

EDM Webinar

AI Needs Data Products (And Data Products Need AI)

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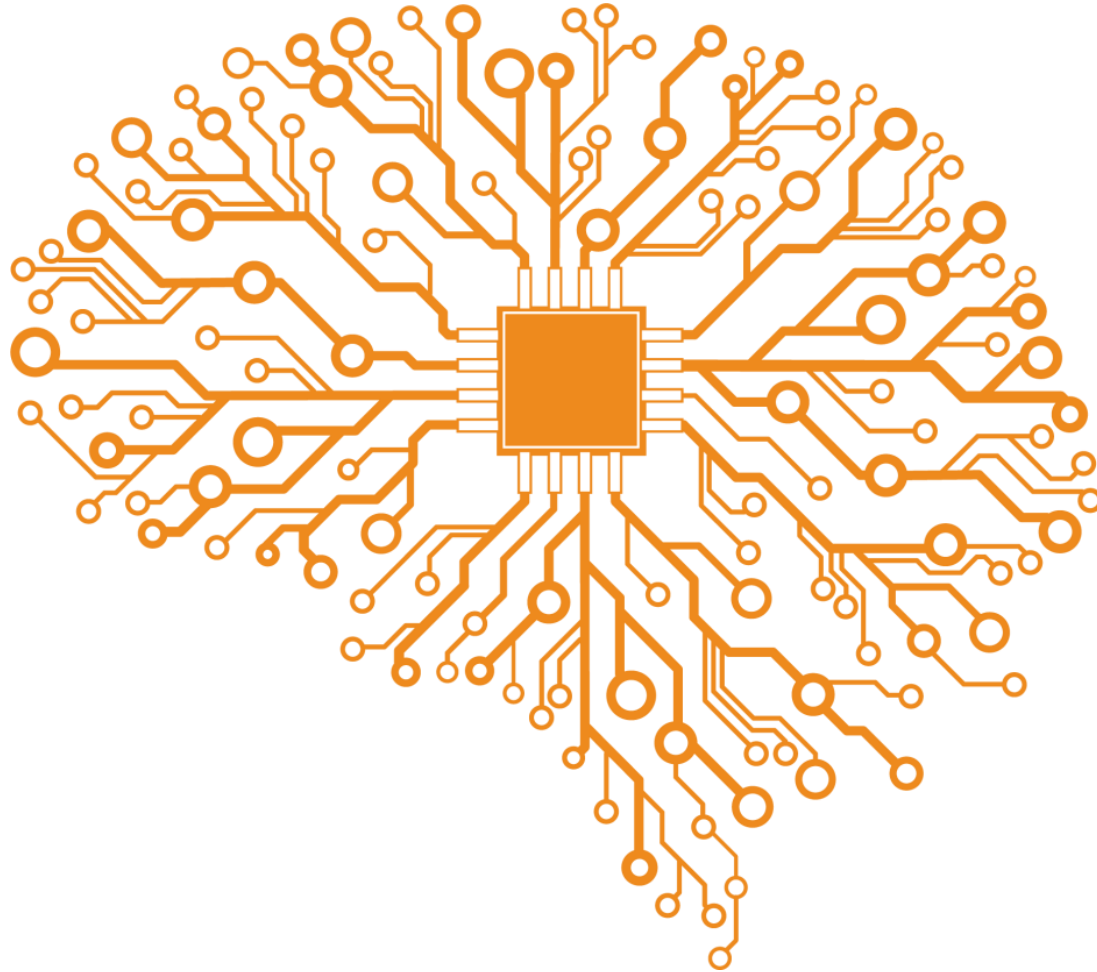
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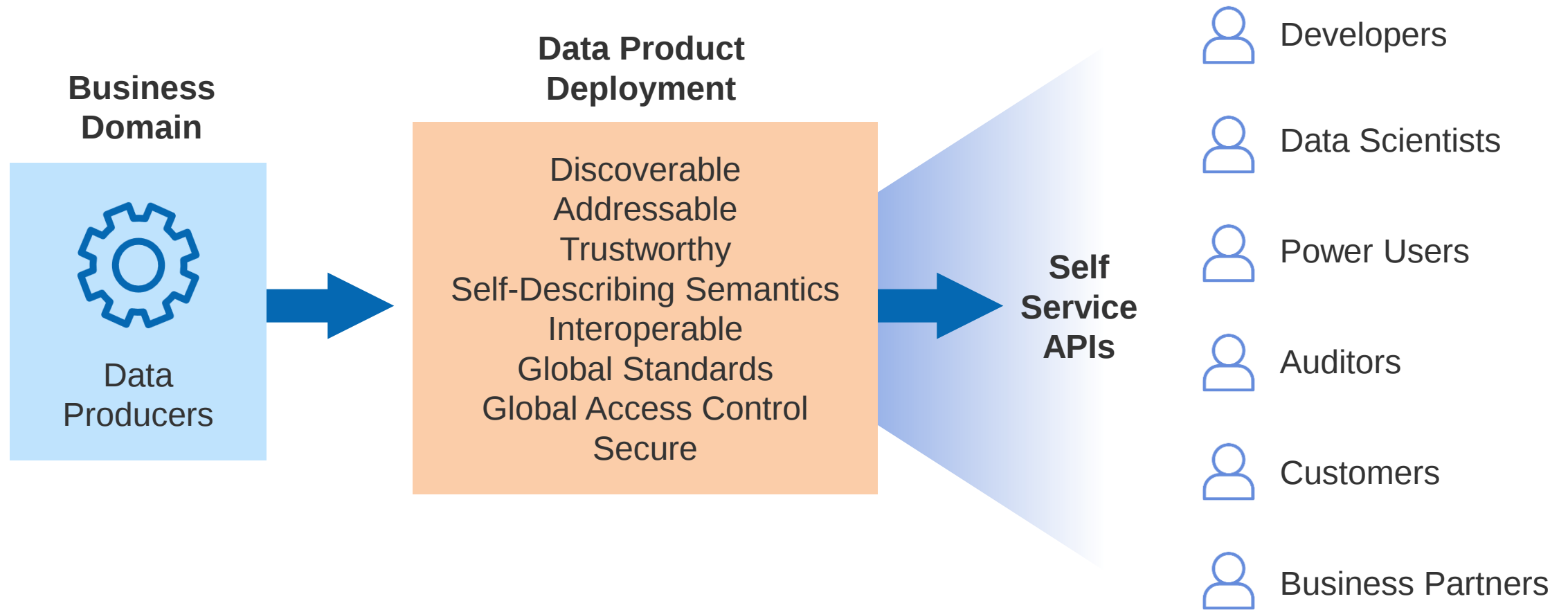


The Resurgence of AI



“All companies are data and AI companies in the 21st century.”

Anatomy of a Data Product



The Future of Data

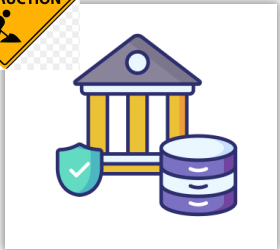
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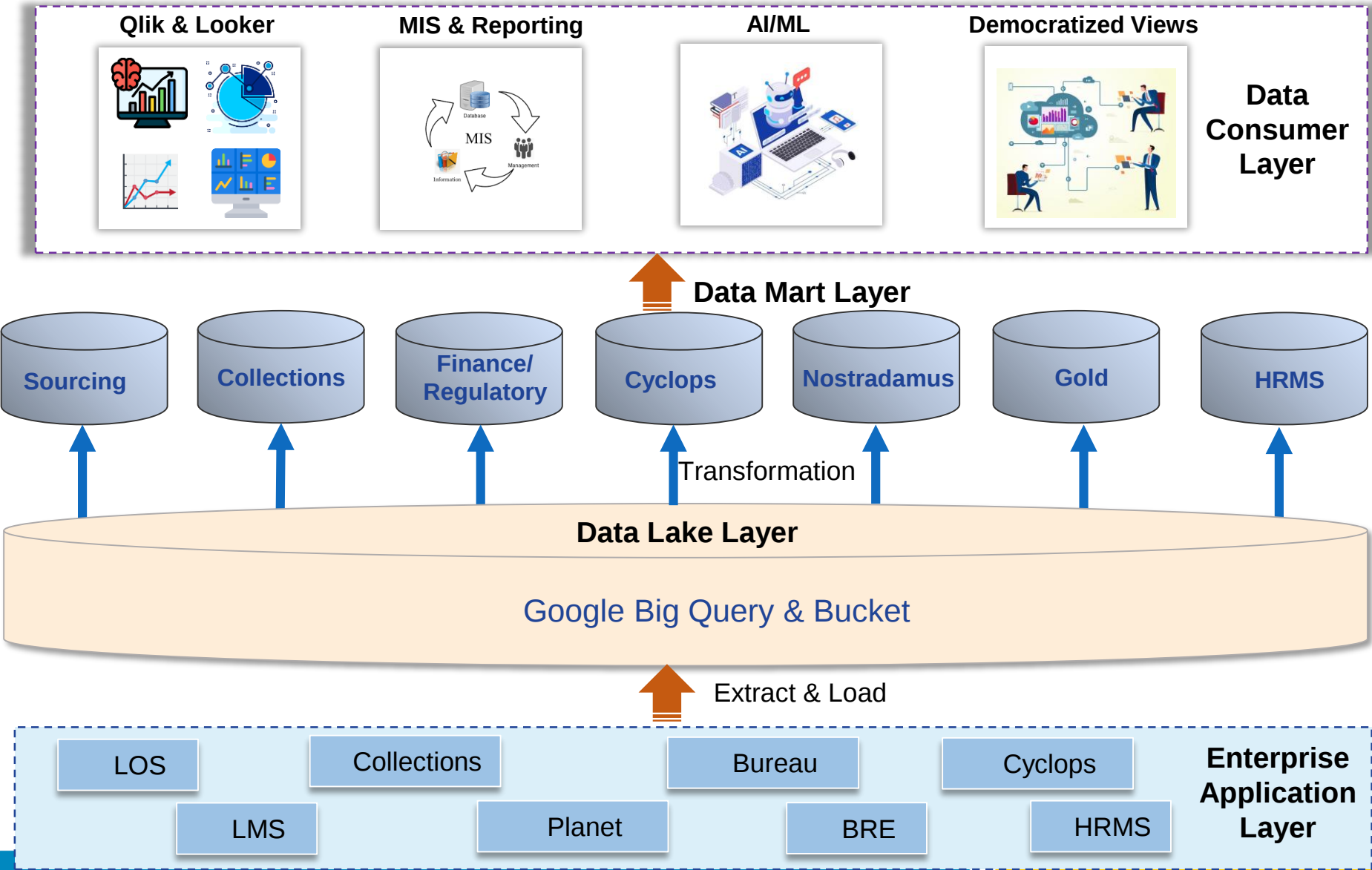
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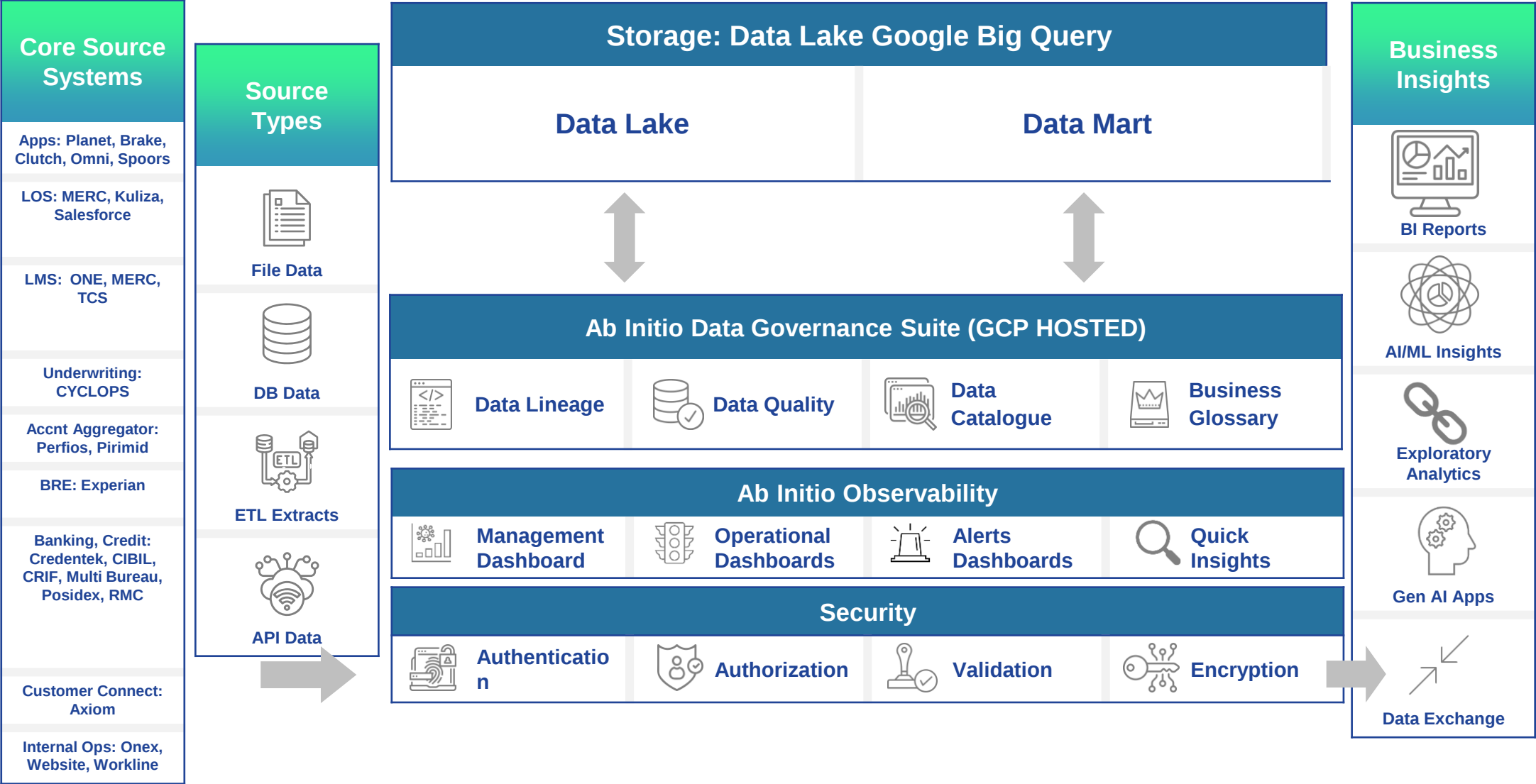
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Current Data Ecosystem



Data Governance





Return On Data Investments - RODI

Objective

Measures the return of additional data investments

RODI Calculated for Existing DATA for Two Wheeler Cyclops



Banking (Account Aggregator)



Geo-Location Profiling



Payment Aggregator



Premium Bureau



Alternate Bureau



Calculation Expected Return with Investment

$$RODI = \frac{\text{Change in Interest Income \& Credit Loss due to use of Data}}{\text{Cost of Acquisition of Data}}$$

Methodology is Submitted for Peer Reviewed Publication

A framework for measuring return on data investment (RODI)*

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The return of data investment on data asset Z is

$$RODI_Z = \frac{\Delta R_Z}{I_Z}$$

Where ΔR_Z is the total return, which is the sum of the change in expected credit loss and the expected return on loans.

$$\Delta R_Z = (ER_l(X, Z) - ER_l(X)) + (ECL_l(X) - ECL_l(X, Z))$$

The expected interest return is calculated as follows:

$$ER_l(X) = \sum_{i=1}^N M^i \left(1 - P_d(D(X^i, M^i) | \hat{P}_d(D(X^i)) < \Delta) \right) \left[\frac{r^T}{(1+r)^T - 1} + (rT - 1) \right]$$

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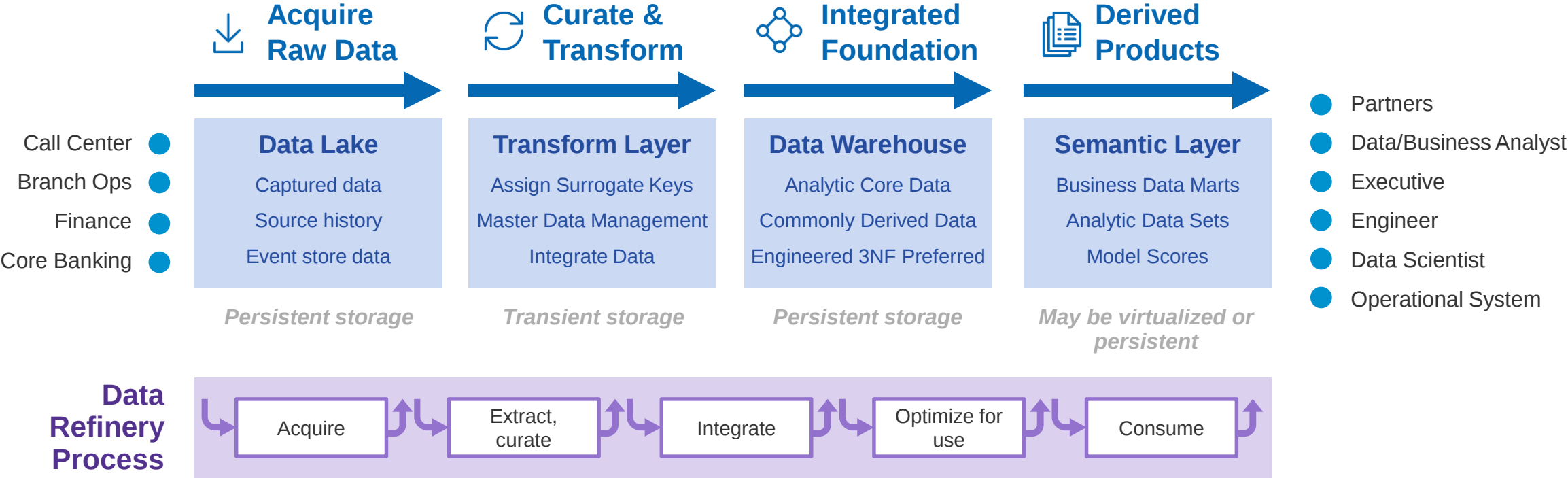
Last, I_Z is the investment in procuring a data asset.

Generative AI is Revolutionizing Data Products

Faster and easier to create data products.

Faster and easier to consume data products.

Data Product Construction



Data Product Construction Using Agentic AI

- Automate the mapping from raw data in the data lake to curated data in the data warehouse.
- Automate the creation of data quality controls.
- Automate the creation of business metadata for describing data products.
- Automate the creation of semantic models for accessing data products.

Critical Success Factor for Agentic AI: Metadata Context

Example input to Agentic AI execution for data product construction:

- Technical metadata and profiles for raw data (capture via automated scanners).
- Knowledge graph to describe raw data relationships.
- Internal documentation describing rules and operating procedures related to target data product.
- External and regulatory documentation describing rules and operating procedures related to target data product.
- Target (foundation) data model.

Data Product Consumption using Agentic AI

- Marketplace for finding the “right” data for the task at hand.
 - Natural language interface for conversations with metadata.
 - Natural language interface for conversations with data.
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- Knowledge worker should *not* need to understand location of data.
 - Knowledge worker should *not* need to understand underlying technology for storing data.

Critical Success Factor for Agentic AI: Metadata Context

Example input to Generative AI execution for data product consumption:

- Business metadata describing data product.
- Technical metadata describing data product location, technology, and structure.
- Semantic metadata describing mapping from knowledge worker view of data into foundation data products and/or derived data products..
- Data product lineage, data quality metrics, data product contracts.

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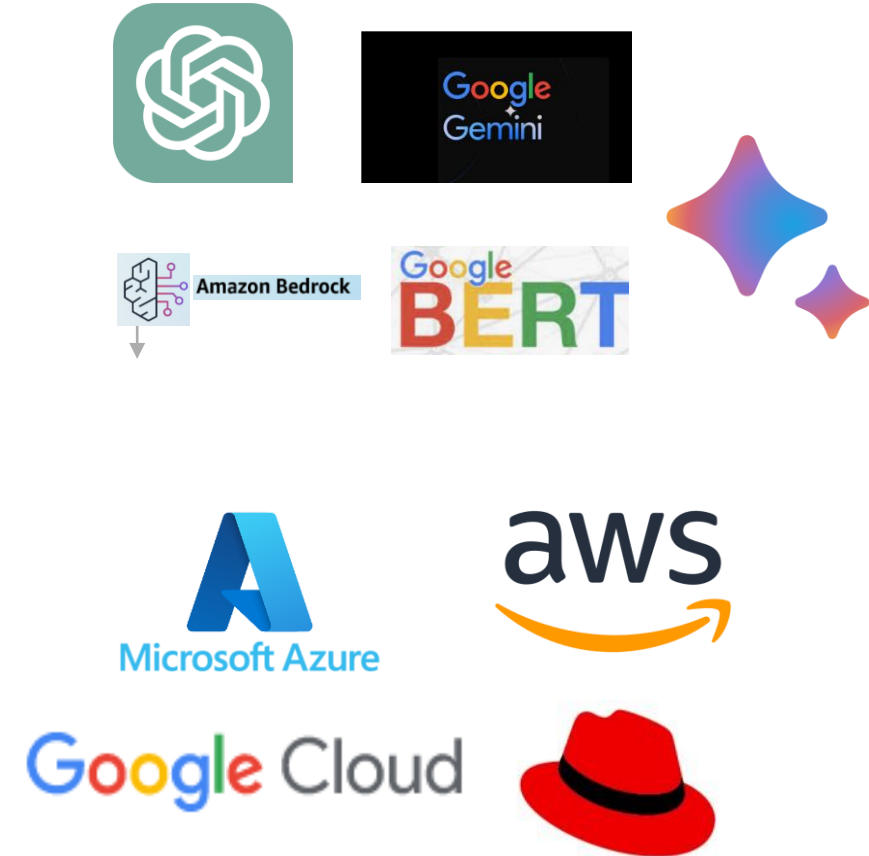
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Future Proofing Deployment of Generative AI

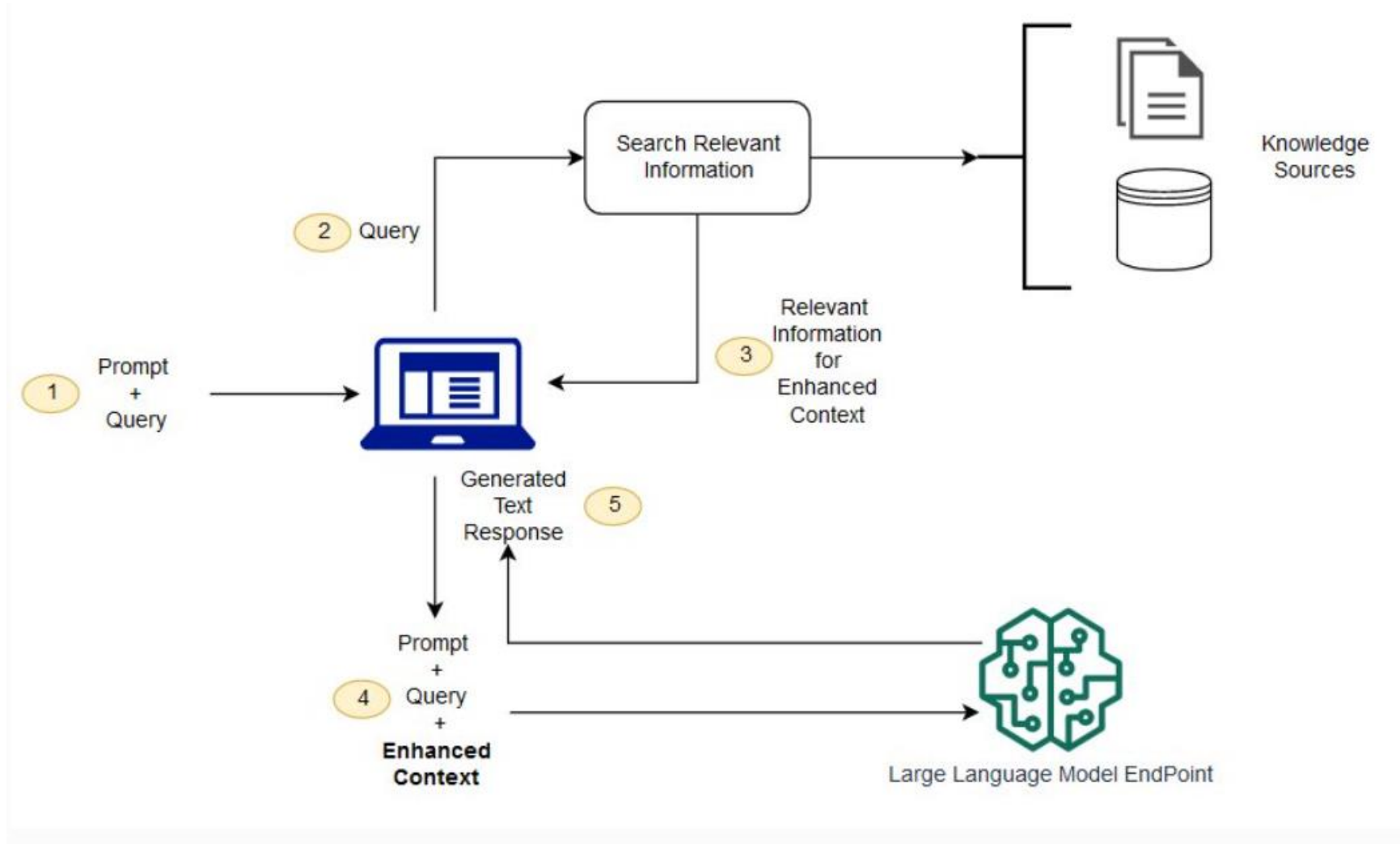
Whatever LLM framework is the “best” for the job today is unlikely to be the “best” answer in 6-12 months.

Whatever cloud is the “best” for the job today is unlikely to be the “best” (or only) answer in 24-36 months.

Bottom Line: Design for portability.



Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)



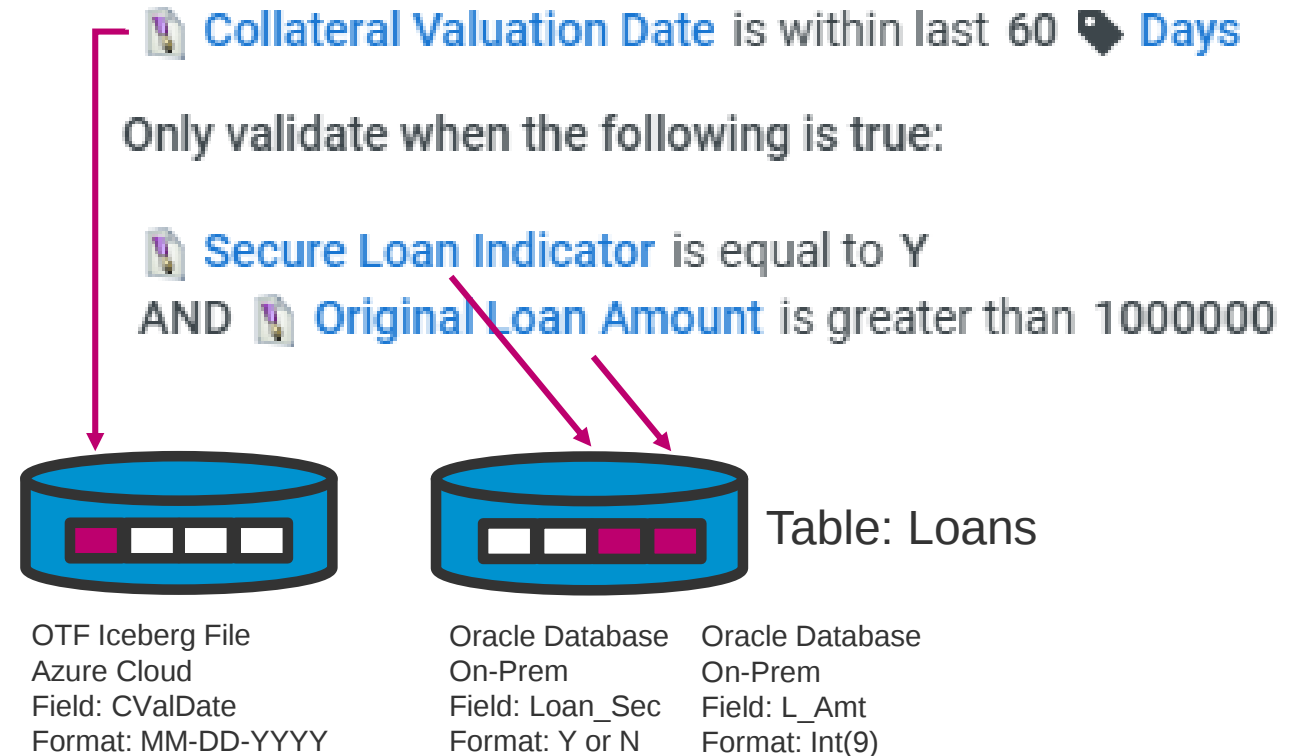
Knowledge Fabric + AI to Generate DQ Controls

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring a Data Quality (DQ) Control. The form includes the following fields:

- Name:** DQCP-1388
- Control Type:** DQ Control (with a dropdown arrow)
- Short Description:** (empty text box)
- Description:** All secured loans above \$1 million should have collateral evaluated within the last 60 days. This field is circled in red.
- Buttons:** Below the description is a "None" button with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, under a "SPECIFICATION" section, is a button labeled "Generate Specification From Description" with a red arrow pointing to it.

Architectural Principle: Low / No Code with Self Service Computing

- Co-pilots using Generative AI for constructing data products
- Co-pilots using Generative AI for conversations with data as well as metadata
- Create and manage metadata
- Deploy integration patterns
- Empower business users



Fastest Path to Data Products

- Use of Generative AI powered by an LLM and underlying metadata to automate creation of data products.
- Comprehensive data governance to create trust in the data product content with lineage, data quality rules, access contracts, semantic layer aligned to business knowledge worker communities, etc.
- API framework for programmatic access to data as well as business self-service access to data via no/low code and Generative AI.
- Data marketplace allowing business knowledge workers to shop for data using rich metadata enabled for discovery (by humans or AI algorithms).
- Data products can be virtualized or physicalized (or hybrid) using best practices Data Fabric capabilities.

Call to Action

Embrace Data as a Product

- Package data to be reused across multiple knowledge worker communities
- Align semantic models to knowledge worker communities
- Establish service levels for data (time, durability, quality)
- Deliver radical self-service
- Move with agility from discovery to production
- Determine a balance among conflicting goals or different perspectives

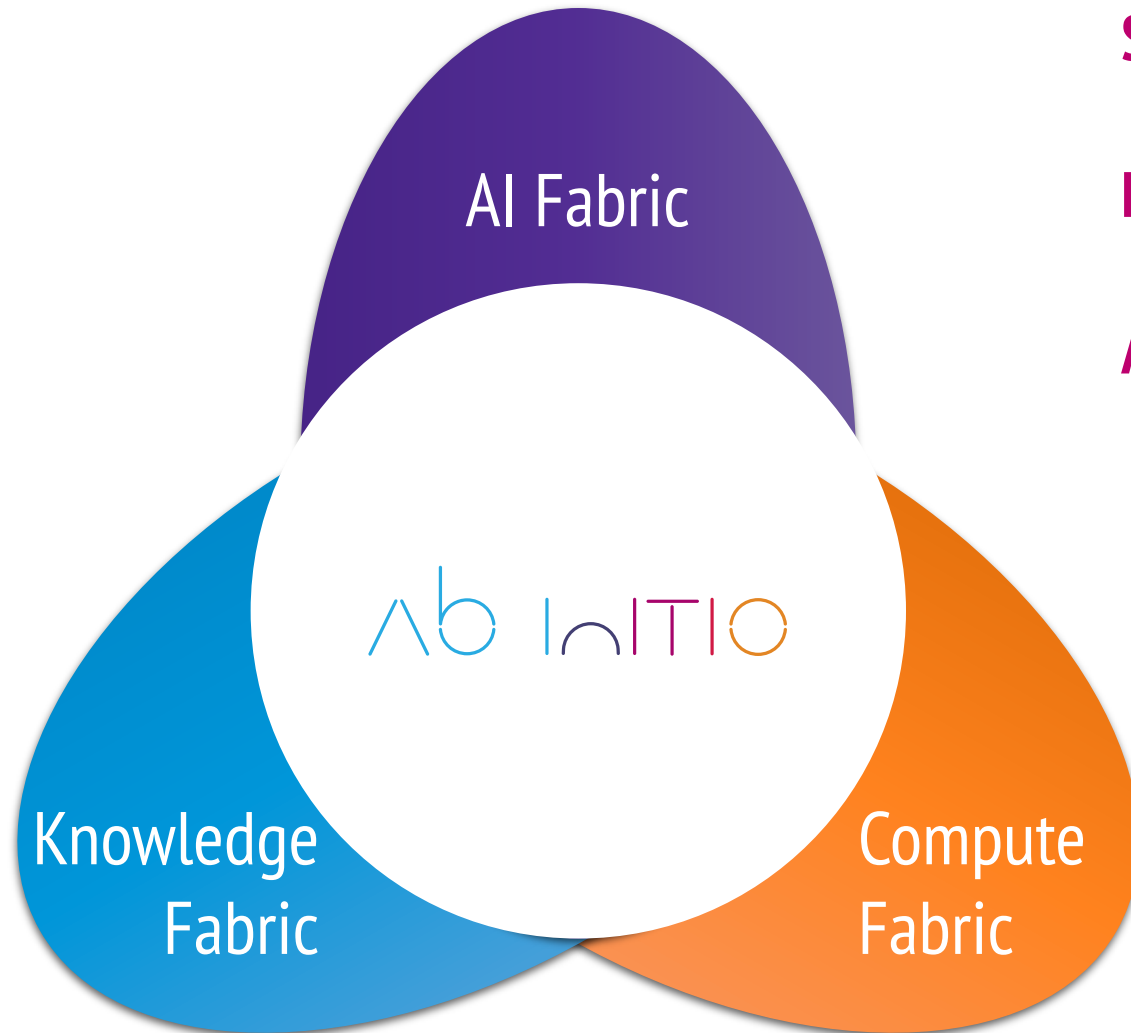
Embrace Generative AI with Metadata Context

- To accelerate construction of data products
- To drive natural language conversations with data
- To drive natural language conversations with metadata

Embrace the Ecosystem

- Leverage MCP to allow AI Agents to interoperate across multiple platforms.
- Support for heterogeneous platforms, as well as an evolving LLM landscape
- Leverage best of breed services and LLMs from both public and private clouds, including open source and ISVs

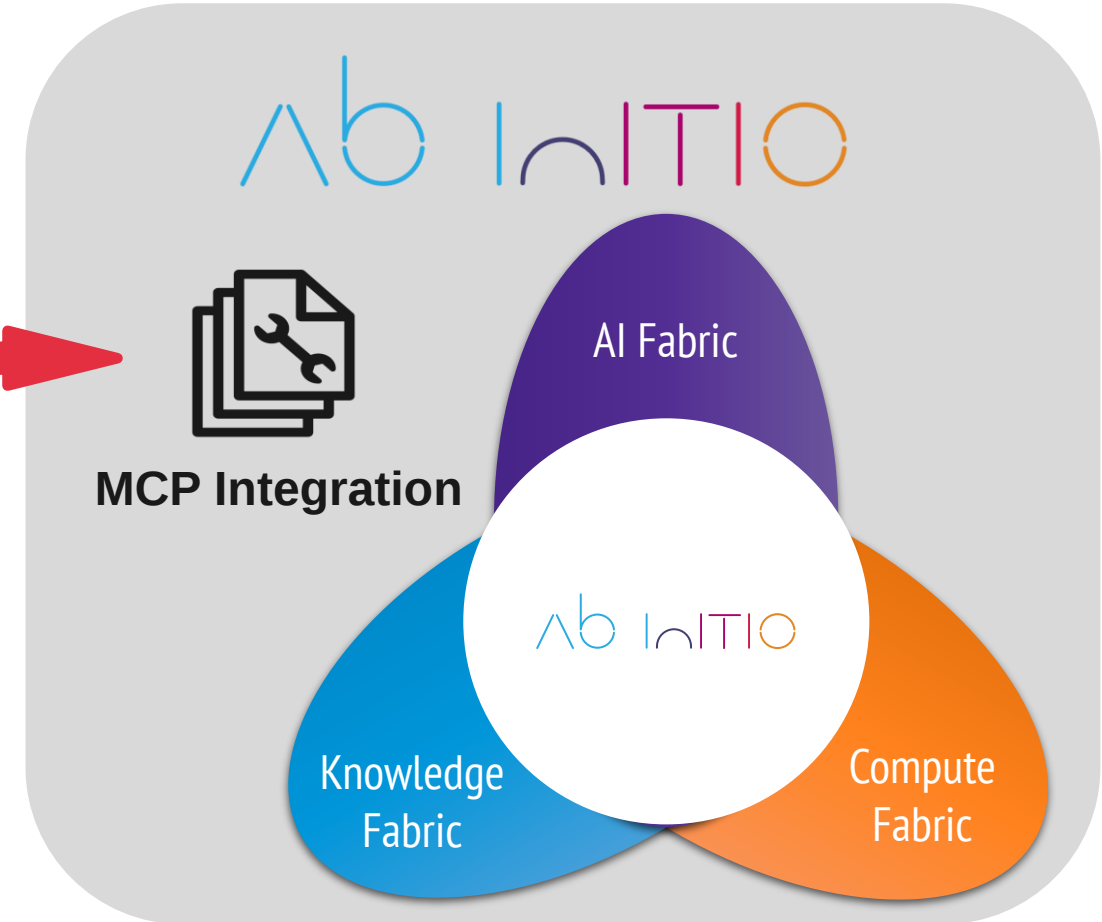
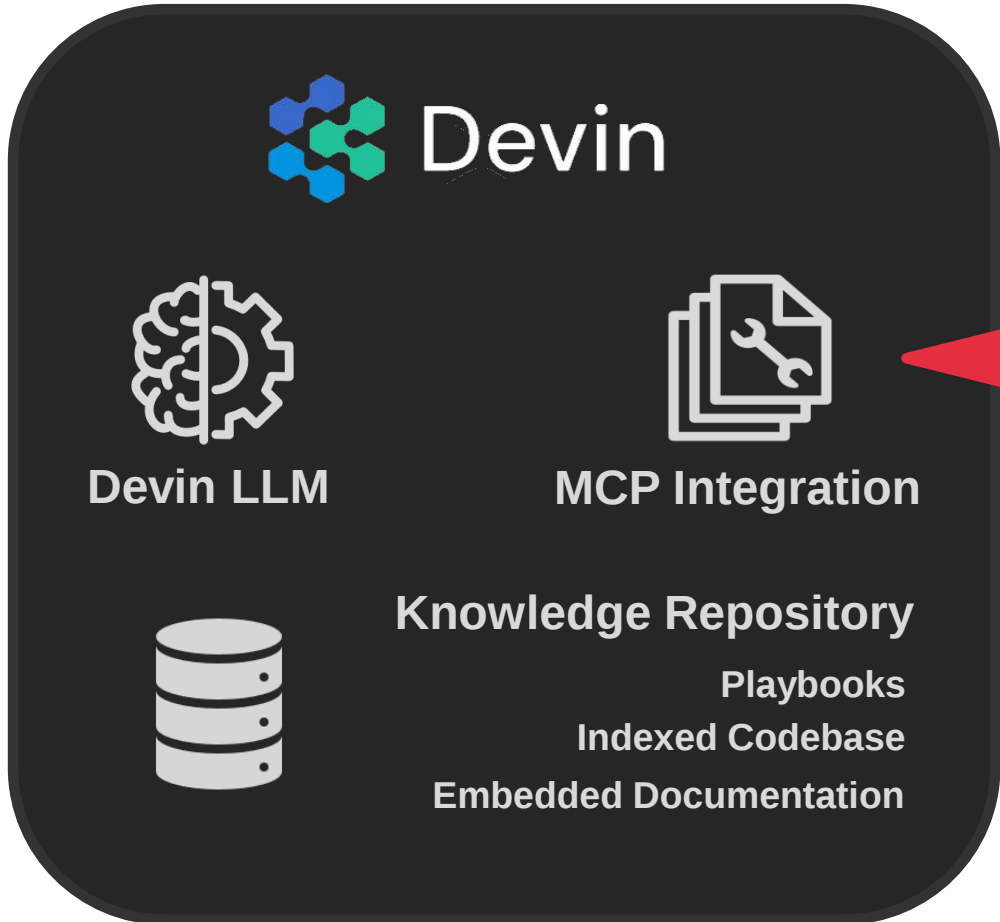
Ab Initio Converged Data Management Platform



SIMPLIFY the data landscape

ELEVATE the business user

ACCELERATE data management
data products
data governance
data integration
data acquisition
data compliance

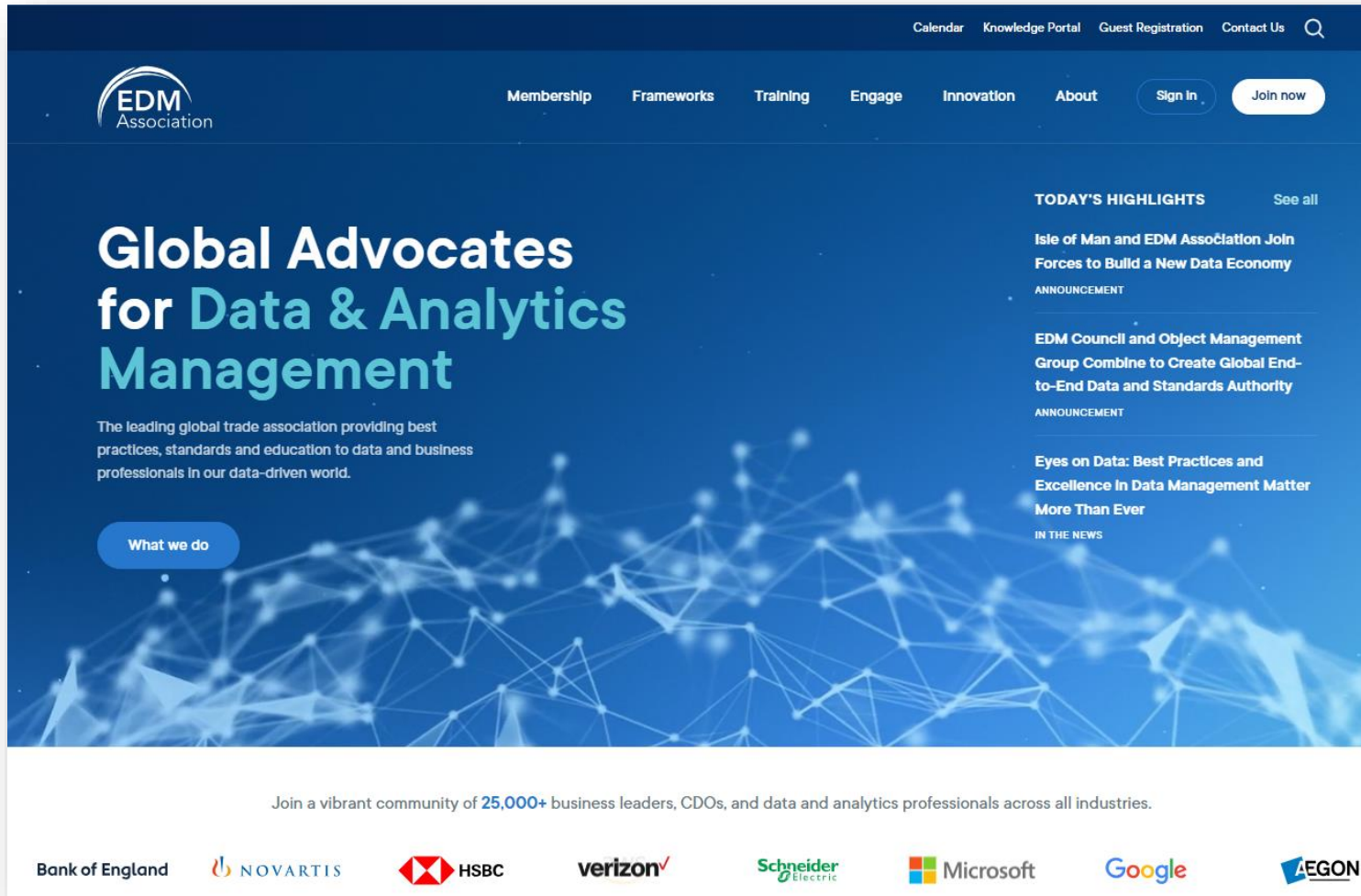


Questions?

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Learn more about EDM Association

(formerly EDM Council)



The screenshot shows the EDM Association website homepage. The header includes the EDM Association logo, navigation links (Membership, Frameworks, Training, Engage, Innovation, About), and buttons for Sign In and Join now. The main content area features a large hero section titled "Global Advocates for Data & Analytics Management" with a subtext: "The leading global trade association providing best practices, standards and education to data and business professionals in our data-driven world." Below this is a "What we do" button. To the right, there's a "TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS" section with three items: "Isle of Man and EDM Association Join Forces to Build a New Data Economy", "EDM Council and Object Management Group Combine to Create Global End-to-End Data and Standards Authority", and "Eyes on Data: Best Practices and Excellence in Data Management Matter More Than Ever". The footer includes a statement: "Join a vibrant community of 25,000+ business leaders, CDOs, and data and analytics professionals across all industries." and a row of partner logos: Bank of England, NOVARTIS, HSBC, verizon, Schneider Electric, Microsoft, Google, and AEGON.



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