Secure Data Masking for Sensitive Data

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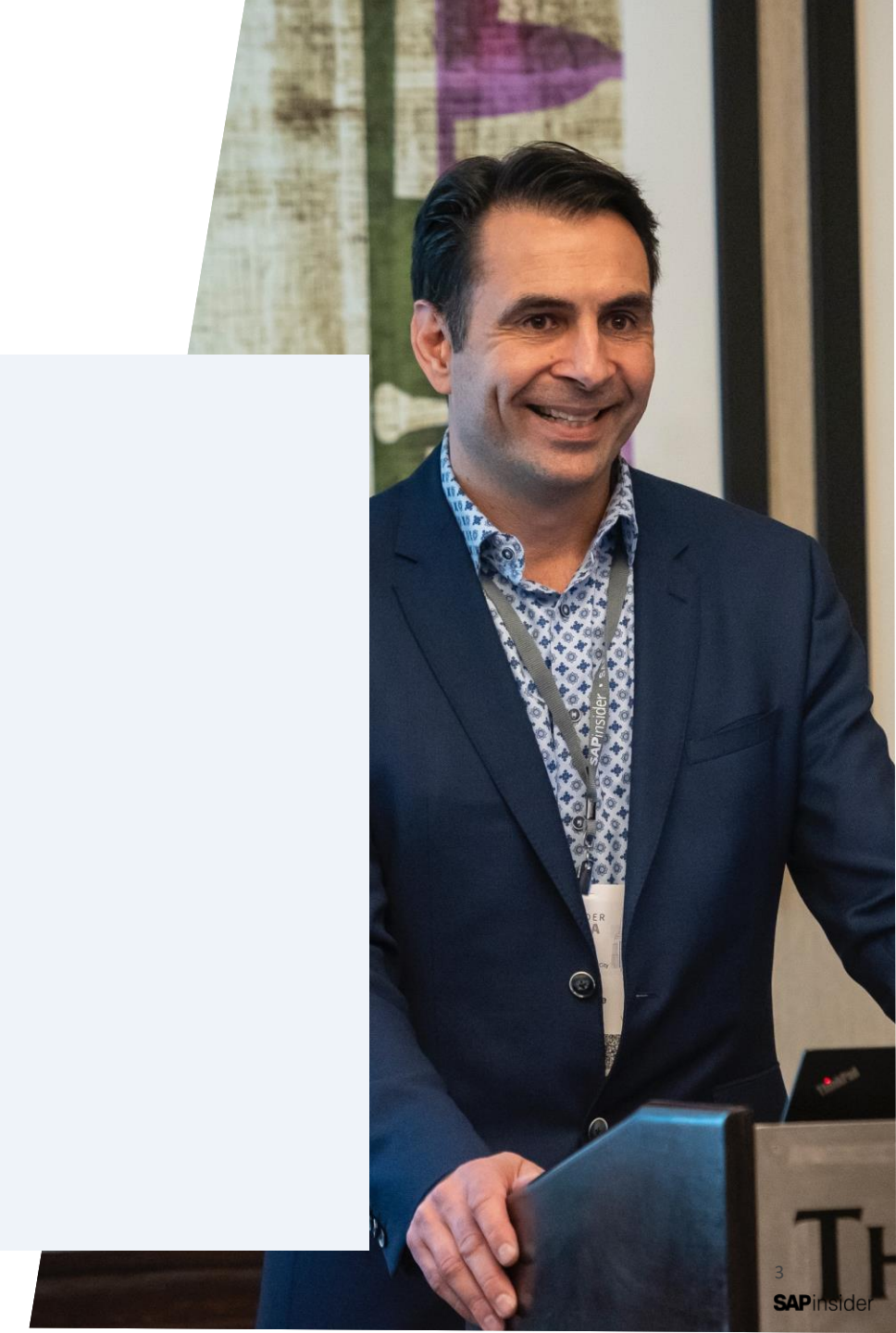
- Different types of threats to data security
- Methods for data protection
- Secure data masking – definitions and concept
- Use cases for data masking
- Software demonstration

What We'll Cover

- Data Security Threats
- Data Protection Methods
- Data Masking
- Use Cases
- Live Demonstration
- Wrap-Up



Data Security Threats

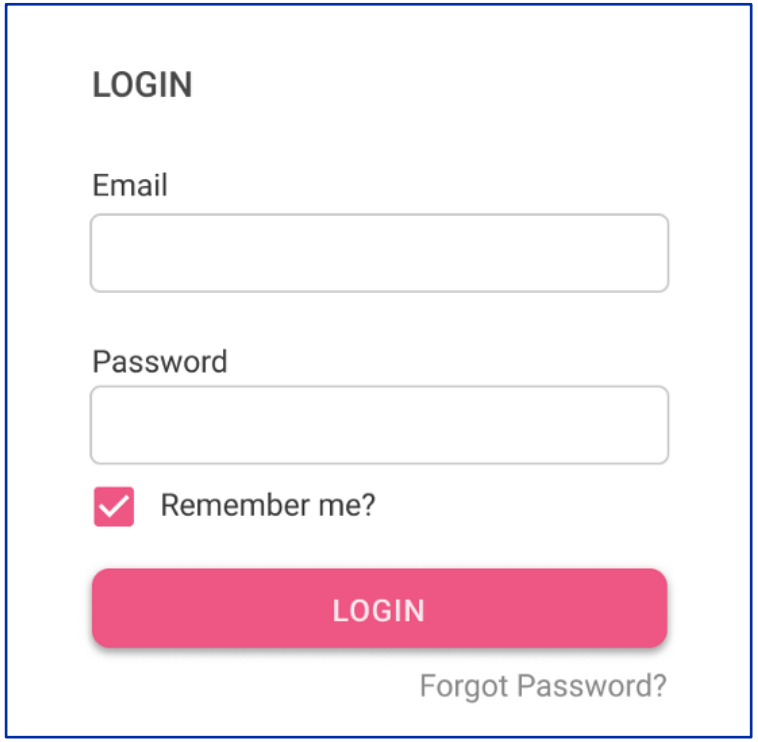
- Hacks, breaches, and leaks
- Internal vulnerabilities
- Third-party access

Hacks, Leaks, & Breaches

- **Exposure of confidential, protected, or sensitive information to an unauthorized person/organization**
- **Occurs due to weaknesses in technology or human behavior**
- **Can be intentional or accidental, internal or external**
- **Malicious attacks**
  - Phishing, brute force attacks, or malware
  - Target vulnerabilities such as weak passwords, third-party access, and carelessness
  - Can be targeted to specific organizations, or random
  - Information is either sold or held ransom

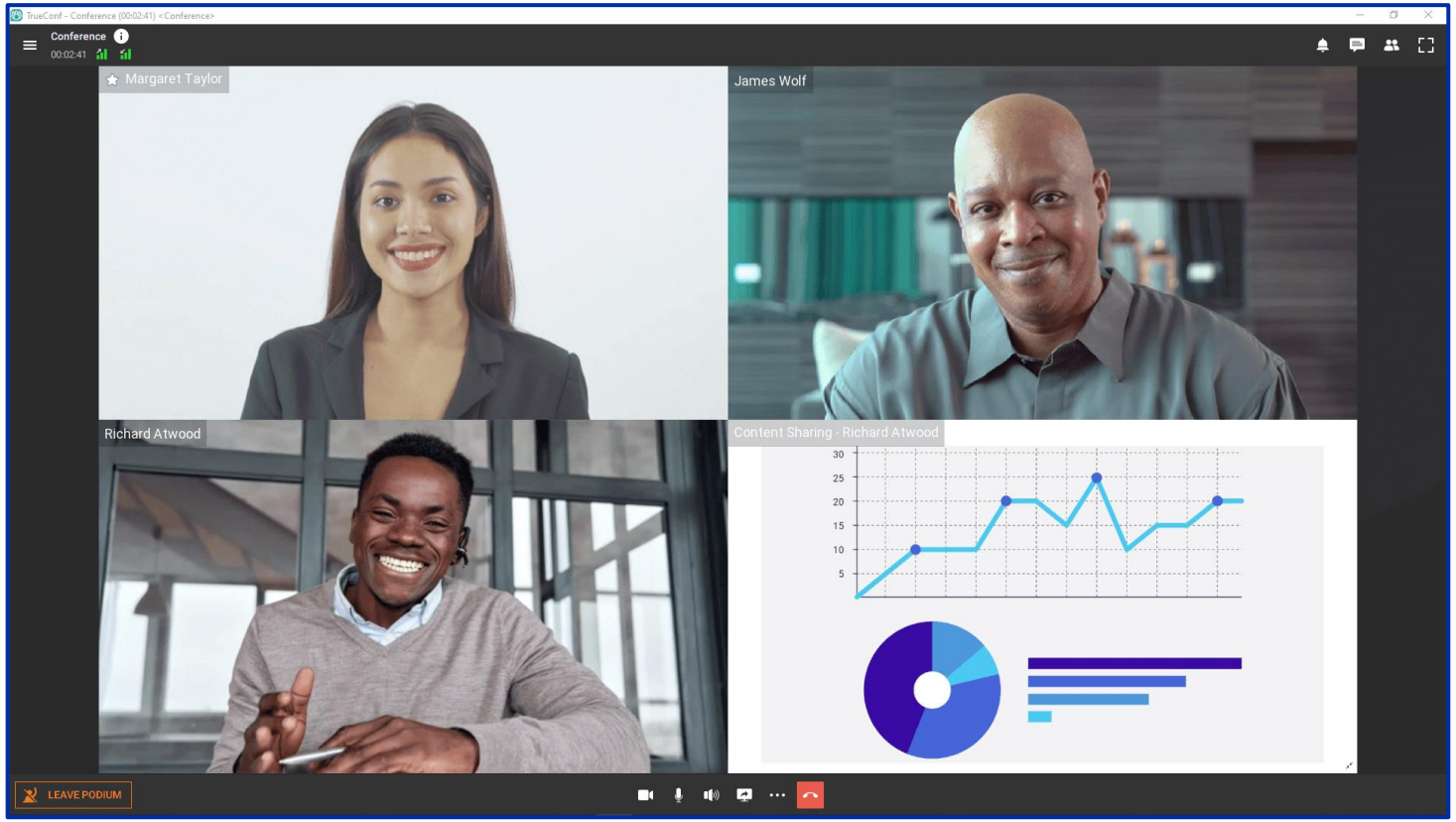
Internal Vulnerabilities

- **Employee access**
  - Standard formats for usernames
  - Low security protocols for passwords
  - Lack of continuing engagement on data security
  - Any viewing of data not meant to be seen by an individual is an exposure, regardless of the innocence of the event
- **Data store structure**
  - High security policies are often in place only in productive systems
  - Multiple support systems, more users, same data
  - Liability for consumer and employee personal data



External Vulnerabilities

- **Third-Party Access**
  - Most companies have some level of third-party access to some or all of their support systems
  - Consultants, auditors, vendors
  - Creates additional access point to data
  - Creates liability
  - Contraindicated for protection of PHI/PII

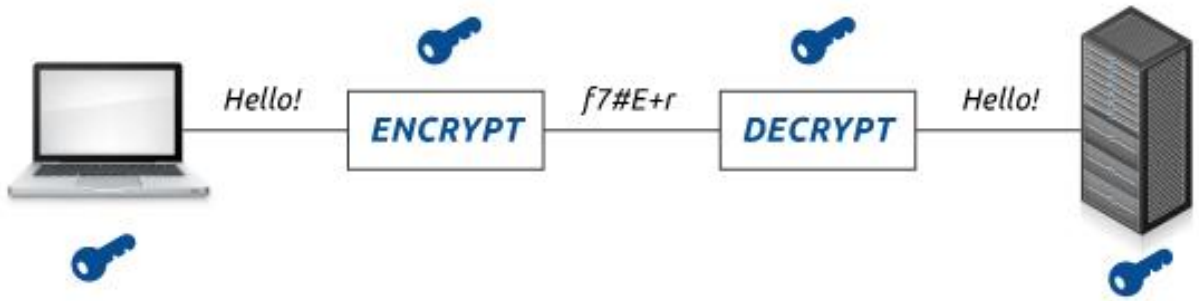


Data Protection Methods

- Encryption
- Hiding
- Anonymization/Pseudonymization
- Masking

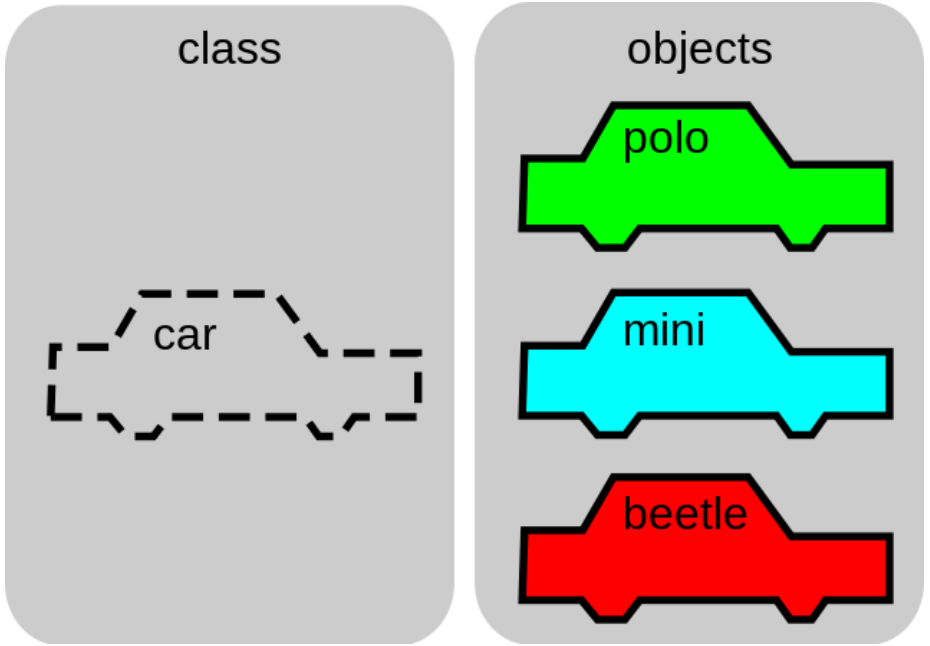
Encryption

- Process of converting data into a cypher text that can be accessed via a key
- Security depends upon the strength of encryption and access to the key
- Lacks functionality for testing and analytics — data is unreadable



Hiding

- Provides different views for different users based on preset access
- Uses shadow tables
- Limited information about the full data is available
- Data remains in place and access to the correct username means access to the data



Anonymization/Pseudonymization

- Replacement of all or part of data with blanks, asterisks, or other characters
- Random, unreadable, and unusable for testing/analytics
- Irreversible — more secure
- Original data is not retained in full or at all
- Functional for analytics in certain aspects, but not functional for full test/development cycles

ID	Age	Zipcode	Diagnosis
1	28	13053	Heart Disease
2	29	13068	Heart Disease
3	21	13068	Viral Infection
4	23	13053	Viral Infection
5	50	14853	Cancer
6	55	14853	Heart Disease
7	47	14850	Viral Infection
8	49	14850	Viral Infection
9	31	13053	Cancer
10	37	13053	Cancer
11	36	13222	Cancer
12	35	13068	Cancer

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9	[30-40]	13***	Cancer
10	[30-40]	13***	Cancer
11	[30-40]	13***	Cancer
12	[30-40]	13***	Cancer

Masking

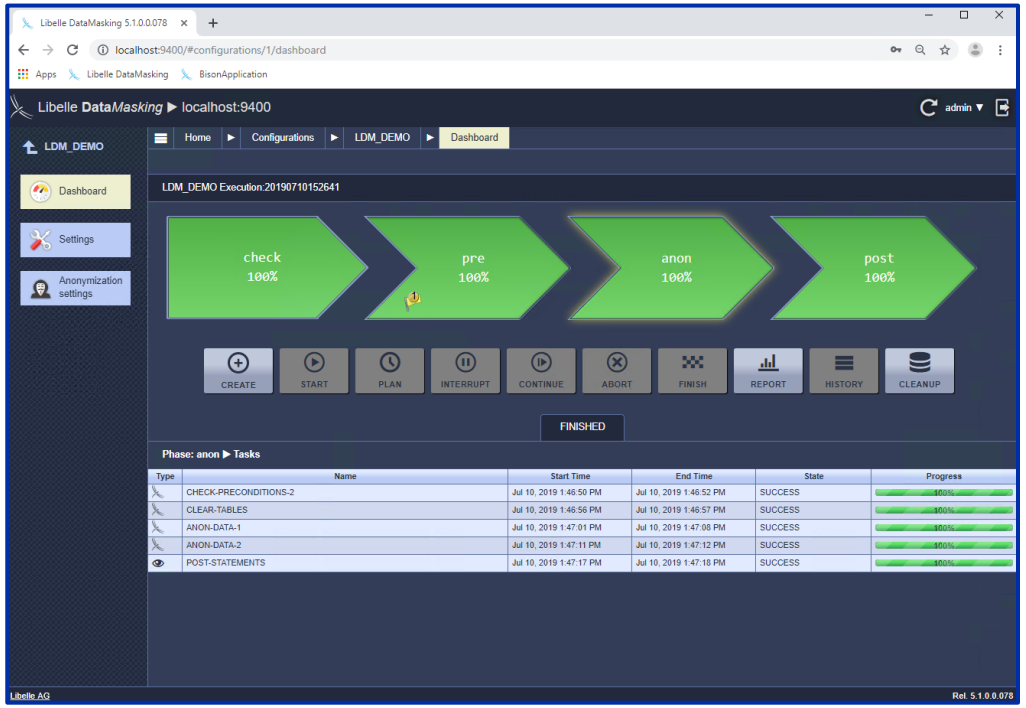
- Replacement of data with readable, testable data from data repository
- Selective — certain data can be left in original form as selected
- Irreversible — more secure
- Original data is not retained

Libelle Data*Masking*

- Software overview
- Key technologies
- Algorithms
- Masking Profiles
- Masking Keys

Software Overview

- Libelle **Data***Masking* (LDM) is a standard software solution from Libelle IT Group for masking sensitive data in non-productive data stores
- LDM installs in the customer's data center and is under the sole control of the customer
- Masking is configured once for each data store in scope for masking, and then masking runs can be executed on a schedule or ad-hoc



Key Technologies

- **LDM Master Server**
  - Holds configuration data, templates, connection data, etc.
- **LDM UI**
  - Console to configure and execute masking, authentication via username/password
- **LDM Masking Algorithms**
  - Pre-configured algorithms to anonymize data in multiple formats — e.g., alphanumeric, alphabetic, UTF8, etc.
- **LDM Masking Profiles**
  - Preset lists of grouped data types identified for masking — e.g., bank data, address data, etc.
- **LDM Reference Database**
  - Standard repository of names, addresses, etc., for replacing original data provided by Libelle
  - Can also use existing database inside customer data store

Algorithms

- 40+ standard algorithms included out-of-the-box
- Adjustable and customizable
- White space, nil, empty string ignored by default
- Conditional masking available
- Can be set to certain ranges for output results
- Geographical relevancy for names
- Geographical consistency for addresses

Profile	Attributes	Example (Input/Output)	
aAlphabetic	Anonymize only Latin characters in ASCII between. Numbers will be ignored.	S-L-1234 ABB 1234	M-P-1234 JVV 1234
aAlphanumeric	Combines aNumber and aAlphabetic, so that both numbers and characters are masked.	S-L-1234 Alp12 1234	M-P-0356 Khj79 0356
aAlphanumeric_UTF8	aAlphanumeric_UTF8	广文字第03086 073 ΆΔ'ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙ 装文字第081928 عبد الملك	巾女八元32124 004 ϕΑ'ΑνάάθΰΖζη 弓女八元255451 غيْوْ بـُوْه
aSerial	Anonymize - ignore leading zeros and anonymize like aNumber the rest of value.	00123 0012S3 1234 0	00301 0030S1 0356 0
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Masking Profiles

- Generic objects that include attributes with characteristics of certain data
- Group together connected fields, such as address data, bank data, etc.
- Allows for quick and thorough selection of data to be masked

Profile	Attributes
Bank Data	BIC, Bank Codes, IBAN Numbers, Bank Account Numbers, Country Code ISO, SWIFT Codes, …
Location Data	UTM Coordinates, WGS Coordinates, Country, Place of Birth, Post Office Box, Postal Code, Phone, Street Address, City, …
Date & Time Data	Year of Birth, Month of Birth, Day of Birth, SAP Date Format YYYYMMDD, …
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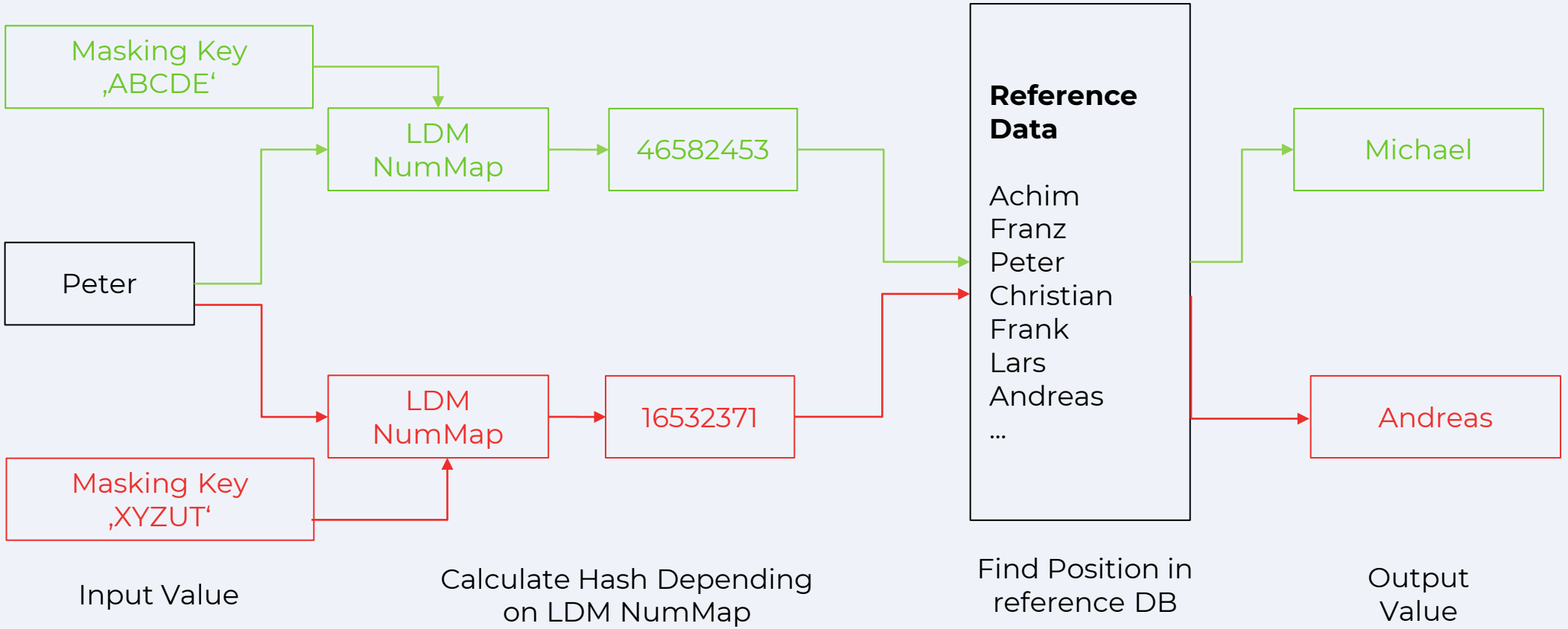
Masking Keys

- NOT analogous to an encryption key
- Small file created at inception of masking run — unique to individual masking run
- Masking keys create SHA2-based lookup tables
- For interdependent systems, users can input the same masking key for subsequent runs on different systems
- Ensures data masks in the same way for each system with the same masking key

Masking Key Example



Use Cases

- **Analytics**
  - Allows for necessary data to be retained, while PII or PHI is removed
  - Can keep certain ranges on data for accuracy, while protecting sensitive information
- **Testing**
  - Keeps data in similar structure to original data for accuracy during testing cycles
- **Development**
  - Allows developers access to data which is structured like productive data, meaning development work is performed on data most closely resembling productive data

Demonstration

Wrap Up

- Libelle **Data***Masking* provides secure, compliant masked data for non-productive systems, compatible with analytics, test, and development cycles
- Masking is one of the preferred ways to secure data, as it provides for the least disturbance to business processes, while providing a higher level of data protection
- All businesses and organizations are at risk of data breach — it is more “when,” not “if”

Where to Find More Information

Product Landing Page - https://www.libelle.com/products/datamasking/

Detailed Whitepaper - https://www.libelle.com/whitepapers/datamasking/

Reference Story - https://www.libelle.com/references/roland-rechtsschutz-anonymization-testdata/

Webinar – Integrated Data Masking with System Refresh - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPTg7ejnspA

Demo System - https://demo.libelle.com/?product=datamasking

Key Points to Take Home

- Data security must be a high priority for all organizations
- Multiple methods of data protection exist, with various pros and cons
- Secure data masking is the most effective way to ensure protection while maintaining functionality
- Libelle **Data***Masking* is one answer to the question of data security
- While no organization is ever fully threat-proof, organizations who secure their data face fewer risks

Thank You! Any Questions?

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