

# Data Classification: The Key to Public Sector Security

Industry: Public Sector  
Company Size: 200+ employees (approx.)



## Business Problem

*The client sought to formalize its Data Classification Program to manage risks associated with sensitive data, mitigate internal threats, ensure regulatory compliance, and protect against potential financial and reputational damage from data breaches.*

## How Intertec Helped

To ensure robust data protection and regulatory compliance, Intertec guided the client through a structured, phased approach to formalize their Data Classification Program, with clear outcomes at each stage:

- **Phase 1: Discovery:** Assessed current data practices, identified sensitive data, and developed a classification methodology with a clear implementation roadmap.
- **Phase 2: Pilot:** Tested the framework with key business units, refined security policies, and created guidelines for data protection tailored to the organization's needs.
- **Phase 3: Rollout:** Deployed the framework organization-wide, educated employees with a train-the-trainer program, and implemented compensating controls to safeguard data throughout its lifecycle.
- **Comprehensive Planning:** Ensured seamless integration of the program into existing systems, strengthening long-term security and ensuring continued compliance.

## Business Outcomes Delivered

Intertec helped the client achieve:

- **Clear ownership and accountability:** Established data ownership and accountability for sensitive information across the organization.
- **Comprehensive data inventory:** Created a detailed inventory of all data and its associated owners.
- **Identification of sensitive data:** Identified sensitive and confidential data based on criticality and risk.
- **Regulatory compliance:** Helped ensure compliance with data protection laws by implementing a clear, structured data classification program.
- **Reduced risk of insider threats:** Prevented potential data leaks by defining the necessary controls for handling sensitive data.