

Open Data Glossary

Data

Reinterpretable representations of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing.

Machine-readable

In a form that can be used and understood by a computer.

Open data

Structured data that is machine-readable, freely shared, used and built on without restrictions.

Open government

A governing culture that holds that the public has the right to access the documents and proceedings of government to allow for greater openness, accountability, and engagement.

Open information

Unstructured information that is freely shared without restrictions.

Structured information

Digital information residing in fixed fields within a repository.

Unstructured information

Digital information that is often created in free-form text using common desktop applications such as e-mail, word-processing, or presentation applications.