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Do your spreadsheets comply with GDPR?

Spreadsheets are the most common business application in the business world. Period.

They can be found anywhere, whether as part of a major business process or as an ad-hoc solution for data exported from systems such as ERP or similar.

In the post GDPR era, spreadsheets are one of the biggest unaddressed threats that puts your organization at risk.

In the event of a GDPR audit, it is practically impossible to prove that you have implemented technical and organisational measures addressing spreadsheet data security. Even a single spreadsheet placed in a shared or unprotected folder compromises your compliance.

Here are some of the challenges organizations are facing when using spreadsheets.

Spreadsheets do not meet the GDPR security standards

To be GDPR compliant, data must be processed in a manner that ensures security. Even when using password protection mechanisms, there are some serious pitfalls in this method.

- Excel files can always be "saved as" which creates a mayhem of duplicate data.

- Spreadsheets can be emailed to anyone – and you have absolutely no idea who they have been forwarded on to, and how they are used.

- Spreadsheets can show more than you intend. It's not uncommon for spreadsheet users to hide fields and forget them.

- Protected spreadsheets are often sent together with their matching password in the email. This is not how passwords should be treated, pre and post GDPR

- Outlook, Gmail and other email applications have autocomplete technologies. Occasionally these technologies auto fill the wrong recipient, which can result in disclosing highly confidential information.

- Eventually, the sad truth is that after a while, people get tired of entering the password over and over and the password just gets removed.

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What is DataRails?

DataRails is a spreadsheet digital transformation solution for financial users. Our algorithmic technology provides full control, version management, cell-level audit-trail, security and compliance of Excel-based business processes that meet the highest standards required in a zero-error environment.
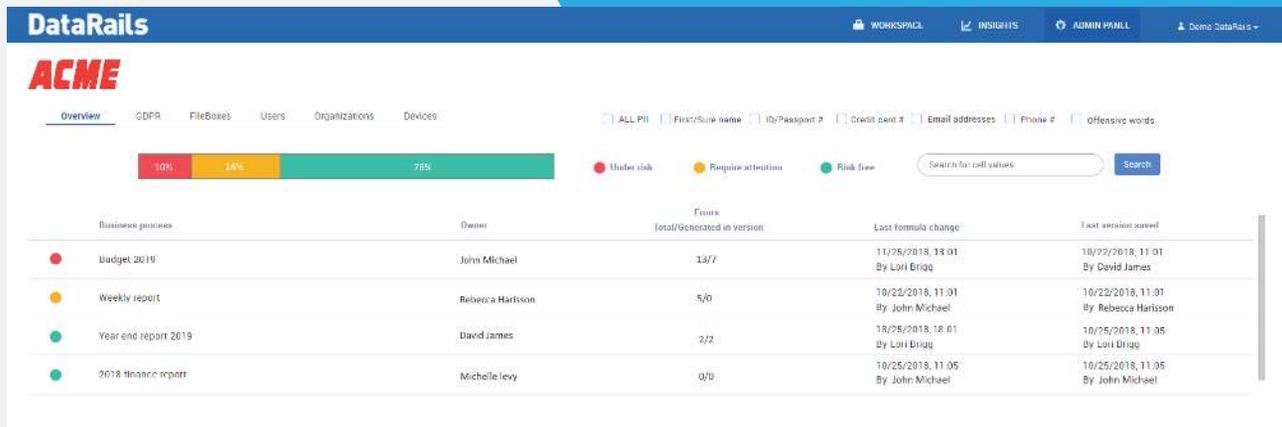
Enterprise PII active alerts

Using its spreadsheet databasing capabilities, DataRails allows the audit and compliance team to search for PII (Personally identifiable information) across all the organization's spreadsheets using a simple search engine.

DataRails supports all types of the personally identifiable information including name, ID, passport numbers, credit card numbers and more.

Enterprise content search engine

The unique DataRails spreadsheet database provides you with the capability to search for any keyword across your entire organization's Office™ documents.

Identify in a click all Office™ documents, including Excel, Word and PowerPoint which hold information regarding a specific customer or employee.

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