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How Much Does Your Ox Weigh? Crowdsource Your Way to Data Protection



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CISOs: the first, last and only line of defense







But even the bravest need help sometimes...







Yes, we are the best but...

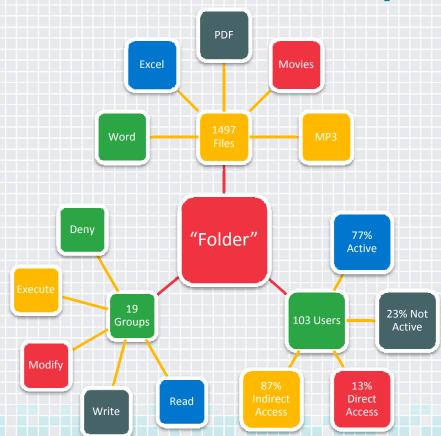
- We don't have endless budget
- We don't have all the time in the world
- We don't have all the people we need
- We don't know everything...

We always need to do more, with less





Let's talk real-life: Data Ownership





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But we live in exponential times...









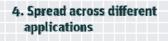


1. Organizational data is constantly growing 2. It doubles every two years

→ 3.1

3. Comes in different forms







5. Often across different geographies with different regulations



6. With part of it on premise and the other on the cloud





So now we just need to repeat the process

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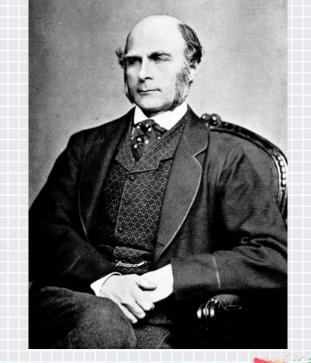
(Which is the number of folders with access rules that we have)



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Francis Galton

- He was a knight!
- He visited a livestock fair in 1906
- An Ox was on display
- 800 people tried to guess "How much does the Ox weigh?" No one could. Not even the experts
- But, the mean of the guesses was correct
- Sir Francis Galton discovered the wisdom of the crowd

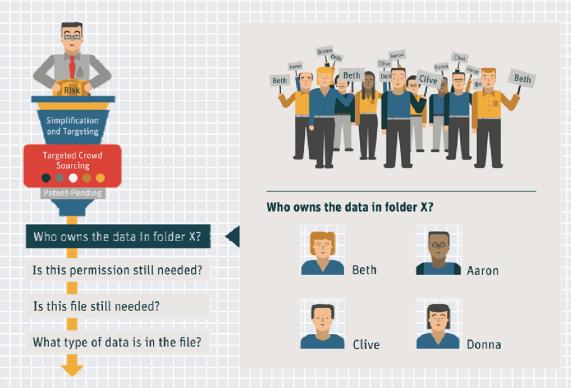








Now let's do the same thing, together!









The Washington Post (February 5, 2015)

"Crowdsourcing America's cybersecurity is an idea so crazy it might just work."







Did I say that?

- There is no need to chase the expert
- The right information needs to be delivered to the right people in the right place, at the right time, and in the right way
- Information aggregation functionality is needed

Source: Oinas-Kukkonen, Harri (2008). Network analysis and crowds of people as sources of new organisational knowledge



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Crowdsourcing your data security





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What can you do?

- Short-term:
 - Identify data security processes that depends on context and business knowledge, such as: Data ownership, Data classification and Access policies.
 - Add business users to these processes.
 - Discover ways to help business and facilitate win/win.
- Medium-long term:
 - Make the users your first line of defense.
 - Gather data security and security education into a single channel.
 - Reward users for taking an active role, make them your heroes.





And don't forget to share the love!

