# Data owner

### Definition

A data owner is a data management role with the authority to make decisions about business term definitions, policy, data quality, accessibility and retention requirements as they tie to the business needs

### Notes

Data owners are members of business teams [1]. The data owner clearly knows who the business is, what the business wants and how it is organized. He or she understands that data quality is crucial to provide consistent and correct information to the end customers across different channels [2].

The data owner is the person that 'owns' the data [4] of a certain set of data [5]. A data owner has the authority to make decisions about business term definitions, policy, data quality, accessibility and retention requirements as they tie to the business needs [3]. The data owner must have the budget and resources to cleanse and fix data [1].

Main responsibilities of a data owner are: [4]

- Developing policies, protocols and guidelines in relation to the information asset, process and/or system.
- Approving the classification of information assets to ensure integrity.
- Ensuring data collections are adequately protected by implementing the relevant security controls.
- Approving significant changes to the data collection, process and or system.
- Delegating responsibilities for decisions and tasks to custodians/stewards.

### Relation

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| Data owner | is an instance of a | data management role |

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