



Task Force Update

**AASHTOWare BrM User Group Meeting
Long Beach, CA
September 17-18, 2024**



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Introduction to the speaker

- Working in state government since 2004
- Started with MnDOT Bridge Office in 2009
 - NSTM Inspections
 - NBIS Compliance
 - Inventory Management
 - Asset Management
- Bachelor's in Civil Engineering, Master's in Software Engineering
- BrM Task Force since 2019, "Chair" since 2023
- 3 kids, 1 dog and 1 wife

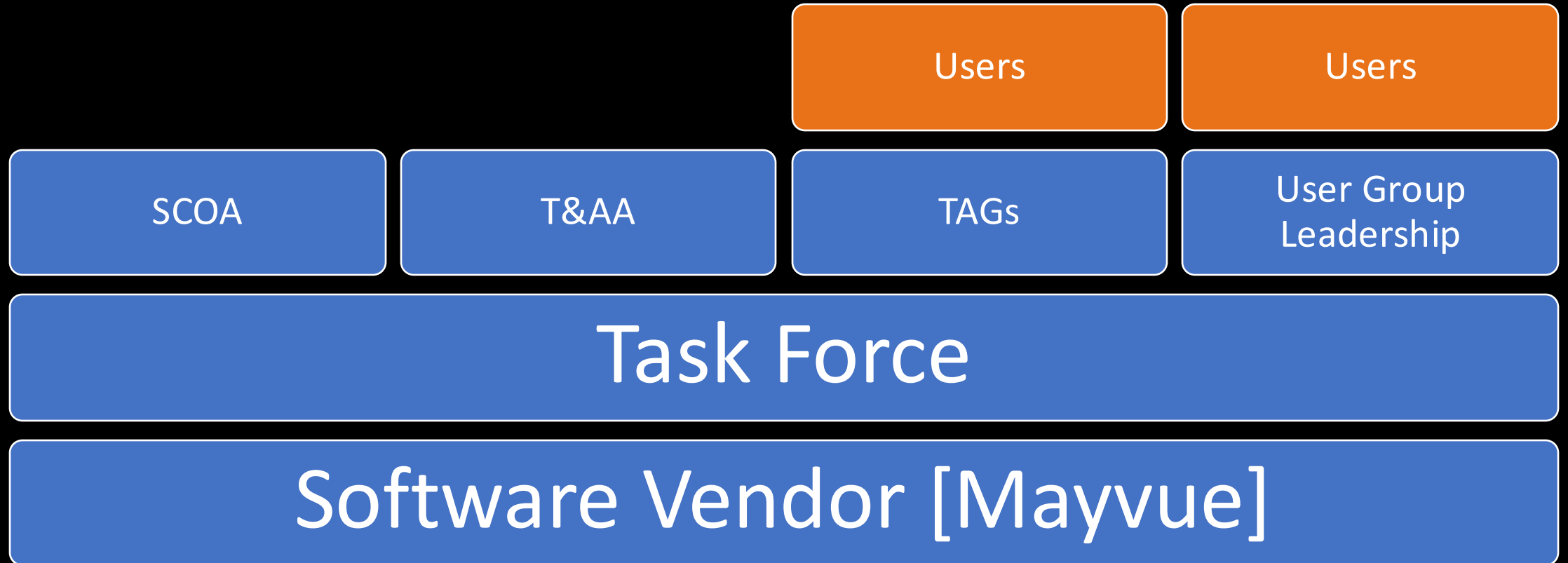


Who is the Bridge Management Task Force

- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- Rhode Island
- Michigan
- South Carolina
- California
- Kentucky

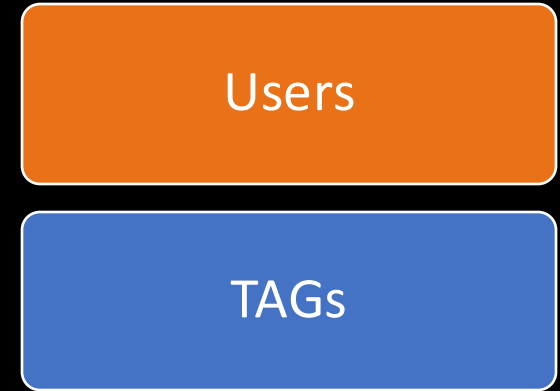


Collaborative Software Development



Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs)

- Testing - Jacob Armour
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Test new versions of BrM

Prioritize enhancements

Explore dusty corners of BrM

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Provide feedback on database design

View early versions of ERDs

Advanced topics on how to leverage DB

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Lobbying for Optimizer enhancements
Adopting latest research into software
Identifying best practices from States

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Understand needs from users

Explore emerging technologies

Advocate for COTs implementation

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Grow BrM proficiency

Connect with experts across the nation

User Group Leadership

- President: *vacant*
 - Formerly Ryan Cram, Kentucky DOT
- Vice President (Modeling): *vacant*
 - Formerly Jacob Armour, Michigan DOT
- Vice President (Structure Inspection): *vacant*
 - Formerly Emily Bickley, South Carolina DOT
- Vice President (Project Management): Corey Cowden, Caltrans
- Secretary: *vacant*
 - Formerly Patty Fish, Idaho DOT

Users

User Group
Leadership

User Group Conclave

- Avenue for input from users based on results of BrMUG
- Vote on enhancement ideas or product direction
- Voting has been resumed for this year, hasn't been done since 2019
- Weighted results will be included into future releases
 - Enhancement Champion
 - Budget
 - Competing priorities

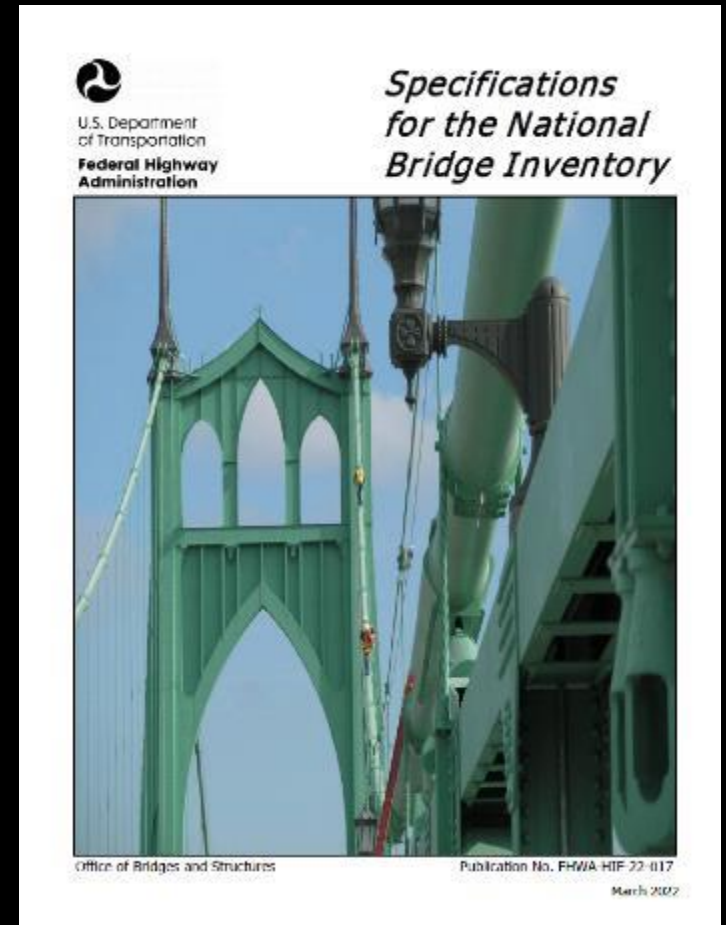
Task Force Panel Discussion

- Ask open ended questions to Task Force Members
- Goal is to provide transparency & emphasize collaboration
- Hasn't been done in more than 10 years
 - Be nice



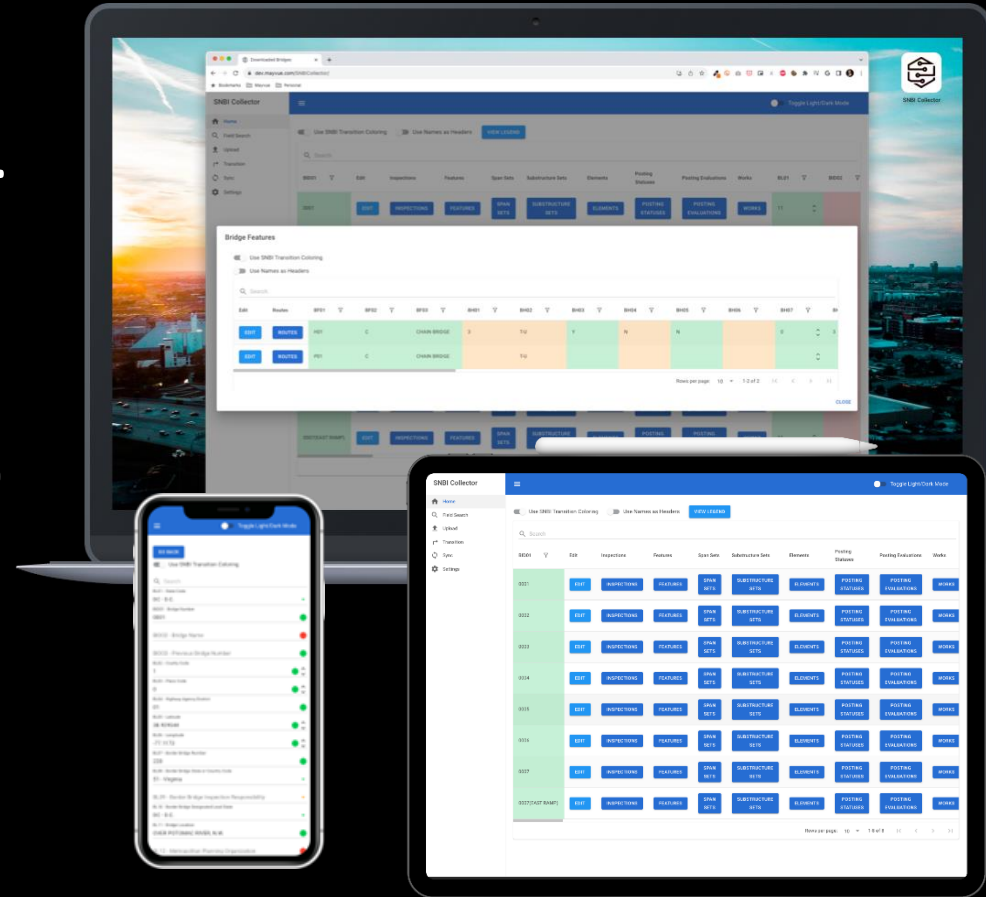
In 2022, the FHWA

- Overhauled the Recording and Coding Guide for the National Bridge Inventory
- Made major revisions to the National Bridge Inspection Standards
- Major changes for the entire industry
- Set March 2026 to start submitting in new format
- Set March 2028 for full compliance



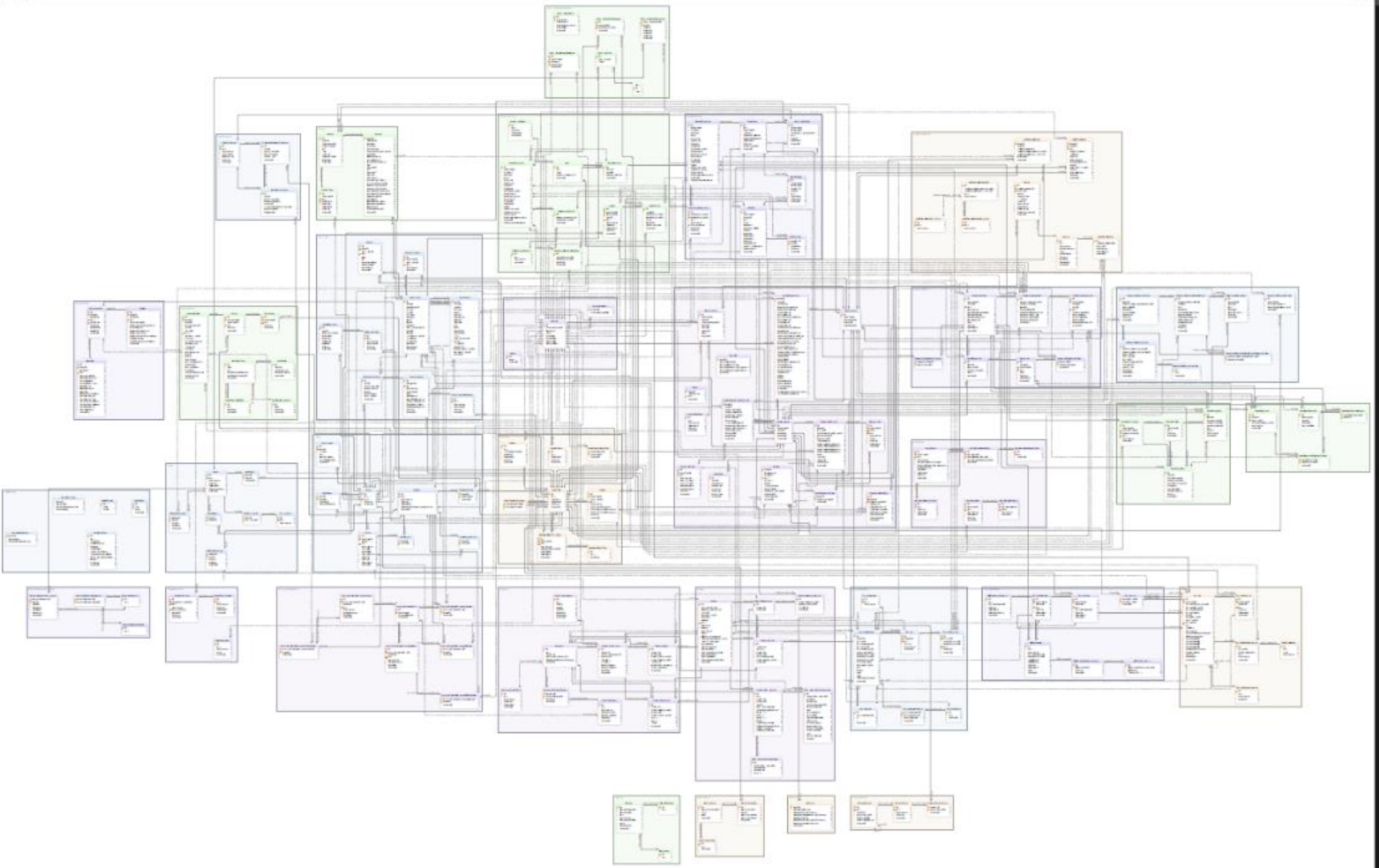
Where we've been – SNBI Collector: Powered by Mayvue (June 2023)

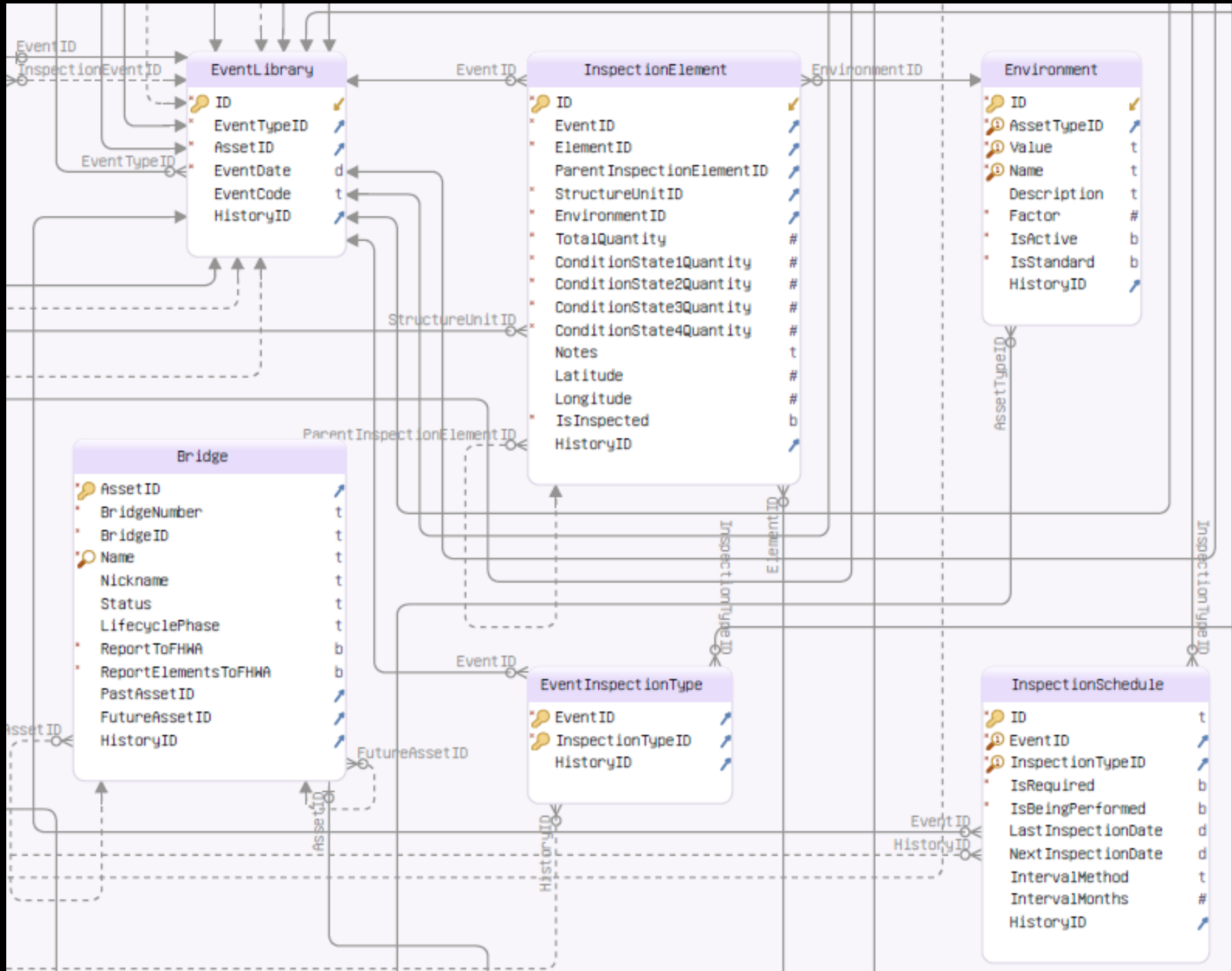
- SNBI-compatible version of mobile collector.
- No App Store required
- Device agnostic
- Seamless transition of the data into BrM 7.0
- Add-on to the enterprise version of BrM.
- 8 states currently license



Where we're going – The Next Generation of BrM: 7.0

- Fully SNBI compliant
- Database and Application Overhaul
- Sustainability
 - Clear out old tech and bring in new
- Visual Forms Editor Overhaul (now called Page Builder)
 - Enhances configurability
 - Built in mind to improve the user experience







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Condition

Bridge *

01001

Bridge Name (B.ID.02)

01001_

Bridge Nickname

Inspection *

09/19/2017

Condition Ratings

Deck (B.C.01)

6 Satisfactory



Superstructure (B.C.02)

5 Fair



Substructure (B.C.03)

6 Satisfactory



Bridge Condition Classification (B.C.12)

F Fair

Railing (B.C.05)

0 Failed



Bearing (B.C.07)



- N Not Applicable
- 9 Excellent
- 8 Very Good
- 7 Good
- 6 Satisfactory
- 5 Fair**
- 4 Poor
- 3 Serious
- 2 Critical
- 1 Imminent Failure
- 0 Failed






- Parameters
- Options
- Vehicles
- Multimedia
- Procedures
- Sketch Templates
- Page Builder**
- Inspection Types
- Equipment
- Layouts
- Filters
- Dashboard Chart Templates
- Certifications

Copy Form

New Form

Bridge *

Bridge Name (B.ID.02)

Inspection *

Condition Ratings

Deck (B.C.01)

Superstructure

Substructure (B.C.03)

Culvert (B.C.04)

Bridge Condition Classification (B.C.12)

Lowest Condition

Cancel

Field Input Settings

Nickname

Show Name

Column Width *

4

Edit Security

Form Data

Required

Read Only

Data Field

Type *

Bridge

Field *

Nickname

Control Specific

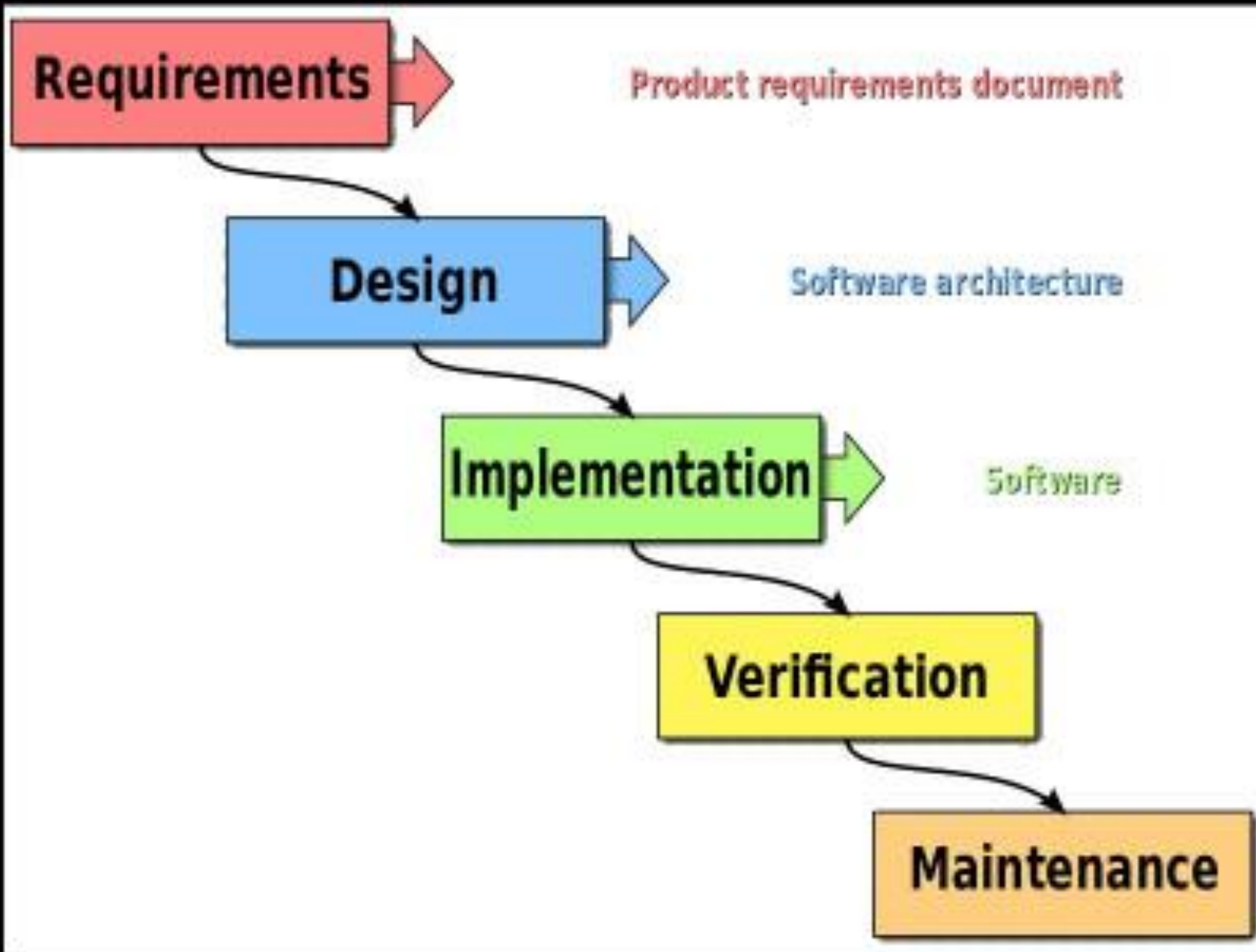
Retirement: Workstation

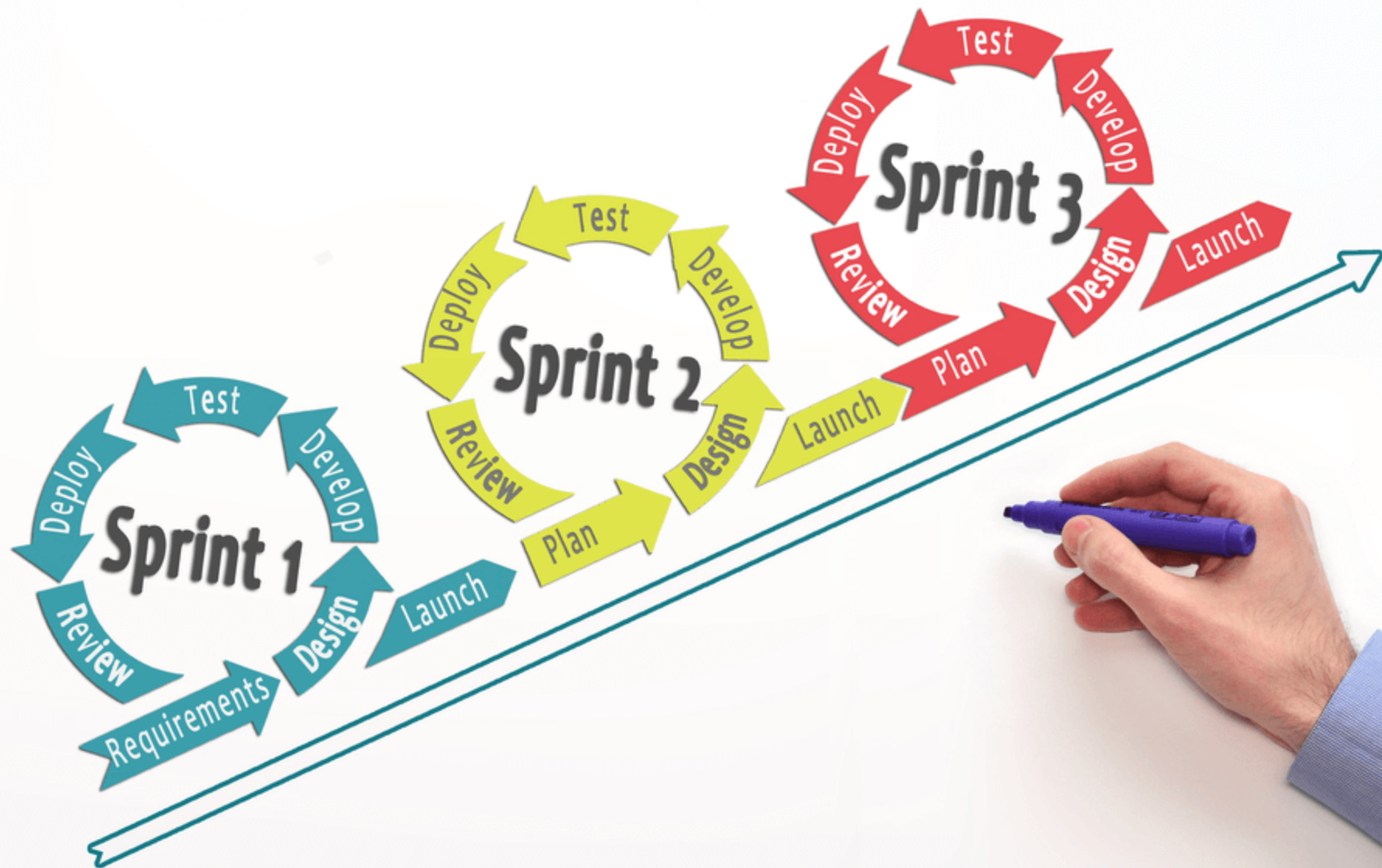
- Workstation was a version of BrM that allowed for standalone installation
- Intended to be used as a laptop version for field use
- Security concerns with how data was exchanged
- Modern way to collect field data is with mobile application



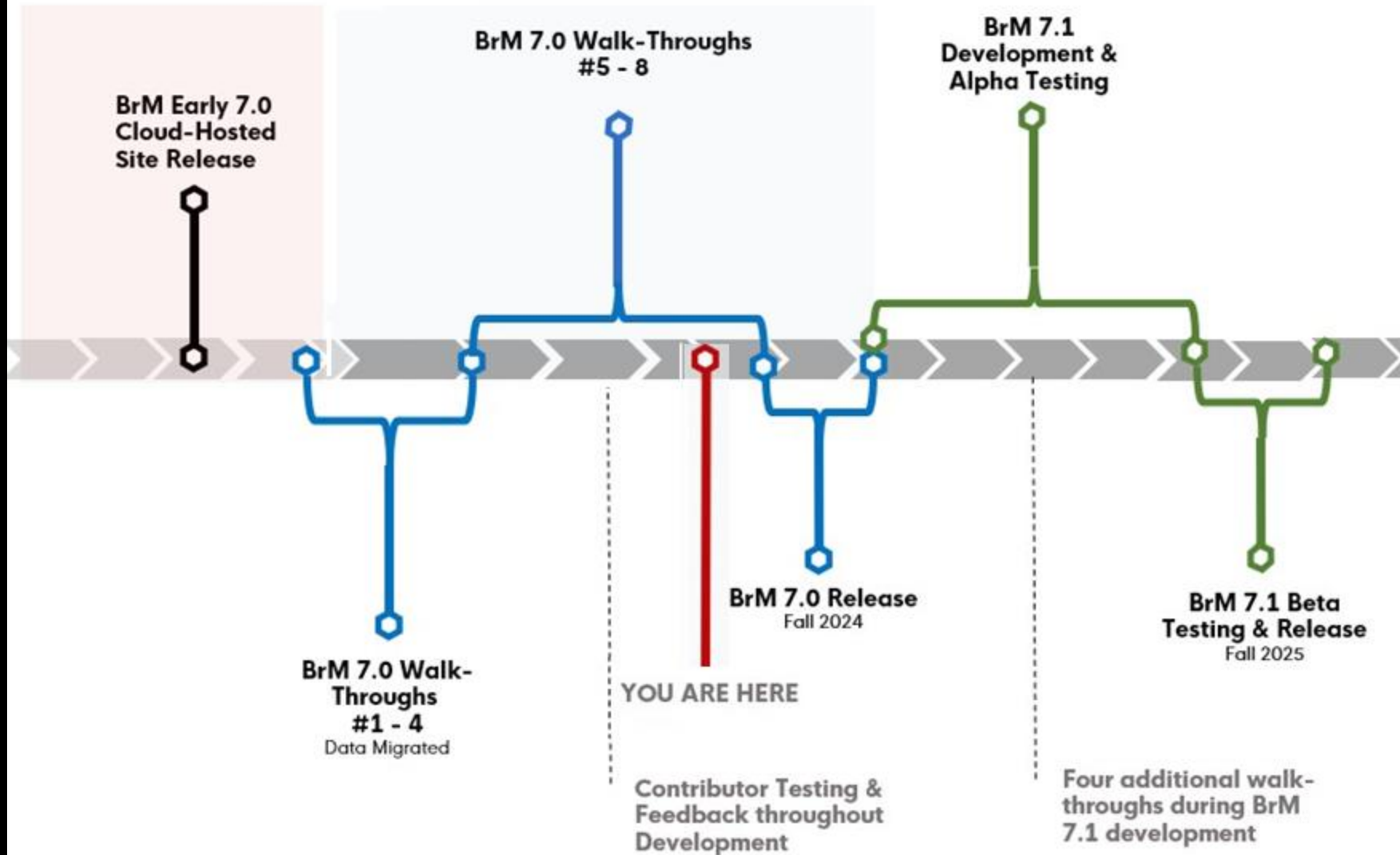
Retirement: Import/Export

- BrM 6.X allows import of flat files
- Wide open door, large security concern
- Task Force has decided to reduce import functionality:
 - According to new JSON standard
 - Work with Mayvue (covered under standard support)





BrM 7.0 / 7.1 High-Level Schedule



Where we're going – BrM 7.1

- Update modeling and management modules to accommodate new fields & database updates.
- Modernize BrM with latest technologies to improve performance.
 - Life Cycle Cost Analysis
 - Projects Module
 - Optimizer
 - Network policies
 - Enhancements to the API

When we're going

BrM 6.7

March
2023

SNBI Collector

Spring 2025

(Last 1995 Coding Guide Submittal)

June
2023

BrM 7.0

Summer 2026

(TAMP Due)

November
2024

BrM 7.1

Fall 2025

Security Scans

Internal Process

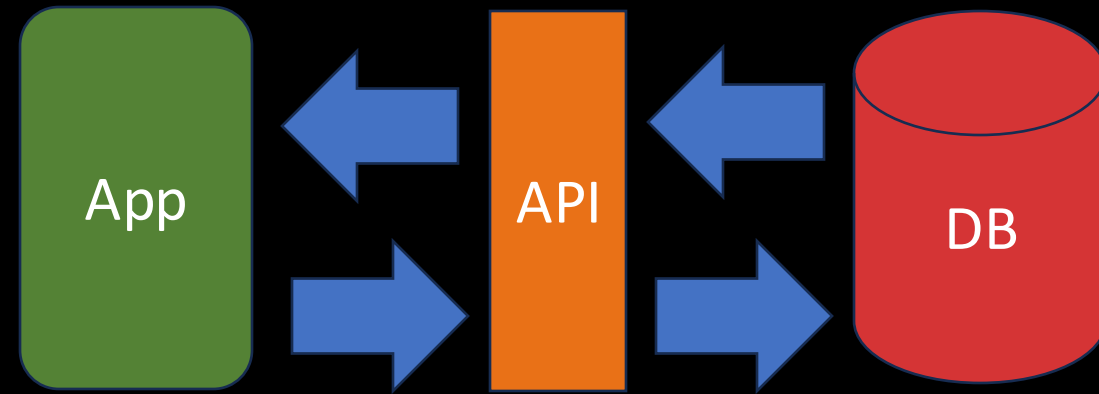
- Every release, Mayvue performs a security scan
 - Penetration testing
 - Vulnerability scans
- AASHTOware (T&AA) has an IT security expert on contract to perform independent scans

External Process

- Will be triaged and addressed according to actual severity.
- Please be careful about posting scan results
- File a ticket in JIRA with high level concerns

API: Application Programming Interface

- Provides an intermediary between application and database
- Enlists several advantages:
 - Provides consistency through evolution of the database
 - Adds ability to add validation rules
 - Enhances security by reducing abstracting database
- **Please make all integrations moving forward use the API as opposed to direct database connections**



Strategic Vision - OpenAPI

- Increase product integrations through AASHTOware Alliance Program and OpenAPI
- Current API features:
 - OpenAPI compliance
 - API versioning
- Future API features:
 - Business validation /Data integrity verifications
 - API call logs/change history tracking
 - Field-level security enhancements

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Strategic Vision – Short Term Priorities (~3 years)

- SNBI Implementation
- Configuration First
- AASHTOware Product Integrations
- Data Governance – SSOT
- Enhanced Mapping Integrations (ESRI)

Strategic Vision – Medium Term Priorities (3-6 years)

- BrR Model Viewing Native to BrM
- Expand Asset Optimization
- Cloud Hosting
- Public data risk analysis
- Spatial Awareness Optimization / Corridor Improvements

Strategic Vision – Long Term Priorities (6+ years)

- Non-destructive Testing Data Integration
- Location based defect tracking (BIM)



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