

Part II
Improving Linked Data Quality

Governments face several challenges in any data collection and publication effort, regardless of the techniques employed. Data must be accessible to new users, common practices should be applied across governmental agencies to facilitate consistency and the data should be generally useful. In this part, we look at the ways to address these key questions.

Making data sets accessible is a tall order. One approach is to ensure that data sets are adequately described and that the descriptions may be improved over time. Frosterus et al report on their successes improving descriptions of Linked Data sets in Finland. Next, Salas et al demonstrate the efforts the Brazilian government is taking to promote the reuse of standard Linked Data vocabularies. Finally, Richard Cyganiak and his colleagues present a mechanism for recording official statistics in Linked Data. Statistics naturally constitute one of the more generally reusable types of content that governments collect.

Together, these chapters describe methods to increase the quality of Linked Government Data.