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Introduction

4 Common Challenges of identifying sensitive data

1 The volume of the data owned by organizations is growing daily and the data management is becoming a huge challenge.

2 It is estimated that **80-90%** of the data is in unstructured format.

3 As per Forbes, almost **95%** businesses are struggling to manage unstructured data.

4 Data leakages, data breaches are also increasing drastically resulting in heavy penalties for the organizations

Introduction

According to ISO 14001, compliance obligations are **legal requirements that an organization must comply with and other needs that an organization has to, or chooses to comply with**. These needs can include laws and regulations, contracts, codes of practice and voluntary commitments like industry standards. Below are some of the key compliance areas with respect to the data .

Regulatory Compliance

Comprises the activities that support the coordination, management, and monitoring of various federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Data Privacy Compliance

Data privacy compliance concerns the proper handling of sensitive data including, notably, personal data but also other confidential data

Data Protection Compliance

Data Protection Compliance is the need to comply with legal requirements regarding data processes

Data Governance

Data governance is an umbrella term that encapsulates the policies and practices implemented to securely manage the data assets within an organization

Data Management

Data management is the practice of collecting, keeping, and using data securely, efficiently, and cost-effectively.

Data Security

Data security refers to the process of protecting data from unauthorized access and data corruption throughout its lifecycle

Popular Compliance Programs

- *GDPR*
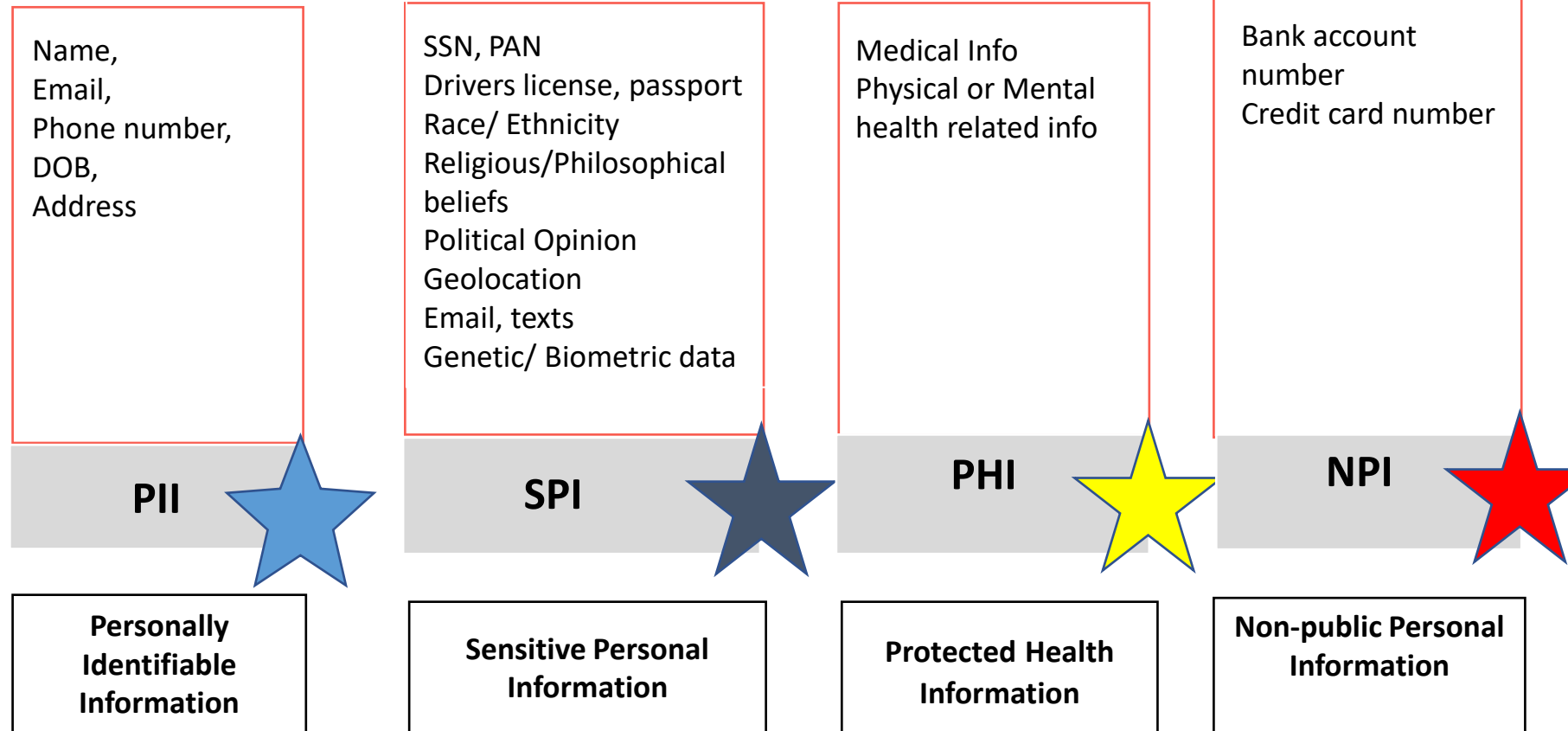- *CCPA*
- *HIPPA*
- *BCBS 239*

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Introduction

Sensitive Data

Sensitive data is confidential information that must be protected and can be in both **structured** and **unstructured** formats.

Sensitive data is very important to locate, identify and protect
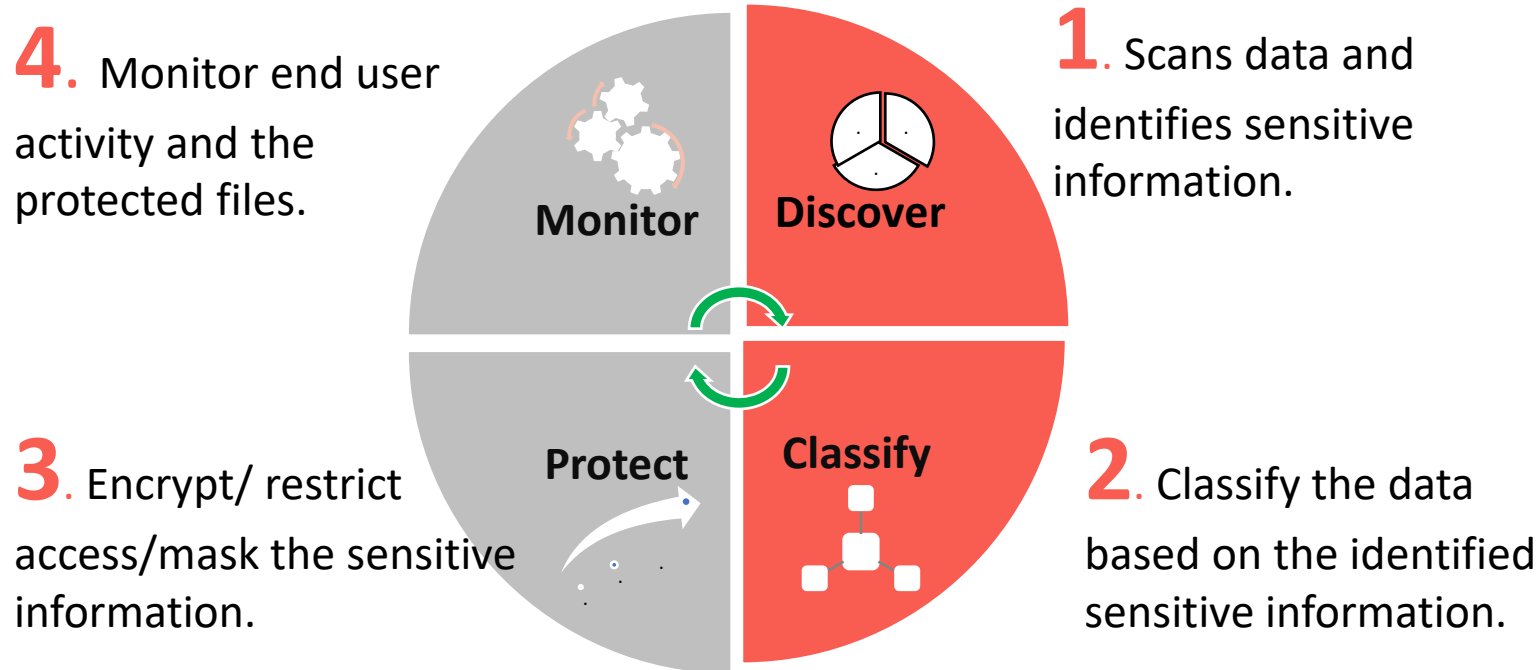
Types of Sensitive Data

Name,
Email,
Phone number,
DOB,
Address

PII

Personally Identifiable Information

SSN, PAN
Drivers license, passport
Race/ Ethnicity
Religious/Philosophical beliefs
Political Opinion
Geolocation
Email, texts
Genetic/ Biometric data

SPI

Sensitive Personal Information

Medical Info
Physical or Mental health related info

PHI

Protected Health Information

Bank account number
Credit card number

NPI

Non-public Personal Information

Introduction

Data protection lifecycle (DPL) *helps organizations to manage the sensitive data. This illustrates how to discover, classify, protect and monitor the sensitive data . By accurately tracking sensitive data, organizations have a foundation to protect sensitive information and face the future privacy needs.*

4. Monitor end user activity and the protected files.

Monitor

Discover

1. Scans data and identifies sensitive information.

3. Encrypt/ restrict access/mask the sensitive information.

Protect

Classify

2. Classify the data based on the identified sensitive information.

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Related work

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Methodology

Part I	Part II	Part III	Part IV

Detect the sensitive data elements	*Document Risk Categorization*	*Auto Classification*	*Visualize the results*
Detect sensitive elements contained in the unstructured document using **Regular Expressions**	**Rule based** document Risk categorization: High, Medium, Low	Auto classify: Public, Internal, Confidential, Restricted using **Multi Class Classification Model**	Visualize the results on an executive dashboard in **Tableau**

Methodology

	Format	Sample
Name	First Name, Last Name	Mark Campbell Lisa Thomas

Keywords: Name, full name, full_name, first name, last name

	Format	Sample
SSN	ddd-dd-dddd ddd dd dddd	986-43-245 231 24 3168

Social Security Number consists of 9 digits. The first set of three digits is called the Area Number. The second set of two digits is called the Group Number. The final set of four digits is the Serial Number.

Keywords: ssn, social security number, ssn number, social security #, social security no, soc sec

Methodology

The Table illustrates the Risk Categorization criteria:

- If a document contains a name along with SSN, PAN, or DOB is categorized as a High-Risk Document.

- If a document includes either SSN, PAN, Phone number, or e-mail address is categorized as a Medium Risk document.

- If a document contains only a name or DOB is categorized as a Low-Risk document.

Part II – Document Risk Categorization

Sensitive Data Element	Document Risk Categorization		
	High	**Medium**	**Low**
Name			Yes
SSN		Yes	
PAN		Yes	
DOB			Yes
Phone Number		Yes	
Email		Yes	
Name + SSN	Yes		
Name + PAN	Yes		
Name + Phone Number		Yes	
Name + email		Yes	
Name + DOB	Yes		

Methodology

The Table shows the type of information contained in each document category. For example, an organization's public document can contain financial statements, press releases, etc. In contrast, a restricted document might contain sensitive information like SSN or Bank Account Numbers.

Since, the documents have more than one category, multi-class classification algorithm is used to predict the class of the document.

Document Classification per Classification Policy			
Public	**Internal**	**Confidential**	**Restricted**
		Non Sensitive PII:	Sensitive PII:
Financial Statements	Training Materials	Name	SSN/ PAN
Press Release	Instructions	Phone Number	Date of Birth
		E-mail address	Bank Account Number

Results & Discussion

Part I - Sensitive Data Elements

Name
The figure highlights the keyword 'name' in the document along with 11 names.

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Results:
Name keyword found. Keyword: name

1. Number of Names found: 11

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Phone Numbers
The figure highlights the keyword 'number' in the document along with the number of phone numbers found.

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Phone number keyword found. Keyword: number
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2.1 Number of Indian Phone Numbers found: 26

2.2 Number of US Phone Numbers found: 11

2.3 Number of UK Phone Numbers found: 9

2.4 Number of Australian Phone Numbers found: 0
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Results & Discussion

Data Modelling

Multi-class classification Algorithm is used to Classify the document.

After Data is cleaned and prepared, we use this final dataset for the next step - Data Modeling.

We trained the below multi class classification Algorithms using both Count Vectorizer and TF-IDF features:

- Random Forest

- Multinomial Naïve Bayes

- K-Nearest Neighbors

- Decision Trees

Data Modelling Results				
Classifier	**Count Vectorizer**		**TF-IDF**	
	Train Accuracy	Test Accuracy	Train Accuracy	Test Accuracy
Random Forest	98%	80%	97%	68%
Multinomial Naïve Bayes	88%	**<u>90%</u>**	95%	62%
K Neighbors	68%	68%	88%	50%
Decision Tree	100%	83%	100%	56%

Results & Discussion

Part II – Document Risk Categorization
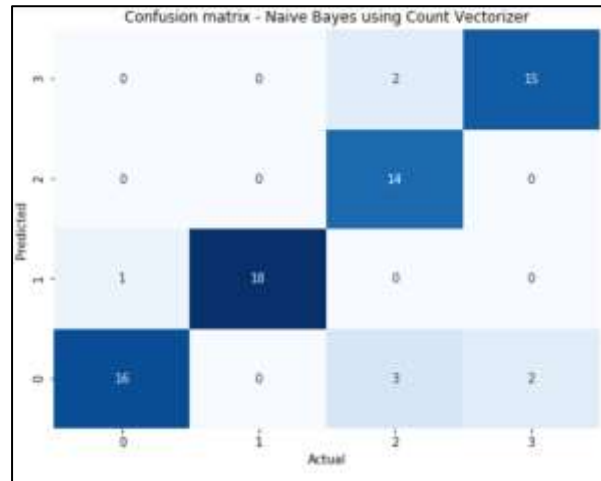
Train	Test
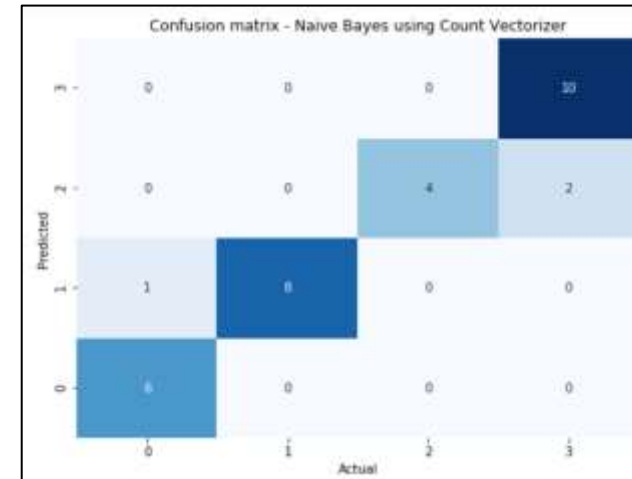
Internal - 0, Public - 1, Confidential - 2, Restricted -3

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Classification report
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           1       0.86      1.00      0.92         6
           2       1.00      0.89      0.94         9
           3       1.00      0.67      0.80         6
           4       0.83      1.00      0.91        10

    accuracy                           0.90        31
   macro avg       0.92      0.89      0.89        31
weighted avg       0.92      0.90      0.90        31
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Results & Discussion

Part II – Document Risk Categorization

As per the rule based risk categorization defined, the document is categorized as a High-Risk document since it contains restricted elements – SSN and PAN along with names and phone numbers.

Part III – Auto Classification

After the document was cleaned and processed. The document was classified as a Restricted Document using the naïve bayes model chosen.

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Calculating the risk score....
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Summary:

The Data Security Classficiation of the document is: RESTRCITED
The Document Risk Categorization for the document is: High Risk

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End
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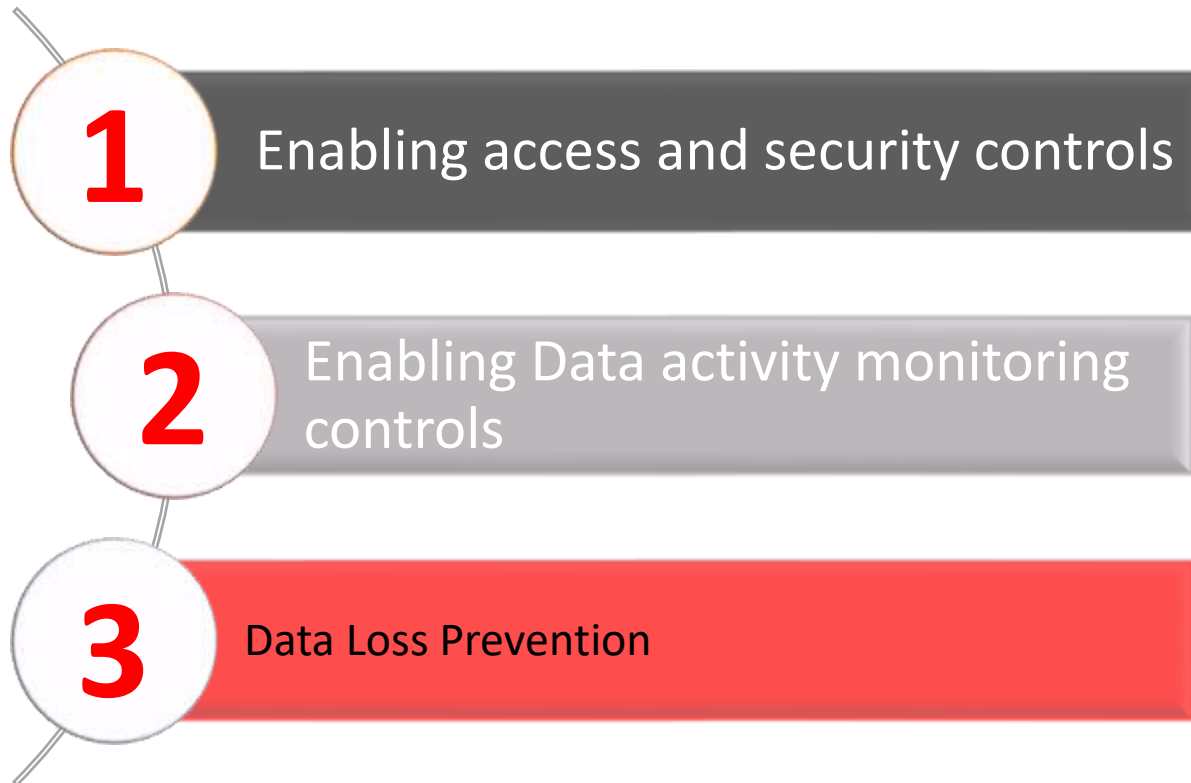
Future scope

After the Sensitive data discovery and classifying the sensitive data elements the below data privacy and data protection needs can be commenced:

1 Enabling access and security controls

2 Enabling Data activity monitoring controls

3 Data Loss Prevention

Data Loss Prevention

1. Label based Data Loss Prevention (DLP) –Stop sensitive data files being transferred (example: email)

2. Label based Global Access Remediation – Manage access (remove full access and assign view only) of end users.

3. Label based Information Rights Management (IRM) – Using labels assign view only rights(no copy paste, no print rights etc.)

4. Label based Data Masking – Data masking using seed value algorithm, format preserving encryption

   More Data Masking techniques - Tokenization, Anonymization, Pseudonymization

Conclusion

1 *Solves one of the primary data privacy challenges: To help organizations manage the sensitive data on unstructured files stored across – Confluence, SharePoint, shared network drives, etc.*

2 *Can be used by an organization to build their classifiers, custom attributes, and meta-models to accurately identify and classify sensitive data across all the unstructured data sources.*

3 *The discovery results and the risk classification of the word documents allows the business stakeholders to take necessary actions in protecting their sensitive data.*

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Thank you

Appendix

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

European Union's (EU) GDPR is the law that imposes privacy regulations on any organization that accumulates or processes personal information related to individuals in the EU. Personal information includes but is not limited to names, email, location, ethnicity, gender, biometric data, religious beliefs, etc. All organizations are required to be GDPR compliant as of May 2018. The fines in case of GDPR violations are very high €20miilion or 4% of the global revenue.

The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)

The CCPA of 2018 gives Californian consumers control over how an organization collects their personal information. The personal information includes but is not limited to name, social security number, products purchased, internet browsing history, geolocation data, etc. The CCPA provides consumers with three principal "rights." The first right is the "right to know" how the organization collects, uses, or shares personal information. The second right is the "right to opt-out" of selling personal data. The third right is the "right to delete" personal information collected about the consumer

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

HIPAA by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives consumers rights over their health information. Consumers have the right to get a copy of their health information, check who has it, and learn how it is used and shared. These regulations apply to health care providers, insurance companies,

Sl. No	Abbreviation	
1	GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
2	BCBS	The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
3	CCPA	The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018
4	CCAR	The Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review
5	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act