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Protect Your Data Lake With Fine-grained Access Control and Governance

Big Data Creates Big Challenges

"Big Data" is getting bigger by the second. Organizations are now routinely collecting, storing, processing and analyzing terabytes and petabytes of data in data lakes. Data scientists, analysts and others are seeking to leverage these huge data stores to gain every possible competitive advantage. Data lakes–"storage repositories that hold vast amounts of raw data in its native formats, to be held until it is processed"–are changing enterprise data management for the better because the data does not need to be restructured to be stored, and the separation of storage and compute opens up several possibilities multiple types of workloads that can be run on the same data.

Importance of Access Management and Governance as Data Lakes Mature

It's easy to understand the enthusiastic embrace of data lakes by data-driven organizations. However, early adopters tend to focus first on the new capabilities provided by the technologies, leaving other enterprise requirements, such as access management and governance, to be addressed later.

It's typical to see enterprises start adoption with a few users and use cases and get comfortable with this paradigm. As adoption and data grow, users and workloads are onboarded and security and governance of data become a priority. This tends to slow down adoption and hurt user productivity as governance trumps agility. According to IDG's 2015 Big Data and Analytics Survey, "As organizations collect, store, and analyze increasing amounts of data from new and existing sources, security becomes of greater concern. Nearly 35% of survey respondents either aren't sure or don't think that their existing security solutions and products provide adequate data security."

Data Lakes Benefits

Data Lakes separate storage and compute to deliver numerous benefits to organizations:

FLEXIBILITY OF MULTIPLE LEVELS

- Data type: Store and access structured and unstructured data assets in native formats including CSV formats, file storage, relational databases, rich media (e.g. audio/video), time-series log data, and more
- Workload type: Support multiple types of workloads

SCALABILITY

Scale to multiple petabytes and beyond

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Leverage several technologies at scale with a much lower price point than ever before

OKERA PROTECTS DATA LAKES BY

- Simplifying and unifying access to data from different tools
- Enabling access control at different granularities–rows, column and even cells
- Dynamic anonymization to help you meet compliance requirements without inhibiting access
- Enabling governance and auditability of your data at scale
- Lowering the risks of data propagation by reducing the spread of replicas
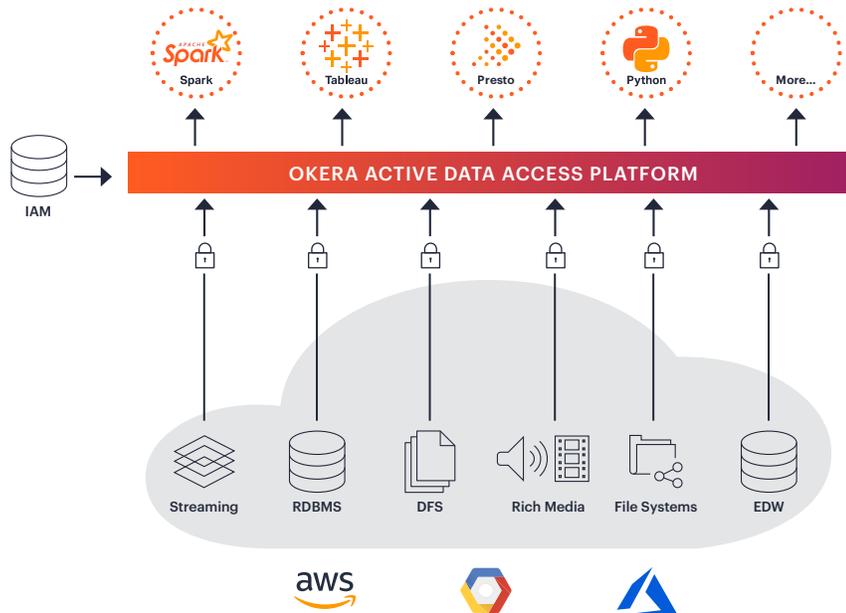
Okera Protects Access to Data Lakes

Security and governance are essential to every successful data lake implementation at scale. Data platform teams have to service the enterprise governance requirements in order to scale the lakes and make them mainstream. The downside risks and costs of failing to protect access and data are high in terms of regulatory penalties, reputational damage and even loss of customers. Okera enables you to address these requirements at any point during your data lake evolution.

Okera Active Data Access Platform Capabilities

The Okera Active Data Access Platform provides powerful access and governance capabilities. It easily and rapidly integrates with data lake implementations, enabling your organization to secure all data held in and accessed from your data lake. Specifically, it enables:

EASY ACCESS TO DATA

While flexibility is a key benefit offered by data lakes, it is also a potential source of vulnerability due to the diversity of data held in the lake. Okera's Active Data Access Platform provisions data to users with an easy-to-use abstraction of datasets. Users can consume these datasets using their preferred tools without having to deal with the underlying physical systems, data layouts and formats.

FINE-GRAINED ACCESS CONTROL

By implementing the Okera Active Data Access Platform, customers, data producers, and data stewards can easily request, grant, and manage access rights at different granularities–rows, columns and even individual cells. The platform also enables dynamic anonymization, tokenization and masking of data on the fly.

COMPREHENSIVE GOVERNANCE

For any big data technology solution to be considered secure, you must be able to monitor data usage by each individual, and to produce a complete audit trail at scale. Okera's Active Data Access Platform enables you to do this in addition to getting a clear view of who has access to what data at any point in time.

"Data and analytics leaders need to take an aggressive approach that creates an appropriate balance between data collection and data connection."

–ROXANE EDJLALI AND TED FRIEDMAN, GARTNER ANALYSTS

ABOUT OKERA

Okera is the first software provider to enable the management of data access and governance at scale for today's modern heterogeneous data environments. Okera's Active Data Access Platform allows agility and governance to co-exist and gives data producers, consumers and stewards the confidence to unlock the power of their data for innovation and growth. This unique, enterprise-wide platform facilitates the provisioning, accessing, governing and auditing of data in today's multi-cloud, multi-data-format, and multi-tool world.

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