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**Information technology — Cloud  
computing and distributed platforms  
— Data sharing agreement (DSA)  
framework**

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## Introduction

For decades, organizations regarded data and its processing as an expense, necessary to business operations but not an opportunity. What has changed recently is the realization of the value of data and the added value that can potentially be generated by combining datasets. Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, analytics, and cloud computing are making this value proposition much more obvious and the emergence of Internet of Things (IoT) is further driving the economic opportunities around data. Data is the raw material for AI, a key component of the fourth industrial revolution.

Sharing datasets to create combined datasets can have several technical, business, and regulatory challenges. One challenge is the lack of a common language to describe data sharing concepts across the entire data lifecycle and the lack of guidance for developing data sharing agreements (DSAs). This document offers standardized terminology for data sharing along with common building blocks that can be used in the development of DSAs. The aim of the project is to reduce the time and cost required to initiate data sharing projects.

Figure 1 illustrates the structure of this document, representing the Data Sharing Framework as defining both Data Qualitative Objectives (DQOs) and Data Level Objectives (DLOs) over six distinct aspects of data sharing. Each aspect is described in a separate section.

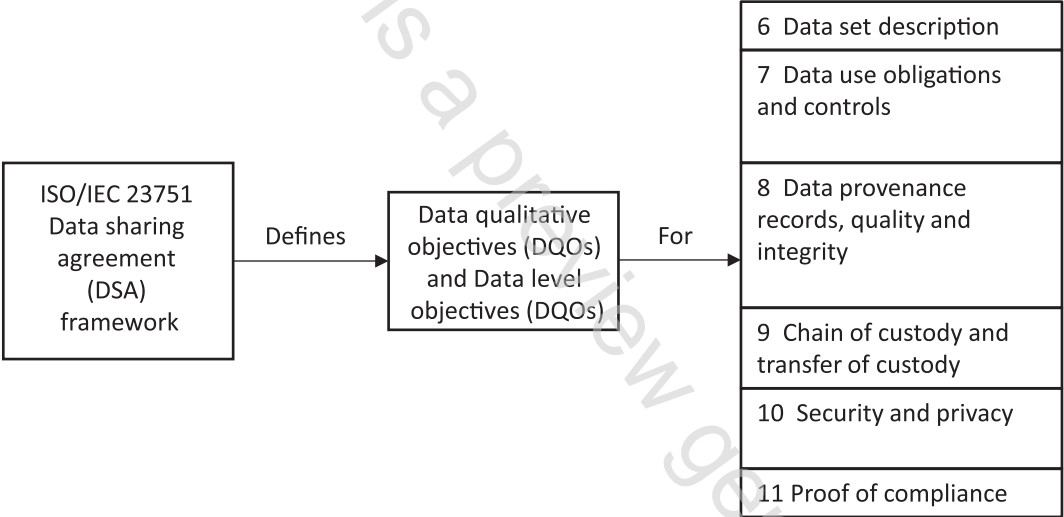


Figure 1 — Structure of this document

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## 1 Scope

This document establishes a set of building blocks, i.e. concepts, terms, and definitions, including Data Level Objectives (DLOs) and Data Qualitative Objectives (DQOs), that can be used to create Data Sharing Agreements (DSAs). This document is applicable to DSAs where the data is intended to be processed using one or more cloud services or other distributed platforms.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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### 3.1

#### **party**

natural person or legal person, whether or not incorporated, or a group of either

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 27729:2012,3.1]

### 3.2

#### **data originator**

*party* (3.1) that created the data and that can have rights

Note 1 to entry: A data originator can be an individual person.

Note 2 to entry: The data originator can be distinct from the natural or legal person(s) mentioned in, described by, or implicitly or explicitly associated with the data. For example, PII can be collected by a data originator that identifies other individuals. Those data subjects (PII Principals) can also have rights, in relation to the data set.

Note 3 to entry: Rights can include the right to publicity, right to display name, right to identity, right to prohibit data use in a way that offends honourable mention.

### 3.3

#### **data broker**

*party* (3.1) that collects data from one or more sources and sells the data to one or more *data users* (3.5)

Note 1 to entry: In the context of data broker, sell means to provide data in exchange for money or other item of value.