

## Master Data Management Aligning Data, Process, and Governance



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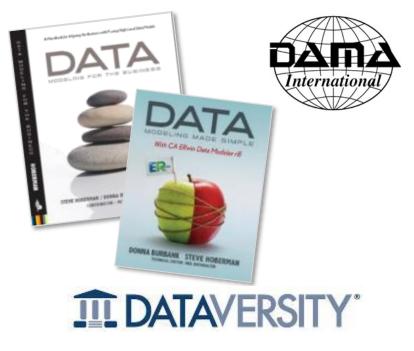
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### What We'll Cover Today

- Master Data Management (MDM) provides organizations with an accurate and comprehensive view of businesscritical data such as Customers, Products, Vendors, and more.
- While mastering these key data areas can be a complex task, the value of doing so can be tremendous – from real-time operational integration to data warehousing & analytic reporting.
- This webinar provides practical strategies for gaining value from your MDM initiative, while at the same time assuring a solid architectural and governance foundation that will ensure long-term, enterprise-wide success.



#### What is Master Data – What Good Looks Like

Welcome Ms. Lim! Would you like an upper-level room again? And since it's your birthday, we have a special welcome gift. We made sure the fruit basket doesn't have nuts, since we know you're allergic. Thank you! That's why I always stay here when I'm in town.

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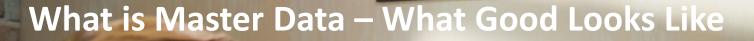
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#### What is Master Data – Getting it Wrong

What do you mean that's not a valid address??

I updated my address online this morning!!





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Orders & Returns
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Sign in / Register

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Customer who purchased these headphones also purchased this charging station... DATA

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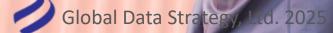
... We can ship it to you by tomorrow.

#### What is Master Data – Getting it Wrong



What do you mean we don't have accurate product weights and dimensions for this shipment??

This will hold us up in Customs and our most important customer needs this next week!!



Definition



• Master Data is the consistent and uniform set of identifiers and extended attributes that describes the core entities of the enterprise including customers, prospects, citizens, suppliers, sites, hierarchies and chart of accounts (*sic*).

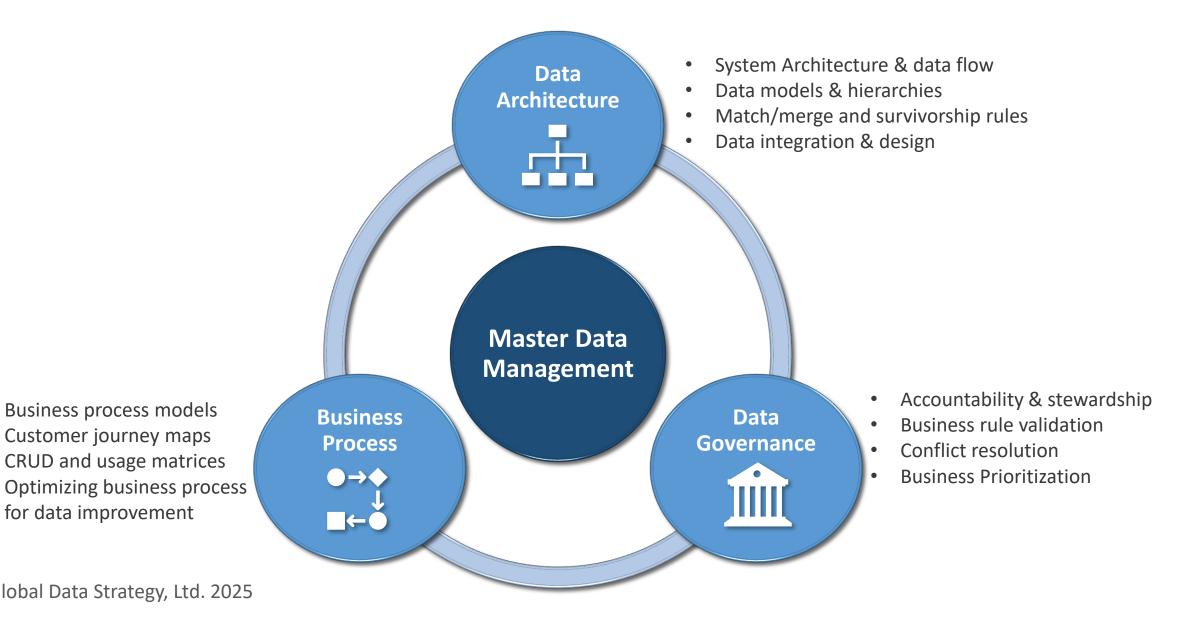
• Master data management (MDM) is a technology-enabled discipline in which business and IT work together to ensure the uniformity, accuracy, stewardship, semantic consistency and accountability of the enterprise's official shared master data assets.

- Source Gartner



#### Successful MDM Combines Data, Process, and Governance





#### **Data Governance & Business Process for MDM**

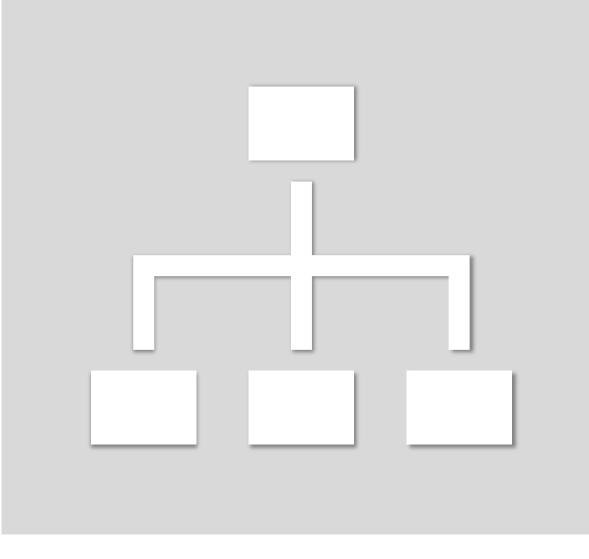
- While the data architecture for MDM is complex, more complex is understanding the business processes and governance processes.
- In fact, the top two reasons for failure of MDM systems cited by the Gartner analyst group<sup>1</sup> are :

Failure of IT to Align With **Business Process** Improvements and Document Business Value Delaying or Mismanaging Information **Governance** Implementation



<sup>1</sup>Top Four Reasons Your MDM Program Will Fail, and How to Avoid Them, Gartner, 2016, ID: G00223675, by Bill O'Kane. Note: The remaining two reasons are: Failure to Manage Initial Master Data Quality & Defining Transactional (Fact) Data as Master Data



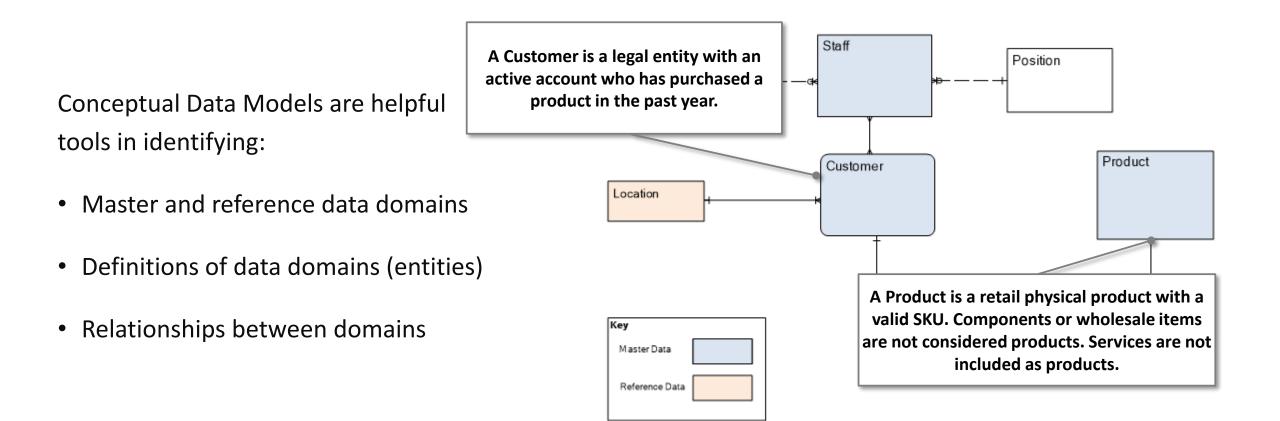


# **Data Architecture**



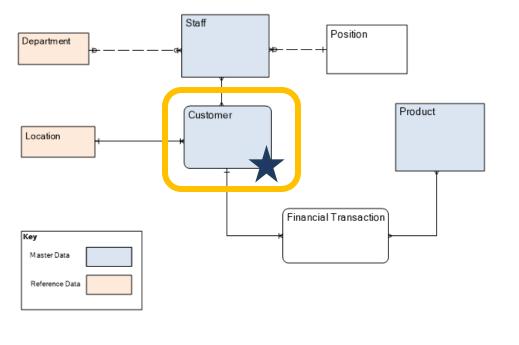
#### **Conceptual Data Model**





## **Identifying Critical Data Elements (CDEs) for Master Data**





For each Master Data Domain, critical data elements (attributes) must be identified:

#### **Customer**

First Name Family Name Gender Date of Birth Email Address City Country Etc.

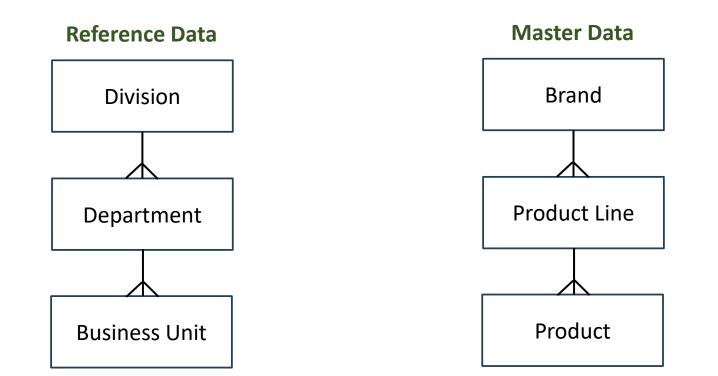
While there is a bit of art and science to identifying core attributes/CDEs for master data domains, they should be limited to the key information that is (1) critical to describing the domain (2) shared across systems (3) is not transactional data



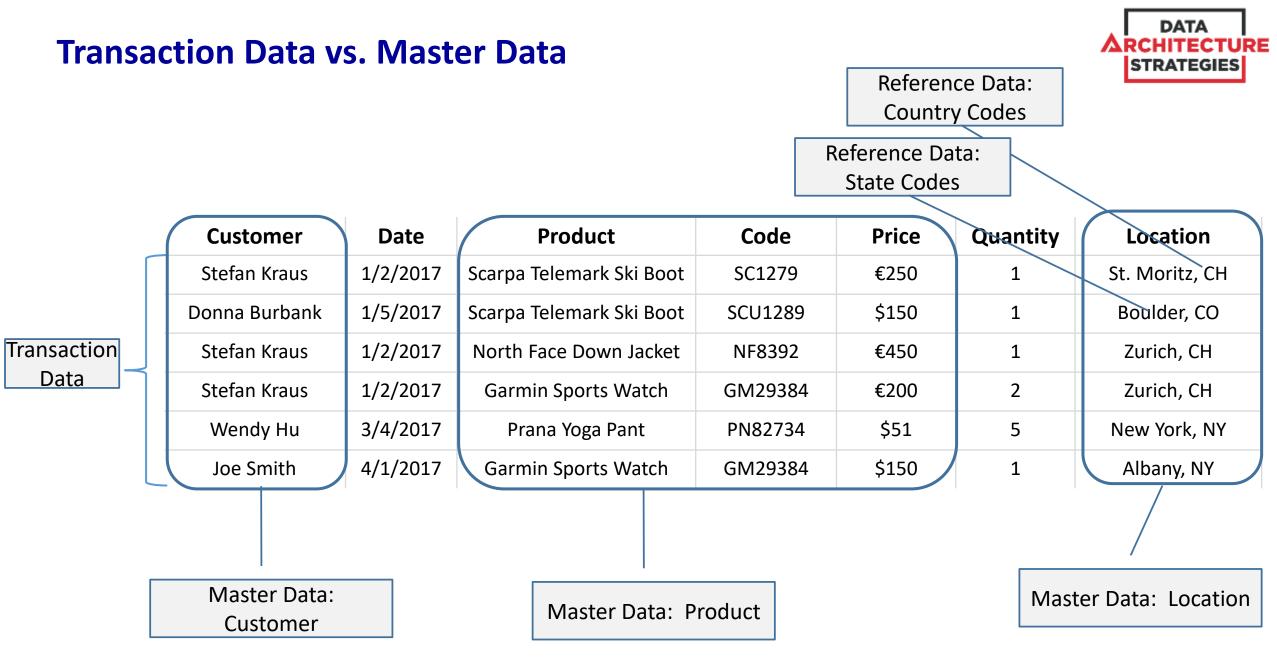
#### **Defining Hierarchies**



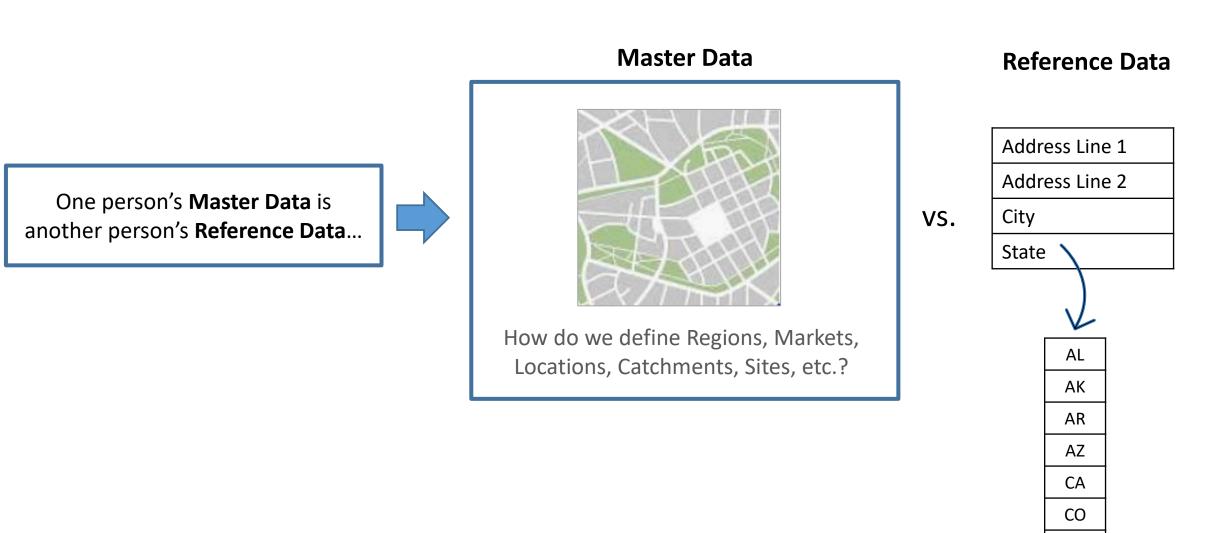
Hierarchies and Relationships between Master and Reference Data objects are an important part of Master Data Design.







#### What is Master Data? What is Reference Data?





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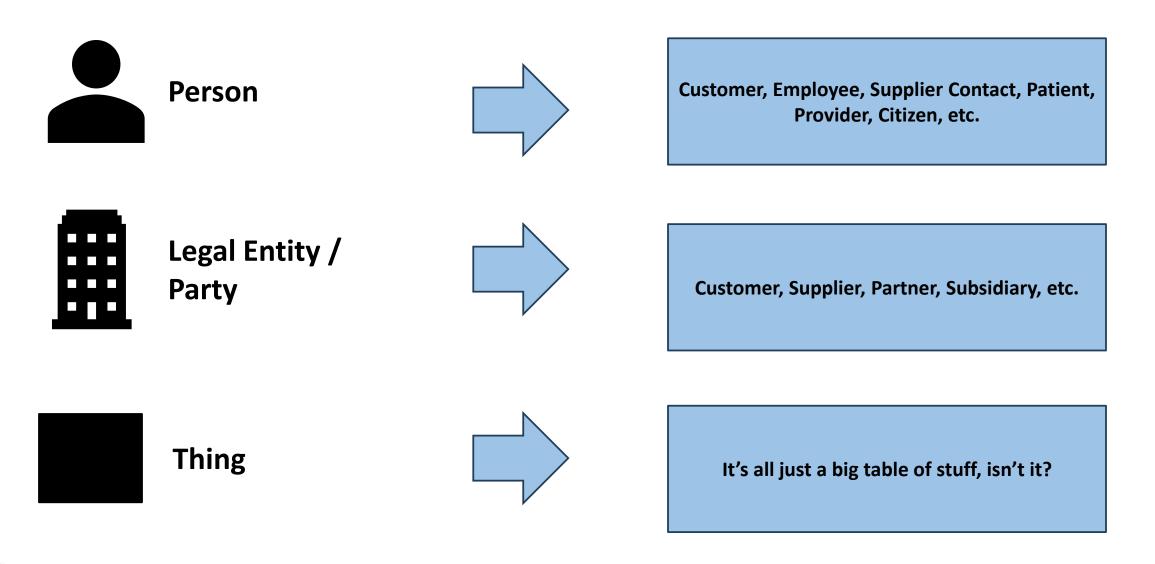
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#### **Can't We Just Simplify Things?**





### What Could Go Wrong?

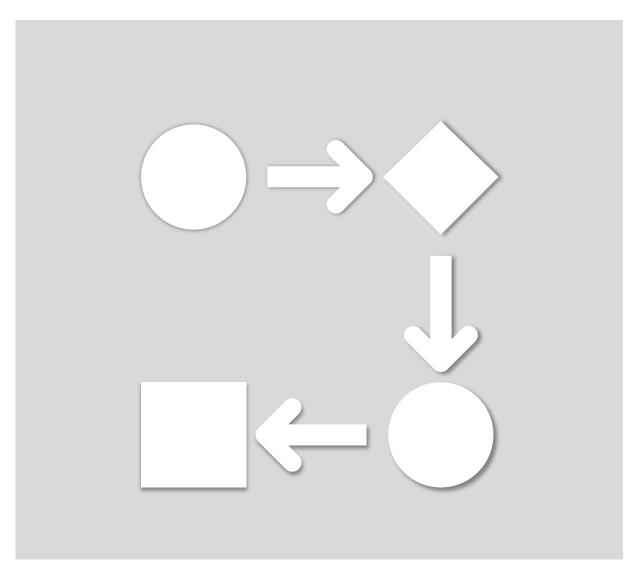
What could go wrong in grouping Customer and Employee Master Data as the same?

**Or Patient and Medical Provider?** 

**Or Customer Org and Supplier Org?** 





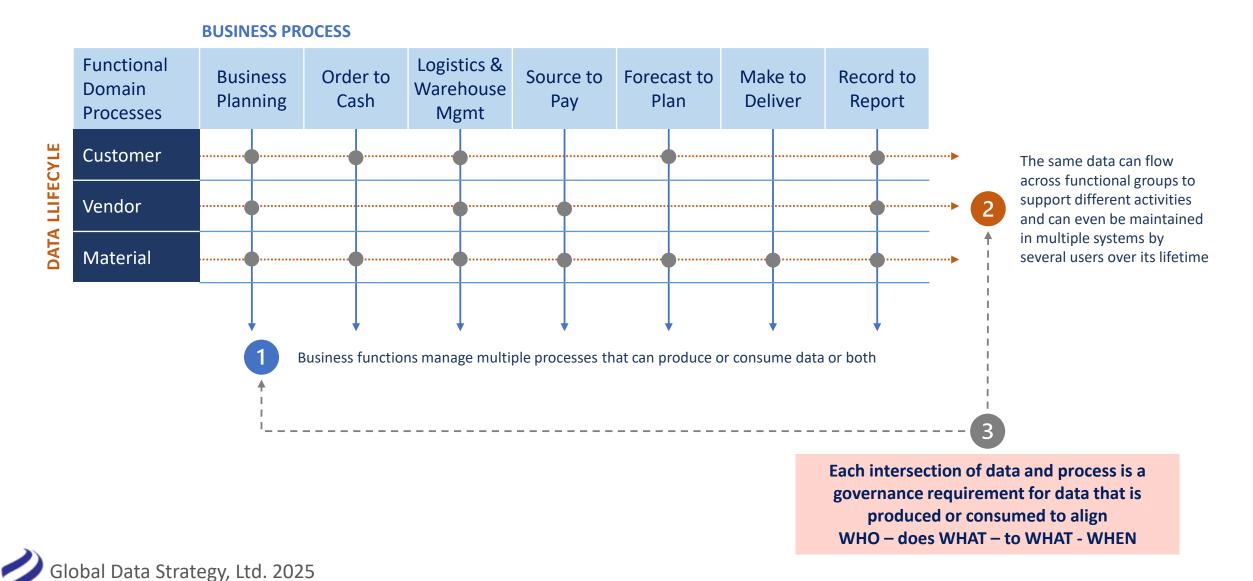


# **Business Process**



# Successful Data Governance Requires Alignment of Process & Data



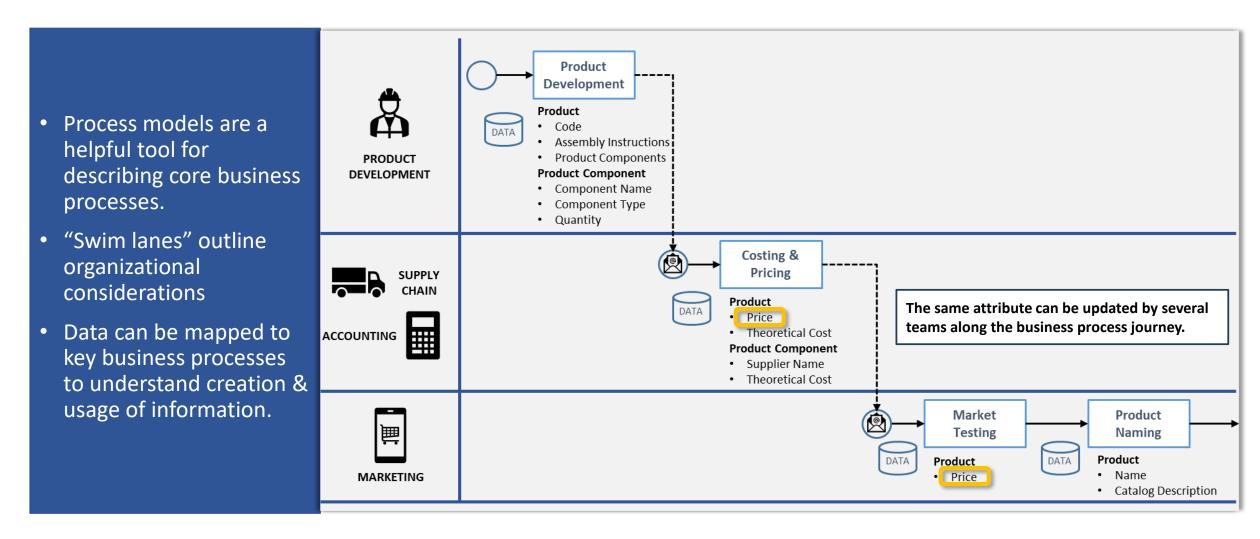


• = indicates this process requires and/or contributes a subset of attributes for a given data domain

#### **Business Process Model**



**Operational view of key data dependencies in core business processes** 



#### **CRUD Matrix – Showing Data Usage**

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Create, Read, Update, Delete

 CRUD Matrices shows where data is Created, Read, Updated or Deleted across the various areas of the organization.

• They can be created by department, by system/application, etc.

• This can be a helpful tool in data governance & data quality.

	Product Development	Supply Chain Accounting	Marketing	Logistics & Warehouse Mgt
Product SKU	С	R	R	R
roduct Name	С		U,D	R
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roduct Weight	С		R	
tc.				

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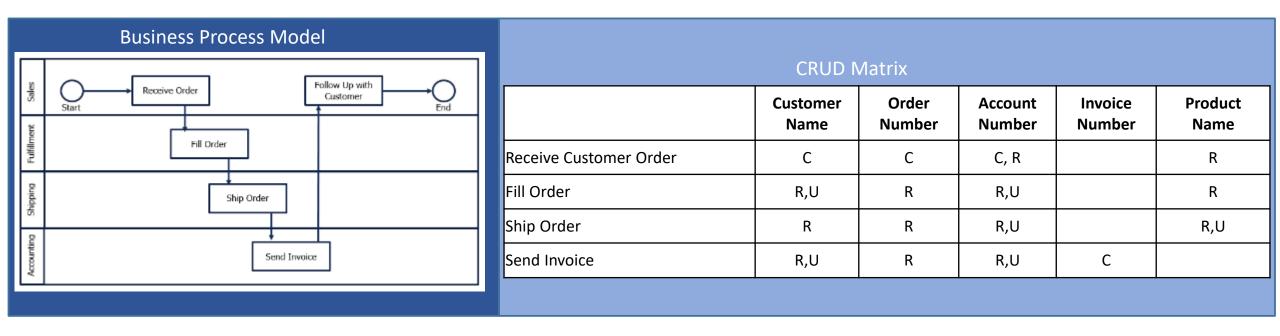
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Product SKU	С	R	R	R
Product Name	С	don't have accurate		R
Product Price		product weights and dimensions for this shipment?? R		
Product Weight	С		R	
Etc.				

#### **Process Models & CRUD Matrices Fit Well Together**



- Understanding business process is critical to Master Data & related Data Governance
  - Who is using data?
  - How is it used in business processes?
  - Are there redundancies, conflicts, etc.?









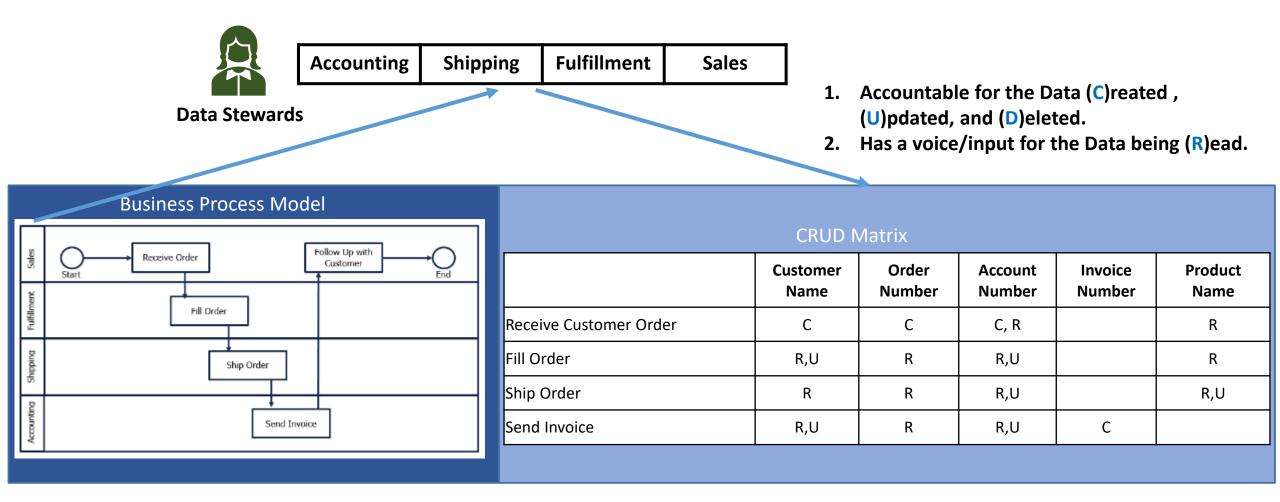
# **Data Governance**



#### Aligning Process with Data Governance & Stewardship



The Swimlane stakeholders typically become the **Data Stewards for the data they manage in** their day-to-day business processes.



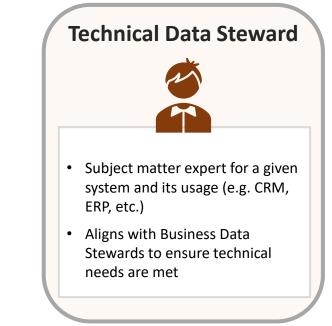


#### **Sample Data Governance Roles**











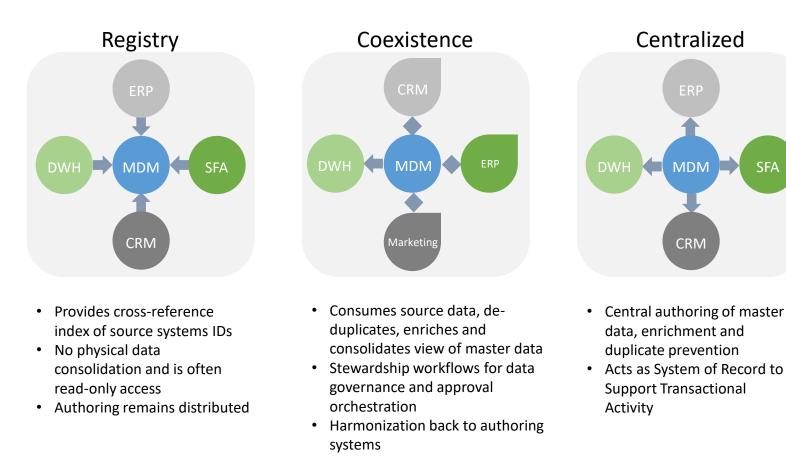


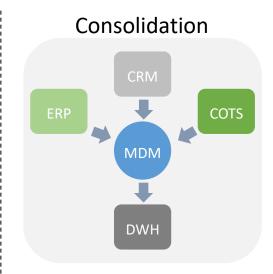
Putting It All Together -Implementation



#### **MDM Implementation Styles**

• Organizing for MDM: Defining the Implementation Style





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- Matches and physically stores a consolidated view of master data post transactional events
- Used for reference versus supporting transactional activity
- Authoring remains distributed

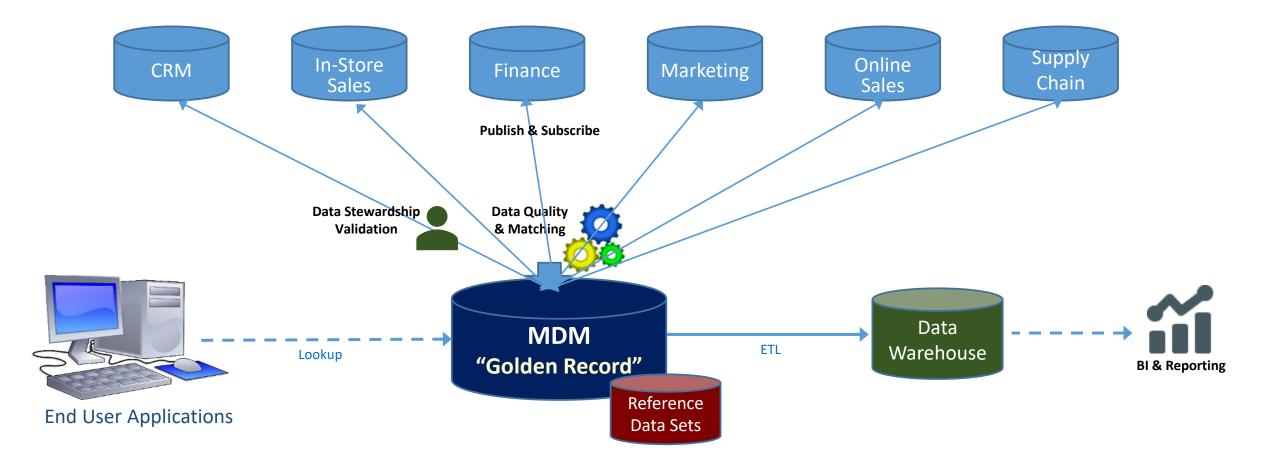
**Analytical Focus** 

**Operational Focus** 



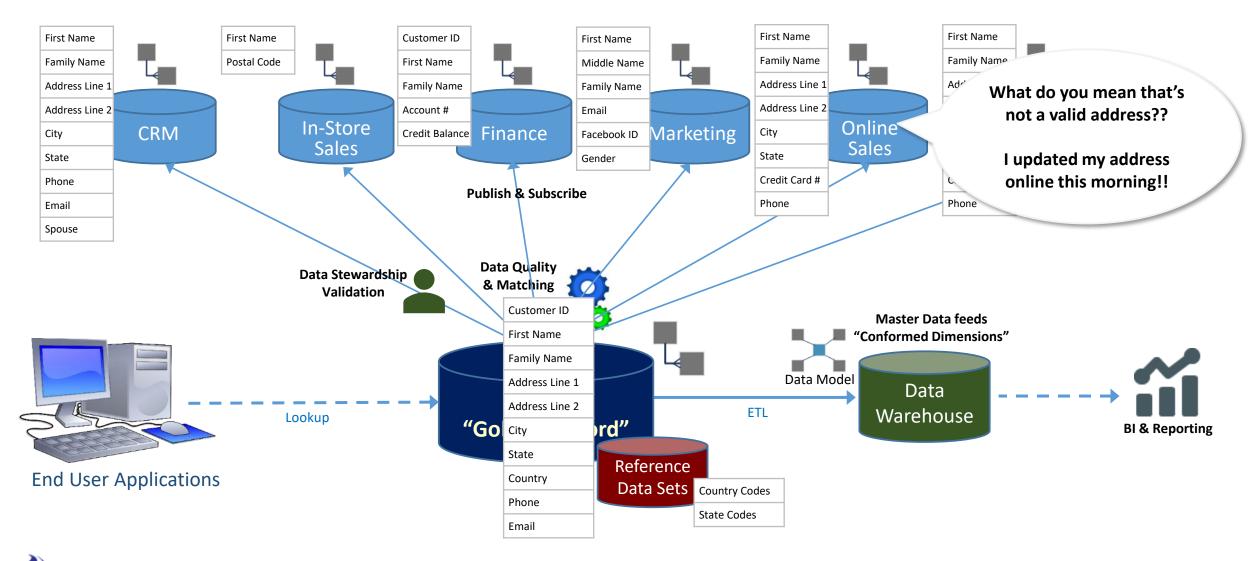
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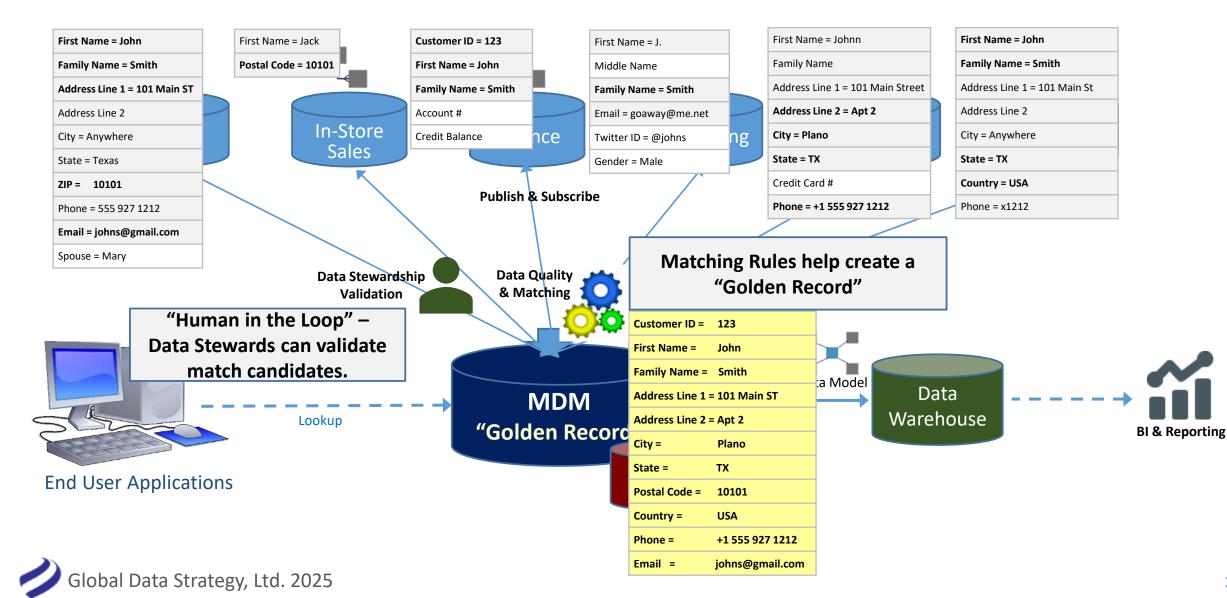
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# **Optimizing Restaurant Revenue through Menu Data**



Managing the Data that Runs the Business

- An international restaurant chain realized through its digital strategy that:
  - While menus are the core product that drives their business...
  - They had little control or visibility over their menu data
  - Menu data was scattered across multiple systems in the organization from supply chain to kitchen prep to marketing, restaurant operations, etc.
- Menu data was consolidated & managed in a central hub:
  - Master Data Management created a "single view of menu" for business efficiency & quality control
  - Data Governance created the workflow & policies around managing menu data
- Process Models & Data Mappings were critical
  - Business Process diagrams to identify the flow of information
  - **CRUD Matrixes** to understand usage, stewardship & ownership



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#### **Summary**



- Interest in Master Data Management (MDM) is on the rise as more organizations look to gain a common, consistent source for their core data assets (Customer, Product, Supplier, Patient, Employee, Student, etc.)
- Successful MDM is part of a wider data strategy and requires integration with:
  - Data Architecture
  - Business Process Alignment
  - Data Governance & Stewardship
- Getting this combination right can have a positive impact on the success of the business.





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#### Who We Are: Business-Focused Data Strategy



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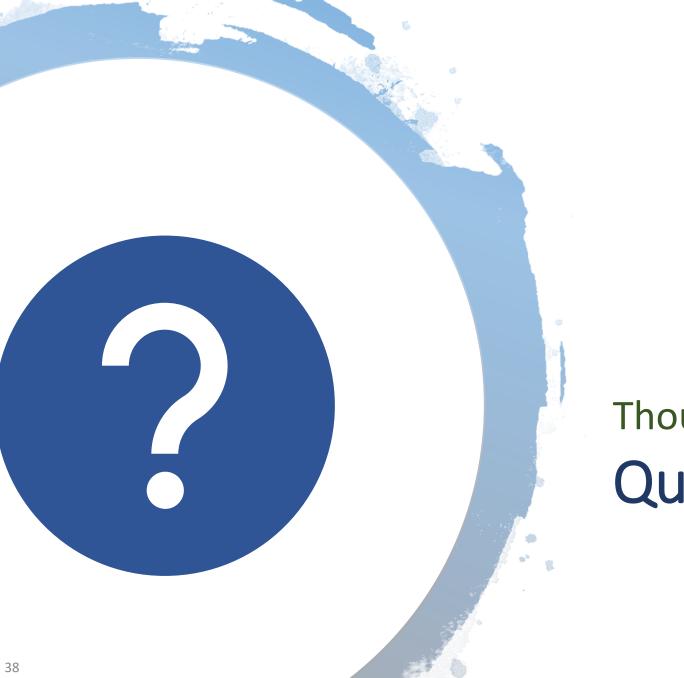
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