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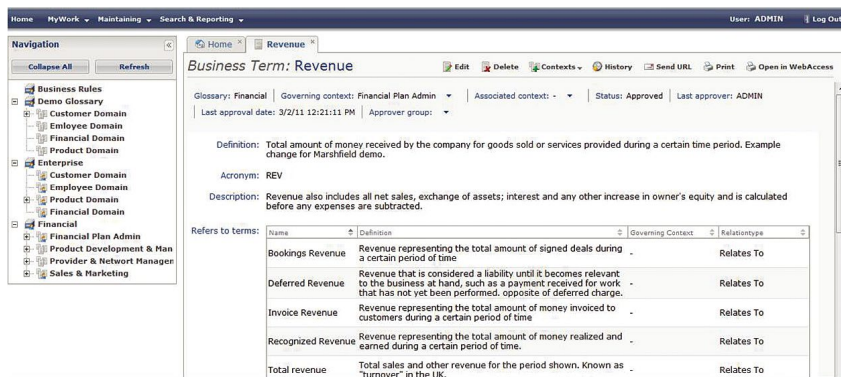
Providing a Clear Lineage for Critical Business and Technical terms and Establishing Data Governance

Overview

Does the term "revenue" mean the entire amount of income before any deductions are made, or does it mean the gross income from a business unit, investment, property, or even something else? To effectively address this dilemma, a managed glossary of authoritative business term definitions is essential. ASG-metaGlossary™ enables business analysts and data stewards to work together to create and share a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions. It ensures that business and IT users always have trusted, accurate, corporate-approved information they can depend on. Most importantly, it establishes:

- The enterprise's authoritative vocabulary definition of term
- The owner(s) or steward(s) of the vocabulary
- How the term is used in other LOB's/Domains
- Where the term is used across the enterprise (reports, models, RDMBS,ETL, etc.)

ASG-metaGlossary allows users to easily search across multiple glossaries and business domains, browse, and update their business terms. Users can also hover over an element to instantly view the corporate-certified definition from their current application environment. This allows the organization to increase data quality and effective decision making by developing, designing, and deploying projects according to the certified business definition.

Create, manage, and share a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions

Whether a glossary is needed to provide compliance to regulatory information, data quality, or governance efforts, ASG-metaGlossary establishes the corporate view of business information, linking the business information to how the data is physically represented in application systems, BI reports, data models, ETL code, and code values. It provides business-to-IT impact and validates term definition usage.

BENEFITS

- Governs, creates, and shares a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions
- Enables viewing of certified term definition from any desktop application (BI reports, MSFT suite, online, etc.)
- Designates users or groups as stewards in combination with workflow activities providing term definition ownership and enterprise term certification
- Highlights differences among subject matter experts, business analysts, and data stewards, promoting commonality and data integrity
- Classifies/relates business terms to other (logical and physical) information assets for business to technical alignment

TECHNICAL FEATURES

- Definition hover/Popup (MyInfoAssist)
- History tracking/ Versioning
- Workflow
- Email notifications
- Online wizards and lookups for:
- Term-to-term relationships
- External linkages
- Term-to-physical usage links
- Business model extensions
- Bulk loading of definitions and subsequent relationships

ASG-metaGlossary makes it easy for business users to view business definitions without losing context or focus. It helps organizations create, manage, and share an enterprise-wide controlled vocabulary that acts as the common language between business and IT. ASG-metaGlossary is designed to enable superior communication and more effective collaboration across business lines, enabling analysts and data stewards to work together to create and share a common view of the organization's assets. This allows users to easily search, browse, and update their business terms while promoting better understanding and use of data.

The glossary of terms is structured in a Taxonomy resonating with the organization's key domains and assets. Stewards are assigned according to these domains for access rights. All terms are governed and shared across the domains, allowing for re-use, term-to-term relations (synonyms, broad and narrow terms, calculations), and linked to external definitions (i.e., Wikipedia, SharePoint, or data models). The open framework of ASG-metaGlossary allows for harvesting information within corporate information systems as well as linking or incorporating external industry standards.

ASG-metaGlossary provides a managed framework for managing business information. It is delivered with a business information model which is completely open for extensions and modification. This framework allows for multi-level hierarchies and categorization of the terms within the glossaries, and a workflow engine so that terms can be managed according to the internal governance process with online submissions, approvals, and automated email notifications.

ASG-metaGlossary features a user-friendly, business-oriented user interface that makes it easy for IT and business users alike to find and identify business terms for their unique purposes. ASG-metaGlossary's powerful searching capabilities make it easy for both IT and business users to quickly find the information they need from different tools and applications across multiple, related glossaries.

ASG-metaGlossary supports business terms related to logical models or physical items that have been scanned into the Metadata Repository (i.e., reports, ETL jobs, database, data warehouses, etc.) for understanding where and how information is being used according to the certified meanings.

We've added these great new features to ASG-metaGlossary

1. Collaboration
   - Issue management
   - "RACI" role management
   - Multi-step approval
   - Role-based approvals
   - "Voting" support

2. Enterprise Glossary Support
   - Linkage between Business Terms, Critical Data Elements (CDEs) and Quality Metrics
   - Linkage from Business Terms to Reference Data
   - Support for Business Packages (Business Rules, Policies, Procedures, Guidelines etc.)

3. A Global Search capability with access from Metadata Repository Browser

4. Out-of-the-box reports and dashboards

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