The Organisation As A System

The Performance Organiser

An information management framework

- Clear Line of Sight
- Centralised control v delegated responsibility
- The ability to "burrow"
- Any point entry
- Evidence based decision support
- Portal Everywhere
- Structured and unstructured data
- Management and control of data location

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The First Transition – Data Capture and Validation Data has legs

Data is nearly always incomplete from an information delivery perspective

As the transitions and attenuations take effect, data changes shape, form and meaning

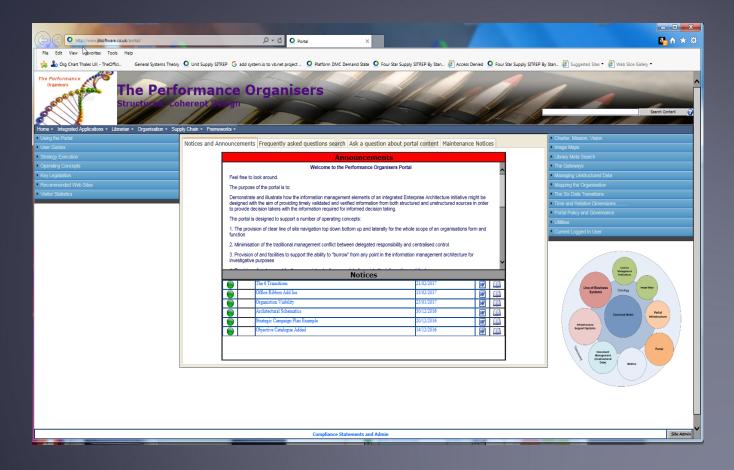
Information is a composite of multiple data forms

In information management terms, without robust validation, there is no information management.

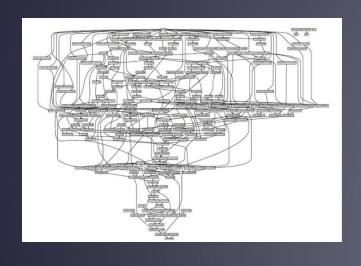
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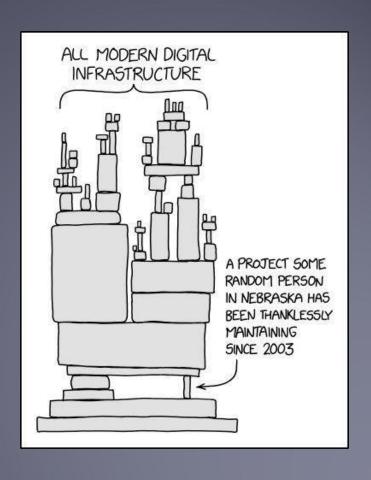
Validation is perhaps the primary responsibility and duty of software developers

Users see.....

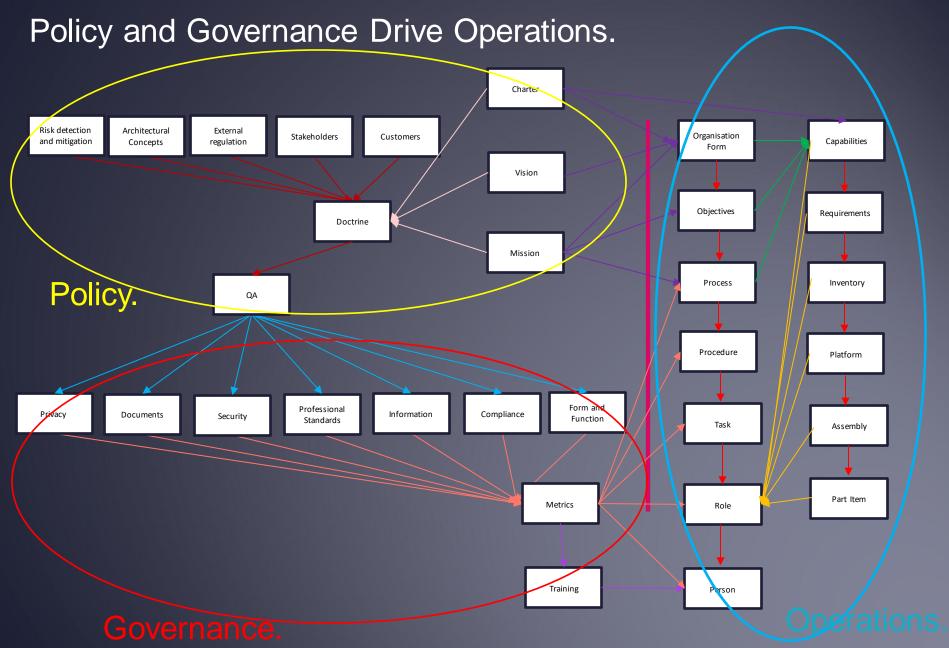


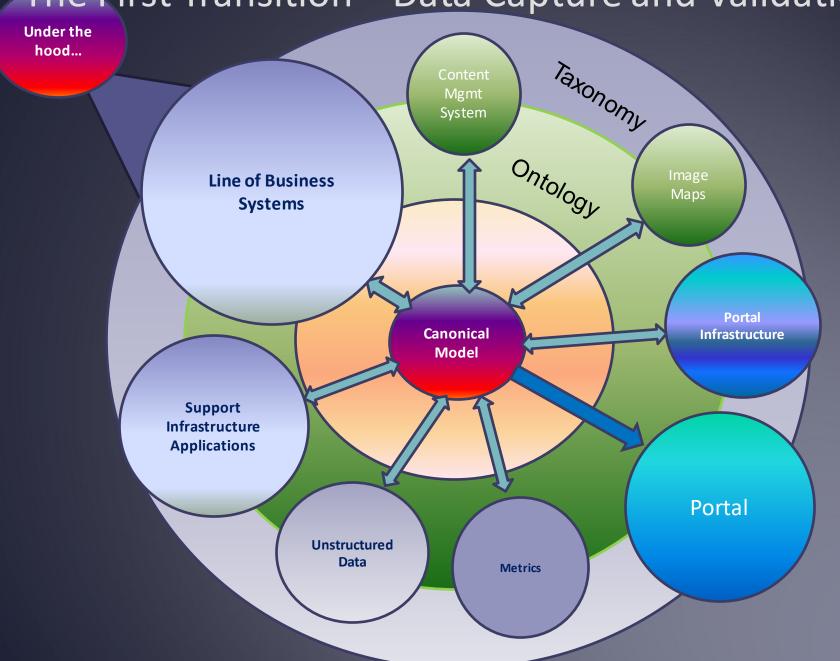
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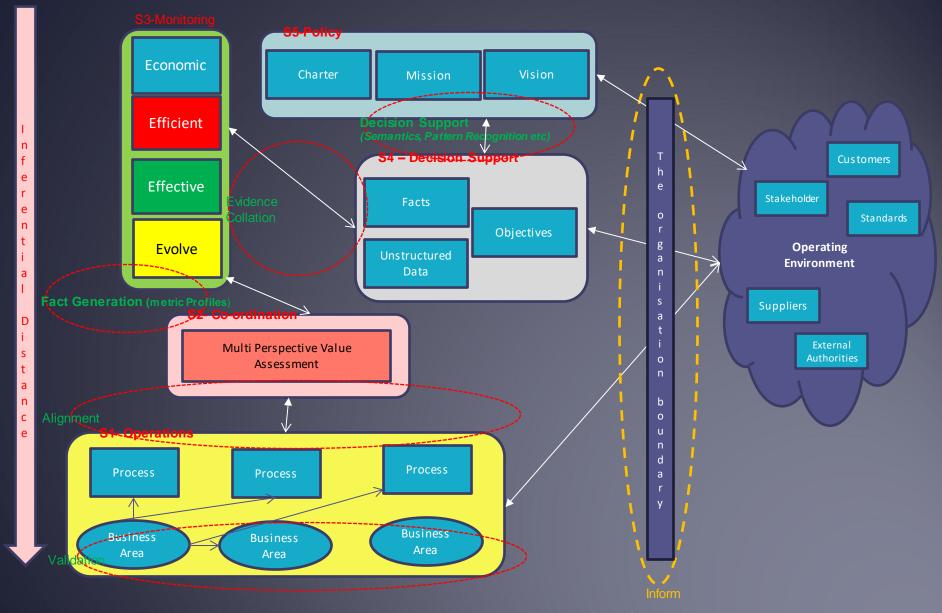




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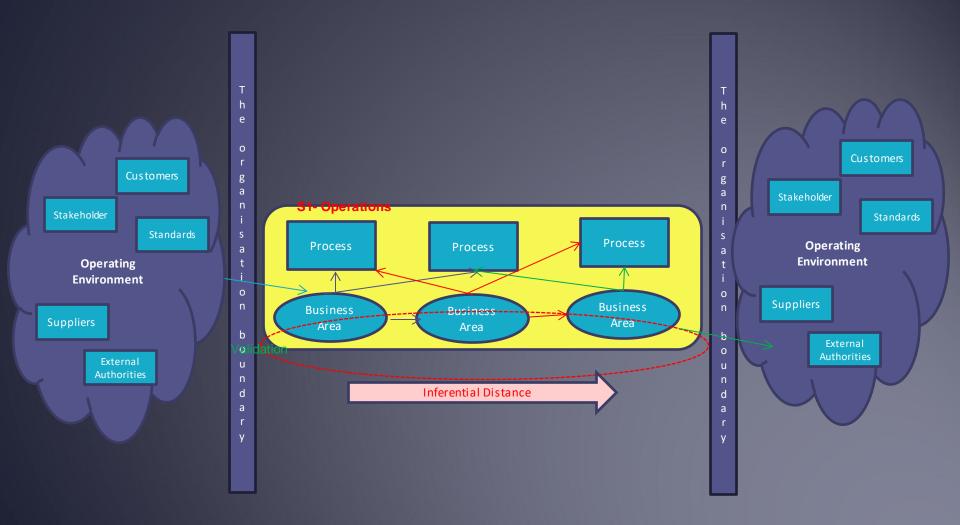




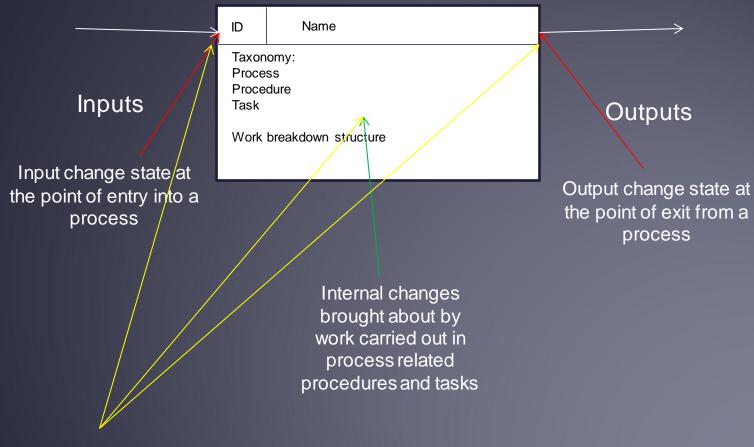


NOTHING crosses the organisation boundary, in or out, without "consent"

The organisation boundary



Operational Process Level



Measurable transaction points

Composite operational data collection and use Make End Start **Buyers** R&D Engr People Inventory Documents Sell End Start

First level reporting: Operational performance



Moving Range Performance Measurement

Time

The Old Geeks Shed

People do what people do. My Numbers are not your Numbers

Validation is in three general stages.....

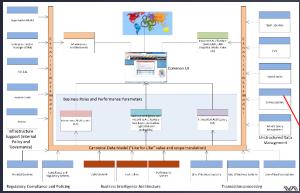
Stage 1 – programme defensively with one of the primary aims being to reduce keyboard finger trouble

Stage 2 – "clean" the data. That is to say remove detectable anomalies in preparation for subsequent transitions

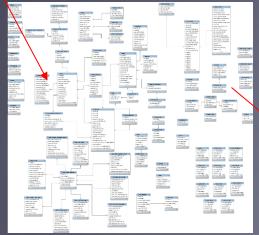
Stage 3 – Delete redundant data

Inferential Distance

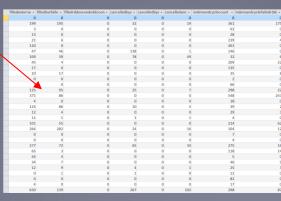
There is a complex data management architecture....



Federation



Data Structure for each container



Data tables, indexes, stored procedures..



The first component – a data dictionary

A data dictionary contains the details of descriptive attributes of "things".

Descriptive attributes include descriptors like....

A name

The type of data it normally holds

Some form of range of value indication

What happens to it during its life cycle

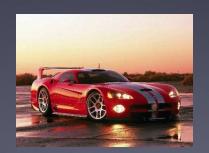
Descriptions of what it does.

What it is used for in terms of range of uses and who it is used by where, when and how

Without it, validation becomes a bit of a guess....



Data Dictionary Entry



Inventory Class

Item Part Number Item Description

Item Class or Platform

Z1

960 0101

Car

Sports

Other attributes as granularity demands and "need to know" is refined



Golden Record



If its done right..... And Referential Integrity is Robustly Maintained.....

Brilliant.....

The Desktop

- Data has legs
- People do what people do
- Computers are, by their nature, binary, they are not very good at "untidy"
- Without robust validation, garbage in, garbage out
- "information" is a derivative of operational data
- My numbers are not your numbers
- Data collection is usually at process level and linear
- Reporting tends to be multi purpose and viral
- Minimise the impact of inferential distance
- Those who get this right have a firm foundation for the other transitions
- Beware of geeks bearing gifts....

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