SSOT - single source of truth

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“At the heart of IATI is a data standard. This is a set of rules and guidance produced by IATI for publishing useful development and humanitarian data.”

“The purpose of the SSOT is to provide one non-interpretive single entry point towards the Standard”
But
Contradictions e.g. within transactions

“... If a specific country is not known, the recipient-region element should be used.”
“... If a specific country is not known, then this (recipient-region) element must be used.”

Incomplete Rulesets

- rules that can be tested e.g. a start date must come before the end date
- rules that can’t be tested e.g. if a country is not known
- rules that can be tested but aren’t e.g. if the rule contains an ‘if’ statement
But But...
Upgrade processes  Technical debt
Barriers to publishing
Testing  Complex architecture
SSOT?  Community uptake
Quantity vs quality  Consensus
What are we doing and future plans
We started tidying up the codebase

We started the work on the Ruleset expansion

We started finding what contradictions lie around and how we can fix them

We started evaluating how to consolidate the SSOT codebase and the build process
It’s going to take a while...
.... but we’ll fix it
We want and need your help
Come talk to us!
Thank you