Dimensions of quality in statistical & geospatial datasets

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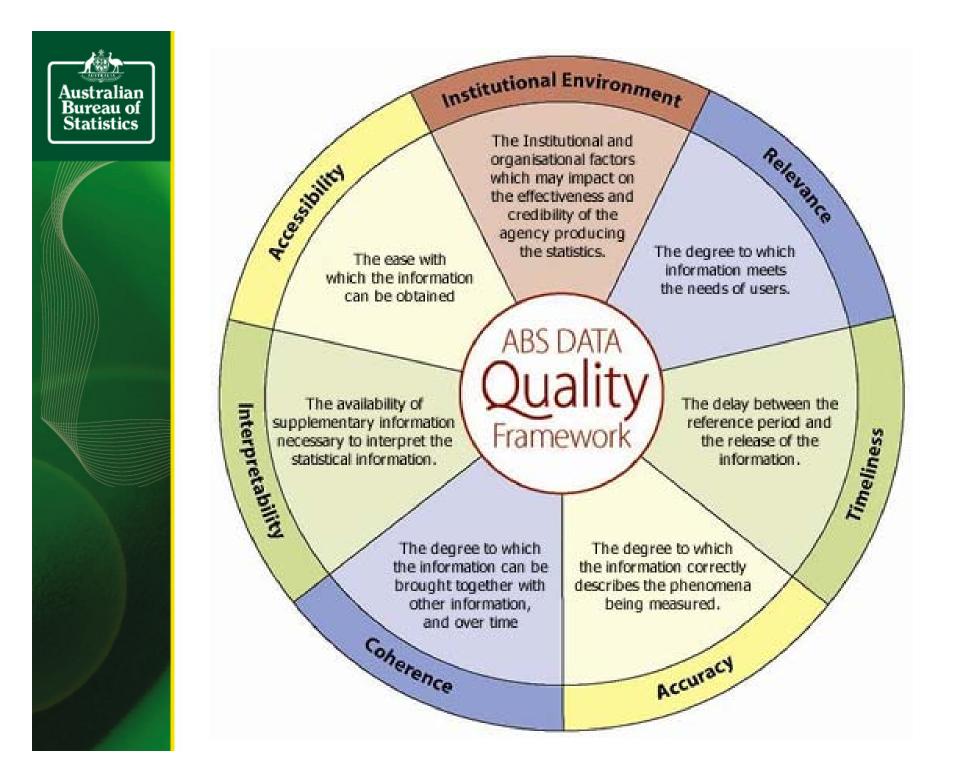
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Data Quality Frameworks

- Statistical data quality frameworks: Eurostat, Canada, Australia
- Common language
 - Go beyond accuracy
 - Describe and assess data
 - Evaluation of fit for purpose
 - Increased focus on quality





Institutional Environment

Validity - Reliability - Credibility



- Transparency
- Legislation
- Authoritative data
- Independence
- Resources



Relevance

How well does this statistical and geospatial data answer my question?



- Data items
- Reference period
- Scope, scale & coverage



Timeliness



- Date of collection
- Date of release
- Multiple time points

Collection — Release



Accuracy

How well the data portrays the REAL world.



• Bias

Census or sample

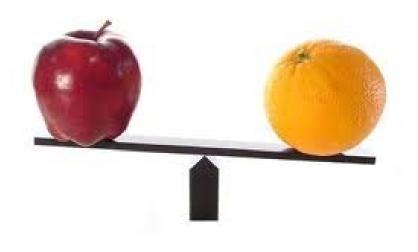
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Adjustments



Coherence

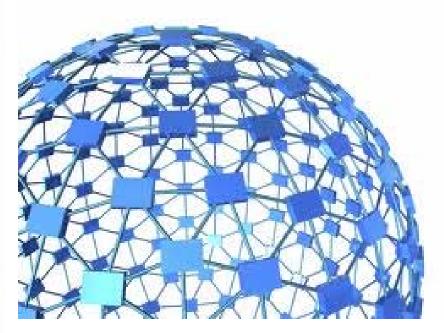
- ... essential for data integration
 - Standards
 - Frameworks
 - Changes over time





Interpretability

= Metadata



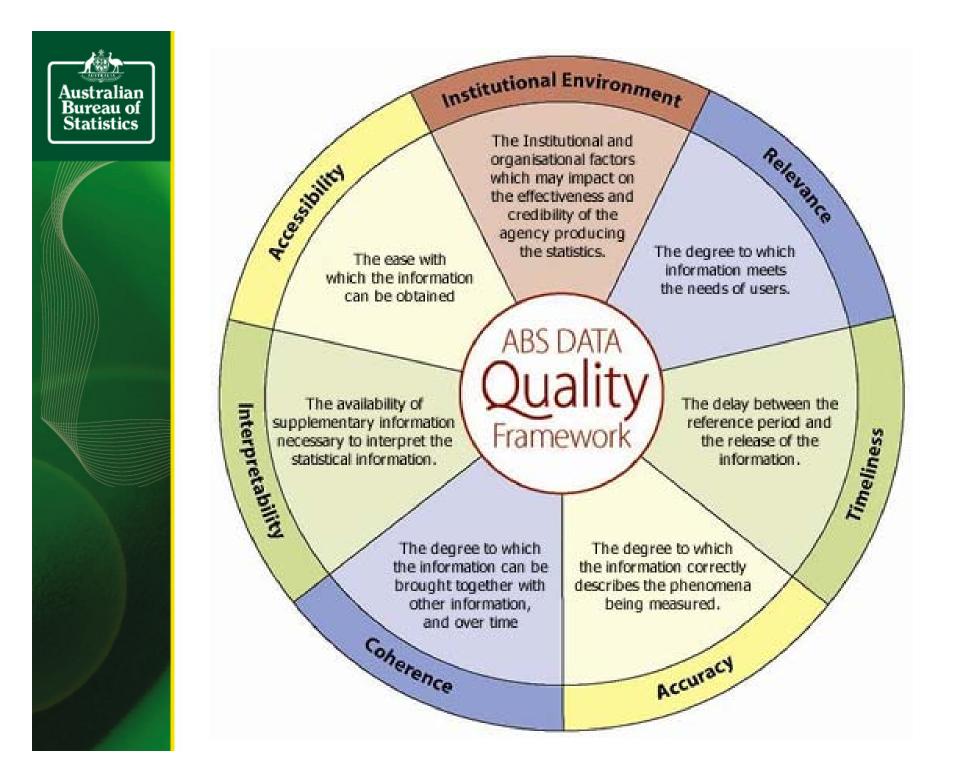


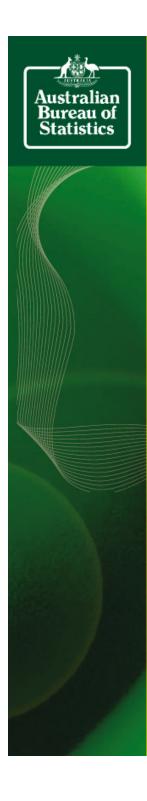
Accessibility



• Availability/visibility

- Cost
- Level of Detail Available
- Format





Where to get more information

• ABS website - www.abs.gov.au

- National Statistical Service website
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