

Master data

Definition

Master data is a [data category](#) held by an organisation which describes [objects](#) that it needs to reference in order to perform its transactions.

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Master Data is data about the business entities (e.g., employees, customers, products, financial structures, assets, and locations) that provide context for business transactions and analysis. An entity is a real world object (person, organization, place, or thing). Entities are represented by entity instances, in the form of data / records.

Relations

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| Master data | is child of | data category |
| Master data | has instance | customers |
| Master data | has instance | suppliers |
| Master data | has instance | products |
| Master data | has instance | services |
| Master data | has instance | employees |
| Master data | has instance | assets |

Reference

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