

# Metadata

## Definition

Metadata is data that defines and describes the [characteristics](#) of other [data](#). (DAMA Dictionary)

## Relations

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| Metadata | is child of        | <a href="#">data</a>                           |
| Metadata | is child of        | <a href="#">data category</a>                  |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">defining metadata</a>              |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">operational metadata</a>           |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">data lineage</a>                   |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">data quality rules</a>             |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">data dictionary</a>                |
| Metadata | is parent of       | <a href="#">data element specification</a>     |
| Metadata | is an element of a | <a href="#">data quality management system</a> |

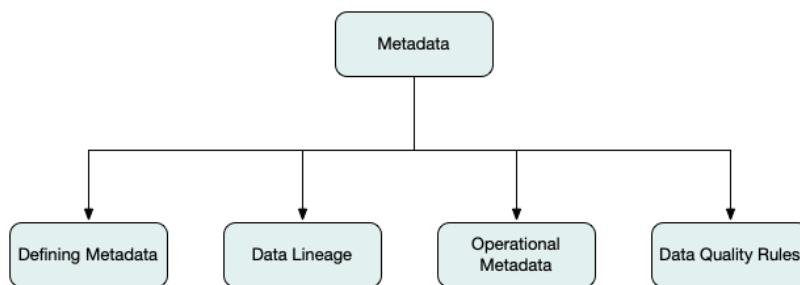


Figure 1 Subtypes of metadata

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| Metadata | is parent of | <a href="#">critical data element</a>      |
| Metadata | is parent of | <a href="#">business glossary</a>          |
| Metadata | is parent of | <a href="#">data model</a>                 |
| Metadata | is parent of | <a href="#">data element specification</a> |

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