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# Walk | Data Warehouses and Your Data Estate

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# About CLA



## OUR PURPOSE

CLA exists to create opportunities for our clients, our people, and our communities.

# CLA Promise

## OUR PROMISE

We promise to know you and help you.

## OUR FAMILY CULTURE

We're one family, working together to create opportunities.

## OUR STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES

Deep industry specialization  
Seamless, integrated capabilities  
Premier resource for private businesses and owners  
Inspired careers



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# Review | What is Digital?

CLA Digital uses data, automation, and software to meet our clients where they are and help them make data driven decisions.



# Data Analytics: Crawl, Walk, Run Series

- **Crawl – June 15, 2023**  
Creating Your First Dashboard
- **Walk – Today**  
Data Warehouses, Data Lakehouses, and Your Data Estate
- **Run – October 10, 2023**  
The Power of Predictive Analytics and Artificial Intelligence

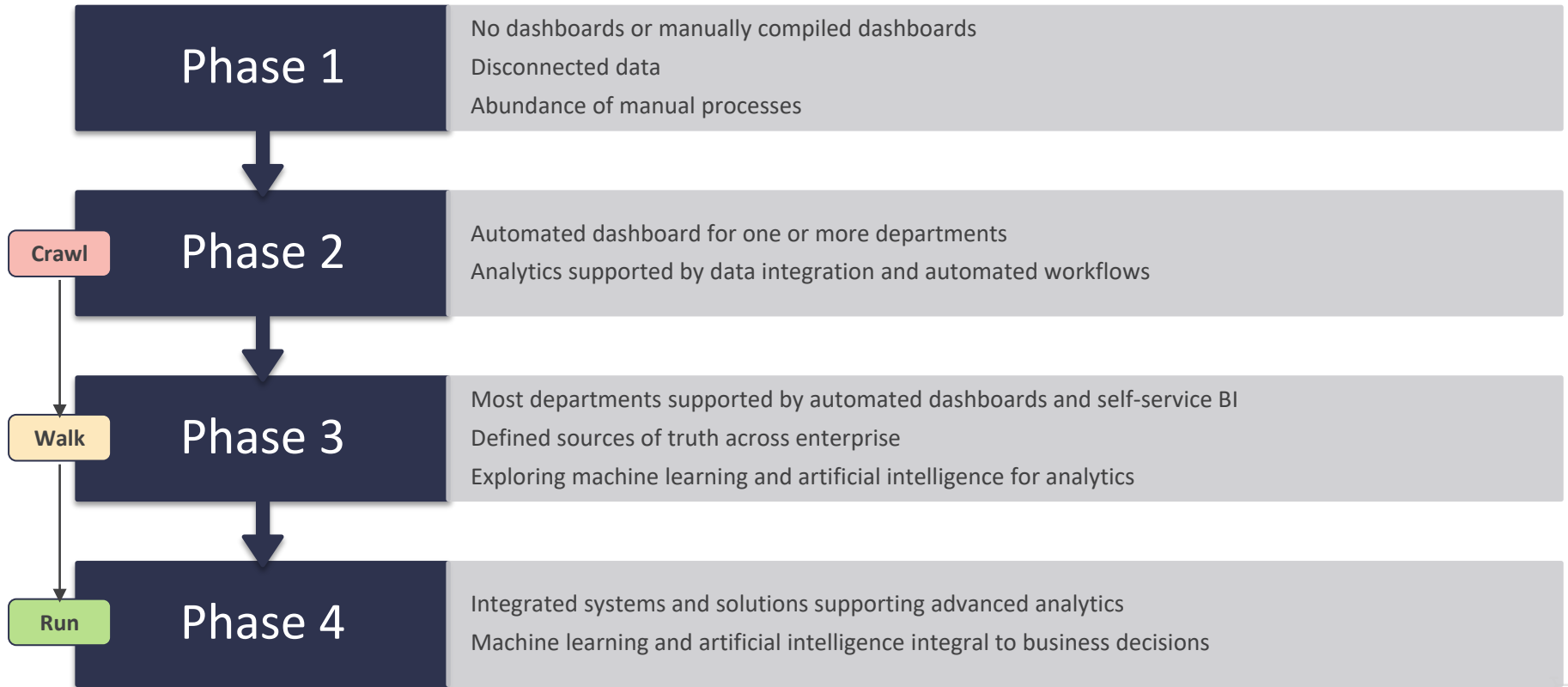




## Review: Crawl Webinar



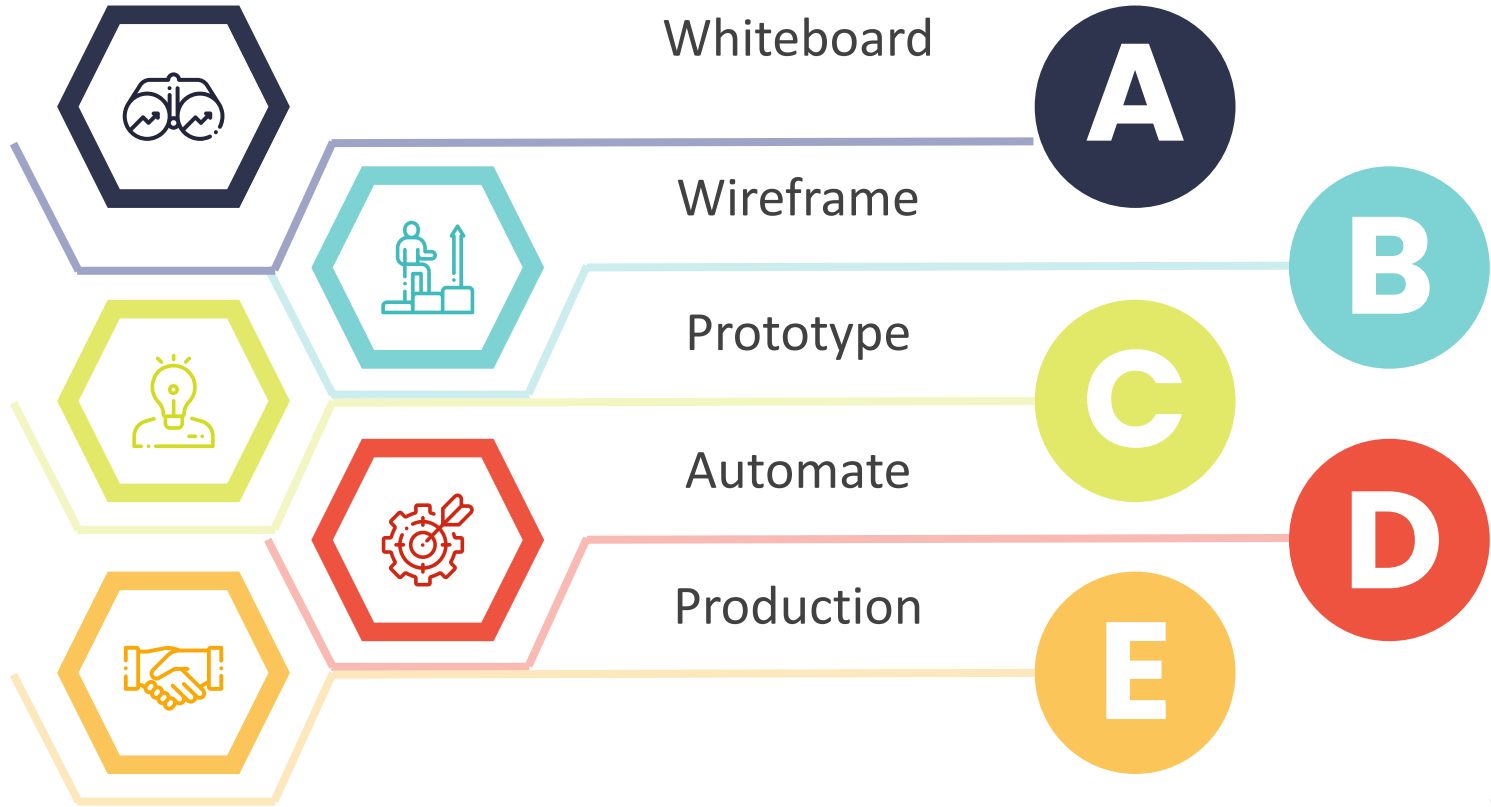
# Client Lifecycle: CLA Digital



# Polling Question

- In Review: Where does your organization fall on the Digital Lifecycle?
  - Phase 1: Multiple disconnected systems, lots of manual
  - Phase 2: Some automated dashboards, exploring integrating systems
  - Phase 3: Integrated systems, most/all departments using automated dashboards, exploring AI/Machine Learning
  - Phase 4: Advanced Analytics and AI/ML integral to business decisions.

# Review: Building Your First Dashboard





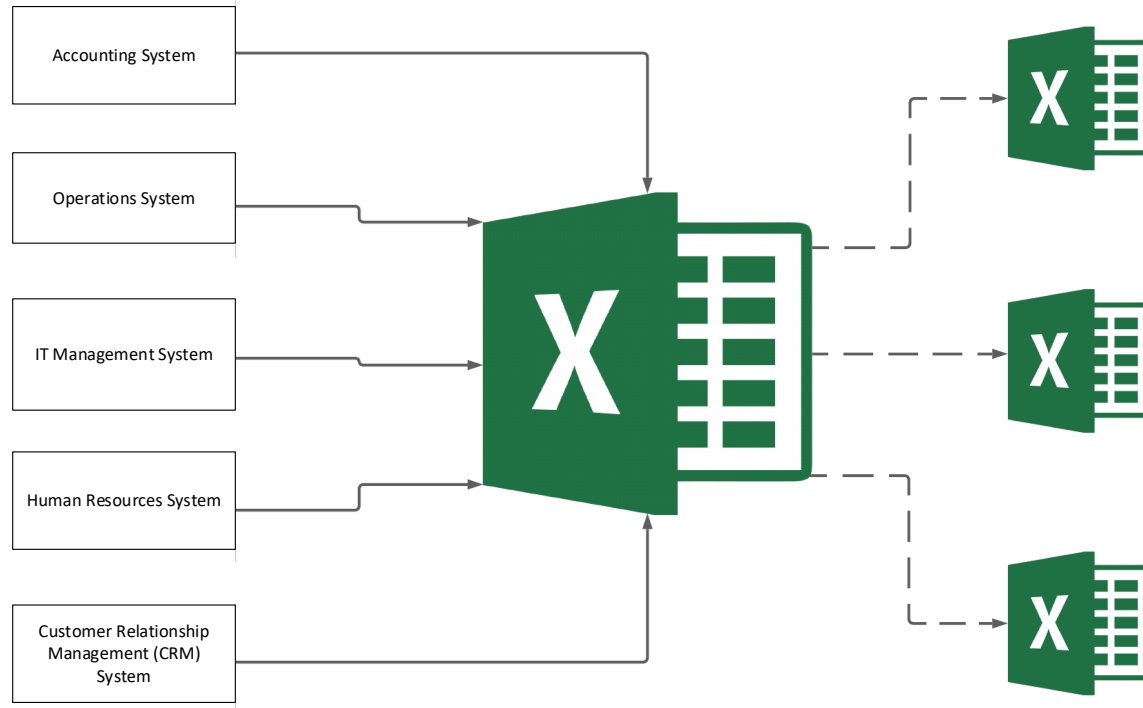
# Moving From Crawl To Walk

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# The Challenge We Heard:

- Crawl content was informative – but what if my environment is more complicated?
  - Multiple disparate data sources
  - Tying out operational and financial data
  - Thinking about “integrating” but don’t know where to start
- “Even if I wanted to just ‘load’ my data into a dashboard, it’s more complicated than that!”

# Example Challenge Diagram



# How We Tackle This

- General Concept: We need to bring data into a central place with effective policies so we can organize and manage it.
- Building Your Data Estate
  - Data storage structures
- Governing Your Data Estate
  - Data Quality
  - Visibility
  - Security



# Key Structures for Your Data Estate

## Data Lake

- Centralized storage of data from multiple sources.
- Reflects how data exists in the source and is often transformed for use in solutions.
- Can host structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.

## Data Warehouse

- Centralized database showing accurate picture of key strategic metrics.
- Organized around facts described by dimensions.
- Hosts structured data.

## Data Marts

- Designed for specific business use cases, such as a department's view of the organization.
- Host structured data.

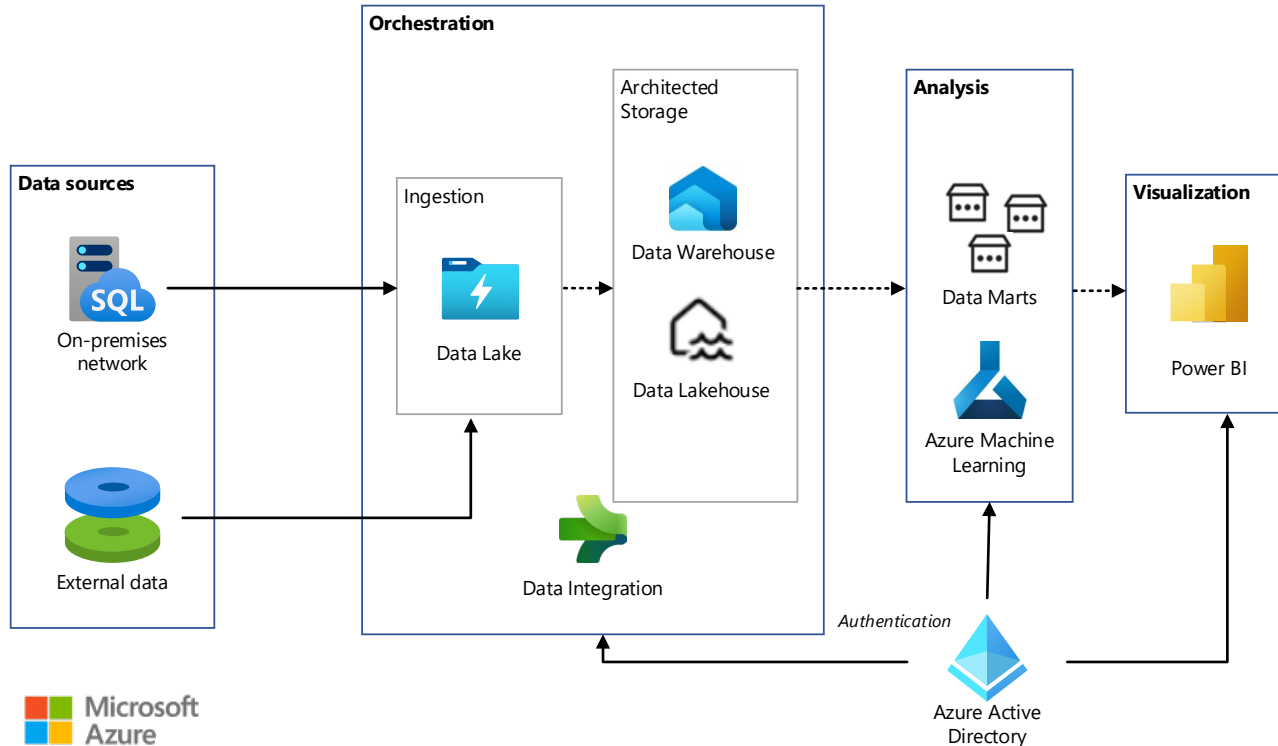
## Data Lakehouse

- Takes the best from data lakes & data warehouses.
- Better governance and support for machine learning and artificial intelligence.
- Can host structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.





# Example Data Estate Topography



# Polling Question

Do you have any of the following repositories that support analytics in your data estate?

- We have a data warehouse or data marts.
- We have a data lake.
- We have a data lake and data warehouse/data marts.
- We have a built a data lakehouse on our data lake.
- We have a data swamp.
- I'm not sure.

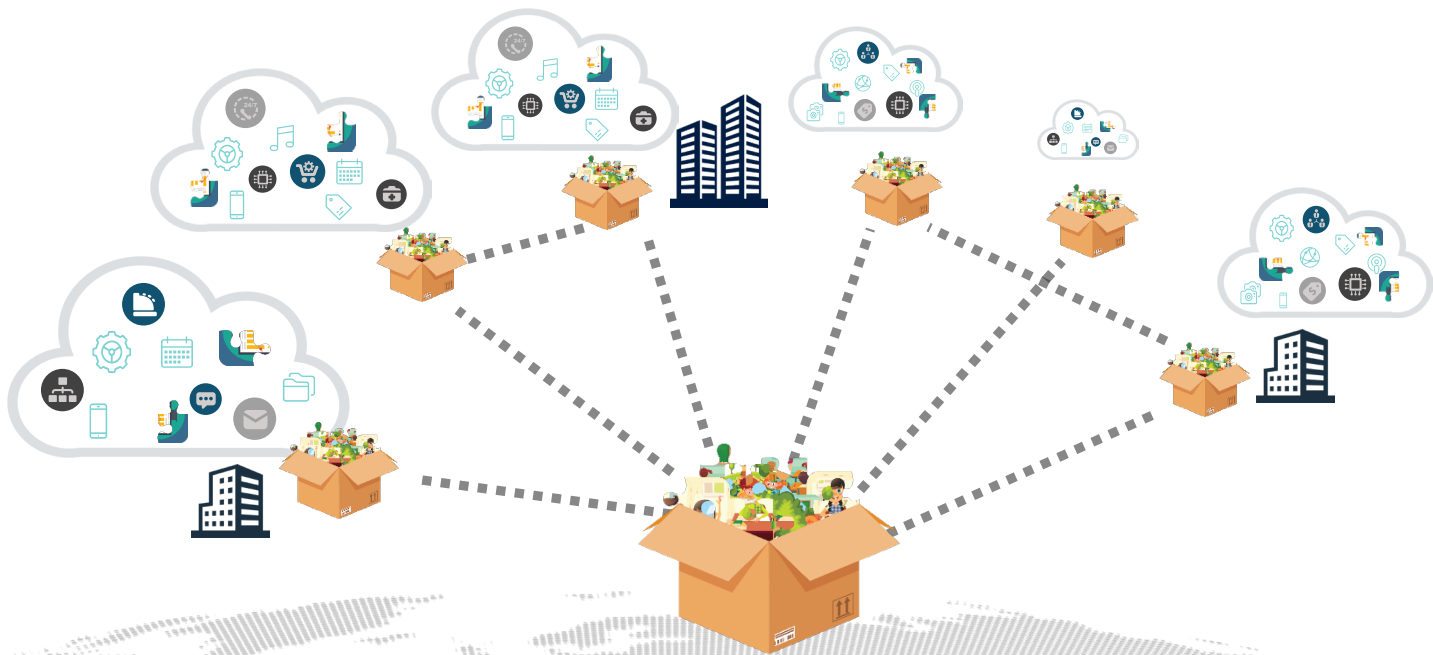


# We all know this...

**Data volumes** ↑

**System Complexity** ↑

**Digital TX Initiatives** ↑



Revenues ↑    Costs ↓    Risk ↓    Agility ↑

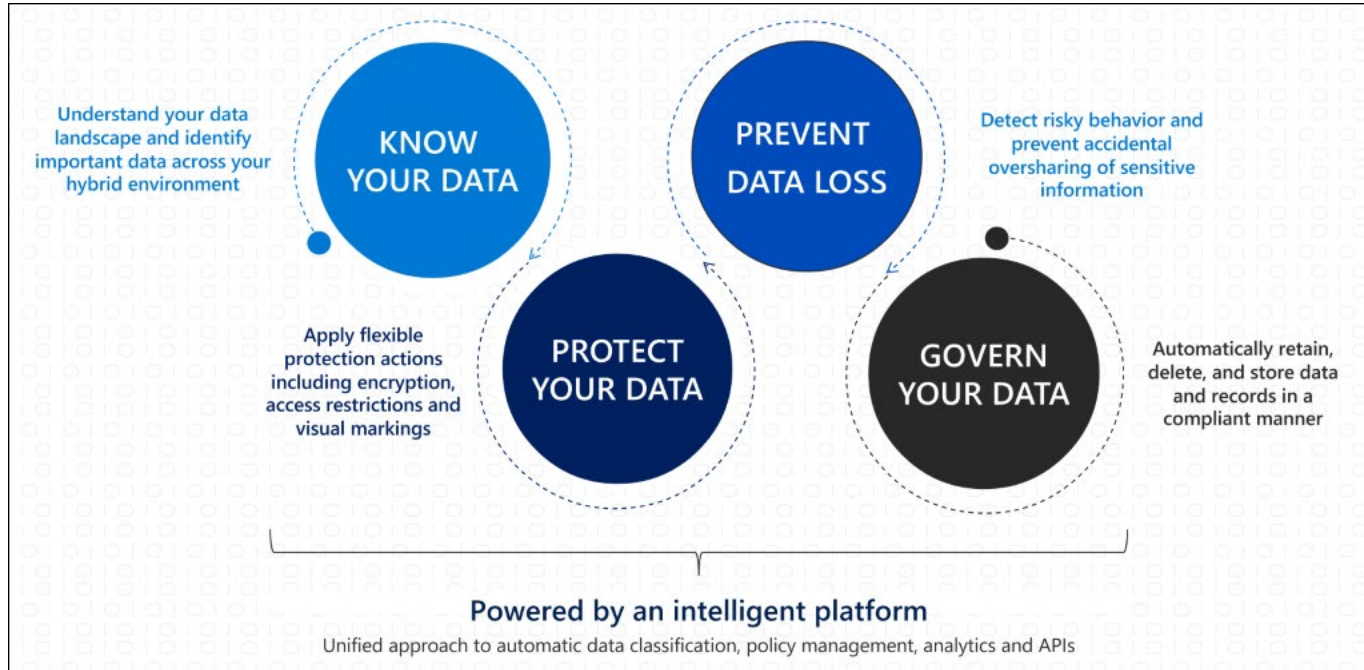
**Digital Transformation**



# Governing Your Data Estate



# Data Visibility & Protection



# Understanding Data Quality



## Reference Data

Standards based, Mostly Static  
Critical, Easy to Manage



## Master Data

Customers, Locations, Products  
More Dynamic, Existing in Multiple Systems



## Transactions

Orders, Invoices, Documents  
Business System Managed Facts

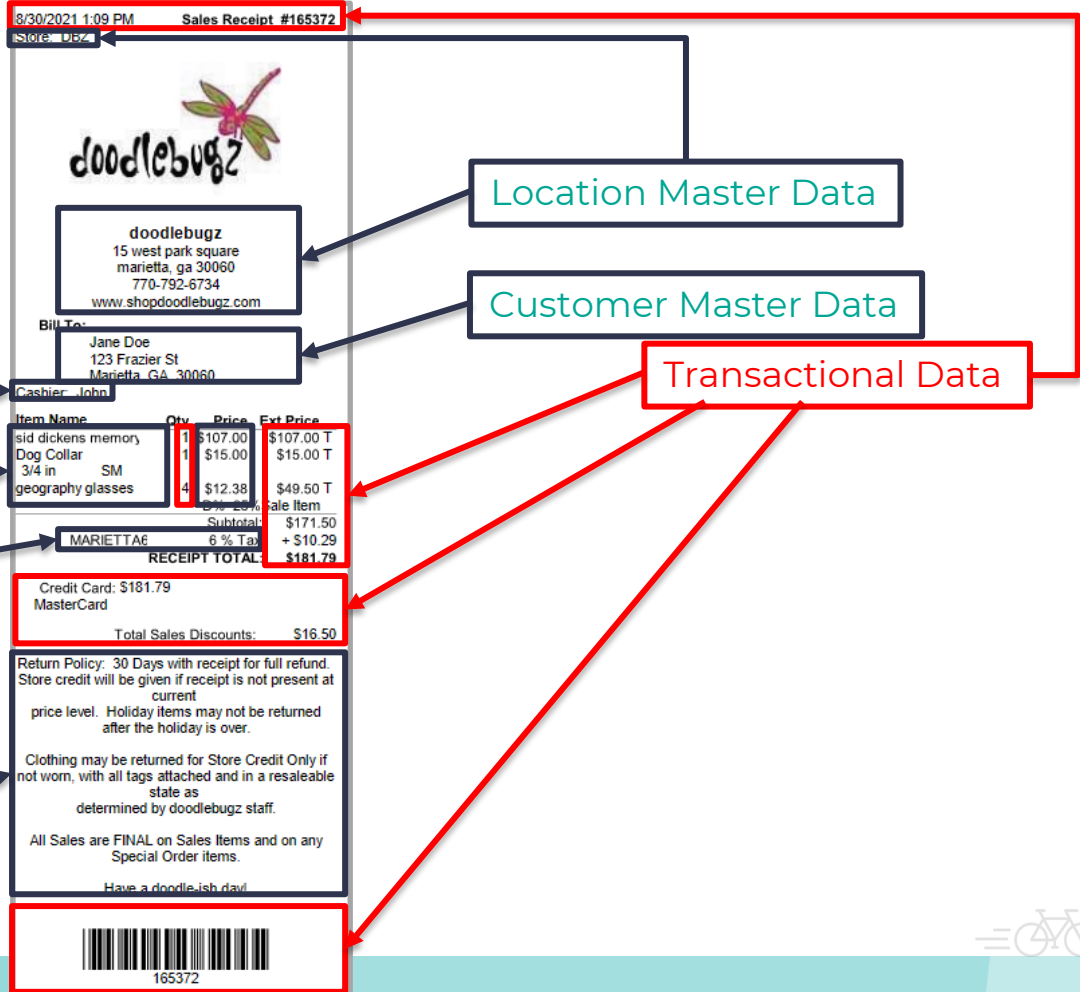


## Big Data

Volume, Variety, Velocity  
Often Questionable Veracity



# Real World Example



Employee Master Data

Product Master Data

Location Master Data

Customer Master Data

Transactional Data

Tax Rate Reference Data

Policy Reference Data



# Polling Question

What does data governance look like at your organization?

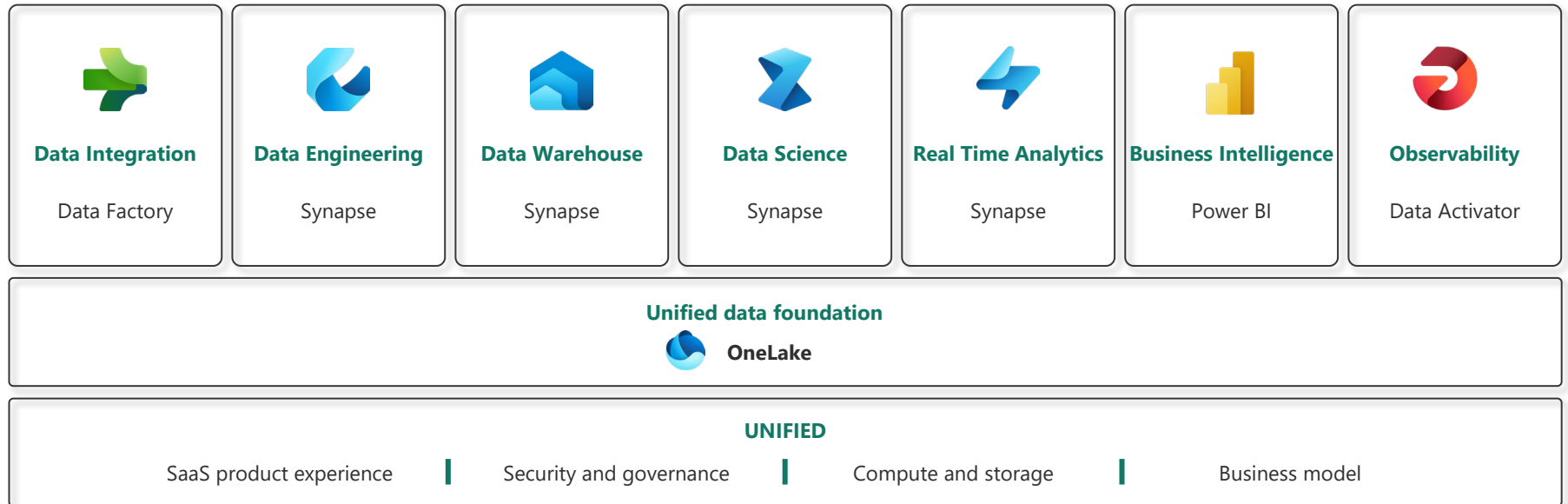
- Someone in Finance/Accounting spends a significant portion of their time focused on solving issues that arise.
- Finance, Operations, and IT work together on data governance and it's clear who owns our data and how to resolve issues.
- Oftentimes it feels like data anarchy, but this is helpful.
- I'm not sure.





# Microsoft Fabric

An end-to-end analytics platform that brings together all the data and analytics tools that organizations need to go from the data lake to the business user



# Where to Go From Here?

- 3 Part Series
  - Crawl – June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Walk – Today
  - Run – Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
- Have specific questions or want to discuss 1:1?
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