

# Semantic Knowledge Graphs are the Governance Architecture of the Future



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# Today's Program

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- INTRODUCTION
  - Brief Overview of Data Governance
  - Discuss Data Governance Challenges
  - Discuss Knowledge Graphs and Review Use Cases
  - Briefly discuss the technology behind them
  
- DEMOS (several short demos will be done throughout)
  
- WRAP-UP
  
- Q & A



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## FOUNDATION

- TopQuadrant was founded in 2001
- Strong commitment to standards-based approaches to data semantics

## MISSION

- Empower people and drive results — by making enterprise information meaningful



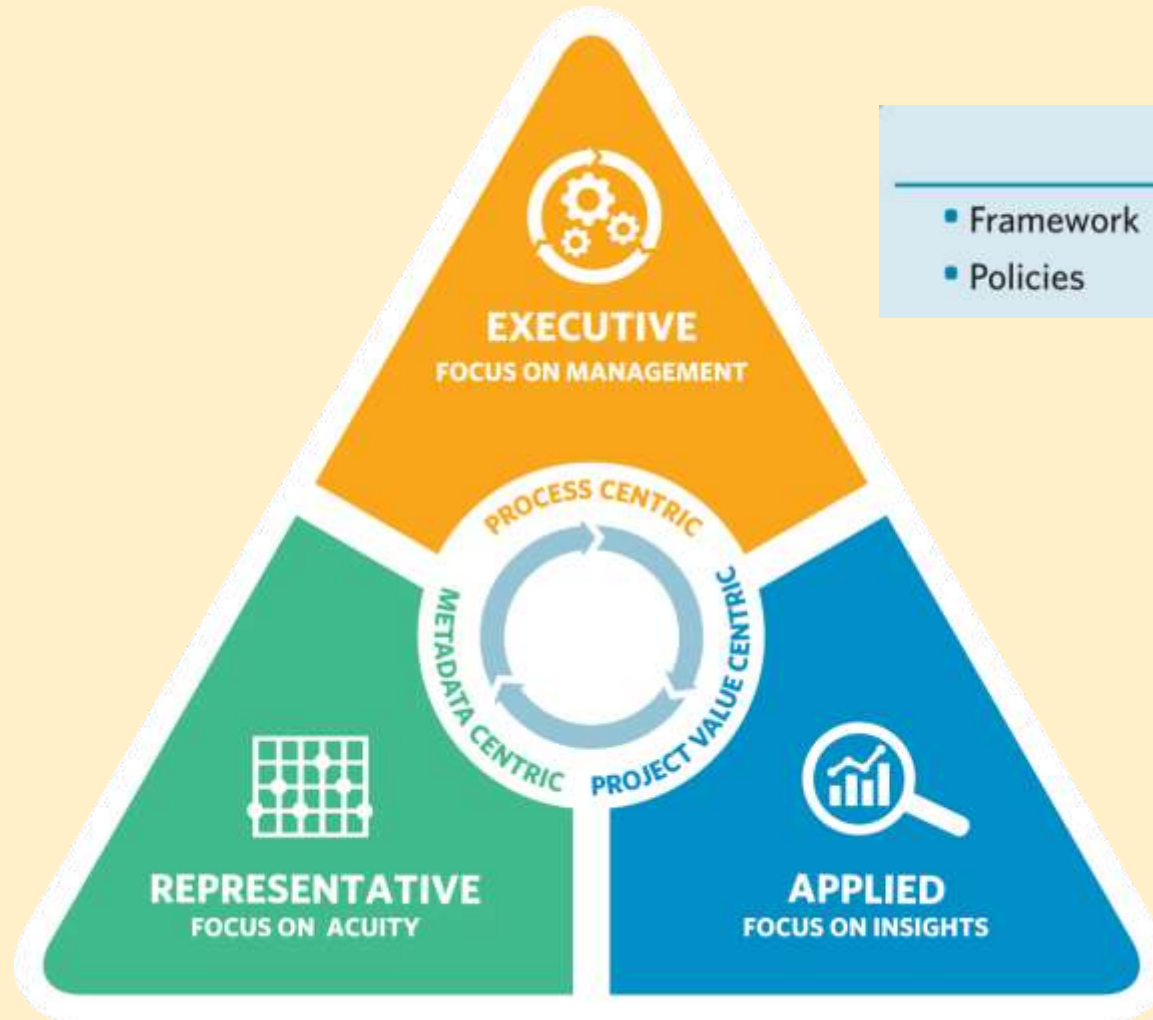
## FOCUS

- Provide comprehensive data governance solutions

# Data Governance Triangle

## Common Primary Modes of DG Operation

- Process Centric
- Project Value Centric
- Metadata Centric



## Executive Governance:

- Framework
- Methodology
- Stewardship
- Process
- Policies
- Metrics
- Maturity Assessment

## Representative Governance:

- Glossaries
- Taxonomies
- Ontologies
- Data
- Technical and Enterprise Assets
- Reference Data

## Applied Governance:

- Lineage
- Impact Analysis
- Metrics
- Data Quality
- Compliance Reporting

# Challenges of Data Governance



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# Challenges of Data Governance

Security

Weaknesses

Vulnerabilities

Infrastructure

Design

Plan

Test

Code

Build

Monitor

Operate

Deploy

Release

IT/DevOps



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## NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Legacy systems can become overwhelmed with the increase in data volume, causing relationships to be lost, necessitating that organizations integrate existing systems and technologies with new ones to become more flexible and robust.

## NEW SOURCES

As organizations collect data from a growing number of both internal and external sources, legacy data management solutions can fail to keep up. Instead of benefitting from data richness, poor management and understanding of data can result.

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Compliance

Should...?

Regulation



Can...?



Is it secret?

Is it safe?



Quantity

Quality



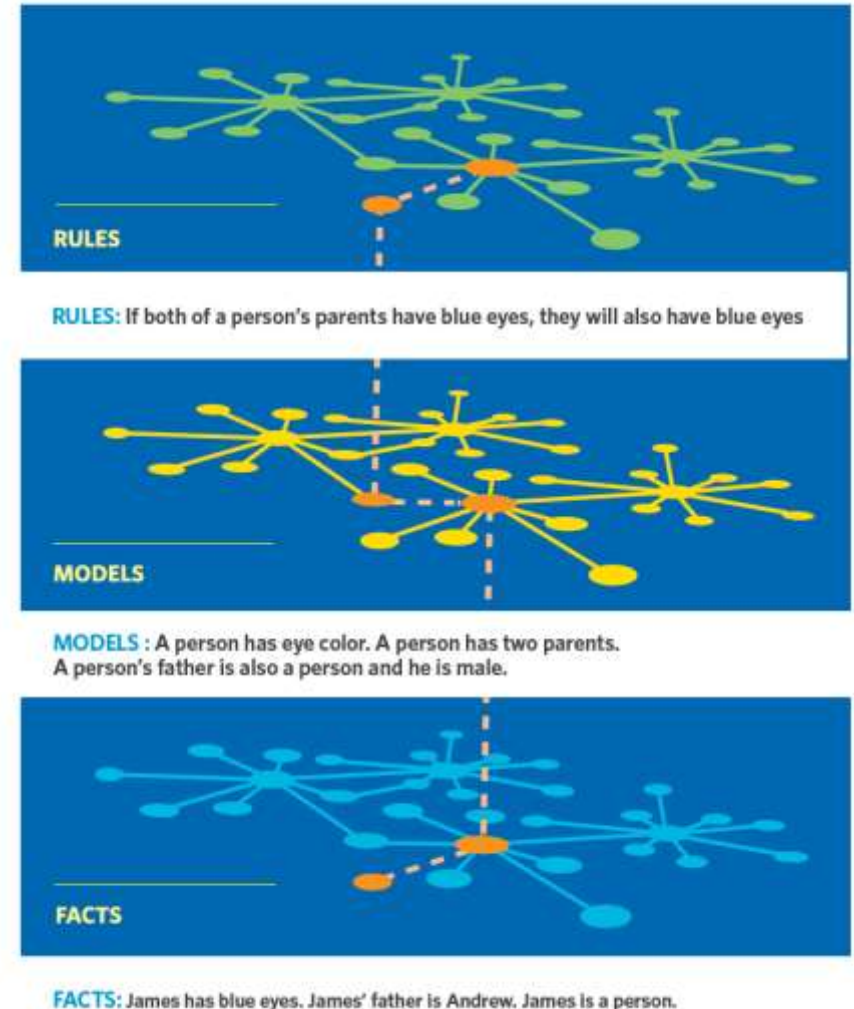
Where...?



Data Governance Office

# Enter Knowledge Graphs

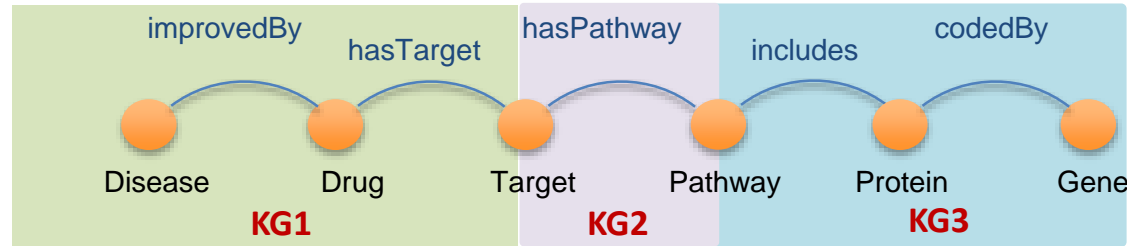
- A Knowledge Graph represents a knowledge domain
- It represents knowledge as a graph
  - A network of nodes and links
  - Not tables of rows and columns
- It represents facts (data) and models (metadata) in the same way
  - Rich rules and inferencing
- It is based on open standards, from top to bottom
  - Readily connects to knowledge in private and public clouds



*There can be different types and instances of Knowledge Graphs ...*

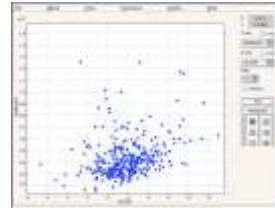
# Some Use Cases for Knowledge Graphs

1. Graph Traversal



*Traverse across connected graphs*

2. Graph Analytics



*Graph algorithms: Statistics, Centrality, Shortest Path, ...*

3. Data Integration



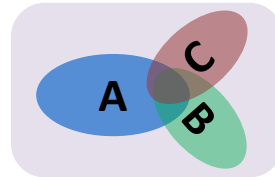
*Query brokering across disparate systems by mappings to a unified model*

4. Data Aggregation



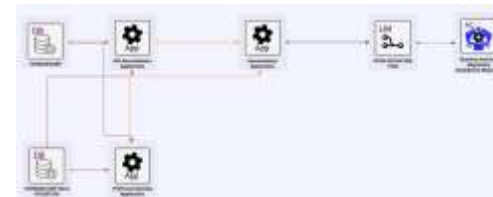
*360 Degree View across composable graphs*

5. Information Insights



*Find things that share common attributes or relationships*

6. Lineage



*Inferred dependencies across composable graphs and domains: enterprise, technical, data, governance*

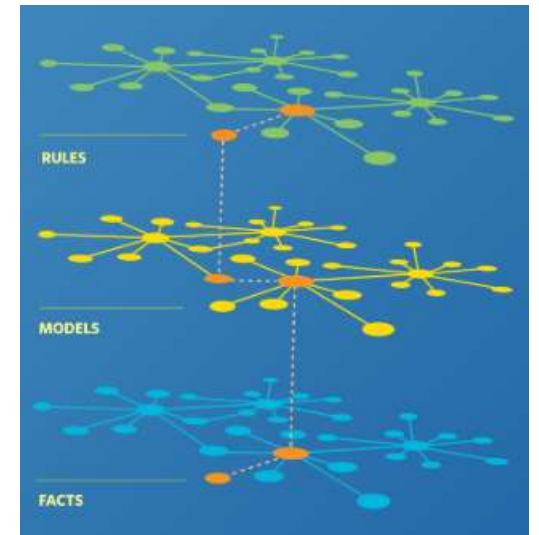


# TopBraid EDG: An Enterprise Knowledge Graph Infrastructure for Data Governance

*TopBraid EDG supports integrated data governance across the ever growing numbers and types of data assets and governance needs – **because connections are important.***



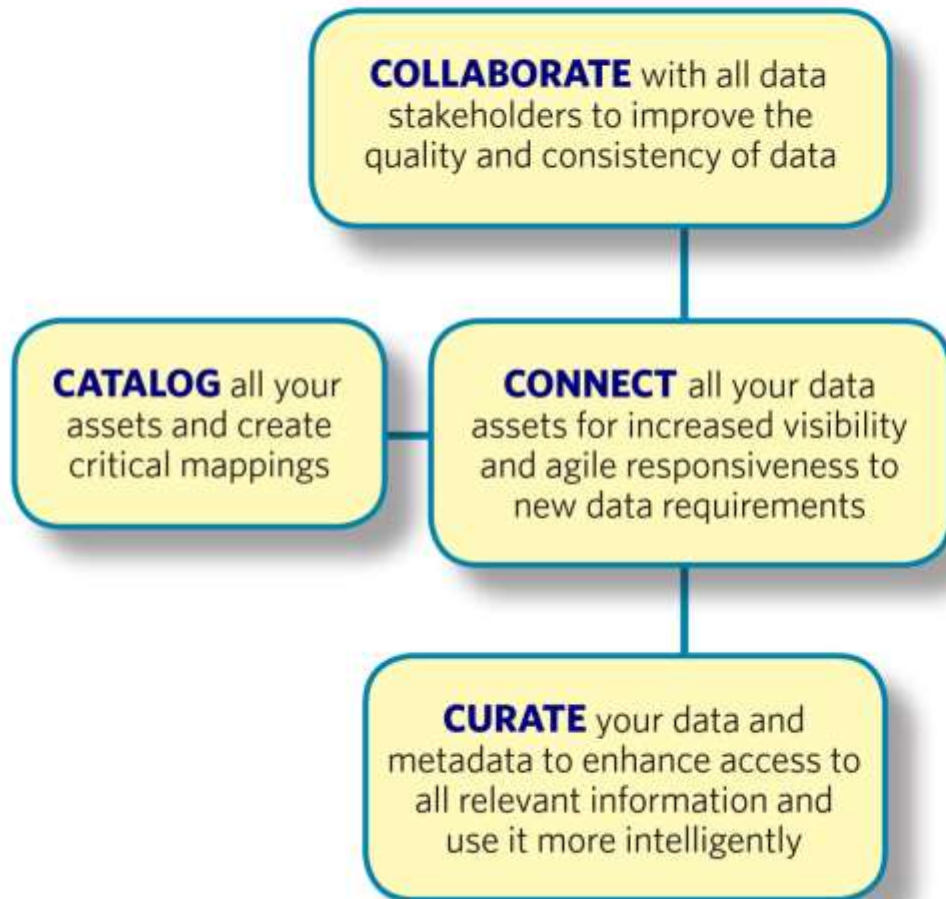
- TopBraid EDG, is a rich set of interconnected knowledge graphs expressing knowledge about how data is used and managed in the enterprise ecosystem
- These integrated knowledge graphs are ready to be enriched with your enterprise specific knowledge
- After this enrichment, your enterprise is ready for implementing comprehensive data governance



**Using Knowledge Graphs TopBraid EDG Delivers Data Governance 2.0 – Integrating Executive, Representative and Applied Governance Capabilities**

# Asset Management in TopBraid EDG

*With TopBraid EDG, enterprises can:*



**TopBraid EDG includes an information architecture for different 'asset collections' that cover 100s of predefined asset types.**

**DEMO**  
Flexibility – Glossary Example

# Asset Example for Medical Enterprise

## Lineage Asset Collections



Lineage Assets for Patient Discharge

## Enterprise Asset Collections



Hospital Organizational Structures



Business Organizations



Activity and Process Structures



Information Assets

## Technical Asset Collections



Hospital Information Systems



Data Flows

## Data Asset Collections



Open MRS Data Assets



Datasets

## Other Collections



Healthcare Glossary



Reference Data

## Governance Assets



Business Areas



Data Subject Areas



Roles and Responsibilities



Workflows



Validation Rules



Inference Rules



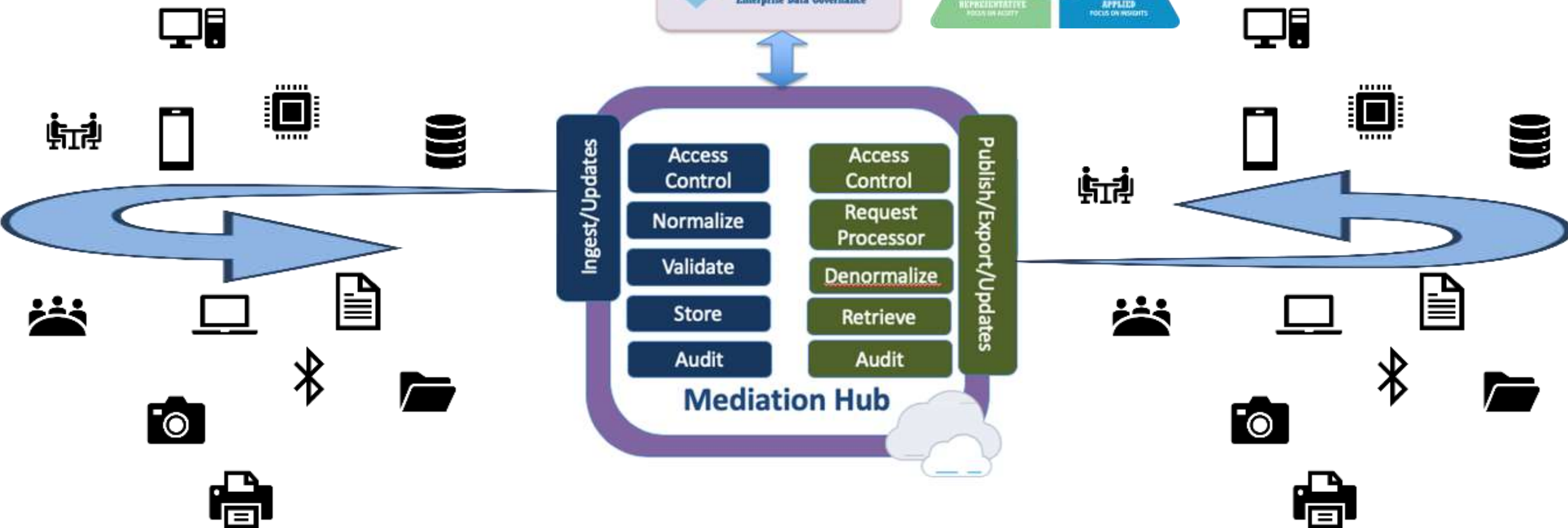
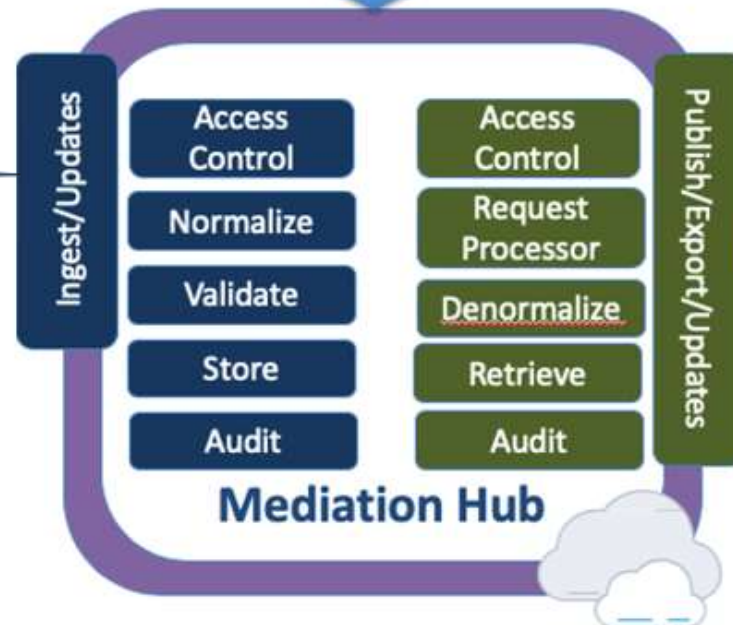
Issues



Policies

# Common Scenario

TopBraid EDG is required to connect, retrieve, transform, and then do all of its Knowledge Graph stuff...good thing it has a scheduler, event handler, and other strong platform capabilities.



# **DEMO**

## Adaptability – Organization Example

# What is SHACL?

- **SH**apes **A**nd **C**onstraint **L**anguage
- W3C Standard since 2017
- Schema Language for RDF
- Rich Semantic Constraints
- Shapes for Classes and Properties
- Rules

# What is GraphQL

- GraphQL is an application layer query language
  - designed to interpret a string from a server or client and return that data in an understandable, stable, and predictable format.
- Developed by Facebook for internal use
- Open sourced in 2016
- Rapidly growing in popularity, replacing REST style APIs

*“Describe your data, ask for what you want, get predictable results.”*

<https://graphql.org/>



# GraphQL Schema + SHACL → Better Together (Semantic GraphQL)

- **GraphQL**
  - Lots of similarities to SHACL (types, fields, etc)
  - GraphQL has a huge user base
  - GraphQL has tool support and user-friendly syntax
- **RDF**
  - RDF is a flexible model for knowledge graphs
  - RDF offers URIs and subclasses
- **SHACL**
  - SHACL offers rich constraints
  - SHACL can represent UI metadata
- **RDF Knowledge Graphs can be turned into GraphQL query endpoints with SHACL**

The combination of GraphQL and SHACL → “*Semantic GraphQL*”

**DEMO**  
Reference'ability – Country Example

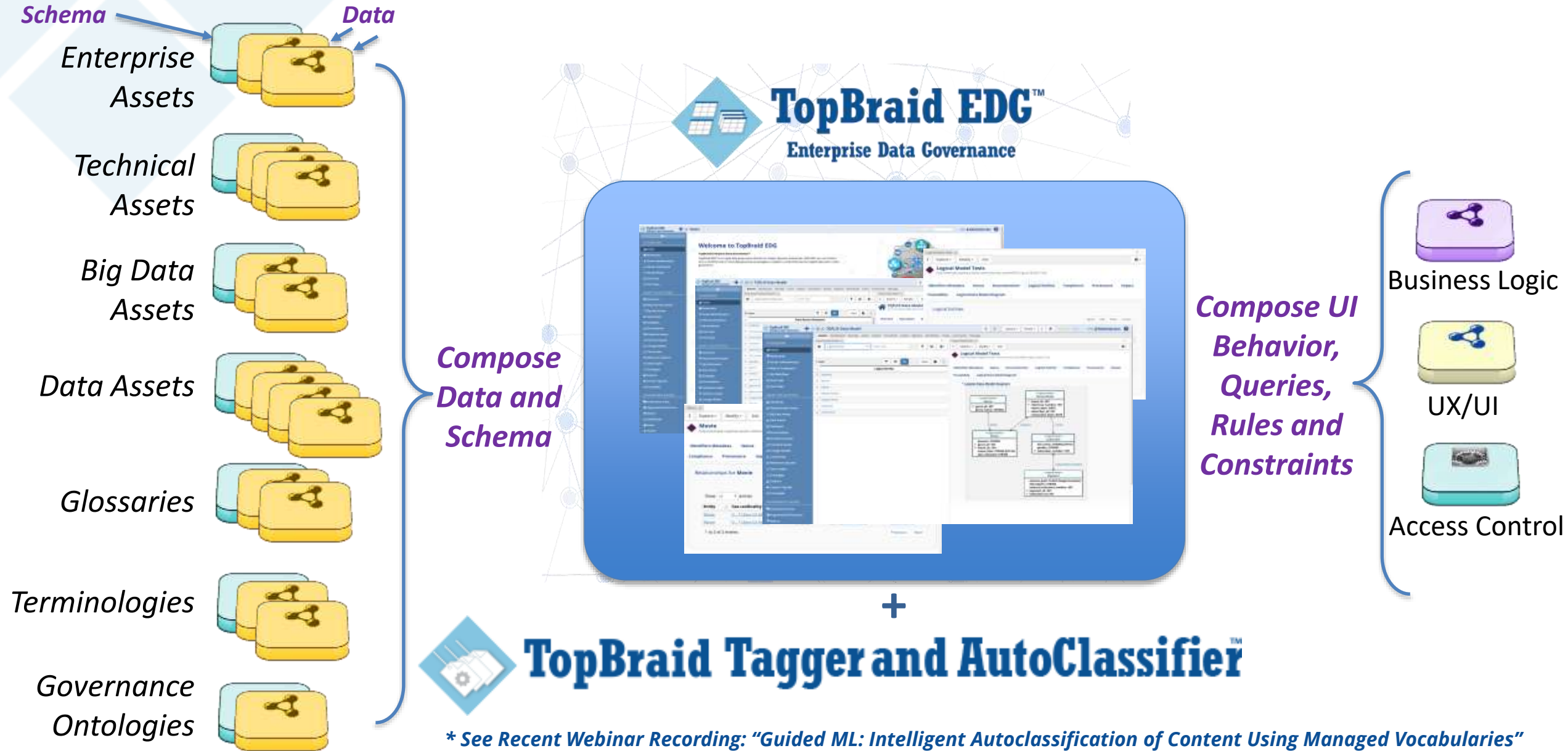
# Future Scenario

- Goal: As Data Governance (DG) becomes more and more a reality within enterprises, engineers and stewards need to be able to build it into their systems just as they do key aspects of security, access control, logging, and analytics.
- Requirements:
  - Model-driven JSON APIs (content/metadata/data)
  - Dynamic introspection (schema/meaning)
  - UIs can not be hard-wired (UI shouldn't change just because the backend did)
  - API driven integration VS “hundreds of connectors”
  - Connect structured and unstructured information intelligently
- This is what we call Knowledge Graph Driven Development (KGDD).

Governance built in instead of an afterthought.

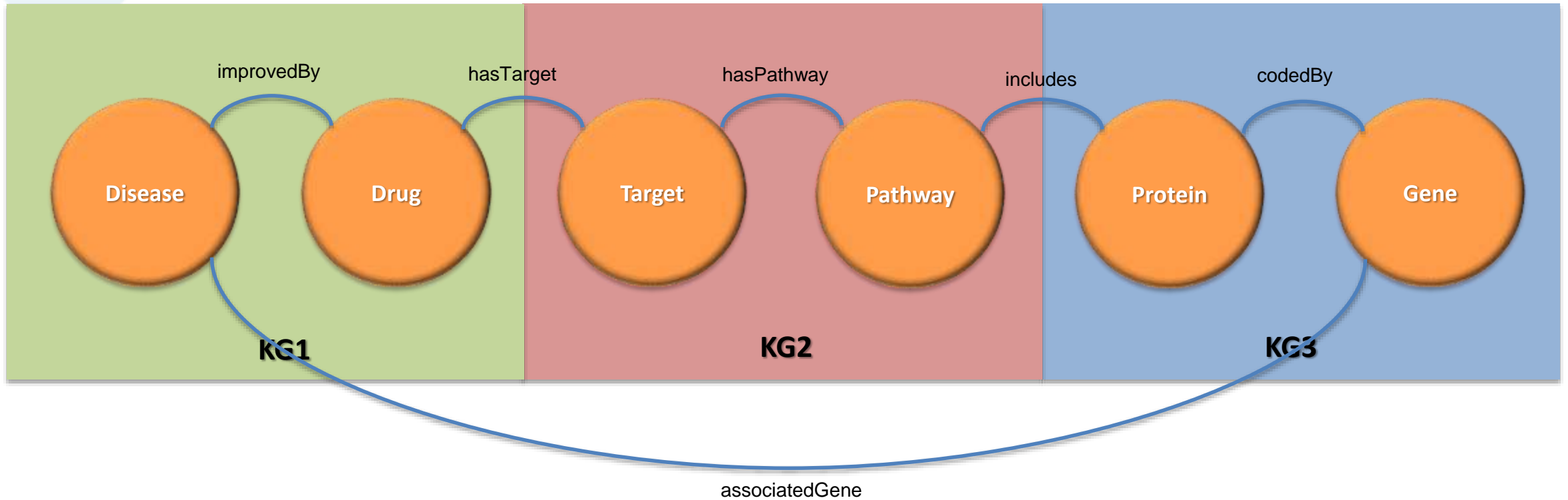
**DEMO**  
KGDD – Logical Model Example

# TopBraid EDG – Composition

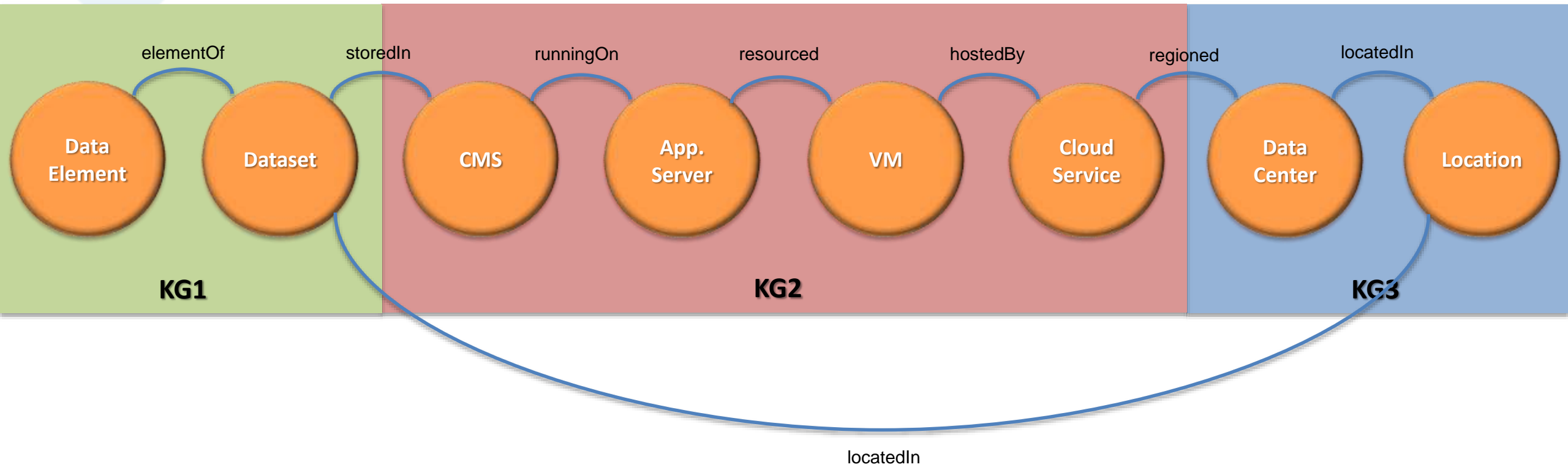


\* See Recent Webinar Recording: "Guided ML: Intelligent AutoClassification of Content Using Managed Vocabularies"

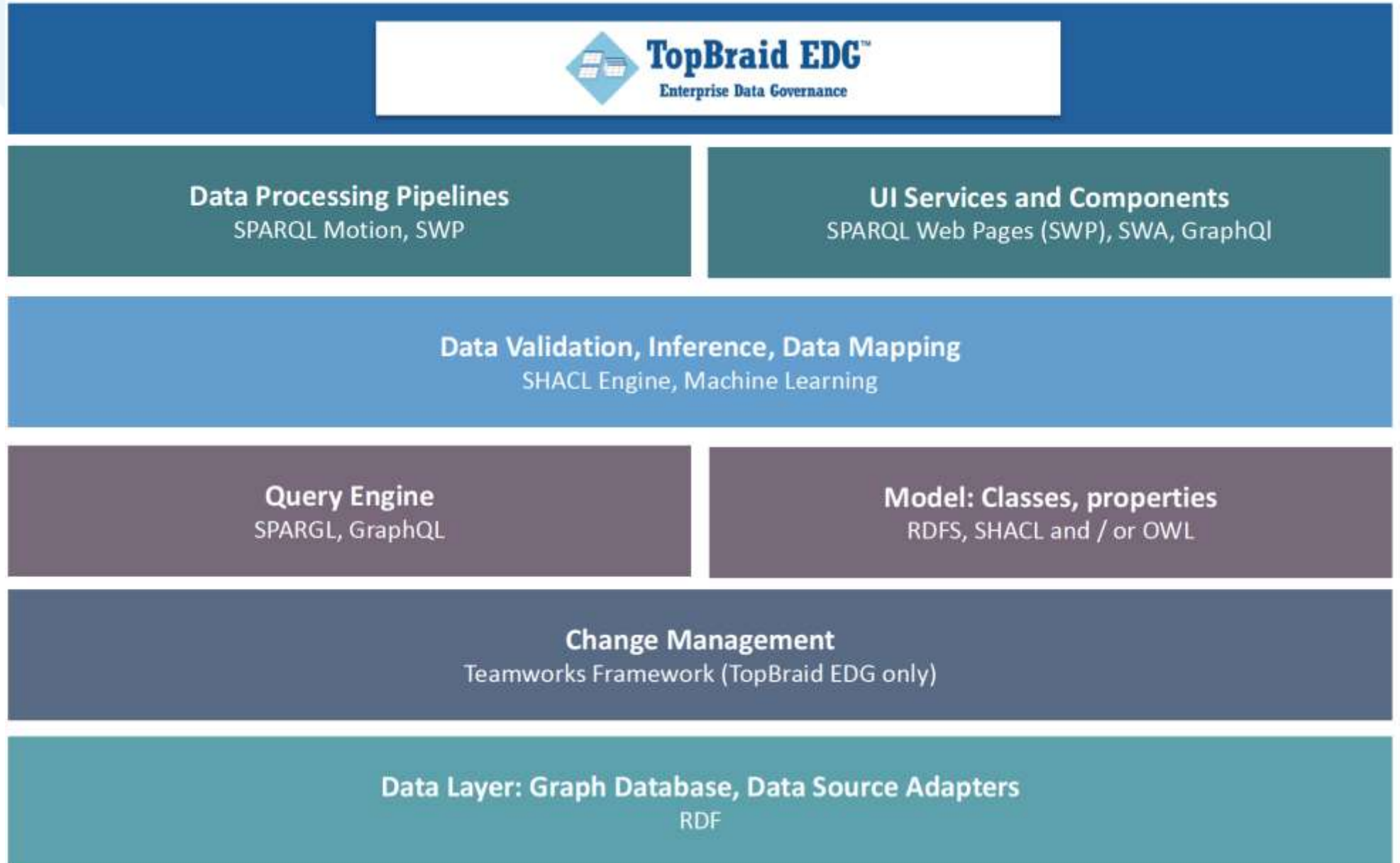
# Self-Composing



# Another Self-Composing Example



# TopBraid EDG is Built on a Powerful Platform





# Conclusion

- Mature graph data standard – RDF
- Mature standard query language – SPARQL
- Mature, standard languages for expressing semantics and reasoning – SHACL and OWL
- Semantic meaning is part of data
- Many open standard ontologies
- Flexible & open to different models & viewpoints
- Vendor supported based on standards
- **TopBraid EDG is fit for a true enterprise solution**

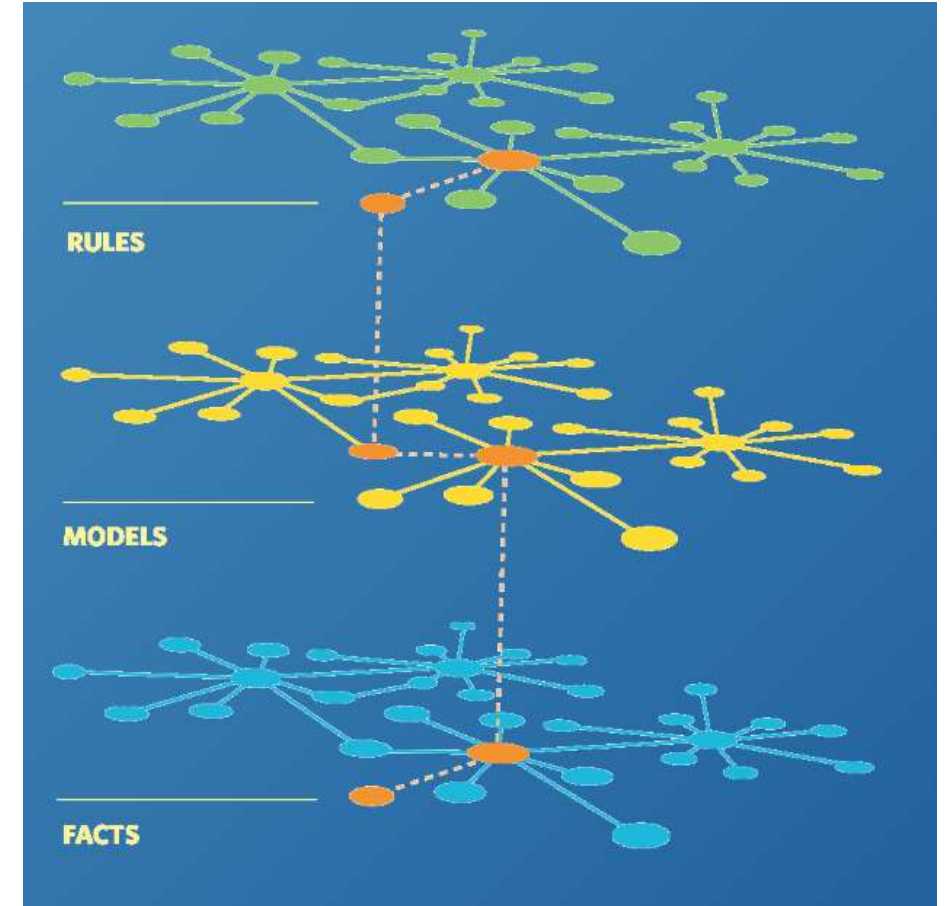


... Questions?

# Benefits of a Knowledge Graph based Platform for Data Governance 2.0

## TopBraid Enterprise Data Governance (EDG):

- Is flexible and extensible, based on standards
- Integrates reasoning and machine learning
- Enables people (UI) and software (APIs/web services) to view, follow and query
- Bridges data and metadata “silos” for a seamless data governance
- Delivers Knowledge-driven data governance



***As an enterprise knowledge graph infrastructure, TopBraid EDG supports Data Governance 2.0 and applications of AI / ML***

## To Learn More about TopBraid EDG and Knowledge Graphs:

### *EDG Product Info:*

- <https://www.topquadrant.com/products/topbraid-enterprise-data-governance/>

### *Contact us:* at [info@topquadrant.com](mailto:info@topquadrant.com) to:

- Discuss vocabulary management solutions (glossaries, taxonomies, ontologies)
- Request a more targeted demo of TopBraid EDG – Vocabulary Management
- Ask for a free EDG evaluation account

# More Resources ...

## More Webinar Recordings, Slides, Q&A:

- <https://www.topquadrant.com/knowledge-assets/topquadrant-webinars/>

## Short Videos:

- TopBraid EDG “Quick Grok” Videos  
<https://www.topquadrant.com/knowledge-assets/videos/>
- TopBraid EDG Animated Video  
<http://www.topquadrant.com/EDGvideoemail/>

## Blog:

- <https://www.topquadrant.com/the-semantic-ecosystems-journal/>

## Data Governance White Papers

- <https://www.topquadrant.com/knowledge-assets/whitepapers/https://www.topquadrant.com/knowledge-assets/whitepapers/>