

DSPM Evaluation Worksheet

Organized around the S.A.F.E. framework: **Scalable • Accurate • Flexible • Efficient**

Goal

Validate that a Data Security Posture Management (DSPM) solution meets your organization’s needs across visibility, risk assessment, remediation, and integration.

Pre-Test Setup: Define Scope

DRIVERS (RANK TOP 1–4)	INTEGRATIONS NEEDED	SCAN FREQUENCY	ENVIRONMENT TYPES	DATA TYPES
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Compliance</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Security</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> GenAI/LLM Governance</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Data Management</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Jira</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> ServiceNow</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Teams</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> SIEM</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> CSPM</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> DLP</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Continuous</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Daily</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Monthly</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly</div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> SaaS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> PaaS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> IaaS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other</div> <div></div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Structured</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Semi-structured</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Unstructured</div>

Know and Understand Your Data

DATA DISCOVERY

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Compliance	90%+ detection accuracy with no performance impact	Finds sensitive data without disrupting systems
Scan all formats	Auto-identifies abandoned/orphaned sources	Prevents risk from forgotten data
Discover in SaaS/cloud	New data assets detected automatically	Adapts to changing infrastructure
Use metadata lake	Creates unified metadata context	Powers cross-tool security & compliance

DATA CLASSIFICATION

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Business-relevant labels	Supports custom tagging	Enables precise controls
Manual refinement	Easy override or retrain model	Avoids false negatives/positives
Auto reclassification	Updates labels as context changes	Ensures lifecycle accuracy

DATA ENTITLEMENTS

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Map access chains	Full view of user/group/role permissions	Enforces least privilege
Detect dormant access	Flags unused or excessive privileges	Prevents insider threats
View history	Exportable access logs over time	Supports audits & investigations

Assess Risk to Your Data

DATA LINEAGE

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Track end-to-end	Shows flow of sensitive data across systems	Enables compliance & incident response
Auto correlate	Visual maps w/o manual effort	Accelerates root cause analysis
Multi-cloud coverage	Cross-cloud lineage reports	Required for regulatory audits

RISK DETECTION

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Misconfig detection	Impact-based alert prioritization	Focuses teams on top threats
Custom policies	Define org-specific security rules	Aligns alerts to real business risk
Continuous monitoring	Pre-built & customizable models	Covers evolving threats, low noise

Reduce Data Risk

REMEDIATION & AUTOMATION

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Integrate workflows	Auto-creates tickets in tools like Jira	Enables team collaboration
Track fixes	Closes alerts when remediated	Confirms issues are resolved

REPORTING & VISUALIZATION

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Exec dashboards	High-level views (risk, compliance, exposure)	Informs leadership clearly
Deep-dive reports	PDF/CSV/API exports by data type/owner	Useful for audits & forensic review
Trend visualization	Before/after progress over time	Demonstrates program value

Ensure Continuous Protection

PERFORMANCE & SCALABILITY

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Scan throughput	1PB+ scanned without slowdown	Verifies real-world performance
Cost-efficiency	Transparent usage-based pricing	Enables continuous operation

SECURITY & PRIVACY

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Privacy by design	Metadata-only or in-place scans	Avoids vendor-side data risk
Auditability	SOC 2, ISO 27001, audit logs	Builds trust & compliance confidence

USABILITY & SUPPORT

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Deploy in <2 days	Auto-discovers & connects fast	Quick time-to-value
Intuitive UI	Minimal training, AI copilot helps	Improves adoption & accuracy
Support SLA	<1 hr response for critical issues	Reliable enterprise support

ONBOARDING & COSTS

TEST	IDEAL OUTCOME	WHY IT MATTERS
Elastic pricing	Pay-as-you-scale by usage or risk	Prevents overbuying
Cost transparency	No surprise fees, real-time tracking	Enables budgeting & forecasting



Evaluation Table

CATEGORY	SOLUTION A	SOLUTION B	SOLUTION C
Data Discovery (S,F)			
Classification (A,F)			
Entitlements (A,F)			
Lineage (F)			
Risk Detection (A,S)			
Remediation (E,F)			
Reporting (E,F)			
Perf & Scale (S,E)			
Security & Privacy			
Usability (E)			
Costs (S,E)			

Pro Tip

Run a 2-week pilot with real data and simulate real misconfigurations. Test not just features, but how fast and confidently your team can respond.



Next Steps

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