

ASG-metaGlossary™

PROVIDING A GOVERNED AND
CONTEXTUALLY RATIONALIZED
VOCABULARY BETWEEN BUSINESS AND IT

ASG-metaGlossary™ enables business analysts and data stewards to work together to create and share a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions. This allows users to easily search, browse, and update their business terms while promoting better understanding and use of data.

ASG-metaGlossary ensures that business users always have accurate data they can depend on and provides answers to frequently asked questions: *Is this the data I really need? What is the lineage for this data? Where is this data used? Who is the owner or steward of this data?*

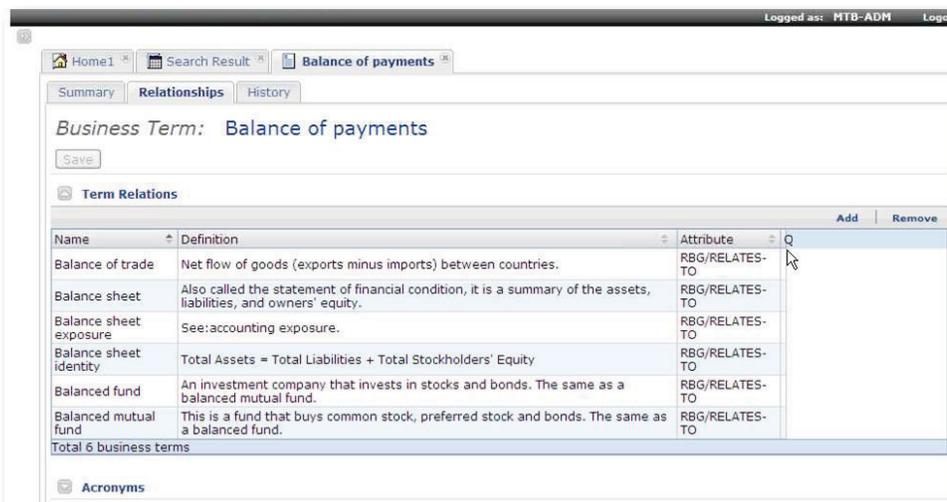
ASG-metaGlossary promotes data accessibility, transparency, and accountability to enable organizations to proactively address data governance and compliance mandates, closing the gap between business and IT users.

Challenge

Business success today depends largely on decisions that are based on data found in information assets. For the majority of organizations, vast quantities of these assets have accumulated over time, often in redundant pockets of disparate databases. Because people define terms differently, identifying, locating, and understanding that information presents an enterprise-wide challenge that can lead to poor or slow business decisions.

Features

- ✦ Create, manage, and share a common vocabulary of business terms and definitions
- ✦ Find and view business terms within and across multiple glossaries
- ✦ Easily modify existing business terms
- ✦ Classify/relate business terms to other (logical and physical) information assets
- ✦ Organize business terms in categories that are relevant to your organization
- ✦ Manage synonyms and acronyms
- ✦ Designate users or groups as stewards in combination with workflow activities



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Solution

ASG-metaGlossary provides a managed framework for managing business information. This framework allows for multi-level hierarchies and categorization of the terms within the glossaries and a workflow engine so that terms can be managed according to the internal governance process with online submissions, approvals, and notifications.

ASG-metaGlossary is the definitive source of understanding and managing business and IT terms across the organization.

ASG-metaGlossary features a user-friendly, business-oriented user interface that makes it easy for IT and business users alike to find and identify business terms for their unique purposes. The user interface is flexible to allow for extensions to the data model. ASG-metaGlossary's powerful searching capabilities make it easy for both IT and business users to quickly find the information they need from different tools and applications across multiple, related glossaries. Search criteria can also be saved as queries and saved for future use, and browsing capabilities enable quick and easy business term lookup.

ASG-metaGlossary supports business terms to be related to logical models or physical implementations (reports, ETL jobs, database, data warehouses, etc.) for visualization of enlightening contextual relationships.

Results

Improves and Accelerates Knowledge-Sharing

ASG-metaGlossary enables business analysts and data stewards to work together to create and share a common vocabulary of business terms. By establishing clear and consistent data definitions that both the business and IT can understand and use, ASG-metaGlossary improves information-sharing and facilitates better understanding and appropriate use of the data and also helps better manage business knowledge over time.

Increases IT's Efficiency and Productivity

Using ASG-metaGlossary, ETL developers and data management experts can readily find relevant data (and metadata), determine the impact of potential changes, and easily reuse data assets—all of which enhance IT productivity and accelerate project delivery.

Establishes Data Stewardship

ASG-metaGlossary establishes and manages data stewardship. This helps establish data ownership of the data to manage accountability through audit trails for successful data governance risk and compliance initiatives.

Increases Data Confidence

By providing a clear path of data lineage, ASG-metaGlossary provides business users understanding about the data's heritage that results in more confidence in the data. Business users have immediate, in-context access to terms and definitions, facilitating a greater understanding of and trust in the information they rely on to make critical business decisions.

Accelerates Data Governance

Data governance and the value of information assets are inextricably linked. Once thought of as a luxury, data governance is quickly gaining recognition as a necessity for providing a consistent enterprise view of the organization's data in a way that ensures data stability, improves decision-making, and maximizes the overall business value of data. ASG-metaGlossary maintains a complete and searchable audit trail of Create, Update, and Delete activity, which is critical for effective governance risk and compliance initiatives.

ASG-metaGlossary leverages the power of ASG-Rochade®, the industry-leading metadata management system. ASG-Rochade is a robust and flexible database designed to store and maintain enterprise information for any range of implementation that gives customers the ability to deploy a solution targeted to a specific need, then scale to incorporate global implementations that expand outside traditional metadata deployments.



ASG provides software solutions to more than 85 percent of the world's largest companies. Through its comprehensive Business Service Management (BSM) solution, Business Service Portfolio™, ASG is an established BSM provider with a strong heritage in metadata management; information management; applications management; infrastructure, performance and operations management; and service and support technologies. ASG enables clients to reduce costs, improve business-service delivery, and reduce risks. Founded in 1986, ASG is a privately held company based in Naples, Florida, USA, with more than 90 offices worldwide.

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