

Uses of Metadata at Statistical Agencies and for Surveys

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What is metadata?

- data about data
- information
- tool
- function of who, when, where, why, how

What is the role of metadata?

- processes
 - conceptualization, planning, design, development, implementation, validation
- products
 - microdata, macrodata, metadata
- users or customers
 - internal and external
 - present and future

Models, Models, and Models

- Business data model
- Data element model
- Business process model
- Registration model
- Documentation model
- Dimensional database model
- Statistical process model

Models?

- Quality measurement model
- Measurement error model
- Conceptual model for human information processing
- Model of the survey response task

What's important?

- (microdata, macrodata, metadata) = a **set**
- deserving equivalent attention at process and product level

What's important ?

- **start** small and build
- peer pressure, user demands, shame factor
- multidisciplinary approach

Some important issues

- integration into work processes, creation
- need to manage, infrastructure
- users, cognitive and behavioral factors