

## Top Data Management Techniques: A Checklist for Organizations

Data management can be a complex process, involving hardware, software, business cycles, and people.

With this easy-to-use checklist, any organization can jumpstart their data management strategy and strengthen their cybersecurity posture.

### Governance Alignment ✓

Ensure data ownership, classification policies, and access controls are clearly defined and consistently applied across all departments. Assign data stewards or custodians, and align policies with your organization's compliance framework and strategic goals.

#### Ask yourself:

- Have we defined data ownership across teams?
- Are classification levels and access rules standardized?
- Do we have documentation supporting our governance model?



### Storage Optimization ✓

Avoid unnecessary data duplication and reduce storage costs by aligning storage practices with actual usage and lifecycle needs. Use tools that allow for selective sync, cloud-based access, and archival automation based on data age or relevance.

#### Consider:

- Are we retaining outdated or duplicate files without reason?
- Do we have storage policies based on data lifecycle?
- Are employees using efficient tools for cloud and remote access?



### Risk Mitigation via Zero Trust and Audit Trails ✓

Limit access to only those who need it and ensure all file activity is monitored. Adopt a Zero Trust model where no access is granted by default, and use audit trails to track every file touchpoint for security and compliance reporting.

#### Verify:

- Are we using role-based or least-privilege access?
- Can we track file shares, downloads, and edits across users?
- Have we adopted Zero Trust principles in our sharing workflows?



## User Training and Adoption ✓

Even the best systems can fail if users are not equipped to use them securely. Provide ongoing training on secure file handling, sharing protocols, and collaboration tools. Make it easy for employees to follow best practices without friction.

### Evaluate:

- Do we offer regular training on secure data management?
- Are tools intuitive and aligned with employee workflows?
- Have we reduced reliance on risky practices like email attachments or unsanctioned tools?



## Compliance Readiness ✓

Audit your systems, workflows, and controls against industry regulations like GDPR, HIPAA, CMMC, or ITAR. Implement automated retention, data residency controls, and exportable reports to simplify audits and demonstrate compliance.

### Confirm:

- Can we show how data is stored, accessed, and shared?
- Do we have automated retention or legal hold workflows?
- Are we prepared to respond to audits or data access requests?



## How Does Your Current Approach Measure Up?

If any of the above areas are underdeveloped or inconsistent, now is the time to strengthen your foundation. Platforms like FileCloud are built to support each of these techniques with automation, flexibility, and security at scale.

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