

Data type

The following information is applicable to value domains only.

Definition

A set of distinct values, characterised by properties of those values and by the operations on those values e.g. currency and number.

Obligation

Mandatory completion.

Valid data types

Value	Meaning
Boolean	A binary value expressed using a string (e.g. true or false).
Currency	A numeric value expressed using a particular medium of exchange.
Date/Time	A specific instance of time expressed in numeric form.
Number	A sequence of numeric characters which may contain decimals, excluding codes with 'leading' characters e.g. '01','02','03'.
String	A sequence of alphabetic and/or numeric characters, including 'leading' characters e.g. '01','02','03'.
Geospatial	Relating to the relative position of things on the earth's surface.

The data type reflects the main structure of the value domain, not supplementary value(s) such as '99 - not stated/inadequately described'. For example, the data type for a value domain holding yes/no values and a '99 - not stated/inadequately described' code is Boolean, not number.