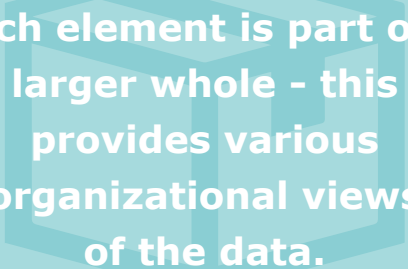# 4 Building Blocks of a DATA ELEMENT

FOUNDATIONAL

The element's essence or core - without it, the other blocks have nothing to describe.

PACKAGING

Each element is part of a larger whole - this provides various organizational views of the data.

CONTROLS

Rules and technical details to influence how data is collected, stored, and potentially exchanged.

STEWARDSHIP

Identifies those with oversight over the data element and supporting documentation cataloging its lifecycle.