A New Way to Manage Data Complexity

Data is at the heart of everything we do, and that’s especially true in government. On a daily basis, agencies must defend against malicious threats aiming to exploit their data, while also complying with regulations that govern how data must be stored, managed, and protected. But, ultimately, what makes data valuable and strategic for government employees is their ability to draw insights from that data and make timely and informed decisions. In our recent survey, we asked nearly 120 government employees about their data challenges, priorities, and future plans.

**Current State of Government Data**

The amount of structured and unstructured data that agencies manage is growing exponentially.

**Challenge #1: Data Protection**

Securing data continues to be a top challenge for agencies, specifically when it comes to protecting data across fragmented locations and assessing what’s most at risk.

- **Data Visibility**
  - 78% of agencies report that they have data scattered across different locations/platforms/applications.
  - 53% of respondents have a fragmented approach to data protection.
  - 9% of agencies report that it’s a top priority.

- **Data Availability**
  - 56% of respondents said their organization is focused on data-driven decision-making, but there are still pockets where there’s little to no focus in this area.
  - 32% of respondents said their organization was focused on data-driven decision-making in 2019.

- **Data Compliance**
  - Regulators are changing the rules to protect our personal information.
  - 56% of government employees said their organization is focused on ensuring the availability of data to mission-critical applications.

- **Data Complexity**
  - We surveyed nearly 120 government employees about their data challenges, priorities, and future plans.

**Challenge #2: Data Availability**

Data visibility is a challenge on all fronts, making it equally tough to maintain compliance, to identify redundant and dark data and to ensure data is available across applications.

- **Data Visibility**
  - 56% of agencies report that their data is scattered across different locations/platforms/applications.
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  - 60% of respondents have a fragmented approach to data protection.

- **Data Availability**
  - 66% of respondents said their organization is focused on ensuring that data is available to the applications that require it.
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- **Data Compliance**
  - Regulators are changing the rules to protect our personal information.

**Challenge #3: Data-Driven Decision-Making as a Priority**

More than half of respondents said their organization is focused on data-driven decision-making, with regulations that govern how data must be stored, managed, and protected.

- **Data Visibility**
  - 53% of agencies report that their data is scattered across different locations/platforms/applications.
  - 57% of agencies report that they have data scattered across different locations/platforms/applications.
  - 60% of respondents have a fragmented approach to data protection.

- **Data Availability**
  - 66% of respondents said their organization is focused on ensuring that data is available to the applications that require it.

- **Data Compliance**
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**Future State of Government Data**

Ultimately, agencies want to reduce the complexity that comes with securing, managing and storing data.

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  - 60% of respondents have a fragmented approach to data protection.

- **Data Availability**
  - 66% of respondents said their organization is focused on ensuring that data is available to the applications that require it.

- **Data Compliance**
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Defy Complexity with the Veritas Enterprise Data Services Platform

An Enterprise Data Services Platform offers a standardized way for agencies to manage their data complexity using a single solution. For example, the Veritas platform, in partnership with TVAR Solutions’ unique data management services, provides:

- **Protection**
  - Ensures that data remains secure at scale and always meets compliance requirements wherever it lives, with unparalleled, yet robust, data protection solutions.

- **Availability**
  - Ensures that applications are always available and adhere to the service-level agreements that your 24x7x365 enterprise demands, whether virtual, on-premise or in the cloud.

- **Insight**
  - INFO – insights into data that allow you to take action on increased operational efficiency, optimize costs, and enable regulatory readiness.

For more information about the Enterprise Data Services Platform, visit veritas.com/government or email TVAR Solutions at information@tvarsolutions.com.