

Whare Tūpuna Metaphor for Data Sovereignty

Tatau - Access and Sharing

Standing as the door to the Whare Tūpuna, this represents the protocols for accessing and sharing data. It symbolises the criteria and processes that manage who can enter and how data is shared. It ensures that access is controlled and data sharing is conducted in a way that aligns with cultural values and security standards.

Tekoteko - Guardian and Protector

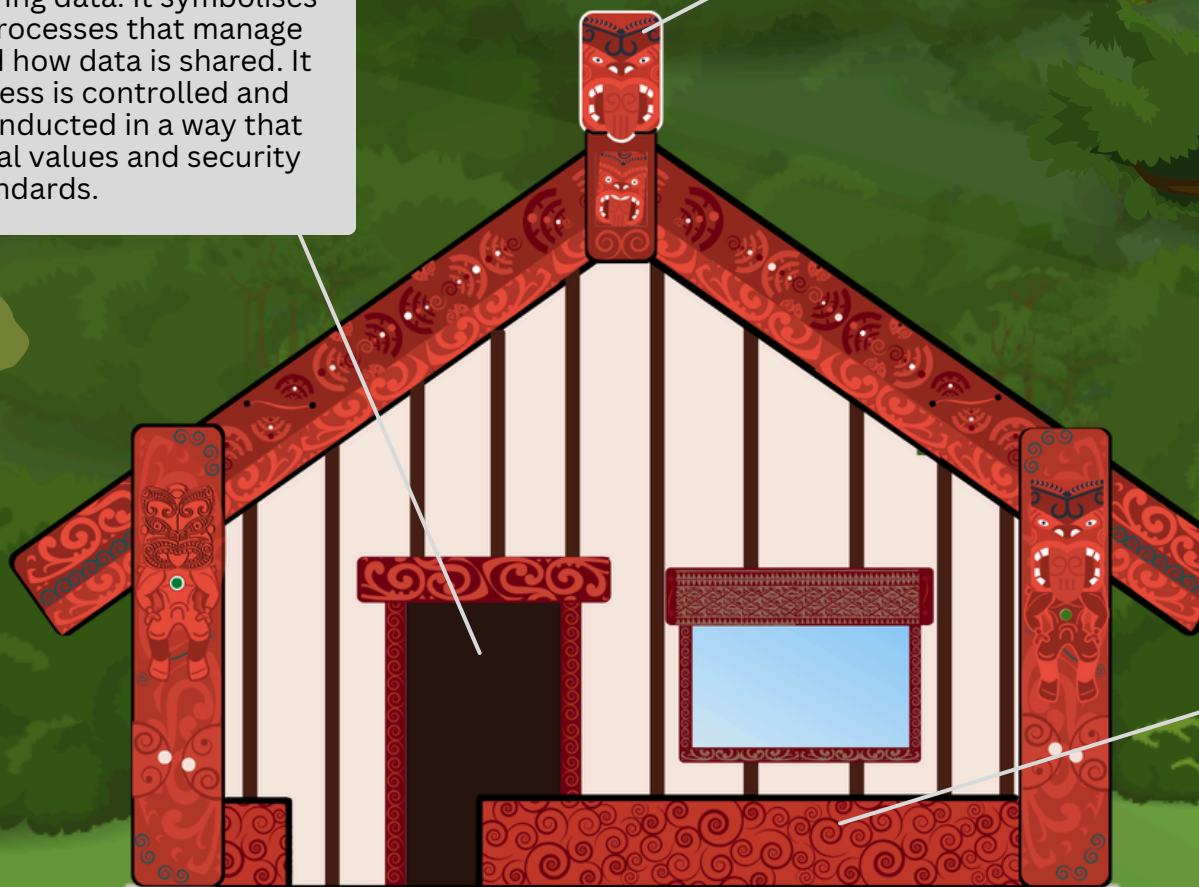
Represents ancestral guardianship, **highest ethical oversight**, and the overarching principles that govern the framework. The tekoteko signifies the commitment to uphold the sovereignty, identity, and values of Tangata Whenua. It oversees the protection and management of data as a taonga.

Mahau - Engagement and Preparation

This is the transitional spot outside of the Whare Tūpuna that provides a space to interact. It represents the interface for community engagement and education. The veranda serves as a space for dialogue, learning, and preparation before accessing the protected interior. It includes public education programs and platforms for community feedback and involvement.

Paepae - Entry Control and Permission

The threshold marking the entrance into the Whare Tūpuna, which represents the definition of the criteria and protocols for engaging with data and mātauranga. The paepae ensures only those with appropriate connections and permissions can access the data.



Heke - Rafters supporting tāhuhu and walls

Providing structure and protection, this symbolises the various protocols, policies, and systems that support and protect data and mātauranga. Each heke represents specific aspects like data collection, security, maintenance protocols, and access controls. Each ensure integrity and safety of the data within the framework.

Tāhuhu - The Backbone of the Whare

Represents the core values and guiding principles of the framework, including sovereignty, intergenerational stewardship and the sacred responsibility to protect and honour data and mātauranga. The tāhuhu aligns all actions and policies towards these central tenants.

Poutokomanawa - Heart of the Whare

Supporting the tāhuhu and symbolising strength and unity, this represents the kāhui rangatira (governing body) responsible for the framework's oversight and implementation. They ensure adherence to cultural and ethical standards as well as effectively manage data and mātauranga.

Pakitara - Boundaries and Safeguards

Creating a secure space, the pakitara (walls) represent the legal, ethical, and cultural safeguards that define boundaries for data management. They protect against unauthorised access and misuse, ensuring that data is handled respectfully and securely.

Papa - Foundational technology and infrastructure

Representing the base of the whare, the papa provides stability and support and represents the technology and infrastructure that support the framework. This includes digital platforms, blockchain systems, databases, and other tools that securely and sustainably store and manage data

