The data schema describes how data about the beneficial owners of a legal entity can be organized and exchanged.

The schema is defined in a structured data format called JSON.
Early analysis from the UK Persons of Significant Control data found over 3,000 ‘nationalities’ described.

This makes the nationality field less reliable for matching people’s identities.

What happens with structured data and standards?

The better the structure, the more chance of:

- Finding connections;
- Finding errors;
- Supporting analysis

And the lower the burden on users when:

- Interpreting the data
- Building reusable tools
Why use the data standard? In summary...

- Reducing ambiguity in data
- Improving the opportunity to find connections between datasets
- Making sense of data from different sources
- Avoiding over-simplistic interpretations of beneficial ownership
- Making working with beneficial ownership data simple by enabling creation of common tools

Publish once, use anywhere

Procurement monitoring

Know Your Customer

Journalism
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Secure political support. Determine scope. Identify legislative or policy changes required.

2: User focus
Identify key local drivers for data use. Engage data users early. Build skills for user-centred design.

3: Data & design
Map new or existing systems to BODS. Set up mechanisms for structured, granular & changing data.

4: Business process
Establish business process for data entry, updates & validation. Design and test forms.

5: Publication
Set a license. Provide APIs and bulk data. Establish feedback loops to improve data.

6: Maintenance
Data cleaning and improvements. Make sure register is updated. Remove redacted data.
The implementation journey

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An introduction to key concepts around standardising beneficial ownership data.

Sets out key decision points.

- The scope of data collection
- The definition of beneficial ownership
- The use of identifiers for legal and natural persons
- Policies for historical data and updates to data
- Source data and provenance
- Approaches to non-compliance
- Business processes
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