

# Metadata

## Definition

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

## Relations

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 parent of	<a href="#">data model</a>
Metadata	is parent of	<a href="#">format</a>
Metadata	is parent of	<a href="#">unit</a>
Metadata	is an element of a	<a href="#">data quality management system</a>

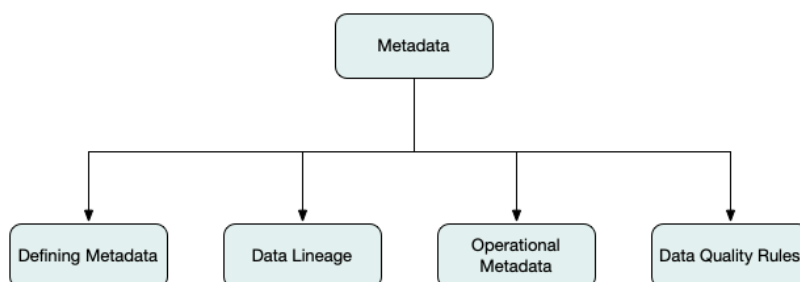


Figure 1 Childs of metadata

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>

## Lifecycle

- Define metadata
- Describe metadata
- Implement metadata
- Use metadata
- Evaluate metadata
- Change metadata
- Store metadata
- Maintain metadata
- Publish metadata

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