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Results of the Task Team Quality

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The tasks

- Quality framework(s) for Big Data.
- Testing the framework(s).
- Indicators and associated metadata requirements.



General approach

Taks: To provide a framework for NSOs for assessing the quality of Big Data

Quality: To be evaluated in light of intended use ('fitness for use')

Business process:



Framework: For each phase, define appropriate dimensions and indicators



Hyperdimensions

The concept of hyperdimension was taken from the administrative data quality framework.

Source: Related to the type of data, the entity from which the data is obtained, and how it is administered and regulated.

Metadata: Description of concepts, file contents, and processes.

Data: Relates to quality of the data itself.



Input dimensions

Source	Institutional factors Privacy & security
Metadata	Complexity Completeness Usability Timeliness
Data	Total survey error approach (esp. coverage and measurement error) Linkability



Principles of processing

- System independence: Result of data processing is independent of hardware and software systems used.
- Application of the quality hyperdimensions: Full range of dimensions of source, metadata and data may apply, depending on context.
- Steady states: Stable versions of data that can be referenced by future processes and multiple parts of the organisation.
- Quality gates: To be employed as a quality control business process.



Output dimensions

Source: Metadata:

Data:

Institutional environment Confidentiality Accessibility Clarity Relevance Complexity Accuracy **Coherence and consistency Timeliness and punctuality** Validity (of concepts, of models)



Conclusions

- There is a need for quality assessment covering the entire business process.
- Input quality can be explored and assessed by using and elaborating existing input quality frameworks.
- Throughput quality can be maintained by following quality processing principles
- Throughput quality dimensions need to be further developed for Big Data processing.
- Additions have been proposed to output quality dimensions from existing frameworks, to make them suitable for Big Data applications. This needs further testing.



