# 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 | data |
| Metadata | is child of | data category |
| Metadata | is parent of | defining metadata |
| Metadata | is parent of | operational metadata |
| Metadata | is parent of | data lineage |
| Metadata | is parent of | data quality rules |
| Metadata | is parent of | data dictionary |
| Metadata | is parent of | data element specification |
| Metadata | is an element of a | data quality management system |

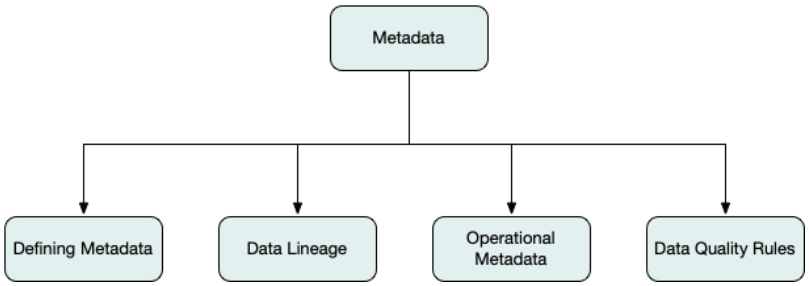



*Figure 1 Subtypes of metadata*

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| Metadata | is parent of | critical data element |
| Metadata | is parent of | business glossary |
| Metadata | is parent of | data model |
| Metadata | is parent of | data element specification |

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