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# Utilizing Automation and Ontologies to Design, Deploy, and Sustain an Effective Model Governance Program

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# Executive Summary

## **Model Governance Automation**

Utilize automation and ontologies to design, deploy, and sustain an effective model governance program. Ensure veracity of artifacts, establish transparency, improve communication, increase trust.

**FOUNDATION** – Utilize elastic model governance guide for model governance system, digital engineering (DE) infrastructure, individual and composite models

**AUTOMATION** – Employ widget to scrape constituent models for information

**INTEGRATION** – Use ontology-first digital thread integration platform

**LEVERAGE** – Leverage extensive data governance practice

**DELIVERY** – Apply governance to aid DE to deliver results to fulfill mission needs

# Agenda



# Why Governance?

*Digital Engineering (DE) is an **integrated** digital approach that uses authoritative sources of system data and models as a **continuum** across disciplines to support lifecycle activities from concept through disposal*

## Use models



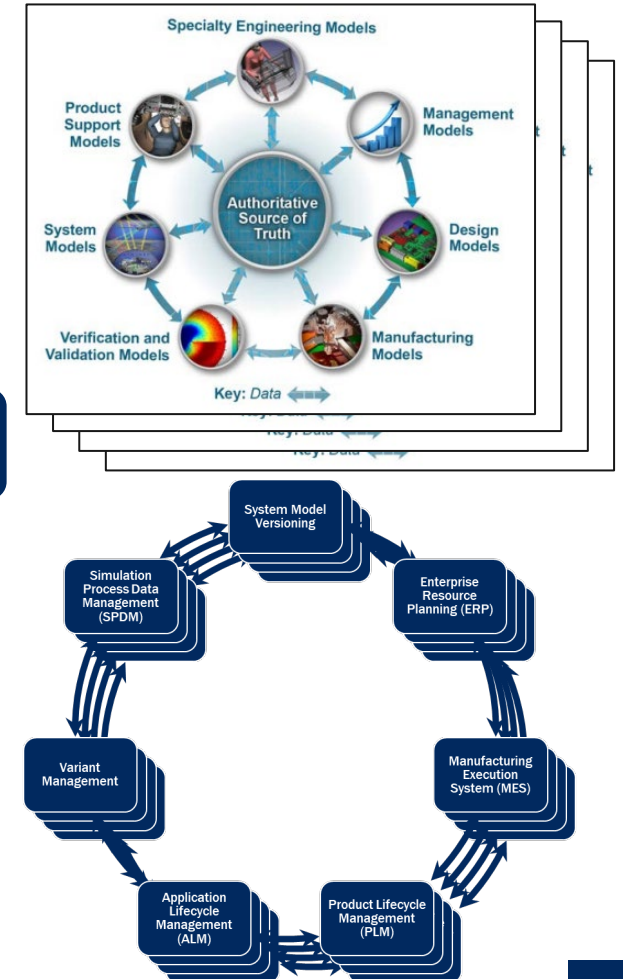
## Different domains



## Distributed data management



## Many organizations



## Reality

Governance across a digital thread must address a set of data management tools to ensure quality for decision making



# What is Model Governance?

- Documented decisions, rights, and accountabilities
- for model related processes,
- executed according to an agreed upon set of rules
- which describe:
  - who can take
  - what actions with
  - what models,
  - when, under
  - what circumstances, using
  - what methods.

# Governance vs. Management

## Model Governance

Govern – Define and  
oversee the right things

Increased  
model value,  
reduced risk

## Model Management

Manage – Do the  
right things

**Model Governance ensures  
Model Management is happening**

Adapted from Ladley, John, "Data Governance: How to Design, Deploy, and Sustain an Effective Data Governance Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Academic Press, 2020.

**Two Sides of the Same Coin**

# Primary Responsibilities

- Define accountability
- Enact policy into procedure
- Provide model and infrastructure transparency
- Monitor quality and compliance
- Report results



Transparent



Collaborative



Measurable

Adapted from Pak, Rebekah, "A3 Data Governance: Data Governance Introduction and General Process," May 2021

**Governance Guide Provides Structure to Organize DE Execution**



# Earlier Work

## Model Governance Guide

As Digital Engineering (DE) employs a digital thread with a broad range of interconnected models, it can be difficult to govern linked models across disciplines and contractual boundaries. This approach includes:

**GUIDANCE** – Model-based guidance with in-model work instructions,

**INTEGRATION** – Integration of the overall model governance system, DE Ecosystem (DEE) infrastructure, individual models, and composite models,

**PURPOSE** – Traceability of model purpose and resolution of technical debt,

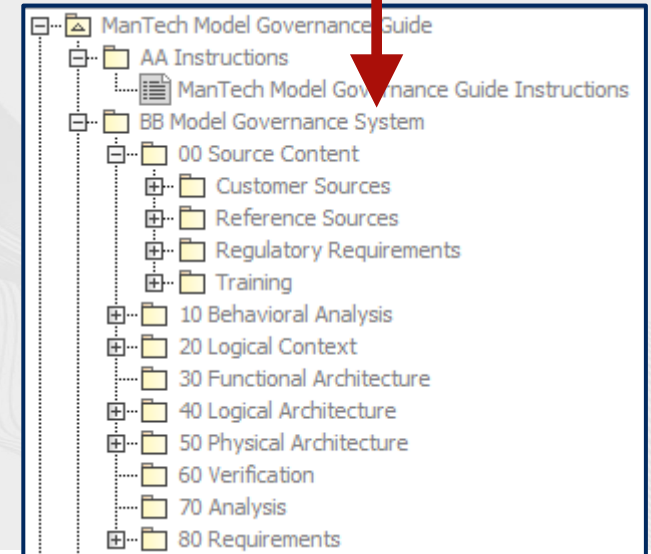
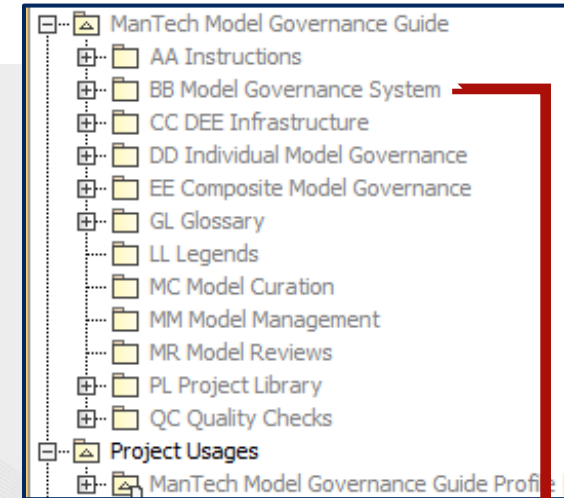
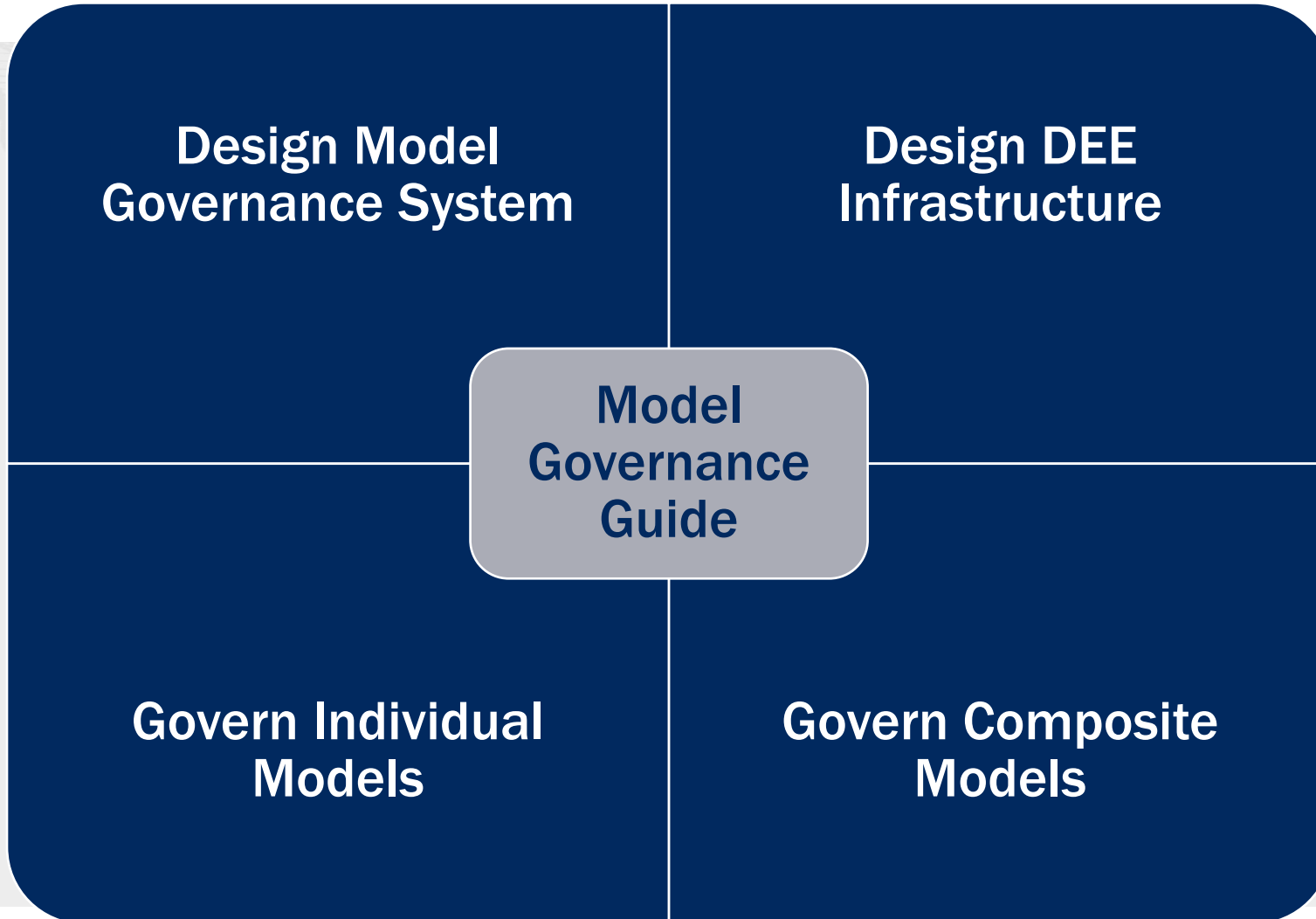
**VALIDATION** – Automated validation for insight on compliance,

**FLEXIBILITY** – Customization for flexibility and tailoring (fleX-engineering™).

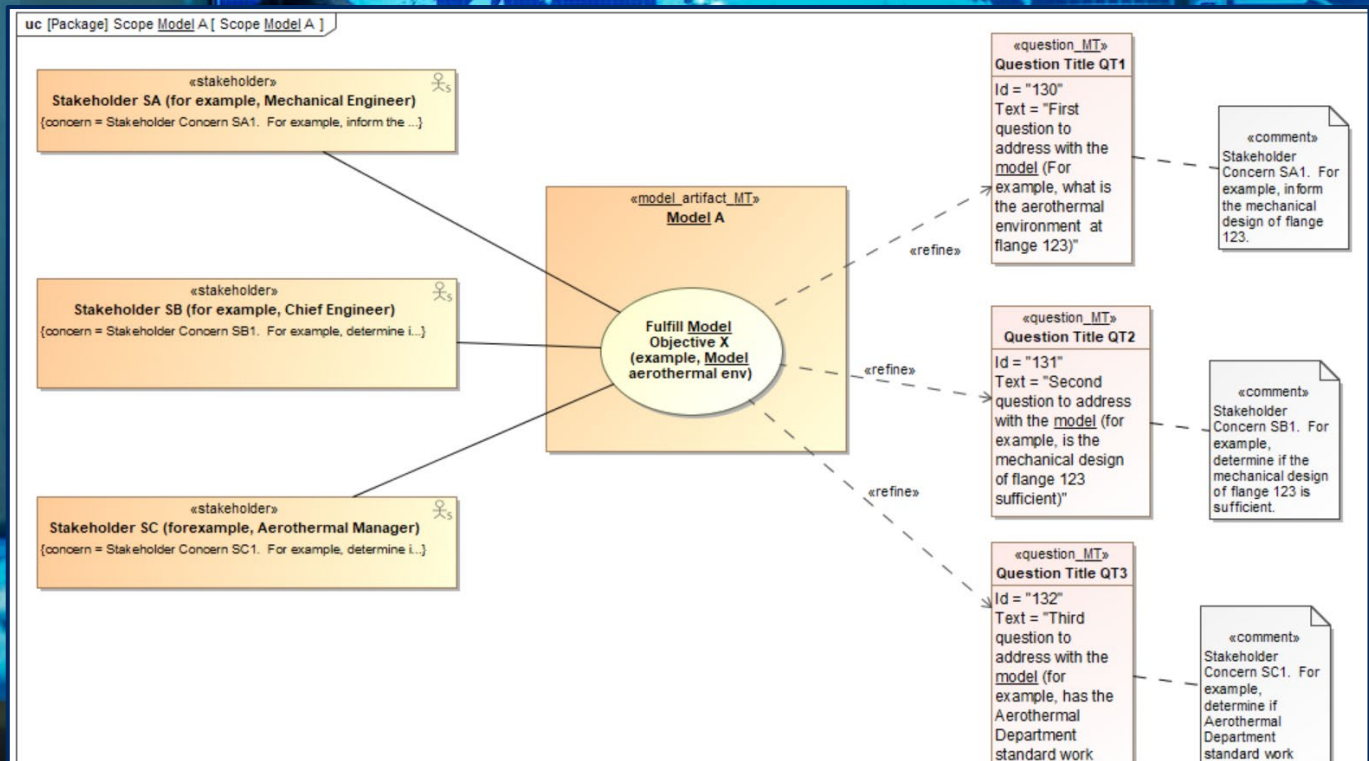
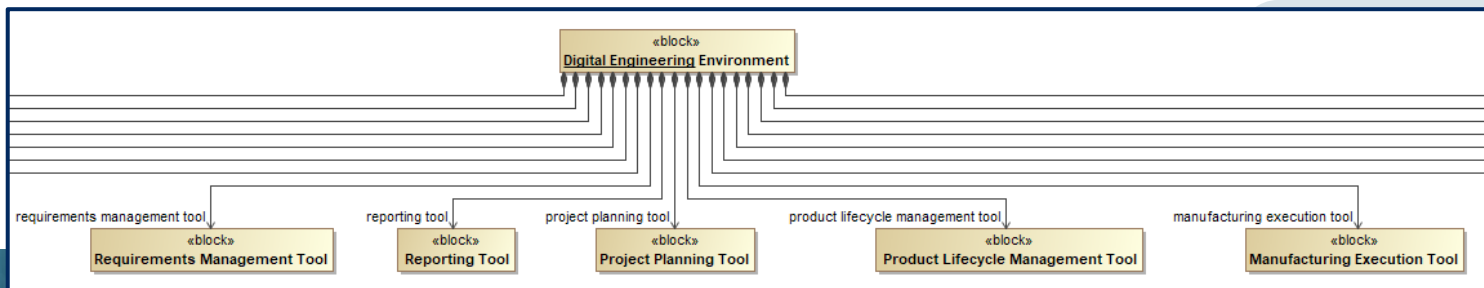
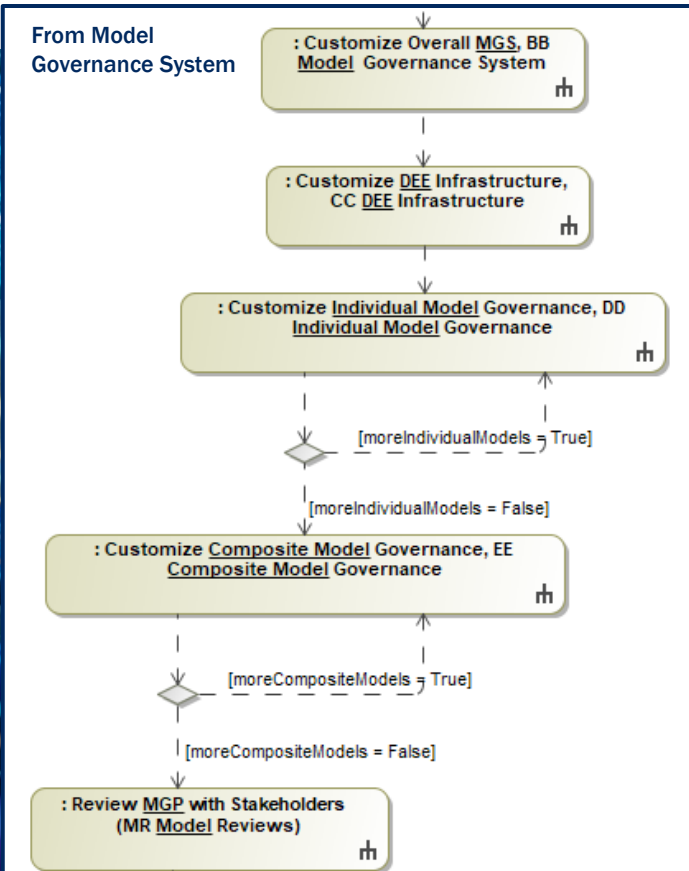




# Structure



# Model Snapshots



#	Name	Documentation	Associated Assumptions	Associated Risks	Traced to Standards	Use Cases	Questions2	Satisfies	Allocated To	Location
1	Model A	This is the description of Model A...	Assumption B Assumption A	Risk R1	Standard 1 (for example, ...) Best Practice 3 (for example, ...) Standard 2 (for example, ...)	Fulfill Model Objective X (example, Model aerothermal env)	Question Title QT1 Question Title QT2 Question Title QT3	23 Modeling Questions MGSG-116 Risk MGSG-2 Model Name	ansys : ANSYS	AWS AppStream

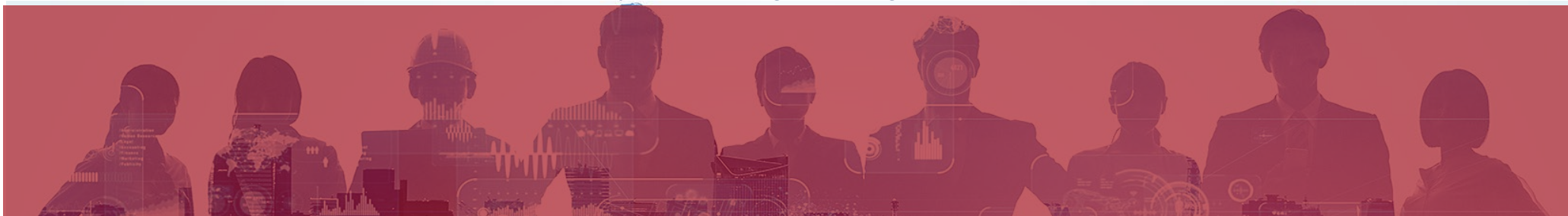
Ensure Models and Infrastructure Address Program Needs



# User Statement

“The Model Governance Guide provided our team with a framework for developing data governance rules and techniques to execute a rigorous enterprise modeling program. Establishing a set of model controls is no different and just as important as establishing Security Controls in the Cybersecurity discipline. With this effort, our customer will improve their business process management, degree of data integrity, and communication and transparency among Stakeholders. Without Model Governance the desired degree of model and data integrity cannot be achieved.”

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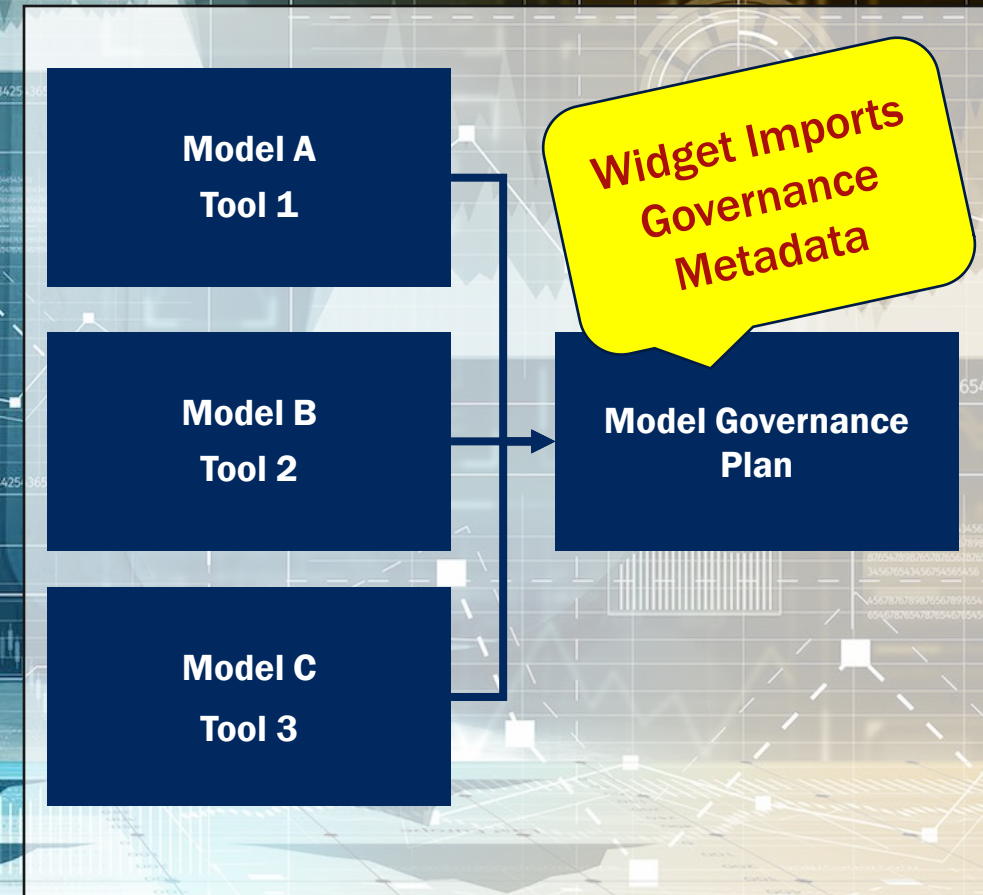






# Updates Add Automation

- Automation and ontologies utilized to reduce manual effort
- Widget automatically scrapes constituent models across an ecosystem to report governance information
- Automating ingestion of governance data reduces chance for error
- Where governance metadata are lacking, user interface guides input of missing information



**Utilize Automation to Populate Governance Information**

# Semantic Integration Aids Governance



- Utilize semantic, ontology-first, hub-and-spoke digital thread integration platform for model governance purposes
- Enhances automation for aggregating metadata, tracking compliance, performing queries, and visualizing results
- Organizing governance using ontologies produces an agonistic approach, allowing use by customers regardless of current tools
- Capturing contextual governance information also supports appropriate model re-use
- Utilizing validation suites to ensure accuracy and completeness assists governance personnel and program office
- Approach allows dashboard views of model governance compliance status to aid program execution





# Sustain an Effective Model Governance Program

- Tactical strategies to enhance effectiveness
- Sustain an effective program with buy-in and consistent participation from stakeholders
  - Build business case
  - Demonstrate return-on-investment
  - Utilize flexibility and scalability

## CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

1. **Require as mandatory**
2. **Show value explicitly**
3. **Manage organizational change**
4. **View as enterprise effort**



# Demonstration

# Next Steps

Evolve Governance Approach to Enhance Digital Fabric Solutions and Services for Customers

## Additional Capabilities



Implement program lessons learned



Extend digital fabric reach



Extend metadata scraping



Evolve governance ontology



Optimize strategy

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