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Data Mesh at Intuit

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Agenda

Arriving at data mesh

Our vision and four part strategy

Now with 25% more parts!

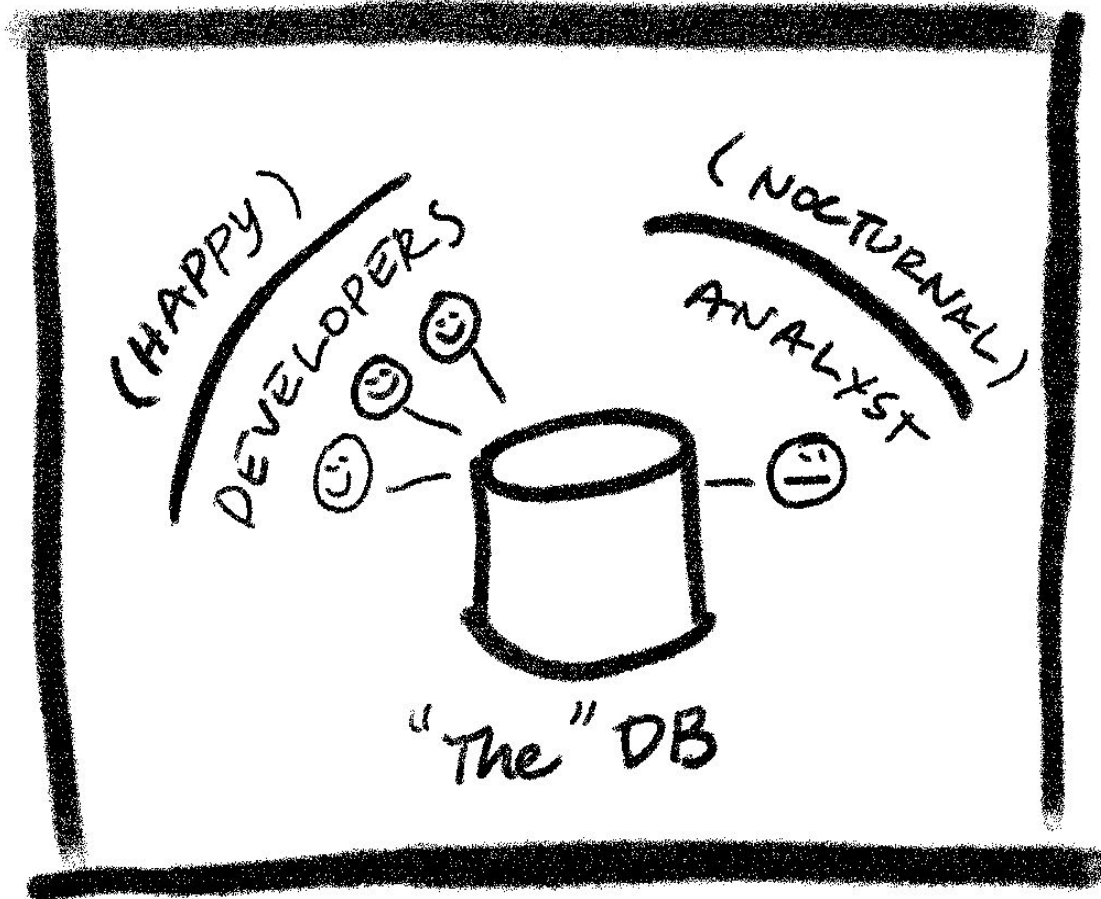
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Fire away!

Arriving at data mesh

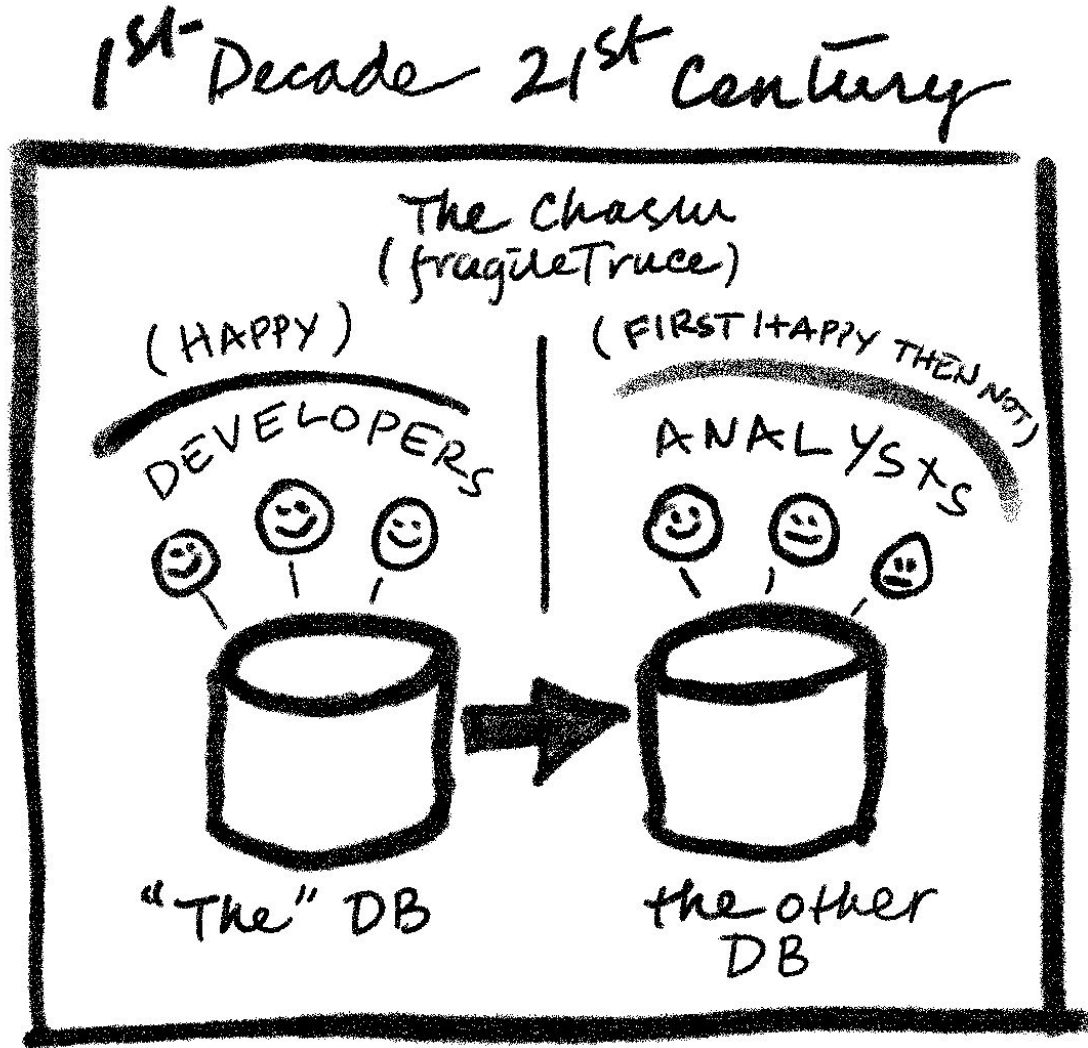
A brief history of data infrastructure

Late 20th Century



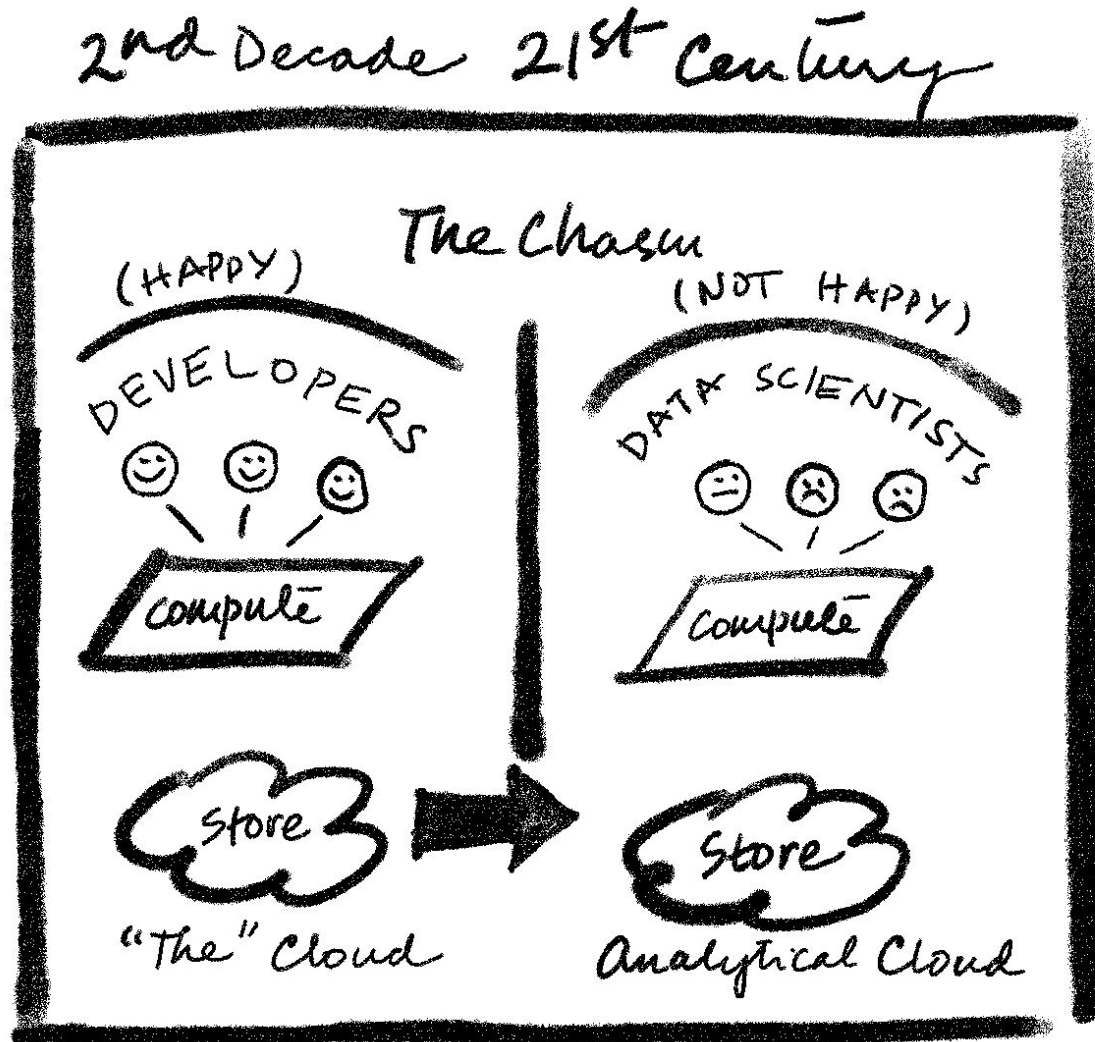
Had no idea what
was about to hit
us !!

A brief history of data infrastructure



The Chasm is born!

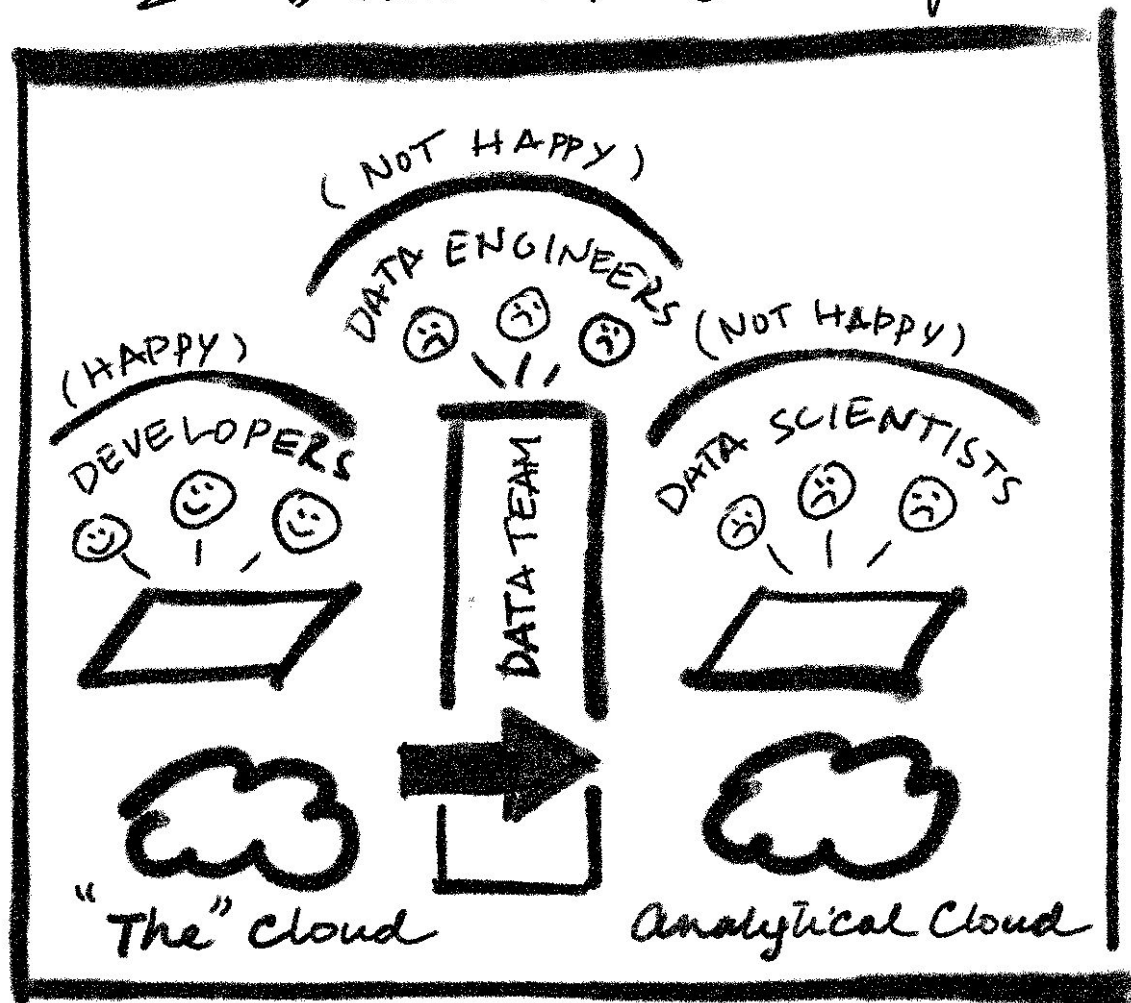
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Help!
Data Engineers
on their way!

Today

2nd Decade 21st Century



We Cannot Scale!

What “we cannot scale” sounds like from our users

Discovering Data

- Where can I find data about a particular thing (customer, company, etc)?
- Where can I find the data sourced from a particular product or service?

Understanding Data

- Who can approve my access so that I can see samples of the data?
- What is the schema of the data?
- What is the business meaning and context of the data?
- Is this data related to other concepts? Is it joinable to other data? What is the meaning of the relationship?

Trusting Data

- What system produces this data and at what latency?
- What other systems use this data?
- What is the quality of this data? Is it ‘clean’?
- Which team supports this data if it breaks?

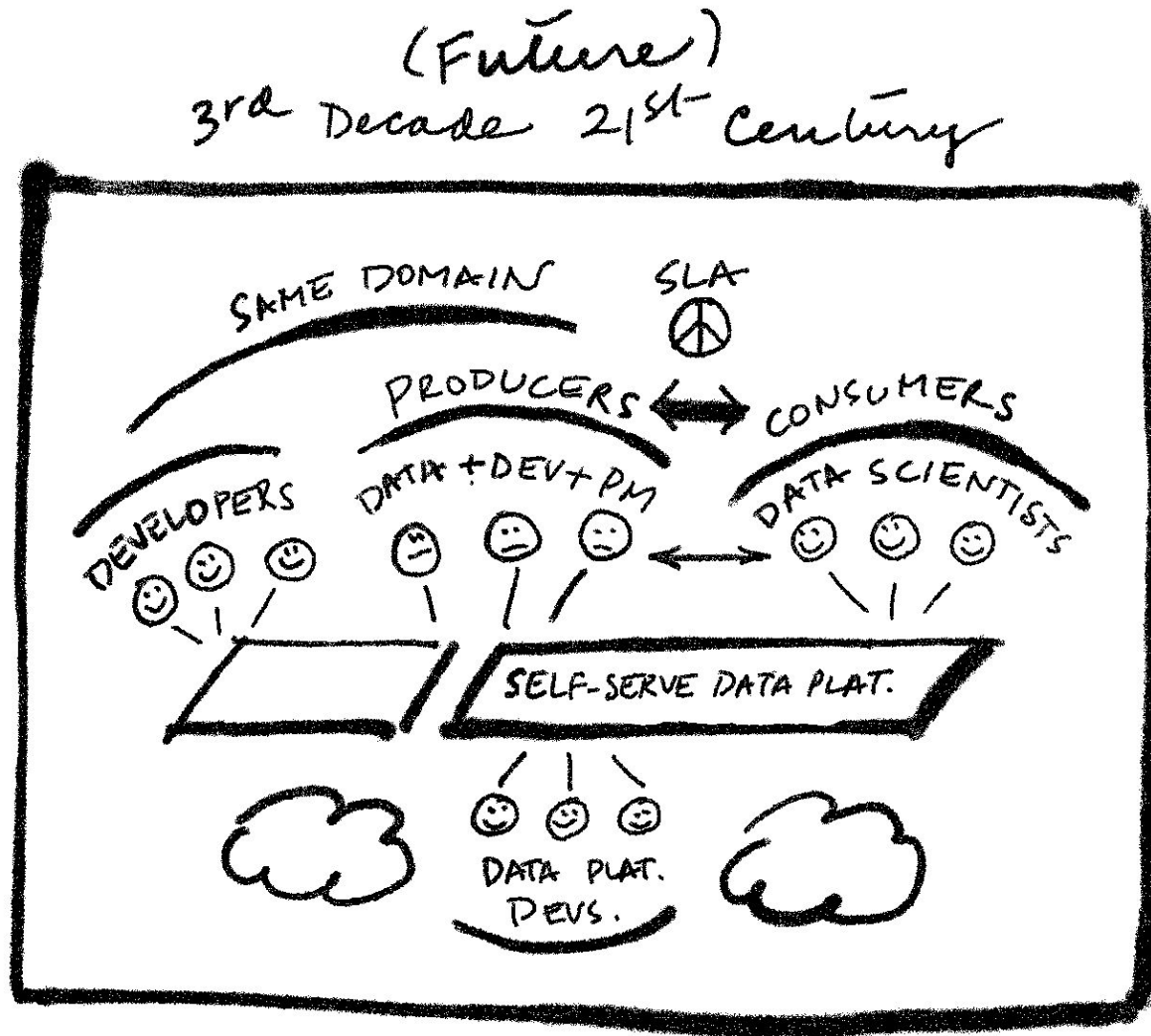
Consuming Data

- How is this table/topic partitioned?
- Who can approve my production system to access it?
- Will I get alerted if the schema changes?

Publishing Data

- How do I describe my data so that others understand what it means and how to use it?
- Where do I host my data so that other systems can access it?
- Data systems are complicated, how can I build and operate my process on top of one?
- What are my operational responsibilities once my process/data is in production?
- How do I meet my compliance requirements for processing/storing/publishing data?
- Am I duplicating processing/data that already exists?

The future of data infrastructure



The provocation

- Data treated as code
- Data service as a facet of a product
- Data responsibility decentralized
- Producers take responsibility for data
- Producers serve consumers
- Data platform provides the ecosystem to govern and manage the lifecycle of data and machine learning

Data Mesh is born

Our vision and four part strategy

**Enable more Intuit teams
to more easily use and
create data**

Four part strategy

- Stewardship
 - ensures accountability for a set of defined responsibilities in building and managing their solutions; including adherence to a set of defined best practices to produce only high quality data.
- Organizing people, code and data
 - A systematic approach to organizing the people, code and data which clearly identifies the owners of a business problem and its solution.
- Self serve products
 - A rich suite of self serve products that enable teams to more easily author, deploy, govern and operate their own solutions, aided by automation and processes that support best practices and high quality as a precondition for deployment.
- Rationalizing data definitions
 - A process for rationalizing all critical data definitions at the company so that data concepts like Customer, Product and Entitlement are unique, re-usable and non-conflicting.

Stewardship

One Intuit Account Management CROSS ECOSYSTEM

FROM

- Customers must update their account info across products
- Customers can't view all the Intuit products they manage in a single place
- Frustrated customers make several MM unnecessary customer support calls
- Central data engineering team tries to put it all back together with little involvement from Intuit Account services team.

TO

DATA API



DOMAINS

- Billing
- Monetization

TEAM

- Account
- Data Eng










IMPACT

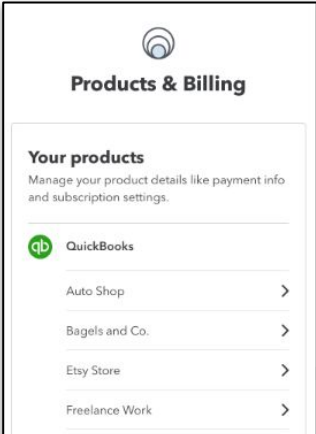
CUSTOMER

Single ecosystem experience

BUSINESS

- Increased developer productivity
- Accurate customer records
- In FY21, \$\$ savings from fewer customer support calls

Name ↑	Description	Details
 Product   enterprise / monetization / Commerce	Commerce product definition	CLEANED
 Product  enterprise / monetization / mint	Generic unified entitled product...	CLEANED
 Product  enterprise / monetization / OIAM	OIAM product definition	UNIFIED
 Product  enterprise / monetization / paycycle	Paycycle product definition	CLEANED

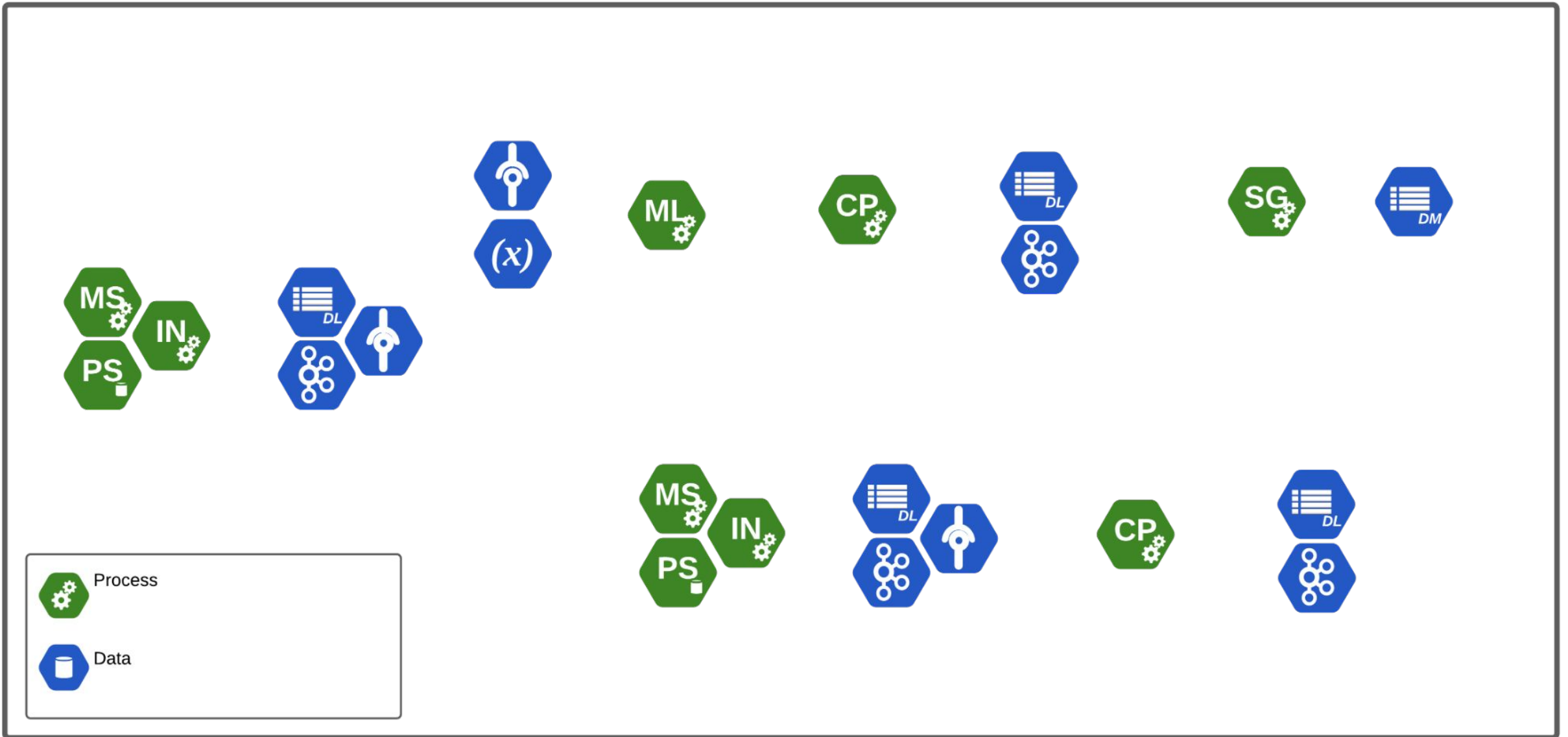


Stewardship goals for next year

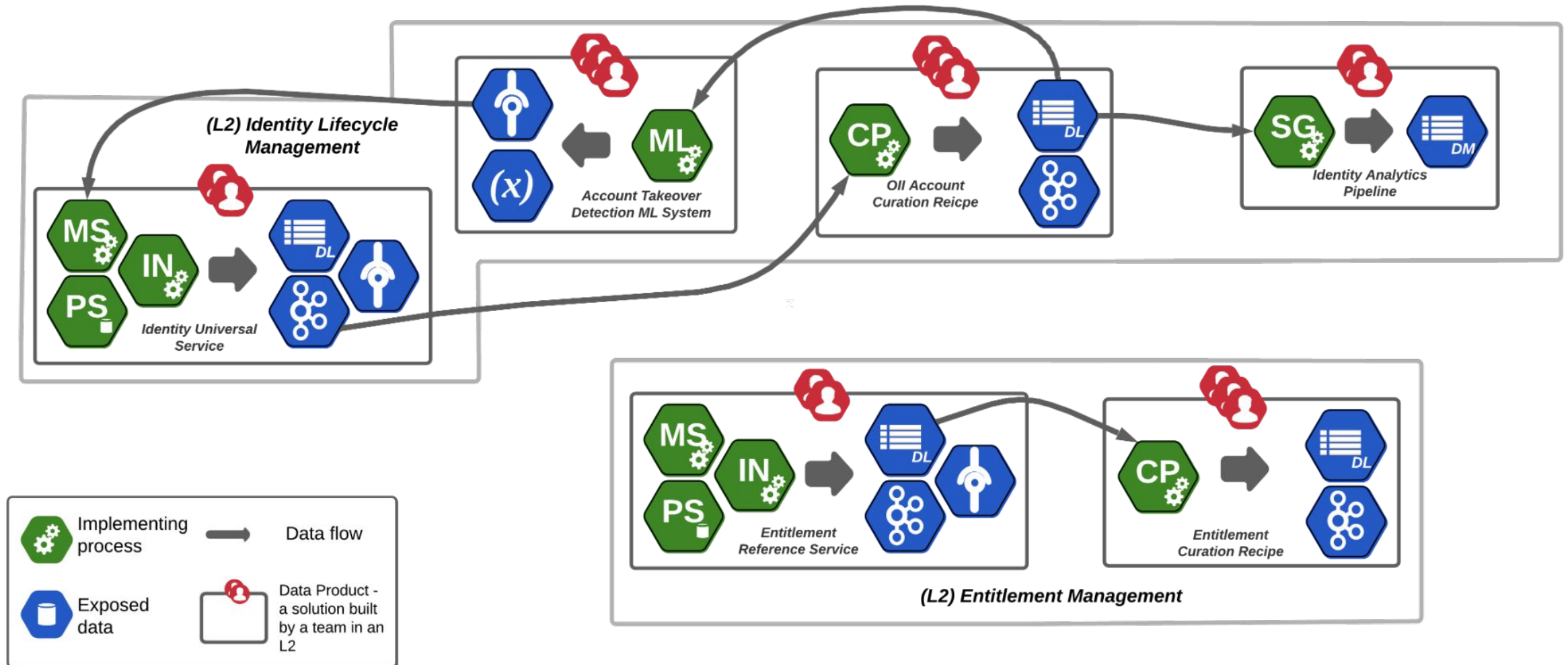
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	pipeline XYZ	UIP ▼	UIP ▼	self ▼	self ▼	50.00%		
	pipeline ABC	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	100.00%		
	Domain Event Pipelines							
	pipeline 123	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	100.00%	100.00%	
	pipeline 456	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	self ▼	100.00%		
	Data Entities							
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	OII Person	Data Success ▼	Data Success ▼	Data Success: ▼	self ▼	25.00%		
	OII Org	self ▼	-- ▼	-- ▼	-- ▼	100.00%		

Organizing People, Code, and Data

Raw information about physical systems that describes where the data is stored and where code is executing. This describes where data is physically located so that it can be accessed.



Basic dependency, ownership and classification information provides additional context about physical data and code locations so that data can be better governed, secured and operated by the owning teams.



Why organizing people, code and data matters

Private vs Public

~50% tables are either temp/sandbox/staging/test/backup tables



- **Messes up search & discovery**
- **Teams consume data not meant for external use**

Data Ownership

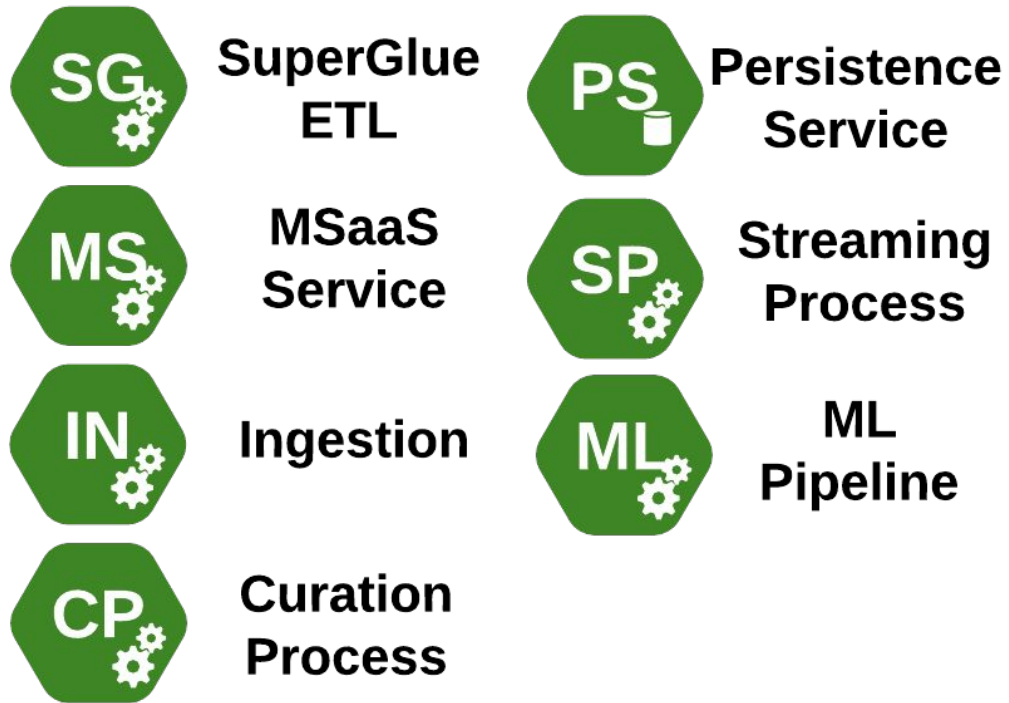
~50% tables don't have clearly identified owners



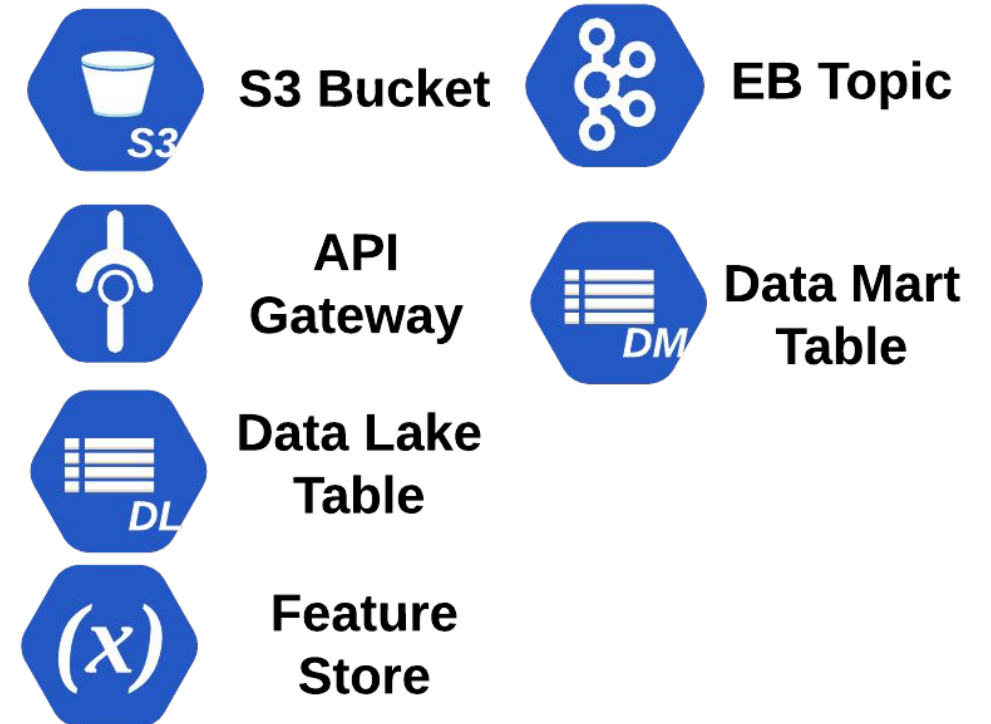
- **Erodes Trust**
- **Copies proliferate**
- **Operational, Governance risk**

Self Serve Products

Data Processing Capabilities



Data Serving Capabilities



Self Serve goals for next year

100% of Top 20 tasks in the Data lifecycle are Self Serve

Infra Provisioning

- Transactional Persistence
- Compute for stream, batch processing
- Monitor, Debug Infra
- Cost

Data Authoring

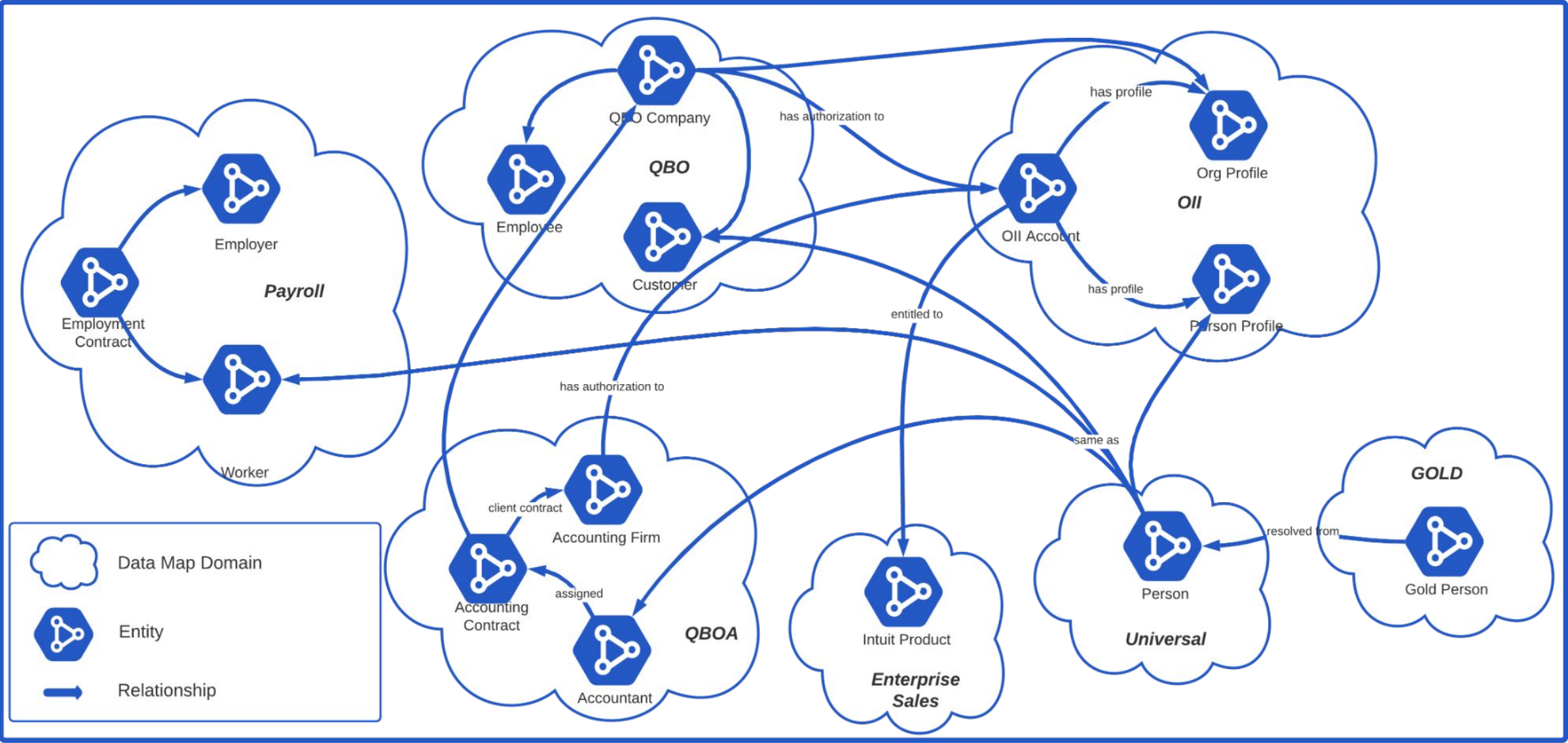
- Events, Schemas
- Ingestion
- Transformations
- Entities
- ML Features
- Data Quality, Observability
- Orchestration

Data Governance

- Access Management
- Key management
- Compliance Controls & Audit
- Privacy

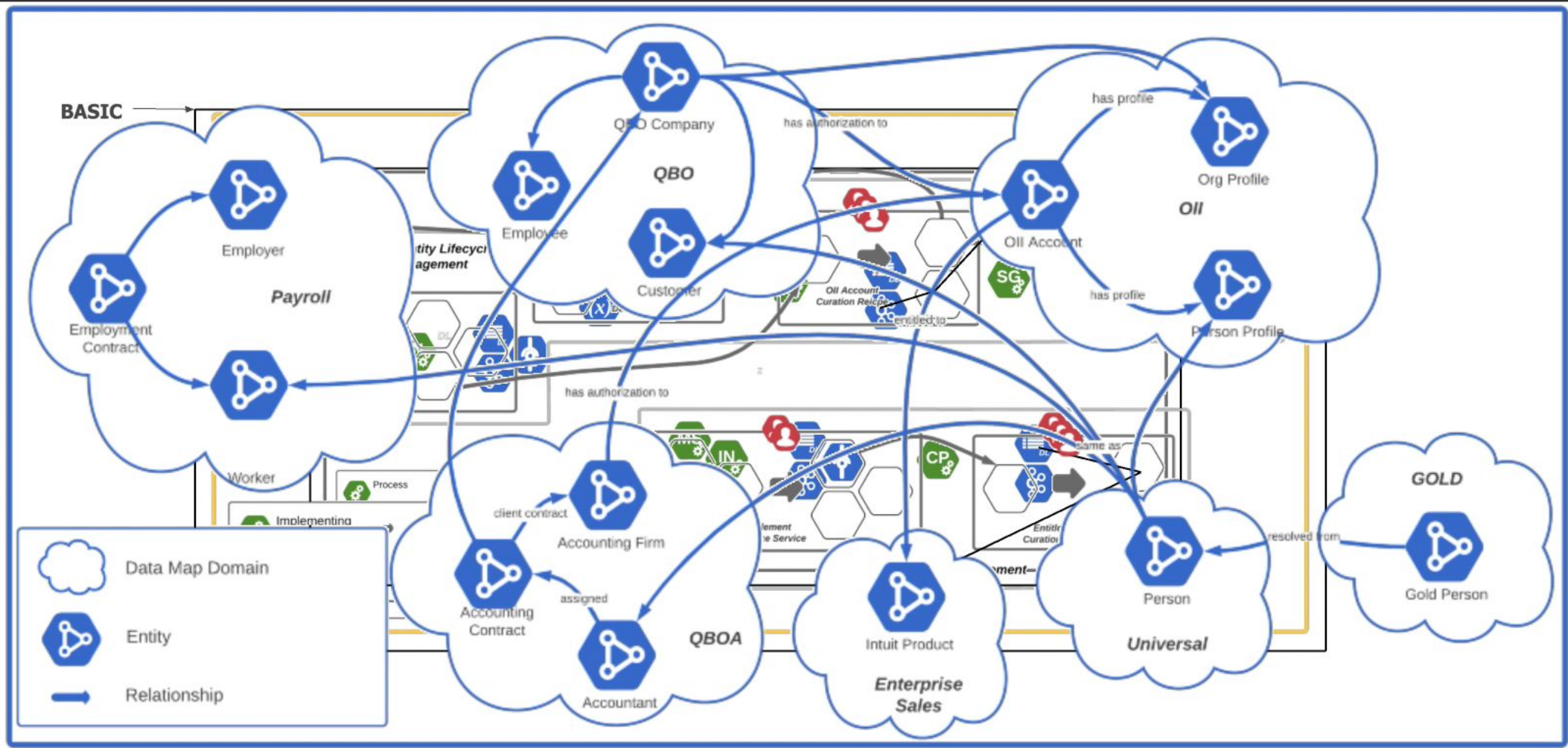
Rationalizing Data Definitions

Clean entity information with formally defined meaning and relationships enables better data understanding. This is the purpose of entity definitions. They ensure that data is clean, organized, connected, discoverable and documented in a formal way.

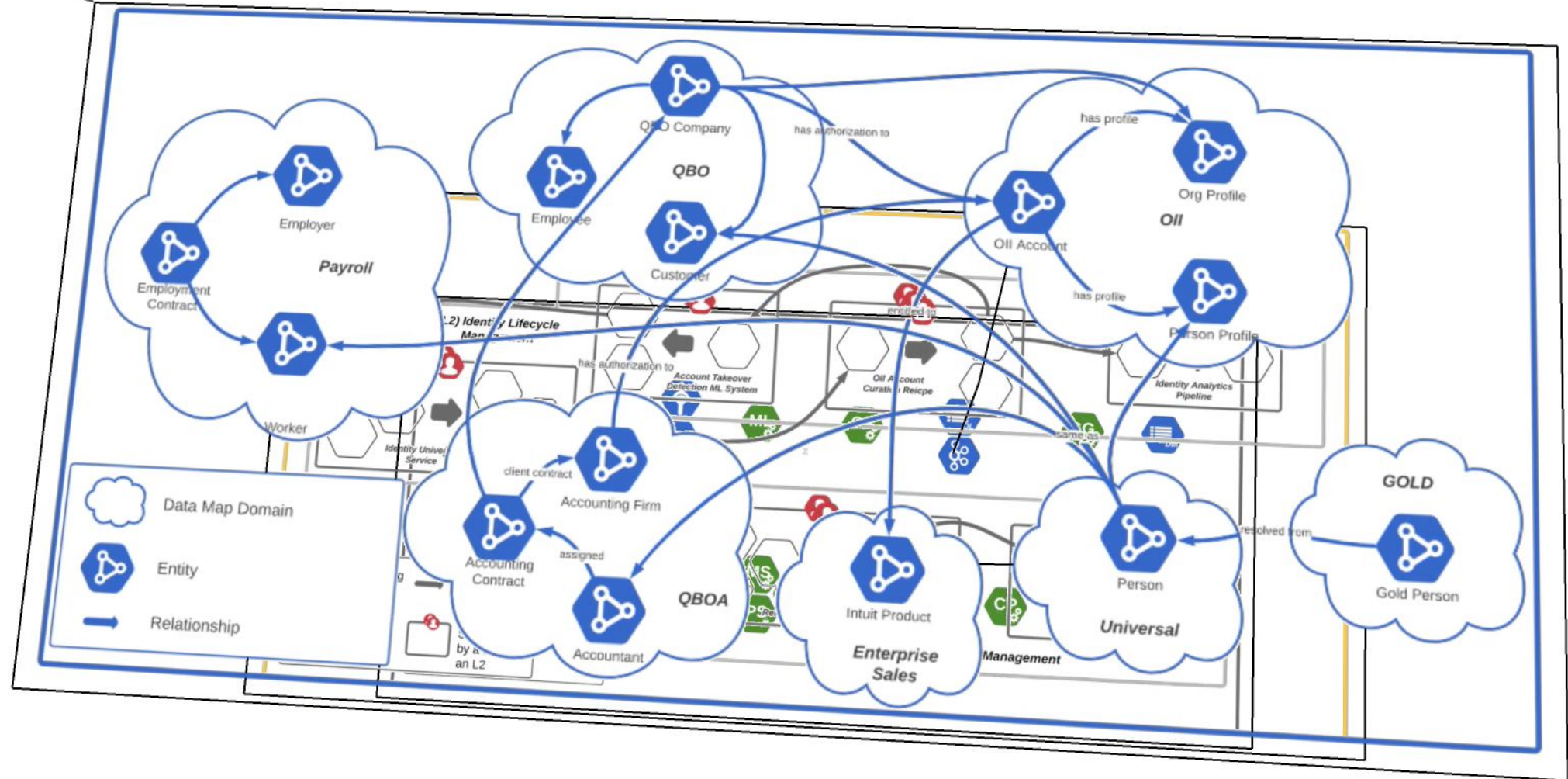


When you bring it all together, you get Intuit's Data Mesh

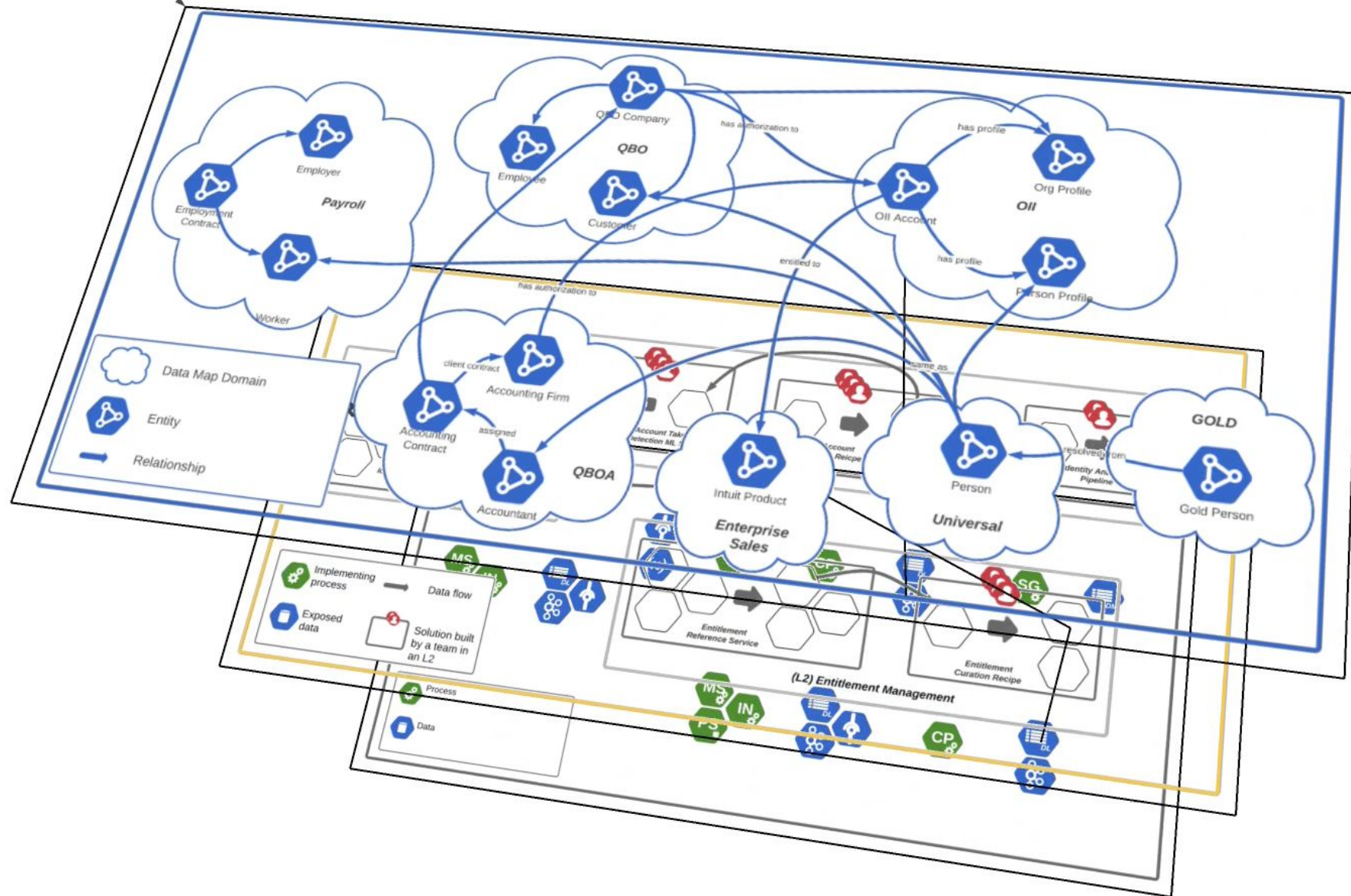
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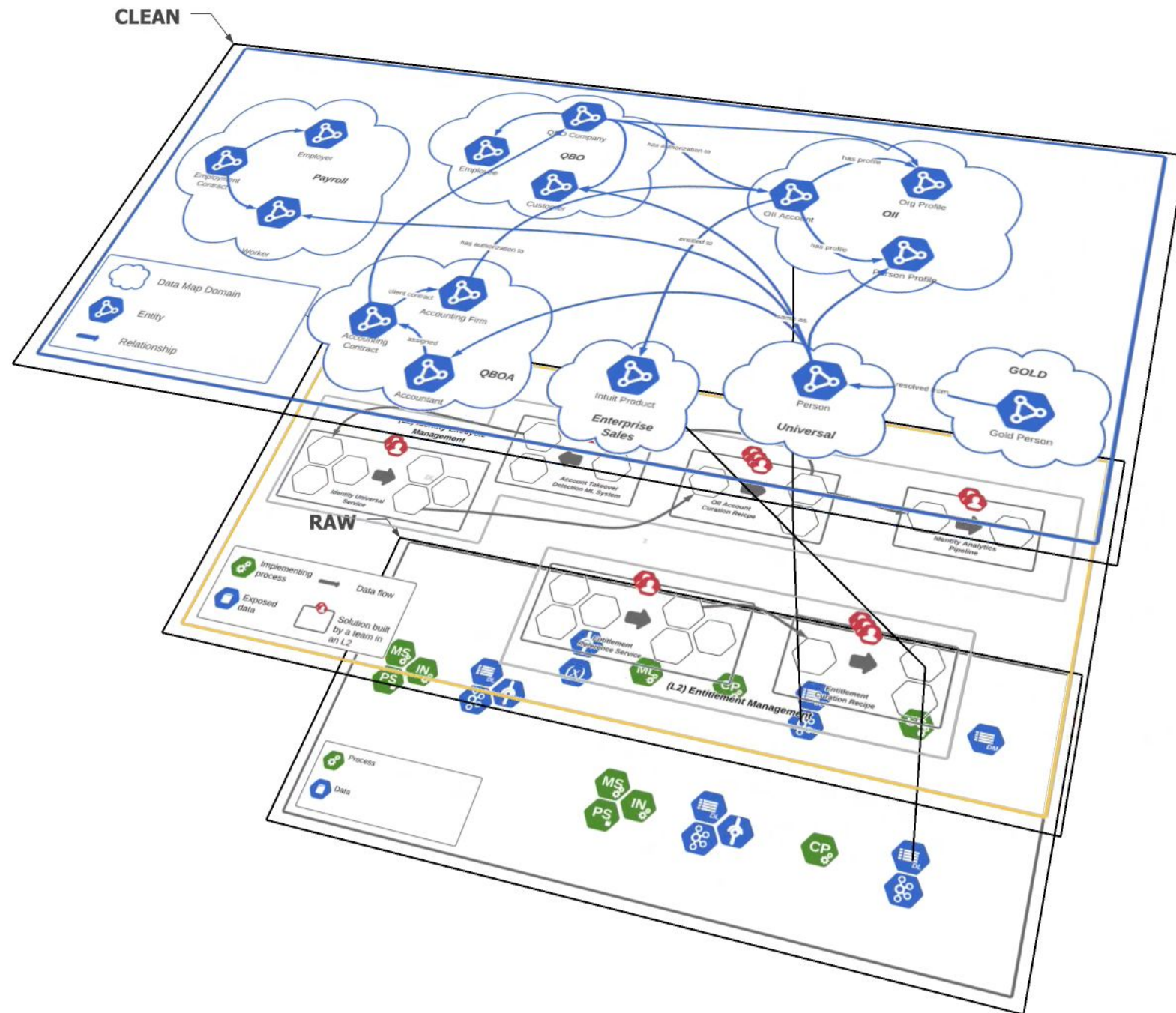


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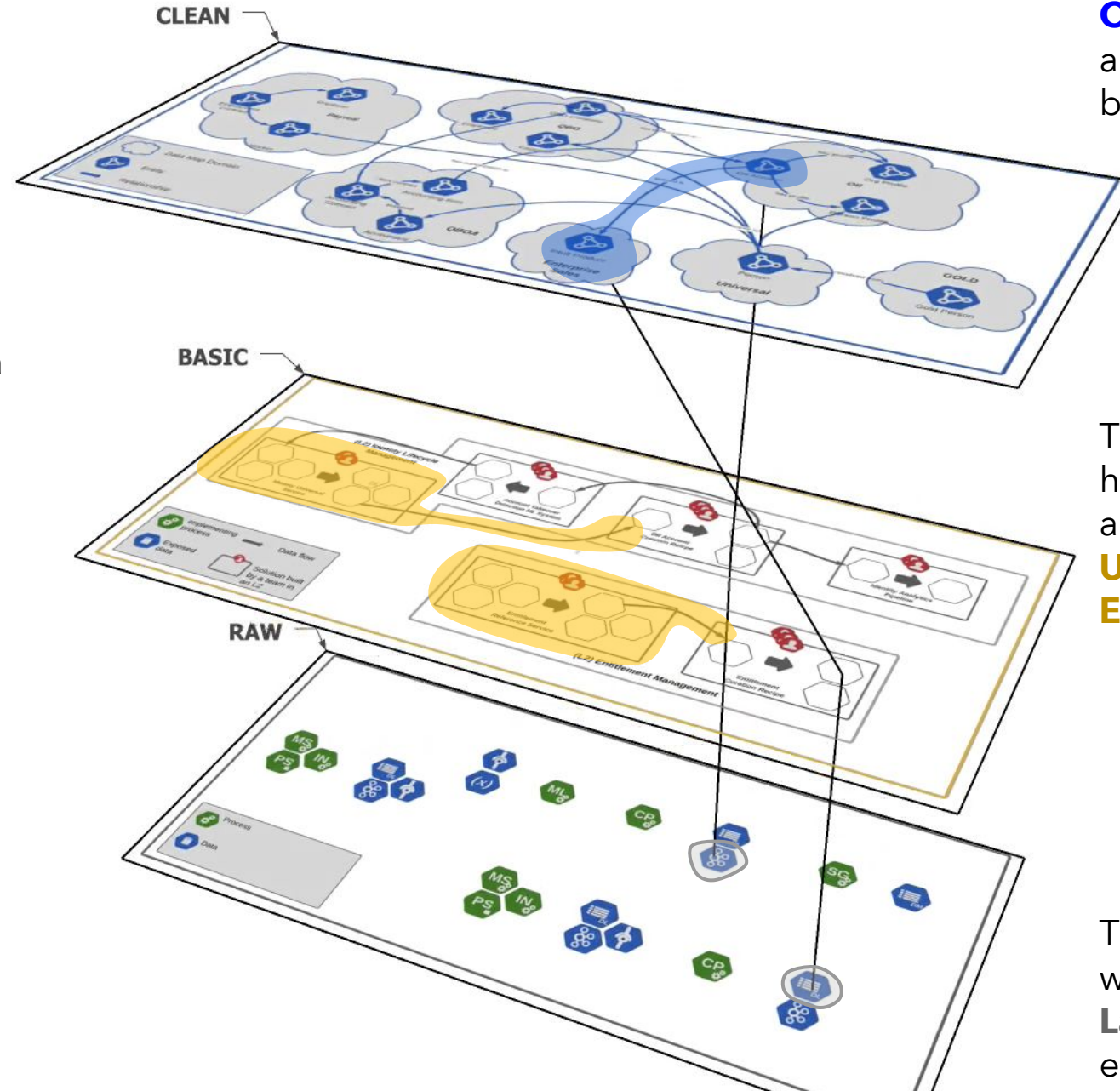


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In this example, the clean information describes entities **Oil Account** and **Intuit Product** and the **Entitled To** relationship between them.



The basic information describes how the data for these entities are sourced from the **Identity Universal Service** and the **Entitlement Reference Service**.

The raw information describes which **Event Bus topic** and **Data Lake table** the data for these entities can be found in.

Capturing meaning, relationship, ownership, and system dependencies builds a full, rich picture for everyone.

No tribal knowledge needed!

Q&A

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