

DATA RELEASE READINESS

Is this data batch ready for an accountable release review?

Northline Retail · orders_daily (fictional). One shared brief shows the decision, supporting records and next owner.

Pain points to validate

- A green pipeline run does not establish that the batch is fit for downstream use.
- Quality checks and owner approvals can refer to yesterday's batch or an older schema contract.
- Engineers assemble the same evidence repeatedly while analysts wait for a clear owner.

Accountable review

Owner: Data product owner

Check matching records, apply a tested policy, and retain the decision with its source history.

Ready means ready for the owner's review. The system does not take the business action.

Four artifacts, one case

Every record must match dataset identifier, batch identifier, contract revision.

Required artifact	Evidence owner
Orchestrator completion record	Data engineer
Data quality report	Data quality owner
Schema and contract check	Schema owner
Data owner review	Data product owner

See the decision change

Missing review Required record has not arrived. Unresolved · request evidence	Wrong revision Approval exists, but for another revision. Unknown · correct the record	Matching records All prerequisites meet the demo gate. Ready for release review
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Test the value in one small pilot

Buyer: Head of Data / data platform lead. Compare about ten real, sanitized cases against today's process. Measure evidence-assembly time, avoidable rework and owner disagreements before promising savings.

Included: 18 saved tests · 4 mapped sources · 18 source scenarios · mapping · pilot worksheet.

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