

# IBM Guardium Data Protection 12.2.1

## Embedded Compliance. Scalable Protection

Guardium Data Protection v12.2 empowers security and compliance teams with centralized management of policies, certificates and security baselines – streamlining operations across hybrid environments. With embedded compliance controls, real-time dashboards and automated workflows, organizations can reduce risk, simplify audits and stay continuously compliant



### Highlights

Centrally manage policies, certificates

Stay audit-ready with real-time compliance controls

Respond faster with bulk ATA case closure and insights

Protect data across cloud, SaaS, and on-prem systems

As enterprises face mounting data security and regulatory challenges, ensuring compliance is no longer about passing periodic audits. Compliance today requires continuous, real-time validation that adapts as regulations evolve. IBM Guardium® Data Protection (GDP) empowers organizations to safeguard sensitive data, reduce risk, and achieve continuous compliance across hybrid and multi-cloud environments.

Guardium delivers centralized visibility, automated workflows, and intelligent monitoring, helping organizations move beyond point-in-time audits to demonstrate resilience and trust every day.

### Key Benefits

#### 1. Operational Efficiency at Scale

- Centrally manage and distribute policies, certificates, and configurations
- Push updates and monitor configuration drift across hybrid environments
- Streamline troubleshooting and reduce manual overhead

#### 2. Always Audit-Ready

- Predefined and customizable templates aligned with regulations (GDPR, HIPAA, CCPA, NIST 800-53, PCI-DSS, DPDP)
- Automated audit-ready reporting with granular visibility into user entitlements, dormant accounts, and excessive privileges
- Integrate vulnerability scans with compliance monitoring and reporting and alert options for policies.



### 3. Hybrid-Ready Architecture

- Deploy scalable UC 2.0 and containerized vulnerability scanners
- Dynamic, consistent policy enforcement across databases, warehouses, SaaS, and cloud platforms
- Enable secure credential rotation with HashiCorp Vault integration

### 4. Accelerated Threat Detection

- Close multiple ATA cases in bulk for faster triage
- Gain explainability into outlier detections and threat patterns

Guardium v12.2 introduces powerful new capabilities that embed compliance into daily operations and simplify user experience

• **Continuous Compliance:** Guardium v12.2 automates control mapping, tracks compliance KPIs, and delivers real-time assurance through a unified dashboard

• **Modern User Experience:** A refreshed interface improves usability with tabbed navigation, expandable panels, and wizard-based flows – making complex tasks easier without sacrificing functionality

• **Executive Dashboard:** Visualize Guardium’s impact with built-in metrics that highlight efficiency, cost savings, and coverage across your data estate

## Faster Insights, Longer Retention with Guardium 12.2.1

IBM Guardium Data Protection 12.2.1 introduces transformative capabilities that help security and compliance teams work smarter and faster. The new **Edge Gateway** delivers real-time visibility by monitoring data activity closer to where the data lives, improving performance while reducing infrastructure overhead. Designed for modern environments, it leverages **Kubernetes-based auto-scaling** to automatically handle workload spikes without manual intervention, enabling faster alerts, lighter infrastructure, and smarter, more flexible deployments across hybrid and multi-cloud environments. The enhanced **long-term log retention** capability enables cost-effective storage of years of logs in searchable object storage, supporting compliance requirements while enabling swift audit and investigation responses. Together, these features strengthen operational efficiency, lower total cost of ownership, and accelerate insights—turning long-term data monitoring and retention into measurable business value.

## Market Context

- Data breaches cost organizations an average of USD 5.05M in hybrid/multi-cloud environments.
- Regulatory complexity and skill shortages add to compliance gaps, slowing adoption and increasing risk.
- Manual compliance processes consume up to 4,300 hours annually per organization.

Guardium’s continuous compliance features address these challenges by embedding compliance directly into workflows, replacing spreadsheets and manual audits with real-time validation and automated reporting.

## Proof of Value

- \$4.44M reduction in average breach impact.
- Breach lifecycle shortened to 241 days (from 258 in 2024) through automation.
- Audit preparation time reduced by 70%, driving down costs and improving agility.

## Conclusion

IBM Guardium Data Protection with Continuous Compliance delivers unified visibility, automated enforcement, and real-time assurance across on-premises, hybrid, and multi-cloud environments. By moving beyond point-in-time audits, Guardium enables organizations to prove compliance every day, reduce risk, and adapt seamlessly to evolving regulations.

## For more information

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