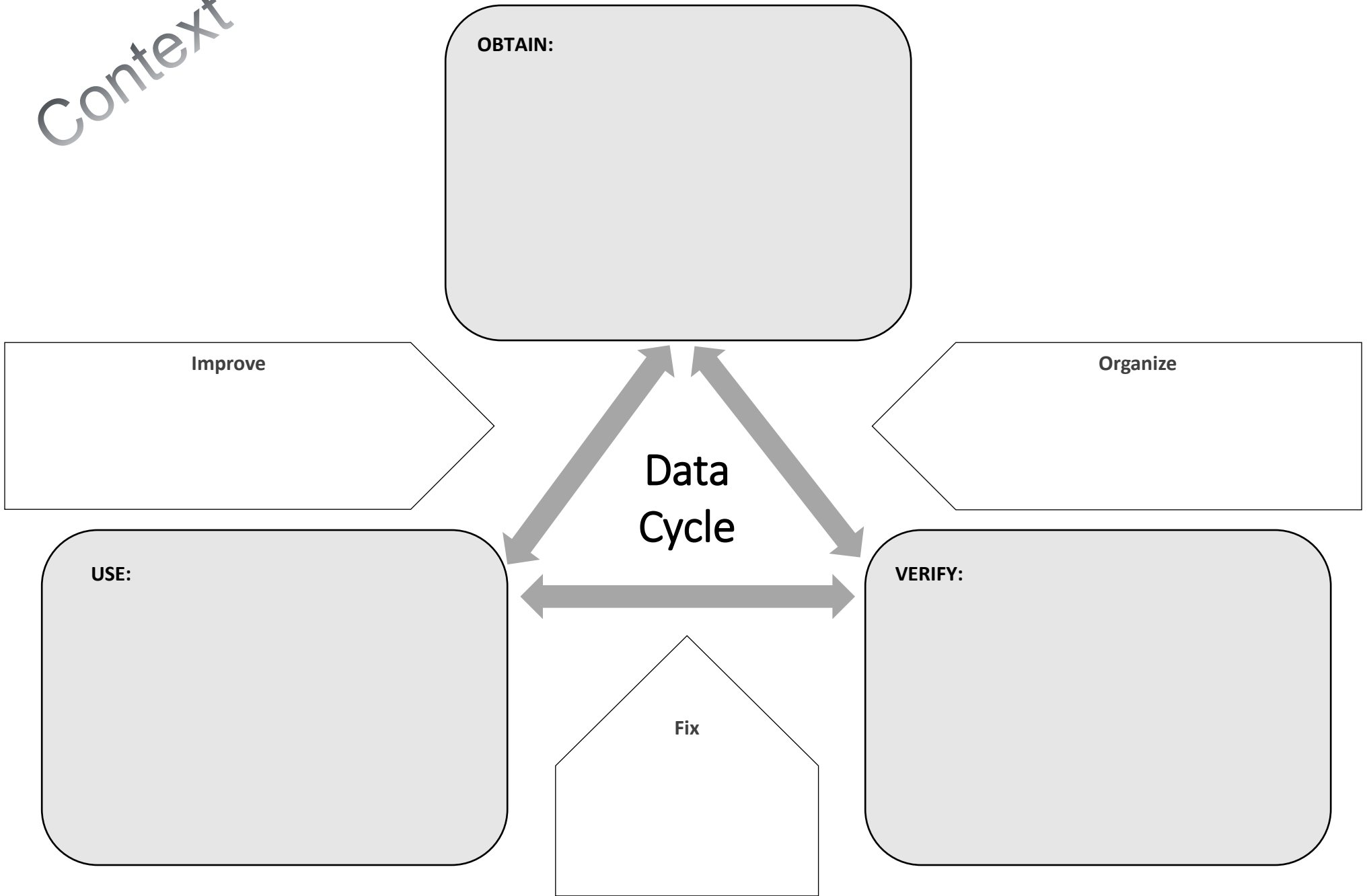


Context



### Data Quality Characteristics

<b>Chain of Custody</b>	Pre-existing data is obtained as close to the original source as possible, with documentation indicating background information about the source and any data field revisions. As data transitions through owners/users to final usable format, information and context about changes made along the way are documented in a data file history. Contact information for individuals is readily available when questions about data exist.
<b>Consistent</b>	Data uses standard definitions, timelines, processes, methods for obtaining, naming conventions, and categorizations. Consistency applies to data fields themselves, as well as to the populations about whom data is obtained and processes for obtaining it.
<b>Reliable</b>	Data is reliable when it shows similar information as other closely-related data. Consistency is a component of reliability.
<b>Securely Accessible</b>	Data is available, comprehensible, and usable to those who need it to implement, plan, or evaluate programs while at the same time complying with required and recommended standards of data security.
<b>Useful</b>	The type of data collected and reported provides needed and meaningful information, and is valuable to the users/consumers of the data.
<b>Level of Specificity</b>	Data provides the level of information needed to answer questions and meet anticipated reporting needs. When not all questions can be anticipated, we aim for the smallest unit level.
<b>Complete</b>	Data are available for the entire population being examined.
<b>Accurate</b>	Data correctly records what has occurred. Databases match source records.
<b>Contextually Valid</b>	Data reflects what was intended to be recorded, providing an authentic representation of what has occurred. Data is understood and applicable in terms of the wider situation's characteristics.