

# Sensitive data active catalog. How to control sensitive data in real time



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# Awesome company

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- Delivery company
- A large number of customers
- Clients PII
- Card data
- A lot of data that needs to be processed quickly
- Annoying “bugs”





# WHY

Hard to have full control over sensitive data

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We don't know exactly where sensitive data are

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Typically, there is no single approach to working with sensitive data

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Difficult to track the movement of data

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Data quality issues

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It is long/impossible to search for all sensitive data storage locations

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Difficult to find and localize a data leak

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Lack of a culture of working with data

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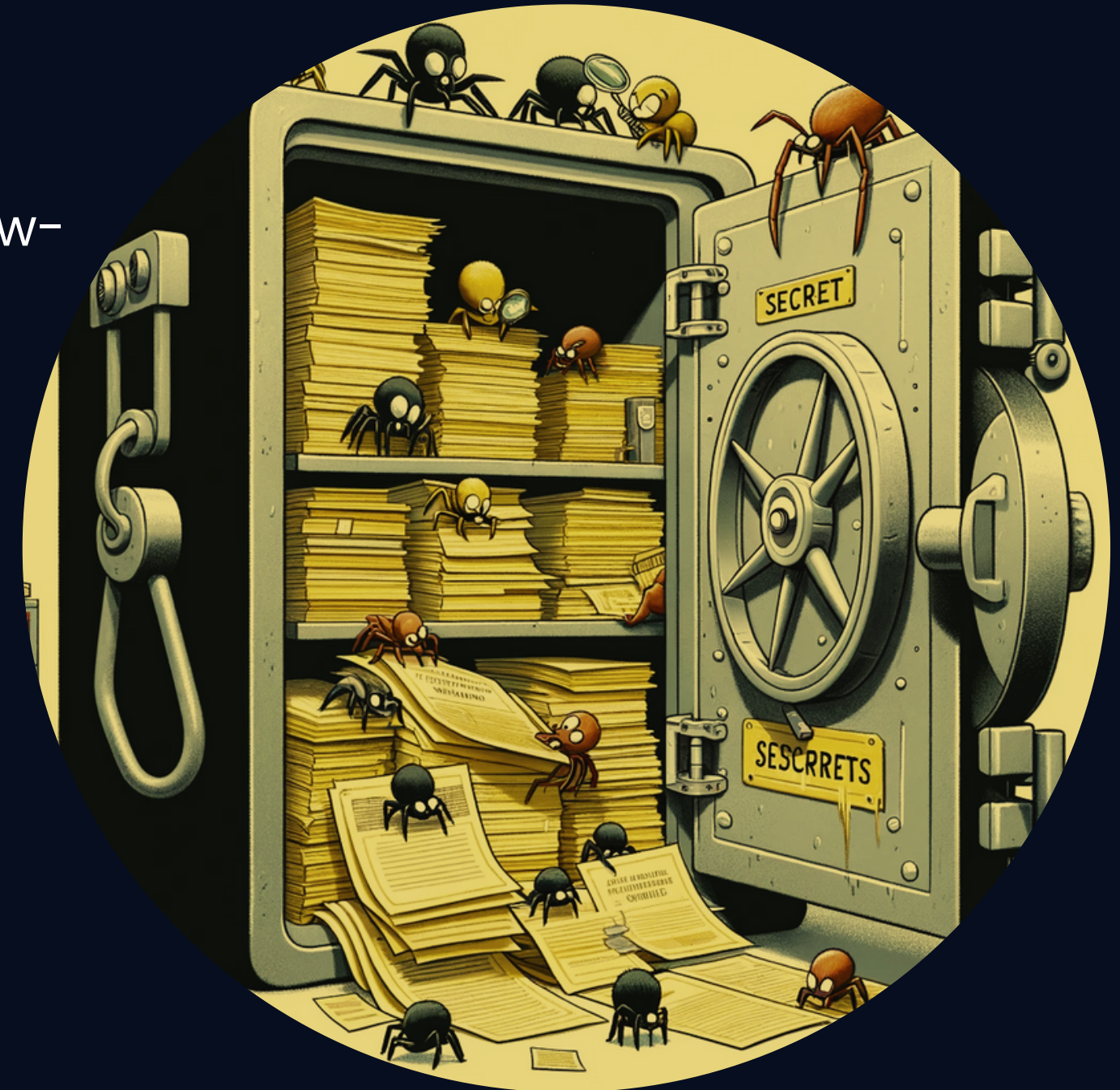


# Classification of critical data

Critical

Payment card data  
Personal data (clients)  
Personal data (employees)  
Business sensitive data: Company strategy and know-how  
Business sensitive data: Company financial data  
Business sensitive data: Trading Information  
Financial data  
Medical data  
Video surveillance footage  
User authentication data  
Keys, passwords, secrets for financial operations  
Masked / anonymized confidential data  
System data  
Crypto addresses  
Internal corporate data  
Public data

non-Critical





# Classification of critical data



Passwords



API keys (both external and internal)



One-time Confirmation/Signature Codes (OTP)



Encryption Keys



Authentication Tokens



Sessions (client, applications)



Client keys/Secrets



Private keys (SSH, PGP, RSA, ECD, etc.)



Verification codes



Private cert key



Signature Keys (PEP, CAP)



Other secrets



# What can this lead to

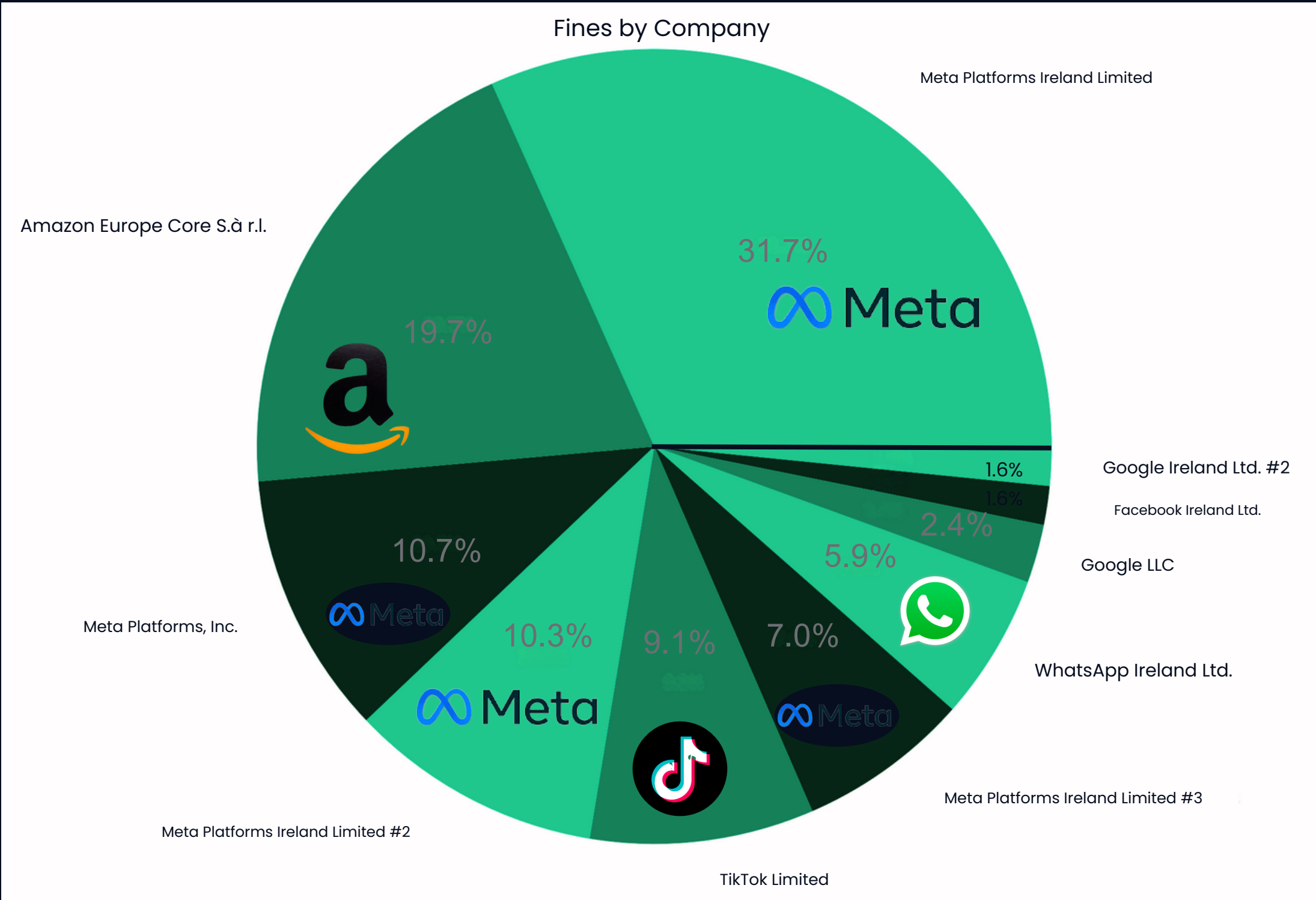






- Up to 4% of the company's annual turnover
- Determined by the results of an independent audit

Sector	Sum of Fines
Media, Telecoms and Broadcasting	€ 3,312,235,866 (at 282 fines)
Industry and Commerce	€ 870,213,061 (at 429 fines)
Transportation and Energy	€ 78,007,570 (at 98 fines)
Employment	€ 49,018,177 (at 125 fines)
Finance, Insurance and Consulting	€ 43,798,658 (at 192 fines)
Public Sector and Education	€ 24,975,063 (at 205 fines)
Accomodation and Hospitality	€ 22,487,748 (at 63 fines)
Health Care	€ 16,346,209 (at 182 fines)
Real Estate	€ 2,599,231 (at 57 fines)
Individuals and Private Associations	€ 2,004,686 (at 254 fines)
Not assigned	€ 1,579,708 (at 110 fines)



Statistics: Highest individual fines (Top 10)  
The following statistics shows the highest individual fin

	Controller	Fine [€]
1	Meta Platforms Ireland Limited	1,200,000,000
2	Amazon Europe Core S.à.r.l.	746,000,000
3	Meta Platforms, Inc.	405,000,000
4	Meta Platforms Ireland Limited	390,000,000
5	TikTok Limited	345,000,000
6	Meta Platforms Ireland Limited	265,000,000
7	WhatsApp Ireland Ltd.	225,000,000
8	Google LLC	90,000,000
9	Facebook Ireland Ltd.	60,000,000
10	Google Ireland Ltd.	60,000,000



# Example

## Notification of a personal data breach by NAGA Markets Europe Ltd

NAGA Markets Europe Ltd reported a data breach in May 2021, where an unknown individual accessed their database.

This breach compromised the personal information of about 342,000 customers including:

- names
- postal addresses
- email addresses
- phone numbers.



# Example



The amount of the penalty for one account

$$9000 / 342\,000 = 0,0263 \text{ euro per user}$$



Country:	Cyprus
Authority:	Cypriot Data Protection Commissioner
Date:	05/02/2023
Fine:	€9,000
Organization Fined:	NAGA Markets Europe Ltd
Article Violated:	Art. 5 (1) f) GDPR, Art. 32 (1) b), d) GDPR
Type:	Failure to comply with data processing principles

**Summary:**

The Cypriot DPA has fined NAGA Markets Europe Ltd. with EUR 9,000. The data controller had suffered a data breach where an unknown person had accessed the company's database, holding the data of more than 342,000 customers hostage. The DPA discovered that the data controller had not implemented the required organizational and technical measures that would protect the personal data, and this made it possible for the breach to take place.

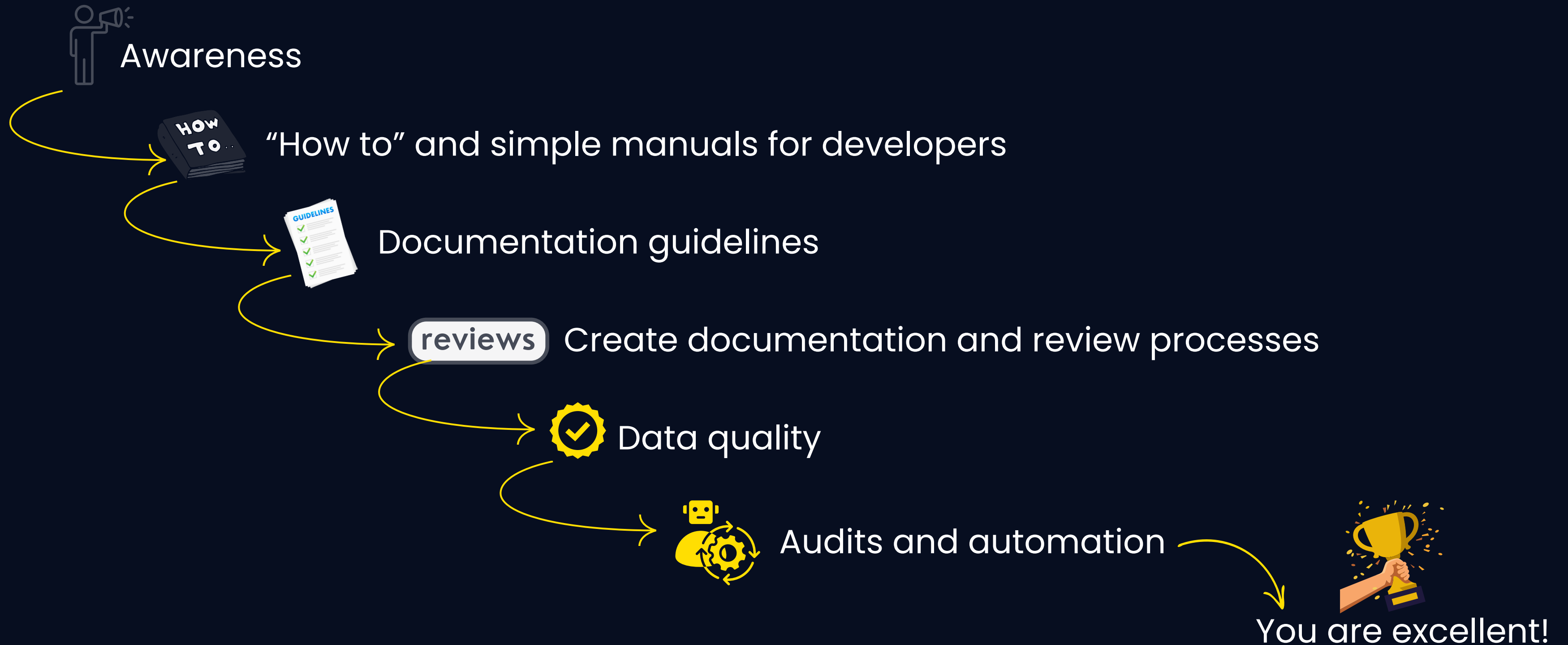


What can lead us to Sensitive data active catalog ?



It takes time to assemble a spaceship...

# Solutions





# What we need?

- Data owners
- Data quality metrics
- Data artifact inventory
- Data Usage Controls
- Event-Driven Approach
- Data Lifecycle





# Processes

- Education (Data)
- Up to date “How to”
- Documentation process
- Data quality checks
- Sensitive data searching





# Data active catalog

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- Centralised store of metadata  
(producers, data schemas)
- Unified data pipelines and infra
- Message sampling services
- Policy as code for documentation





# Tools and services

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- Store metadata
- Search for data
- Message sampling services
- Policy as code tools





# Data Catalogs

A data catalog is a tool designed to manage an organization's data assets. It provides a centralized inventory of available data, making it easier for users to find and understand data within an organization.

- Enhanced Data Discovery
- Improved Data Governance
- Better Collaboration
- Informed Decision Making





# Open-source Data Catalogs

## ODD

Backend: Postgres  
Data Ingestion:  
Postgres ✓  
Vertica  
ClickHouse ✓  
DBT ✓  
Kafka ✓  
Argo  
Tableau

Disadvantages:  
No Custom sources  
No Data Domains

[link](#)

## Amundsen

Backend: Neo4j  
+ Elastic  
Data Ingestion:  
Postgres ✓  
Vertica ✓  
ClickHouse  
DBT  
Kafka  
Argo  
Tableau

Disadvantages:  
No Catalog of sources  
No community support

[link](#)

## Open Metadata

Backend: MySQL  
+Elastic  
Data Ingestion:  
Postgres ✓  
Vertica ✓  
ClickHouse ✓  
DBT ✓  
Kafka ✓  
Argo  
Tableau ✓

Disadvantages:  
Requires the latest  
versions of all  
supporting products.

[link](#)

## DataHub

Backend: Neo4j  
+ Elastic  
Data Ingestion:  
Postgres ✓  
Vertica ✓  
(can use via  
sqlalchemy)  
ClickHouse ✓  
DBT ✓  
Kafka ✓  
Argo  
Tableau ✓

Disadvantages:  
No\* (for us)

[link](#)

DataHub is an open-source metadata platform for the modern data stack.

Datasets > PostgreSQL > calm-pagoda-323403 > jaffle\_shop

Dataset

PostgreSQL

customers

Schema

Documentation

Lineage

Properties

Queries

Stats

Validation

Search in schema...

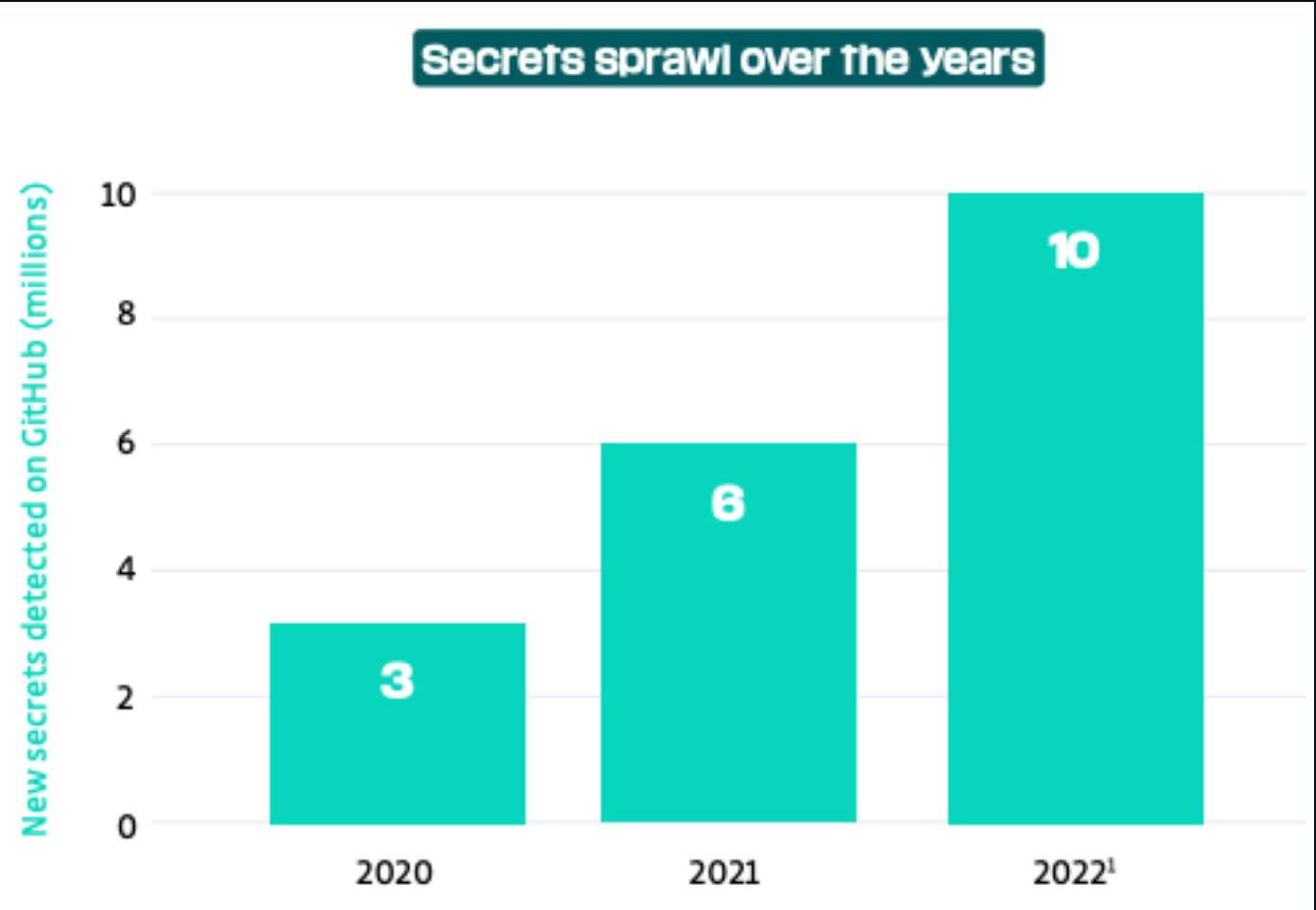
Field	Description	Tags
customer_id Struct	<div>This is a unique identifier for a customer</div> <div>test</div>	<div><div>(edited)</div><div>New_Tag X</div><div>#user X</div><div>Identificare1 X</div><div>Demo X</div></div>
first_name Struct	<div>This is customer first name.</div> <div>Edited by another user.</div>	<div><div>(edited)</div><div>name X</div><div>personal data X</div></div>

# Search for critical data tools



Git

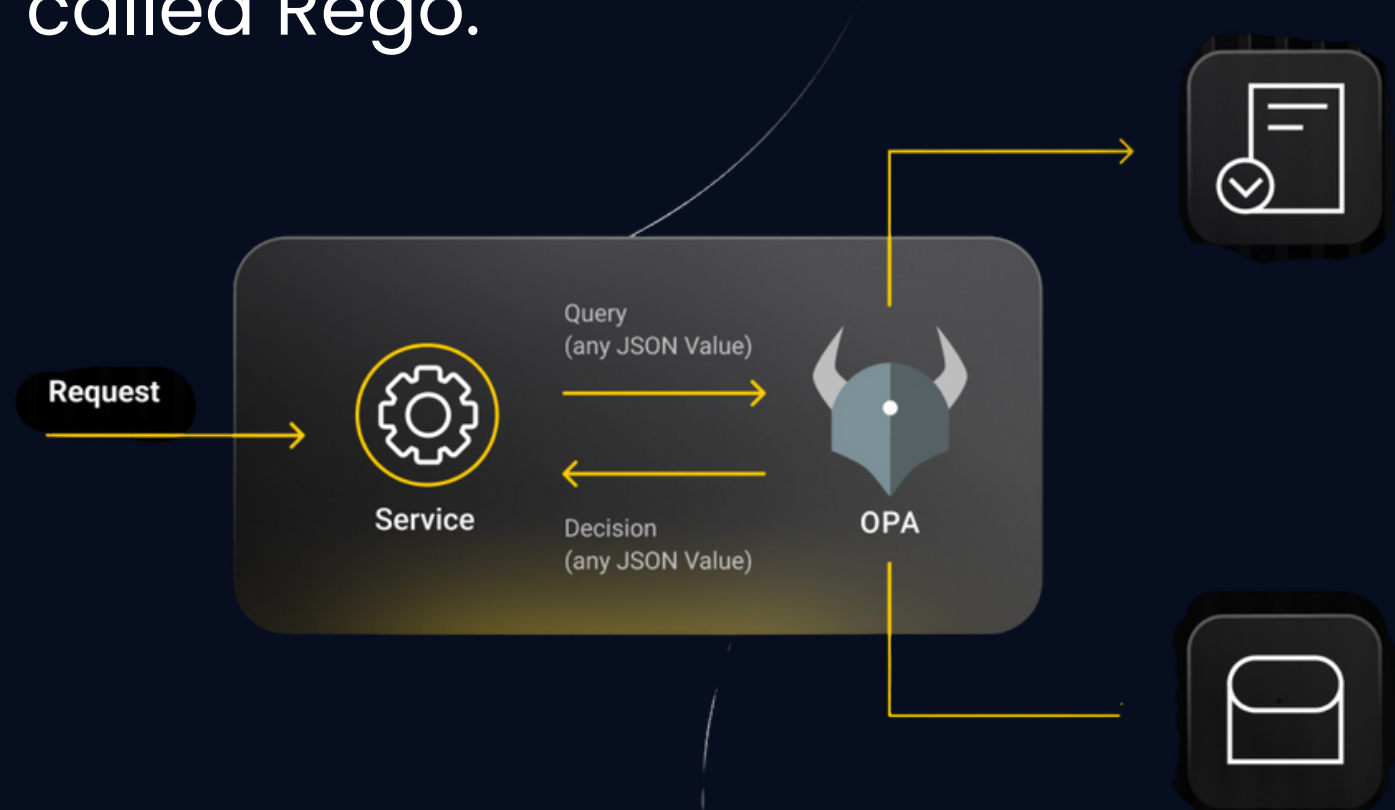
- Gitleaks [link](#)
- Talisman [link](#)
- Trufflehog [link](#)





# Policy as code tools

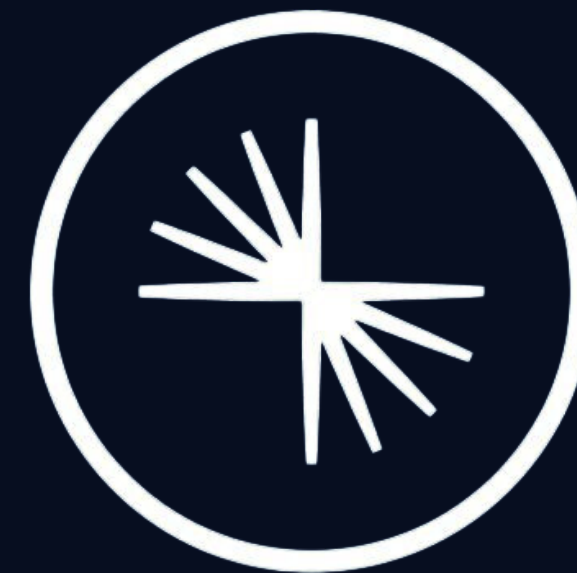
Open Policy Agent is an open source, general purpose policy engine created by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation. It provides a framework for policy as code in any domain, based on a high-level declarative language called Rego.



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## Schema Registry for Kafka

Schema Registry provides a centralized repository for managing and validating schemas for topic message data



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# Search for critical data tools



K8S

Intercepts and  
samples traffic

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Data Bases

Need Agents

imperva

Data Security  
Fabric



**SPIRION**<sup>™</sup>



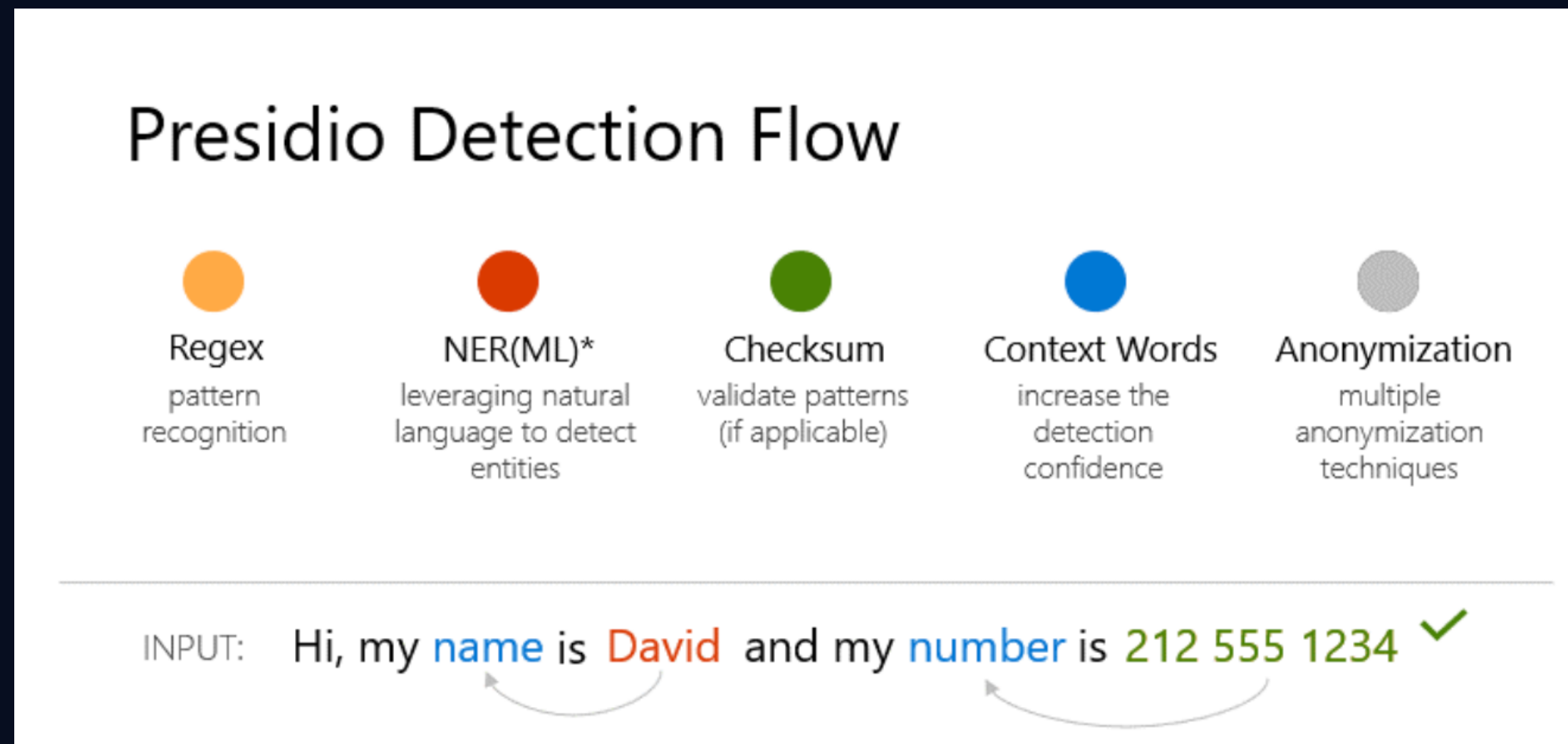
**TRICENT**!



**BigID**

# AI tool: Microsoft Presidio

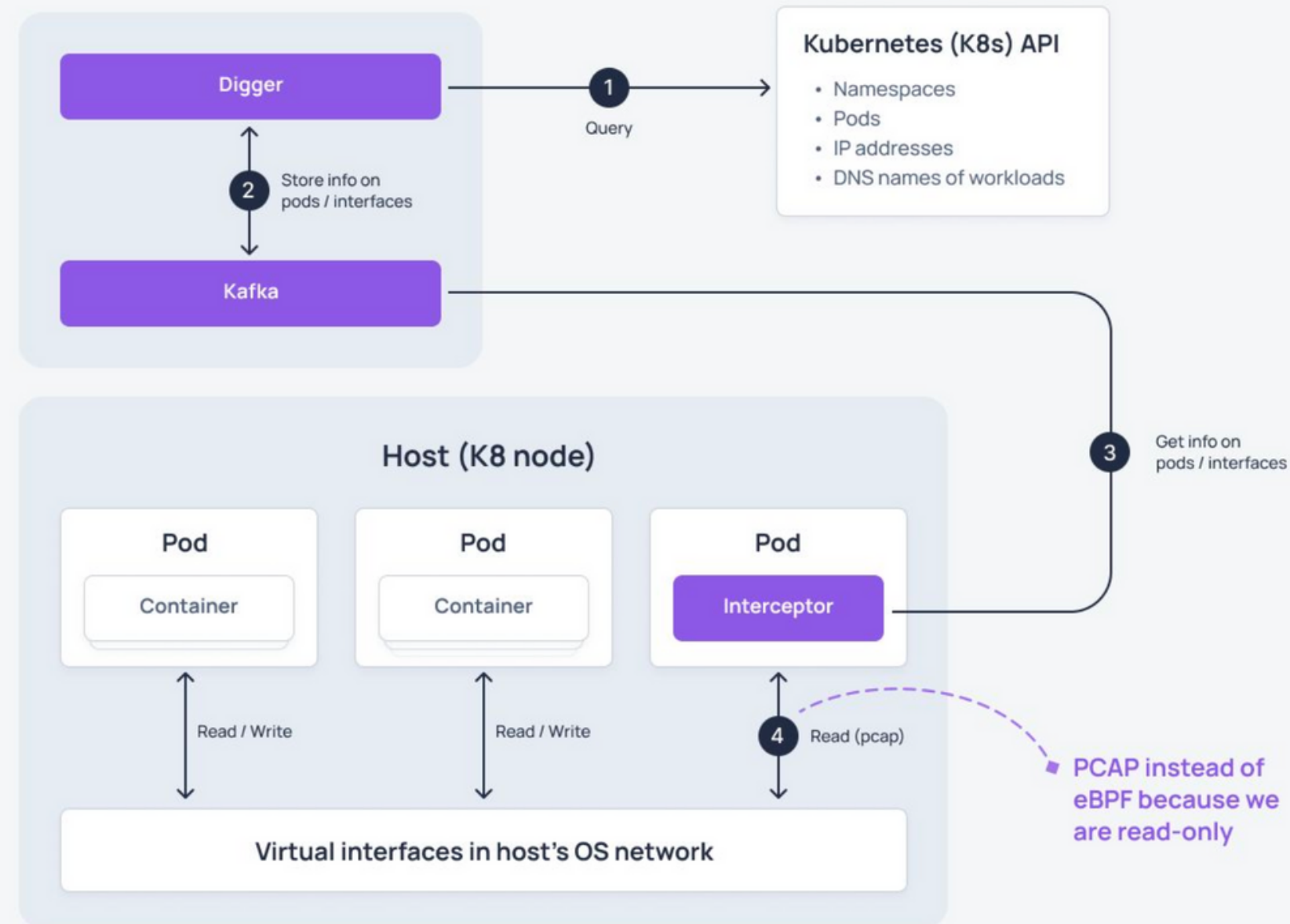
Presidio (Origin from Latin praesidium 'protection, garrison') helps to ensure sensitive data is properly managed and governed.





## Non-blocking traffic interception

- 1 Digger finds out Kubernetes mapping of namespaces to pods and their IP addresses + collects names of the workloads
- 2 Digger passes this information to Interceptors through Kafka
- 3 Via Kafka, Interceptors read the Kubernetes info collected by Digger
- 4 Interceptors read information from virtual interfaces on the host using libpcap; they need access to the underlying host (hostNetwork: true)



# Soveren data types

Right now Soveren works with the following data types:



Person



Passport



Phone number



IP address



Birth date



Tax number



Email address



Gender



Pension number



Location



US Driver license



Credit or debit Card



IBAN





# Solution Architecture

## What we have

- Event driven approach
- Kafka as a service for teams
- K8S
- Data bases under load
- DataHub
- The desire to know about the quality of data and its movement



## Approach

- Do not load databases with crawlers
- Sample messages from kafka
- Validate data schemas
- Minimize false positive detects
- Identify all critical data in the company
- Update information in Data Hub and CMDB



# Anubis

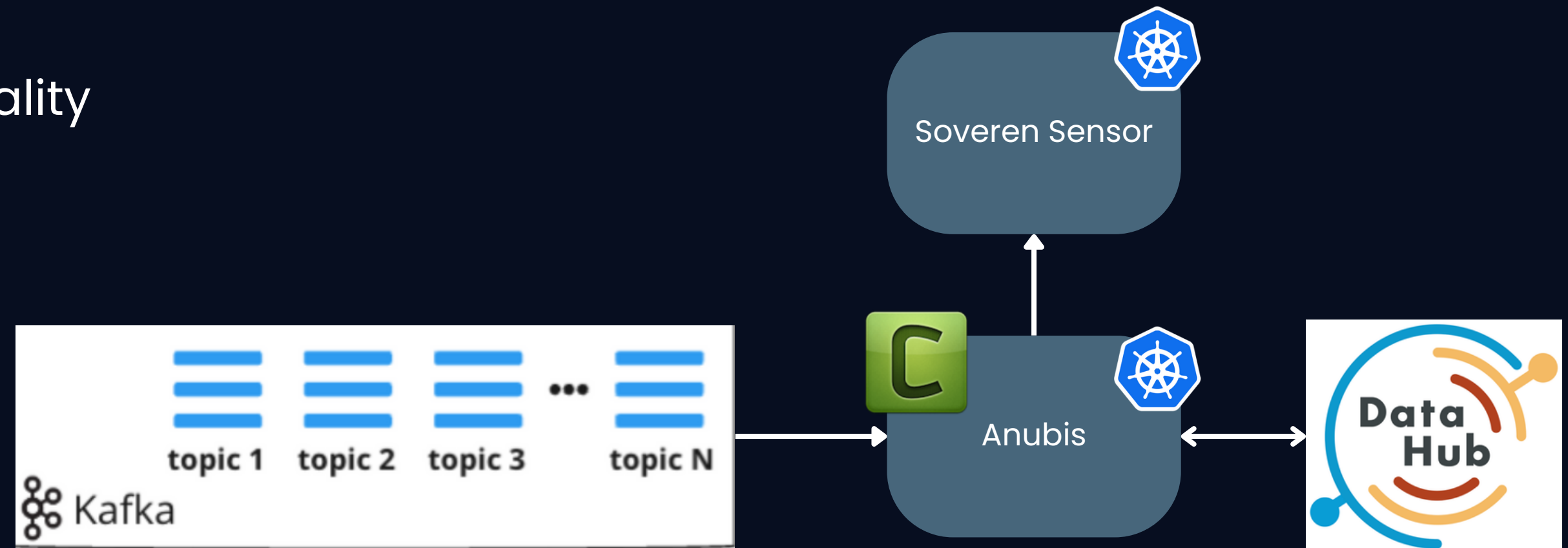
If developing is not  
fun, then why do it?



# Solution Architecture now

Service for sampling messages from kafka – “Anubis”

- Search for critical data
- Assessment of data quality
- Enrich findings
- Report to DataHub
- Report to CMDB





# Anubis at work

API endpoints

Data types ▾

+ Add filter

289 of 203,396 endpoints match

Endpoint	Hostname <span>⌵</span> <span>↑</span>	Namespace	Service	Sensitivity <span>↓</span>	Data types
/echo/kafka/prod/a[REDACTED]d/360f1b7a-a097-431d-ab21-14a9f390d6d0 [POST]	soveren-echo.prod.env	soveren-echo	soveren-echo	Medium	● Phone
/echo/kafka/prod/a[REDACTED]d/171c6998-df27-4614-ab56-80b4d3ac779b [POST]	soveren-echo.prod.env	soveren-echo	soveren-echo	Medium	● Phone
/echo/kafka/prod/a[REDACTED]d/bc402274-5b42-4182-8f08-ba939e6bcd4a [POST]	soveren-echo.prod.env	soveren-echo	soveren-echo	Medium	● Phone
/echo/kafka/prod/a[REDACTED]d/4d91ed77-c6ce-4c62-86b6-bf8bada1f034 [POST]	soveren-echo.prod.env	soveren-echo	soveren-echo	Medium	● Phone
/echo/kafka/prod/a[REDACTED]d/291bc940-f20b-4a61-a551-e0a94dda7525 [POST]	soveren-echo.prod.env	soveren-echo	soveren-echo	Medium	● Phone
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# Anubis at work

soveren-echo.prod.env/echo/kafka/prod/360f1b7a-a097-431d-ab21-14a9f390d6d0

[POST] soveren-echo itsec2-rke-prod-env • sovereign-echo • Last seen 12 hours ago

Request

Response 200

1 {

2     "jwt\_decoded": {

3         "body": {

4             "v1.0.0": {

5                 "assignee": "",

6                 "auto\_created\_reason": {

7                     "blacklisted": [

8                         {

9                             "AbuseRatio": "1.111",

10                             "PureAbuseRatio": "1.111",

11                             "Stat": "1/1/-",

12                             "Type": "\*\*\*\*\*",

13                             "Value": "+11111111111" Phone

14                         }

15                     ]

16                 },

17                 "description": "",

18                 "id": "11\*1\*\*\*\*\*-1\*-11\*1-1\*\*\*-1\*1111111\*1",

19                 "parent\_id": "11\*1\*\*\*\*\*-1\*-11\*1-1\*\*\*-1\*1111111\*1",

20                 "process\_name": "\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*\*-\*\*\*",

21                 "severity": "\*\*\*",

22                 "supreme\_id": "11\*1\*\*\*\*\*-1\*-11\*1-1\*\*\*-1\*1111111\*1",

23                 "suspects": [

24                     {

25                         "uid": "111\*11\*-111\*-1111-111\*-\*\*111\*\*\*\*\*1\*\*"

26                     }

27                 ],

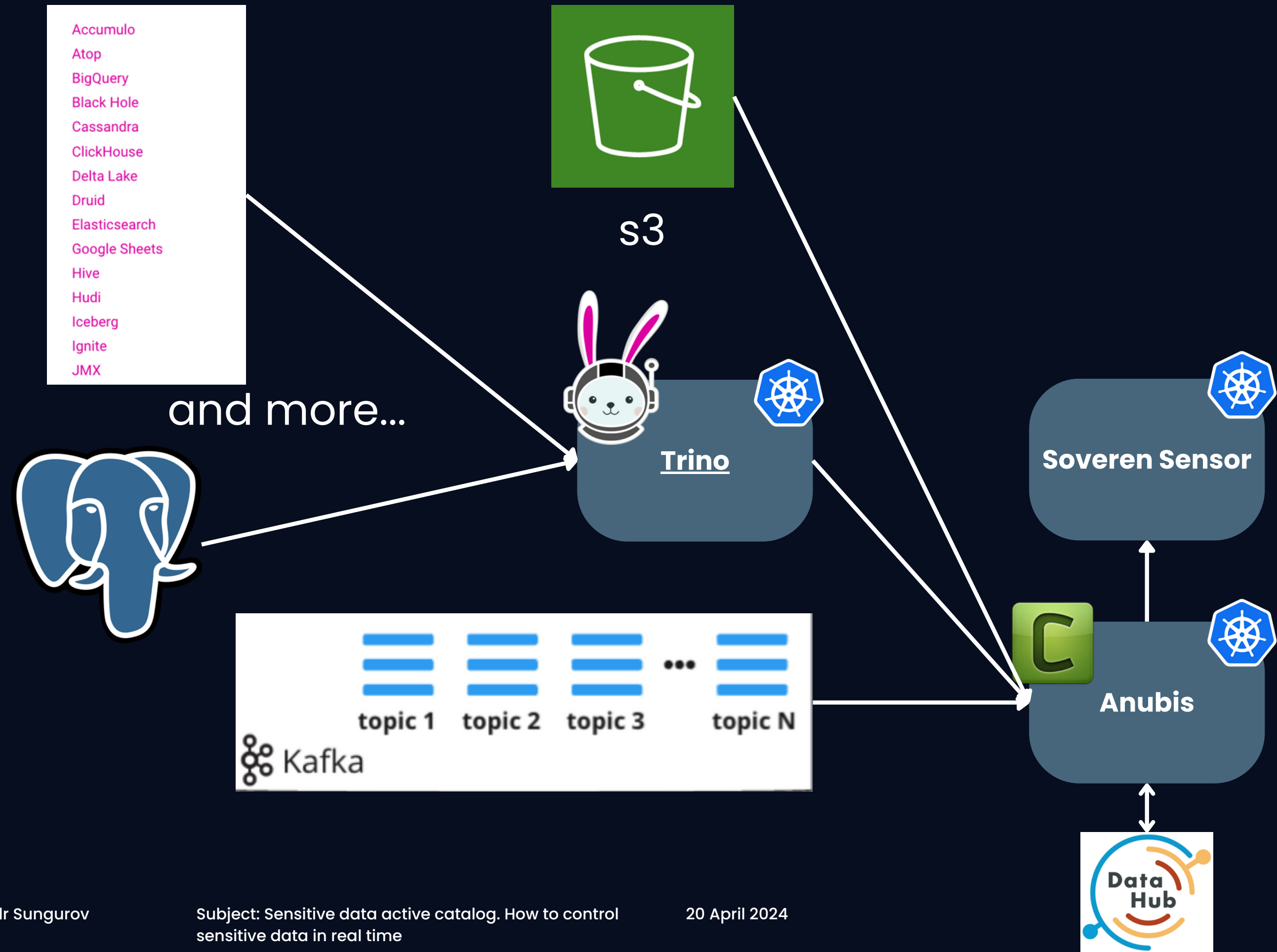
# Anubis at work

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{
  "asset_id": 82725516,
  "hostname": "soveren-echo.prod.env",
  "id": 217628076,
  "last_seen_at": 1711535719931,
  "method": "POST",
  "request_data_fields": [
    {
      "data_type": 4,
      "json_path":
"$$.jwt_decoded.body['v1.0.0'].auto_created_reason.blacklisted[0].Value",
      "masked_value": "\"*****@*****.***\""
    }
  ],
  "request_data_types": [
    4
  ],
  "response_data_fields": [
    {
      "data_type": 4,
      "json_path":
"$$.jwt_decoded.body['v1.0.0'].auto_created_reason.blacklisted[0].Value",
      "masked_value": "\"*****@*****.***\""
    }
  ],
  "response_data_types": [
    4
  ],
  "url": "/echo/kafka/prod/af[REDACTED]/7350b759-5c6d-4b5e-92a6-eecf241c8d5c"
}
```

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{ [-]
  anubis_id: 15151624-e73a-46c4-a44e-fed0d9b18572
  anubis_insight_url: [REDACTED]
  event: { [+]
  }
  event_utc_time: 2024-02-28T08:22:31Z
  log_source: anubis-consumer
  log_sourcetype: anubis
  log_utc_time_emit: 2024-03-05T11:33:34.505949227Z
  source: { [+]
  }
}
Show as raw text
host = [REDACTED] | source = anubis-consumer | sourcetype = anubis
```



# Solution Architecture to be



# There's something strange...

Microsoft

Azure Marketplace


Apps

Consulting Services

Search Marketplace

SellBlog

Products > Imperva Data Security (for use with Private Offers)



Get It Now

Pricing information

Starting at \$1,000,000.00/one-time payment for 1 year

Categories

Security

Databases

Support

Support

Legal

License Agreement

Privacy Policy

Imperva Data Security (for use with Private Offers)

Imperva

Overview

Plans + Pricing

Ratings + reviews

Plan	Description	Price + payment options	Billing term	Subtotal
Data Protection (for private plan/offer use - upfront billing)	Data Security Fabric capabilities including data discovery and classification of structured and unstructured data across 65+ data repositories. See full set here: <a href="https://www.imperva.com/products/plans/">https://www.imperva.com/products/plans/</a> .	\$1,000,000.00/one-time payment	1-year	\$1,000,000.00
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		\$3,000,000.00/one-time payment	3-year	\$3,000,000.00
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		\$2,000,000.00/year	2-year	\$4,000,000.00
		\$3,000,000.00/year	3-year	\$9,000,000.00











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