

OvalEdge Academy Transcript:

Data Discovery

Video: Navigating the Business Glossary

Hi, I'm Theresa, and today we are going to discuss how to navigate your data ecosystem through the business glossary.

The business glossary is the hub of data governance. It brings together the business term description, the original source of the data, and the technical considerations for handling and delivery. This includes privacy and quality considerations as well. Think of the business glossary as the policy for that term that outlines how it should be understood, handled, and used consistently across all your assets.

The business glossary is on the left panel menu. Once you click on it, you will be brought to the tree view, which displays all published terms under each domain, category, and subcategory. You can see we have 'Banking' as the domain, 'Accounting' for the category, and then a list of terms.

Moving to the list view will provide you with more information about the terms before going to their detail pages. You can filter, search, and order the information columns on this screen for convenient searchability.

If there is a particular way you want to view your business glossary on this grid view, click 'system view' in the top right corner and design custom views that will include the relevant information you need on a daily basis.

Business Glossary Summary Tab

Let's select a term to see the details in its summary tab. In the past, 'Asset-based Valuation' (ABS) had several calculations, an undefined original source, and no one to go to ask questions about this formula.

Now, there is a business description and detailed description present in one place. The owner, steward, and top users are displayed to the right of the business description.

Below the top users is more information about the term's status, popularity, and a quick look at how many tables and columns the term is related to.

If I need clarification or additional information about the term, I can use the collaboration feature to message the data steward or custodian. Users can tag others and attach reference items using the '@' symbol.

'Related Objects' allow you to create relationships between objects, such as terms that are closely related or share in the same formula.

Any tags associated with the term appear next. Tags are a tool used to group objects together. We have the ability in OvalEdge to create custom fields that extend a term's information in discrete fields. Here we want to publish 'Acceptable Abbreviations' to further promote consistency when developing data assets.

'Manage Data Associations' allows you to copy the title and business description into the objects when associating items to this term. This means when I associate this term with a report column, the report column will now display the definition from the business glossary.

'Classifications' help organize terms in a domain based on your organization's needs. In this example, this term's classification reflects access items; public, private, or used for regulatory reporting purposes.

Your data governance team works with your organization to determine your classification and identify opportunities to extend your custom fields.

Exploring Associated Data

Going to the associated data tab shows you where the term is in use in your tables, fields, and in reports and dashboards. I can see this term has been associated with one table column, two reports, and one report column. Clicking on the value takes me to that object.

This is where you can really start embedding your business glossary into the data ecosystem.

Thanks for watching!