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conventional cybersecurity companies



# Varonis Operational Journey: l'approccio data-centrico alla Sicurezza informatica

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# About Varonis

- ◆ Started operations in 2005
  - ◆ VRNS on Nasdaq
- ◆ More than 6,000
- ◆ Data-centric security software
- ◆ Built by world-class cyber security experts (not through acquisitions)



“

Varonis works across the whole organization. It works with our infrastructure, our Active Directory, it works with all the hardware and software we have.

”

-- Wade Sendall, VP of IT, The Boston Globe

# For many data stores...



Windows



Office 365



Unix/Linux



SharePoint



Exchange



NAS



Box

# Many questions

Is my data at risk?



- Is my data exposed?
- Who can access it?
- Who does access it?
- Who does it belong to?

Am I compliant?



- Where is my regulated data?
- Should I delete it?
- Can I prove compliance?

Can I detect a breach?



- Is anyone stealing it?
- From which devices and locations?
- Can I investigate quickly?

# THREE USE CASES



DATA PROTECTION



COMPLIANCE



THREAT DETECTION & RESPONSE

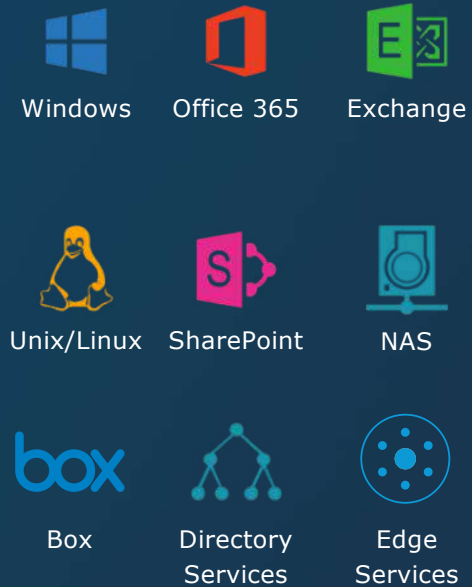


ONE PLATFORM

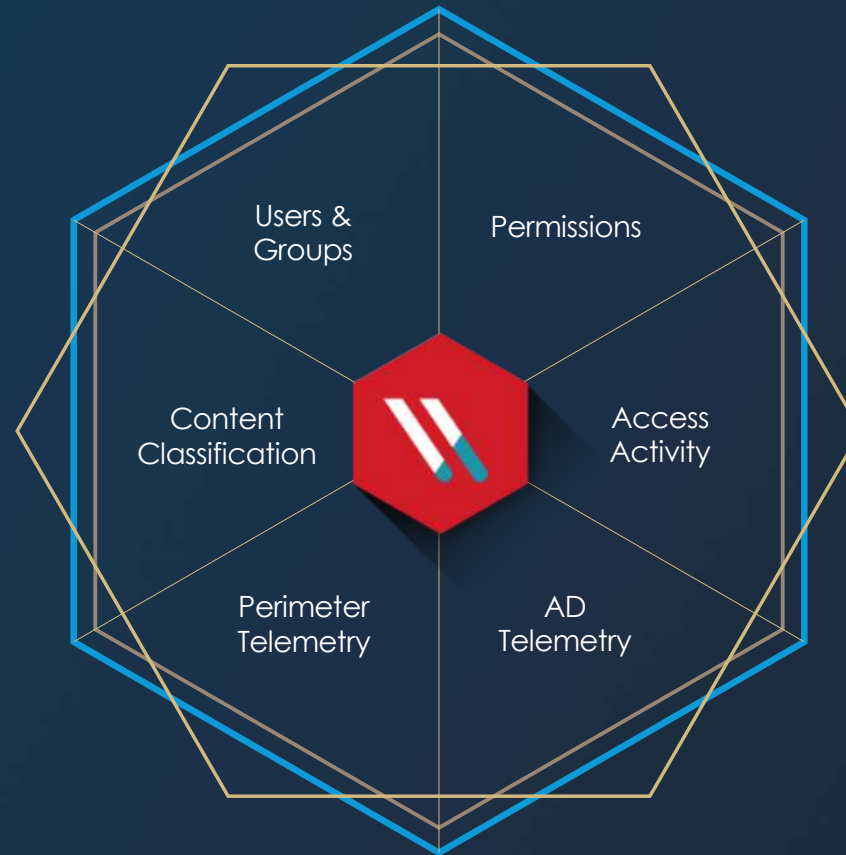


# Varonis Data Security Platform

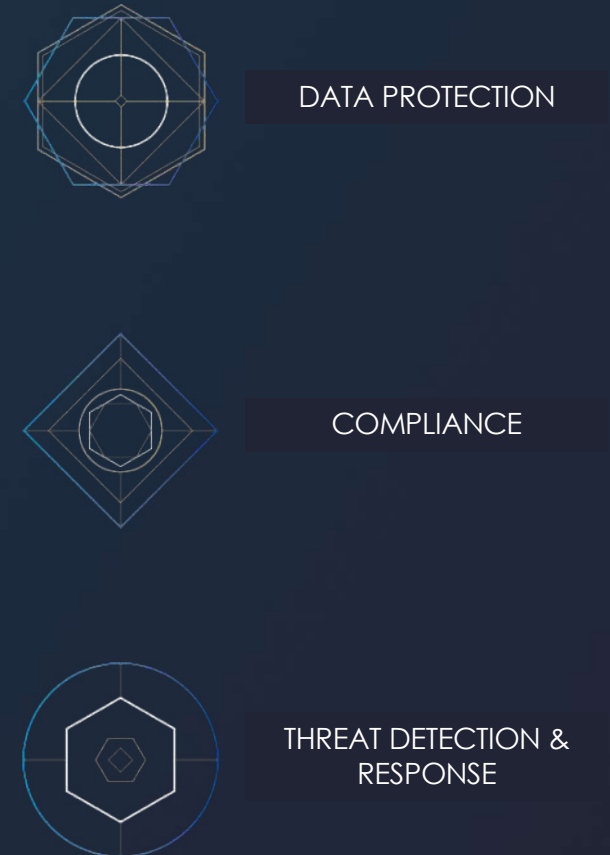
## ENTERPRISE DATA STORES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



## ANALYTICS & AUTOMATION



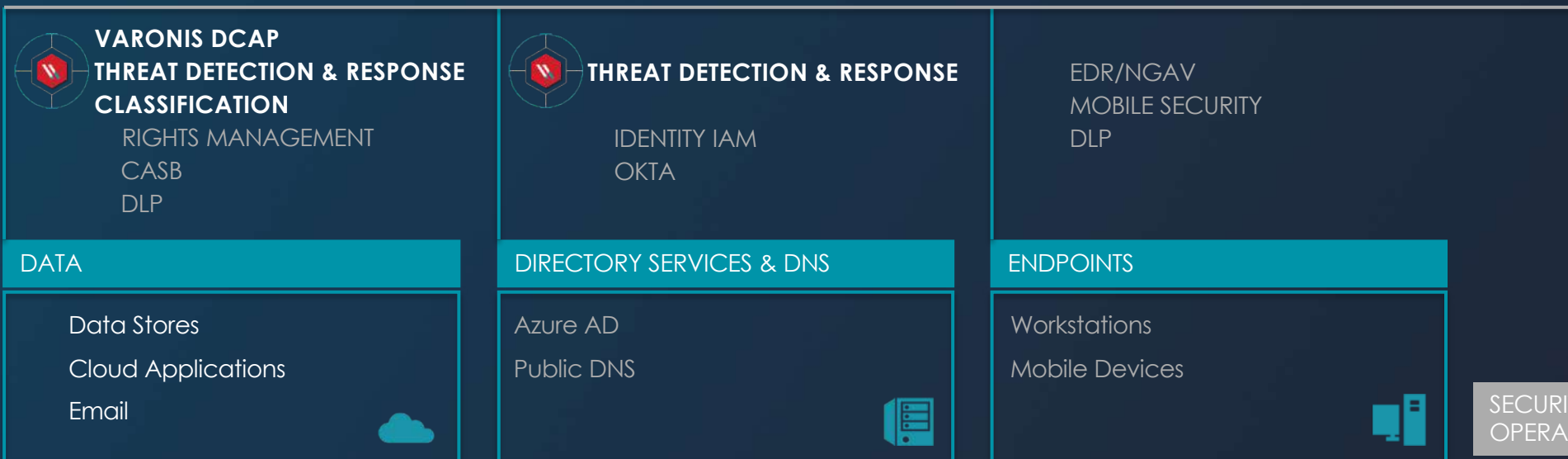
## USE CASES



# Ecosystem



CLOUD



SECURITY  
OPERATIONS

GATEWAYS

VPN   Email Gateway   Web Proxy   Next Gen Firewall



**THREAT DETECTION & RESPONSE**  
IDS/IPS  
DLP

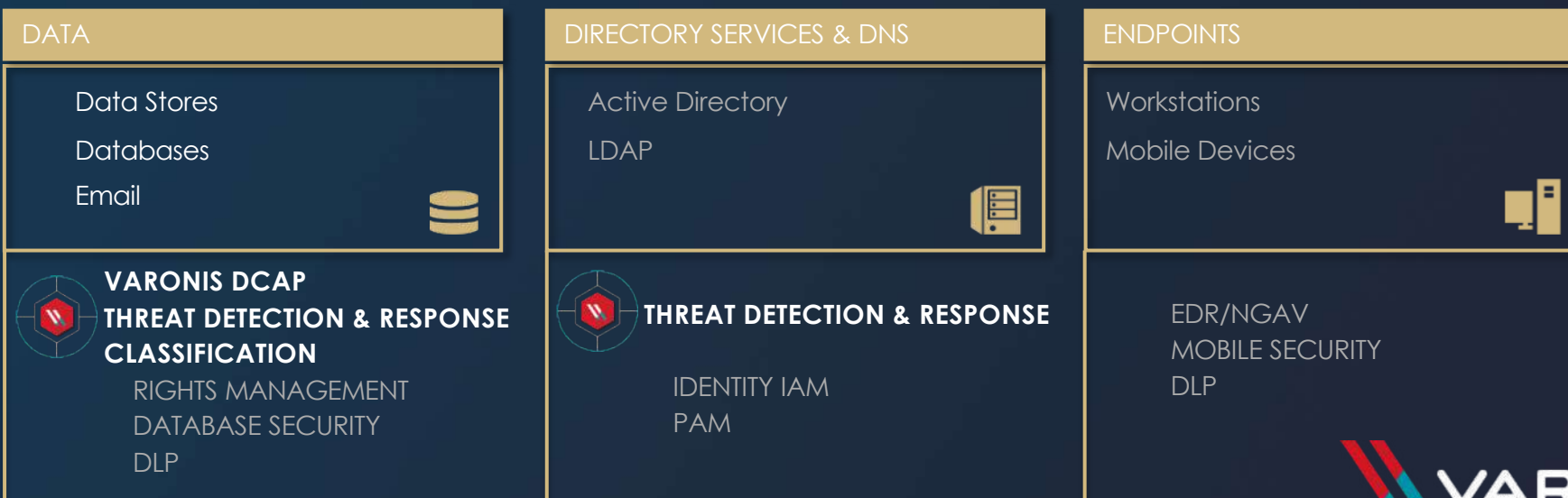
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ORCHESTRATION  
MGMT.  
THREAT HUNTING

ON-PREM



NETWORK  
INFRASTRUCTURE

IDS/IPS  
NAC

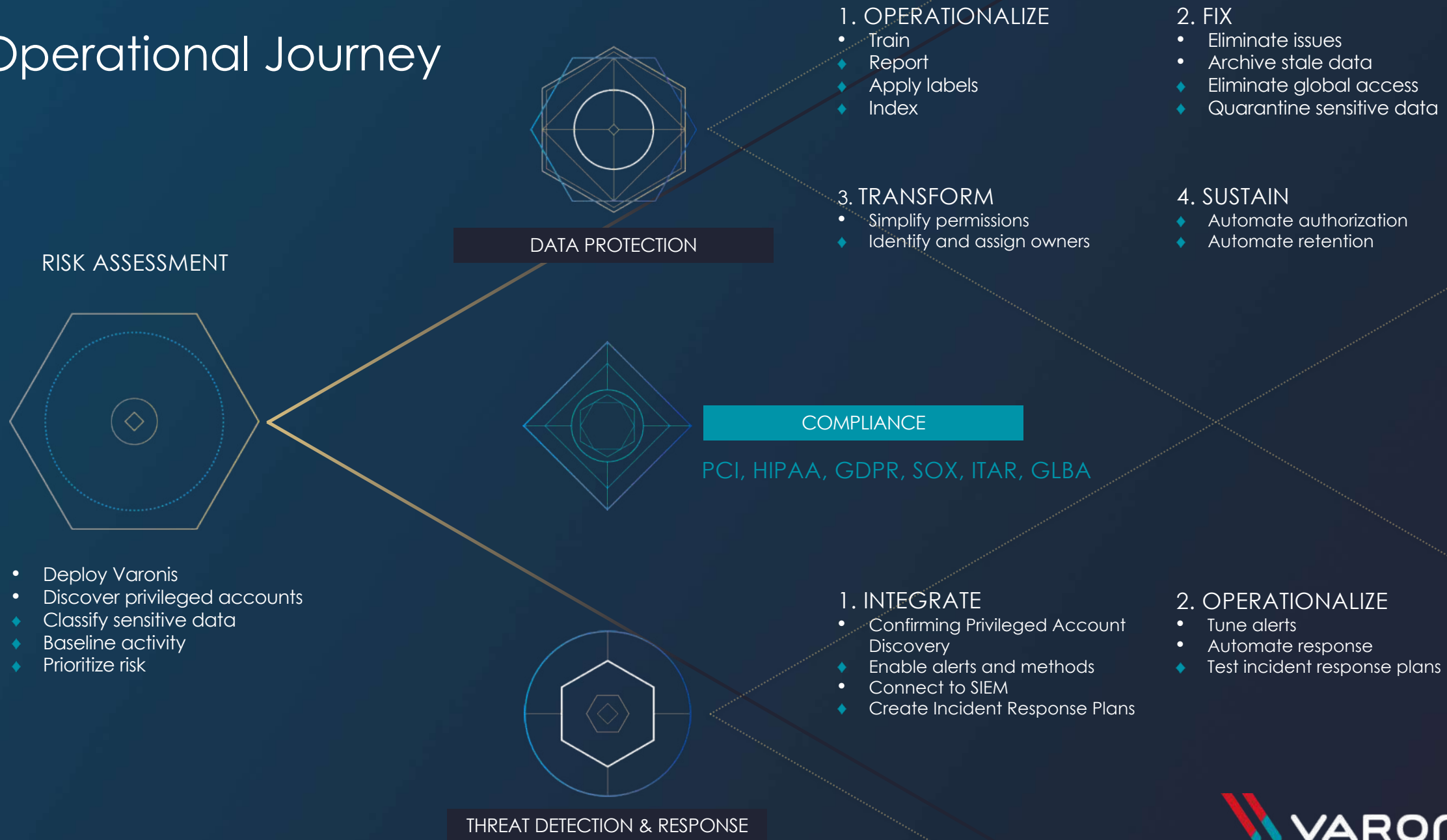


# What if security started with data?





# Operational Journey

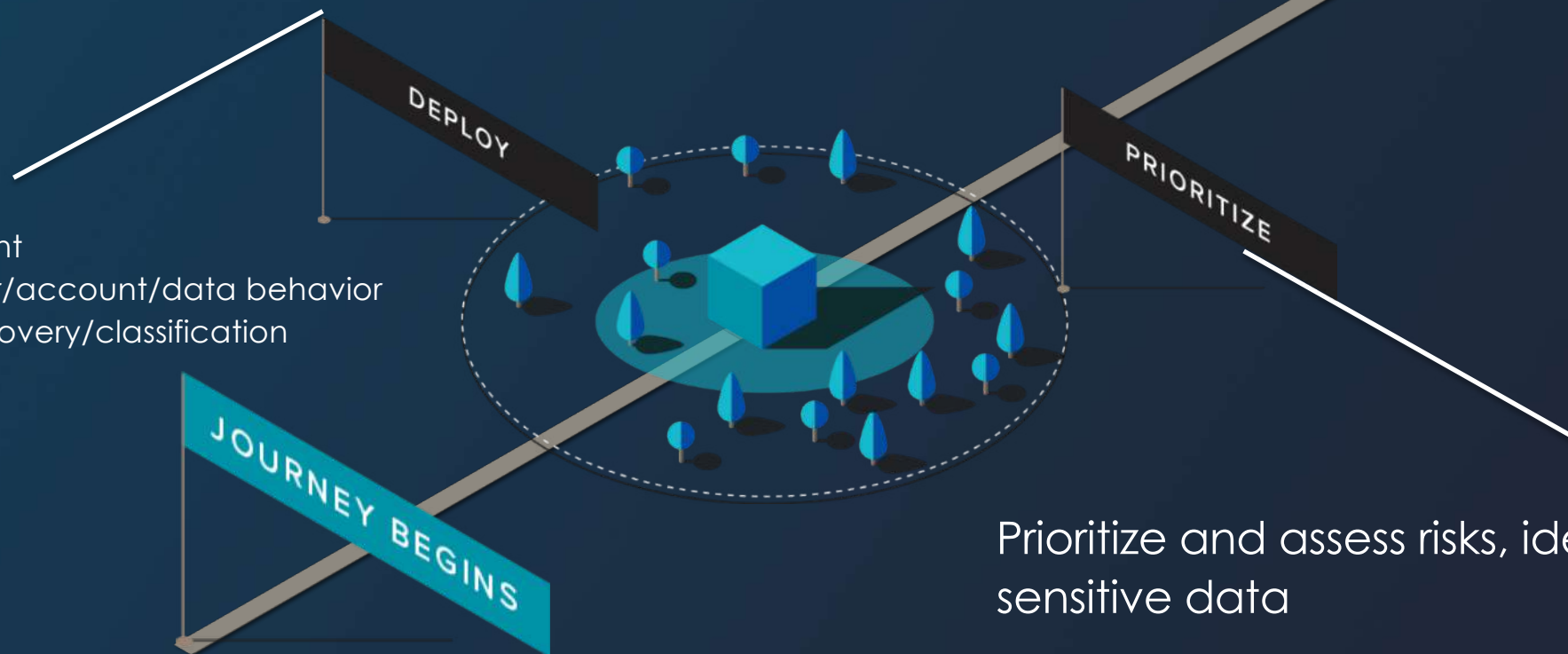




## Deploy Varonis

- Map your environment
- Begin monitoring user/account/data behavior
- Start automated discovery/classification

- Can be accomplished quickly
- Requires: DA, DCF, DS



Prioritize and assess risks, identify sensitive data

- Prioritize scope by sensitivity, staleness, department criticality, etc.
- Review Incident Response Procedure, SOC capabilities and toolsets



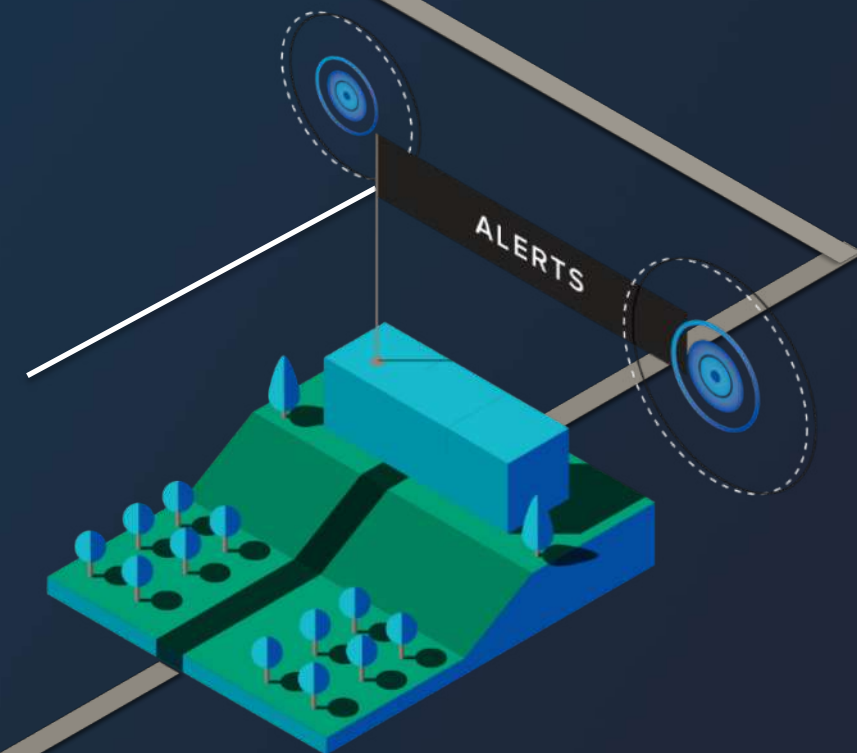
## Steps

- Prioritize and create incident response plan for alerts, including automated responses
- Train staff on day to day management, including reports, permissions and AD management, finding lost files, etc.
- Identify known data owners demarcation points
- Identify known data retention and disposition policies

## Benefits

- Incident response plans and automation reduce risk of data theft and loss
- Staff becomes more operationally efficient with day to day tasks

Requires: DA, DCF, DLS



Detect: Operationalize

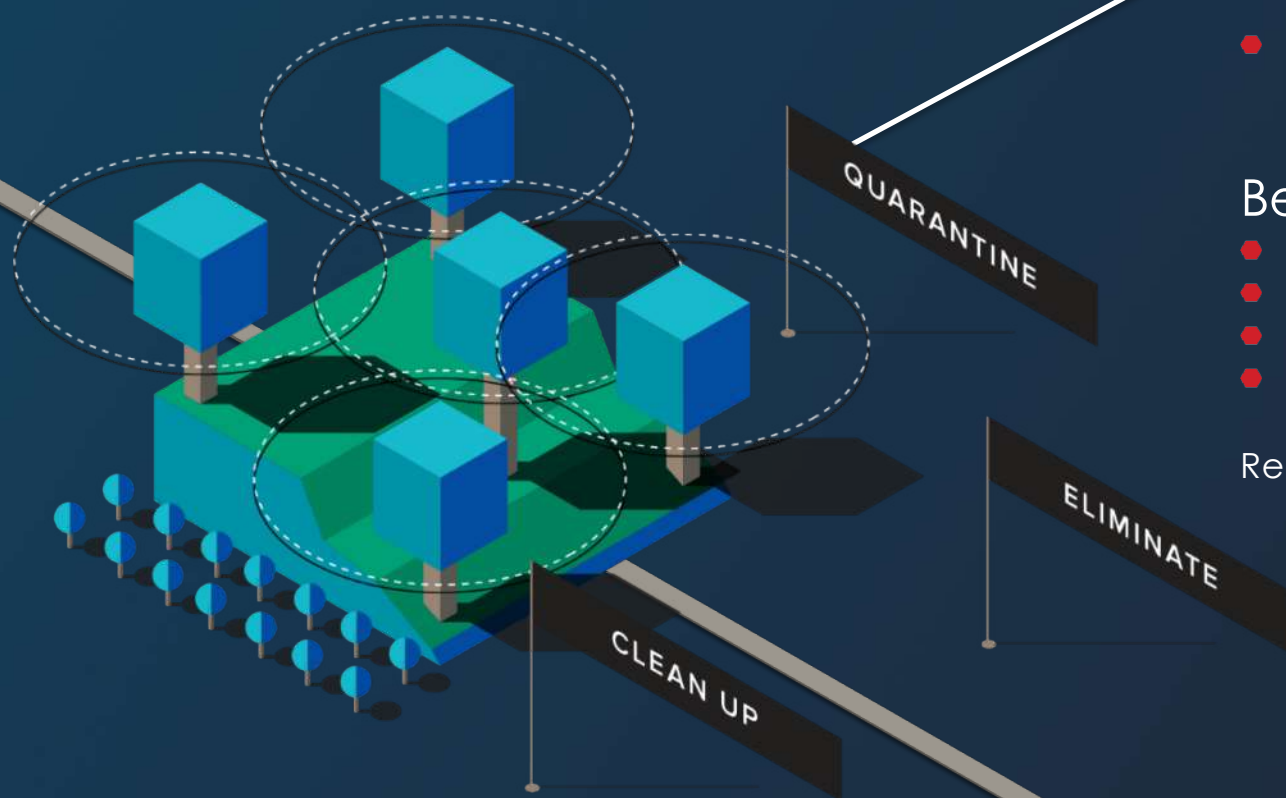
## Steps

- Fix inconsistent/broken ACL's
- Eliminate global access groups around sensitive data
- Eliminate remaining global access groups
- Address AD artifacts (empty, unused security groups, non-expiring passwords, etc.)
- Address retention/disposition by quarantining, archiving, and deleting stale data

## Benefits

- Significant risk reduction
- Defensible position with respect to compliance
- More efficient usage of storage
- Reduced complexity increases operational efficiency

Requires: DA, DCF, AE, DS



Prevent: Fix



## Steps

- Identify folders that need owners (demarcation points)
- Identify and confirm data owners
- Simplify permission structure - (read/write), consistent inheritance
- Initiate entitlement reviews to prune residual access
- Prune residual unnecessary access

## Benefits

- Dramatic increase in operational efficiencies
- Better service for end users (faster access to data)
- Reduced complexity and risk

Requires: DA



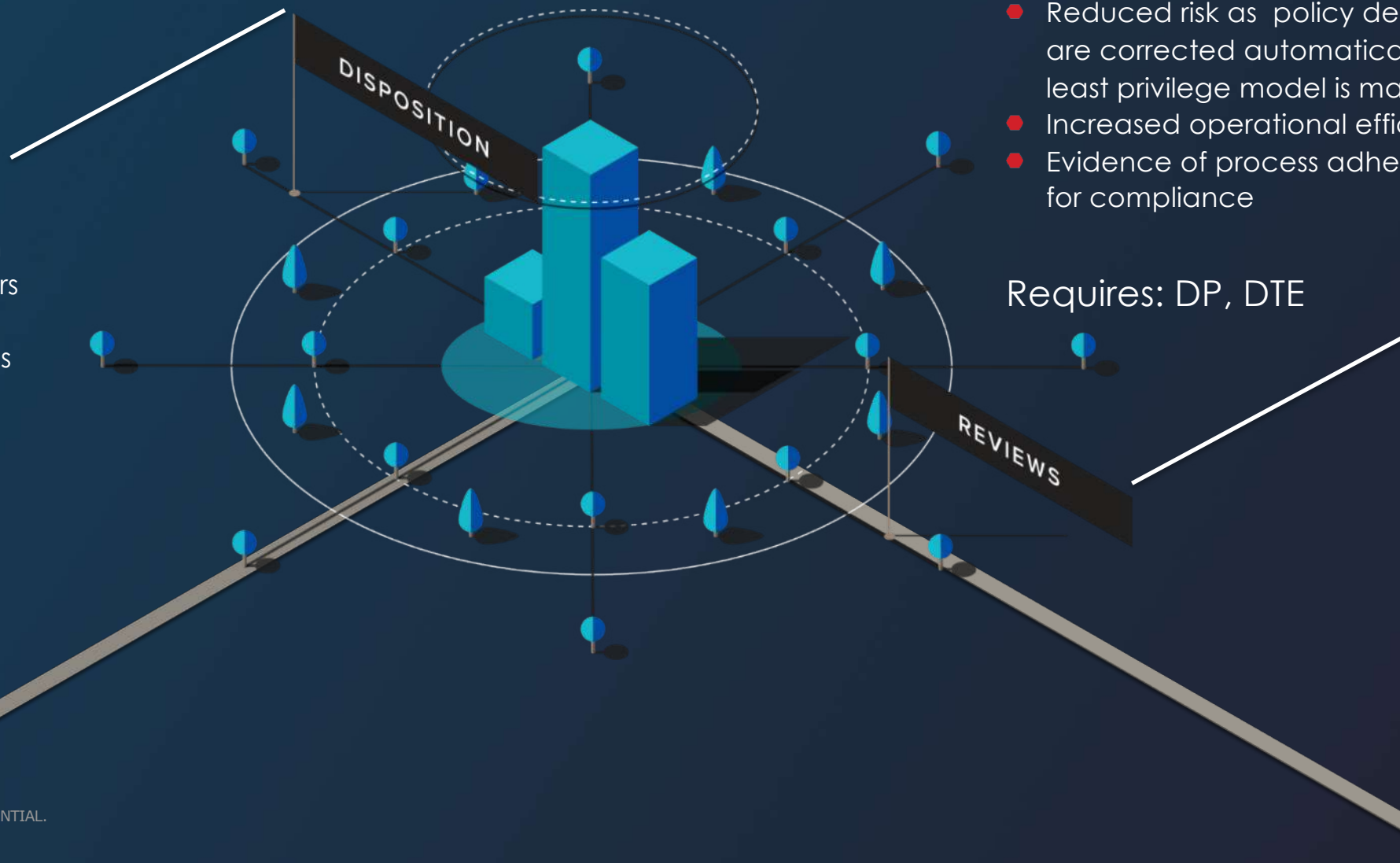
## Benefits

- Reduced risk as policy deviations are corrected automatically and least privilege model is maintained
- Increased operational efficiency
- Evidence of process adherence for compliance

Requires: DP, DTE

## Steps

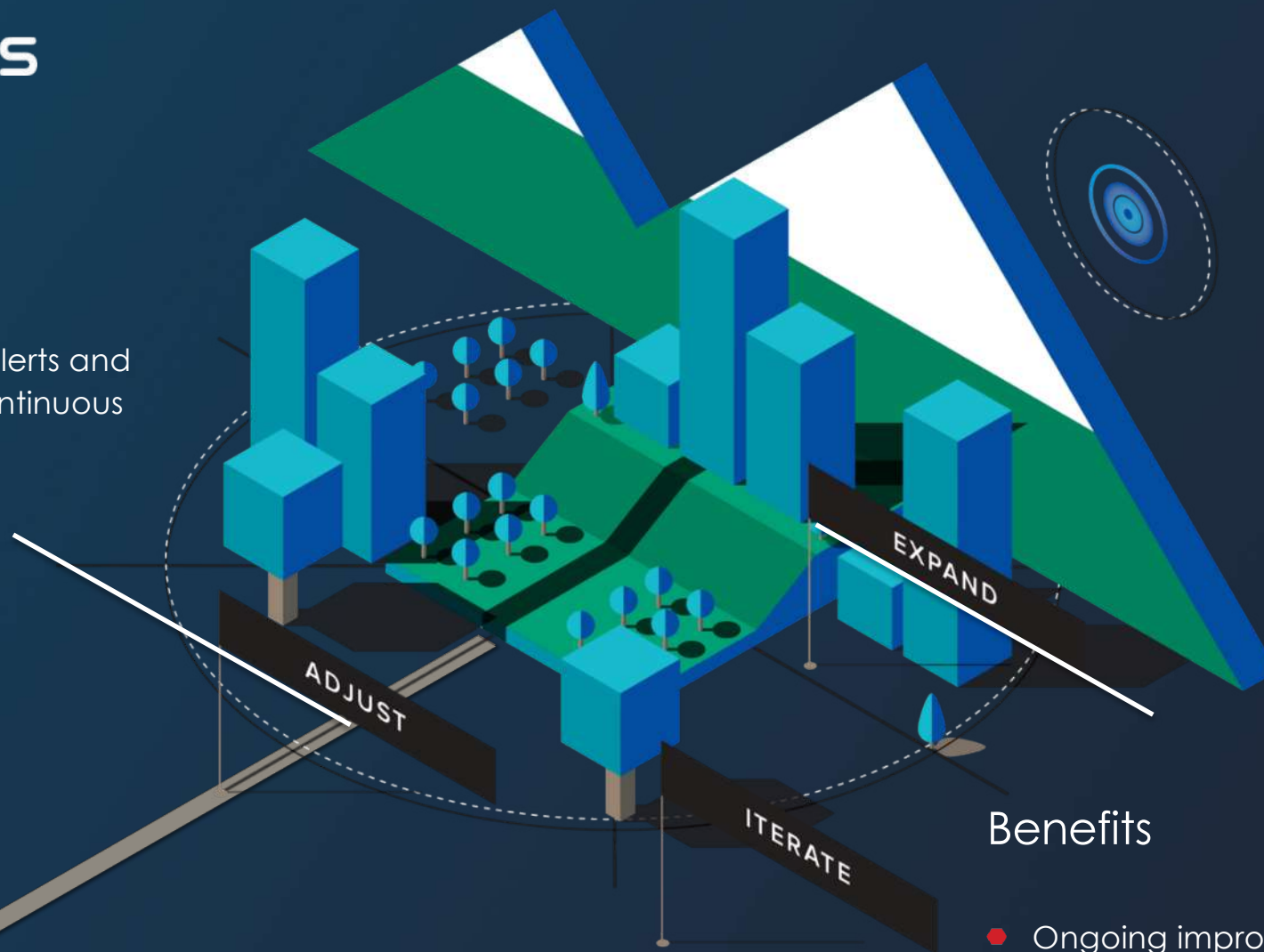
- Implement authorization workflow via data owners
- Automate disposition, quarantining, permissions enforcement
- Automate periodic entitlement reviews





## Steps

- Regularly review risks, alerts and processes to ensure continuous improvement



## Benefits

- Ongoing improvements in risk reduction and operational efficiency

Requires: DA, DCF, DLS, AE, DP, DTE



# Journey of Value

— Risk Reduction  
— Efficiency Gains



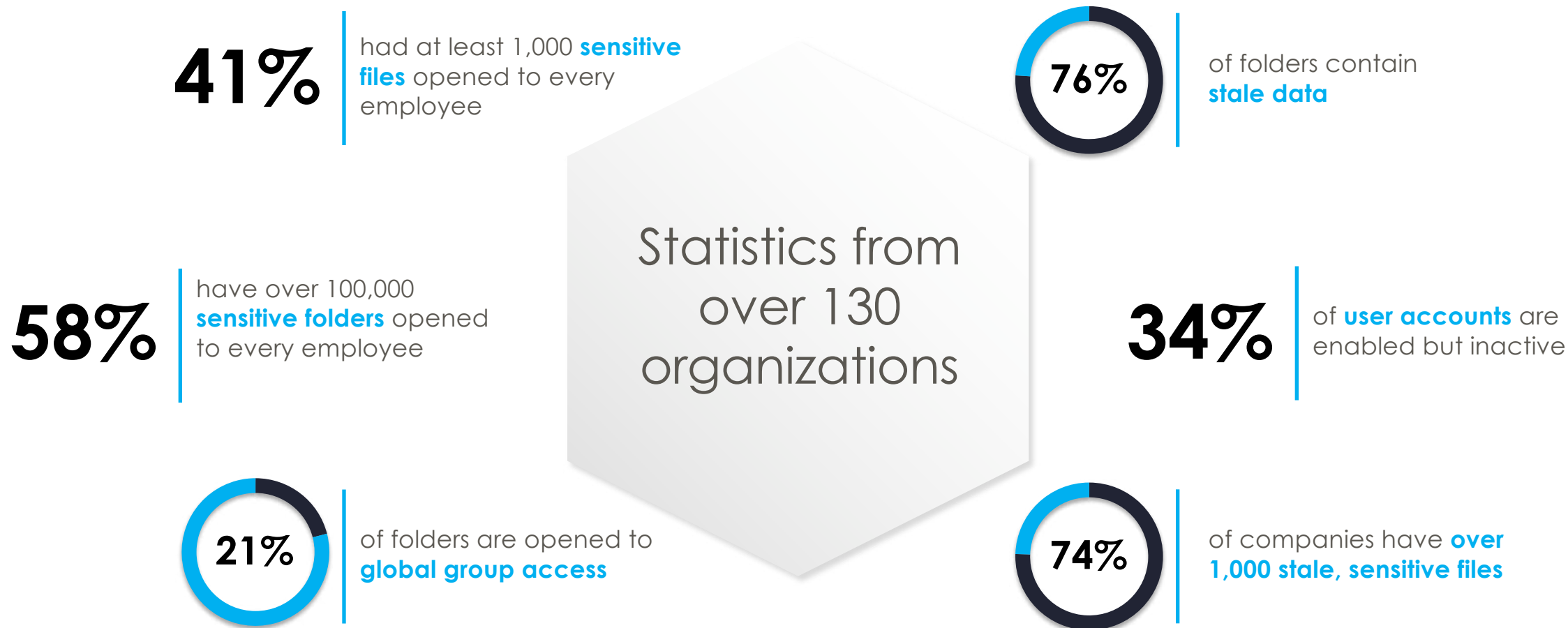


# Comprehensive Risk Assessment

- Valuable reports quantify risk and diagnose issues such as:
  - What kind of sensitive data do I have? (PCI, SOX, PII, etc.)
  - Where is sensitive data overexposed?
  - Who has access to what?
  - Where are users acting strangely or maliciously?
  - What's being used and what's not?



# Data Risk Report Findings

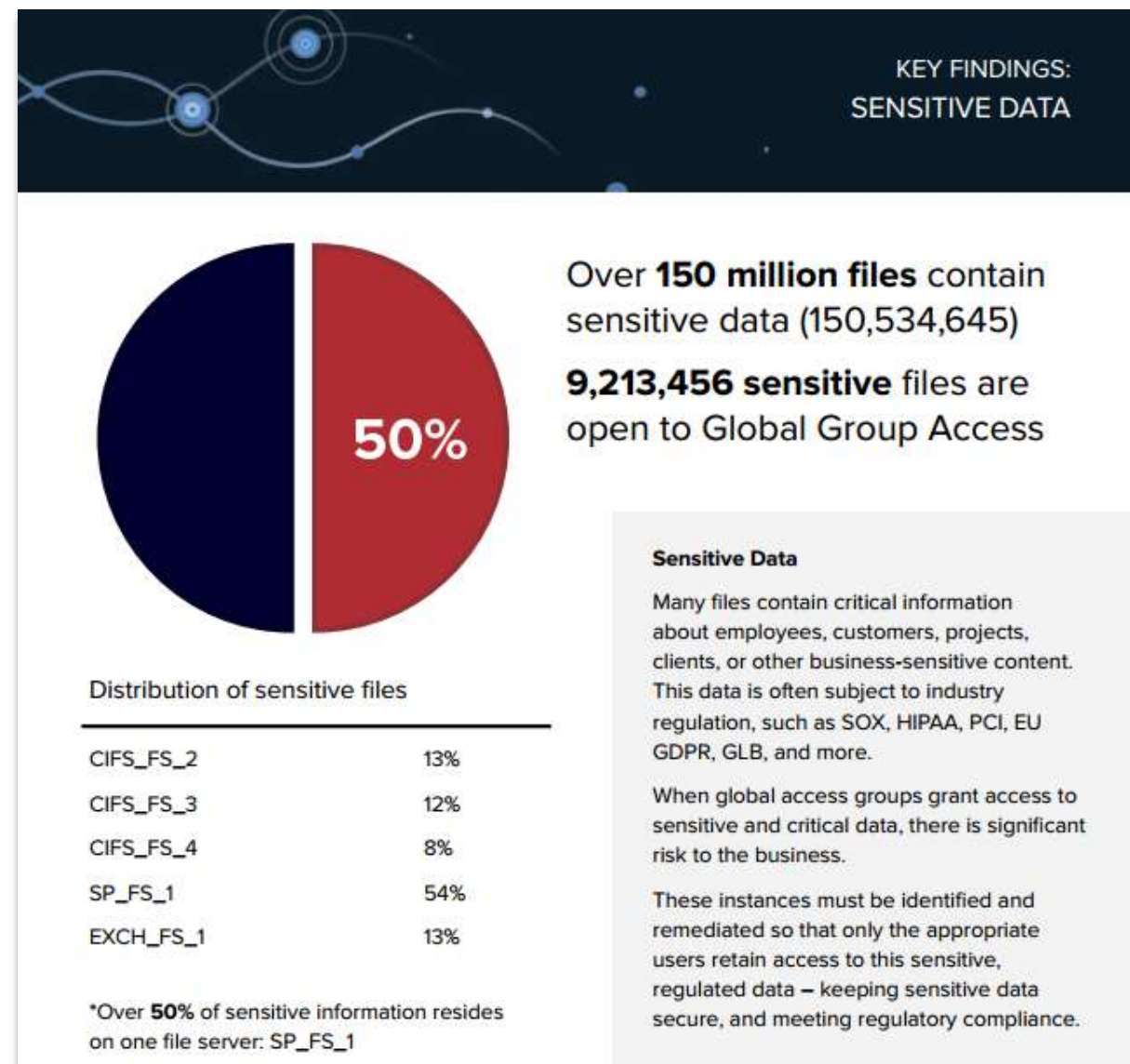


The 2018 Global Data Risk Report captures findings of Data Risk Assessments performed on 130 organizations—a representative sample from many industry segments and sizes.



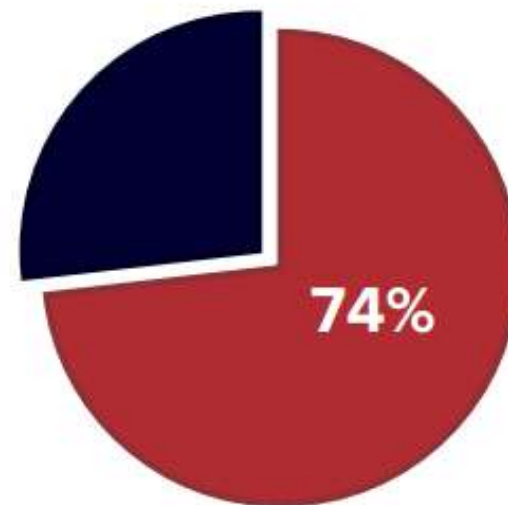
# Sensitive Data

- Where does my sensitive data live?
- How much of it is over-exposed?
- What kind of sensitive data do I have? (PCI, SOX, PII, etc.)



# Global Access

- Which data is open to everyone?
- Which data is open to everyone *and* is also sensitive?



Over **66.5 million folders** with global group access

66,502,975 of 90,348,156

Distribution of global group access

CIFS_FS_2	11%
CIFS_FS_3	7%
CIFS_FS_4	20%
SP_FS_1	44%
EXCH_FS_1	18%

## Global Group Access

These include groups such as Everyone, Domain Users, and Authenticated Users.

Global access groups will allow anyone within an organization to access data with these access controls.

Data should generally never be accessible to global access groups like Everyone, Domain Users, or Authenticated Users. Data that is open to everyone is most vulnerable and at-risk for loss, theft or misuse.



# Built to Scale

- ◆ City of San Diego protects **5** petabytes of data across **24** networks
- ◆ Financial with **534 million events/day** on NAS cluster
- ◆ Insurance Co. with **thousands of file servers** monitored
- ◆ Aerospace company with dozens of remote sites and domains



**1 BILLION**  
EVENTS PER DAY





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Grazie!

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