



# Identity Assurance

*Managing Identities, Roles and the Associated Governance Requirements*

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# Today's Security Challenges

## Trusting Identities



Customers  
or criminals?

Partners or  
competitors?

Employees  
or hackers?

## Managing Access



## Securing Services

Payroll  
Online banking  
Loan applications  
Retail sales  
Inventory

## Protecting Data



- Security has to be applied within a Business Context

# Managing WHO has ACCESS to WHAT



People

Policy

Resources

# The Who in Identity Management

- Users defined in Identity Management System
  - The people that need access to resources
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- External or internal to the organization
  - Employees, Customers, Business Partners
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- Each user has an identity and related attribute information
  - Used to make decisions about resources access
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- Over the lifecycle of the user, the process of identity administration manages what the user gets access to, changes to that access and the removal of access

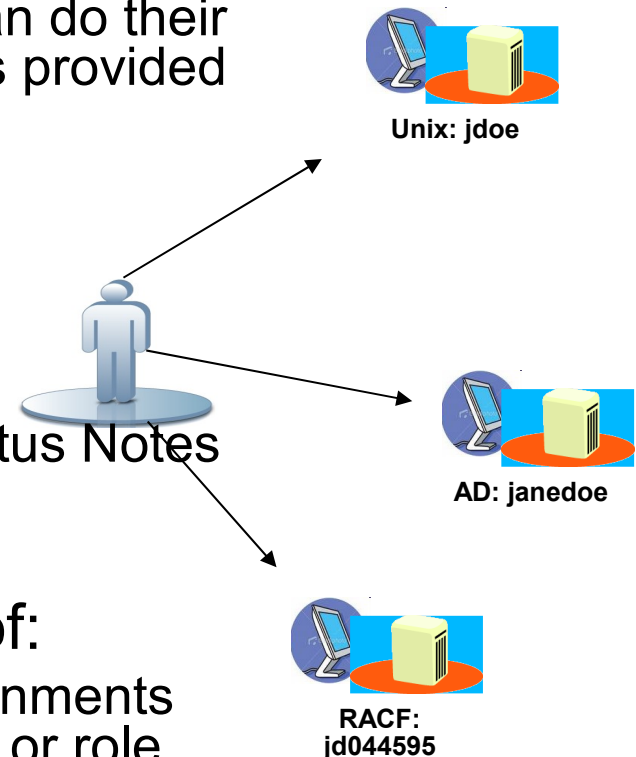


## HR System

Name: John Smith  
Dept: Accounting  
Manager: Jane Carroll  
Address: 10 Main St.  
Bus Role: Benefits Administrator

# The What in Identity Management

- The What is a user account on an IT resource
  - The account is needed so the user can do their job or perform a function. Access is provided through the account.
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- Examples of Resources:
  - Operating Systems Unix, Windows
  - Databases DB2, Oracle
  - Applications SAP, Lotus Notes
  - Directories Active Directory
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- The user account generally consists of:
  - Userid, password, group or role assignments related to that resource. The group or role membership grants some type of privilege.



## How is Access granted ...

- Policy defines who can have access to the resource
  - Policy is made up of membership and entitlements
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- Workflow and Approvals define the business process
  - Ensure that the right people are given the right access
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- Policy Membership can be defined through Roles
  - Business Roles: collections of users by job function
  - Application Roles: collections of resources or entitlements. In identity management systems, application roles typically map to group or roles on the target resource and are considered coarse grained.



# Consistent Drivers for Managing Identities

- Governance, Risk and Compliance
  - Deliver accountability and an audit trail for external regulatory mandates and internal policies
- Cost Reduction (via Automation)
  - Streamline Business and IT processes for user access to resources
- Security
  - Mitigate the Risk of Fraud, Theft of IP, loss of customer data, etc.

PCI-DSS  
SOX  
Basel II  
ISO 27001



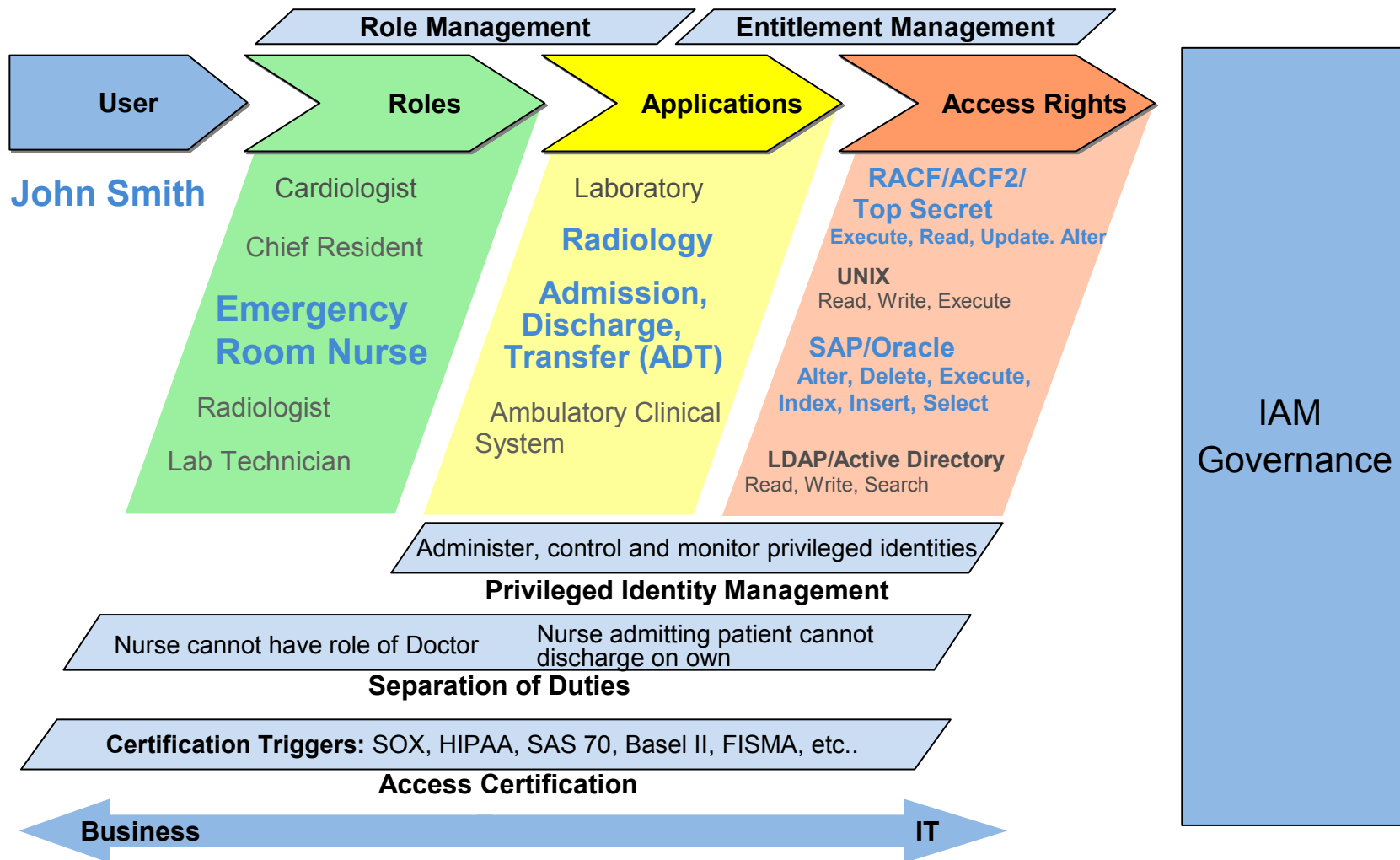


## Challenges with current deployments

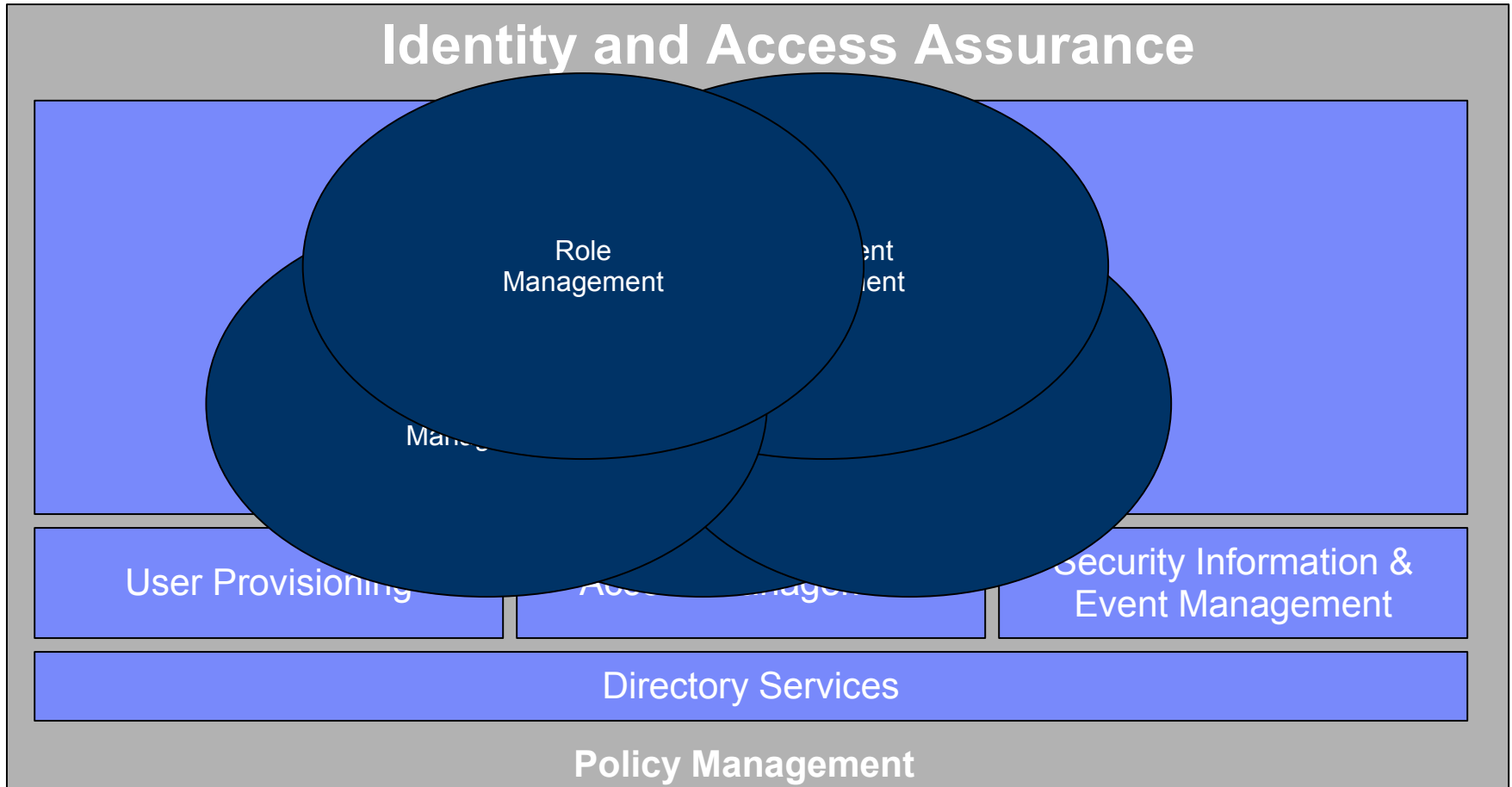
- User Provisioning deployments stall without scalable administration
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- Inability to manage business conflict that arises due to granting of user access
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- Lack of flexible and continuous validation of user access
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- Poor integration with Security Information and Event Management for user activity monitoring
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# IAM Governance: A bridge between Business & IT

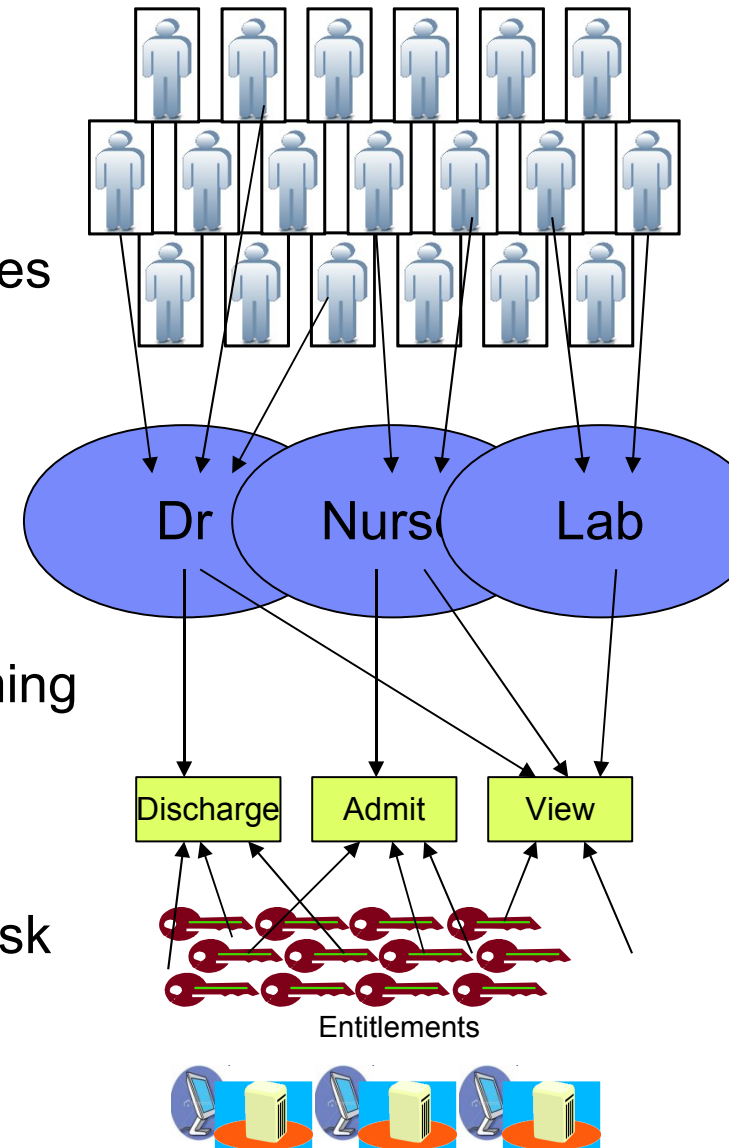


# Identity and Access Assurance



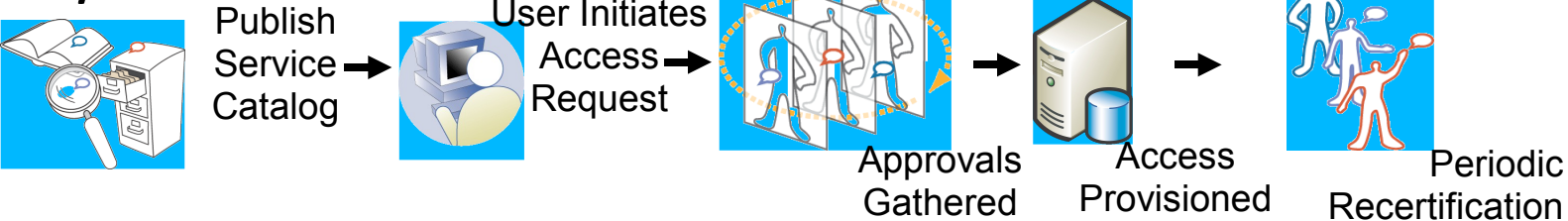
# Role Management

- User
  - Entity requesting access to resources
- Resources
  - System, DB, Applications, etc.
- Entitlement
  - A permission to access a resource
- Business Role
  - A logical collection of users performing a similar business function
- Application Role
  - A logical collection of entitlements needed to perform a particular task

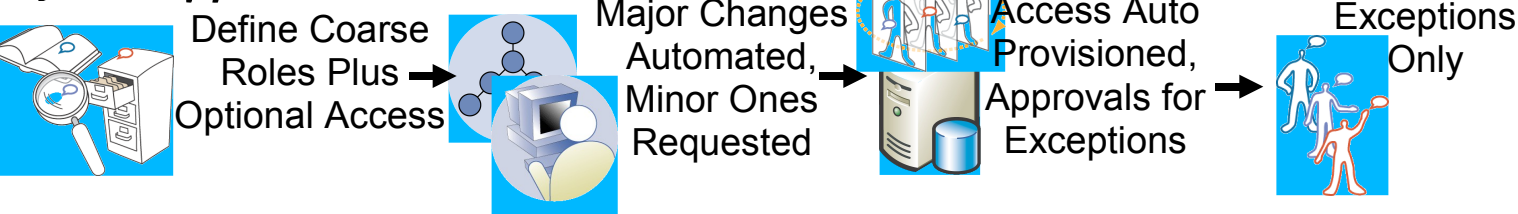


# Phased Approach: Increasing Efficiency/Control

## Request Based



## Hybrid Approach



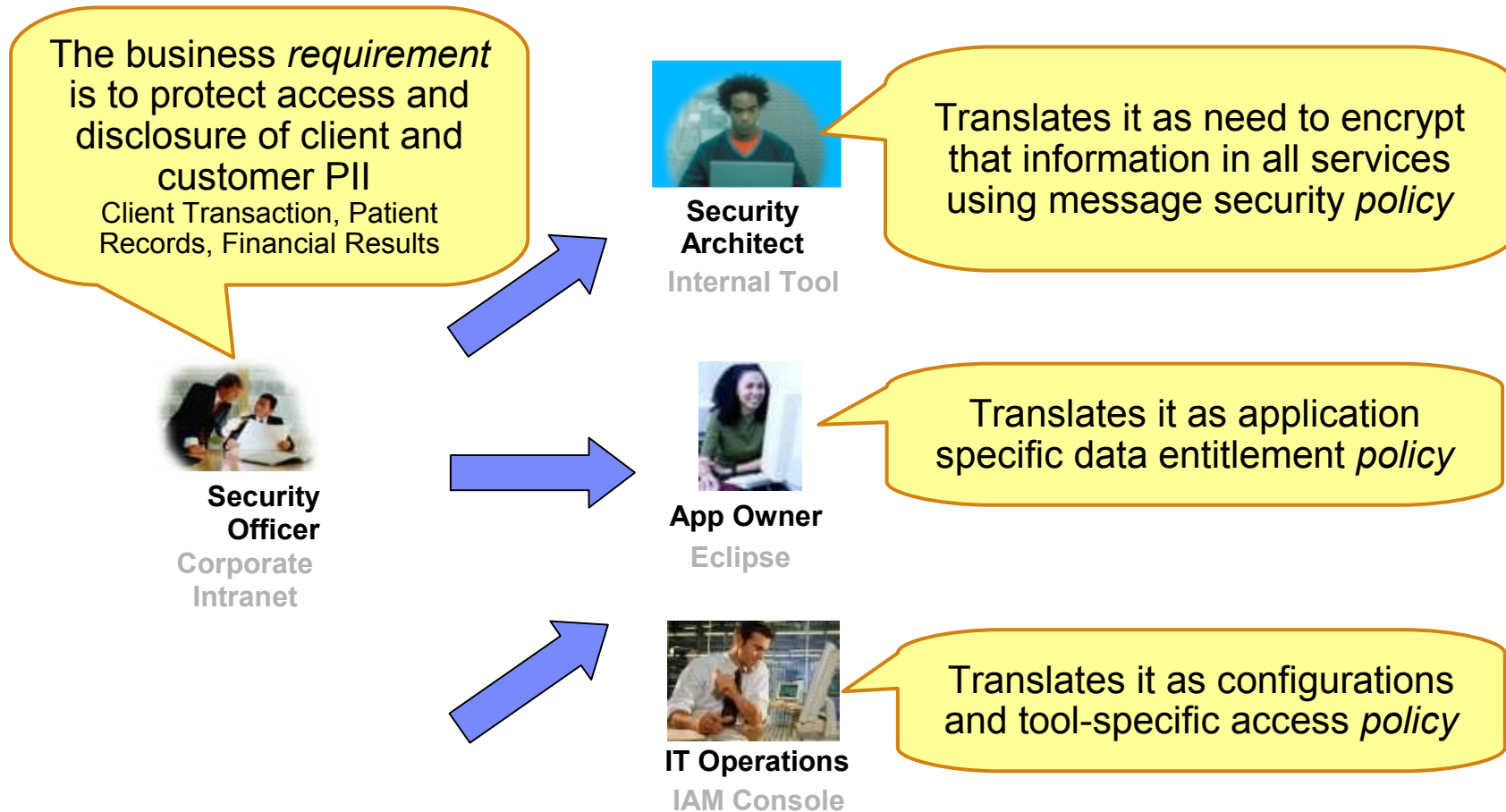
## Role Based



Automation



# How to apply Entitlements consistently?



How to demonstrate compliance back to the business?

# Policy driven Approach to Entitlements

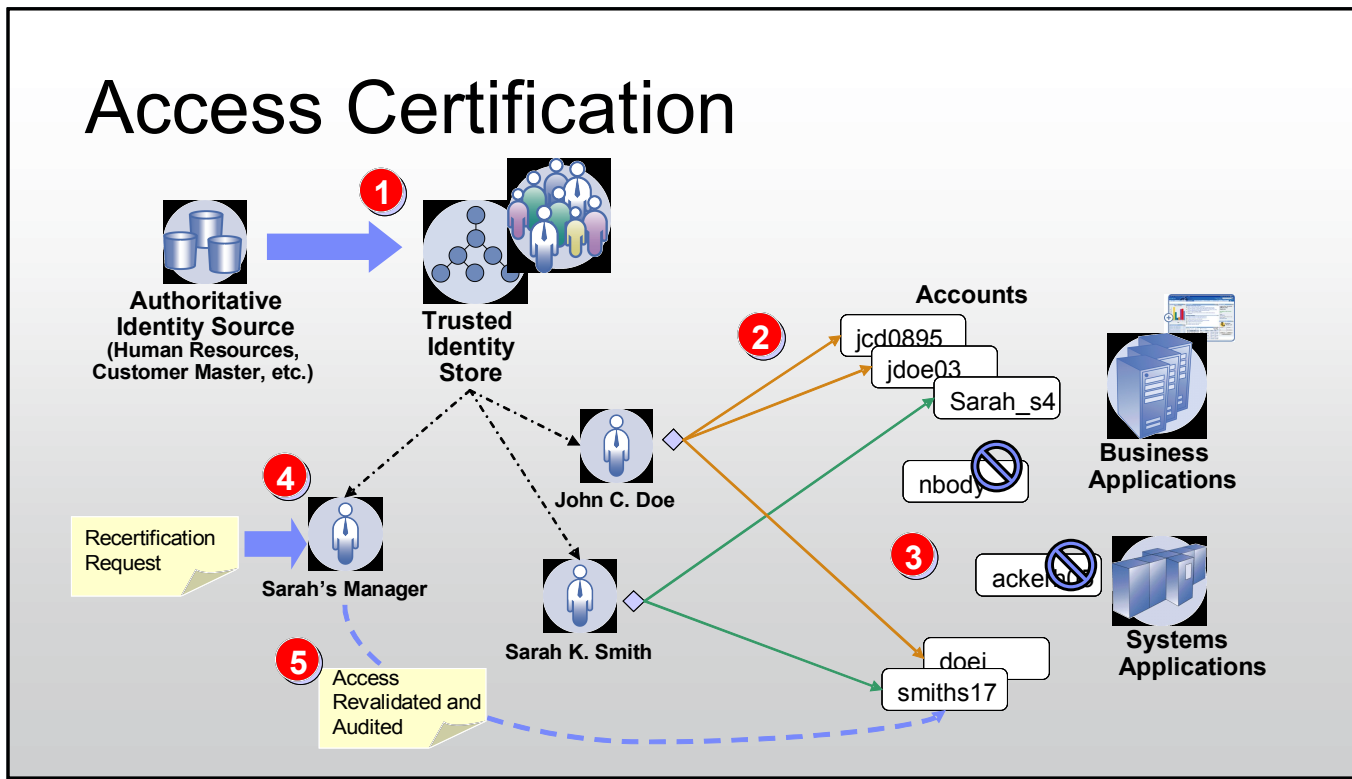


## Policy Management



- Provide access to data entitlements on a need to know basis
- Centrally administer SOA security policies
- Automate access control across application lifecycle

# Validate that Access remains appropriate



# Separation of Duties

- Used to reduce risk/fraud by separating duties
  - Prevent/highlight inappropriate combination of privileges
  - Introduces good governance and accountability
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- Separation of Duties helps prevent combination of roles that are invalid or inconsistent with business policy
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- To most effectively avoid conflicts, combine:
  - Preventative separation of duties, where policy prevents the granting of overlapping responsibilities that could present a potential conflict to the organization and its policies
  - Detective separation of duties, analysis to see if conflicts already exist



# Privileged Identity Management

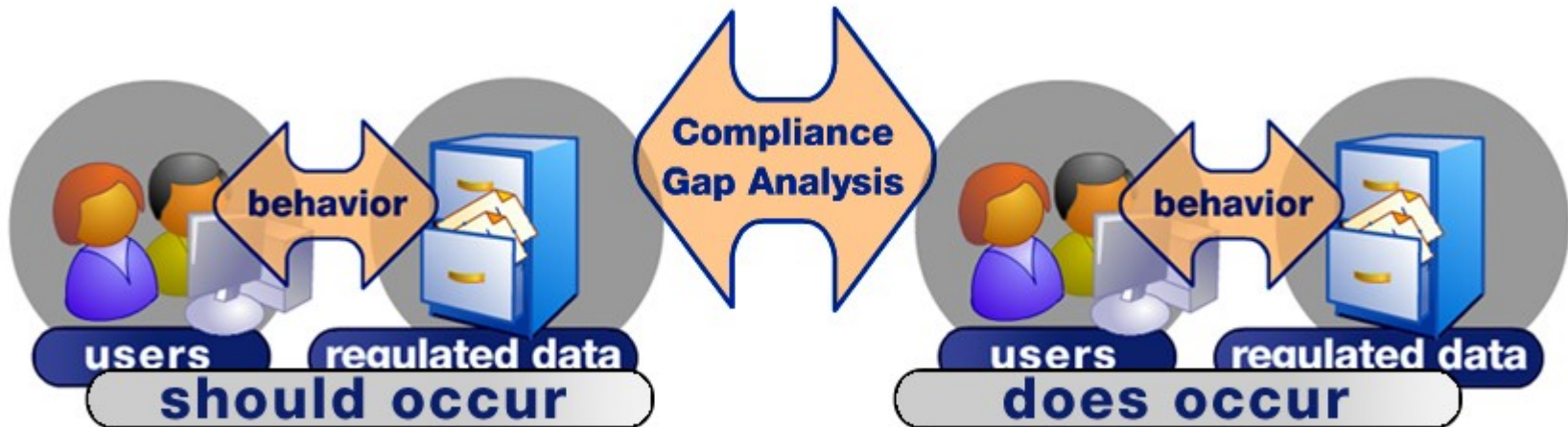
- Traditional Identity Management approach requires EITHER:
  - Each administrator to have a userid on every system they administer
    - Exponential increase in privileged userids
    - Increased risk of mismanagement of privileged userids
    - Increased userid administration costs
  - OR
  - Administrators share privileged userids
    - Risk of losing 'accountability'
    - Issues with password management and security
    - Out of step with regulatory thinking
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- Privilege Identity Management combines the best features of both approaches, without the disadvantages

# Privileged Identity Management - Components

- Credential Vault - Store privilege & shared accounts securely
- Identity Management Services
  - Workflow – including the ability to allow users to get access to privilege accounts, recertification, auditing/reporting
  - Privilege Account Management – Flexibility to allow users to have entitlements to shared accounts, securely ensuring maximum one person (or less) at a point in time knows the password
- Enterprise Single Sign-On
  - reducing complexity and allowing automation for usability
- Security Information and Event Management
  - for audit and compliance, reducing risk
- Vault as an extension of Identity Management infrastructure
  - Opportunity to reduce deployment and other costs

# Security Information and Event Management

- - Compare desired versus actual behaviour ...



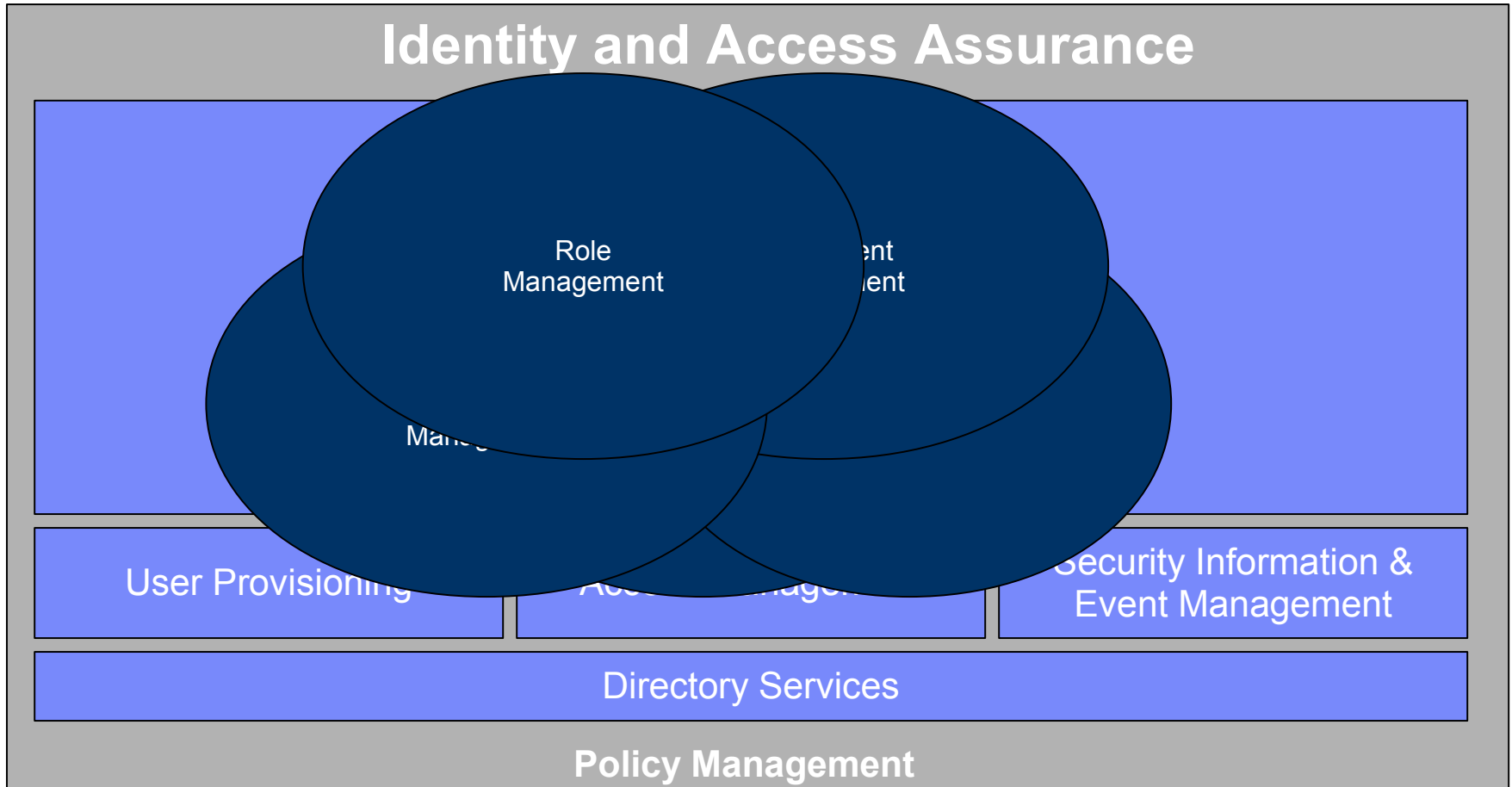
- ... like an auditor does.



## What have users done with their rights?

- Closed Loop SIEM and IAM integration offers end-to-end identity management across the lifecycle
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- Continual monitoring of users, their rights and what users have done with those rights
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- Closed-loop user management and compliance, especially for privileged users
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- Based on customer interaction and cross-IBM research
- Highlights series of best practice controls
- 7 critical infrastructure components:
  - – Building a Security Program
  - – Confidential Data Protection
  - – Implementing Strong Access and Identity
  - – Application Provisioning and De-provisioning
  - – Governance Audit Management
  - – Vulnerability Management
  - – Testing and Validation

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## Cloud Security Guidance IBM Recommendations for the Implementation of Cloud Security

In this IBM® Redpapers™ publication, we provide a discussion about the IBM recommendations for the implementation of cloud security. To get started, let us begin with an introduction to cloud computing and cloud security in general.

### Introduction to cloud computing

Cloud computing is a flexible, cost-effective, and proven delivery platform for providing business or consumer IT services over the Internet. Cloud resources can be rapidly deployed and easily scaled, with all processes, applications, and services provisioned *on demand*, regardless of the user location or device.

As a result, cloud computing gives organizations the opportunity to increase their service delivery efficiencies, streamline IT management, and better align IT services with dynamic business requirements. In many ways, cloud computing offers the *best of both worlds*, providing solid support for core business functions along with the capacity to develop new and innovative services.

**Note:** As an added benefit, cloud computing enhances the user experience without adding to its complexity. Users do not need to know anything about the underlying technology or implementations.

Both public and private cloud models are now in use. Available to anyone with Internet access, public models include *Software as a Service (SaaS)* clouds, such as IBM LotusLive, *Platform as a Service (PaaS)* clouds, such as Amazon Web Services, and *Security and Data Protection as a Service (SDPaaS)* clouds, such as IBM Security Event and Log Management Services.

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