**Data Description**

Describing and documenting data is essential in ensuring that the researcher, and others who may need to use the data, can make sense of the data and understand the processes that have been followed in the collection, processing, and analysis of the data. Research data are any physical and/or digital materials that are collected, observed, or created in research activity for purposes of analysis to produce original research results or creative works.

**Data objects and Relationships**

A data object is a part of the repository whose content can be addressed and interpreted by the program. All data objects must be declared in the ABAP program and are not persistent, meaning that they only exist while the program is being executed. Before you can process persistent data (such as data from a database table or from a sequential file), you must read it into data objects first. Conversely, if you want to retain the contents of a data object beyond the end of the program, you must save it in a persistent form.