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INTRODUCTION

→ In the Spotlight materials are initially presented at an X12 corporate meeting, also known as a General Session

→ Each presentation covers one topic

→ These "quick hits" highlight new features and functions or remind the audience of things they may have forgotten over time

→ X12 welcomes suggestions for Spotlight topics

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INDUSTRY NAMES

→ Every X12 data element has a name

→ Because many data elements are used for various purposes, the data element names can be intentionally general

- Example: *NM103 Name Last or Organization Name*

→ Having a more specific name in an implementation guide provides clarity that assists implementers

- Example: *NM103 Purchaser's Last Name*

→ These specific names are identified as Industry Names

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INDUSTRY NAMES

→ On the other hand, data elements that are used very specifically often have a data element name that doesn't need further clarification

- Example: *CR104 Ambulance Transport Reason Code*

→ In the body of the implementation guide, industry names are labeled so there is no confusion as to whether the name is a data element name or an industry name

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INDUSTRY NAMES

→ To help implementers keep track of data element names, implementation guides include an appendix, specifically Appendix E, that lists all the simple data elements included in the implementation guide

→ Industry names are also important in X12's XML schemas because the industry name is the basis of the XML element names

→ Visit the **Clarification Papers** section of the Info Center at x12.org for more information about industry names

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