

Review and draft changes

Draft changes to acceptance criteria

All proposed changes must have rationale or evidence.

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As worded, it looks like these 'criteria' are currently trying to do two things: define what the framework is (its principles), AND give criteria for judging changes? This may be causing the uncertainty in how to apply them.

We could develop and publish:

- proper criteria for judging changes
- separate content that is clearly not the criteria that explains the detail of what the framework contains - can be linked from criteria to explain their 'why'

Next:

Define user needs:

- when proposing and judging changes to framework
- General understanding of the framework

Criteria	Description text	Proposed description text
1. Defining the Government Digital and Data profession	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the roles across government that require professional digital, data and technology skills. These roles are part of the Government Digital and Data profession. The profession should not be confused with the government function, which provides corporate and policy support to the profession, for instance through human resources, setting standards and procuring technology.¹	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the roles across government that require professional digital, data and technology skills. These roles are part of the Government Digital and Data profession. The profession should not be confused with the government function. The function provides corporate and policy support to the profession, for instance through human resources, setting standards and procuring technology.

2. Reflects cross-government need	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the most common Government Digital and Data profession roles required in a majority of government departments. This ensures the framework can be universally applied across government, and provide a basis for any local modifications.	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the most common Government Digital and Data profession roles required across government. This ensures the framework can be universally applied, and provides a consistent basis for any local modifications.
3. Aligns with industry development	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework reflects developments in both government and the wider digital, data and technology industry. This ensures the framework remains relevant and industry-recognised.	The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework reflects developments in both government and the wider digital, data and technology industry. This ensures the framework remains relevant and industry-recognised.

Governance principles - current

Governance principles

Government Digital and Data Capability Framework

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This text is published at

<https://ddat-capability-framework.service.gov.uk/propose-a-change> and

 Capability Framework Design Council - Terms of reference - version 2 (Septe...

1. Defining the Government Digital and Data profession

The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the roles across government that require professional digital, data and technology skills. These roles are part of the Government Digital and Data profession.

The profession should not be confused with the [government function](#), which provides corporate and policy support to the profession, for instance through human resources, setting standards and procuring technology.

2. Reflecting cross-government need

The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework exclusively defines the most common Government Digital and Data profession roles required in a majority of government departments. This ensures the framework can be universally applied across government, and provide a basis for any local modifications.

3. Aligning with the wider industry

The Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework reflects developments in both government and the wider digital, data and technology industry. This ensures the framework remains relevant and industry-recognised.

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1. Not to be confused with the [digital function](#), which provides corporate and policy support to the Government Digital and Data Profession, for instance through recruitment and capability building, setting standards or procuring technology. Digital function roles are out of scope for the Government Digital and Data Profession Capability Framework and are typically defined on their own professional frameworks.