

IMS Catalog





Overview of IMS Catalog

- The IMS catalog will contain information about IMS program resources, database resources, and relevant application metadata that IMS controls:
 - All program- and database-related information defined to the IMS database system including databases, fields, segments, data types, and more
 - -Changes made to any of these resources when you create, alter, or delete any IMS resource information will be reflected in the catalog
- The IMS catalog is a key component of the IMS growth strategy:
 - -Simplification
 - Integration
 - Dynamic database
 - -Versioning



Metadata principles

- Simply defined, metadata is data about data.
 - IMS example: metadata about an IMS database segment might include information about data types, application-defined fields, user-defined types
- Metadata is not a means to an end
 - -Users use tools; tools manage and interact with metadata
- Metadata should
 - Enhance understanding
 - Improve consistency
 - Improve impact analysis
 - Improve productivity
 - Improve governance
- Metadata needs to be linked
 - For impact analysis
 - For understanding data lineage
- Metadata needs to include physical implementation, logical design intent and business semantics

What is metadata?

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- Business metadata
 - Business rules, definitions, terminology, glossaries, algorithms and lineage using business language
 - Audience: Business users
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- Technical metadata
 - Defines source and target systems
 - Table and field structures and attributes
 - Derivations and dependencies
 - Audience: Specific tool users, AD, BI, ETL, profiling, modeling
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- Operational metadata
 - Information about application runs
 - Frequency, record counts, component by component analysis and other statistics
 - Audience: Operations, management and business users

Literally, "data about data" that *describes* your company's information from both a *business and a technical perspective*



Types of technical metadata and storage medium

- DB
 - PSB/DBD resources
 - Database structure definitions
 - Physical database definitions
 - Segment definitions
 - Field definitions
 - Application
 - Data types
 - Application defined fields
 - Encodings
 - Redefines
 - User defined types
 - Structures
- TM
 - MODBLKS resources
 - Program definitions
 - Transaction definitions
 - FORMAT resources*
 - Application*
 - Input/output message definitions



IMS database



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^{*} It is our intention to store this metadata in the repository



IMS Catalog

- Trusted information
- Comprehensive view of IMS database metadata (including application metadata) managed by IMS with standard access patterns (JDBC/SQL)
- Offers metadata discovery and exchange via IMS Open Database and the IMS Explorer for Application Development
- Scalable Open Database solution large scale deployment into virtualized production and test environments
- Enables broad IMS integration into the IBM and non-IBM portfolio of tools (Optim Development Studio, Rational Asset Analyzer, InfoSphere Data Architect, etc)



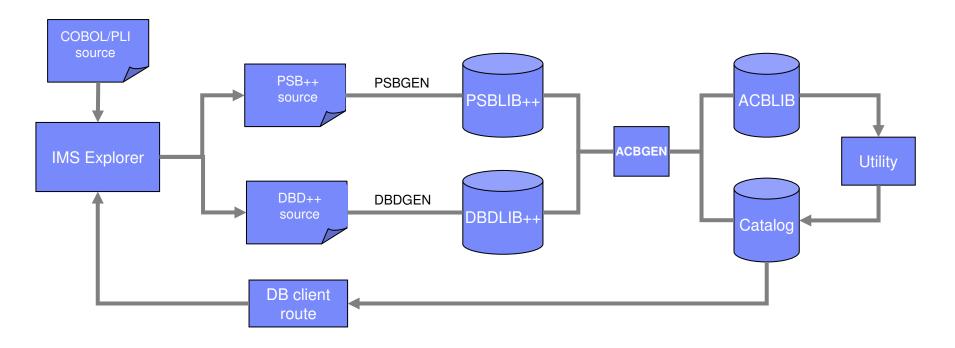
Comprehensive view of database metadata

- Metadata is defined in a variety of locations
 - -PSB/DBD source
 - Not trusted, proprietary, not complete
 - -PSBLIB/DBDLIB
 - Not trusted, proprietary, not complete
 - -ACBLIB
 - Trusted
 - Proprietary, not complete
 - -Application
 - Applications control the data
 - COBOL copybooks, for example, further refine database segments and assign meaningful data types

In aggregate, application and ACBLIB information provide a *comprehensive view* of IMS database metadata. The IMS catalog will house this metadata.



Catalog overview – trusted information



- ACBGEN will populate ACBLIB and catalog in the same UOW
- Key points
 - Only way to update catalog is via the GEN process
 - Extended info is acquired via the IMS Explorer

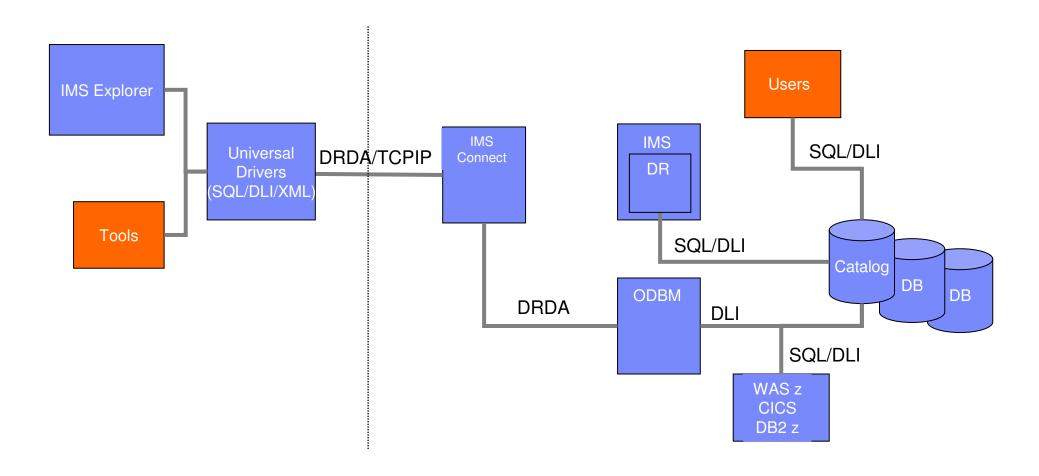


Catalog access and interface

- Open systems
 - -Universal drivers
 - SQL and DLI interfaces directly to the catalog
 - XML render catalog information as XML instance document valid to published IMS metadata schema
- z/OS
 - -Universal drivers
 - SQL and DLI interfaces directly to the catalog
 - XML
 - -Traditional IMS languages
 - DLI access directly to the catalog
 - Batch access supported



Catalog runtime access





Installation

- IMS provides PSBLIB and DBDLIB members for the catalog
 - User to run ACBGEN
 - -IMS internally handles the rest of the initialization process
 - MODBLKS creation (PDIR, DDIR)
 - Loading of DMBs and PSBs into resident pools
- IMS provides utilities that will
 - -Create the catalog database
 - Load the catalog from a user ACBLIB
- IMS provides an option that does not require DBRC for the catalog
 - Many customers have expressed that the DBRC requirement for HALDB databases puts undesired burden on test system infrastructure



Migration

- Standard database migration for the catalog
 - -No additional migration considerations necessary
- Catalog schema evolution
 - Catalog database will implement the "IMS best practices" for allowing the evolution of the catalog schema



Management

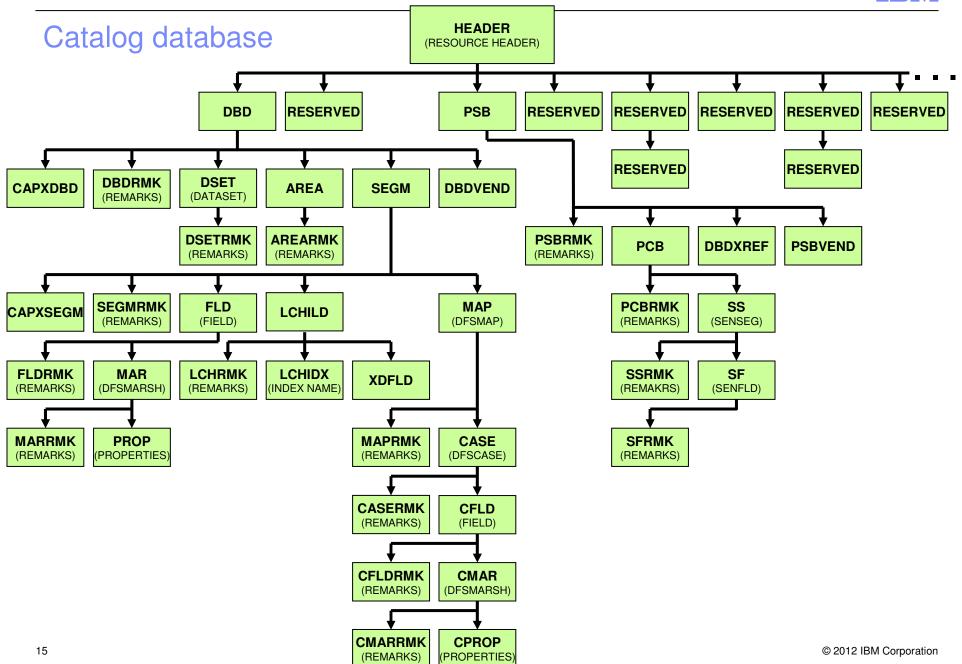
- Catalog supports all standard utilities for backup and recovery
- Catalog supports online reorg (it is a PHIDAM database)
- As part of initial catalog load process IMS will determine the size of the catalog datasets
 - -User can allocate or defer to IMS to allocate on their behalf
- DBRC is optional



Coexistence

- Two models
 - -A single catalog can be data shared among multiple IMS systems
 - Single catalog per IMS system
- ACBLIB and catalog will remain in sync with one another
 - –Managed by IMS
- Future
 - -IMS will be configured to load (cold start) from either catalog or ACBLIB

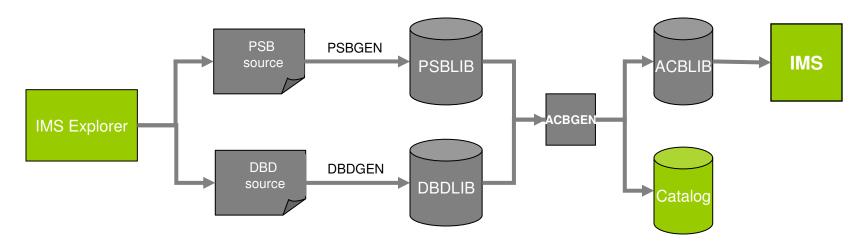






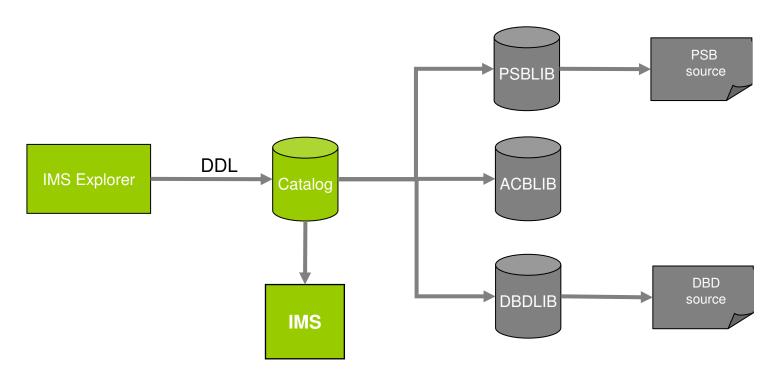
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IMS catalog – intended support



- IMS DB changes start with catalog
 - IMS loads resource information from catalog
 - ACBLIB/PSBLIB/DBDLIB updates will be the by-product of catalog updates
 - Tools that use these libraries can continue to operate, but should migrate to catalog
 - PSB and DBD source can still be optionally generated from PSBLIB and DBDLIB



Dynamic database - Data Definition Language

- SQL incorporates DDL to modify the schema of a database
- Authoring DDL is straight-forward with sophisticated tooling support in the industry
- SQL/DDL can be used to update/add metadata in the catalog without the need of a GEN
 - -Directly update the catalog
- IMS can be notified of such an update and load the new definitions
- It is our intention to offer this type of dynamic definition for IMS

