



RESOURCE PLAYBOOK

Data Governance Playbook

From Theory to Action: Transforming information chaos into strategic value

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CAPSULE 1

Rules vs. Operations

Data Governance (The 'What' and 'Who')

Focus: Strategy, policies, procedures, security rules, responsibilities, and corporate authority. Ensures data is used responsibly across the enterprise.

Data Management (The 'How')

Focus: Daily execution, technical architecture, storage, models, and IT operations. Ensures data is structured, protected, and accessible.

 **Golden Rule:** "Governance sets the rules of the game; Management ensures they are followed on the field."

CAPSULE 2

The Golden Square of Governance

1. People

The engine of change. Data-driven culture, data literacy, and real operational adoption.

2. Processes

Standardized and regulated practices to keep information organized, trustworthy, and auditable.

3. Technology

Tools and architecture that enable efficiency, but depend 100% on human adoption.

4. Data

The core asset. Treated as a critical enterprise resource that must be accurate to generate value.

CAPSULE 3

Governed Data Democracy

✗ The Past: Rigid Centralization

Permanent operational bottlenecks in IT, inaccessible information silos across departments, and centralized ownership blocking agility.

✓ The Future: Governed Democracy

RBAC: Access based on context, roles, and business needs.

Distributed Ownership: Domains manage their data under shared guardrails.

CAPSULE 4

Atomic Habits in Data Maturity**1. Start Small**

Solve one specific data quality issue (MVP) instead of trying to govern everything on day 1.

2. Standard Processes

Make governance happen "by default" through automated controls and metrics.

3. Regular Audits

Continually refine policies and controls based on real-world operational challenges.

4. Responsibility

Turn information integrity into a daily habit for all employees across the business.

CAPSULE 5

Digital Hoarding Syndrome

 What We Purge: ROT Data

Redundant, Obsolete, Trivial: Duplicated records, legacy databases, and temp files purged to optimize cloud storage and reduce legal risk.

 What We Illuminate: Dark Data

Valuable Hidden Information: Unstructured data, sensor logs, and unanalyzed feedback classified and transformed into intelligence.

CAPSULE 6

Data Literacy**1. Raw Data**

The primary source of information housed in repositories, databases, and systems.

2. The Bridge: Data Literacy

Organizational capability to read, understand, challenge, and communicate data.

3. Strategic Decisions

Teams trust reports, correctly interpret metrics, and execute profitable actions.

CAPSULE 7

Measuring Financial ROI

1. Cost Reduction

Cloud storage optimization, ROT data purging, and elimination of wasted manual hours.

2. Revenue Growth

Enabling advanced analytics and reliable Artificial Intelligence (Garbage In, Garbage Out).

3. Risk Mitigation

Preventing sensitive data leaks and safeguarding against regulatory fines (GDPR/LGPD).

CAPSULE 8

The Integrated Ecosystem

1. The Foundation

Rules + Golden Square define the framework of accountability.

2. The Engine

Data Literacy + Governed Democracy empower human talent.

3. The Operation

Atomic Habits + Digital Hoarding Clean-up keep the system agile.

4. The Outcome

Measurable, sustainable ROI and enterprise resilience.



NEXT STEPS

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