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Ignite Governance Insights Across Databases, Lakes, and Models

Ship faster • Fewer errors • Higher data quality

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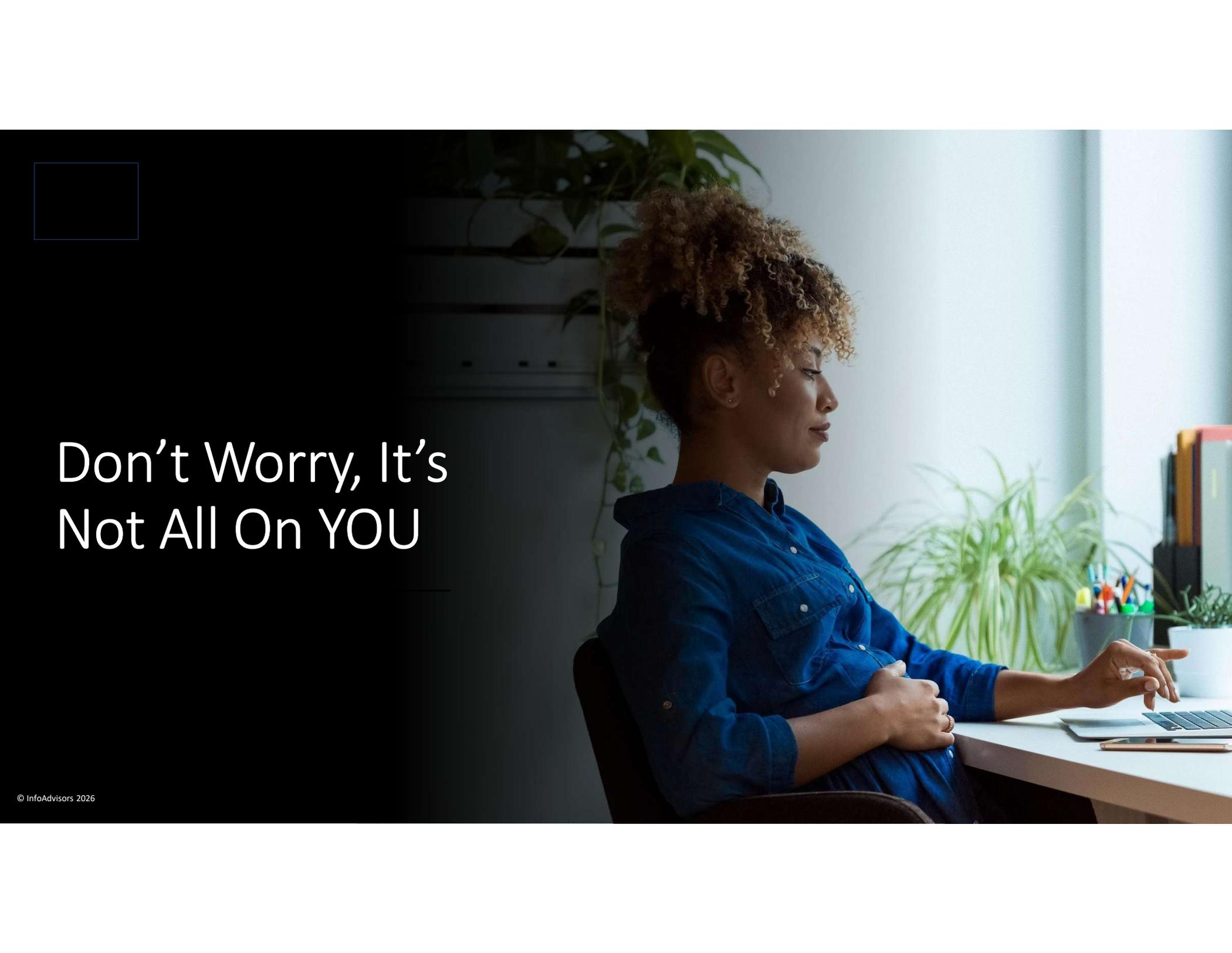


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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow top, is shown in profile, looking at a laptop screen. The background is a blurred office environment with a large monitor and a window. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Who?

Governance for people who ship: fewer surprises, less rework, and faster delivery, because you can *find it fast, change it safely, access it cleanly, and trust it by default.*”

A woman with curly hair, wearing a blue denim shirt, is sitting at a desk in a modern office. She is looking at a laptop screen. The desk has a laptop, a pen holder with colorful pens, and a small potted plant. The background shows a window with blinds and a larger potted plant. The lighting is soft and natural, coming from the window.

Don't Worry, It's
Not All On YOU

By the way, who are you?

Your Enemy Isn't Tickets: It's Rework

Wrong datasets

Duplicate data

No definitions

Breaking changes

Unknown dependencies



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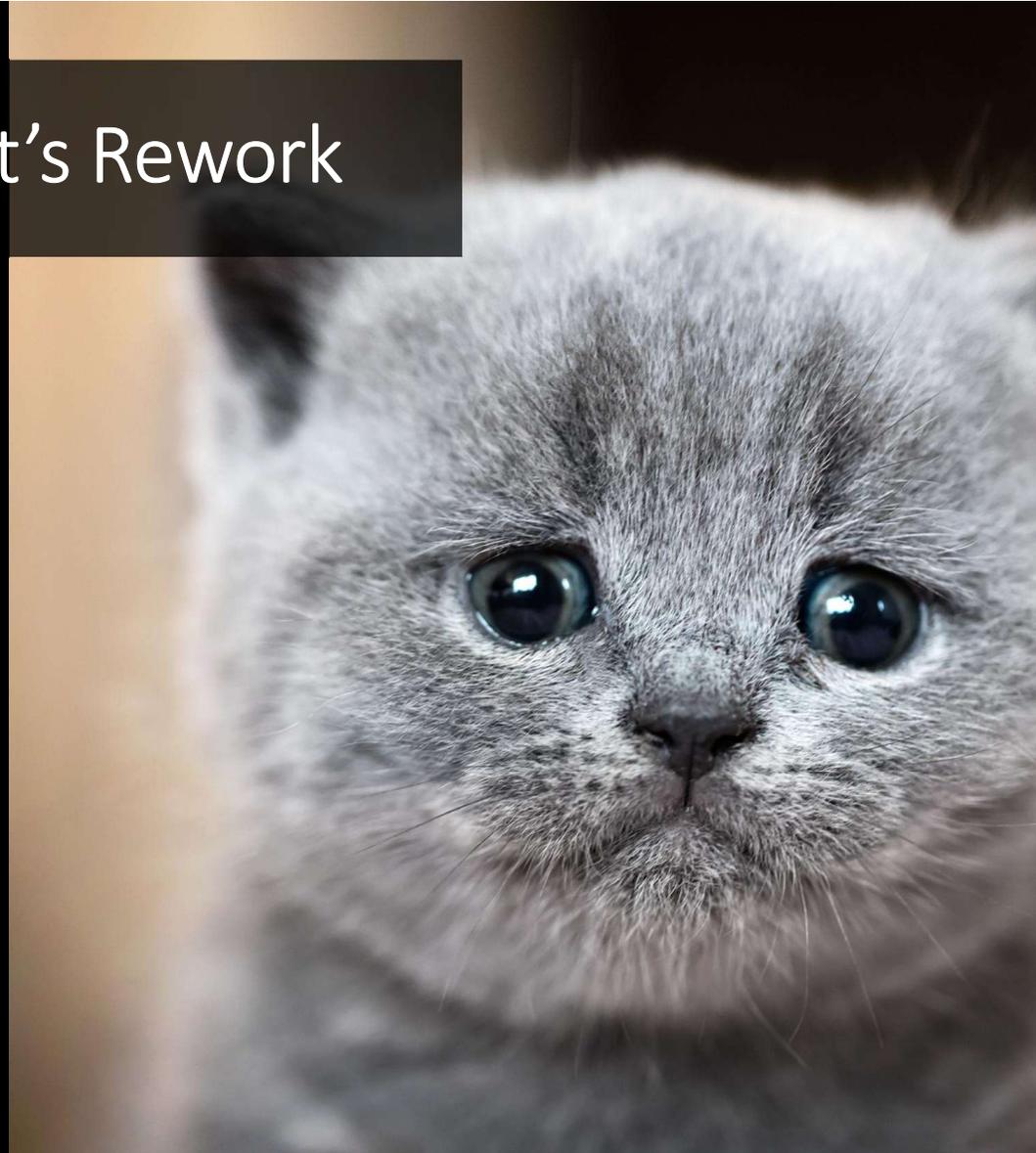
Surprise changes

Shadow tables (including
spreadsheets)

Lack of trust

Constant fixes

Unknown impact of changes



Governance creates gatekeepers

Governance = more meetings

I'm a developer. I don't have time for this

What Do You Hear About Data Governance?

Definitions are stupid; everyone disagrees

I'm a DBA. I don't have time for this

It's built by people who don't deliver

It's documentation

Governance is a business thing, not an IT thing

We are agile so we don't do governance



You Know What? They Are Right!

Can I find the right data fast?

Can I change it without breaking things?

Can I access it without drama?

Can I trust it without a meeting?

Can I use it without ROI?

Is the data good enough?

Where do I get help?





Why Data Governance is an Engineering Action



Governance as an Accelerator

Demo: Catalogs and Constellations

Glossaries for Good

Stop guesswork

Reduce rework

Lineage debugging faster

Frees up time they don't want to spend explaining things

Enables scale-up of teams

Increased collaboration

Faster requirements and implementations

Demo: Glossaries and Galaxies

Data Inventories

Wrong table

Wrong column

Recreating data

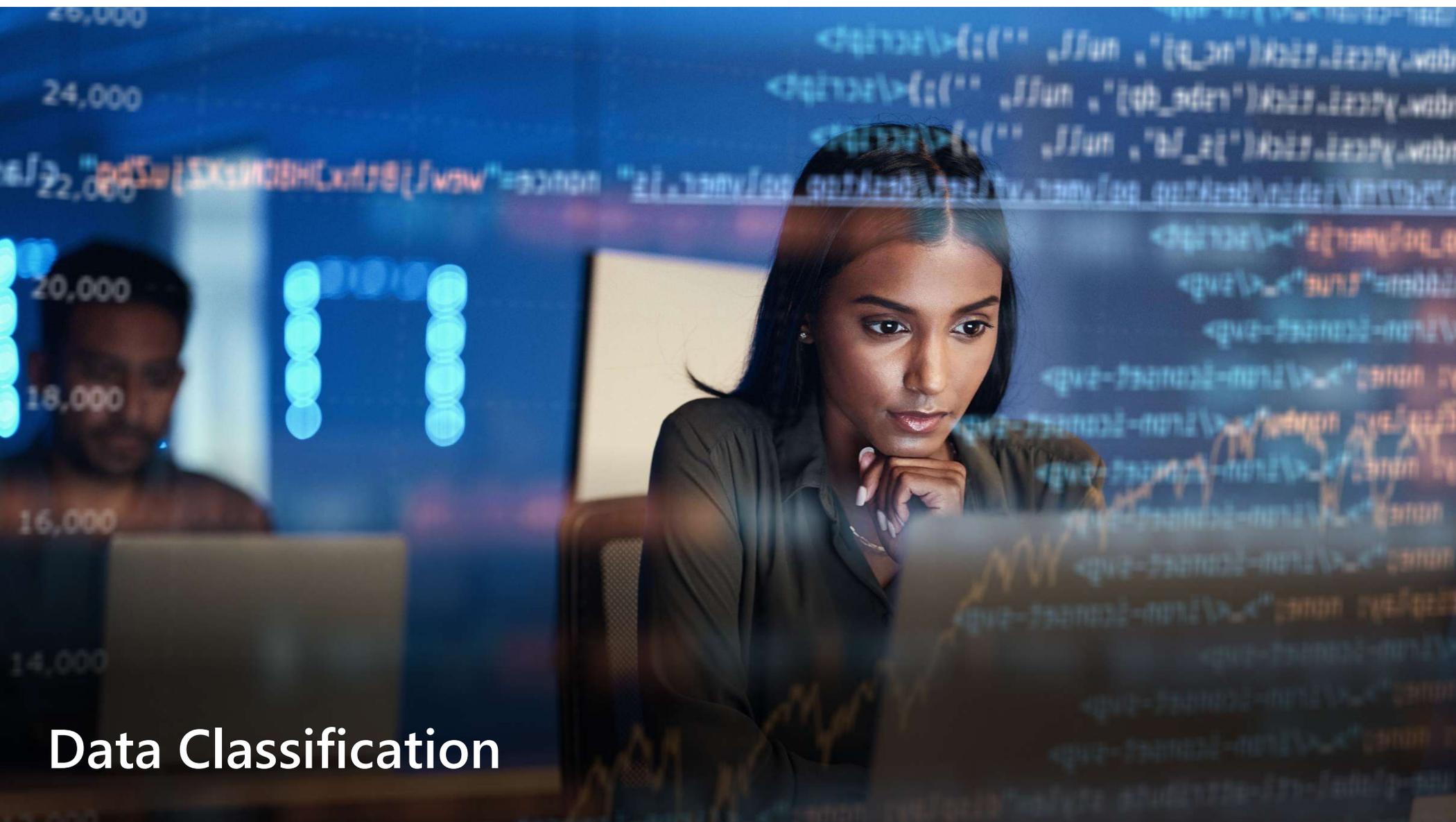
Conflicting definitions

Obsolete data

Data consent

Data masking

Encryption



Data Classification

Demo: Data Classification

Data Classification

Is it PII?

Is it confidential?

Does it need special controls?

Will I know how to figure that out?

Are classifications following it?

Fast Access Controls

Auditable

Understanding before access

Shifts decisions from tech to business

Standardizes the process for faster access

More compliant

Data Quality Measures

Explicitly defined

Standardized measures

Identifies problematic data

Shifts data quality ownership

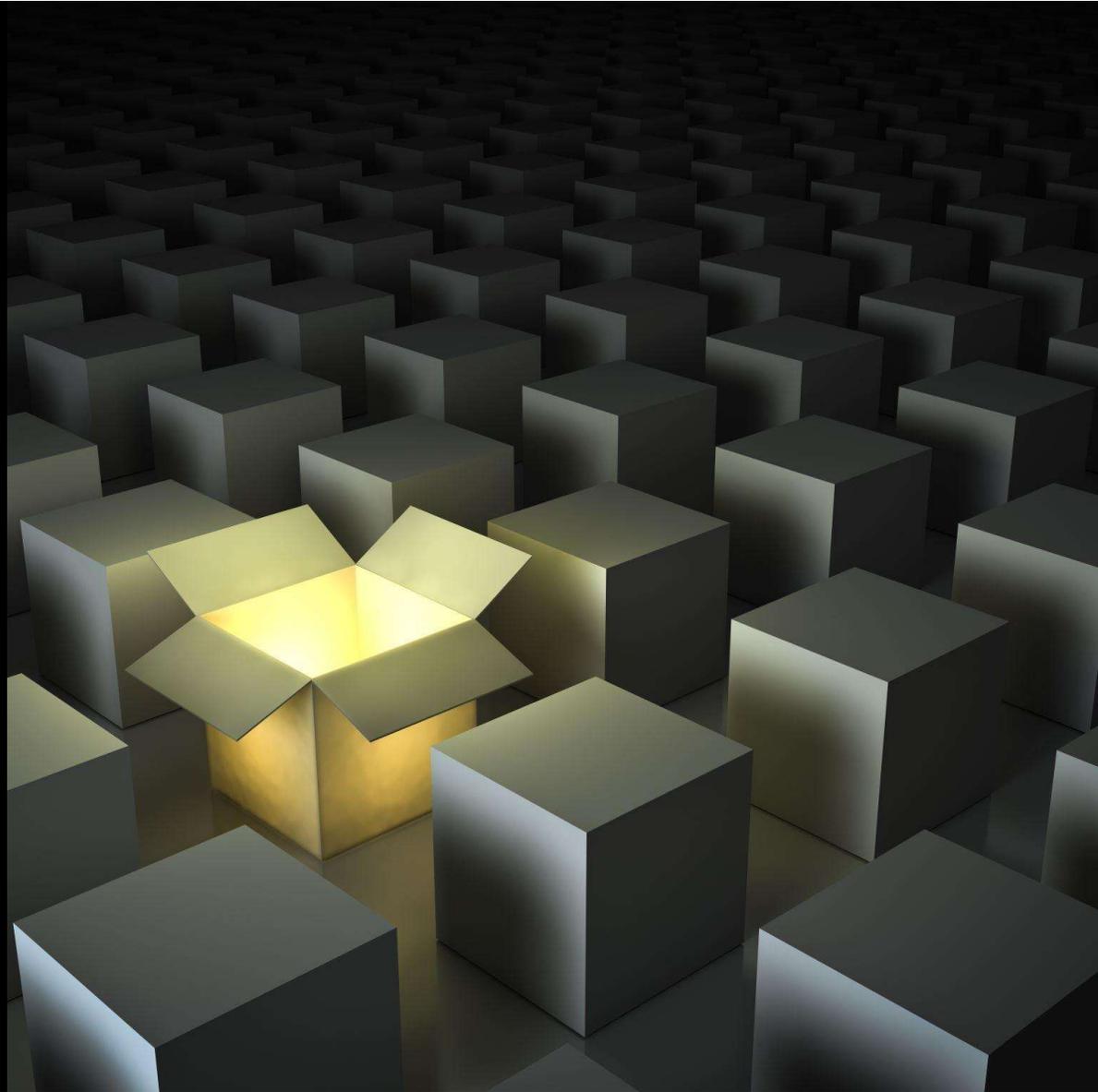
Better decision making

Enables feedback loops

Transparency

Data Product

A curated, governed package of data assets for a particular use



Demo: Data Product

Can I Change This Without Hating Friday?

Silent schema changes
Surprise dashboard failures
Fear-driven release delays
On-call chaos

Data Lineage

Shows how data moves and transforms across systems, from source to consumption.



Demo: Data Lineage

All this is why bad governance gets ignored, and good governance gets used



Key Takeaways



Governance is an Engineering Function



Enterprise Tools for Enterprise Actions



Managing Data Complexity



Mastering Multi-Platform Complexity



Governance at Scale



Guessing is bad



Productivity



Managing Risk



Importance of Laziness

Real-life Stories

We might have to discuss this during a break

Data Governance in AI and ML



Scaling Data Governance

Roles and responsibilities

Usable standards

Robust tools & automation

Collaboration incentives

Classifications and grouping

Monitoring & alerting

Resources

- More for you...

Thank you, ad astra!

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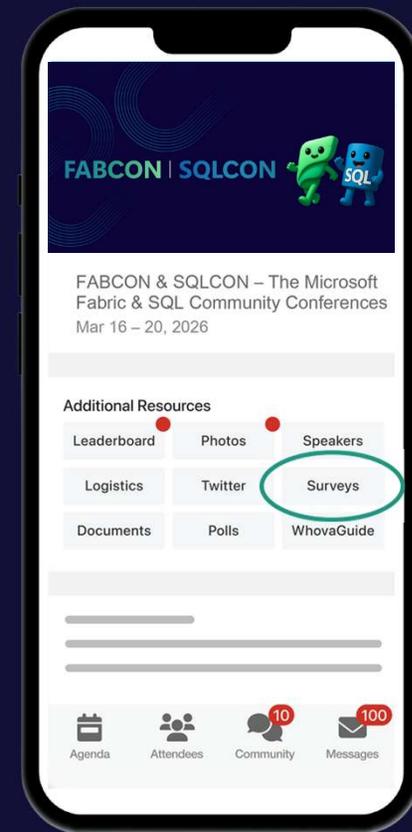


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