Accuracy

Definition

Accuracy of a data value is the degree of closeness of data values to real values. If you draw a sample from your database, you can make statements about the accuracy of all the data in the database.

Relation

Accuracy is a characteristic of a data value Accuracy in an instance of data quality dimension

Note

Accuracy can be determined, by comparing data in your database with a real-world measurement. For example, you could call a customer and ask if his email address is still john@mail.com.

Examples

Wrong name

| Name |
|--------|
| Jansen |

The name should be written as Janssen with double 's'.

Old adress

| Employee name | Place of living |
|---------------|-----------------|
| John Steward | Washington |

John has moved meanwhile to New York.

Wrong unit of measure

| Product name | Weight in gram |
|---------------|----------------|
| Pack of suger | 1 |

Weight should be 1000 (gram) instead of 1 (kilogram).

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