# Data Governance Roles



## Chief Data Officer

* Accountable for overall Data Governance program
* Focused on mission objectives of agency which may involve looking for cost savings
* Focused on the plan stage of data lifecycle

## A cartoon business womanData Owner

Usually Senior Management

* Accountable for ensuring steps are taken to protect data, delegates tasks to data steward.
* Determines policies, regulatory requirements, compliance needs, and training needed to protect data

## A cartoon business manData Steward

* Enforce requirements set by Data Owners
* Bridge the gap between different data stakeholders
* Subject matter expert on data and its utility for business use

## A cartoon business manData Custodian

Can be third party Supplier

* Oversees storage, transfer, and transport of data
* Takes care of data and the databases where it’s stored
* Focuses on the “how” instead of the “why” of data storage

# More About the Chief Data Officer

A chief data officer is responsible for ensuring an organization gets the most value out of their data.

Looks at how data can be used to drive digital transformation. Acts as a liaison between mission and technology goals.

The public sector CDO must focus on mission objectives which may involve looking for cost savings but is not typically about monetizing government data.

# More About the Data Owner

A data owner is a senior person in your organization who owns your data and is accountable for the quality of it.

Must be someone who has the authority, budget, and resources to make decisions regarding data.

While accountable for data quality, tasks that ensure data quality will be delegated by the data owner to the data steward.

# More About the Data Steward

A data steward is usually appointed by the data owner to help them ensure data quality.

A data steward might investigate and fix data quality issues, draft definitions for data catalogs or glossaries, and review data quality reports.

The data steward should be a subject matter expert on the data they are responsible for.

# More About the Data Custodian

A data custodian (sometimes a 3rd party supplier) is someone on the IT side of the house who maintains data on systems in accordance with business requirements.

May move data between systems, aggregate the data, and transform the data.

If a data custodian is unclear on requirements, they would speak to the data owner. A common misconception is that IT owns the data.