

Business Glossary

A Key Feature of Informatica PowerCenter Advanced Edition

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“We plan to utilize the enhanced capabilities of . . . Business Glossary to connect business and IT and eliminate the data ambiguities that exist across the enterprise. By giving business context to our data assets in a central integration metadata repository, IT can ensure business has data they can trust.”

BENEFITS

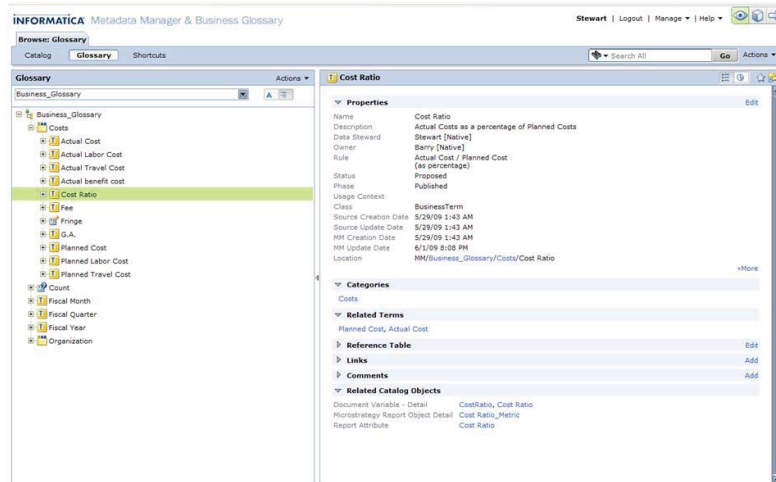
- Establish data ownership and accountability
- Foster cross-functional collaboration
- Improve IT’s productivity and responsiveness
- Increase confidence in data

Establish Ownership and Accountability for Data

Business Glossary is a key feature of Informatica® PowerCenter® Advanced Edition™. This tool enables data analysts, business analysts, and data stewards to work together to create, manage, and share a common vocabulary of data integration business terms.

This feature fosters cross-functional alignment and helps all parts of the business better understand the context and usage of data. IT organizations can answer the most common questions that business consumers have about data, such as “What does this data mean?”, “Where does the data come from?”, and “Who has responsibility for this data?”

By providing business context to technical artifacts related to data integration, the Business Glossary makes it possible to catalog, govern, and use data consistently and efficiently. This feature helps establish data ownership and manage accountability through auditable data trails that are critical for successful data governance programs and governance, risk, and compliance initiatives.



Business Glossary supplies business context to technical artifacts related to data integration so that data can be cataloged, governed, and used consistently and efficiently across the enterprise.

Key Features

Common Vocabulary of Business Terms

Business Glossary lets you create, manage, and share a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions. Organize business terms in categories that are relevant to your organization. Search and explore multiple glossaries of vocabularies and relationships. Manage valid definitions of values and business rules so that they can be easily reused in data integration projects. And view the history of changes to Business Glossary categories and terms with metadata audit trails.

End-to-End Data Lineage

With Business Glossary, you can track data's ultimate sources and any intermediate data store and transformation processes that it flows through. It ensures transparency of, responsibility for, and accountability of data. You can use this feature to visualize data flows and dependencies linked to business terms and audit the use of business terms in business intelligence reports.

Business-Friendly User Interface

Business Glossary enables business analysts to explore business terms and identify related terms. It provides data stewards with an approval workflow process to propose, notify, and review new business terms and edit existing terms. This feature gives business users immediate access to Business Glossary information from external applications for a greater understanding and trust of the data they consume.

Simple and Secure Deployment

Business Glossary is easy and safe to deploy. Use PowerCenter's unified administrative console to centrally configure and monitor metadata services and manage Business Glossary users, groups, and roles. By assigning global teams granular privileges and making objects available within the Business Glossary, you minimize the risk of unauthorized access to information assets. You can also import and export Business Glossaries for quick and error-free migrations.

Benefits

Establish Data Ownership and Accountability

By providing business context to technical artifacts related to data integration, Business Glossary enables your company to catalog, govern, and use data effectively and consistently. This feature helps to establish data ownership and manage accountability through auditable data trails. These trails are essential for successful data governance programs and governance, risk, and compliance initiatives.

Foster Cross-Functional Collaboration and Alignment

With Business Glossary, data analysts, business analysts, and data stewards can work together to create, manage, and share a common vocabulary of data integration business terms. By establishing clear and consistent data definitions that both the business and IT can understand and use, Business Glossary fosters cross-functional collaboration. It provides business context to technical artifacts related to data integration, so that data can be cataloged, governed, and used consistently and efficiently.

Improve IT's Productivity and Responsiveness

Business Glossary reduces the time it takes to resolve issues between business and IT, including data-related questions, definitions, and their associated business contexts. IT developers can easily find relevant data and metadata, determine the impact of potential changes, and readily reuse data assets—all of which enhances IT productivity and accelerates project delivery. IT teams can address new business requirements quickly by extending the Business Glossary with custom attributes, new classes, and object models, which enhance IT's agility and responsiveness to changing business demands.

Increase Confidence in Data

With a comprehensive lineage of data assets and their relationships, the business can know where data comes from, who owns its content, and what it means. As a result, the business has more confidence in the data that drives critical decisions. With Business Glossary, data stewards can define and own business metadata and the rules that govern data usage for comprehensive data governance programs. Business Glossary helps create reliable, auditable data trails that show data stewards the content, origin, and context of data being consumed by the business. This ability to track data is critical for effective governance, risk, and compliance initiatives.

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