

Enterprise Metadata: Structural Interoperability & Semantic Merging

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1) Though similar, these silos' **structural metadata** attributes are not interoperable.

2) **Structural interoperability** has been achieved through an enterprise standard based on the Dublin Core.

3) However, **semantic metadata** values are inconsistent, decreasing the value of this metadata to the enterprise.

4) **Semantic merging** has been achieved through one of these means:

- **Cross-walking** terms
- Creating a **switching vocabulary**
- Creating a **meta-thesaurus**
- Creating a **single thesaurus**

