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant should write down 10 ideas—one per sticky note—related to improving data governance, overcoming challenges, and aligning with our Purpose and Guiding Principles.
- Focus on generating a **wide variety of ideas**, from the simple and practical to the bold and innovative.
- Keep the ideas brief and to the point; we'll dive deeper into them later.



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Step 1: Generate Ideas

Make sure to prepare some examples!



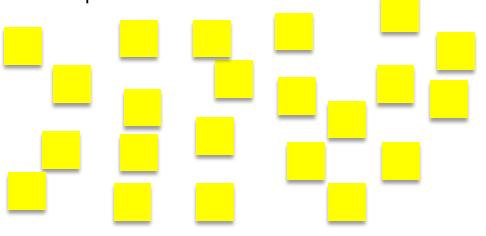


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Step 2: Visualize Ideas

- Timing: 1 minute
- Ask participants to stick their ideas on the designated wall.
- Don't categorize the ideas at this stage—just get them all up there.
- Quickly remove any obvious **duplicates**, but avoid discussion or debate at this point.







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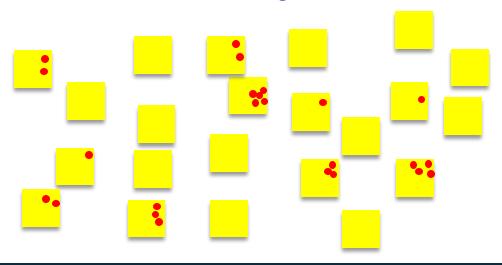
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Step 3: Heatmap Vote

Timing: 5 minutes



- Give every participant 10 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the ideas they like the most avoid discussions.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.





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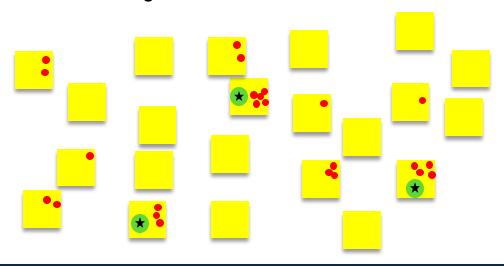
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Step 4: Decider Vote

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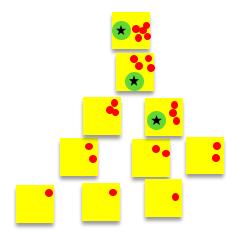
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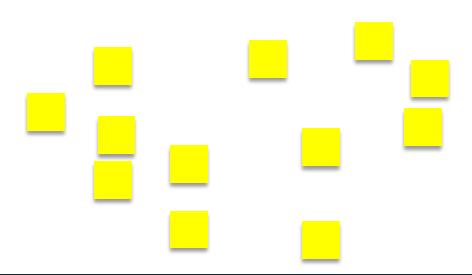
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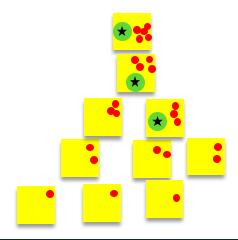
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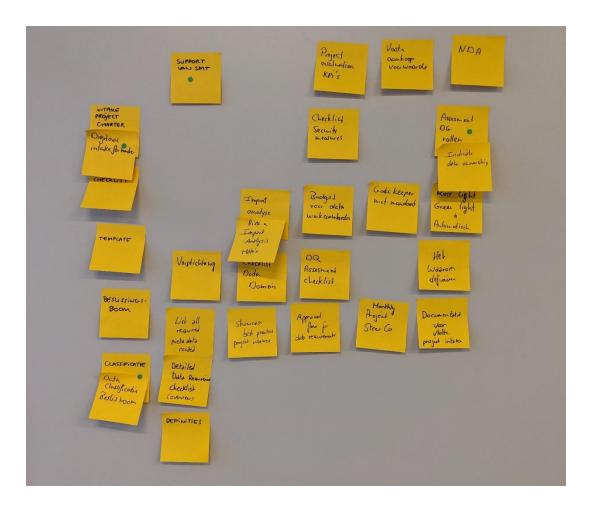
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- Take the top 10 ideas with votes on them off the wall.
- Place the ideas in order of most votes next to the wall.





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Welcome to our Action Board exercise, where we'll take all the great ideas generated during the 10 for 10 Brainstorm and prioritize them based on their impact and feasibility.

The Action Board is a powerful tool that helps us focus on what really matters—those initiatives that will drive the most significant change with the least amount of effort. By the end of this exercise, we'll have a clear understanding of which ideas we should tackle first and which ones may require more time and resources.

Why is this important? Because prioritization is key to ensuring that our efforts are directed toward the **most valuable and achievable goals**. This process will help us create a realistic and actionable roadmap that aligns with our data governance objectives.



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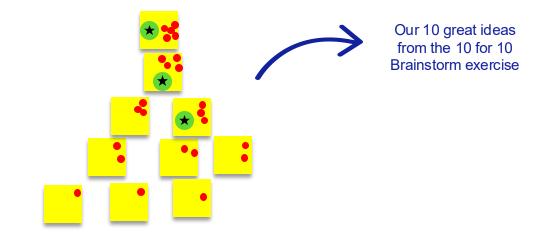
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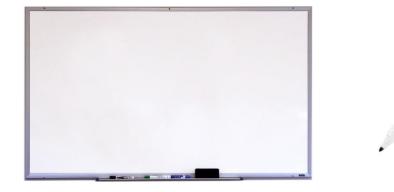
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Between 20 to 30 minutes



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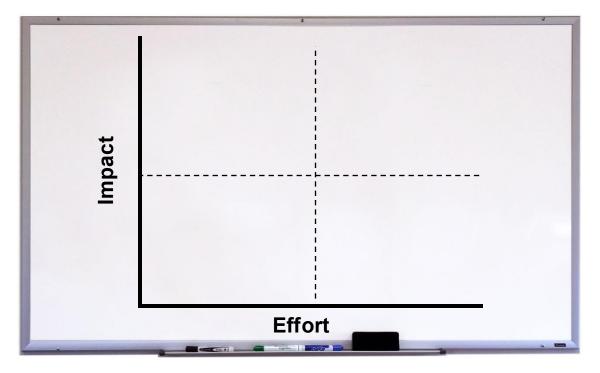
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- The objective of the Action Board is to prioritize the ideas generated during the 10 for 10 Brainstorm by assessing their potential impact and the effort required to **implement** them.
- "Impact" refers to the potential benefit or value that an idea will bring to your company, aligning with your purpose and business objectives. High-impact ideas are those that will significantly contribute to achieving these goals and driving the organization forward.
- "Effort" represents the amount of work, resources, and time required to implement an idea. Low-effort ideas are easier and quicker to execute, while high-effort ideas may take more time, resources, and planning.



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Start the exercise by drawing an "Impact" Y-axis and "Effort"
 X-axis and the quadrants on a whiteboard or flipchart.





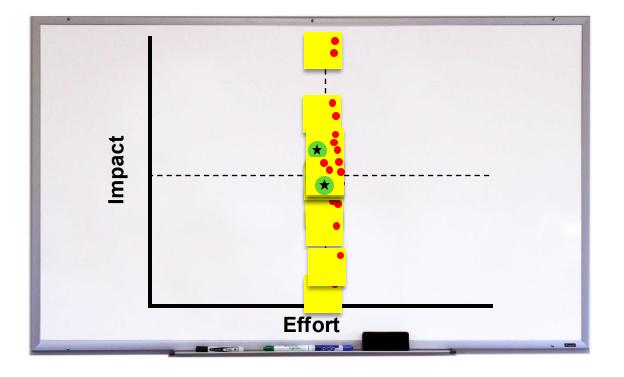
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Step 1: Assess Impact

- Timing: 8 minutes
- The Facilitator takes each selected sticky note from the 10 for 10 Brainstorm **one by one** and places it in the center of the Action Board.
- Participants will indicate whether each idea should be placed higher or lower on the Impact scale, simply by saying "higher" or "lower"—no further discussion at this stage.
- The goal is to position each idea along the Y-axis based on its perceived impact. It's okay if some sticky notes overlap at this point.



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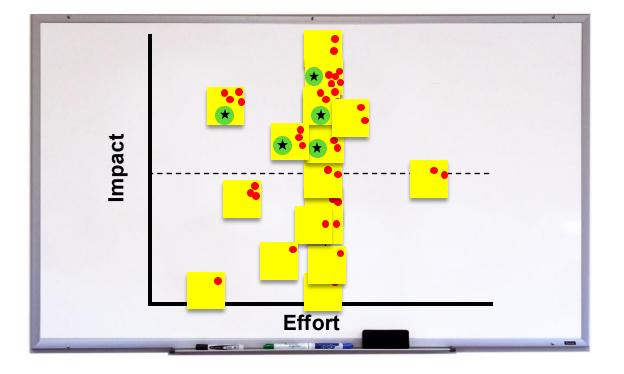
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Step 2: Assess Effort

- Timing: 8 minutes
- Now, we'll repeat the process, but this time we'll focus on the Effort axis.
- Participants will again provide input, this time by saying "left" or "right" indicating whether an idea requires more or less effort to implement. Low effort can be hours or days, while high effort can be months or years.
- The facilitator will move each sticky note one by one along the X-axis accordingly.
- Assure participants that the goal is not to be 100% accurate but to get a general sense of effort required.



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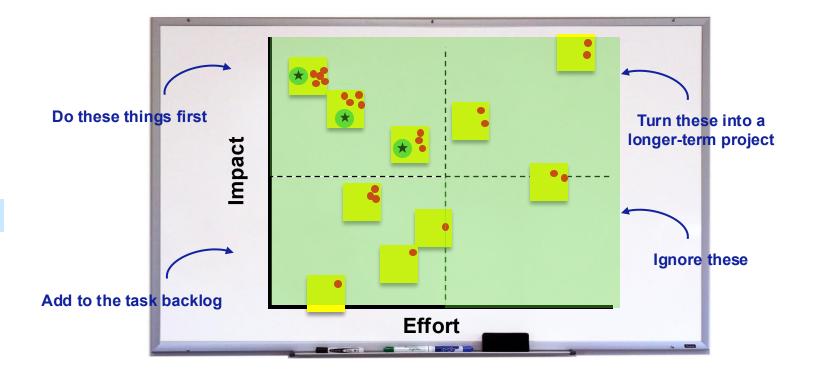
Step 3: Review Quadrants

- Timing: 4 minutes
- Each quadrant has a **meaning** on the Action Board. Present these to the participants so they have a clear understanding of how the board has helped them prioritize their work.
 - Top Left (High Impact, Low Effort): Focus on these ideas first—they are the "quick wins."
 - > Top Right (High Impact, High Effort): Plan these ideas as longer-term projects.
 - **Bottom Left** (Low Impact, Low Effort): Add these to a task backlog—address them as resources allow.
 - **Bottom Right** (Low Impact, High Effort): Consider ignoring these ideas for now, as they may not be worth the investment.





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Next up, the Action Steps exercise, where we'll transform our prioritized "quick win" ideas from the Action Board into actionable steps.

This exercise is crucial because it **turns concepts into concrete actions**, ensuring that we can effectively implement our ideas and start seeing tangible results.

The focus here is on **high-level**, **strategic steps** that will guide us in bringing these quick wins to life, moving us closer to achieving our data governance goals.

Why is this important? Because having a clear, actionable plan is what separates good ideas from real, impactful change. By the end of this session, we'll have a series of task flows that outline the steps necessary to implement each of our selected initiatives.



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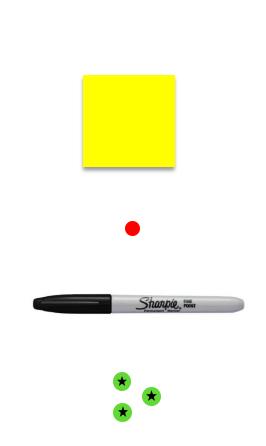
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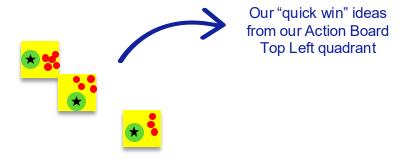
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Between 45 to 60 minutes



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- 1. Timing
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- The objective of this exercise is to transform the **top "quick win" ideas** from the Action Board into actionable steps as a preparation for a full action plan.
- We'll focus on one "quick win" at a time, creating a task flow that outlines the key steps needed for implementation.
- This exercise turns concepts into concrete actions, ensuring that our ideas lead to real, impactful change in our data governance efforts.



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Step 1: Generate Task Flows

- Timing: 10 minutes per "quick win" idea
- Focus on one "quick win" idea at a time.
- Each participant should think of every step that needs to be taken to make the idea happen.
- Write each step on a sticky note and place it horizontally, creating a task flow. Keep in mind: one step per sticky note!
- Ensure that the steps are sequential and logical, covering everything from initiation to completion.



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Monitor role

effectiveness





- 1. Timing
- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow

Step 2: Present

- Timing: 1 minute per person
- Each participant presents their task flow to the group, giving a general overview without getting into too much detail.
- Stick all the task flows on the wall so everyone can see them together.
- There should be no discussion or debate at this stage—just present the ideas.



Identify key data sta keh olders

Outline responsibilities for each role Draft role descriptions Review with leadership team Integrate roles into governance framework

Assign roles to individuals

Communicate roles to all teams

Provide training on responsibilities Monitor role effectiveness



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Step 3: Voting

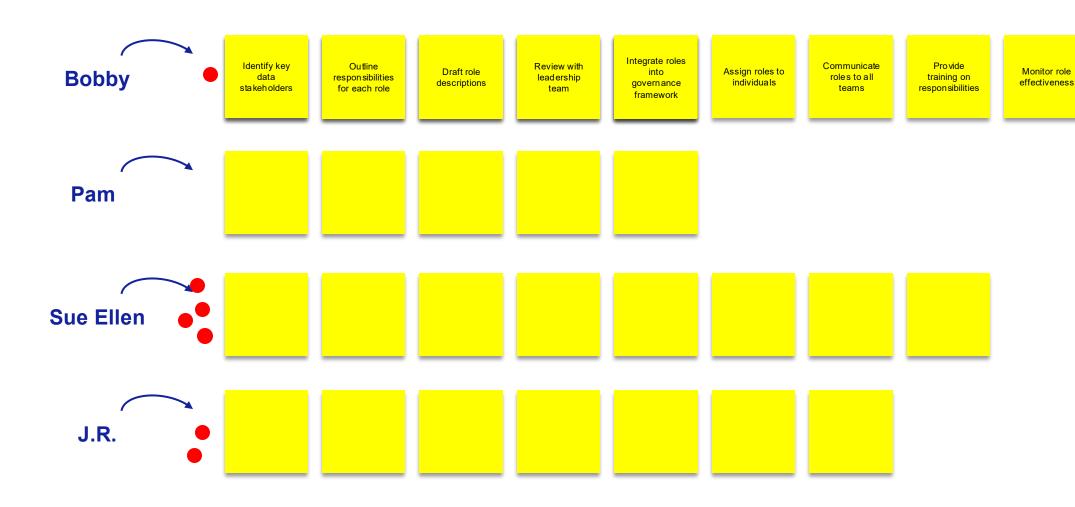
- **Timing:** 5 minutes
- Give each participant one voting dot.
- Participants should place their dot on the ONE task flow they believe is the most effective and actionable for the specific "quick win" idea and will move us closer to achieving our data governance goals and purpose.
- Encourage participants to consider both the completeness and practicality of the task flow.

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Step 4: Decider Vote



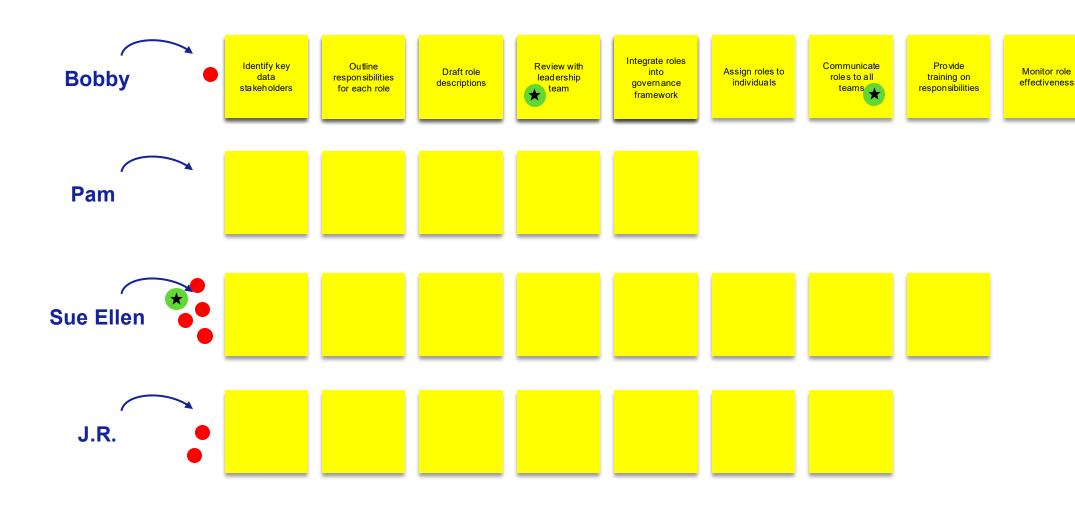
- Timing: 3 minutes
- Then, the Decider decides which Task Flow is most complete by placing one special voting dot next to that one task flow.
- The Decider may choose to incorporate elements from other task flows into the selected one to ensure it is as robust as possible, by adding additional voting dots to those specific elements.

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Step 5: Reorganize

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Reorganize the chosen task flow on the wall, adding any extra steps selected by the Decider.
- This finalized task flow will guide the implementation of the "quick win" initiative.
- Repeat this process for each selected "quick win" idea to ensure all prioritized initiatives have a clear and actionable task flow.



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Let's hit the road, Jack! In this Roadmap exercise we'll take the prioritized initiatives and their corresponding task flows and strategically place them on a timeline.

This exercise is critical because it transforms our ideas and plans into a **clear**, **actionable roadmap** that outlines when and how each initiative will be implemented.

By the end of this session, we'll have a comprehensive plan that not only reflects our data governance goals but also aligns with the organization's overall strategy and priorities.

Why is this important? Because having a well-structured roadmap ensures that our efforts are organized, realistic, and geared toward achieving tangible results within a defined timeframe. This roadmap will serve as our guide, helping us maintain momentum and focus as we move forward with our Data Governance Sprint.



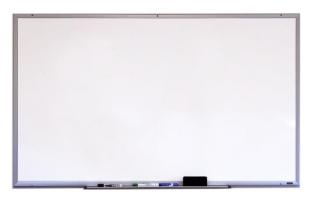
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Between 30 to 60 minutes

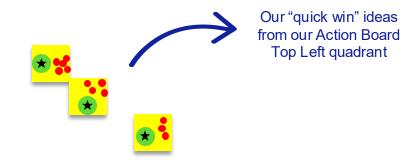


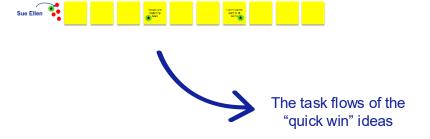
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- The objective of this exercise is create a detailed roadmap that schedules the implementation of each "quick win" initiative with its respective task flow.
- We'll determine the best timing for each initiative, considering dependencies and priorities.
- We'll also identify key milestones to track progress and ensure that the initiatives stay on track.
- A clear roadmap turns plans into action, ensuring that our data governance initiatives are implemented in a structured, strategic manner.



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- First draw out a roadmap on a whiteboard or flipchart, depending on the timeline.
- Keep the roadmap super simple!

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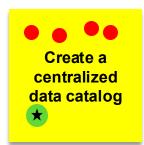
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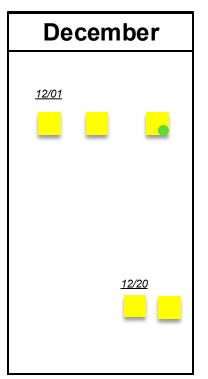
Step 1: Place Initiatives on the Roadmap

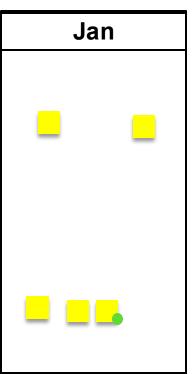
- Timing: 5 minutes per "quick win" idea
- Begin by placing the highest priority initiative next to the roadmap.
- Sequentially add the associated task flow activities to the roadmap, taking into account resource availability and timing.
- Repeat this process for each remaining "quick win" initiative.
- Clearly mark the start and end dates for each initiative on the whiteboard.
- Discuss any dependencies between initiatives (e.g., one task needs to be completed before another can start). Sequence the initiatives accordingly, ensuring that the roadmap flows logically and efficiently.

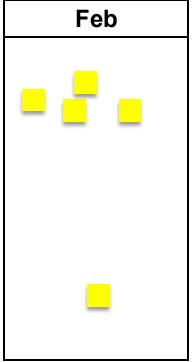


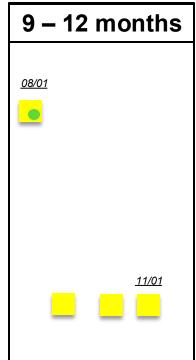


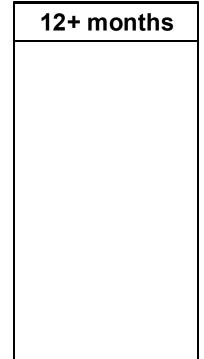














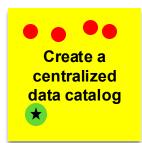
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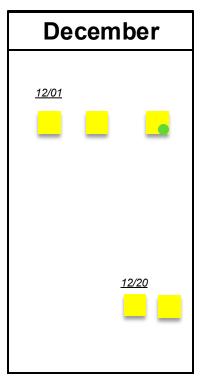
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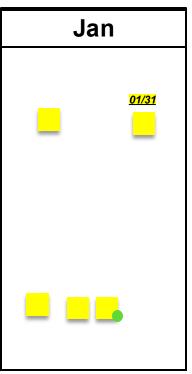
- Timing: 10 minutes
- For each initiative, determine key milestones that indicate significant progress or completion of major tasks.
- Place these milestones on the roadmap, ensuring they are spaced appropriately and aligned with the overall timeline.
- Adjust the placement as necessary to prevent overlaps or resource conflicts.

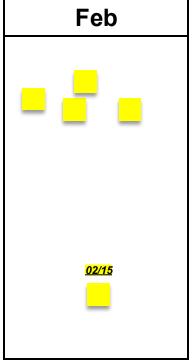


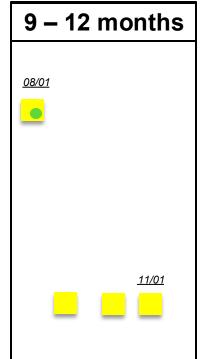


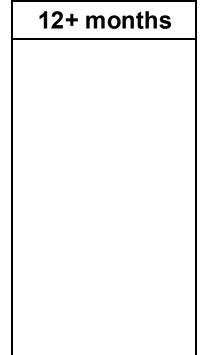














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Step 3: Accountability Assigner

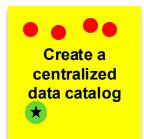
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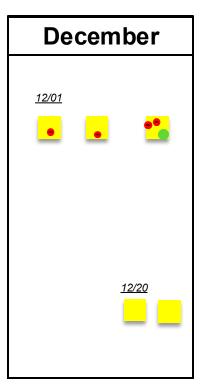


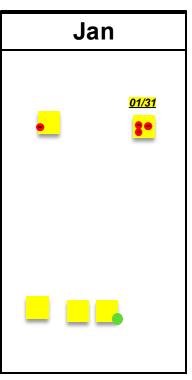
- Ask people to assign tasks to themselves with a dot with their initials on.
- Some steps can have multiple people assigned.

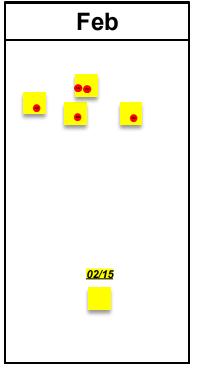


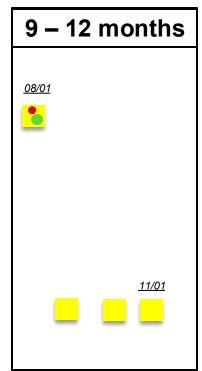


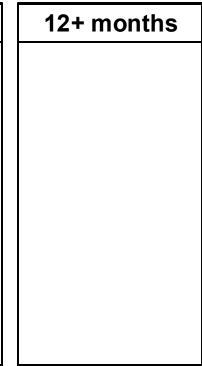
























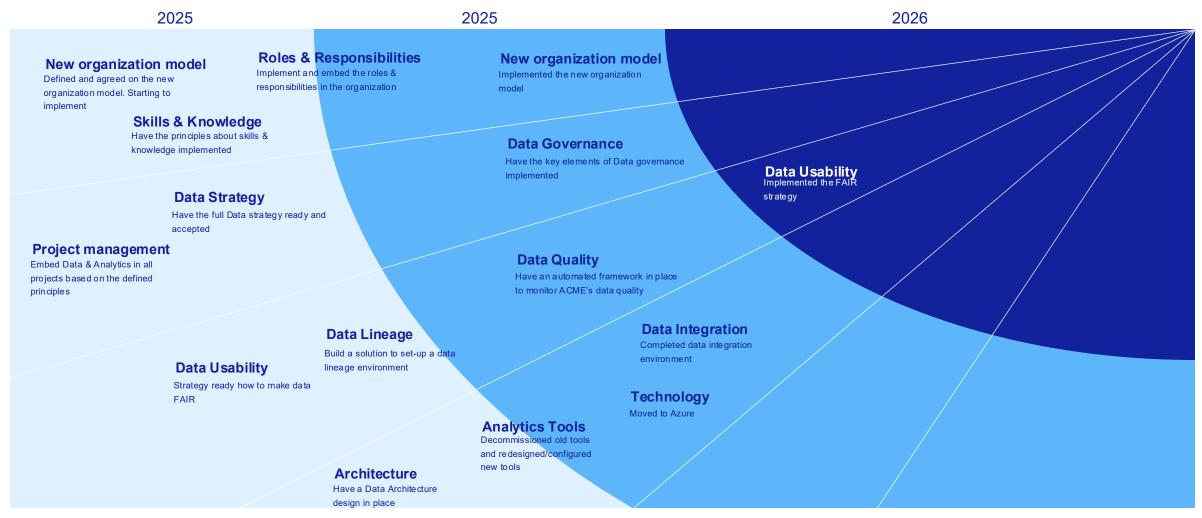








Workshop 2 1







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Exercise 5. CDE Shortlist

Welcome to the final exercise of our workshop, the **Critical Data** Element (CDE) Shortlist. In this session, we'll focus on identifying and prioritizing the most important data elements within our organization.

By narrowing down our focus to the top 10 CDEs, we lay the foundation for effective data governance, enabling us to make fast progress and demonstrate value quickly.

These CDEs will later be central to our prototyping phase, where we'll conduct data quality assessments and define these elements in our business glossary. For now, our goal is to identify and select these key data elements that are crucial to our organization's success.



1. Timing

2. What you'll need

- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow

Between 15 to 20 minutes



- 1. Timing
- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow











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- Our aim is to generate a comprehensive list of potential CDEs through a 10 for 10 brainstorm.
- The goal is to identify 10 critical data elements within 5 minutes.
- Participants will have a brief period to quickly write down as many CDEs as possible—focus on quantity, not quality!
- In the second part of the workshop, we'll use heatmap voting and a decider vote to select the top 10 most critical data elements that will be the focus of our prototyping efforts.
- Remember, each sticky note should contain only one CDE!



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Step 1: Identify CDEs

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant should identify 10 potential CDEs, writing each on a separate sticky note.
- Focus on data elements that are vital to business processes, decision-making, or regulatory compliance.
- Keep the CDEs brief and to the point; we'll dive deeper into them later.



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Step 1: Identify CDEs

• Make sure to prepare some examples!

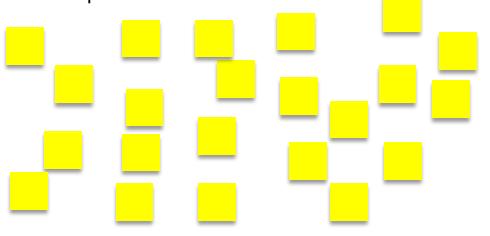




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Step 2: Visualize CDEs

- Timing: 1 minute
- Ask participants to stick their CDEs on the designated wall.
- Don't categorize the CDEs at this stage—just get them all up there.
- Quickly remove any obvious duplicates, but avoid discussion or debate at this point.





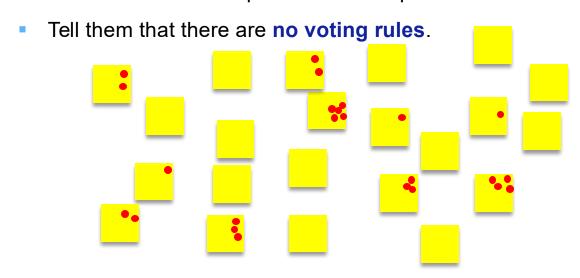
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Step 3: Heatmap Vote

Timing: 5 minutes



- Give every participant 10 voting dots.
- Participants should place their dots on the CDEs they believe are the **most critical**. Encourage participants to distribute their dots based on the importance and impact of each CDE.







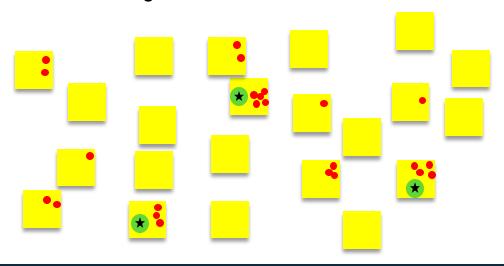
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Step 4: Decider Vote

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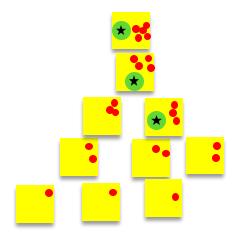


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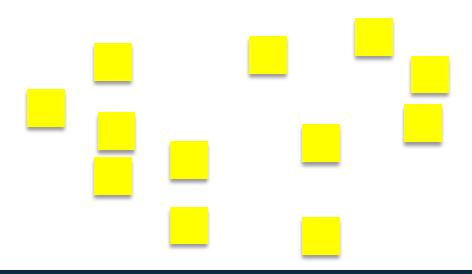


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Step 5: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Take the top 10 CDEs with votes on them off the wall.
- Place the CDEs in order of most votes next to the wall.



Week 2

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The Data Players | The Rules of the Game

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Welcome to Week 2: Building the Data Governance Framework

In Week 2, we transition from strategic visioning to the practical development of your data governance framework. This week is dedicated to defining the key roles, responsibilities, and operating models that will drive your data governance efforts, as well as establishing the foundational processes for managing your Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

Through two targeted workshops, we'll develop clear, actionable deliverables that will ensure your data governance structure is both **robust and sustainable**. By the end of this week, you'll have a well-defined framework that aligns with your organization's goals and prepares you for the next steps in your data governance journey.

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The Fundamentals | Documentation

The Documentation phase on Monday is all about taking the raw insights and outcomes from The Fundamentals workshops in Week 1 and transforming them into polished, actionable documents.

This is where we clean up the rough edges, organize our thoughts, and create professional artifacts that will guide our ongoing data governance efforts. The goal is to consolidate everything we've learned into clear, concise deliverables that can be easily communicated and implemented across the organization.

Clean Up the Challenge Map

Organize and refine the challenge map, ensuring that it accurately reflects the key challenges and opportunities identified during the workshops.

Draft the Data Governance Charter

Start drafting a Data Governance Charter that includes the purpose (vision) and guiding principles, providing a foundational document that guides all future governance activities.

Finalize the Action Board

Polish the action board by clearly defining the prioritized initiatives and their associated task flows.

Create a Fancy Roadmap

Develop a visually appealing and clear roadmap that outlines the timeline and milestones for implementing the prioritized initiatives.

Compile a Concise List of Use Cases and CDEs

Summarize the top use cases and critical data elements (CDEs) identified during the workshops, creating a clear focus for the next phases.



WEEK 2 of 5 The Data Players | Workshop Set-up

Effective preparation is crucial for a productive workshop. This week, we'll focus on setting up the environment and materials for the upcoming workshops: The Data Players and The Rules of the Game.

By prepopulating templates and preparing the necessary tools, we'll ensure that each session runs smoothly and that we can maximize our time together.

Reserve Workshop Space

Secure the dedicated (War) room and necessary materials for Workshops 3 and 4, ensuring the environment is conducive to collaboration.

Test Technology

Ensure all technology, such as projectors and collaboration tools, is tested and ready to minimize disruptions.

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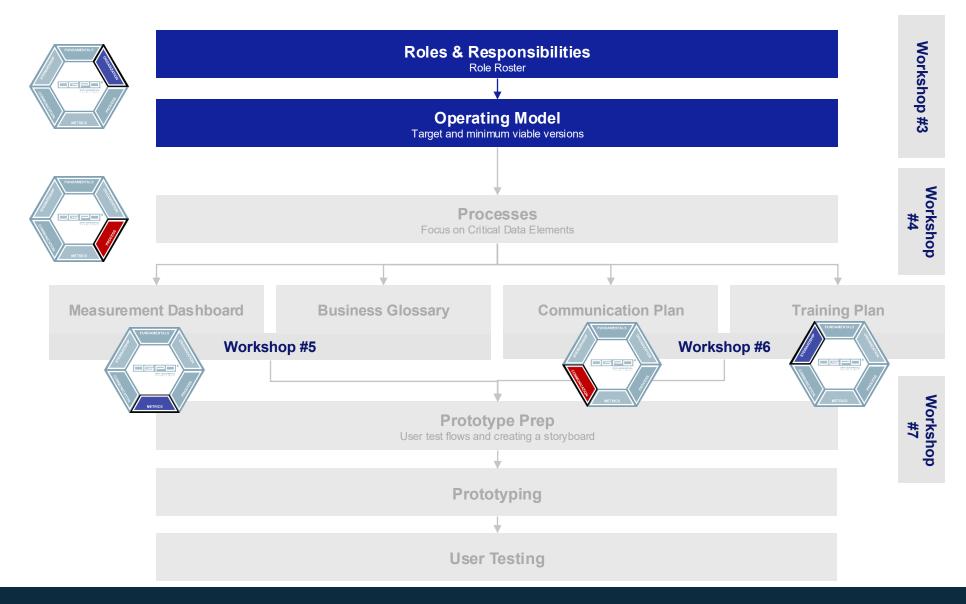
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The Data Players Workshop: Defining Responsibilities, Roles, and the Operating Model

Workshop 3 is where we begin to shape the structural backbone of your data governance program by defining the key responsibilities, roles, and operating model that will drive your efforts forward. In this session, we'll start by envisioning the **target version** of these roles and the operating framework—how we want it to look and function ideally within the next 2 to 4 years to fully support our data governance purpose.

However, recognizing the need for immediate, actionable steps, we'll also develop a **minimum sustainable version*** of the roles and operating model. This scaled-down version will focus specifically on what's needed to support our Critical Data Elements (CDEs) during the prototype and testing phase. By balancing ambition with practicality, we ensure that we can start implementing effective governance quickly, while still working towards the more comprehensive, long-term structure.

Workshop 3: Tuesday Full-Day

- Focus on defining the roles and responsibilities within your data governance framework.
- Identify and align on key roles such as data stewards, data owners, and data custodians.
- Develop both the target and minimum sustainable versions of your operating model, aligning them with your data governance vision.
- Work through four key exercises: Responsibility Mapping, Lightning Demos, Concept Creation, and Role Roster.



^{*} The concept of a "minimum sustainable version" comes from John Ladley and First San Francisco Partners.

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Exercise 1. Responsibility Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Exercise 4. Roles Roster

In this exercise, we'll embark on a journey to uncover and define the key responsibilities that are essential for achieving our data governance vision.

Rather than starting with predefined roles, we'll focus first on identifying what needs to be done—what are the crucial tasks, decisions, and accountabilities that will drive our success?

By mapping these responsibilities, we'll then naturally evolve into defining the roles that will carry them out. This approach ensures that our roles are rooted in the real needs of our organization, making our data governance framework both practical and impactful.



WEEK 2 of 5 Workshop 3 of 7 | Responsibility Mapping

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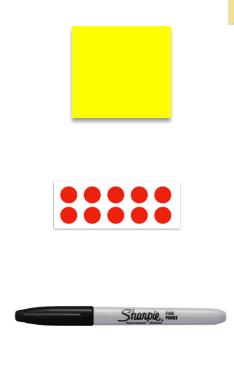
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- The objective of this exercise is to identify and map the key responsibilities required to achieve our data governance purpose and objectives.
- This exercise will help define the specific roles within the organization by mapping responsibilities to roles.
- The exercise will culminate in identifying the top-voted roles and responsibilities that are crucial for supporting the target state.



Workshop 3 of 7 | Responsibility Mapping

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Step 1: Responsibility Mapping

- Timing: 15 minutes
- Distribute a set of Data Responsibility Cards© to each participant (or a subset if sharing a single deck).
- If the deck isn't available, you can print out the necessary templates—see the <u>resources section</u> for details.
- Each participant will individually map out the responsibilities they believe are essential to achieving the **target version** of our data governance purpose, ensuring alignment with our roadmap.
- Encourage participants to concentrate on **key responsibilities**, aiming to limit their selection to a **maximum of 20 cards**.
- Prompt participants to think broadly about the actions required to support effective data governance.

Workshop 3 Exercise 1

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For **each participant**, this could look like this for example:

Is the authority for decisions about data (and data needs) within his/her subject area	Provide technical support for ensuring data quality	Identifying and documenting regulatory and legal/risk issues	Trains, educates, and creates awareness for members in their respective functional areas	Approves funding, budget and resource allocation for strategic data projects
Promote data literacy across the organization by providing training and resources on data handling	Is accountable for the proper execution of the data policies and the day-to-day execution of data management	Establish and enforce data quality standards to ensure that the data is accurate, complete, and reliable	Identifying and classifying data access levels	Monitor and measure the quality of data against defined standards and metrics
Ensures strategic alignment with corporate objectives and other	Oversees data privacy policies and procedures, ensuring compliance.	Assist in the development of reports and dashboards by providing accurate and relevant	Responsible for communicating program components and value to	Maintain detailed documentation for data elements, including definitions, formats, and

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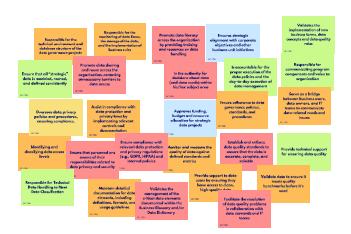
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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- Each participant briefly presents the responsibilities they've selected.
- As participants present, they place their Data Responsibility Cards© in the center of the table where everyone can easily see them.
- Keep the presentations brief and avoid debates at this stage this is about sharing, not discussing.
- As each responsibility is presented, the facilitator will stack or remove duplicates, ensuring a clean set of unique responsibilities.



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Step 3: Domain Grouping

- Timing: 10 minutes
- The facilitator will guide a focused, time-boxed discussion to categorize the presented responsibilities into broader data management domains (e.g., Data Quality, Data Security, Data Integration). We do to ensure that we consider the comprehensive management of data assets across all relevant data knowledge areas.
- Participants will collaboratively organize the Data Responsibility Cards© in the center of the table based on the data domains they identify.
- Label each group with a sticky note indicating the respective domain, placing it above the corresponding stack of cards.
- Keep the discussion streamlined and efficient, ensuring that responsibilities are logically grouped without delving into excessive detail.



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Step 3: Domain Grouping













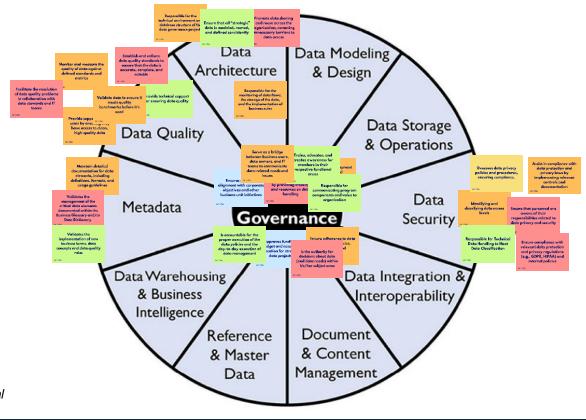


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Step 3: Domain Grouping

 Alternatively, consider using a large printout of the DAMA Wheel (in A3 format) as a reference.



Source: DAMA-DMBOK2 Data Management Framework © 2017, DAMA International







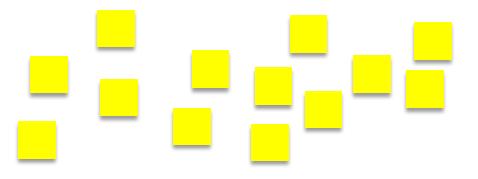


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Step 4: Responsibility Brainstorm

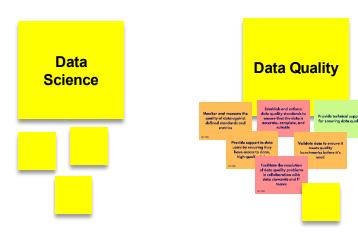
- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant should write down some additional responsibilities —
 one per sticky note— that may have been missed within the identified
 data management domains, or in domains not yet identified.
- Focus on generating a wide variety of responsibilities. Keep the responsibilities brief and to the point.





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Step 5: Present

- Timing: 1 minutes
- Ask participants to add their additional responsibilities to the respective group of data management domains.
- Quickly remove any obvious duplicates, but avoid discussion or debate at this point.













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Step 6: Role Mapping

- Timing: 20 minutes
- Now that responsibilities are grouped by domain, it's time to map each responsibility to a specific role using the Data Role Cards©.
- The participants work together to assign each responsibility to an appropriate data role.
- As the facilitator, guide the group to ensure balanced participation, helping them categorize responsibilities under the right roles, and ensuring clarity in the process.

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Step 6: Role Mapping

- The Data Role Cards© are divided by levels* (Support, Operational, Tactical, Strategic, Executive) to help streamline the discussion and ensure that roles are assigned appropriately.
 - Executive: Top-level leaders like CEOs and Presidents who make high-level decisions and set the overall direction for data governance.
 - Strategic: Senior leaders who are tasked with overseeing specific initiatives and ensuring that data governance strategies are successfully implemented.
 - ➤ **Tactical**: Subject matter experts and key decision-makers responsible for specific areas of data, making sure that data-related decisions align with the organization's goals.
 - Operational: All employees who interact with data in their daily work, ensuring that data is handled properly according to policies and standards.
 - Support: Teams that provide essential backing for the data governance program, including IT, Project Management, Compliance, and Legal, ensuring the smooth execution of data governance activities.



^{*}Source: Seiner, R. S. (2014). Non-Invasive Data Governance: The Path of Least Resistance and Greatest Success. Technics Publications.



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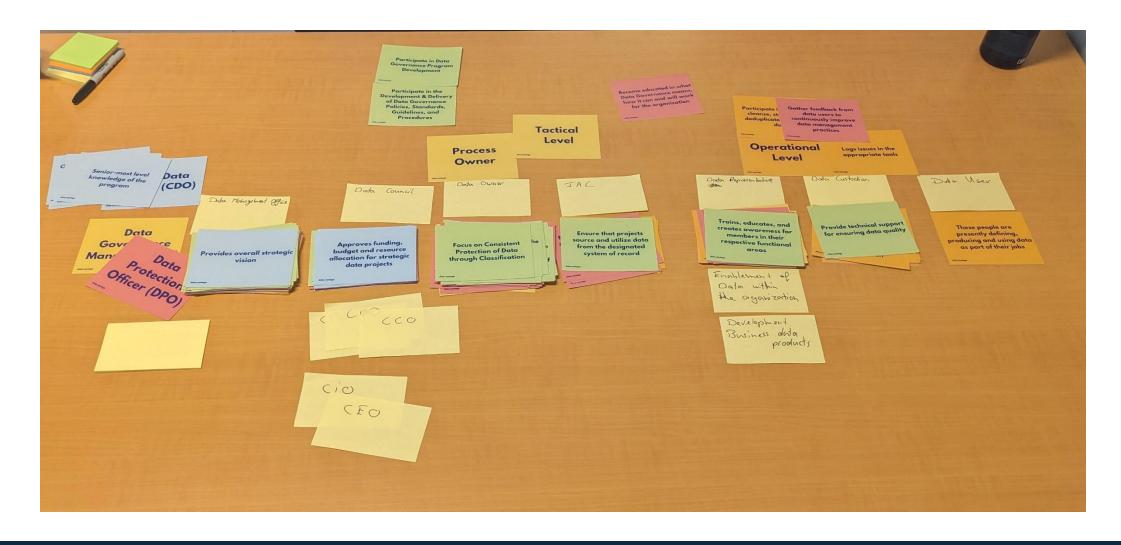








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Data Owner



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Step 7: Heatmap Voting

Timing: 5 minutes



- Give every participant 10 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the roles and responsibilities they believe are essential for achieving the data governance purpose and target state avoid discussions.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.













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Step 8: Decider Vote

Timing: 5 minutes



- Give the decider 10 special voting dots.
- The decider will place special voting dots on the roles and responsibilities that they determine are most crucial to prioritize.
- The decider may choose to move around responsibilities from different roles, ensuring it aligns with the overall data governance purpose and strategic goals.













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Step 9: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Separate the top-voted roles and responsibilities from the rest of the stack.
- This will give us a clear, high-level view of the key roles and responsibilities.

















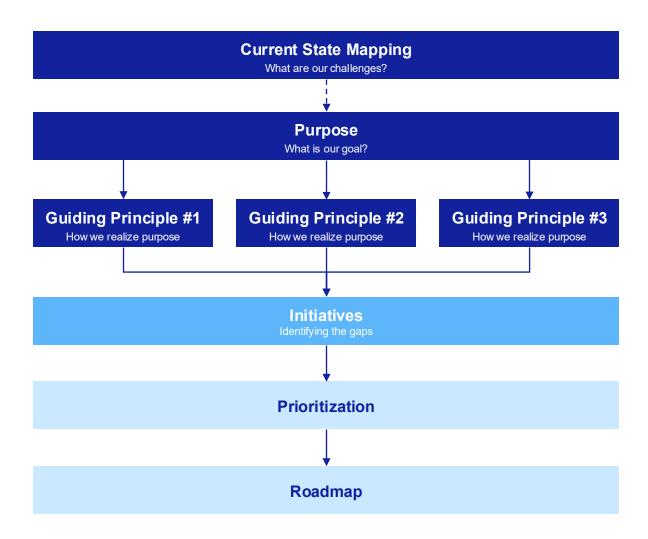






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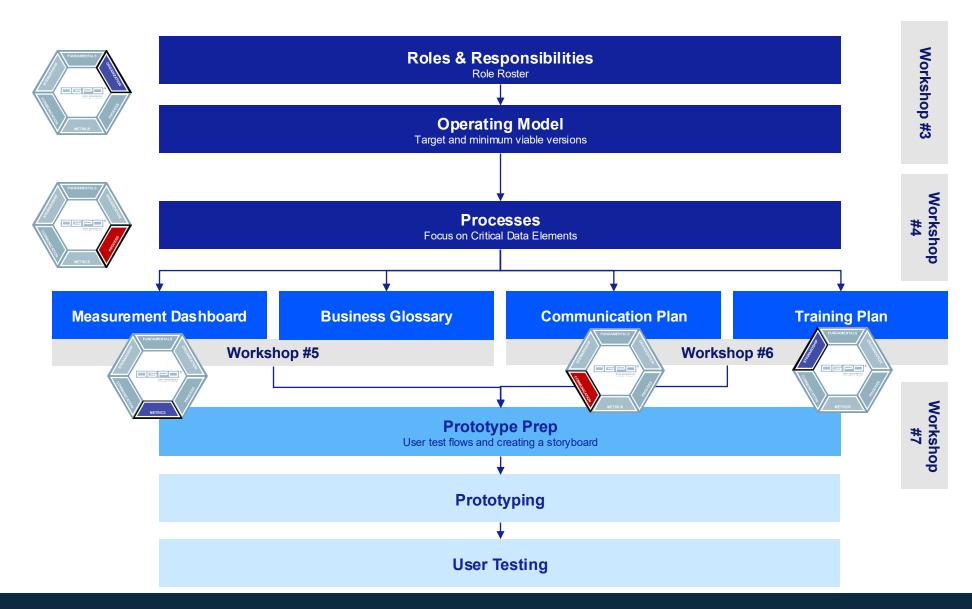




Workshop #1
Understanding 'As Is' and defining 'To Be"

Workshop #2
Bridge to Governance

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Exercise 1. Responsibility Mapping

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Now that we've identified and prioritized the key roles and responsibilities crucial to our data governance framework, it's time to explore how these elements will interact within an effective operating model.

This exercise is an inspiration-gathering exercise to stimulate creativity before concept creation and is aimed to inspire creative and practical ideas for structuring our data governance operating model.

This fast-paced, idea-generating session is designed to spark innovation by **showcasing different approaches** to data governance structures.



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Between 30 to 45 minutes



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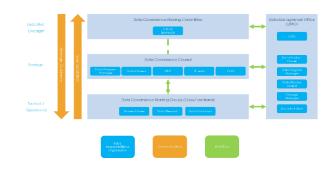
- Ensure all participants have device access and internet connectivity.
- The objective of this exercise is to search and explore a variety of potential operating models of other companies or resources.
- Emphasize learning from others' solutions, not just copying them, to avoid reinventing the wheel.
- These Lightning Demos will help us identify key features and approaches that can be adapted to create our very own robust data governance operating model.
- Remind participants to stay focused on the task and resist distractions like checking emails or Teams messages.



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Show some real examples before the exercise starts.







HOSPITAL

Big Idea: A Data Governance Center of Excellence

LARGE BANK

Big Idea: Federated operating model with support structure

COLLIBRA

Big Idea: Centralized operating model with Data citizens





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Step 1: Search for Demos

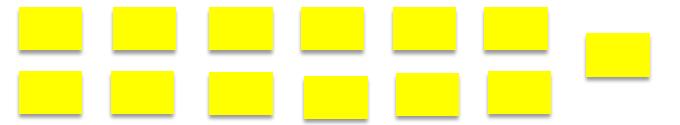
- Timing: 15 30 minutes
- Instruct participants to search online for examples of how other companies have defined their operating models or for operating models that they find inspiring.
- The examples do not need to be from the same industry or sector (e.g., fashion).
- By the end of this exercise, each participant should have 2-3 examples ready to present, along with an explanation of what makes each one inspiring.
- For each Lightning Demo, ask participants to summarize the key concept on a rectangular sticky note, giving it a catchy title as well.



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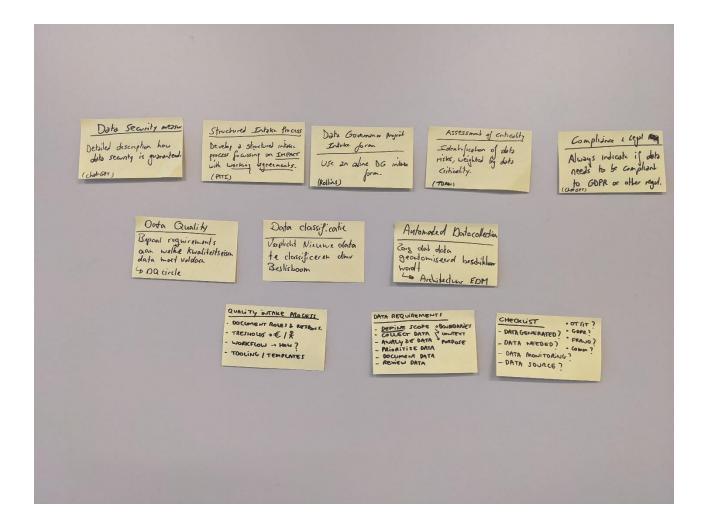
Step 2: Present

- **Timing:** 5 minutes per person
- Allow each participant to present their Lightning Demos. Emphasize that the focus should be on the **essential features** of the operating model and how it could potentially apply to our organization.
- Encourage participants to take notes on ideas they find particularly interesting or applicable.
- Once everyone has presented, stick the sticky notes on the wall so everyone has a view of what's been presented.





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Next up, we'll take the insights gained from our Lightning Demos and the roles and responsibilities we've defined to design a set of **operating model concepts** tailored to our organization.

This is where creativity meets strategy—each participant will have the opportunity to envision how our data governance framework could be structured to optimize **communication** flows, workflows, and organizational bodies.

The goal is to create a robust, effective operating model that aligns with our data governance purpose and strategic goals. By the end of this exercise, we'll collaboratively refine these ideas into a **cohesive target operating model** that will guide our future efforts.



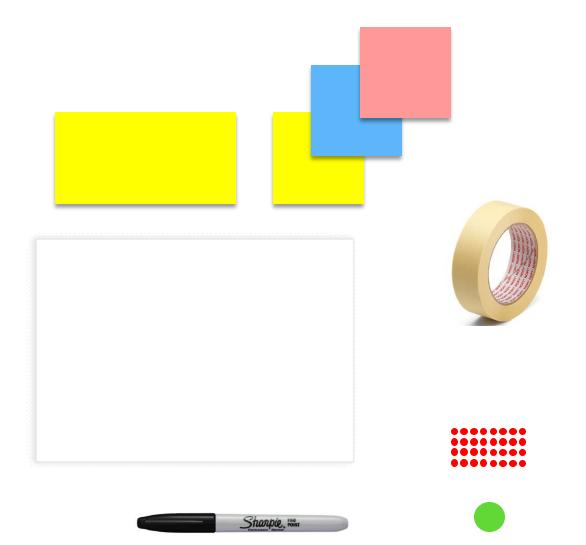
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Between 2 to 3 hours

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- The objective is to create a self-explanatory concept for an effective operating model that best supports our data governance framework, focusing on communication flows, workflows, and organizational structure.
- Participants will create individual concepts, present them to the group, and then use a structured voting process to select and refine the best elements into a final target operating model.



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Step 1: Concept Creation

- Timing: 20 30 minutes
- Each participant is provided with a large A3-sized paper and a set of sticky notes (different sizes and colors).
- Individually, participants will sketch out their vision of the operating model, placing the defined roles in appropriate locations, defining organizational bodies, and focusing on communication flows and workflows.
- Encourage participants to be creative while ensuring their concepts are practical and aligned with the insights gained from the Lightning Demos.
- Also ask participants to give their concept a name, this will come in handy later.



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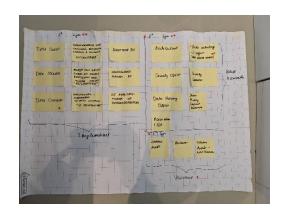


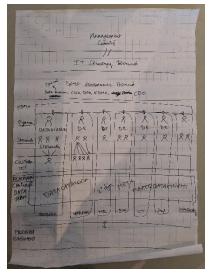
What are organizational bodies?

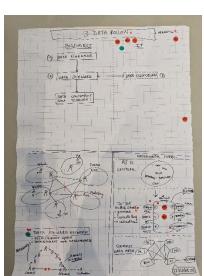
- Organizational bodies in data governance refer to structured groups or committees responsible for overseeing, guiding, and implementing data governance policies and practices within an organization.
- These bodies often include a Data Governance Council, Data Management Office, and specific working groups focused on data quality, security, or compliance.

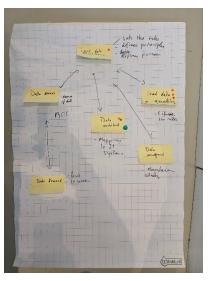


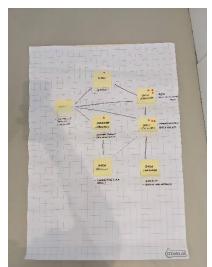
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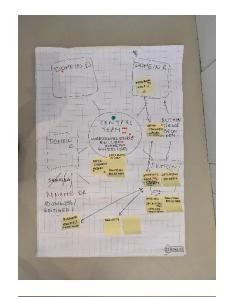


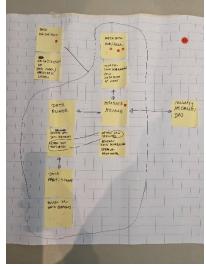
















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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 15 20 minutes
- After completing their sketches, each participant presents their operating model concept to the group.
- Presenters should explain the structure, the placement of roles, how communication flows are managed, and how workflows are integrated.
- Encourage the group to take notes on interesting ideas or elements they find particularly compelling. This will come in handy during the Strawpoll voting.
- After presenting, stick the concepts on the wall.





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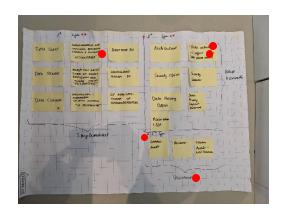
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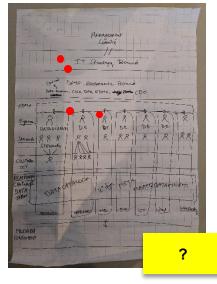


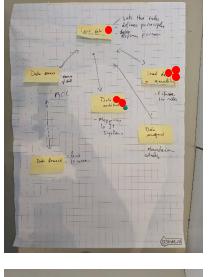
- Timing: 15 minutes
- Participants are given as many voting dots as possible and asked to place them on the specific elements of the operating models they find critical or particularly effective. It's all about collecting a "heat map" of opinions.
- Focus on voting for elements that you believe are essential to the success of the operating model, considering alignment with the data governance purpose and goals.
- As they read along, they can jot down any questions that are simply for clarification on a separate sticky note. So, if there's something they're not quite grasping in a concept, they can write a question on a sticky note and pop it underneath.



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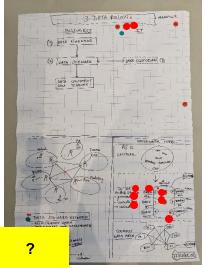


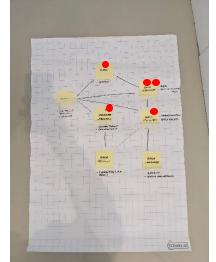


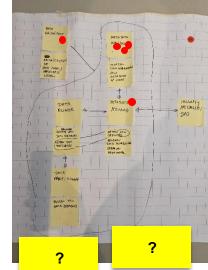
















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Step 3bis: Separate Facilitator Task

- While the Heatmap Voting is happening, you as a Facilitator will be taking quick notes so that after this you can present to everyone the general idea with the concepts and the essential elements that have collected the most heat.
- So, have a notepad and take very quick notes on each concept.
 - Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"



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Step 4: Operating Models Presentation

- Timing: 2 minutes per concept
- Now it's time to bring everything together and make sure everyone on the team is on the same page. The goal is to align everyone's understanding and avoid any misinterpretations by having the Facilitator cover all the operating model concepts once more.
- In this step, you as the Facilitator, really just **calling out the main idea** of each concept and just the few elements that really got a lot of heat with the votes from the whole team.
- So, we're already starting to narrow down and help all of us, especially the Decider, to start narrowing down from a bunch of different ideas and pieces. This way, we can have a smaller set to choose from.



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Step 4: Operating Models Presentation

- Keep in mind that it's <u>NOT</u> about describing every single part of the concept. It's just about calling out those interesting ones that got all of those dots.
- The Facilitator uses the notes that they have taken during the Heatmap Voting exercise.
- Then quickly present each concept, aiming at 2 min per concept. So you'll be calling out:
 - ✓ Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"
 - ✓ Address the questions (if any)
- End with this sentence:
 - "Did anyone vote on this for a different reason than what I explained?"



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Step 5: Strawpoll Voting

- Timing: 10 minutes
- The Strawpoll vote is all about getting a sense of what everyone thinks about which operating model concepts we should go after.
- Set a timer for 5 minutes and have participants silently decide which concept they think is most appealing (without voting) and best serves our data governance purpose.
- Once they've decided which one they'll choose, they should write their reasoning on a sticky note. Make sure they also write the concept name on it.
- Once that's done, we do a synchronized voting. This way we make sure that everyone's made that decision without being influenced by anyone else.



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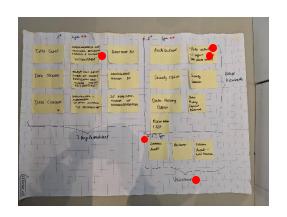
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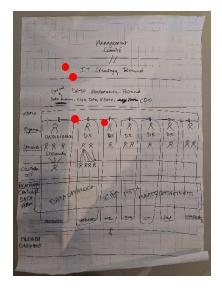
- Timing: 10 minutes
- Give each participant one large voting dot and have them write their initials on it.
- Set again a timer for 5 minutes, once the time is up, everyone should vote at the same time to avoid influencing each other's votes.
- Keep in mind that it's everyone's responsibility to inform the decider.

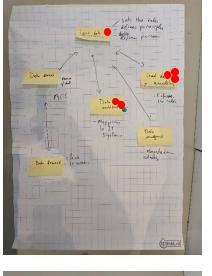


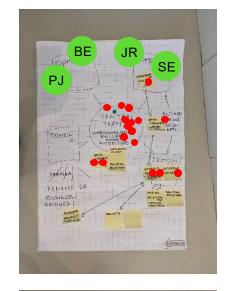


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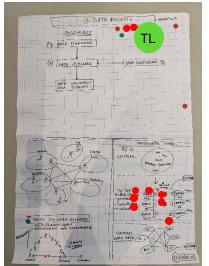


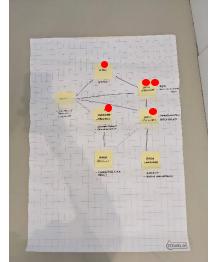


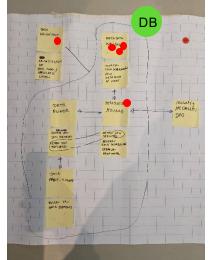














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Step 6: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- The Facilitator goes over the Strawpoll votes and calls each participant one by one to explain to the group :
 - 1. Which concept they've chosen
 - 2. Why did they choose it
- The Facilitator needs to take care that the participants don't ramble and don't take more than one minute to explain their reasoning.



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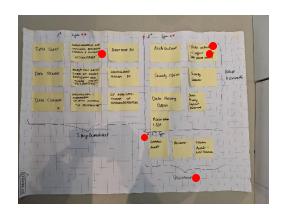
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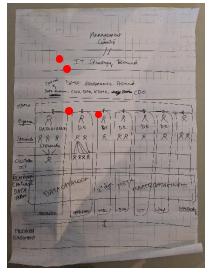


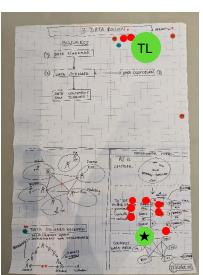
- Timing: 3 minutes
- The Decider reviews the results of the heatmap and strawpoll votes.
- The Decider casts the final vote, selecting the primary operating model and, if desired, integrating top-voted elements from other concepts. The Decider has the authority to switch up elements and finalize the structure.
- This step solidifies the key components of the final target operating model.

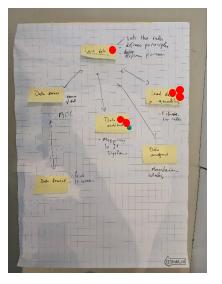


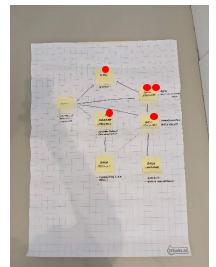
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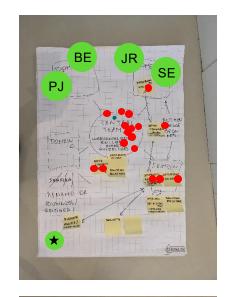


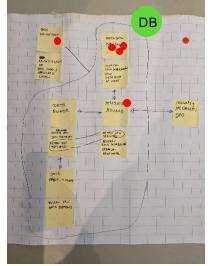
















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Step 8: Creating the Target Operating Model

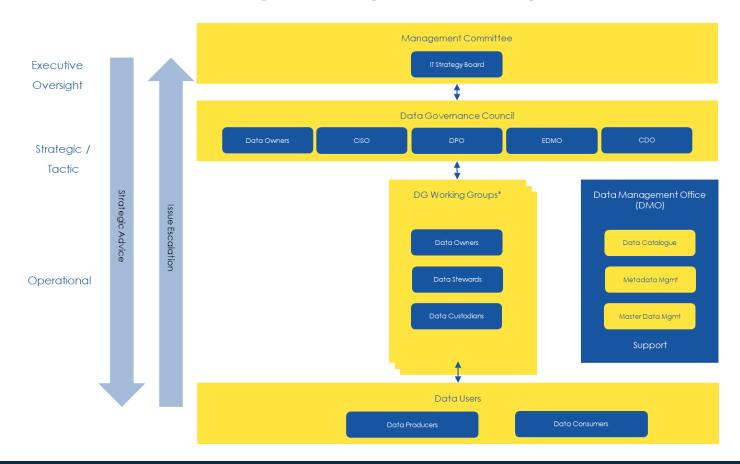
- Timing: 10 minutes
- Summarize the top-voted elements from the previous voting sessions by sketching out the target operating model on a large sheet (or a whiteboard), incorporating all the top-voted elements and critical parts. Use the following approach:
 - 1. Place roles
 - Define organizational bodies
 - Illustrate communication flows
 - 4. Outline workflow
- As you sketch, invite participants to provide input and ensure that all critical elements are accurately represented. This collaborative approach helps ensure that everyone's insights are reflected in the final model.
- This final sketch will serve as the blueprint for your organization's data governance operating model moving forward.

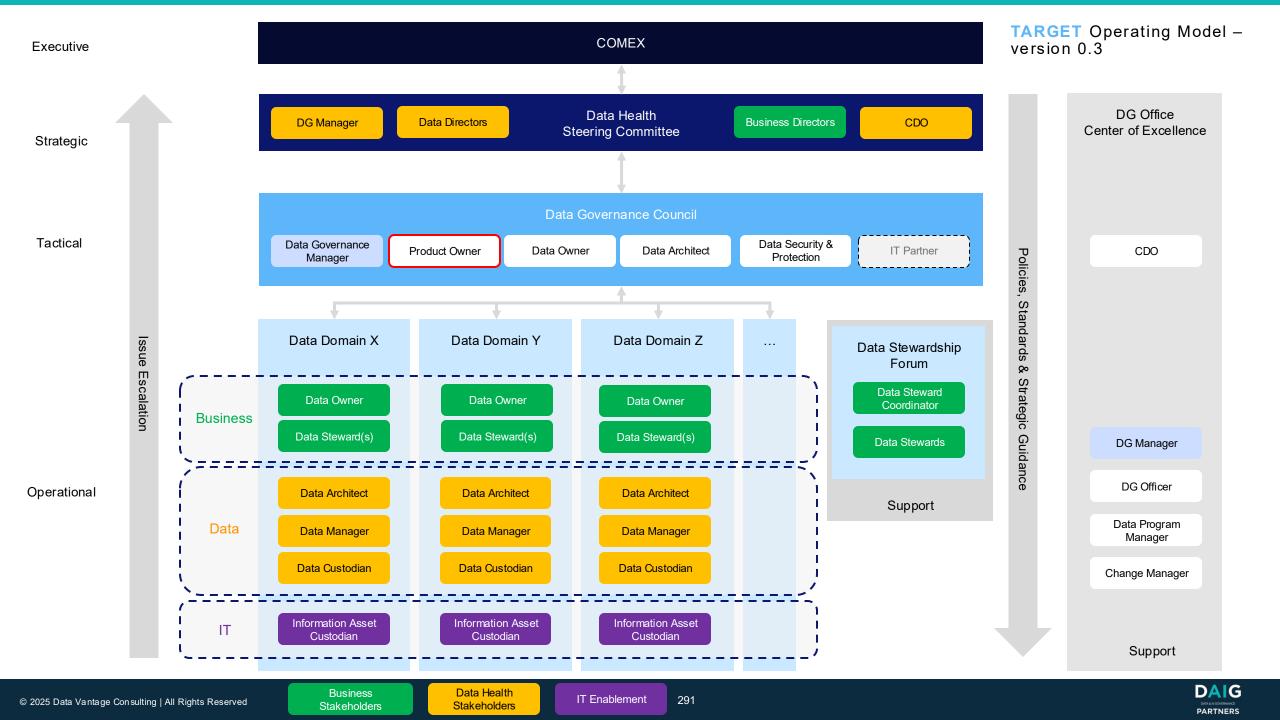


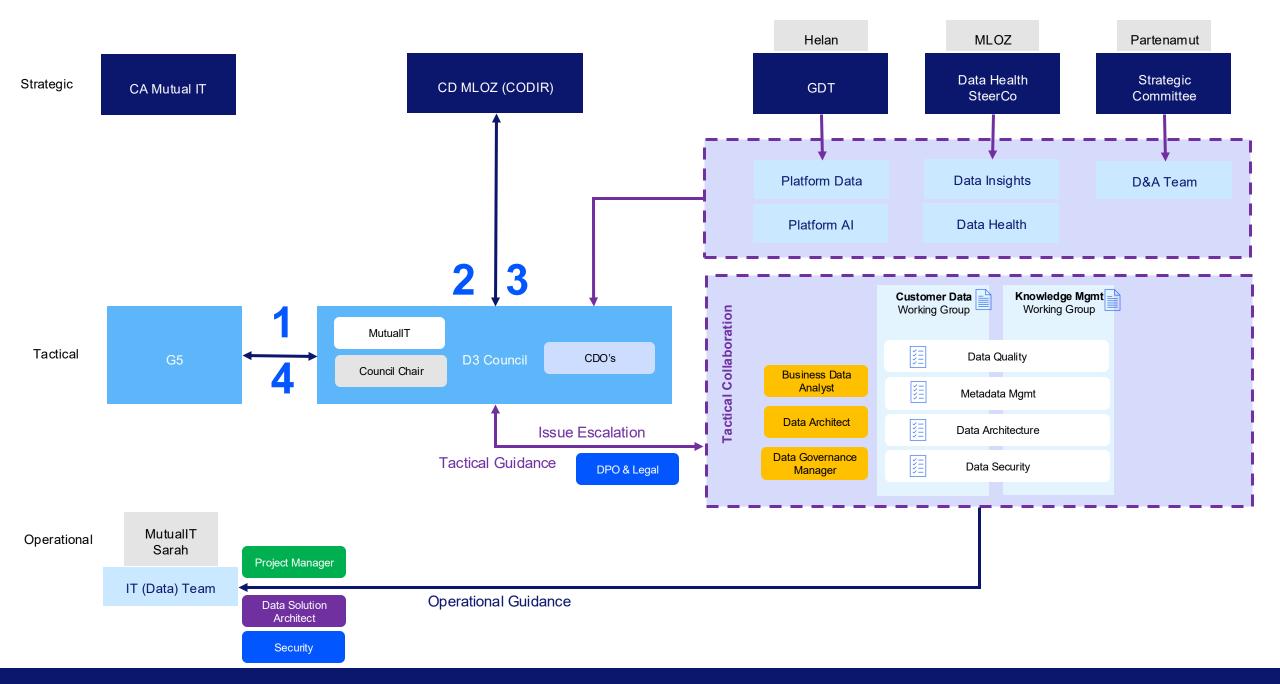
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Exercise 1. Responsibility Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Exercise 4. Roles Roster

The goal of this final exercise – Roles Roster - is to identify the bare minimum responsibilities and roles necessary to effectively maintain data quality and document metadata for the selected CDEs.

By downsizing our target roles, responsibilities, and operating model, we will establish the most efficient and sustainable structure that can be practically implemented during our prototype and testing phase.

This simplified version will ensure that we are focusing our resources where they matter most, while still upholding the core principles of our data governance strategy.



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Between 30 to 60 minutes



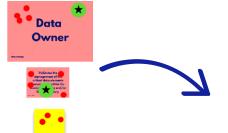
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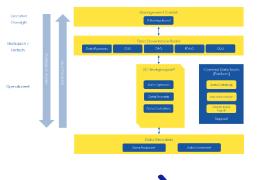




Data Responsibility Cards© or print-out alternatives

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The target operating model



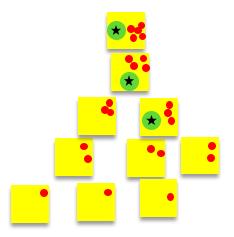


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- The objective is to downsize and refine the list of roles, responsibilities, and the operating model to a minimum sustainable version, focusing specifically on the selected Critical Data Elements (CDEs) and their management.
- Participants will review the CDE shortlist, remove non-essential elements from the target roles and operating model, and use a voting process to finalize the streamlined version for the prototype and testing phase.



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Step 1: Review the CDEs

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Start by revisiting the CDE shortlist that was created in the previous workshop.
- Ensure all participants are familiar with the selected CDEs and understand the importance of maintaining data quality and documenting metadata for these elements.



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Step 2: Downsizing Roles and Responsibilities

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Begin by examining the current list of roles and responsibilities.
- Remove any roles or responsibilities that are not critical or essential to maintaining data quality and documenting metadata for the selected CDEs.
- Focus on identifying the minimum set of roles and responsibilities needed to ensure effective management.
- Encourage participants to discuss and agree on which elements are essential and which can be removed.

























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Step 2: Downsizing Roles and Responsibilities

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- As specific responsibilities are **adjusted or modified**, the facilitator notes these changes on sticky notes and adds them to the corresponding responsibility, ensuring all updates are clearly documented.















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Step 2: Downsizing Roles and Responsibilities



Facilitator Tip

If the participants are unable to reach a consensus on downsizing, distribute voting dots (using a different color from previous voting exercises) and conduct a heatmap voting session. Afterward, the Decider can make the final decision on the minimum. set of roles and responsibilities needed to move forward.





























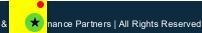
















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Step 3: Downsizing the Operating Model

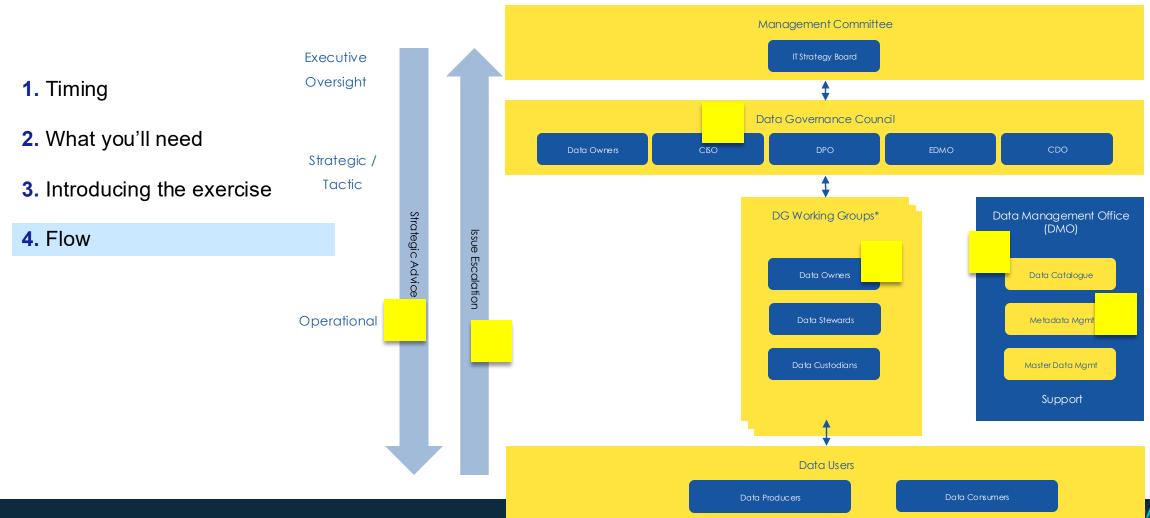
- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Apply the same simplification process to the operating model, focusing only on the elements essential for managing the selected CDEs.
- Remove any parts of the operating model that do not directly contribute to CDE management, ensuring the structure remains lean and practical.
- The goal is to create a streamlined operating model that can be easily implemented and sustained during the prototype and testing phase.
- Facilitate this step as a group discussion. If consensus cannot be reached, conduct a heatmap voting session.
- As the facilitator, take notes of any adjustments or modifications on sticky notes and add them to the respective parts of the operating model.



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Step 3: Downsizing the Operating Model

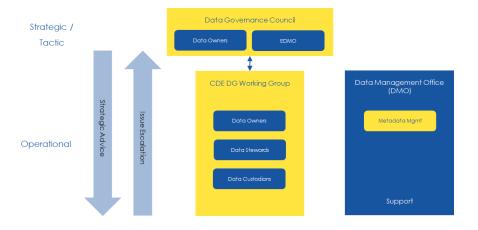




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Step 4: Revisualize

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Summarize the final decisions by sketching out the new, streamlined minimum sustainable version of the roles, responsibilities, and operating model on whiteboard (or a large sheet).
- This finalized version will serve as the blueprint for the prototype and testing phase, focusing on the practical management of the selected CDEs.



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The Data Players | Documentation

The Documentation phase on Wednesday is dedicated to refining and formalizing the **insights and outcomes** from The Data Players workshops conducted on Tuesday.

This phase is crucial for transforming the rough, collaborative work done in the workshop into **polished**, **actionable documents and artifacts** that will guide our data governance efforts moving forward.

Our goal is to take the raw outputs—such as the roles, responsibilities, the target operating model, and the minimum sustainable operating model—and turn them into clear, organized documentation that can be easily referenced and implemented.

Process and Refine Workshop Outcomes

- Clean up and organize the list of roles and responsibilities into a clear, concise document that reflects the decisions made during the workshop.
- Create a polished overview of the target operating model, ensuring that all elements are visually clear and well-defined.
- Develop a streamlined version of the operating model that includes the bare minimum roles and responsibilities necessary to effectively manage the selected CDEs.

Update the Data Governance Charter

Begin integrating the documented roles, responsibilities, and operating models into the Data Governance Charter, ensuring that this foundational document reflects the latest decisions and strategies.

Create Visual and Functional Artifacts

 Design a visually appealing and easy-to-understand diagram or document that represents the finalized target operating model and the minimum sustainable operating model.



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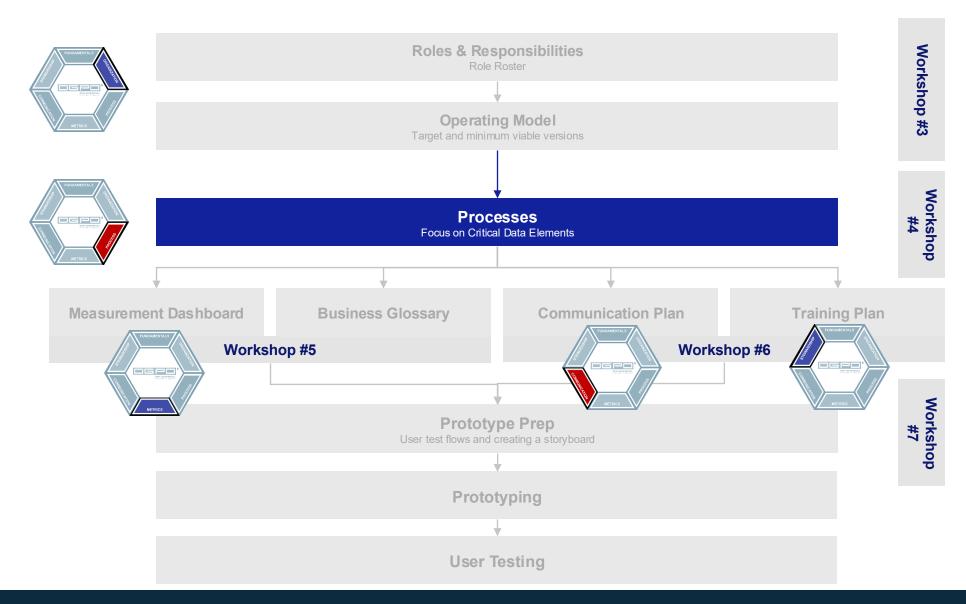
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The Rules of the Game | Workshop 4 of 7

The Rules of the Game Workshop: Defining Processes

Welcome to the fourth workshop of our Data Governance Sprint[™]—The Rules of the Game. In this critical session, we will establish the processes that will govern our data governance efforts, with a strong emphasis on the Critical Data Elements (CDEs) we've identified.

By **focusing on CDEs**, particularly their data quality and metadata documentation, we are zeroing in on the areas where we can deliver quick, tangible value. This approach not only showcases the effectiveness of data governance but also lays a solid foundation for scaling these practices across the organization.

During this workshop, we will delve deep into creating and refining the processes that will ensure consistent data quality and thorough **metadata documentation** for our selected CDEs. By the end of the day, we aim to have clear, actionable processes that can be immediately put to use during our prototype and testing phase. This is where we turn strategy into action, setting the rules that will guide our data governance initiatives to success.

Workshop 4: Thursday Full-Day

- Define and refine processes for managing CDEs, with a focus on data quality and metadata documentation.
- Achieve quick wins by honing in on CDEs, showcasing the tangible value of data governance.
- Include Applied Users Story Mapping, 3-layer Voting, and The Process Map to develop practical, aligned processes.
- Deliver a CDE Data Quality Process and a CDE Metadata Documentation Process for immediate implementation.



The Rules of the Game | Workshop 4 of 7

Round 1: Data Quality Focus -

Exercise 1. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 2. The Process Map

Exercise 3. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 4. The Process Map

In this exercise, we will dive into the practical aspects of maintaining and improving the quality of our Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

By mapping out the story of how data quality is managed within our organization, we'll create a clear, **step-by-step process** that ensures our data remains accurate, reliable, and valuable.

This is where strategy meets action—each of you will bring your insights to the table, mapping out how data quality issues are identified, addressed, and resolved.

By the end of this exercise, we'll have a well-defined process that can be implemented to safeguard the integrity of our most critical data.



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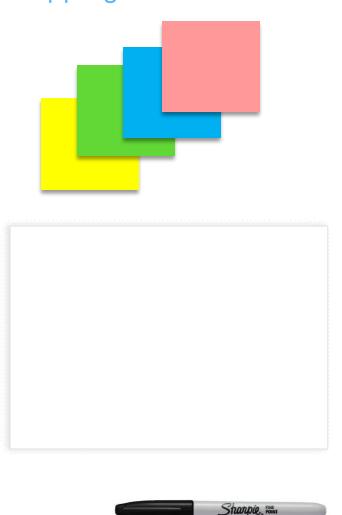
Between 1 to 2 hours

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- The objective of this in-depth brainstorming exercise is to create a detailed and actionable process flow for maintaining and improving the data quality of Critical Data Elements (CDEs).
- Think of it as a timeline of data activities for specific users, aiming for the target version.
- Participants will individually map out the business process flow, identifying roles, responsibilities, activities, and decision points involved in managing data quality. The exercise will culminate in group presentations, voting, and the selection of a final process to be implemented.



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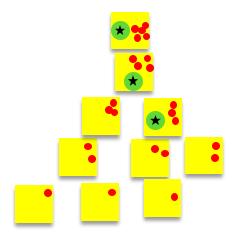
Step 1: Set-up and Explanation

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Provide each participant with a large sheet of paper (e.g., A3 or flipchart size) and four colors of sticky notes:
 - Yellow: Activities involved in the data quality process.
 - Blue: Data roles responsible for each activity.
 - > Pink: Data governance bodies involved in the process.
 - **Green:** Gateways or decision points that influence the process flow.



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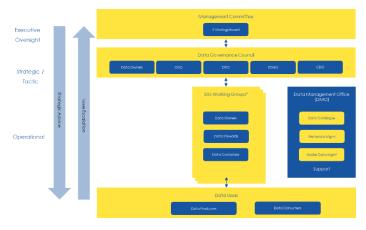
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Step 1: Set-up and Explanation

- Begin by giving a brief explanation of the exercise, emphasizing that participants should focus specifically on the processes related to the Critical Data Elements (CDEs).
- Highlight that the goal is to map out the data quality process, and they should consider the previously created target roles, responsibilities, and operating model when designing their process.







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Step 2: Create the Story

- Timing: 20 minutes
- Ask every participant to write the individual steps or activities
 of the process for maintaining and improving the data quality of
 a CDE.
- Each step or activity should be on a single yellow sticky note and be easy to read.
- Each participant should aim to create 15-25 steps.
- Encourage participants to use swimlanes to separate activities by role, making it clear who is responsible for what.
- Tell participants to draw arrows to indicate the sequence of activities, workflows, and communication flows between roles and bodies.



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Step 2: Create the Story

Remind the participants to:



Identify Activities: Use yellow sticky notes to outline key activities such as data validation, issue reporting, and data cleansing.



Assign Roles: Use blue sticky notes to designate which roles are responsible for each activity.



Involve Governance Bodies: Use pink sticky notes to indicate the involvement of governance bodies in overseeing or supporting these activities.



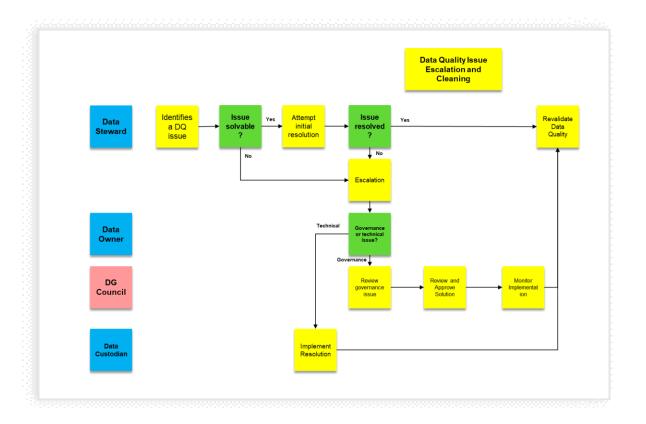
Decision Points: Use green sticky notes for gateways or decision points where critical choices are made (e.g., when to escalate an issue).



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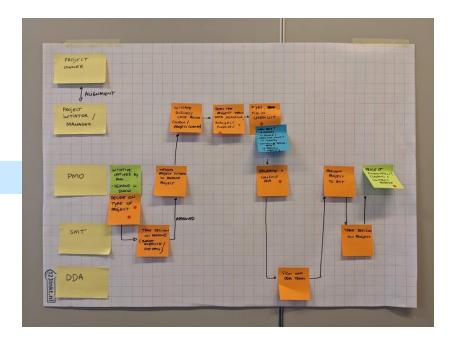


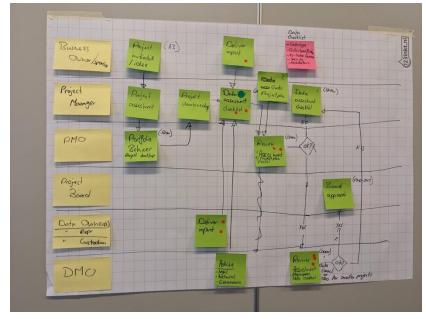


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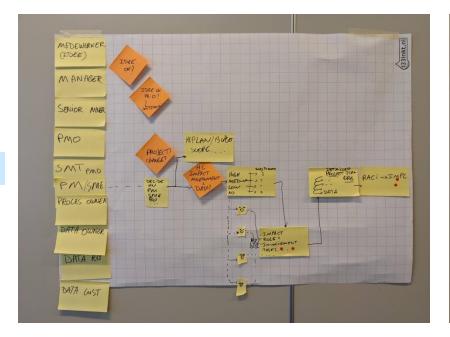


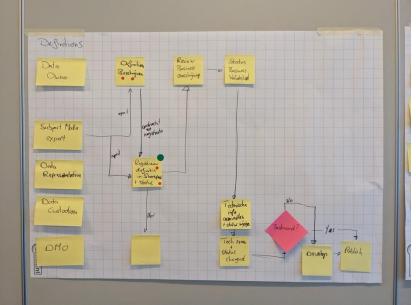


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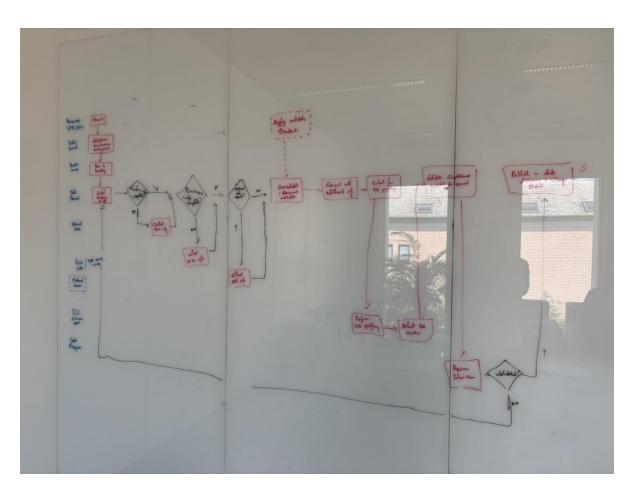
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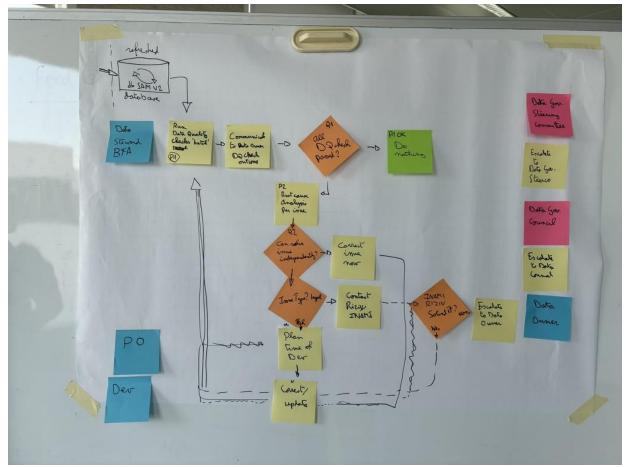






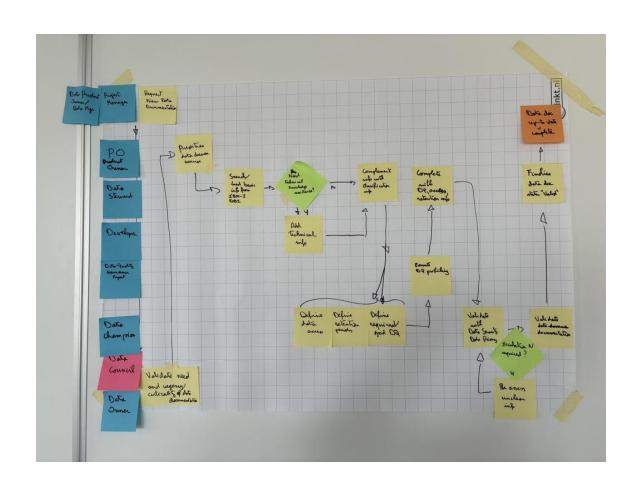
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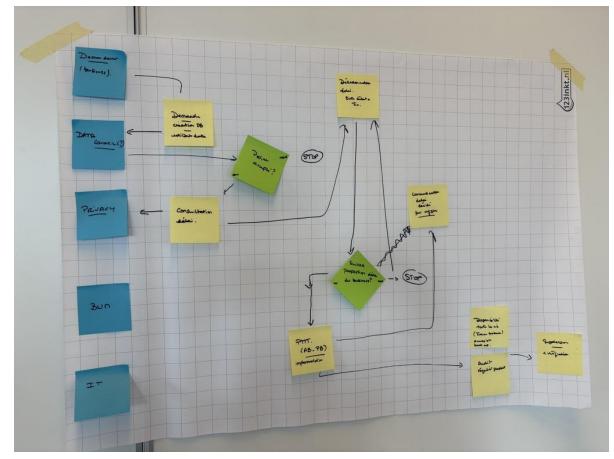






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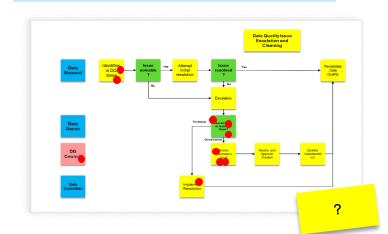
Step 3: Present

- Timing: 3 minutes per person
- Once the process maps are complete, participants stick their concepts on the wall.
- Each participant presents their process flow to the group, explaining the roles, activities, and decision points they've identified.



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Step 4: Heatmap Voting



- Timing: 15 minutes
- Participants are given as many voting dots as possible and asked to place them on the specific elements of the concepts they find critical or particularly effective. It's all about collecting a "heat map" of opinions.
- Focus on voting for elements that you believe are essential to the success of the CDE data quality process, considering alignment with the data governance purpose and goals.
- As they read along, they can jot down **any questions** that are simply for clarification on a separate sticky note. So, if there's something they're not quite grasping in a concept, they can write a question on a sticky note and pop it underneath.





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Step 4bis: Separate Facilitator Task

- While the Heatmap Voting is happening, you as a Facilitator will be taking quick notes so that after this you can present to everyone the general idea with the concepts and the essential elements that have collected the most heat.
- So, have a notepad and take very quick notes on each concept.
 - Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"



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Step 5: Users Stories Presentation

- Timing: 2 minutes per concept
- Now it's time to bring everything together and make sure everyone on the team is on the same page. The goal is to align everyone's understanding and avoid any misinterpretations by having the Facilitator cover all the process flow concepts once more.
- In this step, you as the Facilitator, really just calling out the main idea of each concept and just the few elements that really got a lot of heat with the votes from the whole team.
- So, we're already starting to narrow down and help all of us, especially the Decider, to start narrowing down from a bunch of different ideas and pieces. This way, we can have a smaller set to choose from.



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Step 5: Users Stories Presentation

- Keep in mind that it's <u>NOT</u> about describing every single part of the concept. It's just about calling out those interesting ones that got all of those dots.
- The Facilitator uses the notes that they have taken during the Heatmap Voting exercise.
- Then quickly present each concept, aiming at 2 min per concept. So you'll be calling out:
 - ✓ Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"
 - ✓ Address the questions (if any)
- End with this sentence:
 - "Did anyone vote on this for a different reason than what I explained?"



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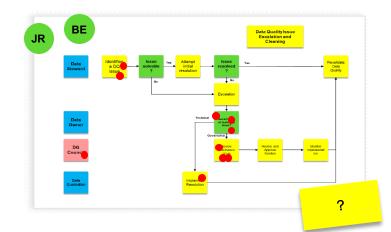
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- Once they've decided which one they'll choose, they should write their **reasoning** on a sticky note. Make sure they also write the concept name on it.
- Once that's done, we do a synchronized voting. This way we make sure that everyone's made that decision without being influenced by anyone else.

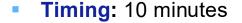


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Step 6: Strawpoll Voting





- Set again a timer for 5 minutes, once the time is up, everyone should vote at the same time to avoid influencing each other's votes.
- Keep in mind that it's everyone's responsibility to inform the decider.



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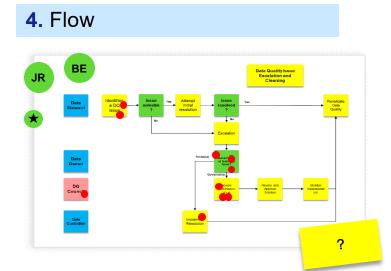
Step 7: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- The Facilitator goes over the Strawpoll votes and calls each participant one by one to explain to the group :
 - 1. Which concept they've chosen
 - 2. Why did they choose it
- The Facilitator needs to take care that the participants don't ramble and don't take more than one minute to explain their reasoning.



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Step 8: Decider Vote



- **Timing:** 3 minutes
- The Decider reviews the results of the heatmap and strawpoll votes.
- The Decider casts the final vote, selecting the **primary process flow** and, if desired, **integrating top-voted elements** from other concepts. The Decider has the authority to switch up elements and finalize the structure.
- This step solidifies the key components of the final target data quality process flow for CDEs.

The Rules of the Game | Workshop 4 of 7

Round 1: Data Quality Focus -

Exercise 1. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 2. The Process Map

Exercise 3. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 4. The Process Map

After exploring individual concepts in the previous exercise, it's time to bring our ideas together and collaboratively create a unified process map for maintaining and improving the data quality of our Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

This exercise will synthesize the best elements from our individual efforts into a clear, practical process that can be implemented across the organization.

By working together, we'll ensure that the final process map is comprehensive, effective, and aligned with our data governance objectives.



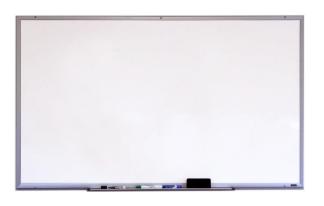
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Between 30 to 60 minutes

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- The objective of this exercise is to collaboratively develop a finalized process map for maintaining and improving the data quality of CDEs, integrating the most effective elements from the individual concepts.
- Participants will engage in a facilitated group discussion to refine and consolidate the data quality process, ensuring it is practical, comprehensive, and ready for implementation.



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Step 1: Set Up the Data Players

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Begin by adding the selected data roles from Exercise 1 to the left side of the whiteboard, creating swimlanes for each role.
- These swimlanes will help organize the activities and responsibilities of each data player in the process.
- The facilitator guides the group in identifying and placing the top-voted and Decider-selected data roles, ensuring that all key players are represented in the swimlanes.



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Step 2: Define the Goal

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Clearly define the goal of the process, which could be for example the monitored data quality of a CDE. Write the goal on the right side of the whiteboard.
- If there is no clear consensus among participants, use a note and vote method to decide on the goal.
- The facilitator ensures that the goal is well-understood and agreed upon by all participants, as this will guide the rest of the process mapping.



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Step 3: Collaborative Process Mapping

- Timing: 15 minutes
- With the swimlanes and goal in place, the facilitator leads the group in adding activities, decision points, and communication flows to the process map.
- Begin by **summarizing the top-voted elements** from the previous exercise, where participants identified the critical activities, roles, and concepts they found essential.
- Start by **outlining the sequence of activities** that constitute the data quality process. Ensure that each step is logically ordered and flows smoothly from one to the next.
- As you sketch, invite participants to provide input and make sure that all critical elements are accurately represented. This collaborative approach ensures that everyone's insights are reflected in the final model.



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Step 3: Collaborative Process Mapping

- Timing: 15 minutes
- Clearly define the data governance bodies involved in the process, placing them appropriately in the flow where their roles are most relevant.
- Draw **arrows or lines** to represent the communication flows between roles and bodies, ensuring that the exchange of information is clear and effective throughout the process.
- The final sketch will serve as the blueprint for your organization's data quality process within the data governance framework, ready for implementation and further refinement during the prototype and testing phases.



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Step 4: Refinement

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Review the completed process map as a group. Identify any gaps or areas that need further refinement.
- The facilitator guides the group through any final adjustments, ensuring the process map is comprehensive and ready for implementation.

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Exercise 1. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 2. The Process Map

Round 2: Metadata Documentation Focus

Exercise 3. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 4. The Process Map

In this second round of exercises, we shift our focus from maintaining and improving data quality to the crucial task of documenting the metadata for our Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

Effective metadata documentation is essential for ensuring that data definitions, business rules, and other key aspects of our CDEs are well-understood and consistently applied across the organization.

In this round we'll work on creating a structured process for documenting metadata. For this second round of exercises, we will follow a **similar approach** as we did in the first round, but with a focus on metadata documentation.



WEEK 2 of 5 Workshop 4 of 7 | Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 1. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 2. The Process Map

Round 2: Metadata Documentation Focus

Exercise 3. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 4. The Process Map

Just as we did with the data quality process, you'll be **mapping out the process flow** and the individual activities, but this time, we'll concentrate on how to effectively document metadata for CDEs.

Follow the same steps outlined in Exercise 1, but apply them to the metadata documentation process. Remember to consider the roles, responsibilities, and operating model we previously established.



Exercise 1. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 2. The Process Map

Round 2: Metadata Documentation Focus -

Exercise 3. Applied Users Story Mapping

Exercise 4. The Process Map

In this exercise, we'll once again bring together the best ideas from the previous exercise to create a **unified process map**. Our goal is to develop a clear, actionable process for documenting metadata that can be implemented across the organization.

Use the same approach as described in Exercise 2, but this time focus on creating a process map for metadata documentation. Ensure that all critical elements identified in the previous exercise are incorporated into the final process flow.

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The Rules of the Game | Documentation

On Friday, we focus exclusively on documenting the insights and results from the Thursday workshops, "The Rules of the Game."

The primary goal of this phase is to refine and formalize the outcomes of our work, ensuring that we have clear, well-structured documents and artifacts that can guide the next steps in our data governance journey.

Process and Refine Workshop Outcomes

- Clean up and refine the rough process flows developed during the workshops, ensuring they are clear, actionable, and visually appealing.
- Create polished versions of the CDE Data Quality Process and the CDE Metadata Documentation Process that can be easily shared and referenced within the organization.
- Develop detailed process flow diagrams for both the CDE Data Quality Process and the CDE Metadata Documentation Process.

Drafting a small policy (optional)

- Start drafting a concise policy that incorporates the process flows.
- Break down the activities outlined in the process flow, and clearly identify the roles and responsibilities involved in each step.
- Ensure that the policy is straightforward and practical, ready for immediate implementation.



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WEEK 3 of 5

Designing Governance Essentials | Define & Decide

MON **TUE WED** THU FRI Workshop 5 of 7 **Documentation** Workshop 6 of 7 Workshop 7 of 7 **Prototyping Keeping Score &** Summarizing the outcomes **Rooting for the Game & Prototype Prep** Design a hi-fidelity Language of the Game and draft deliverables **Training Camp** ca. 4h, interactive prototype with the entire team ca. 6h, ca. 6h, with the entire team with the entire team **Documentation User Recruiting** Workshop set-up Preparing for the next Summarizing the outcomes Find and schedule users and draft deliverables workshop

WEEK 3 of 5

Designing Governance Essentials | Define & Decide

Welcome to Week 3: Designing Governance Essentials

This week marks a critical phase in our Data Governance Sprint[™] as we shift our focus to creating and building the **tangible**, **essential elements** of our data governance program. Our goal is to develop practical tools that are ready for immediate use, starting with a simple yet effective **measurement dashboard** and a **business glossary** template. These tools will provide the foundation for consistent communication and tracking of our data governance efforts.

Recognizing that change management and communication are pivotal to the success of any data governance program, we'll also identify and plan the **communication and training activities** that will ensure all stakeholders are informed, engaged, and prepared to execute their roles.

As we progress, we'll prepare for the **prototyping phase**, where we'll bring together everything we've built and create a **minimum sustainable version** of our data governance program. This version will be put into practice and tested next week. To support this, we will also begin **recruiting our test audience**. The entire week is centered around defining the practical aspects of our program and making crucial decisions that will guide our next steps.

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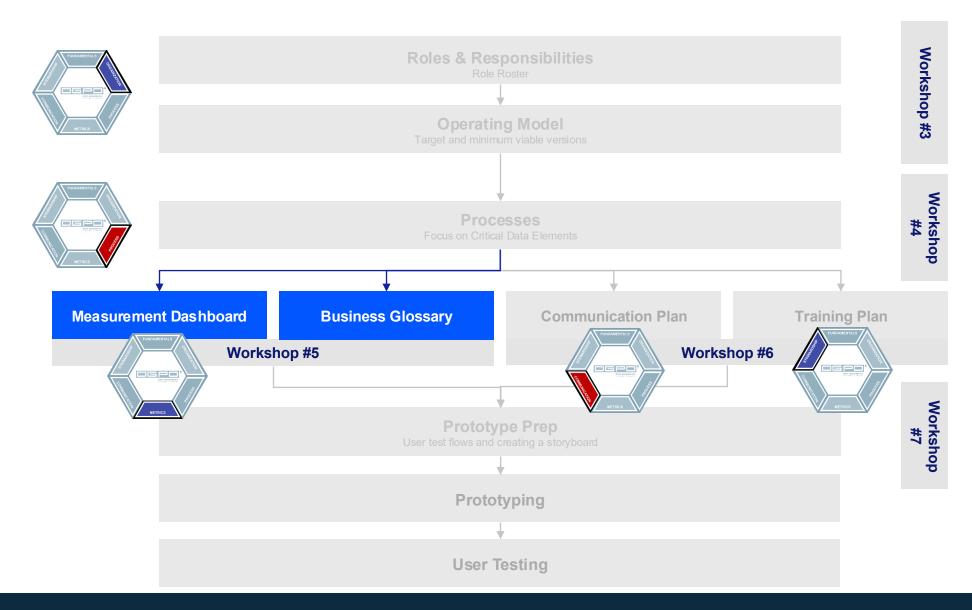
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Keeping Score Workshop: Creating a Measurement Dashboard

The first part of Monday's workshop focuses on creating a Measurement Dashboard that will serve as the backbone of our data governance **performance tracking**. We'll work together to identify the most **meaningful metrics** that align with our business goals and governance objectives.

By the end of this session, we'll have a clear, actionable dashboard template that includes both quantitative and qualitative metrics.

The Language of the Game Workshop: Setting up the Business Glossary

In the second part of the day, we shift our focus to establishing a Business Glossary. This glossary will be the cornerstone of **consistent and effective communication** across all data governance efforts.

The template we will design will help define critical terms and concepts, ensuring that everyone in the organization is on the same page.

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Workshop 5: Monday Full-Day

- Identify and prioritize key data quality metrics and governance KPIs.
- Design a dashboard layout that is intuitive and provides actionable insights.
- Determine and prioritize key elements for a business glossary and data dictionary.
- Develop a practical, easily implementable glossary template that can be regularly updated and expanded over time.

WEEK 3 of 5 Keeping Score | Workshop 5 of 7

Round 1: Measurement Focus

Exercise 1. Metrics Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 6. Concept Creation

In this first exercise, we will identify and map out the **key data quality metrics and governance KPIs** that will form the foundation of our data governance dashboard.

These metrics will allow us to measure not only the health and integrity of our Critical Data Elements (CDEs) but also the efficiency and effectiveness of our overall data governance program.

By selecting the right metrics, we ensure that our data governance initiatives are driven by meaningful, measurable goals. Through collaboration, we will narrow down the most important metrics, enabling us to track progress and drive impactful decision-making



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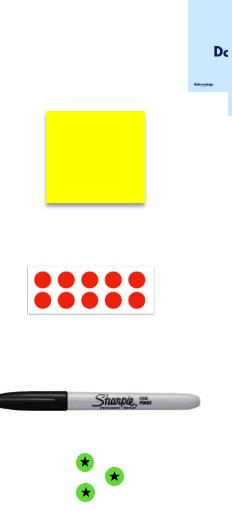
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Workshop 5 of 7 | Metrics Mapping

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Data Completeness Data Metrics Cards© or print-out alternatives





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- The objective of this exercise is to identify and prioritize essential data quality metrics (e.g., completeness, accuracy) and governance KPIs (e.g., policy compliance, data stewards onboarded) that will be used to measure the success of the data governance program.
- Participants will use Data Metrics Cards© to individually map key metrics, then collaborate to categorize and vote on the most critical metrics to include in the final dashboard.



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Step 1: Metrics Mapping

- Timing: 15 minutes
- Distribute a set of Data Metrics Cards© to each participant (or a subset if sharing a single deck).
- If the deck isn't available, you can print out the necessary templates—see the <u>resources section</u> for details.
- Each participant will individually select the data quality metrics and data governance KPIs they believe are essential for achieving the data governance goals.
- Encourage participants to concentrate on CDE metrics and governance KPIs that track both efficiency and effectiveness, aiming to limit their selection to a **maximum of 20 cards**.
- Prompt participants to prioritizing those most relevant to your organization's goals.



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Step 1: Metrics Mapping

For each participant, this could look like this for example:

Missing	Outdated	Error	Data Stewards
Values	Records	Rate	Onboarded
Data Completeness	Data Consistency	Training Sessions Delivered	Data Validity
DG Audits	CDEs	Resolved Data	Stakeholder
Completed	Documented	Issues	Engagement



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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- Each participant presents the metrics they selected, briefly explaining their choices, and places their Data Metrics Cards© in the center of the table for review.
- Avoid discussion at this stage—simply share the selected metrics and reasons behind them.
- The facilitator will stack or remove any duplicate metrics to maintain clarity.



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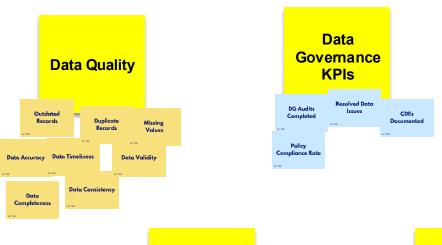
Step 3: Domain Grouping

- Timing: 10 minutes
- The facilitator leads a time-boxed discussion to group the metrics into broader domains, such as Data Quality, Business Impact, Governance KPIs or Training.
- Participants collaborate to categorize the metrics, placing them into logical groups.
- Label each group with a sticky note indicating the respective domain, placing it above the corresponding stack of cards.
- Keep the discussion streamlined and efficient, ensuring that the metrics and KPIs are logically grouped without delving into excessive detail



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Step 3: Domain Grouping









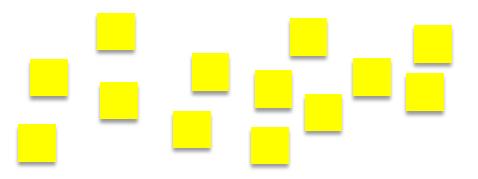


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Step 4: Metrics Brainstorm

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant should write down some additional metrics or KPIs —
 one per sticky note— that may have been missed within the identified
 domains, or in domains not yet identified.
- Focus on generating a wide variety of metrics and KPIs. Keep the them brief and to the point.





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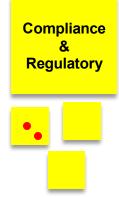
Step 5: Present

- Timing: 1 minutes
- Ask participants to add their additional metrics and KPIs to the respective group of data management domains.
- Quickly remove any obvious duplicates, but avoid discussion or debate at this point.



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- Timing: 5 minutes
- Give every participant 10 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the metrics and KPIs they believe are essential for achieving the data governance purpose and target state— avoid discussions.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.







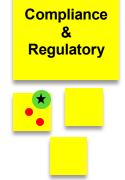






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Give the decider 10 special voting dots.

Step 7: Decider Vote

Timing: 5 minutes

The decider will place special voting dots on the metrics and KPIs that they determine are most crucial to prioritize.









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Step 8: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Separate the top-voted metrics from the rest of the stack.
- This will give us a clear, high-level view of the key metrics and KPIs.







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Round 1: Measurement Focus

Exercise 1. Metrics Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 6. Concept Creation

In this exercise, we'll take a moment to step outside our own organization and **gather inspiration** from the world around us.

By looking at how other companies and industries visualize their data quality metrics and governance KPIs, we can uncover fresh ideas and discover innovative ways to design our own dashboard.

These "Lightning Demos" will help spark creativity, ensuring that we **create a dashboard** that is not only functional but also intuitive and engaging for stakeholders. Think of it as a quick dive into the best practices and visualizations that can elevate our data governance efforts.



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Between 30 to 45 minutes



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- Ensure all participants have device access and internet connectivity.
- The objective of this exercise is to search and explore a variety of potential measurement dashboards of other companies or resources.
- Emphasize learning from others' solutions, not just copying them, to avoid reinventing the wheel.
- These Lightning Demos will help us identify key features and approaches that can be adapted to create our very own robust metrics and KPIs dashboard.
- Remind participants to stay focused on the task and resist distractions like checking emails or Teams messages.



Workshop 5 of 7 | Lightning Demos

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Foundation Implementation Organization

Show some real **examples** before the exercise starts.





HEAT MAP

Big Idea:
A summary heatmap
showing the progress of DG
implementation

STEWARDSHIP DASHBOARD

Big Idea: Steward dashboard showing metadata metrics

SCORE CARD

Big Idea: Colored scorecard to show progress





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Step 1: Search for Demos

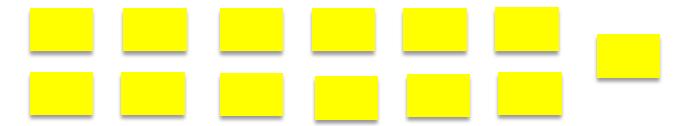
- Timing: 15 30 minutes
- Each participant will search the web for examples of data metrics dashboards from other companies or industries.
- Encourage them to find examples that go beyond your specific industry creativity can come from anywhere.
- Examples can focus on different types of metrics, visualization techniques, or overall dashboard layouts that are functional and engaging.
- By the end of this exercise, each participant should have 2-3 examples ready to present, along with an explanation of what makes each one inspiring.
- For each Lightning Demo, ask participants to summarize the key concept on a rectangular sticky note, giving it a catchy title as well.



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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 5 minutes per person
- Participants present their selected dashboards, showcasing what they
 find inspiring and explaining how the concepts could be applied to your
 organization's data governance metrics.
- Focus on key elements like layout, data visualization techniques, and usability features that stand out.
- Stick the demo's summary sticky note on the wall for others to see and refer to.



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Round 1: Measurement Focus

Exercise 1. Metrics Mapping

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Exercise 5. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 6. Concept Creation

Now that we've drawn inspiration from a range of dashboards through our Lightning Demos, it's time to shift gears and start **creating our own**.

In this Concept Creation exercise, we'll design the foundation of our data metrics dashboard, turning ideas into a tangible, workable structure. This is where creativity meets practicality.

Each participant will **map out their vision** for a dashboard that effectively displays the key metrics we've prioritized. The goal is to create something simple, intuitive, and impactful—something that will help drive data governance forward by keeping the most essential metrics front and center.



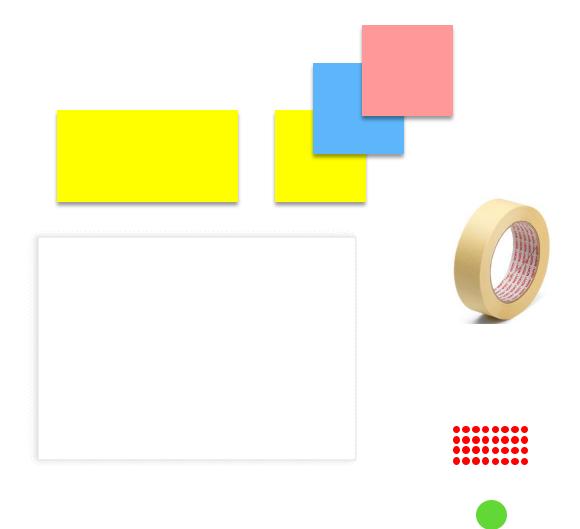
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- The objective is to design the basic layout of a data metrics dashboard by placing the prioritized metrics into a simple and effective dashboard structure.
- Participants will individually sketch their concepts for a data metrics dashboard, incorporating both data quality metrics and governance KPIs, and then share their designs for group feedback and voting.



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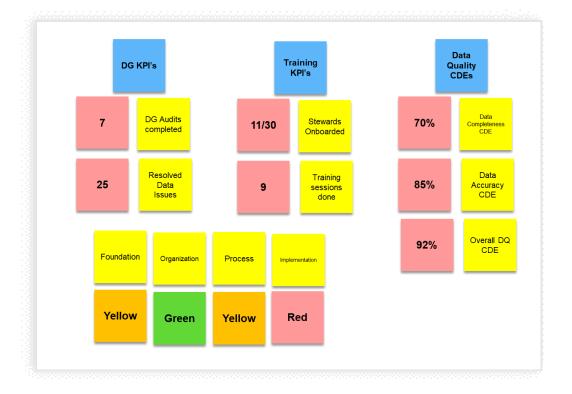
Step 1: Concept Creation

- Timing: 20 30 minutes
- Each participant is provided with a large A3-sized paper and a set of sticky notes (different sizes and colors).
- They will then create a draft dashboard that organizes and visualizes the top-voted metrics from Exercise 1.
- Focus on laying out the dashboard in a way that makes the metrics easily understandable and actionable.
- Consider both the data quality metrics (e.g., completeness, accuracy) and governance KPIs (e.g., policy compliance rate, data stewards onboarded). Think about clarity, simplicity, and how to make the dashboard accessible for all stakeholders.
- Also ask participants to give their concept a name, this will come in handy later.



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Step 1: Concept Creation





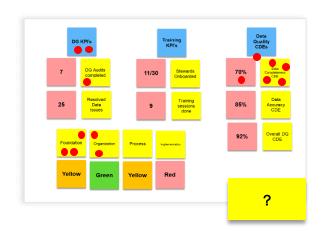
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Step 2: Present

- Timing: 15 20 minutes
- Each participant presents their dashboard concept to the group, explaining how the layout works, why they chose certain visual elements, and how the dashboard helps to meet the organization's data governance goals.
- Focus on how the metrics are arranged and how the dashboard will be used by different roles within the organization.
- Encourage the group to take notes on interesting ideas or elements they find particularly compelling. This will come in handy during the Strawpoll voting.
- After presenting, stick the concepts on the wall.



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Step 3: Heatmap Voting



- Timing: 15 minutes
- Participants are given **as many voting dots as possible** and asked to place them on the specific elements they believe are most effective from each concept. It's all about collecting a "heat map" of opinions.
- Focus on voting for elements that you believe are critical to include in the final dashboard.
- As they read along, they can jot down any questions that are simply for clarification on a separate sticky note. So, if there's something they're not quite grasping in a concept, they can write a question on a sticky note and pop it underneath.





- 1. Timing
- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow



Step 3bis: Separate Facilitator Task

- While the Heatmap Voting is happening, you as a Facilitator will be taking quick notes so that after this you can present to everyone the general idea with the concepts and the essential elements that have collected the most heat.
- So, have a notepad and take very quick notes on each concept.
 - ✓ Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"



- 1. Timing
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- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow



Step 4: Concept Presentation

- Timing: 2 minutes per concept
- Now it's time to bring everything together and make sure everyone on the team is on the same page. The goal is to align everyone's understanding and avoid any misinterpretations by having the Facilitator cover all the measurement concepts once more.
- In this step, you as the Facilitator, really just calling out the main idea of each concept and just the few elements that really got a lot of heat with the votes from the whole team.
- So, we're already starting to narrow down and help all of us, especially the Decider, to start narrowing down from a bunch of different ideas and pieces. This way, we can have a smaller set to choose from.



- 1. Timing
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- 3. Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow



Step 4: Concept Presentation

- Keep in mind that it's <u>NOT</u> about describing every single part of the concept. It's just about calling out those interesting ones that got all of those dots.
- The Facilitator uses the notes that they have taken during the Heatmap Voting exercise.
- Then quickly present each concept, aiming at 2 min per concept. So you'll be calling out:
 - ✓ Concept name (if it has a name)
 - ✓ The big idea
 - ✓ The essential elements with the most "heat"
 - ✓ Address the questions (if any)
- End with this sentence:
 - "Did anyone vote on this for a different reason than what I explained?"



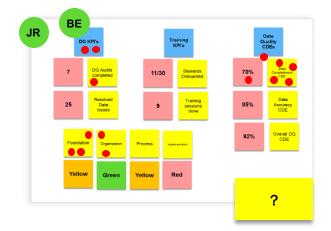
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Step 5: Strawpoll Voting

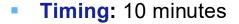
- Timing: 10 minutes
- Conduct a strawpoll vote to allow participants to vote on the overall dashboard concept they believe best aligns with the organization's needs and data governance strategy.
- Set a timer for 5 minutes and have participants silently decide which concept they think is most appealing (without voting) and best serves our data governance purpose.
- Once they've decided which one they'll choose, they should write their reasoning on a sticky note. Make sure they also write the concept name on it.
- Once that's done, we do a synchronized voting. This way we make sure that everyone's made that decision without being influenced by anyone else.



- 1. Timing
- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
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Step 5: Strawpoll Voting





- Set again a timer for 5 minutes, once the time is up, everyone should vote at the same time to avoid influencing each other's votes.
- Keep in mind that it's everyone's responsibility to inform the decider.





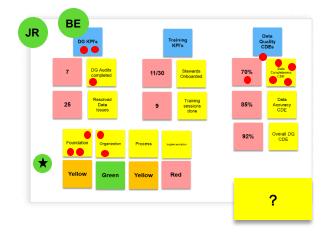
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Step 6: Present

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- The Facilitator goes over the Strawpoll votes and calls each participant one by one to explain to the group :
 - 1. Which concept they've chosen
 - 2. Why did they choose it
- The Facilitator needs to take care that the participants don't ramble and don't take more than one minute to explain their reasoning.



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Step 7: Decider Vote



- Timing: 3 minutes
- The Decider reviews the results of the heatmap and strawpoll votes.
- The Decider casts the final vote, selecting the best dashboard concept and integrating key elements from other concepts, if necessary.
- The Decider has the flexibility to combine features to create the most effective dashboard structure.



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Step 8: Finalizing the Dashboard Layout

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Summarize the top-voted elements from the previous voting sessions by sketching out the target measurement dashboard on a large sheet (or a whiteboard), incorporating all the top-voted elements and critical parts.
- As you sketch, invite participants to provide input and ensure that all critical elements are accurately represented. This collaborative approach helps ensure that everyone's insights are reflected in the final model.
- This final sketch will serve as the blueprint for the data metrics dashboard moving forward, ready to be implemented as part of the data governance program.

The Language of the Game | Workshop 5 of 7

Exercise 1. Metrics Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Round 2: Business Glossary Focus

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 6. Concept Creation

In this second part of the workshop, we focus on something crucial to any successful data governance initiative—building a common language.

The "Language of the Game" is all about setting up a **foundational business glossary**, a centralized reference point where everyone in your organization can align on the meanings of critical data terms and elements. By clearly defining these terms and their metadata, we can ensure that there is no ambiguity around the data you manage, share, and analyze.

We'll focus on creating a **Business Glossary template** that captures the most essential metadata for your Critical Data Elements (CDEs) and other important business terms.



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- Reference to the previous Lightning Demos exercise from Exercise 2 in the "Keeping Score" part of the workshop. This time, participants will focus on gathering examples of Business Glossaries and Data Dictionaries.
- Specifically, they should look at the essential metadata elements that other organizations use to document their data assets, such as descriptions, data types, definitions, and governance-related metadata.
- The goal is to get inspired by how others organize and structure their business glossaries, ensuring participants can bring back useful ideas for the next exercises.



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Show some real examples before the exercise starts.



Group	Attribute	Description	Mandatory?	Example: GDSN - GS1
System		This is typically a more technical and/or verbose way to describe what the asset means		037 is in an international non-profit organization. Until 2004 it was known as
	Supports	Business process that is supported by the system	Yes	Manage Master Data
		Specific transaction that system entails		
	Technology	The high-level technology that the system is using	Yes	\$25N
	Usage	Linkage to the data field that is using the system and describing how the field is used within the analism	Yes	SAP - Packaging Material PCE is used to upload on GDSN - GS1
	Croups	This system belongs to a group of related systems		
	is Grouped By	This system can group a set of underlying and related systems		\$55N
		Business Term(s) that are recorded in this system		
	is Source System for	Data field(s) for which system is used as input system	Yes	/
	is System of Record for		Yes	ŕ
	is Target System for	Data field(s) for which system is used as output system	Yes	SAP - Packaging Material Type BOX





EXCEL

Big Idea: A simple data dictionary and business glossary in Excel

SHAREPOINT

Big Idea:
Data dictionary in
SharePoint, including
approval flow

COLLIBRA

Big Idea: Fancy glossary in a highend tool



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The "10 for 10 Brainstorm" is where the creative ideas flow freely, allowing the group to **generate as many ideas** as possible about what metadata elements we should include in the business glossary.

This exercise is critical because the success of the glossary depends on **capturing the right data** about each Critical Data Element (CDE) and business term. We want to think beyond just the typical fields and get creative, but also practical. What are the metadata elements that will bring the most clarity and value to the organization?

From descriptions and business rules to data quality guidelines and possible values, we will aim to identify every potential metadata element that could help ensure consistency and understanding across the organization.



1. Timing

Between 15 to 20 minutes

- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
- 4. Flow



- 1. Timing
- 2. What you'll need
- **3.** Introducing the exercise
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- 1. Timing
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- The objective of this exercise is to generate a wide range of metadata elements that will help document and define Critical Data Elements (CDEs) and other business terms.
- The goal is to build a strong foundation for the business glossary by brainstorming every possible metadata element that could provide value, ensuring no stone is left unturned.
- By the end of this exercise, we'll have a comprehensive list of metadata elements that can be further refined and prioritized, ensuring that our glossary reflects the essential components needed for effective data governance.
- Only one metadata element per sticky note!



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Step 1: Generate Ideas

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant should generate 10 ideas for metadata elements—one idea per sticky note.
- Encourage them to write quickly and not overthink, focusing on quantity.
- Focus on generating a **wide variety of ideas**, from the simple and practical to the bold and innovative.
- Keep the ideas brief and to the point; we'll dive deeper into them later.



Workshop 5 of 7 | 10 for 10 Brainstorm

- 1. Timing
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Step 1: Generate Ideas

• Make sure to prepare some examples!



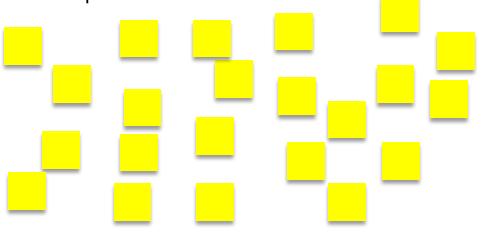


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Step 2: Visualize Ideas

- Timing: 1 minute
- Ask participants to stick their ideas on the designated wall.
- Don't categorize the ideas at this stage—just get them all up there.
- Quickly remove any obvious **duplicates**, but avoid discussion or debate at this point.







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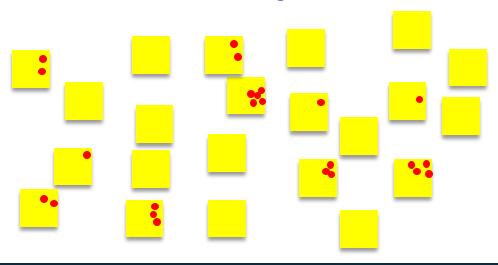
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Step 3: Heatmap Vote

• **Timing:** 5 minutes



- Give every participant 10 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the ideas they like the most avoid discussions.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.





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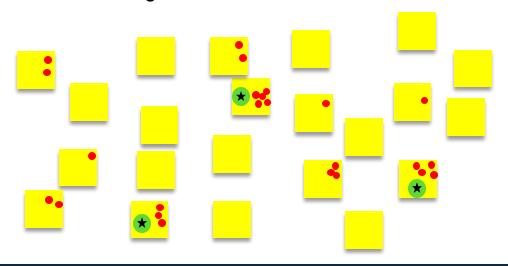
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Step 4: Decider Vote

Timing: 5 minutes



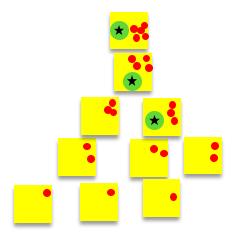
- Give the decider 3 special voting dots.
- The decider goes last and is encouraged to talk about their decision.
- There are no voting rules here as well.





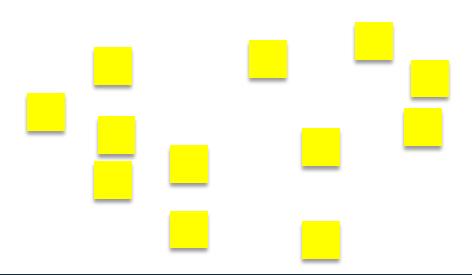
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Step 5: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Take the top 10 ideas with votes on them off the wall.
- Place the ideas in order of most votes next to the wall.





WEEK 3 of 5 Workshop 5 of 7 | Concept Creation

Exercise 1. Metrics Mapping

Exercise 2. Lightning Demos

Exercise 3. Concept Creation

Round 2: Business Glossary Focus

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 6. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous Concept Creation exercise from Exercise 3 in the "Keeping Score" part of the workshop.
- This time, the objective is to design the basic layout of a business glossary template that can be used in Excel, SharePoint or another platform.
- The focus is on creating a structure that integrates the prioritized metadata elements identified in the previous exercises. Each element should have a place in the template.



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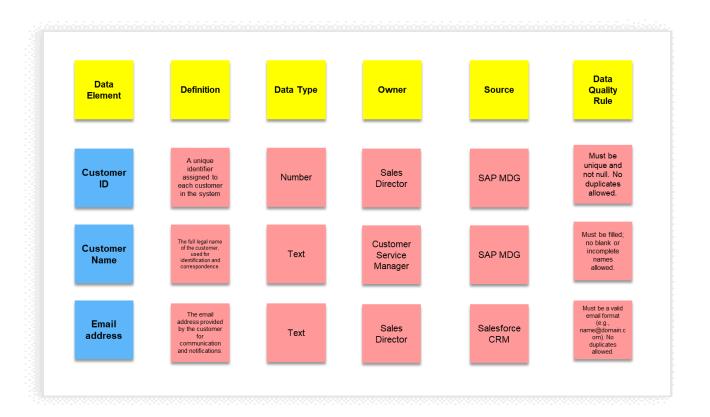
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Designing Governance Essentials | Documentation

The focus for Tuesday's documentation phase is to refine and finalize the outcomes of the Keeping Score and Language of the Game workshops held on Monday.

This phase is crucial for transforming rough ideas and drafts into clear, professional, and actionable outputs.

Visualize the Measurement Dashboard

- Refine the sketched-out dashboard from the workshop, incorporating the prioritized metrics.
- Create a polished version using PowerPoint, Excel, or a specialized dashboard visualization tool.
- Ensure the final version is easy to interpret and offers actionable insights on CDE data quality and governance KPIs.

Prepare the Business Glossary Template

- Draft a functional glossary template in Excel or SharePoint based on the workshop outcomes.
- Ensure that all top-voted metadata elements are included in the template, with space for future additions.
- Align the glossary structure with the prioritized metadata elements to ensure ease of use and scalability.

Draft Supporting Guidelines

Provide clear instructions on how to update the dashboard and glossary regularly, ensuring ongoing governance effectiveness.



WEEK 1 of 5

Laying the Groundwork | The Fundamentals

MON

Set-up & Onboarding

Awareness Session

ca. 45 - 60 mins

Onboarding Interviews

ca. 45 min. per participant, 1-on-1

TUE

Onboarding Interviews

ca. 45 min. per participant, 1-on-1 **WED**

Internal Research

Synthesizing onboarding interviews & document analysis

Workshop set-up

Preparing for the upcoming workshop

THU

Workshop 1 of 7

The Fundamentals
ca. 6h,
with the entire team

FRI

Workshop 2 of 7

Bridging the Gap ca. 6h, with the entire team

Involves stakeholders
(block time for these)

WEEK 2 of 5

The Data Players | The Rules of the Game

MON Documentation

Summarizing the outcomes and draft deliverables

Workshop set-up

Preparing for the next workshop

TUE

Workshop 3 of 7
The Data Players

ca. 6h, with the entire team

WED

Documentation

Summarizing the outcomes and draft deliverables

Workshop set-up

Preparing for the next workshop

THU

Workshop 4 of 7

The Rules of the Game ca. 6h, with the entire team

FRI

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Designing Governance Essentials | Define & Decide

MON **TUE WED** THU FRI Workshop 5 of 7 **Documentation** Workshop 6 of 7 Workshop 7 of 7 **Prototyping Keeping Score &** Summarizing the outcomes **Rooting for the Game & Prototype Prep** Design a hi-fidelity Language of the Game and draft deliverables **Training Camp** ca. 4h, interactive prototype with the entire team ca. 6h, ca. 6h, with the entire team with the entire team **Documentation User Recruiting** Workshop set-up Preparing for the next Summarizing the outcomes Find and schedule users and draft deliverables workshop

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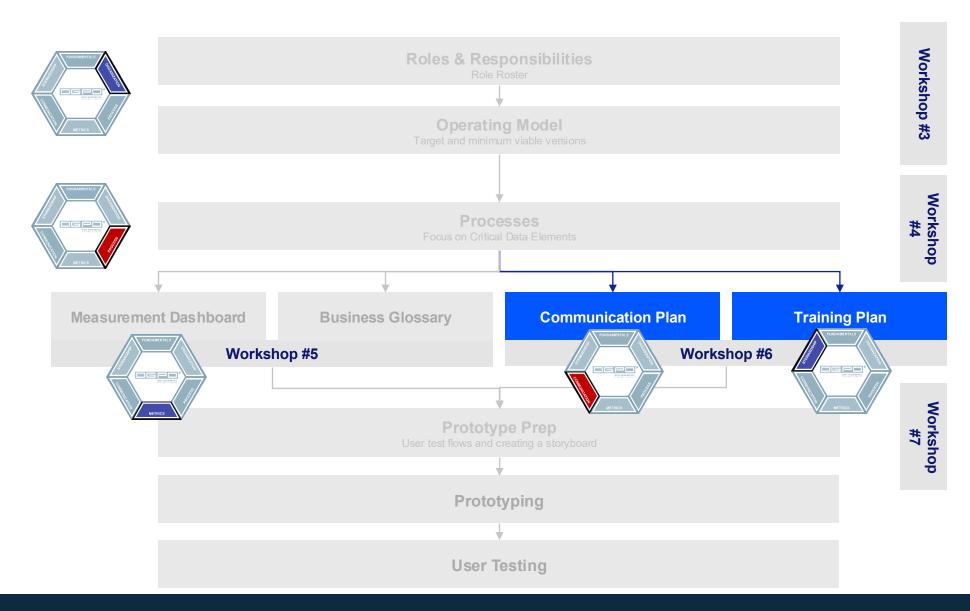
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Designing Governance Essentials | Workshop 6 of 7

Rooting for the Game Workshop: Defining Communication Plan

On Wednesday, we'll focus on creating a structured Communication Plan that ensures that data governance efforts are clearly communicated across the organization and that all stakeholders are properly informed.

Effective communication is critical for creating awareness, securing buy-in, and fostering ongoing engagement from stakeholders. We'll explore multiple strategies, prioritize key activities, and craft a detailed communication roadmap.

Training Camp Workshop: Defining Training Plan

In the second half of the day, we'll shift our attention to developing a Training Plan that equips all data governance roles with the necessary skills and knowledge.

We will brainstorm training activities and key topics, prioritize the most essential ones, and develop a roadmap to deliver targeted training initiatives that align with our governance milestones.

Designing Governance Essentials | Workshop 6 of 7

Workshop 6: Wednesday Full-Day

- A clear, prioritized plan outlining key communication activities, events, or artifacts, along with timelines for execution.
- Detailed concepts for communication activities, events, or artifacts that will help drive awareness and engagement in the data governance program.
- A structured roadmap for implementing targeted training initiatives, aligned with governance milestones, and tailored to specific roles if needed.
- Concrete ideas for training activities, events, or tools designed to equip key data governance roles with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

Designing Governance Essentials | Workshop 6 of 7

Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

Exercise 5. Roadmap

In both the morning and afternoon sessions of this workshop, we will follow the same series of structured exercises to guide our discussions and decision-making.

Whether we're focusing on defining the communication plan in the Rooting for the Game session or building the training plan in the **Training Camp session**, we'll use a consistent approach to gather ideas, prioritize key initiatives, and turn them into actionable concepts.

By applying the same exercises, we ensure a smooth flow between both sessions, allowing us to effectively brainstorm, vote, and develop roadmaps that will be ready for implementation.



WEEK 3 of 5 Workshop 6 of 7 | Lightning Demos

Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

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Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous Lightning Demos exercise from Exercise 2 in the "Keeping Score" part of Monday workshop, but this time with a specific focus.
 - Morning Session: focus on gathering examples of communication events, activities, and artifacts related to data governance.
 - Afternoon Session: focus on training initiatives for data governance
- The goal is to get inspired by how others communicate and provide training within their data governance programs.



WEEK 3 of 5 Workshop 6 of 7 | Lightning Demos

Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

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Exercise 5. Roadmap

- Show some real examples before the exercise starts.
 - Morning Session:







WEBSITE

Big Idea:
Data Governance
SharePoint site

ARTICLES

Big Idea: Quarterly Data Literacy articles

INFOGRAPHIC

Big Idea: Engaging infographic showcasing the DG Program





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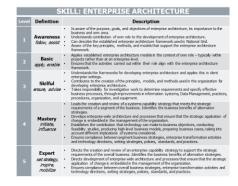
Exercise 5. Roadmap

- Show some real examples before the exercise starts.
 - > Afternoon Session:



Data Governance Explained in 5 Minutes





VIDEOS

Big Idea: Short, targeted videos that explain data governance

QUICK REFERENCE CARDS

Big Idea: Printable or digital cheat sheets

SKILLS MATRIX

Big Idea:
Outlining the required
competencies and skills for
each role





Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous 10 for 10 Brainstorm exercise from Exercise 6 in the "Keeping Score" part of Monday workshop, but this time with a specific focus.
 - Morning Session: focus on generating ideas for communication events, activities, and artifacts that will support the rollout and ongoing promotion of the data governance program.
 - ➤ Afternoon Session: focus on brainstorming training methods, events, activities, and artifacts that will empower and educate the key data governance roles, such as data stewards, data owners, and data custodians.
- The goal is to generate a wide range of creative ideas that can be further refined and prioritized for the development of effective communication and training strategies.



Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Show some real examples before the exercise starts.
 - Morning Session:





Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

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Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Show some real examples before the exercise starts.
 - > Afternoon Session:





Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous Action Board exercise from Exercise 2 in "The Fundamentals" workshop of Week 1, but this time with a specific focus.
 - Morning Session: focus on prioritizing the communication ideas generated in the 10 for 10 Brainstorm
 - Afternoon Session: focus on prioritizing the training ideas generated in previous exercise.
- Each idea will be evaluated based on its impact on the organization and the effort required for implementation.
- The goal of the Action Board exercise is to help us determine the most critical communication and training activities by focusing on what will deliver the greatest value with the least effort—allowing us to quickly implement impactful initiatives.



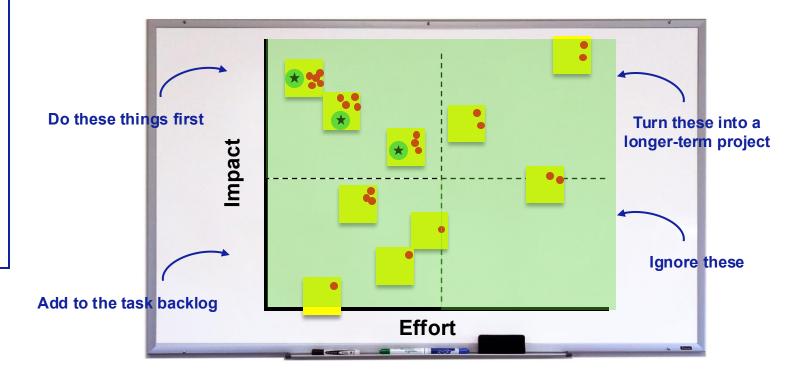
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Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous Concept Creation exercise from Exercise 3 in the "Keeping Score" part of Monday's workshop, but this time with a specific focus.
- For both sessions we will start by selecting the **top 1 to 3 ideas** from the **top left quadrant** of the previous Action Board exercise (those with the highest impact and lowest effort).
 - Morning Session: focus on designing detailed concepts that visually demonstrate what these communication initiatives will look like in practice.
 - Afternoon Session: focus on developing detailed training concepts, visually illustrating how these initiatives will work and be executed.



Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- The goal is to bring the ideas to life, making them tangible for the team and easier to implement.
- After creating the concepts, we will conduct voting:
 - Heatmap Voting: Participants will vote on specific elements of the concepts they find most critical or effective
 - Strawpoll Voting: This vote will help identify the concept that best aligns with our communication and training strategy.
 - Decider Vote: The final decision-maker will select the concept or elements to move forward with, potentially combining aspects of different ideas.
- The objective of this exercise is to turn the top-voted ideas into well-defined, visual concepts that can be easily understood, tested, and executed.



Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

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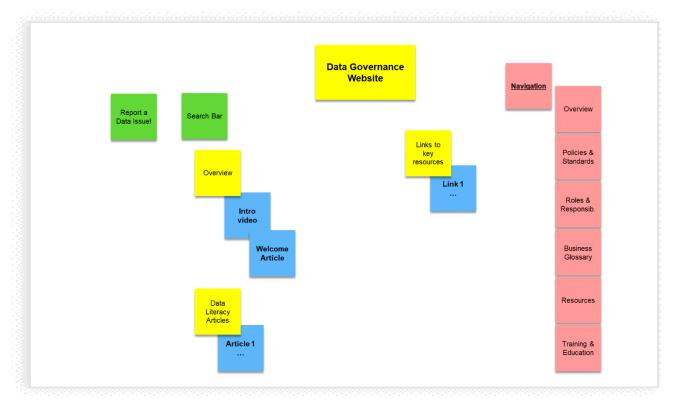
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• An example of a communication concept:





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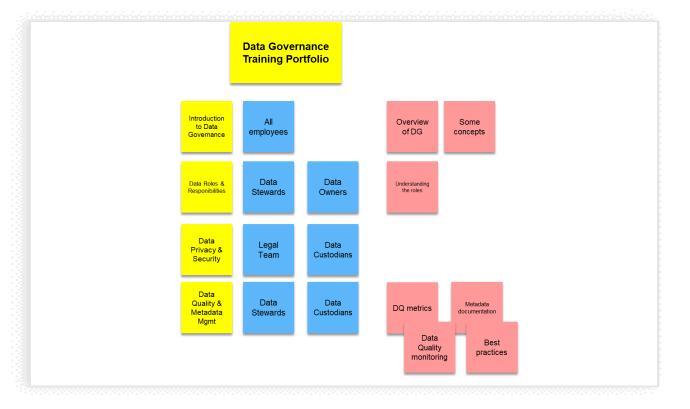
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• An example of a training concept:





Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

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Exercise 2. 10 for 10 Brainstorm

Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Reference to the previous Roadmap exercise from Exercise 4 in The Fundamentals workshop of Week 1, but this time with a specific focus.
- For both sessions we will create a detailed roadmap using the top-voted concepts from the previous Concept Creation exercise. These concepts, along with any additional topvoted ideas from the Action Board that didn't make it into concepts, will be positioned on the roadmap.
 - Morning Session: focus on placing the communication concepts and additional top-voted communication ideas onto the roadmap.
 - Afternoon Session: focus on placing the training concepts and additional top-voted training ideas onto the roadmap.



Round 1 + 2: Same exercises

Exercise 1. Lightning Demos

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Exercise 3. Action Board

Exercise 4. Concept Creation

- Define specific phases, organize the initiatives by their priority, and identify key milestones to help keep the communication and training rollout on track.
- In both sessions, we will also do an **Accountability Assigner**, where we designate key roles responsible for implementing each part of the roadmap.
- The objective of this exercise is to ensure that we have a clear, actionable roadmap for both communication and training strategies, making it easier to coordinate, execute, and track these initiatives as part of the broader data governance rollout.



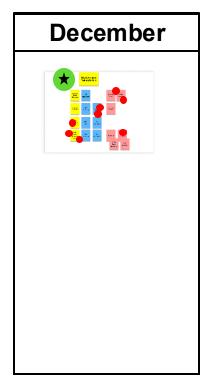
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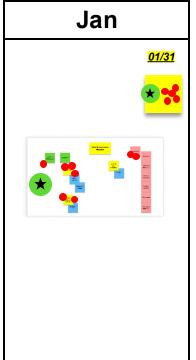
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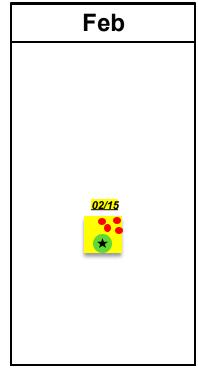
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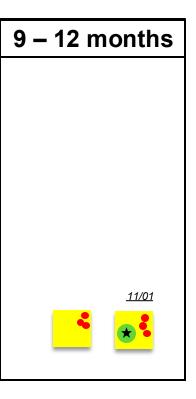
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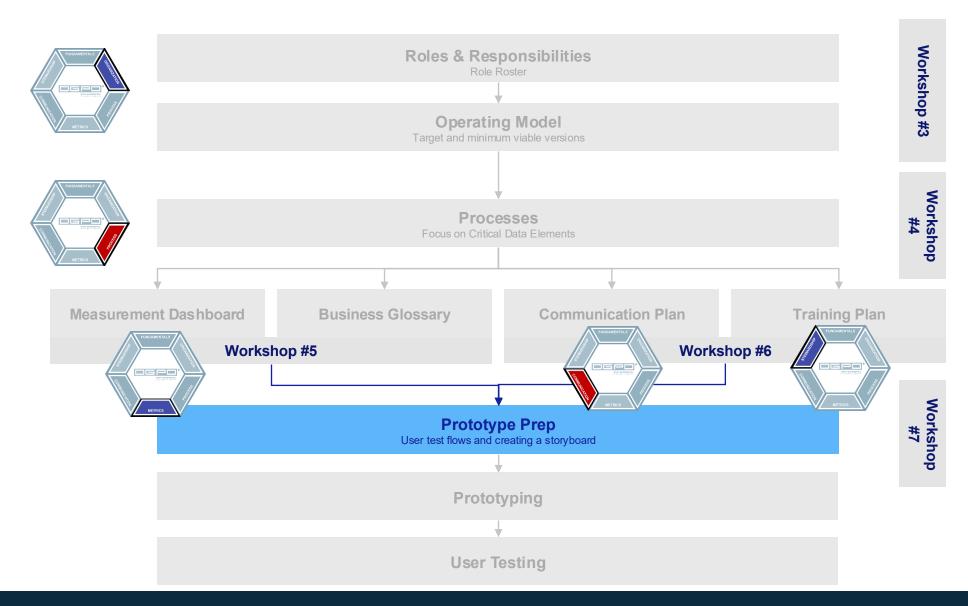
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Prototype Preparation | Workshop 7 of 7

Prototype Prep Workshop: Bringing Everything Together

In this final workshop, we bring everything together and begin preparing the prototypes that will be used during the testing phase. The goal is to take the elements we've developed so far—such as the process flows, business glossary, measurements dashboard, training materials, and communication plans—and downsize them into small, actionable prototypes focused on the top-voted and easily accessible Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

We aim to create a minimum sustainable version of key processes like the CDE data quality and CDE metadata documentation process, ensuring they are pragmatic and easy to implement on a small scale. This workshop will zoom in on the 1 to 3 key responsibilities of essential data roles (data steward, data custodian, and data owner) to test how these roles function in real-world scenarios.

Through two targeted exercises—Users Test Flow and Storyboard—we will establish a clear sequence for prototyping and testing, making the implementation phase smoother and more actionable.

Workshop 7: Thursday Half-Day

- Preparing the sequence of steps for each prototype, ensuring we have a clear roadmap for testing once we've settled on the concepts and ideas.
- By using a Storyboard, we create a step-by-step guide that outlines the implementation of each prototype in a clear and concise manner, ensuring all aspects of the chosen solution are covered and ready for testing.



Prototype Preparation | Workshop 7 of 7

Exercise 1. Users Test Flow

Exercise 2. Storyboard

In this exercise, we'll focus on creating detailed user flows for the key data governance roles—data steward, data owner, and data custodian—specifically in the context of managing data quality and metadata. The goal is to map out how these roles will interact with the processes we've defined, ensuring that the workflows are practical and efficient for our upcoming prototype testing phase.

We'll explore how each of these roles will engage with the Critical Data Elements (CDEs) and manage responsibilities. This will help us identify pain points, optimize the flow, and ensure that each role's actions align with the overall governance objectives. The end result will be a clear map of how these roles operate in practice, giving us a solid foundation for testing and validation in the next phase.



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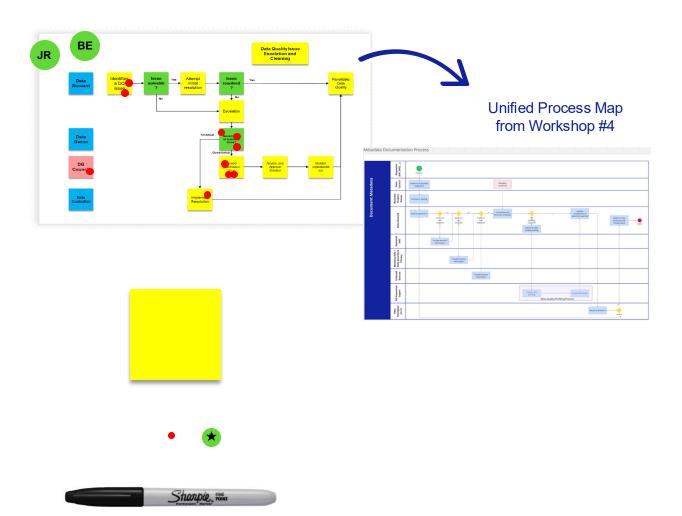
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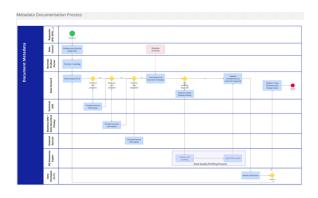
- The objective of this exercise is to create a step-by-step scenario, almost like a movie script, that showcases how a data steward, data owner, and data custodian work together, focusing on both data quality tasks and metadata documentation.
- The aim is to develop a realistic flow of activities, highlighting key interactions between the roles, while keeping the process concise with only 3-6 tasks per role.
- Goal is to visualize and document how these roles will perform their responsibilities in a real-world scenario.
- This exercise will result in a detailed step-by-step activity flow for each role, ready for prototyping and testing.

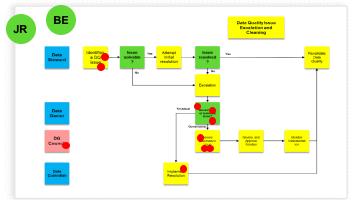


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Step 1: Review the Unified Process Maps

- Timing: 5 minutes
- We will start by reviewing the unified Process Maps created in Workshop #4, ensuring everybody has a shared understanding of the processes we defined.
- Encourage participants to take notes about key elements of the process that they believe should be tested and incorporated in the prototype.









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Step 2: Define the Entry Point

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Find a realistic starting point for your scenario. This could be when a data quality issue is flagged, or a metadata update is needed.
- Jot down this entry point on a sticky note.

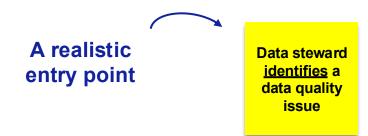


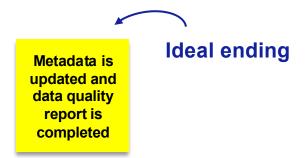


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Step 3: Set the Ideal Ending

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Determine an ideal outcome that the team can realistically test. This could be the resolution of a data quality issue or the completion of a metadata documentation task.
- Write this outcome on a sticky note.







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A realistic entry point

Data steward
identifies a
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Communi cates with data owner

Data owner assigns responsibi lity Custodian fixes data

Steward updates metadata Metadata is updated and data quality report is completed

Ideal ending

Step 4: Fill in the Middle Steps

- Timing: 30 minutes
- Use a series of sticky notes to map out **3 to 6 steps per role** (data steward, data owner, and data custodian), making one long timeline. Highlight the **interactions and communication flows** between these roles.
- These steps should focus on the critical tasks that must happen, such as monitoring data quality, communicating issues, updating metadata, or decision points where the data owner or custodian steps in.



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Step 4: Fill in the Middle Steps

- Timing: 30 minutes
- Ensure the total number of sticky notes per role is between 3 to 6 steps.
- Each participant will have around 9 to 18 sticky notes by the end, reflecting the story they think makes the most sense for the users.
- If needed, participants can limit the roles to only data steward and data owner to simplify the scenario.







Data owner assigns responsibi lity



Steward updates metadata Metadata is updated and data quality report is completed

Ideal ending



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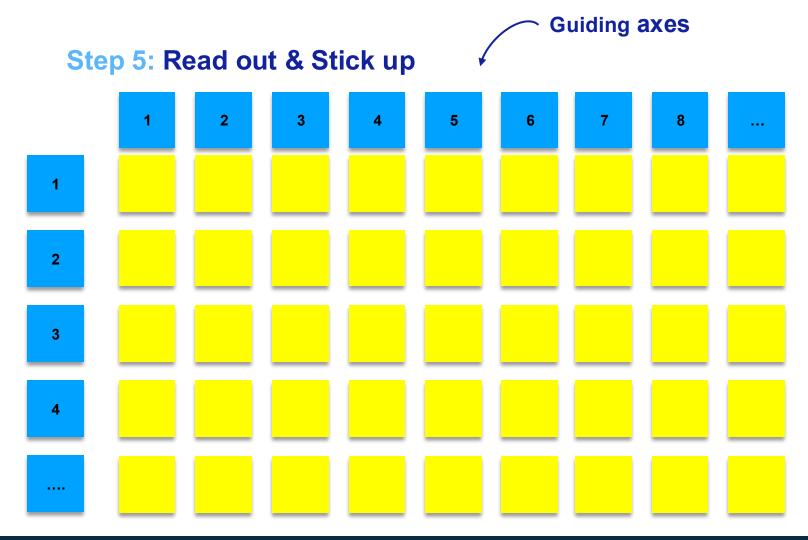
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Step 5: Read out & Stick up

- Timing: 2 minutes per person
- One by one, participants will stand up and read out their full user story mapping flow.
- As they read, they will stick up their steps on the board, following the order they created.
- No explanations or justifications—just read and stick!
- As the Facilitator, you can make the process smoother by providing (blue) sticky notes as **guiding axes**—stick 9 to 18 sticky notes across the top for the steps, and as many sticky notes down the side as there are participants.



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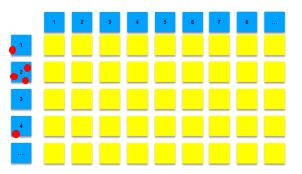




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Step 6: Voting

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Allow participants 5 minutes to review the displayed user test flows.
- Each participant gets one voting dot (except the Decider) and votes on the row that they believe represents the clearest and most practical story.
- The vote is purely based on what they find to be the most understandable and actionable flow.







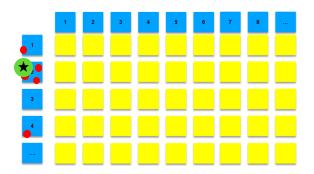
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Step 7: Decider Vote

Timing: 2 minutes



- The Decider now places their **special voting dot** on the users test flow they believe is the best representation of the story.
- After voting, the Decider should explain their choice to the group, giving reasoning for their selection and what made the flow stand out.



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Prototype Preparation | Workshop 7 of 7

Exercise 1. Users Test Flow

Exercise 2. Storyboard

In this exercise, we will take the **best user story flow** from the previous exercise and transform it into a **detailed**, **step-by-step guide**, much like a **storyboard for a movie**.

Just as a movie storyboard maps out each scene in sequence, our storyboard will map out each step of the data governance process, focusing on the actions of the data steward, data owner, and data custodian.

The goal is to create a clear, actionable plan that outlines every step necessary for executing the chosen process, including the roles, responsibilities, activities, and key decision points. This storyboard will serve as the blueprint for moving from concept to reality, from prototype to testing.



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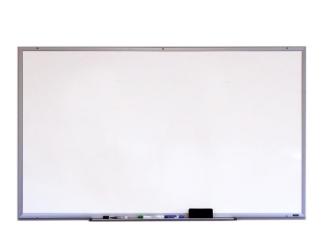
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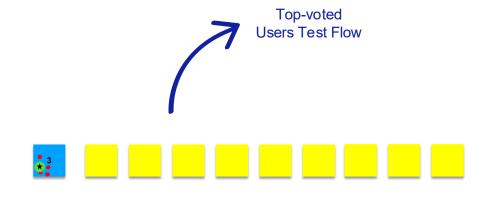
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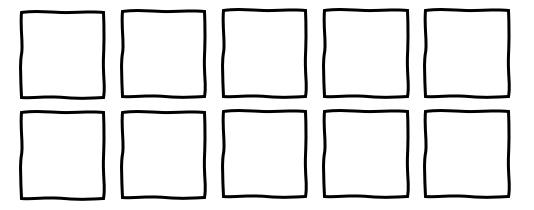
- The objective of the Storyboard Exercise is to develop a clear and actionable plan that brings the user story to life, much like a storyboard in filmmaking.
- By breaking the process down into detailed, practical steps, we'll ensure that everyone understands exactly how the data governance tasks should be executed in practice.
- The storyboard will act as a step-by-step guide, outlining the roles involved and the activities that need to happen at each stage.
- Once complete, this will be your go-to reference for creating a prototype and implementing the processes in your data governance testing phase.



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Step 1: Sketch Out the Storyboard

- Timing: 10 minutes
- A Storyboard generally contains between 10 and 20 boxes where we draw a user story step-by-step.
- So start by drawing at least 10 boxes or "cells" on the whiteboard (or you can use some masking tape to put it on the wall).

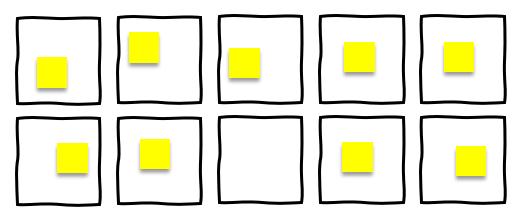




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Step 2: Break Down the Users Story Flow

- Timing: 10 minutes
- The goal is to translate the sticky notes from the top-voted Users
 Test Flow into what might happen at each real step along the way.
- Often one step on the sticky note might translate into more than one cell. Start by placing those sticky notes inside the boxes.

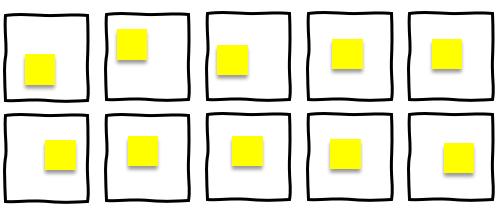




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Step 3: Fill in the Details and Missing Pieces

- Timing: 15 minutes
- Look for any gaps in the process and add missing details.
- Ensure each step has a clear owner and includes the necessary activities and decisions.
- Consider the flow of communication and decision points and ensure they are fully represented.

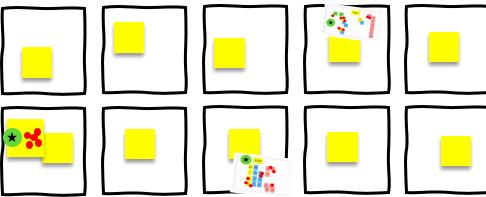




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Step 4: Enrich the Storyboard

- Timing: 15 minutes
- Review the top-voted **concepts and elements** from the previous workshops. Incorporate these elements into the storyboard by adding sticky notes or concept pictures or print-outs.
- This step will ensure the storyboard reflects the most valuable insights from the entire sprint and incorporates the best ideas into the final flow.

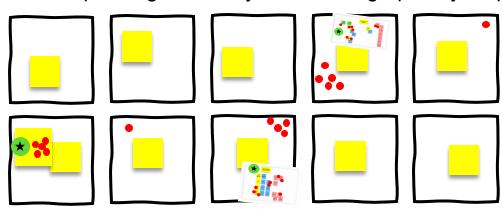




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Step 5: Heatmap Voting

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant is given 2 voting dots to place on the most critical steps in the process that they believe need to be tested.
- Participants vote on the steps they feel are essential for a successful prototype.
- Use heatmap voting to identify the most high-priority steps.





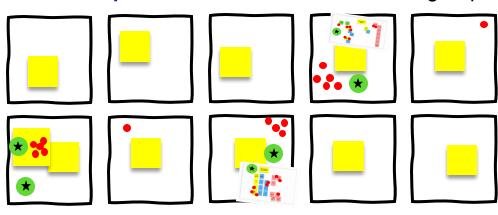
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Step 6: Decider Vote

Timing: 2 minutes



- The Decider is given 3 special voting dots to select the final steps to be included in the testing phase.
- The Decider can combine elements from different steps and add or remove steps as they see fit.
- The Decider explains their final decisions to the group.

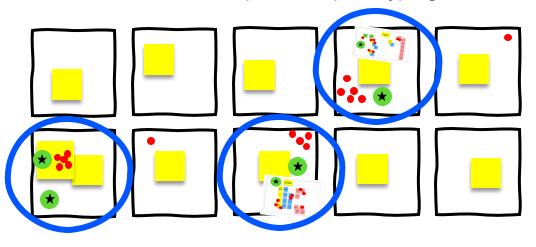




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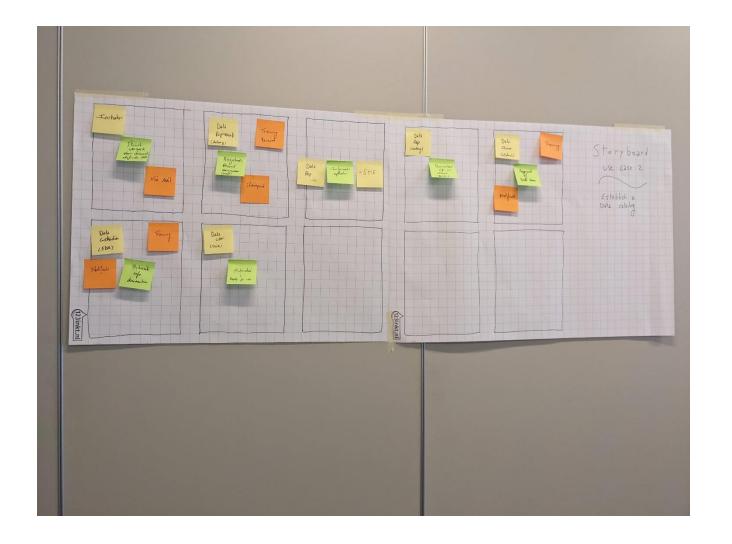
Step 7: Decide on focus areas

- Timing: 10 minutes
- As a group, review the final voted steps and decide on the top
 3 focus areas for prototyping and testing.
- Ensure that the focus areas cover both data quality and metadata management tasks. These 3 focus areas will form the foundation for the next phase of prototyping.





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Designing Governance Essentials | Documentation

The Documentation Phase on Thursday afternoon focuses on capturing and refining the **results** from the Rooting for the Game and Training Camp workshops held on Wednesday, as well as the **insights** from the Prototype Prep workshop from Thursday morning.

The goal is to clean up the rough outcomes and turn them into clear, structured deliverables that can be easily referenced and implemented.

Visualize the Communication and Training Plan

- Create a polished, visually appealing version of the communication roadmap, ensuring the top-voted concepts and activities are clearly mapped out and aligned with key governance milestones.
- Draft a detailed training roadmap, including the top-voted concepts, events, and activities.

Review and Clean Up the User Story Flow

 Refine the user story flows that were developed for the data steward, data owner, and data custodian, ensuring they are actionable and align with the chosen process for CDE data quality and metadata documentation.

Finalize the Storyboard

 Organize and enhance the storyboard created in the Prototype Prep workshop, making it a clear, step-by-step visual guide for the upcoming prototype testing phase.



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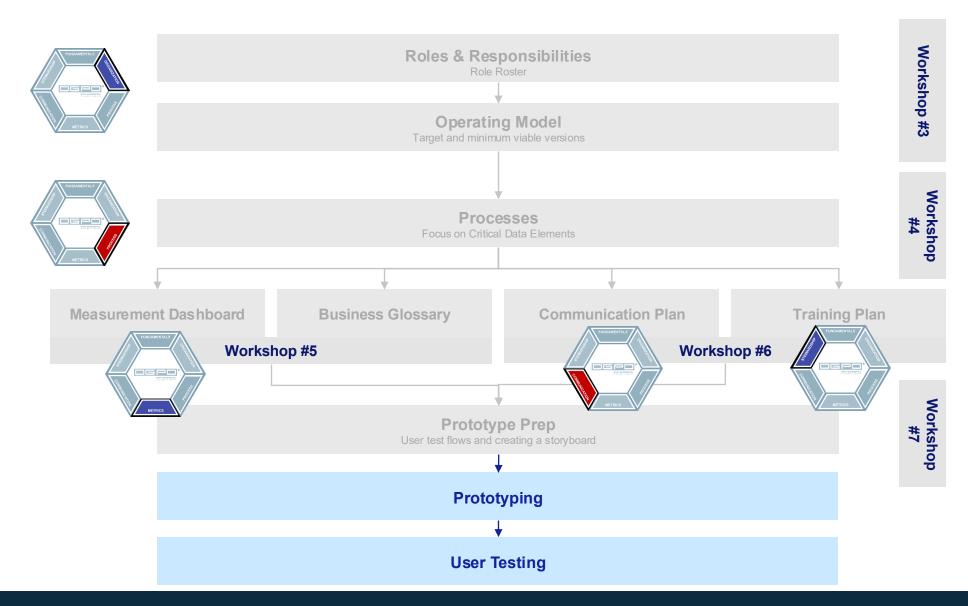
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Designing Governance Essentials | Prototyping

The Prototype Phase focuses on **building** the minimum sustainable version of the processes we've designed. This includes creating tangible versions of the business data glossary, quality processes, measurement dashboard. and communication or training materials that have been mapped out.

The objective is to ensure the prototype is functional, actionable, and testable so that users can provide valuable feedback during the testing phase.

Create a Business Glossary Template for Testing

Prepare a Business Glossary template that the testers can use to document the CDEs.

Prepare Data Quality Metrics Dashboard

Set up a simplified version of the data quality dashboard, using real or sample data from the selected CDEs, to track key data quality metrics.

Develop Simple Training and Communication Materials

Draft and prepare basic training materials (such as a slide deck) and communication pieces (like emails or posters) related to data quality and metadata management.

Prepare a Simple Process Flow

Create a basic process flow diagram that outlines the key steps for managing CDEs, including data quality checks and metadata documentation.

Set Up Testing Environment

Ensure all necessary tools, platforms, and resources are in place to facilitate user interaction with the prototype. This includes access to SharePoint, Excel templates, or PowerPoint visualizations.

Prepare Feedback Channels

Create clear channels for users to provide their feedback, whether through surveys, feedback forms, or dedicated debrief sessions after each test.

Finalize Testing Scope

Clarify which parts of the data governance process will be the focus of the prototype testing.



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Designing Governance Essentials | User Recruiting

The key to a successful prototype testing phase is identifying and recruiting the right test users. For our Data Governance SprintTM, we are looking for a group of about **5 to 10 testers**.

This group should include a mix of data stewards, custodians, and data owners who represent both business and IT perspectives.

The goal of User Recruiting is to **identify** and **recruit** a select group of stakeholders who will interact with the data governance prototype in the testing phase.

These users will provide **crucial feedback** on how well the prototype functions in real-world scenarios, specifically regarding the management of Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

Identify Key Test Users

Focus on recruiting a mix of **business and IT users**, including data stewards, data owners, and data custodians, who are directly involved in the data governance process.

Send Invitations and Ensure Availability

 Block time in the testers' calendars for Thursday and Friday of Week 4 for the Onboarding Session (60-90 minutes) and the initial testing. Consider a placeholder slot of 1 hour per test with 30-60 minutes dedicated to the actual test.

One-on-One Feedback Interviews

 Book 30-minute feedback interviews for Monday of Week 5, back-to-back, to collect detailed feedback from each tester.

Prepare Onboarding Materials

 Create onboarding documents, including instructions on how to interact with the prototype, what to test, and how to provide feedback.

Set Expectations

Let participants know they should dedicate at least 1 hour to thoroughly test the prototypes.



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Design Sprint | Design & Validate

MON TUE **WED** THU FRI **Prototyping Onboarding Session Prototyping Prototyping User Testing** ca. 90 mins Design a hi-fidelity Design a hi-fidelity Design a hi-fidelity Get qualitative feedback from 5 testers (plus backup testers) interactive prototype interactive prototype interactive prototype **User Testing** Get qualitative feedback from 5 testers (plus backup testers) **User Recruiting** Find and schedule users

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Design Sprint | Design & Validate

Welcome to Week 4: From Concept to Reality

In Week 4, we transition from planning and concept development into the hands-on phase of **prototyping and validation**. This is the time to bring everything we've built over the past few weeks into tangible forms that can be tested.

We'll start by **refining and creating prototypes** of our core data governance tools—such as the Data Governance Website, the business glossary template, and process documentation—ensuring they are ready for **user interaction**.

By the end of Week 4, our goal is to have not only tested the prototypes but also gathered **initial insights** on how they can be improved. The results of these tests will be critical as we move into the final stages of refining and implementing the data governance program.

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Design Sprint | Design & Validate

Welcome to Week 4: From Concept to Reality

The first part of the week will focus on **finalizing the prototypes**, making sure every piece is aligned with the target roles, responsibilities, and processes we've established. Simultaneously, we will begin the user recruiting process to find the right participants for our testing phase.

Towards the end of the week, we will move into user testing, which will start with an **Onboarding Session** to brief the testers on the prototypes, the testing goals, and their role in the process. This will help ensure that the feedback is grounded in a real understanding of what the data governance processes are supposed to achieve.

After the onboarding, the **real testing** begins—this is where we'll get our first real glimpse into whether our data governance program can be successfully implemented and whether users can easily follow the processes we've designed.

Key Deliverables

- Refined and functional prototypes of key data governance elements (e.g., Data Governance Website, Business Glossary, Process Documentation)
- Onboarded and engaged user testers
- User feedback from initial testing sessions



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WEEK 4 of 5 Design Sprint | User Recruiting

Monday marks a critical step in our Data Governance Sprint[™] as we finalize our user recruiting efforts.

While prototyping continues in parallel, it's essential to secure a **committed group of 5 to 10 test users** who will interact with our prototypes later in the week. This group should include data stewards, data custodians, and data owners, ensuring a mix of business and IT perspectives.

Invitations should have been sent out ahead of Monday, but the goal now is to **confirm participation** and **lock in time slots** for testing. Make sure all testers are aware of their role, and the timeline for testing, and have clear expectations.

We will also block time for **one-on-one feedback sessions** for Monday of Week 5 to collect more detailed insights from each tester.

Key Activities in User Recruiting:

- Follow up with previously identified users to confirm their availability and remind them of their role in the prototype testing.
- Ensure that the Onboarding Session (60-90 minutes) and testing slots (1-hour placeholders) are booked in their calendars for Thursday and Friday. Also, block out time slots for one-on-one feedback interviews for Monday of Week 5.
- Organize and prepare all the necessary onboarding materials so users clearly understand the prototypes and processes they'll be testing.
- Make sure testers know that your team will be available for real-time support during the testing phase (via Slack, Teams, or WhatsApp). Set the stage for a smooth testing experience.



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WEEK 4 of 5 Design Sprint | Prototyping

As we move into the early part of Week 4, our focus remains on **building out and refining the prototypes** we started the previous week.

This phase is critical to ensuring that our Data Governance concepts become actionable and tangible. By continuing our work on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, we aim to develop fully functional prototypes that capture the key elements of our governance framework—such as process documentation, business glossary templates, and any tools or visual elements like the Data Governance Website and training material.

The goal is to prepare these prototypes for user testing and validation, so that we can start gathering meaningful feedback from our test group later in the week.

Key Activities in Prototyping:

- Continue the activities started on Friday previous week.
- Ensure that the prototypes reflect the minimum sustainable version of the Data Governance framework.
- Continue refining process flows for CDE management, data quality, and metadata documentation.
- Refine visual elements and structures for the Business Glossary template and Data Governance Website.
- Begin preparing clear and concise documentation for users to interact with during the testing phase.
- Don't forget preparing the training and communication material, especially for the Onboarding session on Thursday!



WEEK 4 of 5 Design Sprint | Prototyping

Digital Prototypes:

Try to recycle as much as possible. Reuse parts of existing systems, templates, or content from other departments. Leverage open resources from the internet (e.g., templates, images, data) as long as your prototypes are kept internal.

Tools you can use:

- Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Visio (for dashboards, charts, and simple templates)
- SharePoint (for building a mock glossary or governance portal)
- Miro (for visual collaboration and workflows)
- Canva (for creating infographics and professional visuals for training/communication)
- ChatGPT (to generate content or summaries quickly)
- Unsplash (for high-quality images for your prototypes)
- Google Docs/Sheets/Slides (collaborative tools for shared document creation)
- Figma or Adobe XD (for creating interactive prototypes of websites or dashboards)
- Lucidchart (for mapping data governance process flows with advanced visual tools)

Some examples:

- Business Glossary Template in Excel or SharePoint, where users can input CDEs, definitions, and metadata for testing.
- Data Governance website on the intranet with mock sections (policies, roles, processes) for feedback.
- Flowchart of Data Quality Escalation Process mapped out using flowchart tools, demonstrating real-world decision-making in data governance.



WEEK 4 of 5 Design Sprint | Prototyping

Non-digital Prototypes:

 The general idea is to simulate the user experience without relying on actual tech tools. Prototypes should reflect how a process or communication would unfold in real-world scenarios, without requiring a fully-developed digital product.

Some examples:

- Paper-based Quick Reference Card for data governance roles or guidelines.
- Data Quality Checklist or a Draft Data Governance Policy that users can follow to ensure compliance.
- Mock Training Session simulating how key governance roles like Data Stewards and Data Owners would be onboarded.
- Small-scale pilot testing with real-world CDE data on a non-digital medium (print out CDE reports, manually update metadata, etc.). Physical posters showing data governance roles and their accountability across the organization.
- Printed Business Glossary used in workshops to demonstrate how CDEs can be documented and managed manually.
- Paper flowcharts showing data governance escalation or process flows.
- Printed feedback forms for users to manually provide feedback during training or testing sessions.
- Interactive role-playing where participants simulate data governance responsibilities using printed materials and scripts.
- Whiteboard role mappings Facilitator-led discussions, where roles and processes are assigned using sticky notes to visualize the governance structure.



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Design Sprint | Onboarding Session

The Onboarding Session will serve as a crucial 60-90 minute info session where explain the prototypes, mock processes, tools, and templates that users will be testing.

session ensures that testers understand the goals, how to interact with the prototypes, and what specific elements they should focus on during testing.

Session Breakdown: Part 1

Set the Objective

- Provide a clear explanation of the overall goal of the prototype testing—to validate how well the prototypes simulate real-world processes for data quality checks and business glossary documentation for Critical Data Elements (CDEs).
- Reiterate how the testing is crucial for refining the data governance framework and ensuring the viability of the processes, tools, and roles we've established so far.

Demonstration of Prototypes

- Walk users through the specific prototypes they will be interacting with, including:
 - Business glossary templates and documentation for CDEs.
 - The data quality measurement process and how it applies to the selected CDEs.
- Highlight key interactions, explain the mock workflows they will follow, and clarify the expectations for the test.
- Offer examples of how a typical interaction might look, from filling in a glossary field to simulating a data quality issue resolution.



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Session Breakdown: Part 2

Q&A Session

- Allow testers to ask any questions or raise concerns.
- Encourage open dialogue to ensure participants feel confident and clear about the prototypes, their roles, and the expectations.
- Clarify any confusion about specific prototype features, workflow steps, or roles (e.g., data steward, data owner, data custodian).

Logistics

- Confirm the testing schedule, including the time slots blocked for each participant.
- Discuss how feedback will be gathered, whether via collaborative tools (e.g., Slack, Teams, Google Forms) or during one-on-one interviews.
- Highlight the available support channels (e.g., dedicated Slack/Teams group, direct access to team members) and troubleshooting options during testing.
- Ensure participants know that the team will be available on Thursday, Friday, and Monday for any questions or issues that arise during testing.



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WEEK 4 of 5 Design Sprint | User Testing

The User Testing phase is one of the most critical steps in our Data Governance SprintTM, as it allows us to validate the prototypes we've developed against realworld scenarios.

This testing period will simulate the actual processes and tools we plan to implement for managing data quality and documenting metadata for Critical Data Elements (CDEs).

During this phase, testers will work through the mock processes we've created, provide real-time feedback, and help us identify areas for improvement.

This combination of structured testing and open feedback will ensure that we walk away with a clear understanding of what works, what needs refinement, and how we can enhance the prototypes to ensure their success when fully deployed.

Key Elements: Part 1

Dedicated Testing Time

- Each user will be assigned a 1-hour testing slot to explore the prototypes thoroughly.
- Ensure participants have enough time to interact with the following key components:
 - Business glossary templates (testing the documentation of CDEs).
 - Data quality measurement process (testing the monitoring and reporting functions).
- Encourage users to test the entire flow, from data quality checks to metadata documentation for CDEs, allowing them to experience the full scope of the prototype.

Feedback Collection

- Ask participants to document their experiences during the test. Encourage them to provide detailed feedback on:
 - Ease of use and clarity of the prototypes.
 - Any pain points or areas that are unclear.
 - Potential improvements or suggestions for refinement.
- Use collaborative tools (Slack, Teams, WhatsApp) to maintain open communication during the testing period, ensuring any questions or concerns are addressed promptly.
- Have a centralized platform (e.g., shared document or form) where users can log their feedback in real-time.

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During this phase, testers will work through the mock processes we've created, provide real-time feedback, and help us identify areas for improvement.

This combination of structured testing and open feedback will ensure that we walk away with a clear understanding of what works, what needs refinement, and how we can enhance the prototypes to ensure their success when fully deployed.

Key Elements: Part 2

Troubleshooting Support

- The team will be available for real-time troubleshooting during Thursday, Friday, and Monday to assist with any issues users may encounter while testing the prototypes.
- Encourage users to reach out for support when they face problems with the prototype or workflows.
- Prepare for technical or process-related challenges by setting up dedicated support channels and assigning team members to respond quickly.



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Design Sprint | Refine & Implement

MON **TUE WED** THU FRI **Documentation User Testing Synthesizing Iteration Workshop User Testing Test Results** Summarizing the outcomes Get new qualitative feedback on Potential spillover from Refinement previous week adjusted prototype ca. 6h, Analyzing test results with the entire team **Feedback Interviews Documentation Prototype Adjustments** ca. 30 min. per participant, Summarizing the outcomes Adjust the hi-fidelity remotely, 1-on-1. interactive prototype

Design Sprint | Refine & Implement

Welcome to Week 5: The Final Stretch

In Week 5, we enter the critical phase of **refining and implementing** our data governance solutions, putting the finishing touches on everything we've built and tested so far.

This is the culmination of our Data Governance SprintTM—where we turn insights from user feedback into **actionable adjustments**, ensuring our prototypes are not just functional but optimized for **real-world use**.

This week is all about refinement, ensuring that we leave with a strong, actionable version of our prototypes that can be **scaled confidently** and with momentum. It's the final push towards making the Data Governance Sprint a success, ensuring that the groundwork is set for long-term adoption and growth.

WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Refine & Implement

Welcome to Week 5: The Final Stretch

The week kicks off on **Monday** with the continuation of user testing. Any spillover from Week 4's user testing sessions will be completed, and we'll dive deep into **one-on-one feedback interviews** with our testers. These 30-minute interviews will provide crucial qualitative insights into how well the prototypes simulate real-world processes, identify specific pain points, and offer suggestions for improvement. By the end of the day, we aim to have a comprehensive collection of user feedback to guide our next steps.

Tuesday is dedicated to synthesizing the results from the testing phase. We'll document the insights collected, create a **feedback wall** to visualize common themes, and begin to identify opportunities for improvement.

This thorough analysis of the feedback will allow us to approach the **Iteration Workshop** on **Wednesday** with clear objectives in mind. The goal of the workshop will be to refine our prototypes based on user input and adjust them for further implementation and scaling.

On **Thursday**, we will document the outcomes of the iteration workshop and finalize the updated prototypes. We'll prepare them for **additional testing** and ensure they are ready for **target user testing**, focusing on the improvements made. By the end of the week, we'll have the **foundational elements** of our data governance program polished and ready for wider implementation.

Key Deliverables

- Synthesized Feedback from user testing
- Refined and adjusted prototypes based on real-world feedback
- User Interviews capturing qualitative insights
- Targeted user testing to validate improvements



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WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | User Testing

As we continue with the **User Testing** phase that started in Week 4, the focus remains on collecting valuable feedback from our testers to further refine and improve the prototypes.

During this phase, our goal is to test the effectiveness of the data governance processes and tools in a real-world scenario.

Each participant will interact with the prototypes, giving us insights into what works well and what requires adjustment. The insights we gather will play a crucial role in shaping the final versions of the prototypes.

Key Activities in User Recruiting:

- Ensure all previously identified test users complete their 1hour testing slots to fully explore the prototypes, including tools, templates, and processes.
- Actively collect and document feedback as it comes in through collaborative tools (Slack, Teams, WhatsApp). Focus on capturing qualitative insights on the usability and effectiveness of the prototypes.
- Be available for real-time support during testing hours. Address any issues or confusion the users encounter to maintain the flow of the testing phase.
- Begin compiling the feedback and testing results to prepare for the iteration workshop later in the week, ensuring the most critical feedback is flagged for discussion and action.



Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

The Feedback Interviews on Monday of Week 5 are an essential step in gathering in-depth qualitative insights from users on how well the prototypes performed.

These **30-minute interviews** help us dive deeper into understanding their experience, pinpointing areas of improvement, and validating successful aspects of the prototypes.

By facilitating these discussions in a structured manner, we can ensure we gather critical feedback that will guide our iterations.

Two-Person Team

- Each interview will ideally involve two facilitators: one person leading the interview and interacting with the test user, and the second person taking detailed notes.
- Ensure both facilitators are well-versed in the prototype and the overall goals of the sprint. Review the Feedback Wall to guide the interview questions and structure.

Set the Right Tone

- Make the interviewee comfortable. Emphasize that it's the prototype being tested, not them.
- Encourage the user to think out loud to capture their reasoning.

Use a Feedback Wall

- The Feedback Wall is a visual tool used to track and categorize real-time feedback during testing and interviews, ensuring both positive and negative responses are captured for future action.
- Use green sticky notes for positive feedback and yellow sticky notes for misunderstandings, confusions, or negative feedback.



WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

- 1. Interview Structure
- 2. Feedback Wall

Step 1: Introduction

- Timing: 2 minutes
- Greet the participant warmly and thank them for their time and effort during the user testing process.
- Explain that this interview is a reflection on their experience with the prototypes and that the goal is to gather feedback for improving the system.
- Emphasize that there are no right or wrong answers and that their honest feedback is crucial.
- Reassure the participant that we're testing the prototypes, not them.



Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

- 1. Interview Structure
- 2. Feedback Wall

Step 2: User Reflection

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Ask the test user to reflect. Prompt the participant to walk through their **overall experience** with the prototypes.
- **Example questions:**
 - > "How did the prototypes align with your expectations for data quality and metadata management?"
 - "What stood out to you as particularly easy or difficult?"
 - > "Were there any points where you felt stuck or unsure about what to do?"
 - > "What aspects of the prototype did you find most useful or beneficial?"
 - > "How well do you think this system would work in your day-to-day role?"

WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

- 1. Interview Structure
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Step 2: User Reflection

- **Focus on Pain Points**: Dig deeper into any areas of difficulty:
 - "Can you tell me more about the specific challenges you faced?"
 - "Were there any features or processes that felt counterintuitive or unclear?"
- **Highlight Benefits**: Ask about the positive aspects of the prototypes:
 - "What do you think works well in this system?"
 - "Which features do you see adding the most value to your role?"

WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

- 1. Interview Structure
- 2. Feedback Wall

Step 3: Detailed Exploration of Key Areas

- Timing: 10 minutes
- **Delve into Specific Topics:** Structure this part of the interview around the core functionalities of the prototypes. For example:
 - > Data Quality Management: "How effective did you find the data quality monitoring process? Was there anything missing or unclear?"
 - > Metadata Documentation: "Was it easy to document and retrieve metadata for the Critical Data Elements (CDEs)? What improvements would you suggest?"
 - > Roles & Responsibilities: "How well did the system support the interaction between data stewards, owners, and custodians?"

Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

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Step 3: Detailed Exploration of Key Areas

- Use the Feedback Wall as a Guide:
 - Refer to the notes from the Feedback Wall to prompt the user on specific areas they provided input on.
 - For example:
 - "During the testing, you mentioned that the business glossary was difficult to navigate. Could you expand on that?"

Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

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Step 4: Closing Feedback and Suggestions

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Wrap up with Open Questions: Give the user space to offer any additional thoughts or suggestions. Ask questions like:
 - > "If you could make one change to the process, what would it be?"
 - > "Is there anything we haven't discussed that you think is important?"
- **Probe for Actionable Suggestions:** Encourage the participant to provide ideas for improvement:
 - > "What's one improvement that would make this process easier to use in your role?"

Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

1. Interview Structure

2. Feedback Wall

Step 5: Wrap-Up

Timing: 3 minutes

Summarize Key Takeaways:

- Briefly summarize what you've learned from their feedback to ensure alignment.
- Let the user know how their feedback will be used to refine the prototype.

Thank Them Again:

- Thank the user for their participation and valuable input.
- Confirm the next steps, if any, such as the timing of future testing or follow-up.

Documentation:

 After the interview, ensure that all feedback is documented on the Feedback Wall (green for positive feedback, yellow for challenges).



Design Sprint | Feedback Interviews

- 1. Interview Structure
- 2. Feedback Wall

Step 1: Setting Up the Feedback Wall

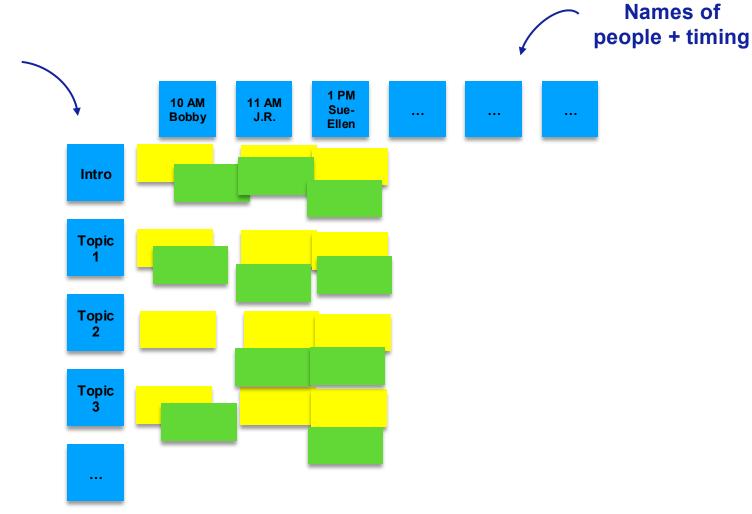
General Layout:

- On a large sheet of paper (or whiteboard), create two axes: the vertical axis for general topics/talking points (e.g., navigation, dashboard, glossary), and the horizontal axis for the test users and their time slots.
- Across the top, list the test participants and their scheduled interview times.
- Along the side, list the specific topics or areas of the prototype that you will focus on during the feedback session.

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General topics + talking points

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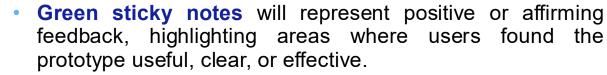


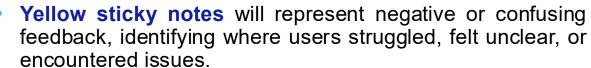
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Step 1: Setting Up the Feedback Wall

Sticky Notes Setup:





 Have plenty of both colors on hand for note-taking during each test session.



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Step 2: Filling in the Feedback Wall

Recording Feedback:

- As users walk through the prototype, one team member will ask questions and lead the discussion while the other documents feedback on the sticky notes.
- For every comment or piece of feedback given by the participant, a sticky note is placed on the wall under their name and next to the relevant topic.

Classifying Feedback:

- As soon as feedback is captured, quickly categorize it into positive (green) or negative/confusing (yellow) notes.
- Use concise language when writing the notes (e.g., "Found the glossary search intuitive" or "Confused by metadata input process").



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Step 2: Filling in the Feedback Wall

Topic-Specific Feedback:

- For each topic listed (e.g., "Navigation," "Business") Glossary," "Data Quality Dashboard"), capture user-specific feedback and assign it to the corresponding topic and user time slot
- If feedback covers multiple areas, you may add another sticky note in a different section or add a connecting line.

Tracking Trends Across Users:

- As more users provide feedback, look for patterns or recurring themes. If multiple users give similar feedback, place these sticky notes in the same area to visually indicate frequency.
- If you see several yellow sticky notes clustering around one topic, it may indicate a need for a design overhaul or deeper investigation.

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Step 3: Completing the Feedback Wall

End of the Day Review:

- At the end of each day, review the Feedback Wall with your team.
- Analyze the number of green vs. yellow notes to gauge where the prototype is strong and where adjustments are needed.4

Organizing Key Takeaways:

- For each topic or prototype element, summarize the key findings. Focus on the areas with the most feedback and begin planning how these insights will inform the iteration process.
- Use the feedback to refine the prototype and address any issues before additional testing or rollouts.

Documentation:

 Once feedback has been synthesized and discussed, document all key points digitally or in a summary report for reference during the **Iteration Workshop** or future development sprints.

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Design Sprint | Synthesizing Test Results

Tuesday morning is all about digging into the feedback from our user testers. This is the time to really understand what worked well and what needs some attention.

We'll take all the insights from Monday's interviews and start turning them into real, actionable improvements.

It's about **connecting the dots**—spotting any recurring pain points, identifying bottlenecks, and figuring out where we can make things better.

The goal is to refine our prototypes, ensuring they align more closely with what our users need and making sure we're set up for success in the next phase.

Review and Analyze Feedback Wall

- Begin by revisiting the feedback wall, reviewing both the positive (green) and negative (yellow) sticky notes from Monday's interviews.
- Look for common themes in the feedback—pain points, bottlenecks, or repeated issues across users.

Identify Bottlenecks and Highlight Improvement Areas

- Pinpoint any steps in the process or prototype where users encountered obstacles or confusion.
- Prioritize the areas of improvement that can bring the most value or impact to the user experience.

Define Key Learnings

 Document what worked well for the users, focusing on which parts of the prototypes or processes resonated most.



WEEK 5 of 5 **Design Sprint | Documentation**

In the afternoon, it's time to get organized and formalize everything we've learned. This is where we turn all those notes and feedback into a clear, concise report.

We'll outline the key test results, pull together the most important insights, and lay out a solid plan for improvements.

This documentation isn't just paperwork it's what will guide us as we move forward, ensuring that we're making wellinformed decisions in the upcoming Iteration Workshop.

It's about capturing everything in a way that sets us up for smooth progress and makes sure nothing important gets lost in the shuffle.

Consolidate Findings

Pull together the key insights from the morning session into a structured format, summarizing the critical feedback and identified pain points.

Create a Report

Draft a comprehensive report outlining the test results, areas for improvement, and actionable next steps for the prototypes.

Visualize Improvements

Sketch or map out potential solutions to address the identified pain points, and document these alongside the report.

Prepare for Iteration Workshop

Ensure that all insights and suggestions are organized and ready for use in the iteration workshop on Wednesday.



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WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Iteration Workshop

Iteration Workshop: Refining for Success

Welcome to the Iteration Workshop, where we take everything we've learned from our user testing and make it better. Today is all about getting hands-on with the feedback we've gathered and transforming those insights into improvements for our data governance prototypes.

It's our chance to spot what's working well and tackle the pain points head-on. We'll kick off by reviewing what the users told us, and then we'll dive into exercises that let us brainstorm, create, and refine. By the end of the day, we aim to have **sharper**, **smarter prototypes** that are ready for the next stage. This is the workshop where everything comes together, so let's roll up our sleeves and build something great!

Iteration Workshop: Wednesday Full-Day

- Refined prototypes based on user feedback, ensuring improved tools for data governance.
- A clear understanding of what's working, what's not, and actionable insights to guide improvements.
- Strategic priorities and focus areas identified, setting the direction for the next steps.
- Finalized concepts chosen through team discussions and voting, ready for further development.



WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Iteration Workshop

Exercise 1. Review Feedback

Exercise 2. Sailboat

Exercise 3. Strategic Questions

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. Concept Creation

In this first exercise, the facilitator will guide the team through a concise review of the feedback gathered from our user testing sessions

This is a **focused session** where we'll quickly get an overview of the key insights—both positive and negative—that were captured during testing.

This step is crucial as it sets the stage for the rest of the day, helping us understand what areas of the prototypes need refinement. There's **no discussion** in this part, just a clear presentation of the findings to ensure everyone is on the same page.



WEEK 5 of 5 Iteration Workshop | Review Feedback

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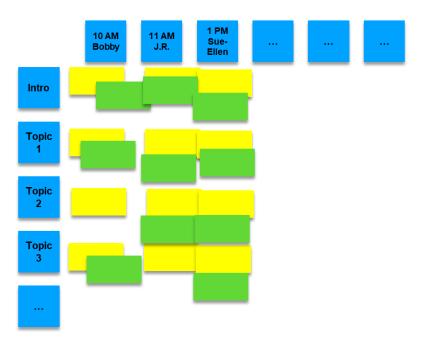
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Iteration Workshop | Review Feedback

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- The objective of this exercise is to provide a quick, focused overview of the key takeaways from user testing.
- The purpose is to highlight areas for improvement and validate what's working.
- This exercise will lead to a clear understanding of the major insights, setting the direction for the next steps.
- Only the Facilitator is speaking. There is no discussion!



Iteration Workshop | Review Feedback

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Step 1: Facilitator Overview

- Timing: 15 minutes
- The facilitator reviews the feedback report, presenting the main findings from the user testing.
- Go through the Feedback Wall, highlighting key comments, both positive and negative.



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Step 2: Report Review

- Timing: 10 minutes
- The facilitator summarizes the formal feedback report that compiles the key insights.
- Focus on areas like pain points, areas for improvement, successes, and opportunities.



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Step 3: Key Takeaways

- Timing: 5 minutes
- The facilitator wraps up by summarizing the top 3-5 key takeaways from the feedback.
- These takeaways will guide the next steps and inform the following exercises.

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Now that we've reviewed the feedback, it's time to dig deeper using the Sailboat exercise. This fun and interactive method helps us visualize what's moving us toward success (our winds) and what's holding us back (our anchors).

By identifying these factors, we can **strategically focus** on the opportunities that will propel our data governance program forward and tackle the challenges that could slow us down.

It's a creative way to get everyone thinking and collaborating, helping us set priorities for our next steps.

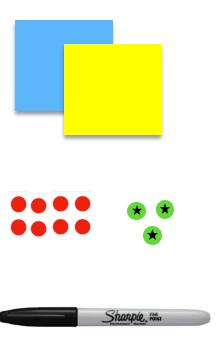


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Between 30 to 45 minutes



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- The objective of this exercise is to identify the forces driving success and the obstacles slowing us down in our data governance program.
- The purpose is to prioritize key issues to focus on during the rest of the workshop.
- This will lead to a clear understanding of the enablers and blockers, setting the stage for strategic action.



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Step 1: Setting the Scene

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Draw a simple sailboat on a whiteboard or flip chart.
- The facilitator explains the Sailboat metaphor: the **boat** represents the current state of the data governance program, the **wind** propels us forward, and the **anchors** hold us back.
- Make sure to emphasize that everyone should focus on realistic and actionable insights.





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Step 2: Moving us Forward

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant writes down on sticky notes the factors (winds) that are helping the data governance program move toward success.
- These could be existing strengths, resources, or positive feedback.

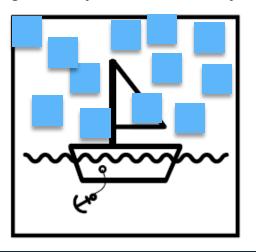




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Step 3: Present

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Each participant walks to the Sailboat one by one and presents their "positives" to the rest of the group.
- Once a member has presented their positive, they stick it to the top half of the sailboat. There should be no discussion here, only reading directly from the sticky note.





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Step 4: Holding us Back

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Each participant writes down **the obstacles** (anchors) that are slowing progress. These could be challenges, pain points from the feedback, or missing elements.
- Stick these on the wall under the "Anchors" section of the sailboat.

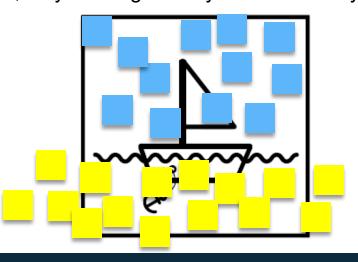




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Step 5: Present

- Timing: 5 minutes
- Again, each participant walks to the Sailboat one by one and presents their "negatives" to the rest of the group.
- Once a member has presented their negatives, they stick it to the top half of the sailboat. There should be no discussion here, only reading directly from the sticky note.





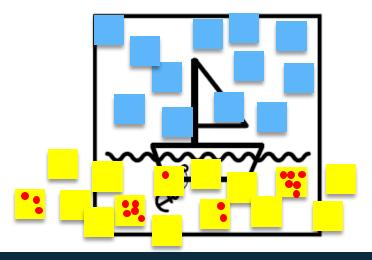
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Step 6: Vote

Timing: 5 minutes



- Give every participant 8 voting dots.
- Let them silently vote on the negatives/challenges they felt held the team back the most.
- Tell them that there are no voting rules.



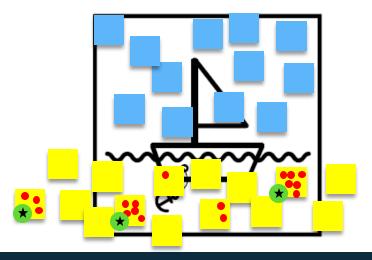


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Step 7: Decider Vote



- **Timing:** 5 minutes
- Give the Decider 3 special voting dots.
- The Decider places the voting dots on the most critical anchors that need immediate attention.
- The Decider should briefly explain their choices to the group.

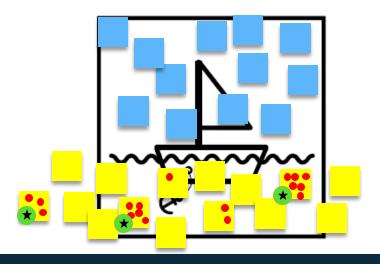




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Step 8: Revisualize

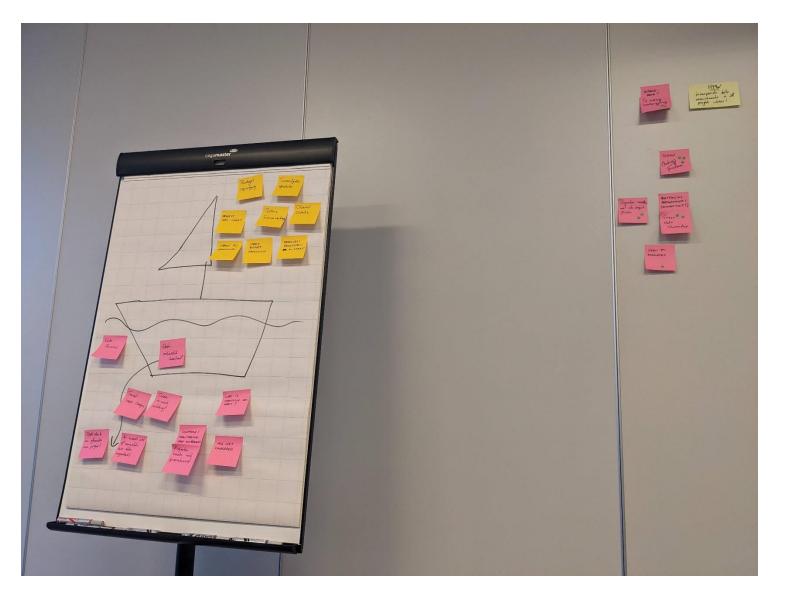
- Timing: 1 minute
- Take negative stickies with votes off the board (ignoring anything with less than 2 votes).
- Place these stickies in order of most votes next to the board.





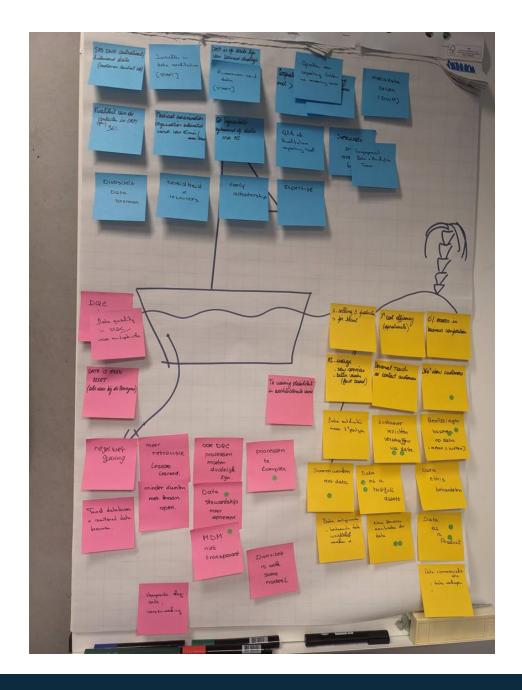
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Now that we've identified the key obstacles (anchors) holding us back and the driving forces (winds) pushing us forward, it's time to frame the **critical**, **strategic questions** that will help us overcome these challenges.

These questions will **guide our focus**, ensuring that we tackle the most important issues and move closer to achieving our data governance goals.

By phrasing our questions starting with "Can we...", we'll frame the problems in a way that encourages concrete solutions and allows us to answer with a clear yes or no.





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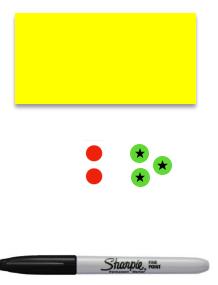
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- The objective of the exercise is to identify and phrase strategic questions that hold us accountable for overcoming critical obstacles.
- Focus is to ensure that each question directly addresses the key issues holding us back, helping us define clear, actionable goals.
- Important is the framing. Questions should start with "Can we..." to ensure they are actionable and can be answered definitively.



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Step 1: Explanation

- Timing: 5 minutes
- The facilitator explains the purpose of the exercise and how to frame questions starting with "Can we...".
- Remind participants that the questions should directly **address** the most critical anchors identified in the Sailboat exercise.





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Step 2: Write "Can We" Questions

- Timing: 10 15 minutes
- Ask each participant to individually write down 2-3 strategic questions on sticky notes that start with "Can we...".
- Encourage them to focus on how to resolve the most pressing obstacles.
- Limit to one question per sticky note.

Can we...

Can we...

Can we...



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Step 3: Visualize

- Timing: 2 minutes
- One by one, each participant reads out their questions and sticks them on the board.
- There should be **no discussion** or debate at this stage—just present and move on.
- Don't categorize the ideas, just remove duplicates without discussion.



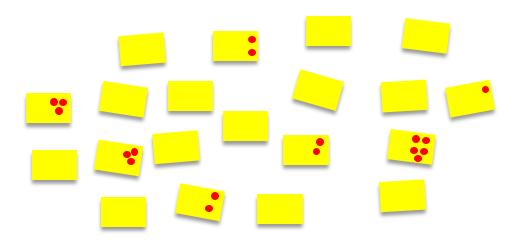


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Step 4: Votes

- Timing: 10 minutes
- Give every participant (but not the Decider) 2 voting dots and ask them to choose the "Can We"-questions they feel MUST be addressed if they want to successfully achieve their purpose.





Iteration Workshop | Strategic Questions

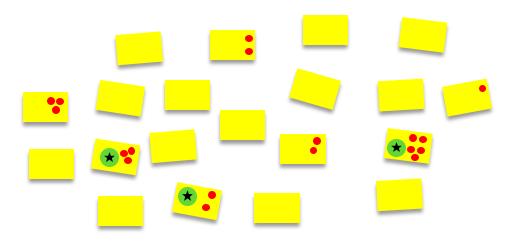
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Step 5: Decider Vote

Timing: 10 minutes



 Give the Decider three special voting dots and allow them to choose one "Can We"-questions that they think absolutely must be addressed.



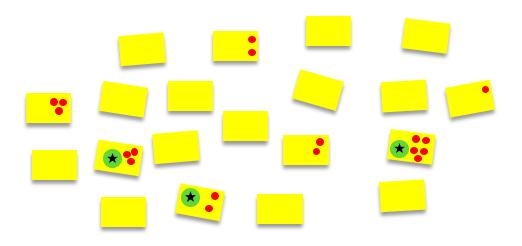


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Step 6: Revisualize

- Timing: 1 minute
- Give the Decider three special voting dots and allow them to choose one "Can We"-questions that they think absolutely must be addressed.



WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Iteration Workshop

Exercise 1. Review Feedback

Exercise 2. Sailboat

Exercise 3. Strategic Questions

Exercise 4. Lightning Demos

Exercise 5. Concept Creation

- For this Lightning Demos exercise, please refer to the instructions from Exercise 2 in the Keeping Score section of Week 3's workshop.
- In this session, participants will search for real-world examples of how other companies have addressed the same kinds of challenges we identified in our Strategic Questions (Exercise 3). The goal is to get inspired by innovative solutions and approaches that can inform our own data governance program.

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- For this Concept Creation exercise, refer to the instructions from Exercise 3 in the Keeping Score section of Week 3's workshop.
- Each participant will create 2 to 3 concepts that address the top-voted Strategic Questions.
- These concepts will aim to provide clear, actionable solutions. After the concept creation, a 3-layer voting process (heatmap, strawpoll, and decider vote) will help prioritize which ideas to take forward.

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WEEK 5 of 5 **Design Sprint | Documentation**

The Documentation Phase on Thursday is an essential step in ensuring all outcomes from the Iteration Workshop are clearly defined and captured.

This structured session helps us formalize the insights gathered, transforming them into detailed reports and actionable deliverables for the next steps of the DG Sprint[™].

The goal of this phase is to **consolidate** all feedback, refine the prototypes, and create a clear plan for the final testing phase on Friday. Proper documentation ensures that we are aligned with the user feedback and ready for the last user testing iteration before full implementation.

Consolidate Outcomes

- Review and clean up the rough notes, feedback, concepts, and action points from the Iteration Workshop.
- Summarize the insights and key takeaways from the Iteration Workshop.
- Ensure all the adjustments and priorities identified are clearly documented.

Create Structured Documents

Transform insights into clear, well-documented reports, such as summaries of user feedback, identified bottlenecks, and recommended changes.

Prepare Adjustments Brief

Highlight key areas of focus and recommended changes to be addressed during the Prototype Adjustments session in the afternoon.



WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | Prototype Adjustments

The Prototype Adjustments phase on Thursday afternoon is where we take the feedback from the Iteration Workshop and apply it directly to our prototypes.

This **hands-on session** focuses on refining the prototypes to better align with user needs, addressing any identified pain points, and preparing them for the final user testing phase on Friday.

This phase is crucial for ensuring that the prototypes are optimized and ready for testing, and it sets the stage for gathering actionable insights from the upcoming user testing session.

Apply Adjustments to the Prototypes

- Adjust the prototypes based on the key insights from the Iteration Workshop.
- Ensure that any bottlenecks, pain points, and feedback are addressed. The aim is to ensure the prototypes are practical and aligned with the identified needs.

Finalize for Testing

Prepare the prototypes for guided user testing, ensuring they are functional and meet the criteria identified in previous workshops.

Update Documentation

As the prototypes are adjusted, ensure that all corresponding documentation—such as process flows, user roles, and data governance policies—are updated to reflect the changes made.

Prepare for User Testing

Once the adjustments are made, prepare the prototypes for the next day's User Testing. This includes ensuring that everything is clear, organized, and ready for users to interact with during the testing session.



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WEEK 5 of 5 Design Sprint | User Testing

The User Testing phase on Friday is a critical step where we bring the refined prototypes back to a **select group of users for testing**.

This time, it's more focused and guided, ensuring that we **validate the improvements** made during the Prototype Adjustments phase.

Our goal is to collect deeper insights into how well the adjustments address the feedback received and whether the prototypes are ready for scaling and implementation.

One-on-One Guided Testing Session

- The testing session will be conducted through one-on-one guided interviews with a selected group of data stewards, custodians, and owners.
- Each user will test the adjusted prototypes through a structured, guided walkthrough by the Facilitator, ensuring they understand the changes and how the adjusted prototypes and processes work in practice.

Real-Time Feedback Collection

Gather immediate feedback using the **Feedback Wall** system. Users will express what works, what still needs improvement, and any additional pain points or confusion they encounter during the testing.

Post-Test Reflection

At the end of each session, ask users to reflect on their overall experience with the adjusted prototypes, ensuring we capture both short-term reactions and more thoughtful insights.



Week 6+



WEEK 6+ LiftOff | Embedding & Scaling Data Governance

Next Steps After the Data Governance SprintTM

As we wrap up the Data Governance SprintTM, it's important to reflect on the solid foundation we've built in just five weeks.

Throughout this DG Sprint[™], we have **designed**, **tested**, and **refined** core elements of a data governance framework that can be scaled and embedded within the organization.

The journey, however, doesn't end here—this is just the beginning. The next phase is LiftOff, where we transition from prototypes to fully operational systems, further embedding governance practices and scaling them across the organization.

- 1. Further Implement Use Cases
- 2. Mature Prototypes into Full Solutions
- 3. Embed Data Governance Processes
- 4. Scale Through Agile Implementation
- 5. Monitor & Measure Success
- **6.** Strengthen Training and Communication

- Based on the roadmap developed during the sprint, it's time to implement the additional use cases that were identified as critical to achieving long-term success.
- Each use case will follow an agile, iterative approach to ensure rapid progress, continuous improvement, and measurable results.
 - Start small by focusing on the most immediate and impactful use cases, such as improving data quality for key business operations or ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
 - **Expand iteratively**: As each use case is implemented successfully, learn from the process and apply those insights to subsequent use cases, scaling governance across different business units or departments.

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- The prototypes we developed and tested during the sprint now need to be matured into fully functional, stable products and processes. This involves refining the prototypes based on user feedback, ensuring scalability, and aligning them with organizational requirements.
 - ➤ Refine the Business Glossary: Transition from a basic glossary to a robust, centralized repository of business terms, definitions, and metadata for CDEs.
 - ➤ Optimize data quality monitoring: Standardize the monitoring processes developed in the sprint, embedding them into regular workflows with automatic checks, alerts, and corrective actions.
 - Documentation and automation: Ensure all workflows, processes, and governance procedures are documented and, where possible, automate routine tasks for improved efficiency.



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- We will ensure that the data governance tools and processes are integrated into daily operations, not just as standalone efforts but as part of the organization's core functions. This includes training the teams to work effectively with these processes, communicating the value, and securing ongoing buy-in from stakeholders.
 - Operationalize roles: Embed the defined roles of data stewards, data custodians, and data owners across departments. Ensure clear accountability and ownership of data governance tasks.
 - Institutionalize workflows: Standardize processes for data quality, metadata management, and governance. Ensure they are regularly reviewed, improved, and scaled across business areas.
 - Drive cultural change: Encourage data governance to become part of the organization's culture by continuously communicating its benefits and successes.



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- Continue to apply the agile methodology for further scaling the governance framework across the organization. This includes regular iteration, stakeholder feedback, and adjustments to meet evolving business needs.
 - ➤ **Agile sprints for governance**: Just as in this DG SprintTM, use agile principles to iteratively develop governance processes and tools, with regular cycles of testing, feedback, and improvement.
 - ➤ **Expand the scope**: Apply the DG SprintTM approach to new departments or new governance challenges such as data privacy, security, or regulatory compliance, ensuring flexibility and responsiveness to change.
 - Continuous stakeholder engagement: Maintain engagement with stakeholders at all levels to gather input, address concerns, and ensure the governance framework evolves to meet changing needs.



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- Set up a continuous improvement process to monitor the effectiveness of the data governance program, leveraging the metrics dashboards and KPIs developed during the DG Sprint[™]. This will ensure we are always progressing and adapting to changes.
 - ➤ **Track progress**: Use the governance KPIs (e.g., data quality metrics, policy compliance rates, data steward onboarding rates) to measure success and identify areas for improvement.
 - Adjust and adapt: Regularly review metrics to identify any areas where governance initiatives are falling short and adapt strategies accordingly.
 - Maintain transparency: Regularly communicate performance metrics and governance progress with all stakeholders to ensure continued alignment and buy-in.



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- Effective data governance requires everyone in the organization to understand their role and the importance of data governance processes. A targeted training and communication strategy is essential to ensuring this.
 - ➤ **Training programs**: Provide tailored training for different data governance roles (e.g., data stewards, custodians, owners) to ensure they can carry out their responsibilities effectively.
 - Communication campaigns: Develop a communication strategy to ensure that all employees understand the data governance framework and how they contribute to its success.
 - Ongoing education: Embed continuous learning through workshops, internal webinars, and regular updates on new governance developments.



LiftOff | Embedding & Scaling Data Governance

Next Steps After the Data Governance Sprint™

As we move forward with LiftOff, the focus shifts to making data governance a core part of the organization's culture. The prototypes will evolve into embedded practices and capabilities that not only improve data quality but also enhance decision-making, transparency, and compliance across the organization.

By continuously implementing the use cases on the roadmap, maturing our prototypes into fully integrated solutions, and scaling the framework using agile methodologies, we will ensure that data governance drives real business value and creates a sustainable data-driven culture where you manage your data as an asset.

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Mastering the Data Governance SprintTM: Keys to **SUCCESS**

Success in any workshop doesn't happen by chance—it's about having the right mindset, the right tools, and the right approach. In this section, we'll dive into the six laws of workshop facilitation, giving you the fundamental principles to guide any session toward a successful outcome.

We'll also tackle how to **handle troublemakers**, ensuring you stay in control when disruptions arise. And for those working in the world of **hybrid and remote settings**, I'll share strategies on how to adapt your facilitation techniques to keep remote participants engaged and productive.

Get ready to elevate your facilitation game—whether in person or online, these tips will help you confidently lead workshops that deliver real results.

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Law #1: Be the GUIDE, not the hero

Your role as a Workshopper is to help others get to where they need to go in the most efficient and enjoyable way possible.

As Gandalf was the guide to Frodo in The Lord of the Rings, you are the guide to your participants in the workshop.

In your mind, you should always be thinking of ways to make your workshop participants the "heroes" of whatever project you're facilitating.

- Don't give advice to your participants
- Asking questions and summarizing what participants say
- Highlighting individual participants and their wins and contributions

Law #2: Manage **ENERGY** like it's a delicate, finite resource

One of the worst and most common habits of an amateur Workshopper is building and running workshops that leave participants feeling drained rather than energized at the end of the day.

Multiple studies have shown that the average company employee can only stay productive/switched on for 3 hours per day! (2 hours 53 minutes to be exact)

- Be very generous and careful with your schedule
- Only 3 hours of your workshop will be productive.
- Actually provide a detailed schedule for the day - include all breaks!
- Be flexible!

Law #3: START strong, END stronger

There are two phenomena of the human brain that 90% of Workshoppers don't take advantage of: one is called the Serial-position effect, the second is the Peak—end rule.

In a nutshell: people are going to remember the start of the workshop, the end of the workshop and mayyyyybe one high peak in the middle. But that's about all you can hope for.

Start the workshop strong, end the workshop stronger and you'll run more memorable workshops than 90% of people.

- End with a highlight session
- Showing the progress that happened in the workshop
- Find the rituals that work for you

Law #4: Set and get **EXPECTATIONS**

Nothing kills a workshop faster than mismanaged expectations. If your client or team are expecting one thing and they get another, then no combination of amazing workshop design and skillful facilitation will fill that gap.

That gap between expectations and reality has to be closed before the workshop starts, and constantly observed during the duration.

- Onboard the participants before the workshop starts
- In the workshop itself! Set and get expectations
- Show people an Emotion Graph of the day



Law #5: Beware of the curse of KNOWLEDGE

The Curse of Knowledge is a cognitive bias that occurs when an individual, communicating with other individuals, unknowingly assumes that the others have the background to understand.

Don't assume that everybody knows what to do. Don't expect that people in the room understand what you mean.

- Create your workshop with the beginners mindset
- Your participants don't know the big picture of the workshop
- Watch your language

Law #6: IMPROVISATION is key

A great workshopper is a master improviser. They can redesign the workshop on the fly as the goalposts move. They can completely scrap their plans in an instant and mould the experience to whatever the situation needs.

Most importantly: they've mastered the art of Workshopping to the extent that none of this requires a lot of energy. It just happens.

- Keep your cool
- Plan for the worst
- Know your exercises

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Setting yourself up for **SUCCES!**



Intro & Warm-Up



Set Ground Rules



Set & Get Expectations

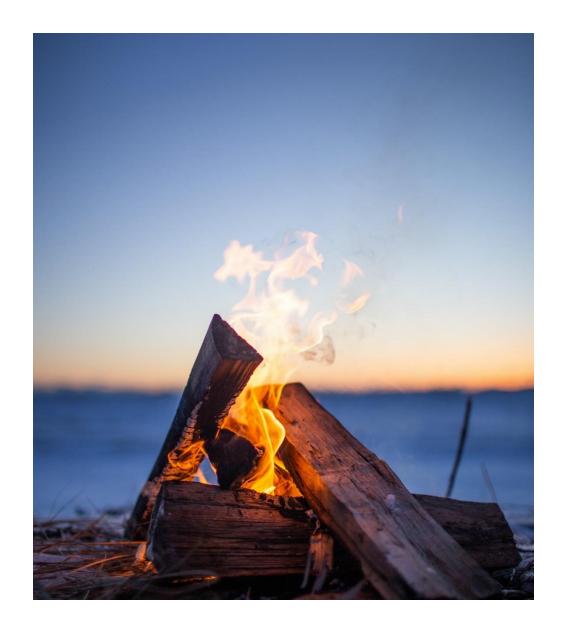


Agenda & Structure

Intro & WARM-UP

A vital part to your workshop's success is getting people to **feel engaged** and switched on right from the start.

Always start with an easy, ice-breaker exercise to activate the group and set the tone for participants to be engaged.



ICE-BREAKER exercise: Who's sitting next to you?

Write # 1. Name

Write # 2. First job

Write # 3. What you learned

- Get the participants a sticky note and ask them to write down 3 things (name, first job, what you learned from that job).
- Then, let them one by one tell their story to the group.
- In case the group is too big, you can ask the participants to break into groups of 3-5.
- Do it yourself first so that they can see how it works!

Set ground RULES

This is so important yet very easy to miss! All you need to do is make your **ground rules clear** to the participants **up front**. You'll save yourself a lot of questions that would otherwise interrupt the flow of your workshop.

Do it all up front and you'll be able to remind people of the rules later without losing the trust of your participants.

"The ground rules for this workshop are..."



Types of ground RULES

- ✓ No devices
- No judging
- ☐ Break every 90 mins

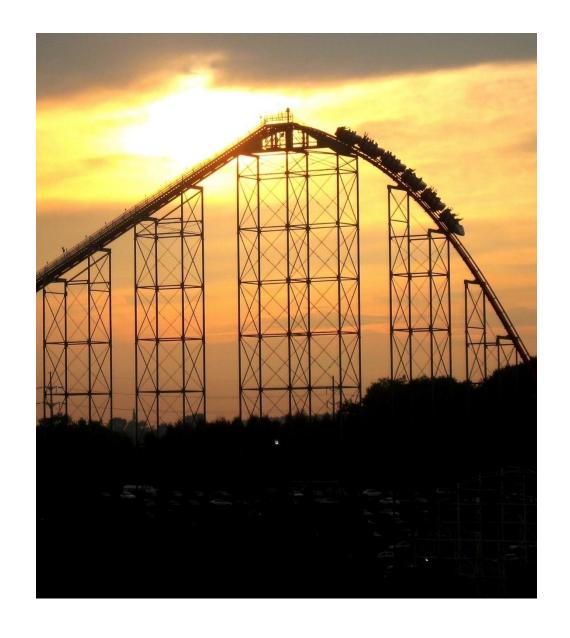
"Is everybody okay with this rule?"

Set and get **EXPECTATIONS**

This step alone will make your workshops a lot smoother to run.

It's natural for people to assume that they are the only one feeling **overwhelmed** or finding something **difficult**. You can reduce this simply by telling people what to expect, and how they might feel during the process.

Equally important to setting expectations is getting them from your participants!



SETTING expectations

- 1. It's common that this might feel too rushed
- 2. Often it will feel like we're losing ideas
- 3. This might feel uncomfortable
- **4.** It's normal to not have any ideas yet
- **5.** It's normal to feel like it's not going to work

- Saying a few sentences about how participants can expect to feel throughout the day drastically improves the smoothness and feeling in the room!
- It's very important to say these things before participants feel them. If you say it after, it's already too late.
- Confirm the participants to trust the process.
- You can always draw an emotional rollercoaster



GETTING expectations

- 1. What are you hoping to get out of this?
- 2. What will make this worthwhile for you?
- **3.** Why did you come here today?

- Asking your participants what they hope to get out of this workshop will make them feel heard and help you know which topics to focus more attention on.
- You can always point to a participant and ask what they're expecting to gain from the workshop. Write their answer down on a sticky note and put it on the wall.

Agenda and STRUCTURE

It's important to communicate the agenda of the workshop, either by displaying it physically in the room or by repeatedly showing it in the slide deck.

This will give people a sense of **orientation** so they never have to wonder about where they are in the workshop or how much more there is to go.

It also helps avoid people asking what's coming next, which can break your flow and confidence as a facilitator.



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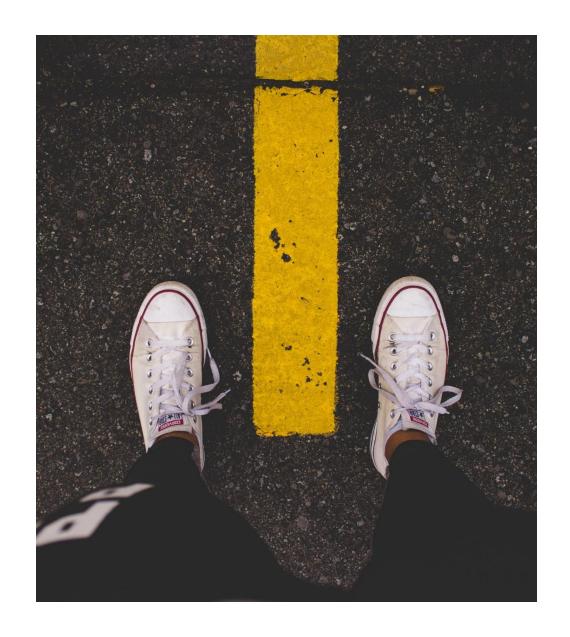
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Giving clear INSTRUCTIONS

One of the main things you will be doing as a Facilitator is asking people to do exercises. This trips up most facilitators! People often do not know how to describe an exercise to somebody.

Giving clear instructions sounds obvious, but is easily forgotten or overlooked.

Luckily there is a super simple framework for teaching exercises!



Formula for giving clear INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. What is the exercise
- 2. Why are we doing the exercise
- **3.** How do you do the exercise

Hey everyone, we're about to dive into an exercise called "How Might We".

Formula for giving clear INSTRUCTIONS

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- The "How Might We" exercise is a super simple way for us to transform our challenges and problems into clear statements. These clear statements will then serve as the foundation for creating awesome solutions.
- The reason we're doing this is because we need a standardized system for generating those solutions.

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- Here's how you do it: you start by writing "HMW" on the top left of your post-it, like this. "HMW" stands for "how might we".
- Next, when you hear the expert in the room share the challenges she's facing, pay attention. If you come across a negative challenge or statement, like for example, "We don't have executive sponsorship for our data governance program!", that's your cue to turn it into a "How Might We" statement.
- Think of it as an opportunity, something we can create a solution from.
- So, in this case, the statement would become "How might we ensure executive sponsorship for our data governance program?".
 See, all you're doing is transforming a negative problem or statement into an opportunity statement.
- It's a simple yet powerful way to approach challenges and find solutions.

The 3x RULE

1st time. 50% of participants hear you

2nd **time.** 75% of participants hear you

3rd time. 95% of participants hear you

- No matter how hard we try to pay attention, the truth is we often can't sustain focused attention for long periods of time, and certainly not for the length of a whole workshop.
- Don't expect all people to listen all the time. Therefore, you should build that expectation into the way you communicate information in your workshop.
- To minimize the chances of anyone in the room missing a vital piece of information, make sure to say important things three times.

Giving clear INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. One way to do an exercise
- 2. Show examples
- 3. Use insight statements

- You might think that giving people multiple options to do an exercise would give people more freedom, but in most cases, more options only add confusion.
- People in your workshop have a lot of mentally draining activities to do and aren't as familiar with the tasks as you are.
- Therefore, you should only show one way of doing an exercise.
- If, and only if, people ask you for other options, that's when you can provide an alternative.

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- Examples help us **understand concepts** better since they take ideas from an abstract description and make them concrete by giving them context.
- Some presenters fear that showing examples will limit and influence people's thinking and decide to leave them out in the name of creative freedom. In practice, the tradeoff is worth it.
- Creative freedom can come later. But when you're teaching people an exercise for the first time, it helps to have a template to follow, just like training wheels for riding a bicycle.

Giving clear INSTRUCTIONS

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- During a workshop, you're going to be talking a lot, which means your participants will have to take in a lot, but there's only so much the mind can absorb before losing focus.
- So while it's good to give a detailed explanation of a concept or exercise, make sure to summarize with an insight statement.
- An insight statement tells people the "why". It gives context for the task.
 - "The big idea with this exercise is..."
 - "The most important thing about this is..."
 - "The way to do this exercise well is..."
 - "The main problem we'll try to solve is..."

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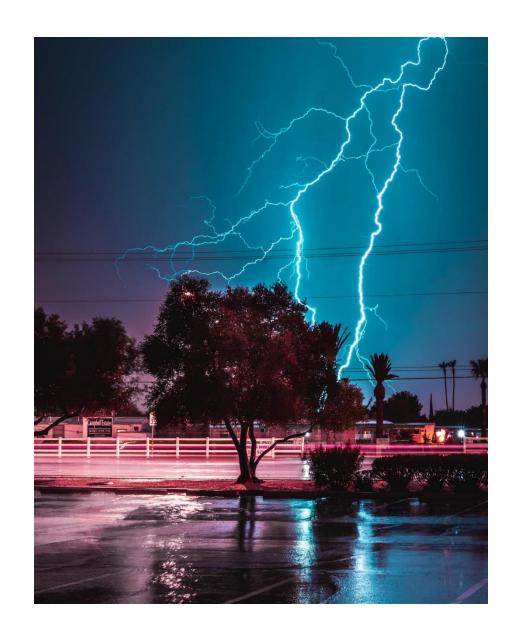
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The danger of TROUBLEMAKERS

As a facilitator, you need to be prepared to handle all kinds of situations that may arise during your workshops, and that includes difficult individuals and troublemakers.

Troublemakers can easily derail your workshop since they tend to:

- > Talk a lot
- Distract others
- Don't listen to instructions
- Ask difficult questions
- > Try to take over
- > Try to catch you out



- 1. Set expectations
- 2. Record ideas (and move on)
- **3.** Use a question Parking Lot
- 4. Use note & vote
- 5. Give tasks

- If you set the expectations correctly in the beginning of your workshop, it will be easier for you to handle these situations later.
- So make sure to refer back to the expectations that you've set at the beginning of the workshop.
- This will help to keep everyone on the same page and ensure that the workshop stays on track.

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- Occasionally participants will contribute input which doesn't seem to fit. This might be because they aren't used to your workshop methods, they don't know what might be coming next, or perhaps they have a hidden agenda you don't know about.
- If you're doing an exercise that has layers of voting and decision-making, it's usually not going to cause a problem if you simply note down the input, even if you think it doesn't make sense.
- You can even create an Idea Parking Lot or just start writing.
 - Helps people feel heard
 - ... and their input is valuable
 - They can let go and move on

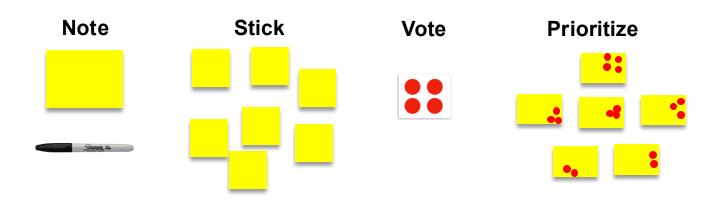
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- Sometimes it's hard for people to stop talking and move on when they feel that the topic is important and shouldn't be forgotten.
- A Parking Lot is a space where questions and topics can be "parked" for discussion later.
- Be sure to include a block of time in your agenda to come back and answer those questions!



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- Whenever you see a circular discussion and the topic is important to help you move to the next step, **gently stop the discussion** and tell people that now is a perfect time to do a note & vote!
- With a note & vote, everyone gets to express their opinions, and have their say by voting on the ideas.
- You will reach a much faster, actionable outcome with Note & Vote than you would with an open ramble.



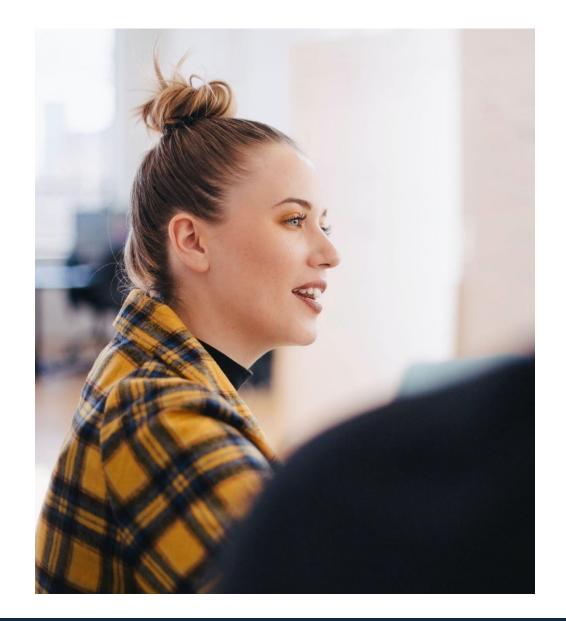
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- If you've tried everything and nothing seems to be working, don't worry, there's still something you can do.
- Give the Troublemakers tasks during the workshop, like drawing the map or taking notes of people's input.
- You can even address them as a volunteer or a cofacilitator.

Cutting out circular **DISCUSSIONS**

Circular discussion is a natural occurrence whether you're in a business meeting, personal conversation, or a workshop. It's how humans are used to communicating, and it can be a hard habit to break.

It's okay to allow some **room for discussion**, but as the facilitator, you need to take charge the moment you feel a discussion is going nowhere or is taking up too much time—and you shouldn't wait long before you cut in.

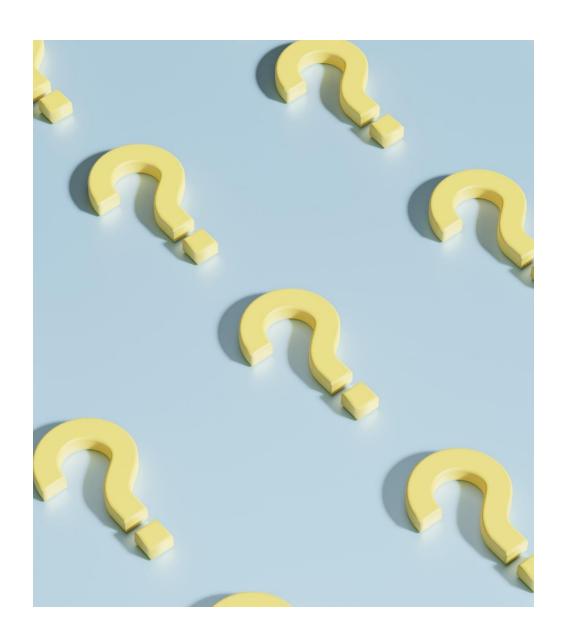


Asking difficult QUESTIONS

It's a guarantee that there will be times when you are faced with difficult questions to which you don't know the answer. They can throw you off your game if you don't know how to handle them.

I recommend using a combination of the following 3 techniques for handling difficult questions:

- 1. Set expectations (and refer back to them)
- 2. Use a Parking Lot
- 3. Ask probing questions



PROBING questions

"That's a really interesting question! Can you tell me what's behind you asking that?"

"Are you thinking of a specific situation?"

"What do you mean exactly? Can you tell me more?"

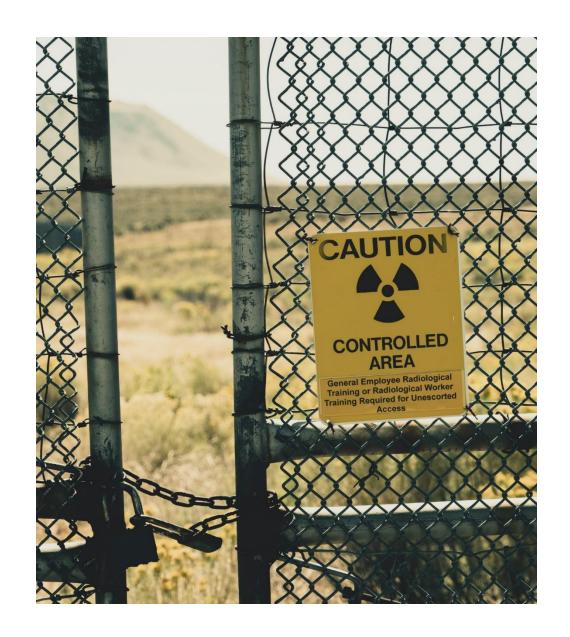
- Probing Questions are like a magic trick!
 They allow you to engage in the question without revealing that you might not know how to answer it.
- Uncertainty in a facilitator can lead to the group losing trust and confidence in you as a leader.

Handling the TROUBLEMAKERS

Although the above techniques work well in most cases, you should still expect and prepare for troublemakers who simply won't cooperate.

This situation is definitely an exception and should be a rare occurrence. Don't use the Nuclear Option unless absolutely necessary.

- 1. Approach the person <u>privately</u> in a break and ask how they're doing.
- Approach again and tell them directly they are being disruptive and impacting the workshop for others.
- 3. Ask them to leave (if 1 & 2 don't work)



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Remote Workshops

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- Easier to organize, even with distributed teams.
- Take action NOW instead of waiting for the perfect time "when the stars align" and people can make time for the workshop.
- You can build a remote collab habit/culture and show that it's easier to collaborate than on location.

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- No need to organize a workshop room or having to deal with subpar rooms. You have the perfect set-up.
- No need to buy materials and you never run out.
- Fully digitized, so you are not having to type everything up.

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- You can sprint worldwide! Easier to commit for some people.
- Easier to get buy-in from busy people who might otherwise not be able to join.
- Easily scalable to larger groups.

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- SAME outcomes / quality as in an in-person sprint... if not better!
- It's not a lesser or inferior option.

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Lower stress with fewer variables, more focus on the participants.

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- The experience is impacted, it's harder to make people feel special because you can't host them in a nice space and make coffee for them, etc.
- We don't get to host clients before & after the workshop and during breaks.
- The energy that you would have with in-persons interactions don't carry over exactly to a remote workshop happening over a video call.
- So you need to bring a lot more energy than you would normally do in an in-person workshop.

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- It's harder to have casual chats in breaks to build rapport and keep the energy up.
- Some of the clues you normally see in body language are not there. Set expectations beforehand and try to have the participant's camera on at least.

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• When working on the Miro-board, participants might feel isolated since they can't see the rest of the room (could be good or bad). I recommend they see the facilitator the whole time.

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- Tech will go wrong and that can disrupt the flow of the workshop.
- You can't control the participant's environment: connection, noise, slow laptop, small screen, bad mic, bad cam. So have a tech test call with your participants.
- Participants can get easily distracted with other apps on their computers.
- Participants can't completely disconnect from their day-today work and immerse themselves in the workshop like they can when they're completely away from their office and devices.

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- A workshop is not a meeting! So it should feel different than a normal conference call. It should feel energetic!
- Avoid setting up a fake persona. Get genuinely excited about your client challenge.
- Start your workshop with a starting exercise, an icebreaker. Especially if participants jumped in from another meeting.
- Have some workshop music.

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- Communicate the appropriate times and the necessary information.
- Avoid that it feels like a long call!
- Break-up the information on what the workshop will feel like, breaks, ...
- Keep everyone involved so that they feel like being part of a total project.
- Allow a bit more time during discussions. But if needed, cut in so that the discussion doesn't keep going.

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- Make people feel like they are part of a team!
- Establish some rules and guidelines so that everybody is heard and included.
- Ask everybody to raise their hand if they want to speak.
- Keep your eye on people who are more quite, gently ask for their input, and add their voice.

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- Share the information at the right time.
- Make use of progressive disclosure. Only reveal the current exercise and cover up all other exercises so people will snoop around.
- Ask everybody to follow your cursor on the board.
- Minimize the need to switch between the video Zoom and the whiteboard Miro board. Ideally, you have a 1/3 Zoom and 2/3 Miro set-up.

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- Have fallback options and back-up plan.
- Map out scenarios so you know exactly what to do and you don't stress out on the spot.
- Set-up alternatives, have solutions ready and even simulate to really know what to do.
- Have a technical facilitator present to assist.

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- Keep it simple!
- Try to move horizontally in Miro instead of having to need to scroll up and down.
- Tell your participants that they only need just a few buttons and set them at ease so that they don't feel stressed to learn the entire tool.

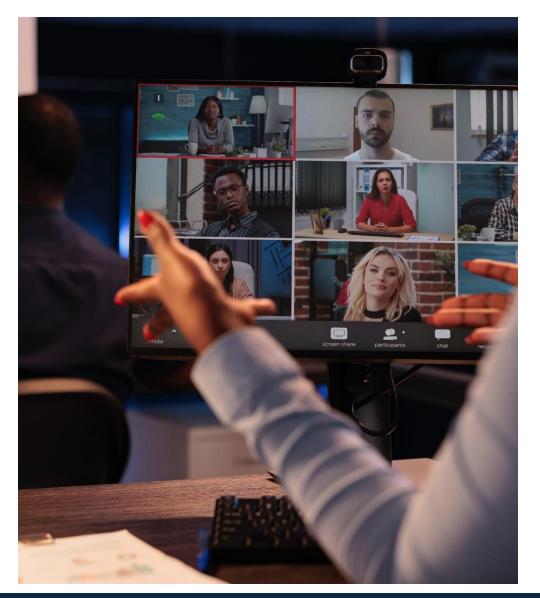
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- Somebody who can take care of backup tasks.
- A technical facilitator really increases the quality of your workshops.

Engage and create nice **EXPERIENCE**

One of the key differences between an inperson workshop and a remote workshop is that you're not in the same room with people.

- Keeping the energy up!
- 2. Dealing with **group dynamics** and conflicts
- 3. Only use ½ day workshops
- 4. Communicate **proactively** and guide people



The ideal HARDWARE set-up

- Good internet connection
- Good audio
- Laptop / desktop
- Microphone (built-in is a no go!)
- Headphones / earbuds (using speakers is a no go!)
- Webcam
- Lighting and ambient lighting
- Monitors
- Desk
- Chair

The ideal **SOFTWARE** set-up

- Collaboration tools like email, Google Drive, Slack, Basecamp, ...
- Calendar booking (Calendly)
- Survey Tool (Typeform/Google Forms)
- Video conference software (Zoom)
- Digital whiteboard (Miro)
- Music (Spotify)
- Chat (Slack, Whatsapp, Basecamp)
- Screen recording tool (Loom)



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