

**Operationalizing Data
Governance for
Accountability and
Transparency**

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Problem Statement

Proposed Solution

Contracts & Expectations

Proactive Data Quality

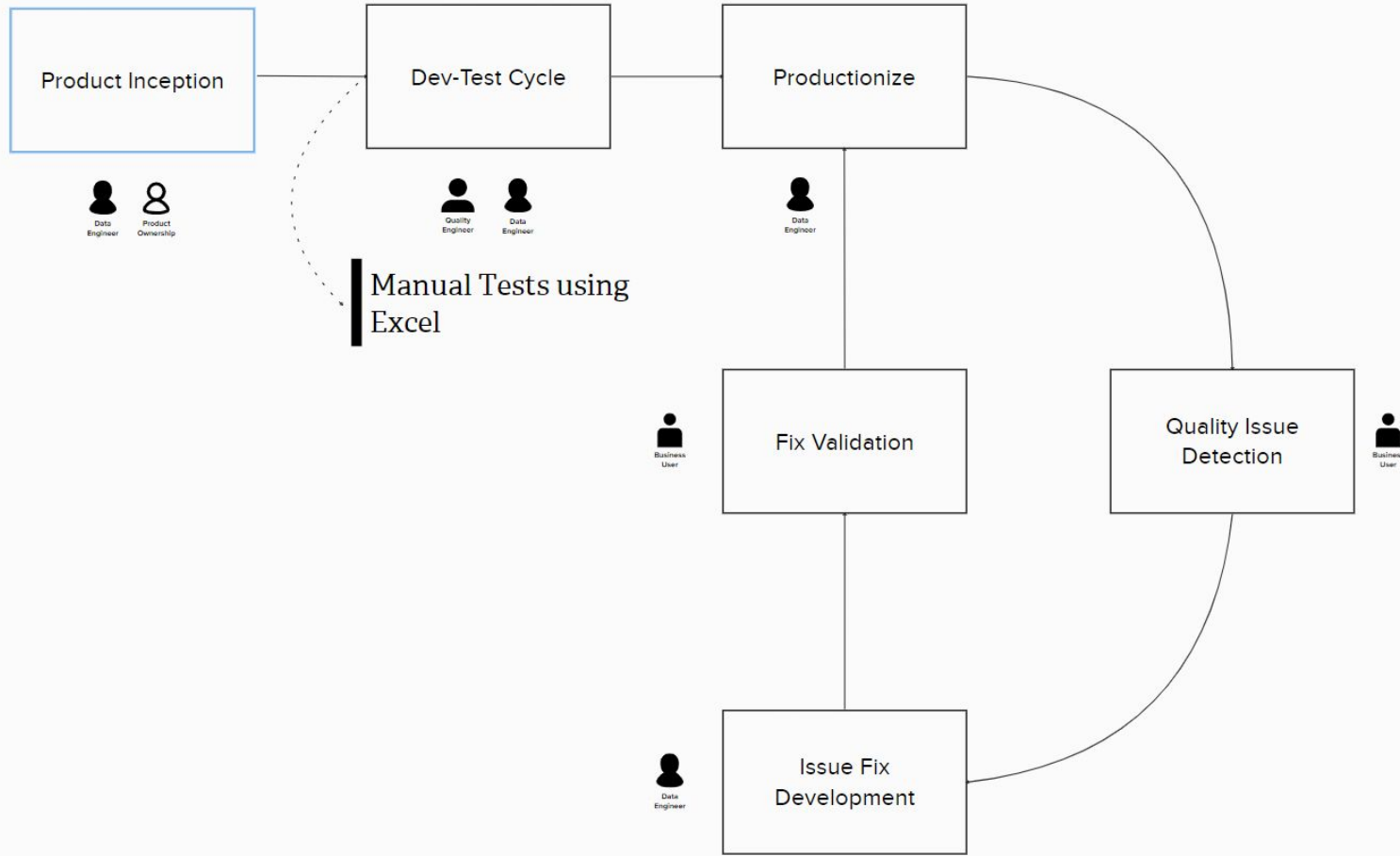
Soda Platform

Inspiration

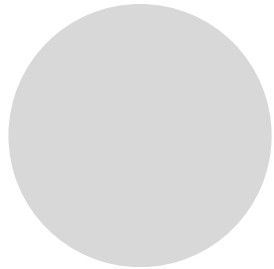
Data Governance Strategy

Q&A

Reactive Data Quality

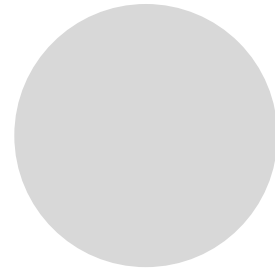


To summarize..



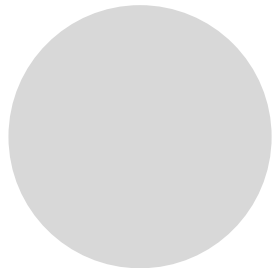
Manual Tests

Tests written and executed in excel sheets



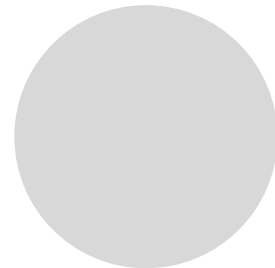
Regression Test

Little to no regression testing capabilities



Tribal Knowledge

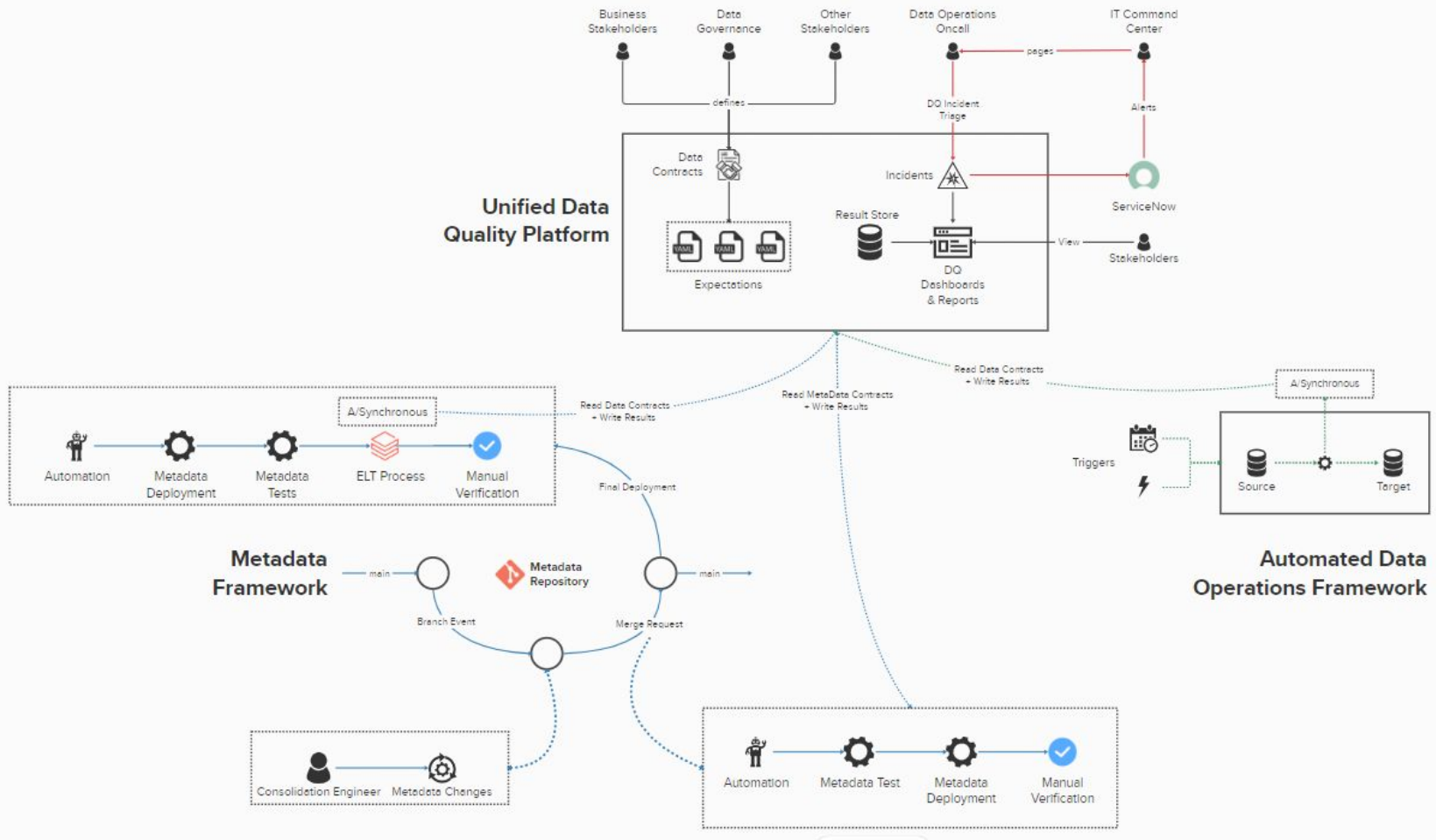
Knowledge of data expectations often confined to small groups of individuals



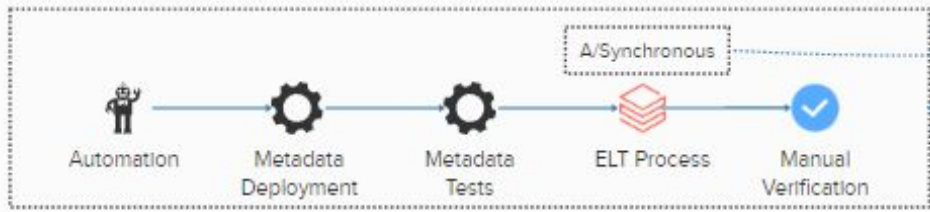
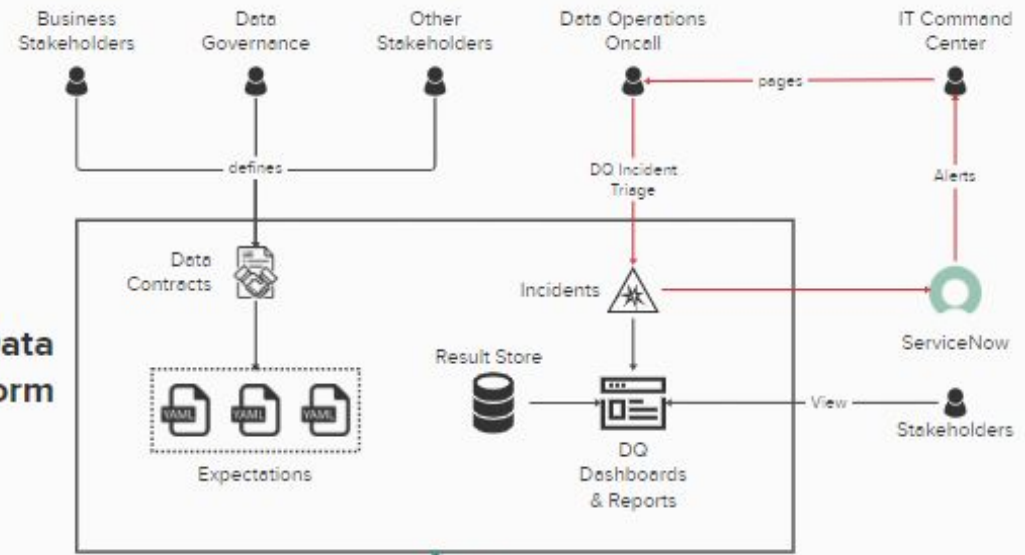
Expensive

Reactive data quality increases operational expenses

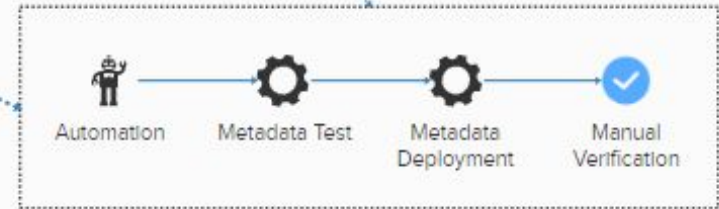
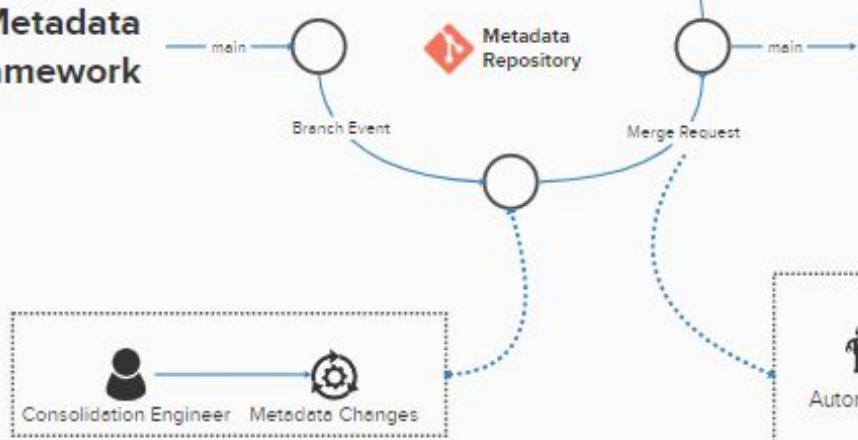
Data Observability



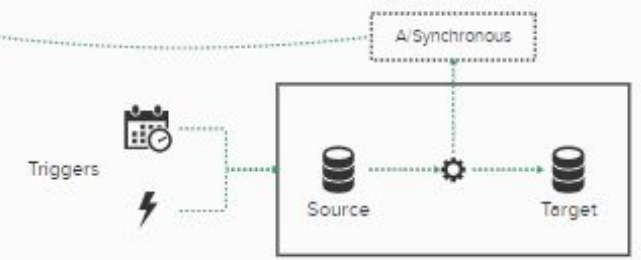
Unified Data Quality Platform



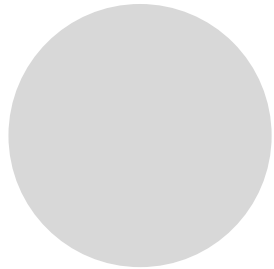
Metadata Framework



Automated Data Operations Framework

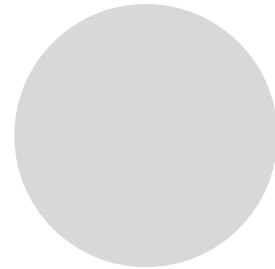


Objectives



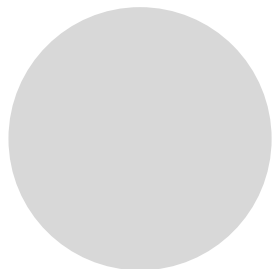
Empowered Governance

Governance contributes directly to operations



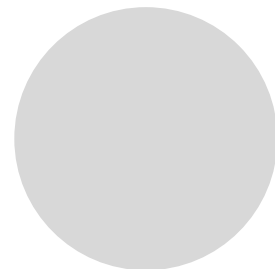
Data Observability

A one-stop-shop view of the health of all data assets



Increased Participation

Data owners play a greater role in curating their domain's data



Engineering Discipline

Implementing contemporary engineering practices

Vendor Selection Scorecard

User-Friendliness

To enable non-technical folks to contribute to Data Quality

Connectivity

Pre-Built connectors to the data lake + data sources

Automation Patterns

CI/CD integration , ELT pipeline embedding & Orchestration

Incident Management

Integration with our incident management platform

No Data shuffling

Checks are translated to appropriate dialect and “pushed-down” to the target system

IaM & Security

Integration with our active directory through SAML and MFA. VPC Deployments

Custom Expectations

**Domain
Knowledge**

**Custom
Logic**

**Regression
Tests**

**SQL-Based
Checks**

Types of Proactivity

Data Supply Chain

Where are checks executed in the data supply chain ?

Point of Materialization

At which point of data materialization (in memory , after materialization , after batch)

SDLC

TDD , CI/CD pipelines

DATASET

sample_data

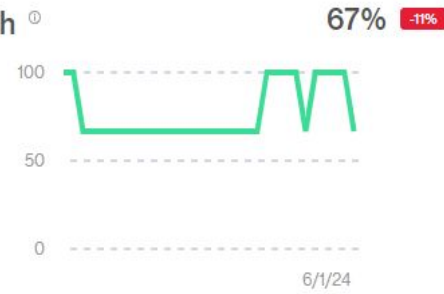
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Check Coverage [ⓘ]



Health [ⓘ]



Incidents

Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

Search

CHECK	VALUE	LAST RESULTS	ORIGIN	LAST EVALUATED	INCIDENT
anomaly score for row_count < default	308,581,835		</>	about 13 hours ago	-
Schema Check	0 schema event(s)		</>	about 13 hours ago	-
freshness	5 hours and 36 minutes			about 13 hours ago [?]	-

Add Check

Search checks...

- New Discussion**
Get help creating checks by sharing your requirements in a discussion.
- Missing**
Surface the presence of values that are considered null based on a regular expression or user-defined list.
- Validity**
Surface unexpected values based on semantic type, a list of valid values, a regular expression, min/max value, or min/max character length.
- Numeric**
Perform basic calculations to monitor metrics such as average, sum, minimum or maximum value, or minimum or maximum character length.
- Duplicate**
Examine one or more columns to detect duplicate values.
- Row Count**
Calculate the number of rows in a dataset to ensure accuracy and integrity.
- Freshness**
Use a date or time column to calculate the age of data and detect unexpected delays.
- Schema**
Detect unexpected changes in the dataset schema.
- SQL Failed Rows**
Write a custom query that surfaces invalid or unexpected rows.
- SQL Metric**
Write an SQL query to monitor a custom metric.

DATASET
store_scan / stores

CHECK NAME
ADD TO SCAN DEFINITION
store Default Scan
Wednesday (6/5/24) at 08:00

> Filters

> Define the Metric

COLUMN
Region_Number
string

NUMERIC RULE
max length

> Alerts

ALERT LEVEL
Fail when the metric

FAIL CONDITION
greater than

VALUE
3

VALUE TYPE
Absolute

> Attributes

DATASET

stores

store_scan / stores

Add Check

Last scan - Today, 8:03 AM

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Sample Data

Last updated - Today, 9:01 PM

Check Coverage ⓘ

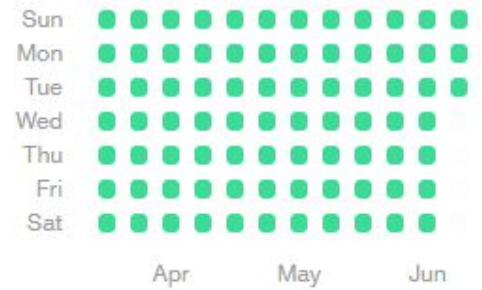


Health ⓘ

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Incidents ⓘ



SODA: CLOUD

**Say hello to
Soda Cloud**



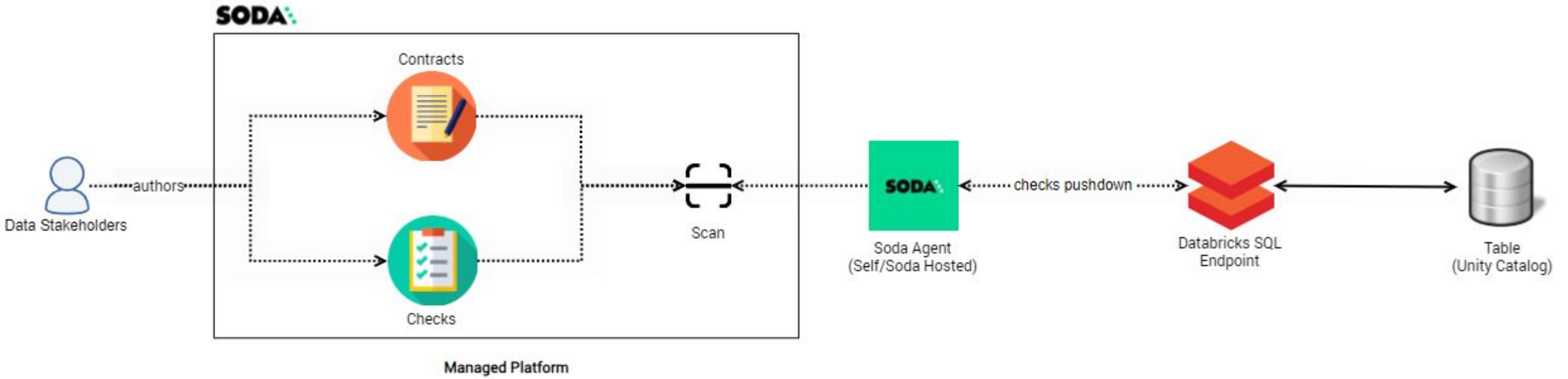
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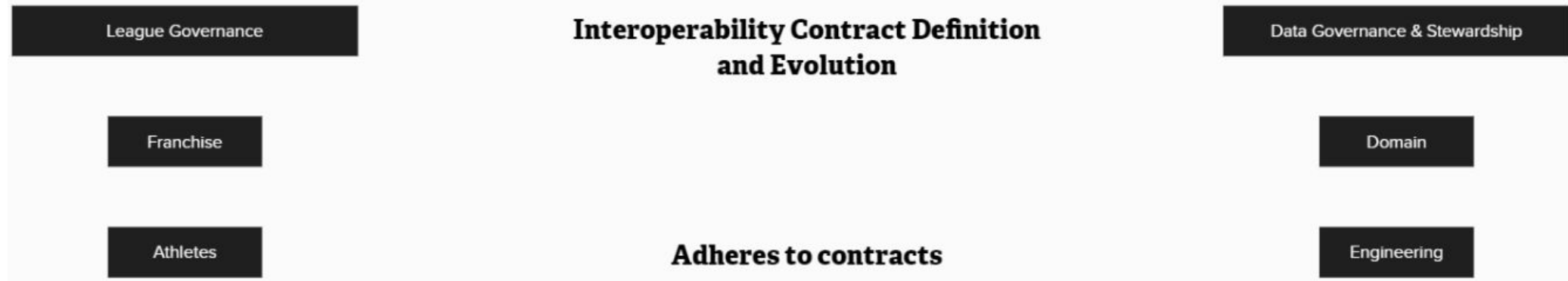
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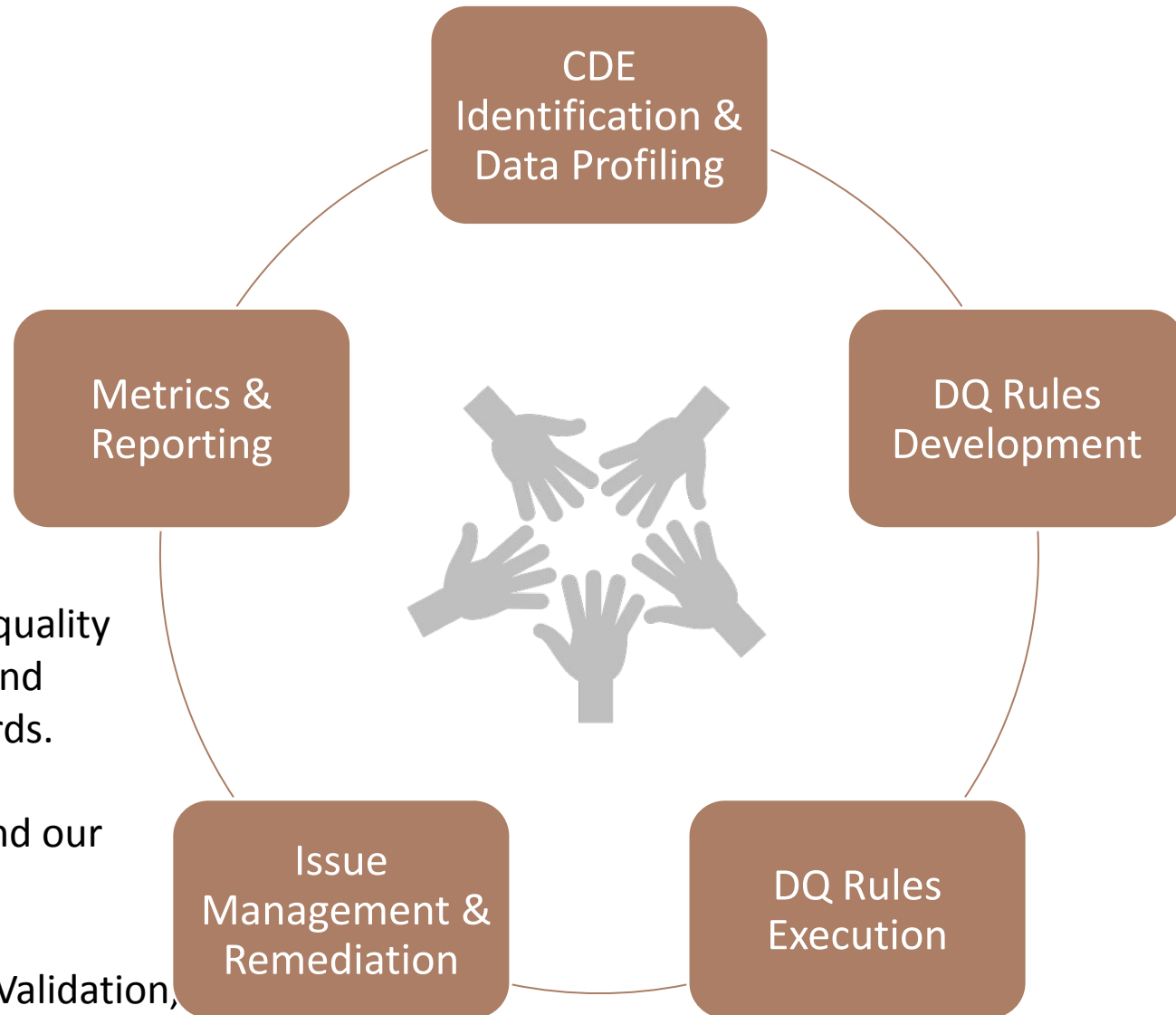
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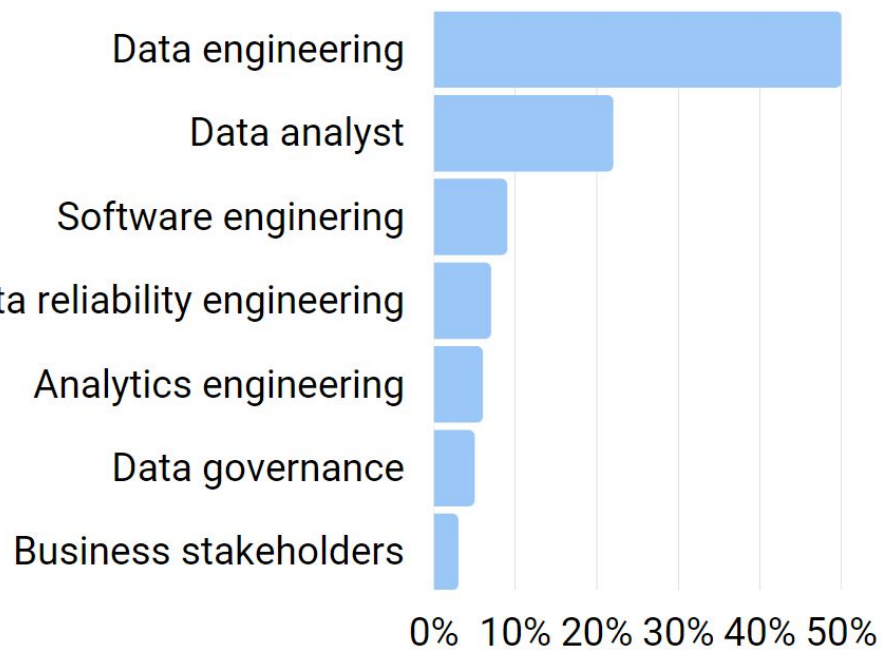


Governance plays a crucial role in defining a data quality strategy by establishing the framework, policies, and accountability needed to ensure high data standards.

Bridges the gap between Technology, Processes and our Stakeholders.

Pros of a Data Quality Strategy: Automated Data Validation, Increased Efficiency, Faster Decision Making, Improved Compliance, Enhanced Customer Satisfaction

Who is primarily responsible for data quality at your organization?

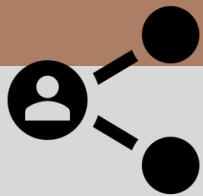


It is reported, 50% of Data Quality issues are caused by Engineers.

Governance Teams must break down the silos!

How do we do this?!

Share



Sharing data quality tools equips them to proactively detect and resolve issues, ensuring that data remains accurate and reliable throughout development. This collaboration enhances system performance and fosters accountability for data integrity



Data observability.

Monitor data in production, raise alerts, and help debug data and pipelines to find the root cause as fast possible.



No-code checks.

Empower business users to contribute to data quality and maintain standards with Soda AI assistants.



Pipeline testing.

Test data as early as possible in your pipelines and CI/CD workflows, to avoid merging bad-quality data into production.



Operational data quality.

Streamline data processes and route issue alerts to the appropriate data owners for swift resolution.

Empower



Empowering engineers with data quality ensures they have the tools and knowledge to build reliable, high-performance systems that drive accurate decision-making. By embedding data quality best practices into their workflows, engineers can proactively prevent errors and enhance the overall trust in the organization's data assets.

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Schema

DATASET: aws_postgres_retail / ab_permission

CHECK NAME: [Empty]

ADD TO SCAN DEFINITION: aws_postgres_retail Default Scan Monday (9/16/24) at 20:00

Warn

+ Add Condition

Fail

CONDITION: when schema changes

TYPE OF CHANGE: add, delete, index change, type...

View SodaCL ? Test Check Propose Check Add Check

COLLABORATION



Fosters a shared responsibility for maintaining clean, accurate data across all systems and processes. This teamwork ensures that best practices are consistently applied, enabling smoother data integration and improved overall performance.

DISCUSSION

#4 - Problem with terminal forecast

JR AK Closed

JR 8 months ago (edited)

The data I need for my report is missing IATA codes and without that, the numbers are excluded from the report. How can I get notified when missing data could impact my numbers?

JR **SCHEDULED** 7 months ago (edited) [Review & Add](#)

CHECK	VALUE	RELATES TO
Missing IATA codes	54	paxstats paxstats2/paxstats

JR Check scheduled from [Proposal](#) - Missing IATA codes 8 months ago - [paxstats2_default_scan](#) [View check](#)

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Add a comment...

[Propose Check](#) [Post](#)

Details

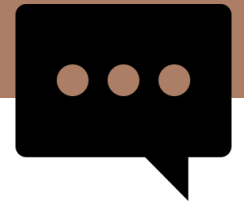
Dataset **paxstats**
paxstats2 / paxstats

Created By

Created 8 months ago

Last update 8 months ago

MONITORING



Dashboards are vital for monitoring data quality in real time, providing clear visual insights into key metrics like accuracy, completeness, and consistency. They enable quick identification of issues, allowing engineers to address data quality problems proactively and maintain system reliability.

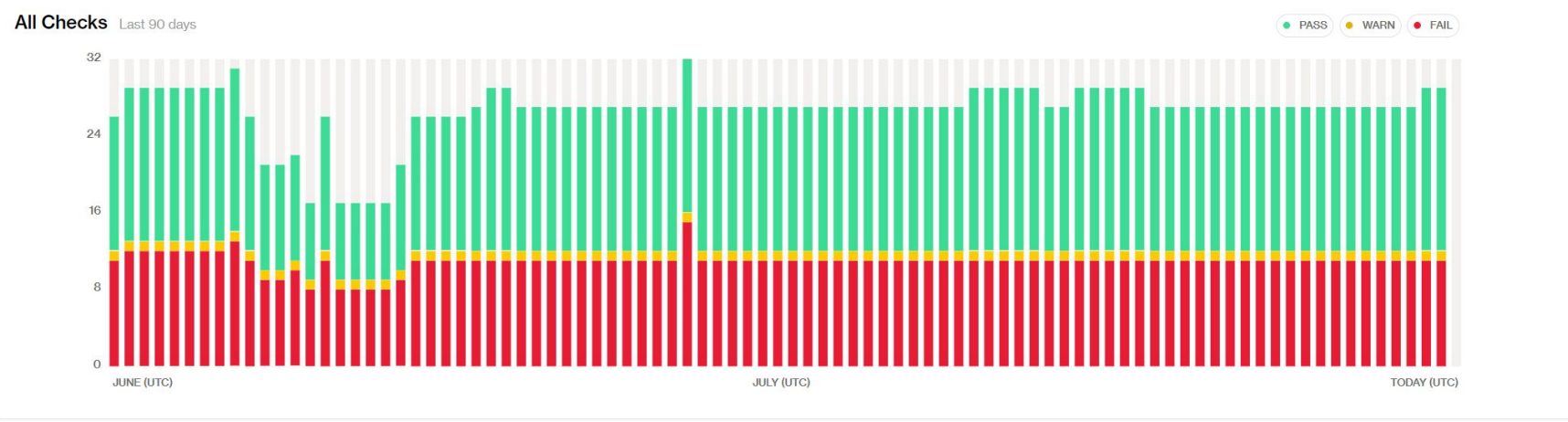
Checks

FILTERS: No Filters Add Filter

11
CHECKS FAILED (LAST 90 DAYS) Review

1
CHECKS WARNED (LAST 90 DAYS) Review

60%
DATA HEALTH SCORE (LAST 90 DAYS) ⓘ



CHECK	VALUE	DATASET										
❗ No missing boros	8,617	breakdowns nyc-bus-breakdo	2016-2017	1352248	Special Ed AM Run	2689	L536	Heavy Traffic	13016	2017-05-24 07:27:00	2017-05-24 07:29:00	RELIAN TRANS (B232)
❗ No missing values for `boro`	8,617	breakdowns nyc-bus-breakdo	2016-2017	1352291	Special Ed AM Run	1107	L969	Heavy Traffic	14126	2017-05-24 07:39:00	2017-05-24 07:44:00	RELIAN TRANS (B232)
❗ Unique incident IDs	335	breakdowns School Bus Breakdown...	</>	about 19 hours ago	-							

Q & A

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