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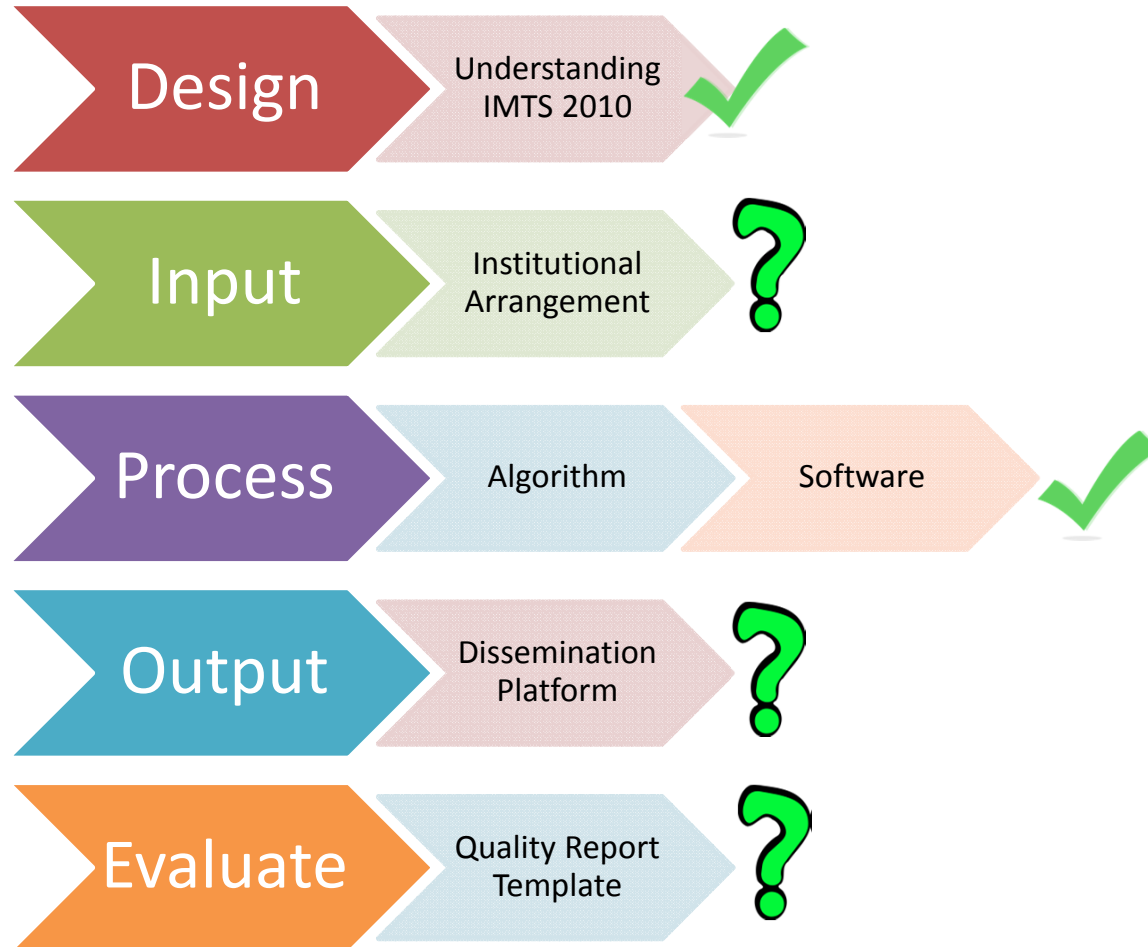
Data Processing Software for IMTS

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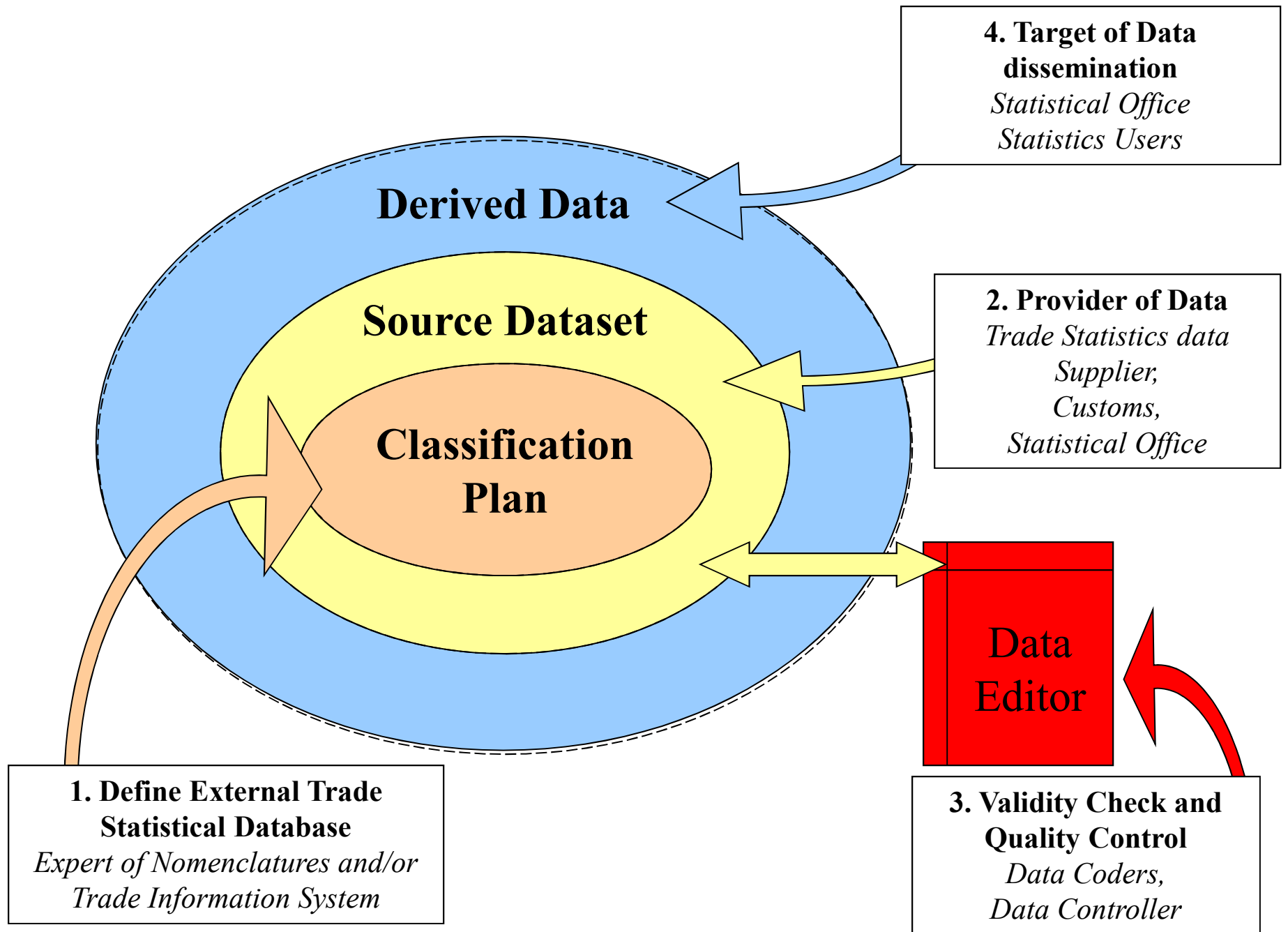# Reminder: Implementation Plan

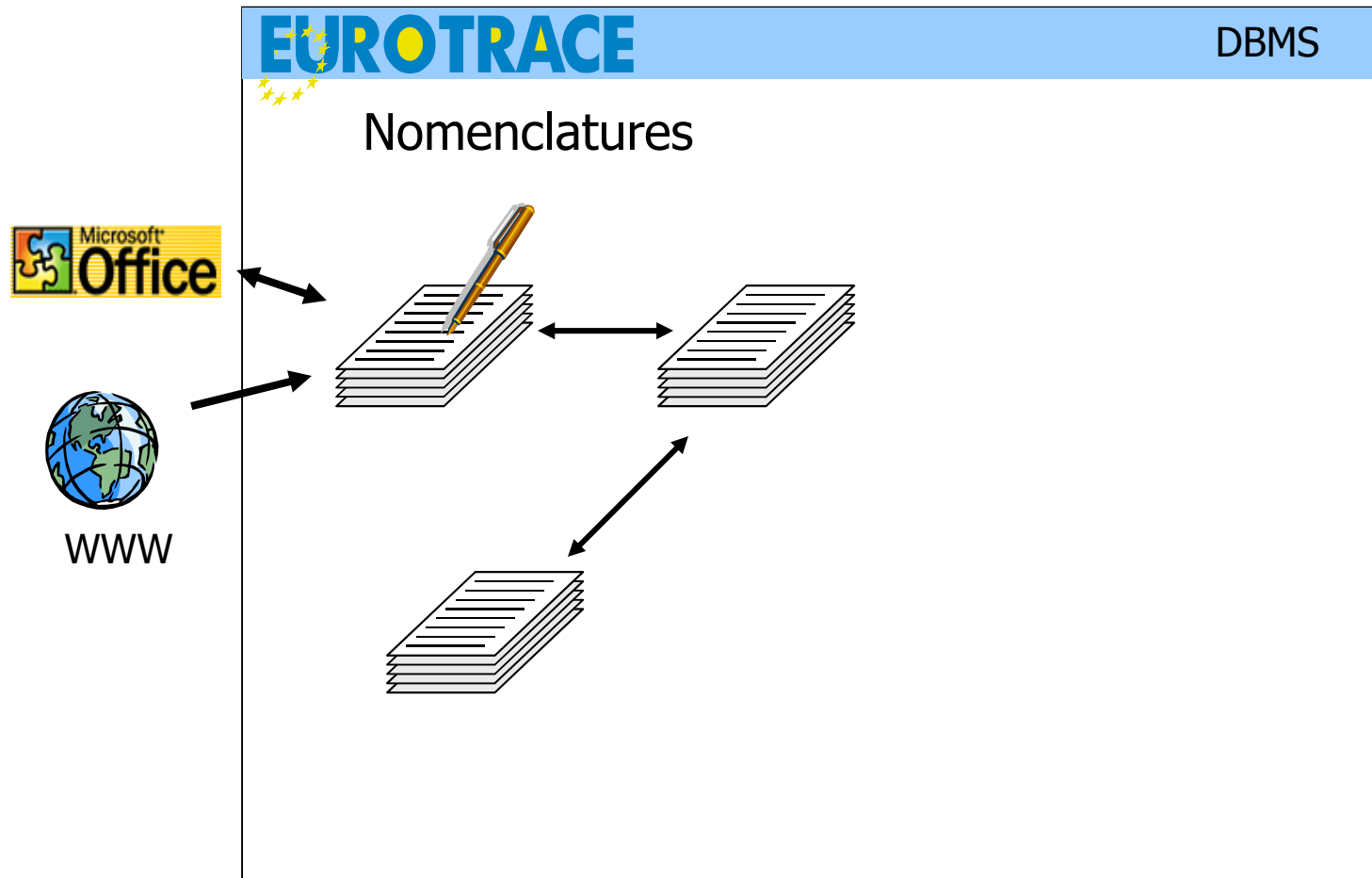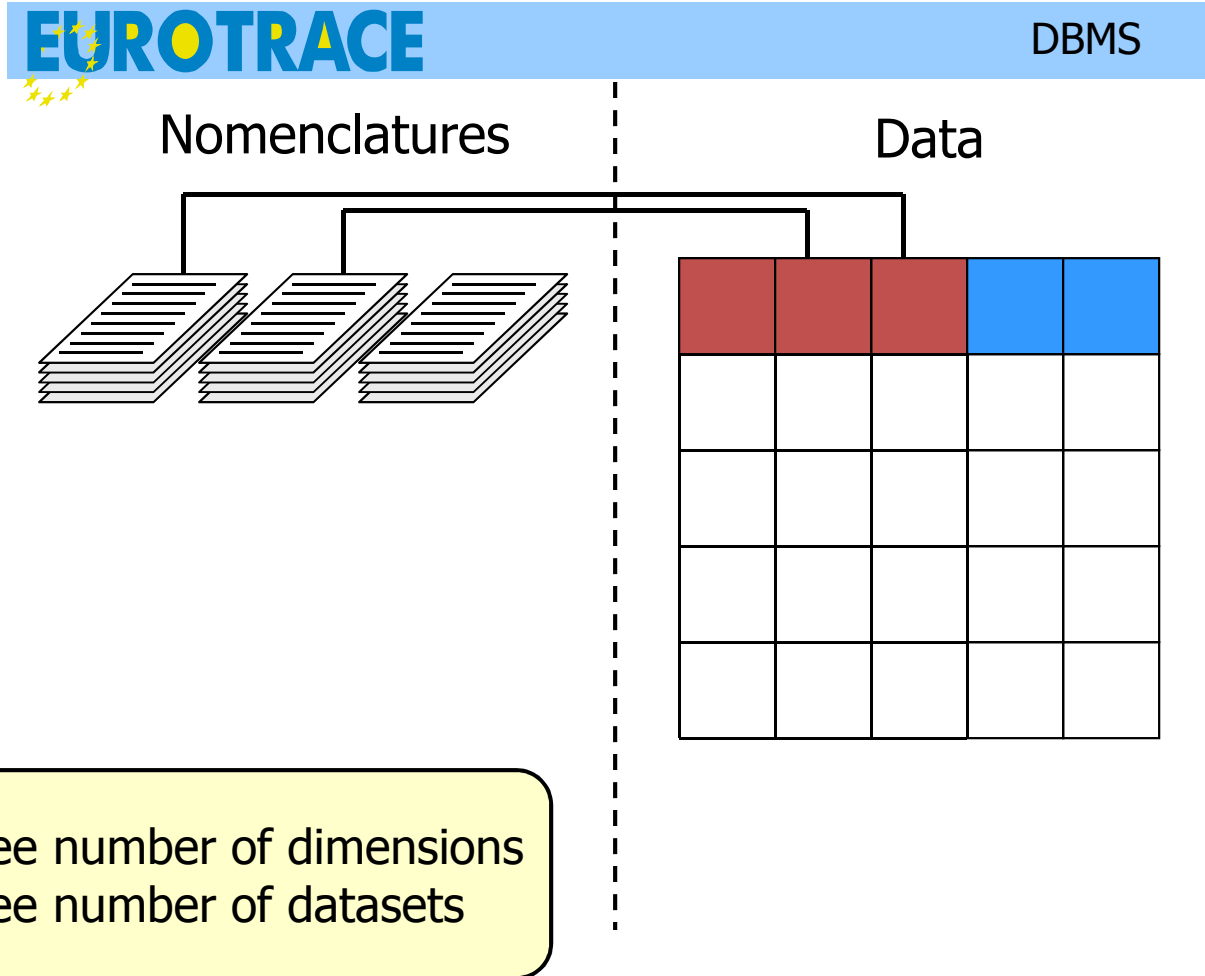|		
Design	Understanding IMTS 2010	✔
Input	Institutional Arrangement	?
Process	Algorithm	Software ✔
Output	Dissemination Platform	?
Evaluate	Quality Report Template	?

Introduction

- Eurotrace is a data management and processing software, usually used for IMTS, in conjunction with ASYCUDA

- Eurotrace is Open Source Application (2014)

- Designed for:
  - Managing trade data
  - Implementing processing and checking algorithm
  - Editing and aggregating data
  - Calculating derived trade indicators
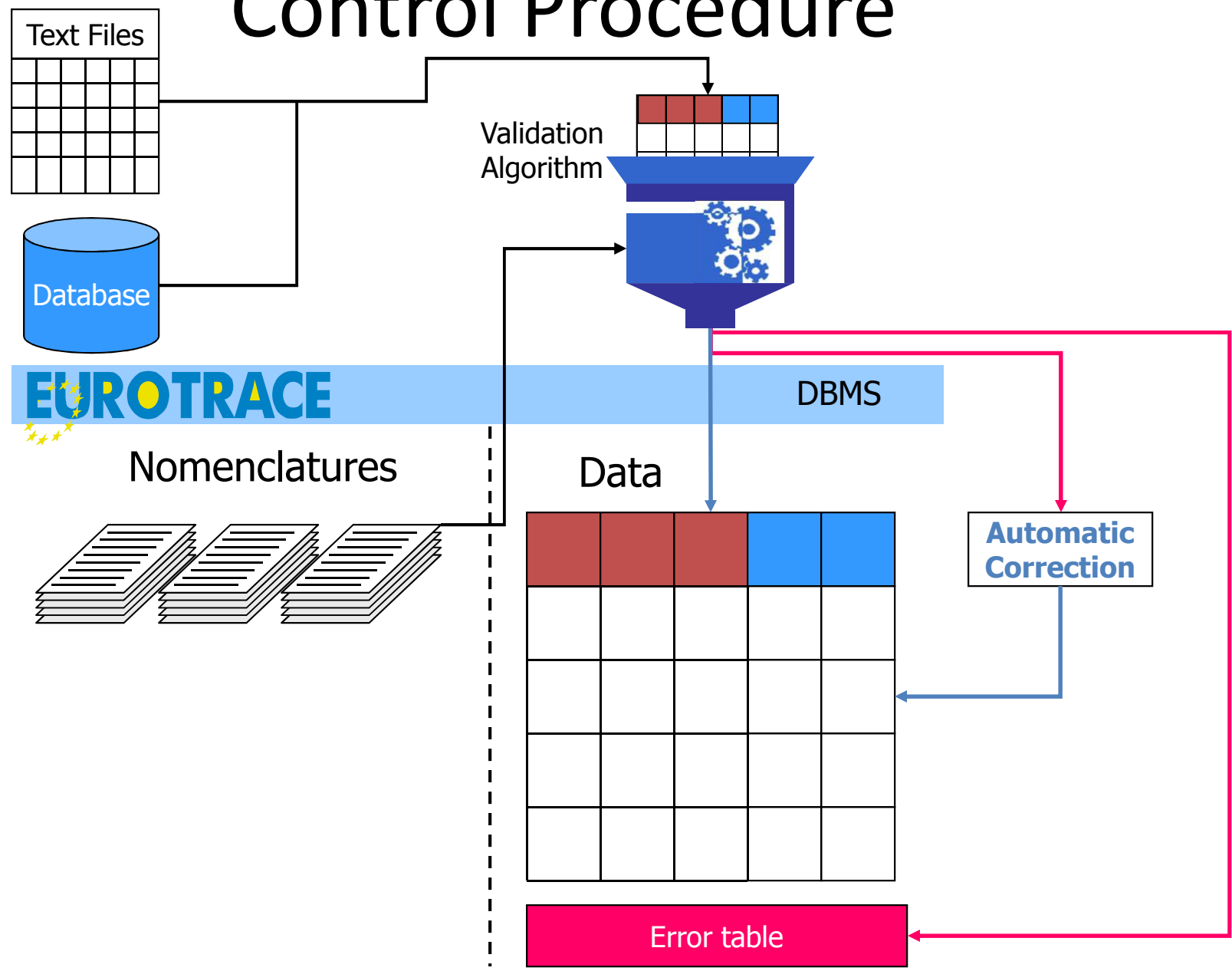 - *And can be extended through modules…*

4. Target of Data dissemination
*Statistical Office
Statistics Users*

Derived Data

Source Dataset

2. Provider of Data
*Trade Statistics data
Supplier,
Customs,
Statistical Office*

**Classification
Plan**

Data
Editor

**1. Define External Trade
Statistical Database**
*Expert of Nomenclatures and/or
Trade Information System*

**3. Validity Check and
Quality Control**
*Data Coders,
Data Controller*

Managing Classification

Flexible storage design

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Nomenclatures | Data

- Free number of dimensions
- Free number of datasets

Control Procedure

Text Files

Database

Validation
Algorithm

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DBMS

Nomenclatures

Data

Automatic
Correction

Error table

Data Editing

EUROTRACE DBMS

Nomenclatures

Data

Viewing tools :
easily define
extractions

Error table

EUROTRACE
Editor

Autonomous extraction files
for correction and visualisation.

Data Aggregation

Screenshot – data design

Screenshot – data validation
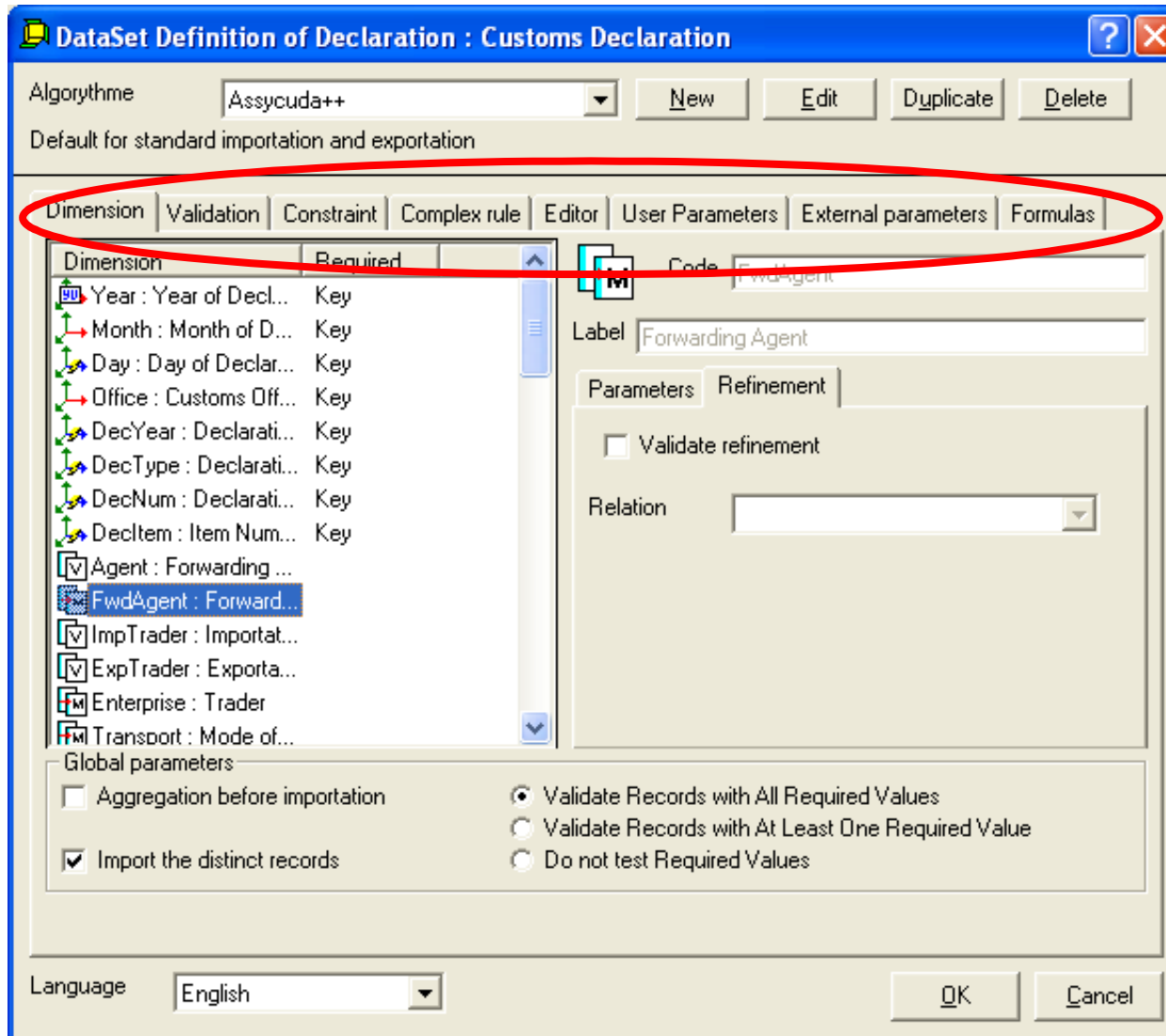
Together all the parameters in the different
Tabs constitute an algorithm capable of
Making a wide variety of validations and actions

More on data validation

DataSet Definition of ExtraStat : Cyprus ExtraStat Dataset

Algorythme: Default — New | Edit | Duplicate | Delete

Default for standard importation and Editor importation and exportation

Dimension | Validation | Constraint | Complex rule | Editor | User Parameters | External parameters | Formulas
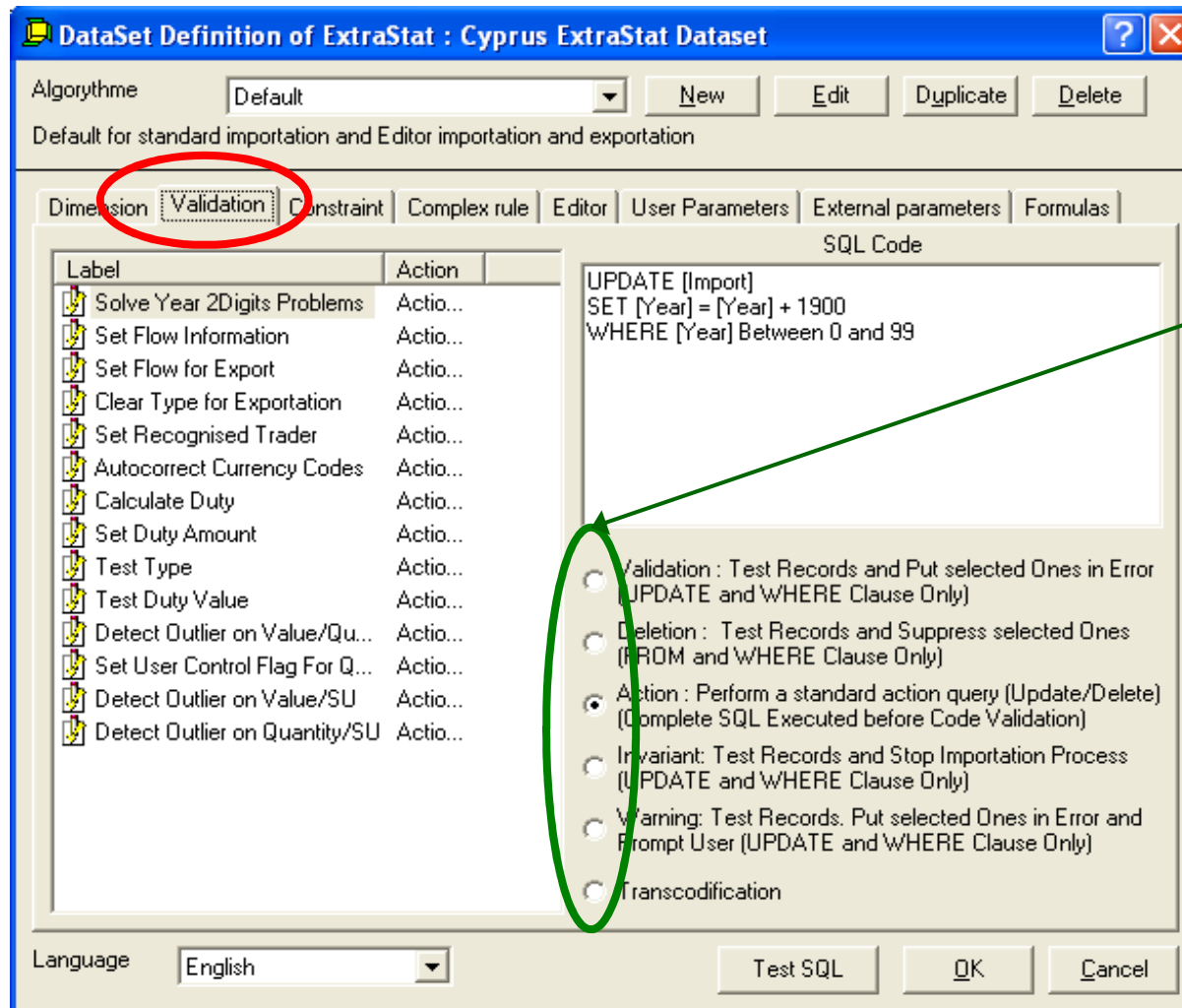
Label	Action
Solve Year 2Digits Problems	Actio...
Set Flow Information	Actio...
Set Flow for Export	Actio...
Clear Type for Exportation	Actio...
Set Recognised Trader	Actio...
Autocorrect Currency Codes	Actio...
Calculate Duty	Actio...
Set Duty Amount	Actio...
Test Type	Actio...
Test Duty Value	Actio...
Detect Outlier on Value/Qu...	Actio...
Set User Control Flag For Q...	Actio...
Detect Outlier on Value/SU	Actio...
Detect Outlier on Quantity/SU	Actio...

SQL Code

UPDATE [Import]
SET [Year] = [Year] + 1900
WHERE [Year] Between 0 and 99

○ Validation : Test Records and Put selected Ones in Error (UPDATE and WHERE Clause Only)

○ Deletion : Test Records and Suppress selected Ones (FROM and WHERE Clause Only)

● Action : Perform a standard action query (Update/Delete) (Complete SQL Executed before Code Validation)

○ Invariant: Test Records and Stop Importation Process (UPDATE and WHERE Clause Only)

○ Warning: Test Records. Put selected Ones in Error and Prompt User (UPDATE and WHERE Clause Only)

○ Transcodification

Language: English — Test SQL | OK | Cancel

6 types of rules supported:

- ✓ Validation
- ✓ Action
- ✓ Deletion
- ✓ Invariant
- ✓ Warning
- ✓ Transcodification

But, W.A.I.T

- EUROTRACE is not data dissemination system
- Fortunately …. There are alternatives software that work in conjuction with EUROTRACE:
  - PC: Comext (Eurostat)
  - Web: WebComext (Eurostat), PX-Web (Statistics Sweden)
- Countries have been implementing these data disseminations system

Eurotrace User Community

- In February 2016, UNSD, Eurostat, African Union, CARICOM, COMESA, ECOWAS and other interested parties decided to form EUROTRACE User Community (EUROTRACE-UC).

- The main goals of this user community are as follows:
  - To identify common issues and agree on setting the priority on features for improvement and addition
  - To maintain list of issues including the status of resolution
  - To fulfill the needs of training and capacity building in countries by pooling available resources

http://comtrade.un.org/eurotrace/

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⇄ Eurotrace User Community

Latest development

- 2016 global assessment on EUROTRACE (April 2016)
- Compilation of common issues and features for improvement (January 2016) replaced by Trello Eurotrace user Community

Useful Links

- Trello Eurotrace user Community
- EUROTRACE at Eurostat site
- Eurotrace Interest Group hosted by Eurostat (to be replaced by EUROTRACE User Community)
- EUROTRACE e-learning by COMESA
- Information about EUROTRACE (deprecated as of 2012, but contains useful information)

Example: ideas for improvement

17. Please rank Eurotrace/COMEXT modules that you would like to have or to improve?

	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	N/A
External Trade Indices (available as add-ins)	○	○	○	○
SDMX-IMTS Data Extraction	○	○	○	○
Trade and Business Register Integration	○	○	○	○
Bilateral Trade Asymmetries Analysis	○	○	○	○
Data Visualization	○	○	○	○
Web Comext Data Dissemination (available as part of Eurotrace package)	○	○	○	○
Using open source database (e.g., postgreSQL)	○	○	○	○

Eurotrace Editor (available as part of Eurotrace package)	○	○	○	○
Detection of outliers (e.g., unit values) (available in Eurotrace Windows)	○	○	○	○
Bridge between Eurotrace and PX-Web	○	○	○	○
Data confidentiality	○	○	○	○
Estimation and imputation of missing data (e.g., quantities)	○	○	○	○
Flat file data extraction (available in version 3.3.7)	○	○	○	○
Integration between COMEXT and Excel (as Excel add-ins)	○	○	○	○
Compatibility with the latest MS Office formats (XLSX, accdb, etc.)	○	○	○	○

Thank you

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