INDUSTRY 4.0
+
NON-INVASIVE DATA GOVERNANCE™
+
DATA INTELLIGENCE

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INTRODUCTION

Industry 4.0 represents the fourth industrial revolution characterized by the integration of advanced technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, and cyber-physical systems into manufacturing and industrial processes. This revolution promises significant improvements in efficiency, productivity, and flexibility.

However, to fully realize these benefits, robust data governance is essential. The Non-Invasive Data Governance™ approach provides a practical method to manage data effectively without disrupting existing processes. This white paper explores the core concepts, benefits, challenges, and numerous industry applications of Industry 4.0, applying the principles of Non-Invasive Data Governance throughout.

Furthermore, leveraging powerful tools like the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog can significantly enhance an organization's data intelligence and data governance framework, ensuring comprehensive management of data assets, security, and compliance.

The subjects addressed in this paper include:

- The Pragmatic Non-Invasive Approach to Data Governance
- Core Concepts of Industry 4.0
- Benefits of Industry 4.0
- Challenges and Considerations
- Industry Applications

THE PRAGMATIC NON-INVASIVE APPROACH TO DATA GOVERNANCE

Non-Invasive Data Governance™ (NIDG) is a methodology designed by Lovelytics' partner, Robert S. Seiner of KIK Consulting & Educational Services, to seamlessly integrate data governance practices into an organization's existing workflows and culture without causing significant disruption. Unlike traditional data governance approaches, which often involve imposing new processes and heavy-handed oversight, NIDG emphasizes leveraging existing resources and aligning governance activities with current operations. This approach minimizes the resistance and operational friction typically associated with implementing new governance structures. It ensures that data governance responsibilities are embedded into the daily activities of staff, making it a natural and unobtrusive part of their roles. By doing so, NIDG promotes a more organic adoption of data governance principles, leading to improved data quality, compliance, and overall data management efficiency.

Following the Non-Invasive Data Governance approach is important for several reasons. First, it fosters a culture of accountability and stewardship by clearly defining roles and responsibilities without overwhelming employees with additional burdens. This leads to higher engagement and adherence to governance policies. Second, NIDG supports continuous improvement through regular communication and feedback loops, ensuring that data governance practices evolve with the organization's needs. When implementing advanced tools like the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, adopting the NIDG approach can significantly enhance their effectiveness. These tools are designed to catalog, manage, and optimize data assets, and integrating them with a non-invasive governance framework ensures that they are used to their fullest potential. This integration enables seamless access to high-quality, well-governed data, facilitating better decision-making and operational efficiency. Therefore, for organizations looking to implement these powerful data cataloging tools, following the NIDG approach is a highly recommended strategy to ensure success and sustainability.

CORE CONCEPTS OF INDUSTRY 4.0

INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

- **Concept:** IoT involves connecting physical devices to the internet, enabling them to collect and exchange data.
- **NIDG Application:** The NIDG Framework ensures that data generated by IoT devices is managed consistently and accurately. By defining roles and responsibilities, organizations can maintain data quality and traceability without disrupting existing workflows.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools facilitate the cataloging and management of IoT data, providing a centralized platform to track and govern data flows across the organization, ensuring accessibility and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Integrating IoT devices often leads to fragmented data sources and potential data silos. A formal NIDG program helps address these challenges by establishing consistent data governance practices, ensuring that data from diverse IoT devices is harmonized and accessible.

BIG DATA AND ANALYTICS

- **Concept:** Big Data refers to the vast amounts of data generated by IoT and other sources, which are analyzed to gain insights and drive decision-making.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG provides a structured approach to data governance, ensuring that data is collected, stored, and analyzed in compliance with organizational standards and regulatory requirements. This enables organizations to derive actionable insights from Big Data while maintaining data integrity.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance the management and analysis of Big Data by providing robust data cataloging, lineage tracking, and governance capabilities, ensuring data quality and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** The sheer volume and variety of Big Data can overwhelm traditional data management systems. Implementing a formal NIDG program helps manage this complexity by providing clear data governance frameworks that support effective data integration, quality control, and compliance.

CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

- **Concept:** These systems integrate computation, networking, and physical processes, allowing machines to communicate and make decisions autonomously.
- **NIDG Application:** The NIDG Framework facilitates the seamless integration of cyber-physical systems by ensuring data flows are well-governed and monitored. This helps in maintaining system reliability and performance without imposing invasive changes.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools ensure that data from cyber-physical systems is cataloged and governed effectively, supporting system reliability and performance organization, ensuring accessibility and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring the security and reliability of cyber-physical systems requires robust data governance practices. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, addresses these needs by establishing protocols for data integrity, security, and continuous monitoring, mitigating risks associated with autonomous operations.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND MACHINE LEARNING

- **Concept:** AI and machine learning algorithms analyze data to automate processes and make predictions.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that the data used for training AI models is accurate and unbiased. Governance policies and procedures are established to oversee the deployment and monitoring of AI systems, ensuring ethical and compliant AI usage.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools facilitate the management and governance of AI and machine learning data, ensuring accuracy, bias mitigation, and regulatory compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Bias in AI models and data privacy concerns are significant challenges. A formal NIDG program helps mitigate these issues by implementing rigorous data governance standards, ensuring ethical AI practices, and maintaining compliance with data privacy regulations.

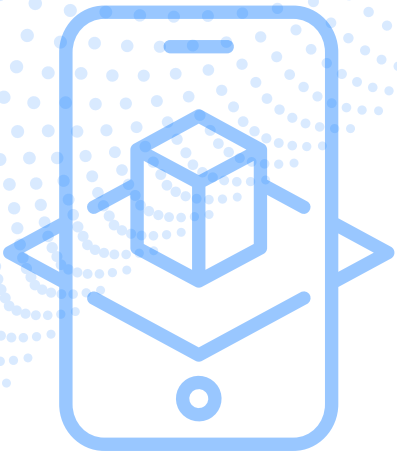
CLOUD COMPUTING

- **Concept:** Cloud platforms provide scalable infrastructure for storing and processing data.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG emphasizes the importance of data security and compliance in cloud environments. Data governance policies are applied to manage data access, storage, and transfer, ensuring that cloud-based operations align with organizational standards.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide robust governance and management capabilities for cloud-based data, ensuring security, compliance, and efficient data management.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Data security and regulatory compliance are major concerns in cloud computing. Implementing a formal NIDG program ensures that data governance practices are consistently applied across cloud platforms, enhancing data protection, and compliance.

AUTONOMOUS ROBOTS

- **Concept:** Robots that operate without human intervention, often equipped with AI capabilities to adapt to new tasks.
- **NIDG Application:** The NIDG framework ensures that data generated and used by autonomous robots is governed effectively. This includes maintaining data quality, monitoring performance, and ensuring compliance with safety standards.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools support the governance of data from autonomous robots, ensuring data quality, performance monitoring, and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Managing the data lifecycle of autonomous robots requires robust governance to prevent errors and ensure safety. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, provides the necessary frameworks to govern data effectively, supporting safe and reliable robotic operations.

AUGMENTED REALITY (AR)



- **Concept:** AR overlays digital information on the physical world, providing real-time guidance and insights.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG helps manage the data used and generated by AR systems, ensuring that it is accurate and timely. Governance policies ensure that AR applications are integrated smoothly into existing processes.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools manage AR data effectively, ensuring accuracy and timely integration into workflows.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring data accuracy and integration in AR applications can be challenging. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databrick Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, addresses these challenges by establishing clear data governance protocols, enhancing the reliability and effectiveness of AR systems.

SIMULATION

- **Concept:** Simulation involves creating digital twins of physical systems to model their behavior and predict outcomes.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that the data used in simulations is accurate and reliable. Governance frameworks are established to validate and verify simulation models, ensuring their accuracy and relevance.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools govern simulation data effectively, ensuring accuracy and reliability for decision-making.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Maintaining the accuracy and relevance of simulation data requires robust governance. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, helps ensure that simulation data is well-managed and validated, supporting effective decision-making based on simulation outcomes.

BENEFITS OF INDUSTRY 4.0

The transformative power of Industry 4.0 lies in its potential to revolutionize operational efficiency, productivity, and quality through the integration of advanced technologies such as automation, real-time data analysis, and AI. However, the full benefits of these innovations can only be realized when they are underpinned by robust data governance. The Non-Invasive Data Governance approach offers a unique and practical approach to achieving this, ensuring that data remains accurate, reliable, and well-managed throughout its lifecycle. By incorporating NIDG principles, organizations can streamline their data flows, establish clear roles and responsibilities, and maintain high standards of data integrity without major disruptions to existing workflows.

Implementing a formal NIDG program addresses the challenges inherent in managing the complex data ecosystems of Industry 4.0. It provides standardized governance practices that support sustained efficiency improvements, balance productivity gains with effective data management, and ensure consistent quality across diverse data sources. Furthermore, NIDG supports adaptable frameworks for customization, cost reduction through optimized resource use, and enhanced decision-making through reliable data insights. By leveraging the NIDG framework, along with the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, organizations can not only unlock the full potential of Industry 4.0 but also ensure that these advancements are sustainable and compliant with regulatory standards, driving long-term success and competitive advantage.

BENEFITS OF INDUSTRY 4.0

INCREASED EFFICIENCY

- **Benefit:** Automation and real-time data analysis lead to more efficient operations.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that the data driving these efficiencies is accurate and reliable. By defining clear roles and responsibilities, organizations can streamline data flows and enhance operational efficiency without major disruptions.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide robust data management and governance capabilities, ensuring that data is accurate, accessible, and reliable for enhancing operational efficiency.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring consistent data quality across automated systems can be challenging. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, addresses these challenges by establishing standardized data governance practices, supporting sustained efficiency improvements.

ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY

- **Benefit:** Higher output and better resource utilization.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG facilitates the effective management of data resources, ensuring that productivity gains are sustainable. Governance policies help monitor and optimize data usage across various processes.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance data management and governance, ensuring that productivity gains are achieved through efficient data usage and resource optimization.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Balancing productivity gains with data governance can be complex. A formal NIDG program, along with the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, helps manage this balance by providing clear frameworks for data governance, supporting continuous productivity enhancements.

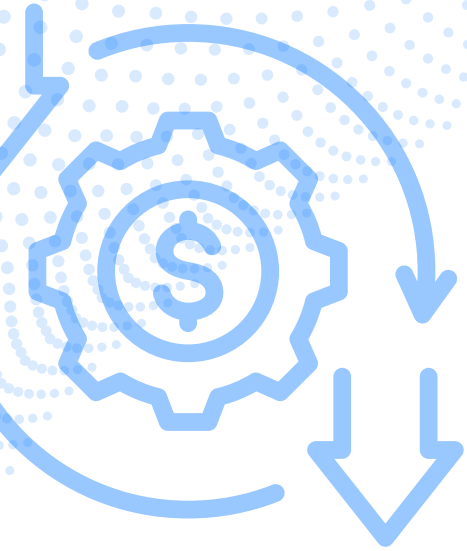
IMPROVED QUALITY

- **Benefit:** Real-time monitoring and data analysis help maintain high-quality standards.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that quality control data is governed effectively, enabling timely identification and resolution of issues. This helps maintain consistent product quality.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide robust quality control and data governance capabilities, ensuring high standards of data quality.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Maintaining consistent quality across diverse data sources requires robust governance. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, ensures that quality control data is accurately managed and monitored, supporting sustained quality improvements.

CUSTOMIZATION AND FLEXIBILITY

- **Benefit:** Ability to produce customized products efficiently.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG supports flexible data governance frameworks that can adapt to changing requirements, enabling organizations to implement mass customization strategies without compromising data integrity.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance data governance and management, supporting the flexibility needed for mass customization.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Managing data for customized production can be challenging. A formal NIDG program, along with the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, helps address these challenges by providing adaptable governance frameworks, supporting flexible and responsive production processes.

COST REDUCTION



- **Benefit:** Automation and optimized resource use lead to cost savings.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG helps identify and eliminate inefficiencies in data management, contributing to overall cost reduction. Governance policies ensure that data-driven cost-saving measures are sustainable and compliant.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools support cost reduction through efficient data management and governance, optimizing resource use.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Balancing cost reduction with effective data governance requires careful management. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, provides the frameworks needed to govern data efficiently, supporting sustained cost-saving initiatives.

BETTER DECISION MAKING

- **Benefit:** Data-driven insights support informed decision-making.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that decision-makers have access to high-quality, reliable data. Governance frameworks support the accurate analysis and interpretation of data, leading to better strategic decisions.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide robust data governance and management capabilities, ensuring high-quality data for informed decision-making.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring the accuracy and reliability of decision-making data can be challenging. A formal NIDG program, along with the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, addresses these challenges by providing robust governance frameworks, supporting effective and informed decision-making.

COMPLEXITIES AND HURDLES FOR INDUSTRY 4.0

Navigating the complexities of Industry 4.0 comes with its fair share of challenges, from cybersecurity threats to the integration of legacy systems and the need for new skills. To fully harness the power of advanced technologies, organizations must address these hurdles head-on. This is where the Non-Invasive Data Governance approach shines. By embedding robust data security measures into governance policies, NIDG ensures comprehensive protection against cyber threats. It provides a seamless approach to integrating new data practices with existing legacy systems, facilitating modernization without extensive overhauls. Moreover, NIDG supports continuous training and skill development, equipping employees with the expertise needed to manage Industry 4.0 technologies effectively.

Investment costs and data privacy concerns are also significant considerations in the adoption of Industry 4.0. The NIDG framework optimizes data governance investments by focusing on areas with the highest impact, ensuring resources are allocated strategically for maximum return. Additionally, NIDG incorporates stringent data privacy regulations into its governance policies, ensuring compliance with laws such as GDPR and CCPA. This not only protects personal data but also maintains stakeholder trust. By implementing a formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, organizations can efficiently manage these challenges, ensuring their Industry 4.0 initiatives are secure, compliant, and strategically sound.

COMPLEXITIES AND HURDLES

CYBERSECURITY

- **Challenge:** Increased connectivity leads to higher risk of cyber-attacks.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG emphasizes robust data security measures, ensuring that data governance policies include comprehensive cybersecurity protocols to protect against threats.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide enhanced data security and governance capabilities, protecting sensitive data from potential breaches.
- **Reasons for Formal NIDG Program:** A formal NIDG program provides the necessary frameworks to implement and maintain robust cybersecurity measures, protecting sensitive data from potential breaches.

INTEGRATION WITH LEGACY SYSTEMS

- **Challenge:** Many organizations have legacy systems that are not designed for modern technologies.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG provides a non-disruptive approach to integrating new data governance practices with existing systems. This helps organizations modernize their data infrastructure without extensive overhauls.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools facilitate the integration of legacy systems with modern data governance practices, ensuring seamless data management.
- **Reasons for Formal NIDG Program:** A formal NIDG program helps manage the integration of legacy systems with new technologies, ensuring that data governance practices are consistently applied across all systems.

SKILL GAP

- **Challenge:** Implementing Industry 4.0 technologies requires new skills.
- **NIDG Application**: NIDG includes training and development as part of its governance framework, ensuring that employees are equipped with the necessary skills to manage and utilize new technologies effectively.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools support ongoing training and skill development, ensuring that employees are prepared to manage the complexities of Industry 4.0 technologies.
- **Reasons for Formal NIDG Program:** A formal NIDG program supports ongoing training and skill development, ensuring that employees are prepared to manage the complexities of Industry 4.0 technologies.

INVESTMENT COSTS

- **Challenge:** High initial investment in Industry 4.0 technologies.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG helps optimize data governance investments by prioritizing areas with the highest impact. This ensures that resources are allocated effectively, maximizing return on investment.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance the efficient management of data governance investments, ensuring resources are used effectively.
- **Reasons for Formal NIDG Program:** A formal NIDG program provides the frameworks needed to manage data governance investments efficiently, ensuring that resources are used effectively and strategically.

DATA PRIVACY

- **Challenge:** Handling large amounts of data raises privacy concerns.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG incorporates data privacy regulations into its governance policies, ensuring compliance with laws such as GDPR and CCPA. This helps protect personal data and maintain stakeholder trust.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools support robust data privacy management, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and protecting stakeholder interests.
- **Reasons for Formal NIDG Program:** A formal NIDG program ensures that data privacy is consistently managed and maintained, supporting compliance with regulatory requirements and protecting stakeholder interests.

INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS

As Industry 4.0 revolutionizes various sectors, the importance of robust data governance cannot be overstated. The Non-Invasive Data Governance approach offers a practical solution to ensure that advanced technological applications are effectively managed and optimized. In manufacturing, NIDG supports the seamless integration of interconnected machines and automated production lines, maintaining data quality and compliance throughout the process. In supply chain management, NIDG enhances visibility and tracking of goods, enabling accurate and timely decision-making. By addressing the complexities of data management, NIDG provides the necessary frameworks to ensure consistent data quality and compliance, thereby supporting efficient and reliable operations across these industries.

Healthcare and energy sectors also stand to benefit significantly from the NIDG approach. In healthcare, NIDG ensures that sensitive medical data is governed with stringent privacy, security, and accuracy standards, supporting safe patient care and advanced medical research. In the energy sector, NIDG facilitates the management of data related to smart grids and predictive maintenance, ensuring data security and regulatory compliance. The automotive industry too relies on NIDG to manage data for autonomous vehicles and customized manufacturing, ensuring reliability and innovation. By implementing a formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog,
organizations across these sectors can effectively.

APPLICATIONS OF INDUSTRY 4.0

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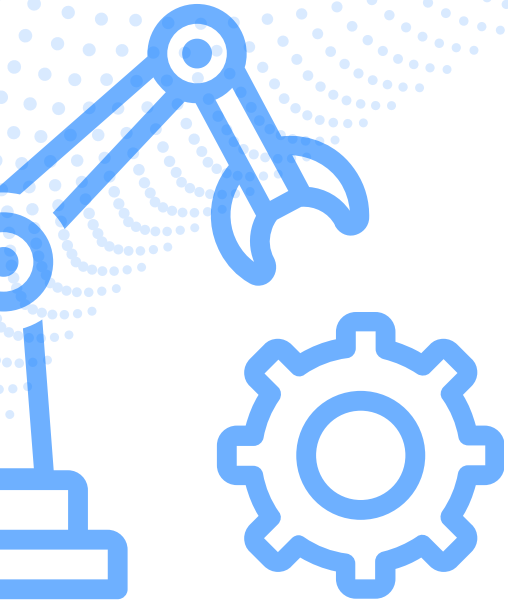


- **Application:** Smart factories with interconnected machines, automated production lines, and real-time quality control.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that data governance practices support seamless machine communication and integration, maintaining data quality and compliance throughout the manufacturing process.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools support the governance of manufacturing data, ensuring data quality and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Managing data from diverse manufacturing systems can be complex. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, provides the necessary governance frameworks to ensure consistent data quality and compliance, supporting efficient and reliable manufacturing processes.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

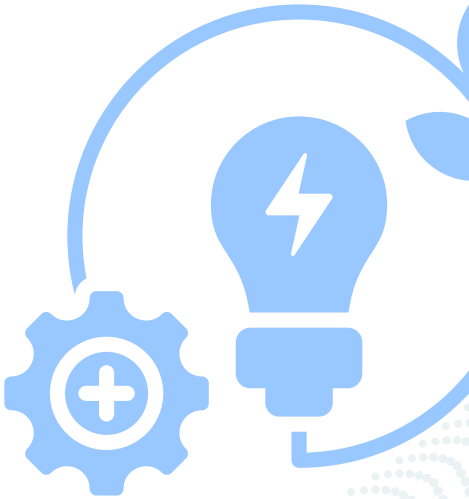
- **Application:** Enhanced visibility and tracking of goods, predictive analytics for demand forecasting, and optimized logistics.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG facilitates the effective management of supply chain data, ensuring that information is accurate, timely, and accessible. This enables better decision-making and efficiency in supply chain operations.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance the governance of supply chain data, ensuring accuracy and visibility across the supply chain.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring data accuracy and visibility across the supply chain requires robust governance. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, provides the frameworks needed to manage supply chain data effectively, supporting optimized logistics and decision-making.

HEALTHCARE

- **Application:** Connected medical devices, remote monitoring, and data analytics for personalized medicine.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG ensures that healthcare data is governed with a focus on privacy, security, and accuracy. This supports the safe and effective use of data in patient care and medical research.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools provide robust governance and management of healthcare data, ensuring privacy, security, and accuracy.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Managing sensitive healthcare data requires stringent governance practices. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, ensures that data privacy, security, and accuracy are consistently maintained, supporting effective healthcare delivery and research.

ENERGY

- **Application:** Smart grids, predictive maintenance of infrastructure, and optimized energy consumption.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG helps manage energy data governance, ensuring that data is accurate, secure, and compliant with regulatory standards. This enables better energy management and sustainability.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance the governance and management of energy data, ensuring security and compliance.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Ensuring data security and compliance in energy systems requires robust governance. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation.



AUTOMOTIVE

- **Application:** Autonomous vehicles, real-time diagnostics, and customized manufacturing.
- **NIDG Application:** NIDG supports the governance of data used in automotive applications, ensuring that it is reliable and secure. This facilitates the development and deployment of innovative automotive technologies.
- **The Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog:** These tools enhance the governance and management of automotive data, ensuring reliability and security.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** Managing data for autonomous vehicles and customized manufacturing requires robust governance. A formal NIDG program, supported by the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog, provides the frameworks needed to govern automotive data effectively, supporting safe and innovative automotive technologies.

CONCLUSION

Industry 4.0 offers transformative potential across various industries, but its success depends on effective data governance. The Non-Invasive Data Governance approach provides a practical approach to managing data without disrupting existing processes. By applying the principles of NIDG to Industry 4.0 concepts, benefits, challenges, and applications, organizations can harness the full potential of these advanced technologies while ensuring data quality, security, and compliance. This approach enables organizations to drive innovation, improve efficiency, and achieve sustainable growth in the digital age.

By leveraging tools like the Databricks Unity Catalog and the Alation Data Catalog in conjunction with NIDG, organizations can significantly enhance their data intelligence and data governance frameworks, ensuring the successful implementation and management of Industry 4.0 technologies.

Databricks Unity Catalog:
Databricks Unity Catalog is a unified governance solution for data and AI on the Databricks Lakehouse Platform. It provides a single interface to manage and secure data across multiple clouds, offering centralized access control, auditing, and data lineage capabilities. Unity Catalog simplifies data governance by enabling fine-grained permissions, ensuring that data access is secure and compliant with organizational policies.

Alation Data Catalog:
Alation Data Catalog is a collaborative data governance platform designed to improve data discovery, data literacy, and data governance. It integrates with various data sources to provide a comprehensive view of an organization's data assets. Alation offers features such as automated data discovery, data lineage, and collaboration.

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Previously, as VP of Supply Chain for the same Fortune 500 company, he managed supply chain operations for over 1 million SKUs across numerous distribution centers, sales locations, and manufacturing facilities. Bill has also served as a Principal Data Strategist at a leading professional services firm, developing data strategies for over 30 clients to drive digital transformation and unlock significant value and ROI.