

Data Governance Roles

Chief Data Officer

- Accountable for overall data governance program
 - Focused on mission objectives of agency which may involve looking for cost savings
 - Focused on plan stage of data lifecycle

Data Owner (Usually Senior Management)

- Accountable for ensuring steps are taken to protect data, delegates tasks to data steward.
 - Determines policies, regulatory requirements, compliance needs, and

training needed to protect data

Data Steward

- Enforce requirements set by Data Owners
- Bridge the gap between different data stakeholders
- Subject matter expert on data and its utility for business use

Data Custodian (Can Be 3rd Party Supplier)

- Oversees storage, transfer, and transport of data
- Takes care of data and the databases where it's stored
- Focuses on the "how" instead of the "why" of data storage



Chief Data Officer

A chief data officer is responsible for ensuring an organization gets the most value out of their data.

Looks at how data can be used to drive digital transformation. Acts as a liaison between mission and

technology goals.

The public sector CDO must focus on mission objectives which may involve looking for cost savings, but is not typically about monetizing government data.

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A data owner is a senior person in your organization who owns your data and is accountable for the quality of it.

Must be someone who has the authority, budget, and resources to

make decisions regarding data

While accountable for data quality, tasks that ensure data quality will be delegated by the data owner to the data steward





Data Steward

A data steward is usually appointed by the data owner to help them ensure data quality.

The data steward should be a subject matter expert on the data they are responsible for.

A data steward might investigate and fix data quality issues, draft definitions for data catalogs or glossaries, and review data quality reports.



Data Custodian

A data custodian (sometimes a 3rd party supplier) is someone on the IT side of the house who maintains data on systems in accordance with business requirements.

May move data between systems, aggregate the data, and transform the data.

> If a data custodian is unclear on requirements, they would speak to the data owner. A common misconception is that IT owns the data.