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## FACTSHEET

### *Data as-a-Service Pilot*

Singapore is building to be world's first Smart Nation, with fuller use of technology to live, work and play, resulting in improved quality of life for individuals; business opportunities for enterprises and an anticipatory government that uses tech to better serve and anticipate citizens' needs. Data as-a-Service will form a key role and basic building block for Singapore's Smart Nation vision that will be underpinned by Data and Analytics.

#### Overview

The ubiquitous nature of the Internet has resulted in a massive increase in the number of digital users and activity. This increase is, in turn, generating an unprecedented amount of data. The ability to easily capture and store this data has led to it playing an increasingly significant economic role and being used to drive key decisions in many companies.

Corporations now rely on the use of high quality data for analytics to reveal opportunities for cost reduction, optimise investments, and to increase revenue. At the same time, data owners across sectors are beginning to view their datasets as not only fundamentally valuable, but also economically viable to distribute, resulting in a growing marketplace for data.

Despite the relative ease of amassing, sorting, tagging data, there are some challenges such as the difficulty in discovering datasets.

#### About the Data as-a-Service (DaaS) Pilot

The DaaS pilot seeks to study the feasibility of addressing the issue of dataset discovery in the private sector through a federated approach. Currently, there is no coherent mechanism for users to easily discover private sector datasets made available from data providers across various industry sectors.

The DaaS platform, also named the Federated Dataset Registry (FDSR), is intended to enable a mechanism to ease dataset discovery. As a federated platform, it is collectively made up of individual Dataset Registries (DSRs) based on the open-source data portal platform CKAN (Comprehensive Knowledge Archive Network) (<http://ckan.org>)

IDA encourages data providers from all industries to participate in the DaaS pilot to increase visibility of their datasets and contribute feedback on how the platform can be improved. The DaaS pilot is free to participate for data providers. For data providers who are already monetising their datasets, it would further assist them to reach out to new customers.

To participate in the DaaS pilot, interested data providers can download the DSR software by following the steps on <http://DaaS.sg>. The current list of participating data providers and the nature of the datasets (as of 24 October 2014) is appended below:

Data Provider	Nature of datasets
BIMAR Pte Ltd	People activity and mobility (footfall)
DHI Water & Environment (S) Pte Ltd	Water and environment
Elixir Technology Pte Ltd	Business-related (e.g., ACRA)
Hutbitat Pte Ltd	Real estate
Quantum Inventions Pte Ltd	Traffic-related
Sense Infosys Pte Ltd	Maritime logistics
Singapore Post Ltd	Postal address
SISV Services Pte Ltd	Property listing transaction caveats
Standices Pte Ltd	Social media
StreetSine Singapore Pte Ltd	Real estate
Ventes Pte Ltd	Social media

The DaaS pilot that will last till 31 March 2016 will enable IDA to gain valuable feedback on the various aspects of a DaaS platform, with a focus on a new mechanism for data users to discover private sector datasets.

#### *Hosting Partner under DaaS pilot*

Amazon Web Services (AWS) has signed a Memorandum of Intent to provide up to USD\$3,000 worth of usage credits to the first 25 data providers who wish to host their DSR instance on the AWS cloud during the pilot. The credits are available for redemption over a period of 12 months. Additionally, AWS is providing up to four technical workshops and two business mentoring workshops annually for data providers.

#### *Features of DaaS pilot*

Participating data providers will operate their own instance of DSR which runs on their own infrastructure (e.g. web server, cloud). Each DSR comes with a dataset

catalogue which the data provider maintains. It contains details of datasets, such as meta-information and sample datasets. In addition, data providers are encouraged to profile their datasets using a set of data quality metrics, and provide these metrics for users through the dataset catalogue. This will assist users to appreciate the quality of the datasets of interest, and also allow for comparison between similar datasets. These metrics can be generated either by using a set of guidelines or with data quality tools.

Each DSR is fronted by a web portal, which participating data providers are encouraged to hyper-link from their corporate websites to provide visibility. Through a DSR instance from any participating data providers, users can explore and learn about datasets from all other participating data providers, without prior knowledge of them or their datasets.

When discovering datasets, users can filter dataset results by parameters such as data provider, dataset format, and Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) under which datasets are categorised. Upon discovering datasets of interest, users will be able to reach out to the data providers and facilitate access to the datasets — either by monetary transfers, licensing regimes or other forms mutually agreed upon by both parties.

### *Data Quality Metrics*

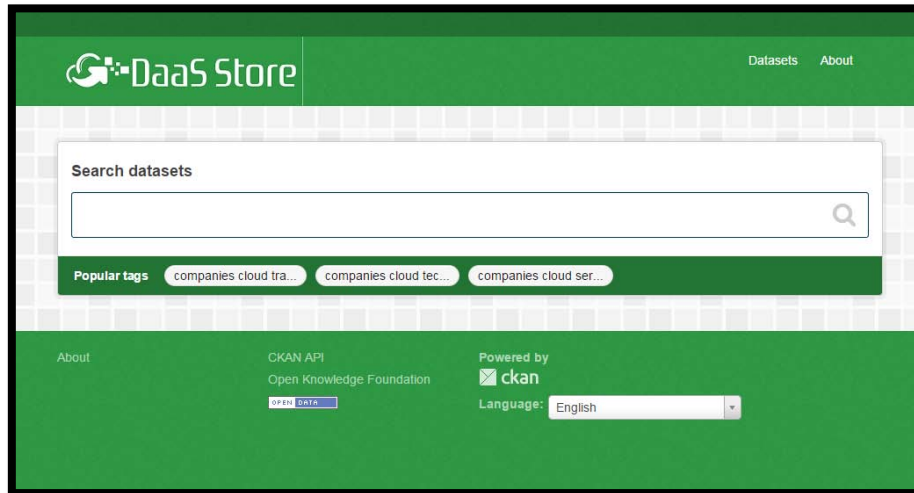
The objective of the Data Quality Metrics (DQM) guidelines is to recommend a set of common metrics which is industry-domain agnostic, for adoption by data providers. The guidelines describe the methodology for deriving this set of metrics and consider tools for relaying metrics to end-users.

With DQM, data providers can understand and check the relative quality of their datasets in areas such as reliability, relevance, accessibility, timeliness and ease of use. For data users, it would allow them to easily compare the quality of different datasets, and match their expectations against available datasets.

Data providers can generate DQM through the use of open-source data quality tools such as the [Human Inference's DataCleaner](#), which data providers are encouraged to make use of during the DaaS pilot. To do so, data providers can simply download the data quality tool, and follow the configuration instructions found on <http://DaaS.sg>.

A copy of the guidelines which provides detailed description of each of the quality metrics listed under these categories of quality attributes/goals is available at: <http://bit.ly/1zln2FJ>.

## Screenshots



*Figure 1: Landing page of a DSR instance*

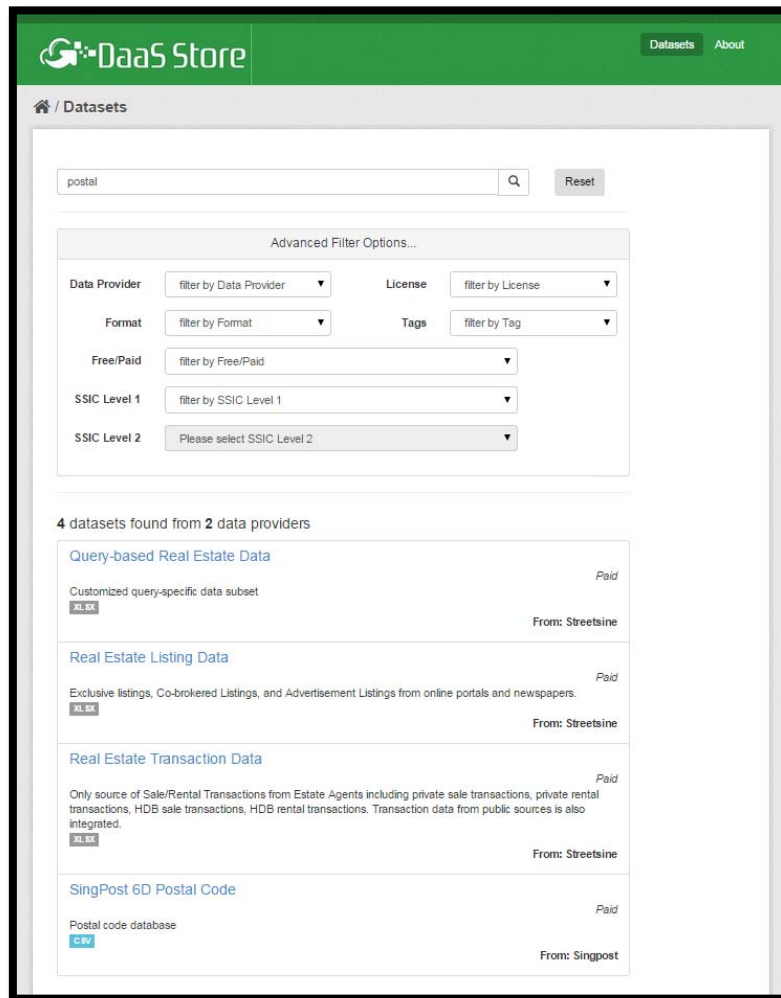


Figure 2: Example of dataset search results

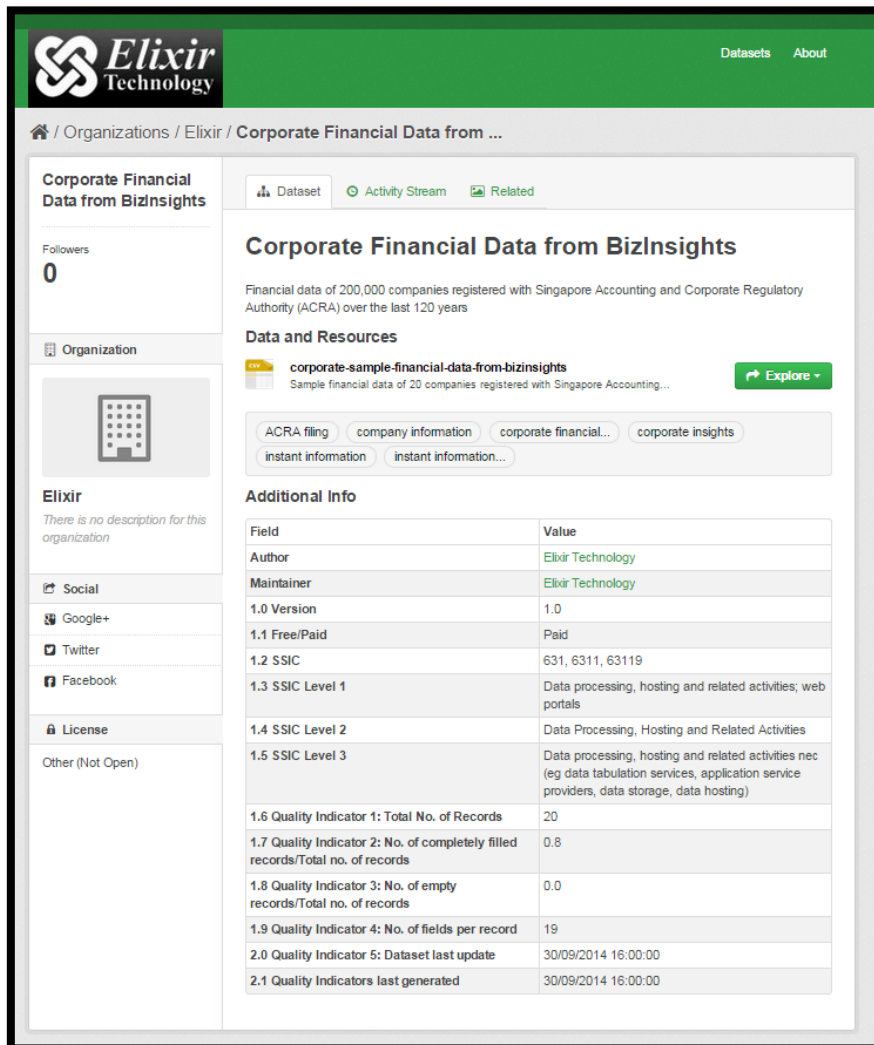


Figure 3: Example of dataset details page

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