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# Introduction to Data Space

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## About this document



This document is for **beginners** who want to learn about "Data Spaces".

**The Purpose** is to understand,

- What are data spaces
- What is the organizational structure for data spaces promotion
- What use cases are expected in Japan

The intended target is those who want to learn about "data spaces" for the first time.

The purpose is to understand what are data spaces, the organizational structure for data spaces promotion, use case, etc.

# Background: global data spaces initiatives

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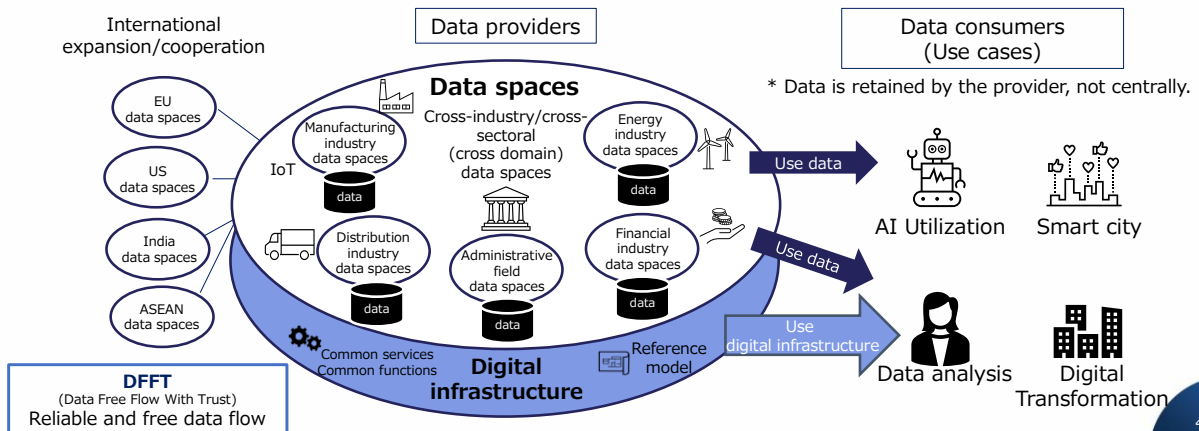
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In the U.S. and China, services are being developed by utilizing big data collected by stand-alone companies. As a result, services are becoming de facto standards.

On the other hand, in the EU, in order to realize data collaboration across countries and organizations, data infrastructure and rules are being developed, vast amounts of social data are being collected, and international standardization is progressing under the EU initiative.

# What are data spaces?

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- Standardized mechanism that ensures reliability and data sharing among different organizations, countries, and different industries ecosystems.
- Large amount of "diverse" and "reliable" data can be used with security.












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# Advantages of data spaces



Widespread use of data spaces will contribute to the realization of "Society 5.0 \*1," which combines economic development through data-driven management and solutions to social issues.

| Business benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Social benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>Realization of <b>data-driven management</b></p> <p> <b>1. Business speed improvement</b><br/>Anyone can easily and quickly start a new business using data.</p> <p> <b>2. New business development</b><br/>People with diverse expertise can work together for problems.</p> <p> <b>3. Better marketing strategy and early detection of problems</b><br/>Advanced data analysis to discover new patterns and trends and provide useful information.</p> <p> <b>4. Adding value to data owned by the organization</b><br/>Create value from data that has not previously been valued.</p> <p> <b>5. Improved data security and cyber attack countermeasures</b><br/>Confidentiality (can exchange data with trusted parties).<br/>Integrity (can prevent data tampering) can be ensured.</p> | <p>Privacy and a <b>better life for everyone</b></p> <p> <b>1. Sustainable</b><br/>Enables the realization of a green society.<br/>Analyze energy consumption data &amp; use energy resources efficiently.</p> <p> <b>2. Knowledge/ convenient (by digital technology)</b><br/>Optimize transportation systems using traffic data to ease congestion and reduce travel time.<br/>Provide more accurate weather forecasts by combining existing weather data with IoT data, for example.</p> <p> <b>3. Safe and secure</b><br/>Forecasting: Predict future events (natural disasters, health crises, etc.) and mitigate risks.<br/>Disaster prevention: Ensure rapid evacuation guidance.</p> <p> <b>4. Equality and less disparity</b><br/>Education (research data, education statistics, learning methods, etc.), Business (businesses using data) will have equal opportunities.</p> |

\*1 Society 5.0 is a data-driven society promoted by the government of Japan.

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## Supplement

Describe each benefit with the reasons why they are brought about.

### 【Business benefits】

#### ① Business speed improvement

Anyone can easily and quickly start a new business using data.  
Reason: Availability of common tools, services, data, etc.

#### ② New business development

People with diverse expertise can work together to solve problems.  
Reason: Enables collaboration and information sharing between different researchers, organizations, and industry sectors.

#### ③ Improvement of marketing strategy, early detection of problems

Discover new patterns and trends with advanced data analysis to provide useful information.  
Reason: Can use data that transcends fields such as consumer information and distribution information.

#### ④ Own organization data has business value

Create business value even from data that has not been found to have value until now.

Reason: Easily provide data to different organizations.

### **⑤Data security improvement and countermeasures against cyber attacks**

- Confidentiality (can exchange data with trusted parties).
- Integrity (can prevent data tampering) can be ensured.

Reason: Has an organization, tools, and mechanisms in place to improve security.

## **【Social benefits】**

### **① Sustainable society**

It becomes possible to realize an environment-friendly society.

Analyze energy consumption data and use energy resources efficiently.

Reason: It is possible to collect data for each resource across the board, such as oil, gas, and wind power.

### **②Knowledge society / convenient society (utilization of digital technology)**

Optimizing transportation systems using traffic data to reduce congestion and shorten travel times.

More accurate weather forecasts, for example by combining existing weather data with IoT data.

Reason: It makes it possible to use large amounts of a wide variety of data.

### **③Safe and secure society**

- Prediction...to predict future events (natural disasters, health crises, etc.) and reduce risks.

Reason: can analyze and utilize information from IoT, such as sensors and cameras.

- Disaster prevention...Realize rapid evacuation guidance.

Reason: To enable coordination of transportation, electricity, gas, water, and communication infrastructure, and evacuation information from local governments

### **④A society with equality and less disparity**

Education (research data, education statistics, learning methods, etc.),

Business (businesses using data) will have equal opportunities.

Reason: The digital infrastructure makes it possible for anyone to utilize data.

# Active and Inevitable aspects of data spaces

Sharing is inevitable and should be actively shared, by the concept of data sovereignty.



## Active perspective

**To enhance competitiveness**, proactively utilize data linkage in business

### New business development

Utilize data from different industries

### Problem solving

Analyze from a new perspective



## Inevitable perspective

**Obligation and necessity**, it is necessary to coordinate with regulations and international rules.

### Regulatory compliance

Necessity to comply with the rules

### Prevention of isolation

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Use data space

Example: EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) etc.

## Data sovereignty

- "Data sovereignty" is a fundamental concept for **trusting** and sharing data in the data spaces.
- Data providers can decide to whom and for how long data will be provided, etc.

### 1. Rights reserved by data provider



Data is managed by **data owner**

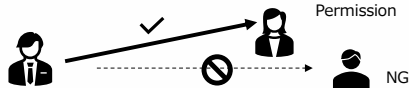


### Data spaces



Data is not centrally managed

### 2. Limited sharing to specific users



There are reasons why data should be shared proactively in the data spaces (offensive perspective) and reasons why data must be shared (defensive perspective).

The offensive perspective is to proactively utilize data collaboration for business in order to enhance competitiveness.

This includes "developing new business" by utilizing data from different industries and "solving problems" by analyzing data from new perspectives. The defensive perspective is the need to comply with regulations and international rules due to mandates and necessities.

In addition, in sharing data, "is it safe to share?". However, there is no need to worry because the data spaces are protected by data sovereignty. Data sovereignty means that the data provider decides who to provide the data to and for how long.

①: Data is managed by the data provider, and data is not entrusted to some central location.

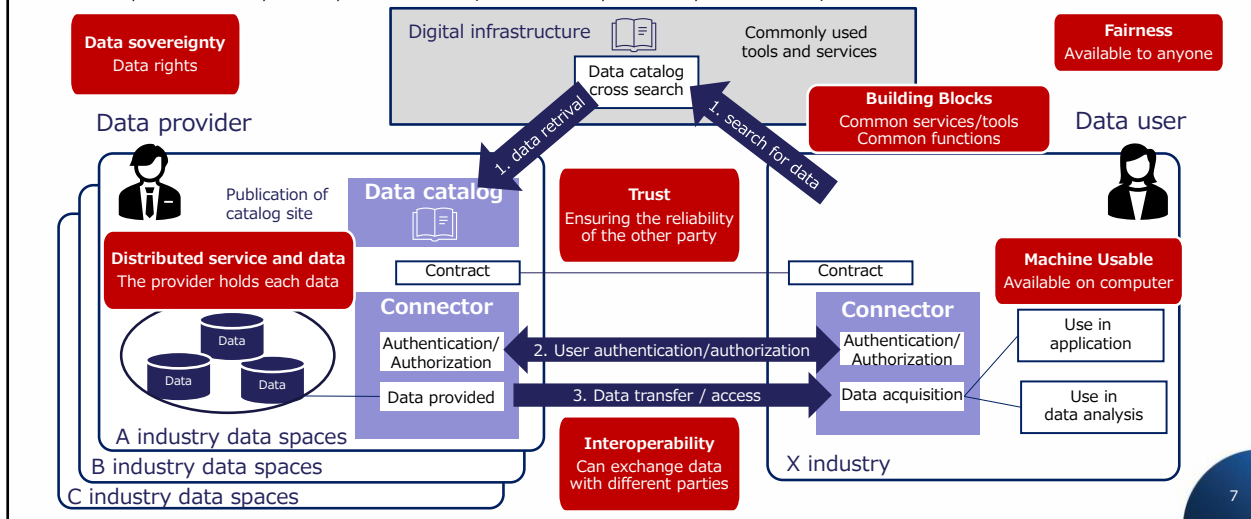
②: Data can only be released to specific users chosen by the data provider.

# The image of data space characteristics and data exchange

"Interoperability" and "Data sovereignty" are particularly important characteristics of data spaces.

Three main steps for collaboration between data spaces

- first, data retrieval, second, authentication/authorization, and third, data transfer/access.



The features of the data spaces are in red.

A particularly important feature is "interoperability," which allows data to be exchanged with different parties.

Another important feature is "data sovereignty," which protects the data rights of the data provider.

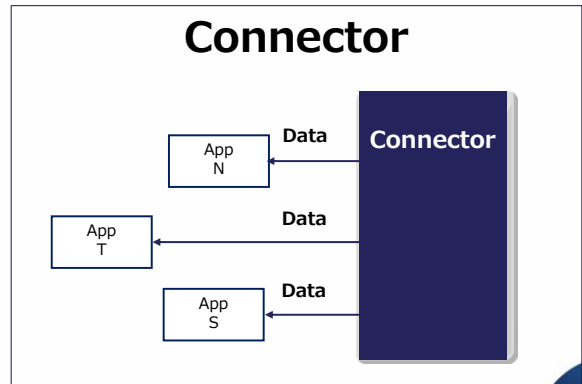
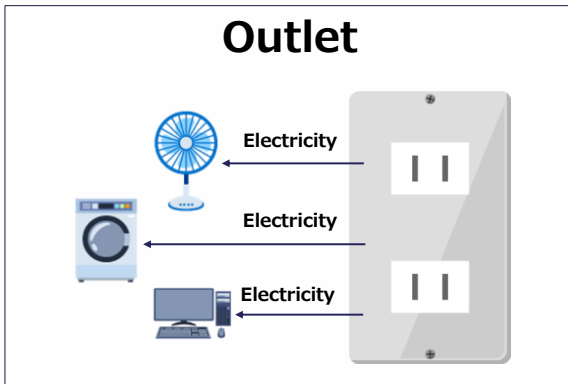
Data spaces collaboration mainly involves 3 steps.

- ① Search for data
- ② Authentication / Authorization
- ③ Data transfer / Access



## "Connector" that realizes data exchange

- By using connector, **providers and users can connect each other and exchange the data.**
- Connector is like "Outlet".  
"Appliances" can receive "electricity" by using the common "Outlet".  
"Apps" can access "data" by using a common "Connector".



Under the digital infrastructure, the connector is the function of data exchange.

The connector connects providers and users and enables data exchange.

Connector is like a electrical outlet.

Since electrical outlet is commonly provided for home appliances, there is no need to consider and develop individual plans for accepting electricity.

In the same way, since connector is commonly provided for data integration, there is no need to consider and develop plans for accepting data for each individual application.

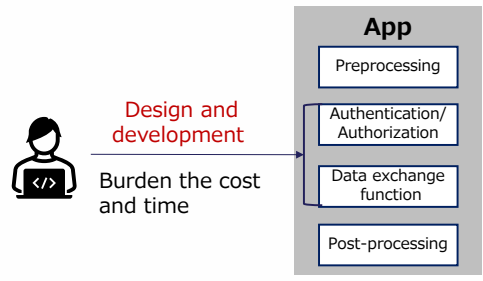
# Benefits of using connector



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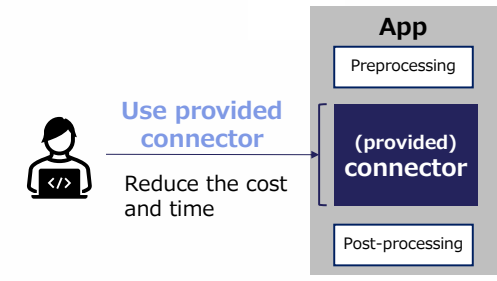
## Without connector

Design and development of data transfer with specific counterparties is necessary.



## With connector

Reduce cost and time by using connectors

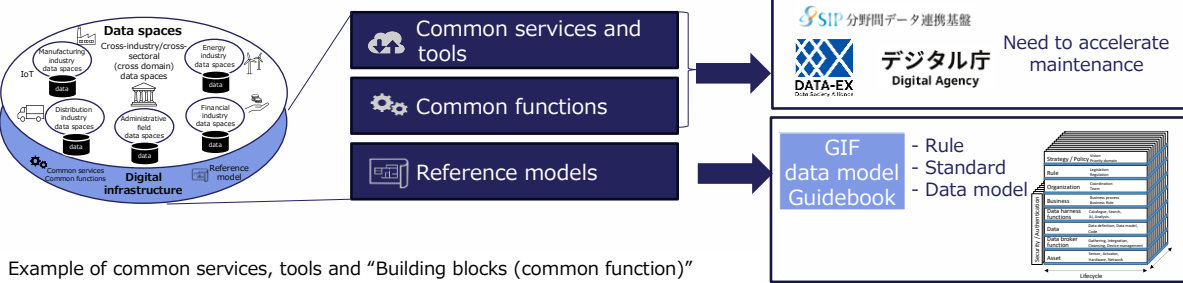


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# Digital infrastructure



Digital Infrastructure provides common services, tools, functions, and reference models underlying the data space in addition to connectors.



Example of common services, tools and “Building blocks (common function)”

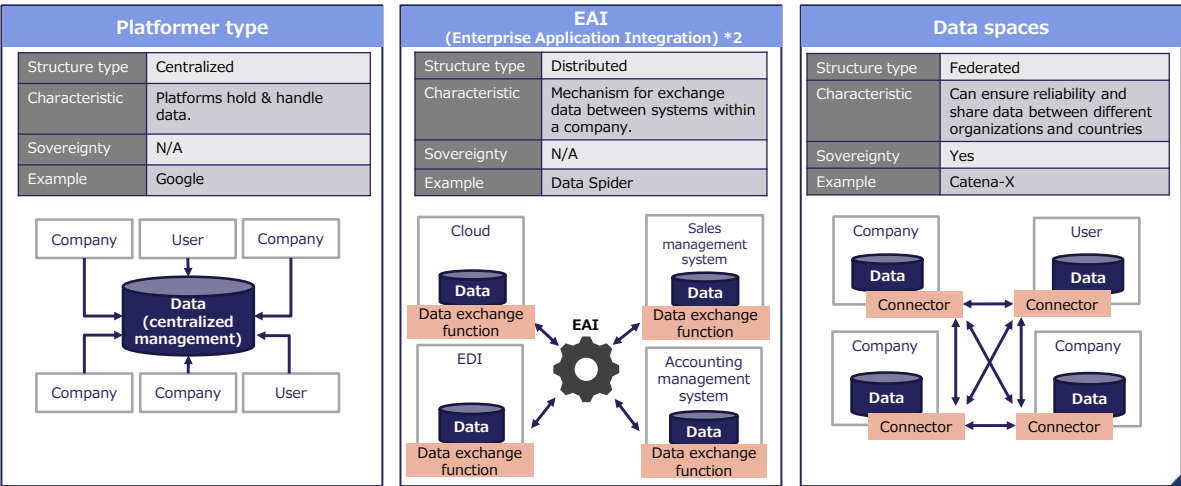
| 1. Data search  | 2. Authentication/ Authorization | 3. Data exchange | 4. Data utilization | 5. Development environment | 6. Guideline       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Data catalog    | ID service                       | Connector        | AI/Analysis         | OSS catalog                | Knowledge          |
| Data dictionary | Access control                   | Broker           | Visualization       | Test bed                   | Teaching materials |
| Base registry   | Log management                   | Delivery         | Knowledge Base      | Test data                  |                    |
| Market place    | Billing management               | Data management  |                     |                            |                    |

The digital infrastructure is the foundation of the data spaces.  
Digital infrastructure includes common services, tools, common functions, and reference models.  
It is provided by DATA-EX, the Digital Agency in Japan, and others, and is being developed in the future.

# Differences from other data sharing structure



Comparing traditional data management and the structure of the data space is decentralized for reliability, interoperability, and data sovereignty \*1.



\*1: Whether or not the data provider can be involved in the handling of its own data.  
\*2: System that links multiple systems used for business within a company to efficiently integrate data and processes.

The difference between traditional data management and data spaces. In a traditional platform-based data management system, such as Google, the data is managed centrally by the platform. The data provider, a company or individual, has no control over how their data is used. In other words, the data provider has no data sovereignty. In addition, in traditional EAI, the data is distributed, but the data provider does not have data sovereignty, just as in a platformer. Data spaces are distributed and the data providers has data sovereignty.

# Role in acceralating data spaces in Japan



Government of Japan, DSA, and IPA plan to work together to promote data spaces.

|                                                |                                                                               |                         |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Policy/Strategy                                | Vision, Scope                                                                 |                         |
| Legal rules, Organization                      | Laws, Regulations, Implementing agencies, Management organization             |                         |
| Business, Function                             | Using data spaces for services, solutions                                     |                         |
| Data spaces                                    | Data space across industries and sectors<br>Data space by industry and sector |                         |
| Digital infrastructure ( framework, platform ) |                                                                               |                         |
| Common service tools                           | Data catalog<br>Dictionary, ID                                                | Development environment |
| Common functions                               | Connector<br>access control                                                   | Data utilization        |
| Reference model                                | Technical rules<br>data model, vocabulary                                     | Guideline               |
|                                                |                                                                               |                         |
| Data                                           | Base registry<br>Open data                                                    |                         |
| Assets<br>(Equipment/System)                   | IoT/Sensor,<br>Hardware, Network                                              |                         |

## Japan

### One Team

- Digital Agency
- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Related ministries
- Information-technology Promotion Agency (IPA) \*
- National Printing Bureau \*
- Japan Institute for Local Government Information Systems (J-LIS) \*
- National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT) \*
- Data Society Promotion Council (DSA)
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\* Strengthening cooperation is stated in the priority policy program for realizing a digital society.

Domestically in Japan, related ministries, DSA , and IPA will work as "One Team" to promote data spaces.

# Area of the data space



Data spaces are used in a wide range of fields in society.

In each field, one or more projects are underway, and there are many data spaces with limited functions or regions.

In Japan, there are many initiatives similar to data spaces.

| Japan Standard Industrial Classification : Major Classification  | EU                                                            | Japan                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Agriculture, forestry                                         | EDS agriculture                                               | Semi-public (agriculture)                                 |
| B. Fishery                                                       | Fishing                                                       | -                                                         |
| C. Mining, Quarrying, Gravel extraction                          | -                                                             | -                                                         |
| D. Construction                                                  | EDS construction                                              | Smart buildings, Underground objects<br>Land Transport PF |
| E. Manufacturing                                                 | EDS Industry / Industrial, Mobility                           | Intercompany transactions, Batteries                      |
| F. Electricity, Gas, Heat supply, Water industry                 | EDS energy                                                    | Water supply                                              |
| G. Information and communication                                 | EDS media                                                     | -                                                         |
| H. Transportation industry, Postal industry                      | EDS railway, mobility, aviation, shipping                     | Autonomous mobile robot<br>Mobility (service)             |
| I. Wholesale trade, Retail trade                                 | -                                                             | -                                                         |
| J. Financial industry, Insurance industry                        | EDS Finance                                                   | Finance                                                   |
| K. Real estate business, Goods rental business                   | -                                                             | Land Transport PF                                         |
| L. Academic research, Professional / Technical services industry | EDS cultural heritage                                         | -                                                         |
| M. Accommodation industry, food service industry                 | EDS tourism                                                   | -                                                         |
| N. Life -related service industry, Entertainment industry        | EDS tourism                                                   | -                                                         |
| O. Education , Learning support industry                         | EDS skills                                                    | Public Service                                            |
| P. Medical care, Welfare                                         | EDS health                                                    | Public Service                                            |
| Q. Complex service business                                      | EDS smart community                                           | Public Service                                            |
| R. Service industry (n.e.c.)                                     | -                                                             | -                                                         |
| S. Public service (excluding those classified elsewhere)         | EDS administration, Administration (law, procurement, safety) | Public personal authentication<br>Public service          |
| T. Unclassifiable industries                                     | EDS green deal                                                | CFP carbon footprint                                      |

\* EDS: European Data Spaces

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## IPA



- ## Background

**Effort**

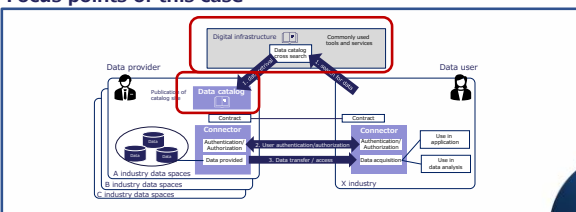
- Effect

- ### Expected benefits

## Business

- Social

- ### Focus points of this case



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- The creation of a digital infrastructure for industry-academia-government collaboration that eliminates the administrative digital divide within Osaka City.
- The fact that the use of the catalog has made it possible to provide services utilizing Osaka City's open data.

## Case study (2) - Sapporo City "Marketing optimization"

### Data spaces focus point

- Establish of a digital infrastructure for public-private partnership.
- Possibility of creating new business by combining open data provided by private sectors with open data and provided by the Sapporo City.

#### Background

The public-private partnership digital infrastructure for coordinated use of public and private sectors data in the Sapporo area is being built and consider full-scale promotion of data utilization.

#### Effort

- Estate developers and restaurants combine external data such as "weather data" and "event data" from outside the Sapporo City to confirm the optimization of marketing and business operations.
- Conduct a demonstration experiment connecting CADDE connector to the Sapporo City's digital infrastructure.

#### Effect

- Realize the optimization of marketing and business operations.
- By using the connector when using external data, there is no need to develop separate interface functions for data exchange.

#### Expected benefits

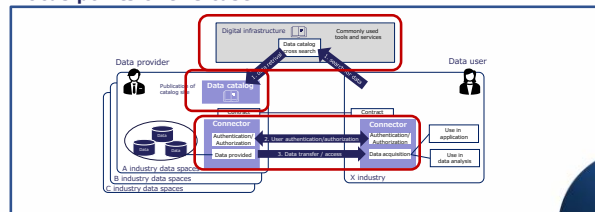
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#### Focus points of this case



This is the Sapporo City Marketing Optimization of a Japanese domestic case.

The focus point of this case as a data spaces are as follows.

- The city has established a digital infrastructure similar to that of Osaka City.
- The potential to create new business by combining open data provided by other City companies with Sapporo's open data.



# Idea of business Case “Enhanced Marketing”

Understand consumer needs and improve marketing strategies.  
Ensure **credibility** and the ability to provide and obtain data.

## Effort

- improvement marketing strategy based on consumption information data that the manufacturer has not been able to catch before.
- Stores that previously refused to provide data on the grounds that the source of supply was unknown can now provide data because the reliability of the data is assured.

## Effect

- Manufacturer: Can catch up with consumer needs.  
-> Leads to improve marketing strategy.
- Sales store: Data that had no value create business value.

## Expected benefits

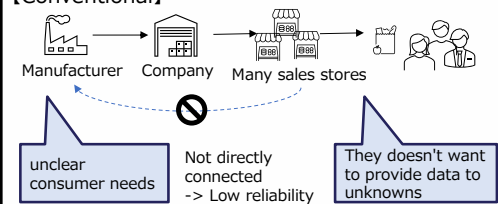
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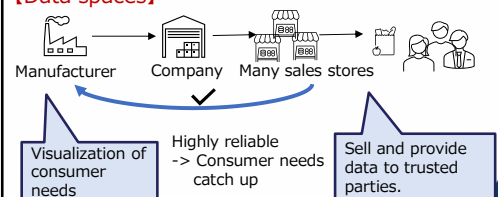
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## [Conventional]



## [Data spaces]



This is not an actual case, but a expected case for the future use of the data spaces.

The first expected case is the enhancement of marketing.

Data from manufacturers and retailers will be linked to understand consumer needs and improve marketing strategy.

The data will be reliable, so that retailers will be able to provide the data and manufacturers will be able to obtain it.

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