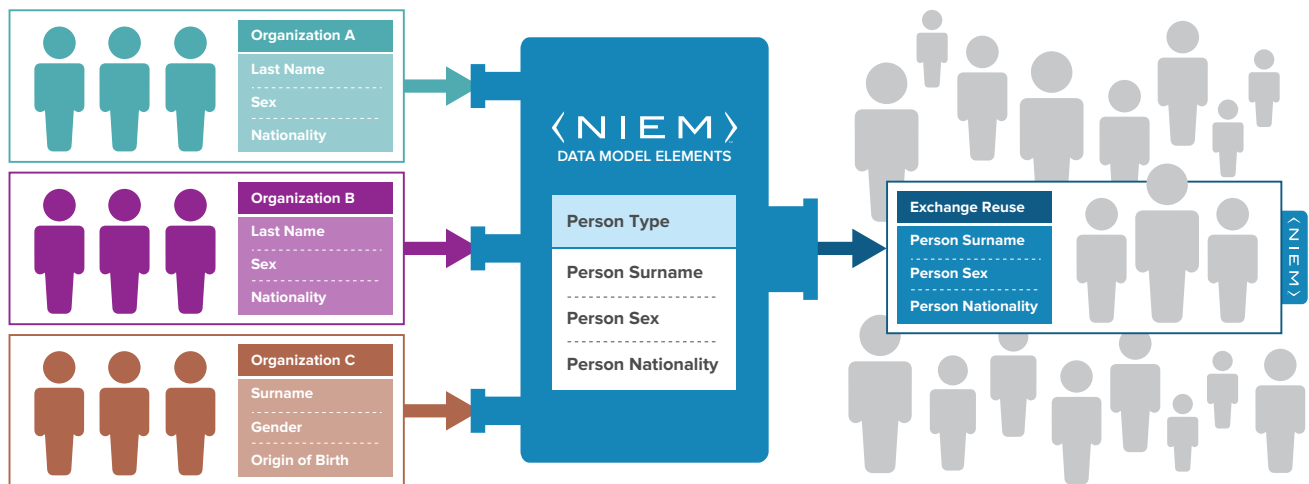


# What is < NIEM >

NIEM is a **common vocabulary** that enables **efficient information exchange** across **diverse public** and **private organizations**. NIEM can **save time** and **money** by **providing consistent, reusable** data terms and definitions and **repeatable** processes.



## Today's challenges and opportunities cut across sectors and organizations. Collaboration is key.

Information exchange across different mission spaces and organizations is critical for organizations to be successful in their operations.

### NIEM helps organizations mutually advance their missions by:

- Increasing efficiency, cost-savings, agility, and time-to-market.
- Conserving resources and decreasing maintenance over the long term.
- Allowing for flexibility and growth as business needs change.
- Maintaining the autonomy of existing legacy systems.

NIEM's active community of users offers technical assistance and guidance, as well as assets that can be reused to make the development of exchanges faster.

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I say "vessel," you say "boat," and she says "conveyance." We mean the same thing, but we have no way to tell our computer systems to treat the words as having the same meaning. NIEM lets your system and my system speak to and understand each other, even if they've never spoken before. NIEM ensures that information carries the same consistent meaning, allowing interoperability.