# **Data architecture**

#### **Definition**

Data architecture is the blueprint that defines how data is managed (stored, organized, integrated, and accessed) within an organization.

### **Definition DMBOK2**

Data architecture is identifying the data needs of the enterprise (regardless of structure), and designing and maintaining the master blueprints to meet those needs.

### **Note**

Other definitions of data architecture:

- The blueprint for managing data assets by aligning with organizational strategy.
- The description of the structure of an organization's logical and physical data assets and data management resources.
- A framework for managing data.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of data architecture is to establish strategic data requirements and designs to meet those requirements.

### Relation

Data architecture	is subtype of	blueprint
Data architecture	is an element of a	data quality management system
Data architecture	is an element of a	data management system

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