

# Informatica Cloud Data Quality and Cloud Data Integration

#### **Key Benefits**

- Accelerate implementation and lower costs of your cloud initiatives
- Empower the people who know the data best to resolve data quality problems themselves
- Build enterprise-scale integrations with embedded data quality
- Consistent experience and unified metadata across all cloud services

# Ensure Business-Focused Data Quality, for Everyone, Everywhere

As companies accelerate their digital transformation, many are finding the expected benefits elusive. It is only now that some organizations realize the real value of their corporate data. Increasing reliance on automated business processes, more stringent regulation, and the ever-increasing pace of competition are driving organizations to focus on the data they use to transform their business as they strive to make better decisions, faster; comply with government regulations and customer mandates; and streamline processes to drive new savings and power innovation from artificial intelligence (AI), IoT, big data, and beyond.

# Data Must Be Easily Accessible and Trusted Throughout the Enterprise

To support today's business processes and goals, all corporate data needs to be universally accessible, flexible, certifiably accurate, and reusable. Organizations need to know more about what is in their source systems; they need to be able to integrate data from multiple systems into new, more productive, data-intensive applications. They need to be able to cleanse and enhance data as well as monitor and manage the quality of data as it is used in different applications.

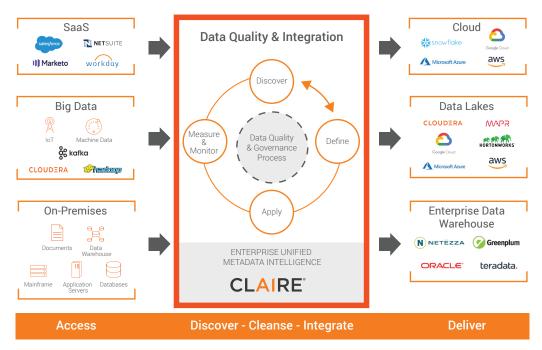


Figure 1. Data quality and data integration support intrinsically symbiotic activities.

"I guarantee you; an airline knows where all its planes are, and banks keep pretty good track of their money. Because these are critical assets. And we need to treat our data the same way."

— Graeme Thompson, CIO, Informatica Data quality and data integration technologies have evolved to support organizations grappling with fragmented and defective data. There is no doubt that the two technologies support intrinsically symbiotic activities, but where does one end and the other begin? The answer is that the two functions should work together seamlessly.

# Access, Discover, Cleanse, Integrate, Deliver

At Informatica,<sup>®</sup> we believe that data quality is central to all data management initiatives. Before the data management platform can deliver data to the cloud data warehouse or to applications—such as customer relationship management, enterprise resource planning, or business analytics—the data needs to be analyzed and cleansed. Analyzing and profiling the data before data integration are essential steps in the planning process and dramatically speed up the development of data integration workflows and mappings. This initial profiling helps organizations to identify and understand their source data and ultimately to reconcile the source data and the target systems.

But data quality is not a one-off activity. A continuing challenge with data is that its quality degenerates over time. So just as data integration is an ongoing process, so too is data quality. Data quality encompasses more than finding and fixing missing or inaccurate data. It means delivering comprehensive, consistent, relevant, fit-for-purpose, and timely data to the business regardless of its application, use, or origin.

# **Cloud Data Integration Leverages Cloud Data Quality**

As data quality reaches across the enterprise, the distinctions between data quality and data integration blur even further. For just as data integration takes advantage of data quality, so too enterprise data quality leverages data integration technology. As data quality initiatives are getting bigger and becoming more deeply embedded in operational systems and processes, they benefit from cloud data integration capabilities and the underlying Integration Platform as a Service (iPaaS) to deliver performance and scale to help organizations realize the true value of their information assets.

#### Informatica for Enterprise Cloud Data Quality Management

Informatica offers an enterprise cloud data integration and cloud data quality platform that allows your organization to implement a comprehensive, full-lifecycle approach to addressing data quality, both upstream and downstream. This solution includes the leading profiling, quality, and integration products.

The Informatica data quality and data integration platform offers capabilities far beyond most standalone data quality offerings on the market, including:

- the ability to access data from and deliver data to almost any system, application, or database on-premises or in the cloud
- the performance, scale, high availability, and fault tolerance needed for the ongoing processing of high-volume tasks
- a shared metadata environment for metadata analysis and reuse

Companies that empower employees to consistently use data as a basis for their decision making, are nearly twice as likely as others to report reaching their data and analytics objectives.

McKinsey: How Leaders in Data and Analytics Have Pulled Ahead

## Informatica Cloud Data Quality and Data Integration

Companies of all sizes rely on Informatica to access data they can trust throughout their enterprise based on our data integration and data quality technologies. The iPaaS solution integrates and delivers data from virtually any business system, in any format, and delivers that data throughout the enterprise at any speed. The data quality products provide profiling and cleansing of data to ensure that the data delivered is not only accurate, but certifiably accurate. The products in the Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services<sup>™</sup> platform work together at different stages of the data integration and data quality process providing robust, enterprise-class, quality data from a single integrated environment.

#### Access

Connectivity is a business-critical necessity. Whatever your data endpoints, your data processing systems should seamlessly be able to connect to all of them, without requiring complex development. Informatica offers the broadest array of pre-built, high-performing, intelligent cloud connectors. Organizations can easily connect to a wide array of data endpoints—including databases, data warehouses, data lakes, applications, APIs, and big data repositories—thereby accelerating the development of their data pipelines.

#### Discover

Informatica Cloud Data Quality puts powerful, easy-to-use data discovery and profiling capabilities in the hands of the business specialists and IT. Data analysts and data stewards use the software to create a complete and accurate picture of the content, quality, and structure of enterprise data, which is used as the foundation for addressing data quality throughout the enterprise.

#### Cleanse

Informatica Cloud Data Quality is unique, easy-to use software that is specifically designed to put the control of data quality processes in the hands of the business. The software delivers powerful data cleansing, matching, worldwide address cleansing, and reporting and monitoring capabilities in a single solution, empowering business information owners to deliver trusted customer, product, financial, or asset data to any data integration, master data management (MDM), or data governance project.

# **Integrate and Deliver**

Build simple to complex data integration loads using a visual mapping designer that connects diverse endpoints across cloud and on-premises with pre-built transformations to accelerate development. Leverage enhanced capabilities—such as partitioning, push-down optimization, parameterization, and reusable link rules—that allow you to quickly build advanced integrations and run them at scale, with no coding needed.

#### The Next Generation of iPaaS

The cloud can drive innovation, uncover efficiencies, and help redefine business processes. But these benefits are only achieved when your cloud infrastructure allows you to integrate, synchronize, cleanse, and relate all data, applications, and processes—on premises or in any part of your multi-cloud environment.

iPaaS solutions available today fall short of addressing the growing complexity of data management and the multiple patterns of integration and data management required for multi-cloud and on-premises architectures.

Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services is a next generation iPaaS, which is made up of a growing number of data management products. The productivity of the environment is accelerated by a common user experience across all products, the AI/ML-driven intelligence of the CLAIRE<sup>®</sup> engine, and a microservices.

## **Maximize Return From Enterprise Data**

Achieving and maintaining high-quality data is critical to efficient IT and business operations, as well as to the success of strategic business initiatives and to your company's long-term competitive advantage. Traditionally, data integration and data quality were addressed as part of data warehousing projects, because moving data out of operational systems into the warehouse offers an opportunity to refine the data as it is moved. As the data integration technology that powers this process has increasingly been adopted to support other initiatives such as data migration, master data management, and machine learning, these initiatives now offer opportunities to improve data access and quality on a continuous basis.

Informatica's data quality capabilities allow organizations to analyze, standardize, validate, correct, enrich, and monitor any data source. Doing so maximizes the integrity and value of your organization's most important information assets and provides users with trusted, business-relevant information. With Informatica data integration capabilities, this data quality functionality can be deployed across the enterprise based on the robust access, connectivity, metadata management, and scalability provided by the Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services. Together, they deliver the infrastructure and processing power necessary to meet enterprise data quality requirements.

The Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services also safeguards process quality by ensuring the use of standard definitions, providing development standards, and enforcing access security. It supports operational quality through capabilities for audit and control, system management, and error handling.

Through comprehensive and powerful data quality capabilities, Informatica is able to support a large number of data quality projects and speed the overall project lifecycle to give organizations confidence that the data they use for strategic business decisions is accurate, current, and consistent. Informatica Cloud Data Quality and Informatica Cloud Data Integration combine to form the ideal platform for addressing data quality at the enterprise level.

# **About Informatica**

Digital transformation changes expectations: better service, faster delivery, with less cost. Businesses must transform to stay relevant and data holds the answers.

As the world's leader in Enterprise Cloud Data Management, we're prepared to help you intelligently lead in any sector, category, or niche. Informatica provides you with the foresight to become more agile, realize new growth opportunities, or create new inventions. With 100% focus on everything data, we offer the versatility needed to succeed.

We invite you to explore all that Informatica has to offer—and unleash the power of data to drive your next intelligent disruption.

# Next Steps

Thousands of customers trust Informatica to tackle their toughest data quality and data integration challenges of data-driven digital transformation—and they've been leveraging all the benefits of cloud along the way to make their companies thrive.

But don't take our word for it. See first-hand how the next-generation data quality and integration solution works and try it free for 30 days (no obligation, no credit card required): <a href="https://www.informatica.com/trials">www.informatica.com/trials</a>.



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