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Poll question: What is the top file-transfer related issue that you want to address?

- a) Reducing risk regards security and/or compliance
- b) Improving efficiency by saving time
- c) Reducing costs
- d) None of the above

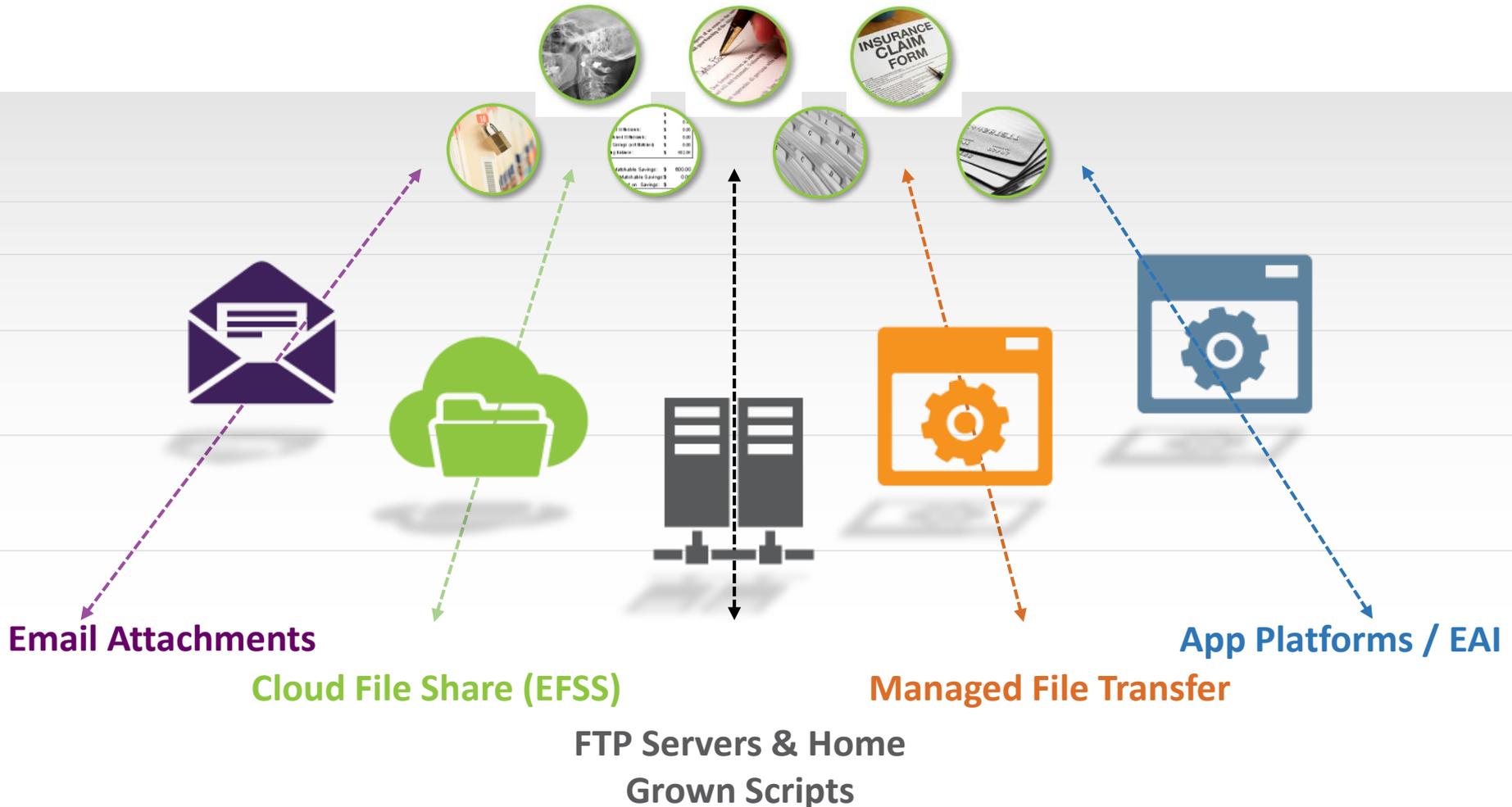
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7 Considerations for (Cost) Effective File Transfer Compliance

Files Move between Systems and People Across the 'Borderless Enterprise'



Communicating with 3rd Parties *Many Methods & Many Reasons*



Impact of Digital Do-it-yourself File Transfer

▼ Cost of lost data is high.

The screenshot shows a news article on TechCrunch. The main headline is "Target May Be Liable For Up To \$3.6 Billion From Credit Card Data Breach". The article is dated December 23, 2013, and is written by Alex Williams. The article text visible includes: "This is not exactly the merriest of times for Target. Last week the retailer revealed that credit card data from 40 million customers had been stolen. Now it looks like the giant retailer could be liable for up to \$3.6 billion. Target could face a \$90 fine for each cardholder's data compromised, which". There is a large red target icon in the background of the article text.

► The cost to maintain existing systems is high.

>\$125,000 additional file transfer cost every year*

Hidden cost of traditional FTP systems vs a managed file transfer solution:

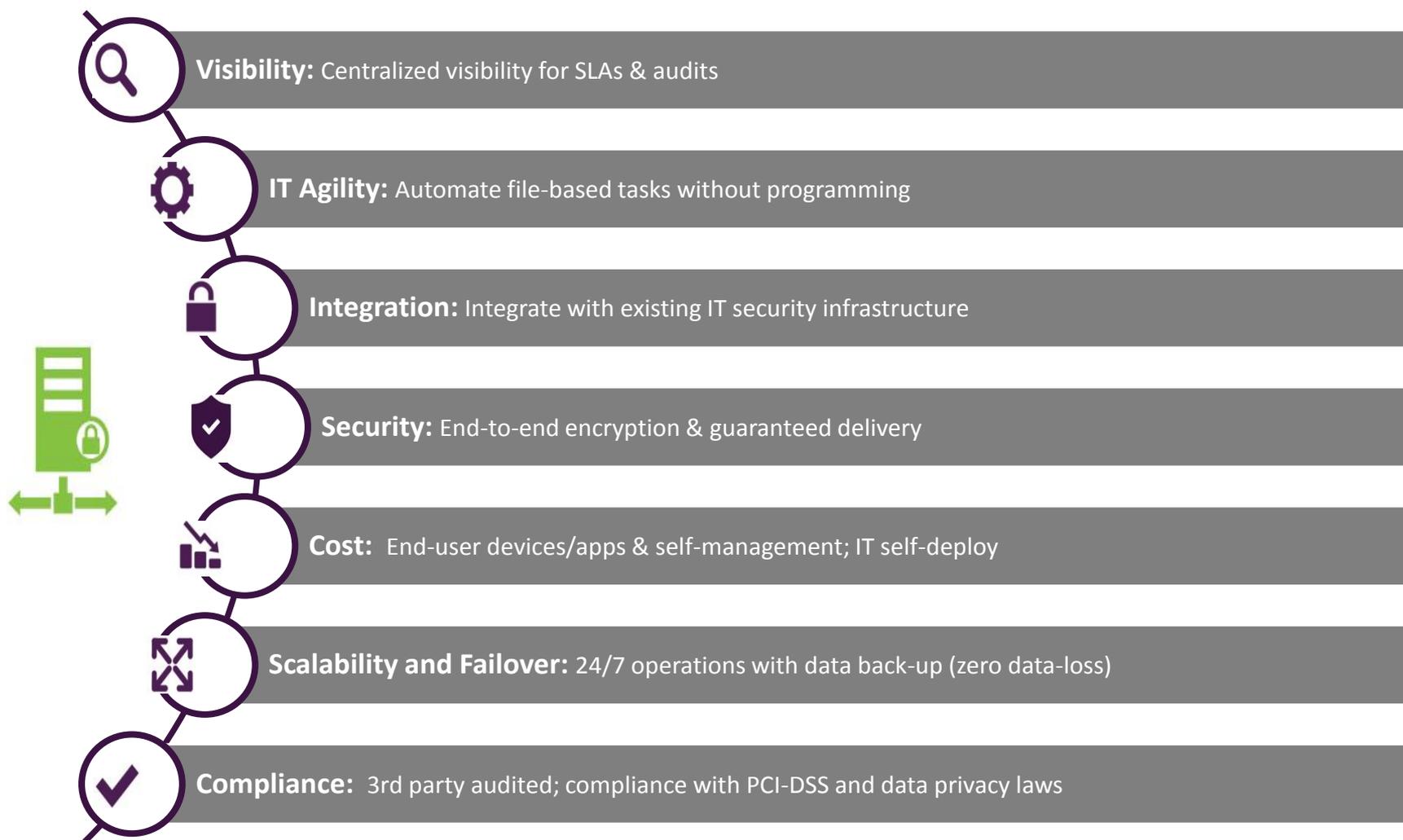
- Assuming 10,000 files transferred per year organization-wide
- 4% – 5% of all transfers contain errors
- 4 – 5 hours per incident to troubleshoot/fix
- \$55 / hr cost for IT admin (salary and overhead)

* Aberdeen report, 2013

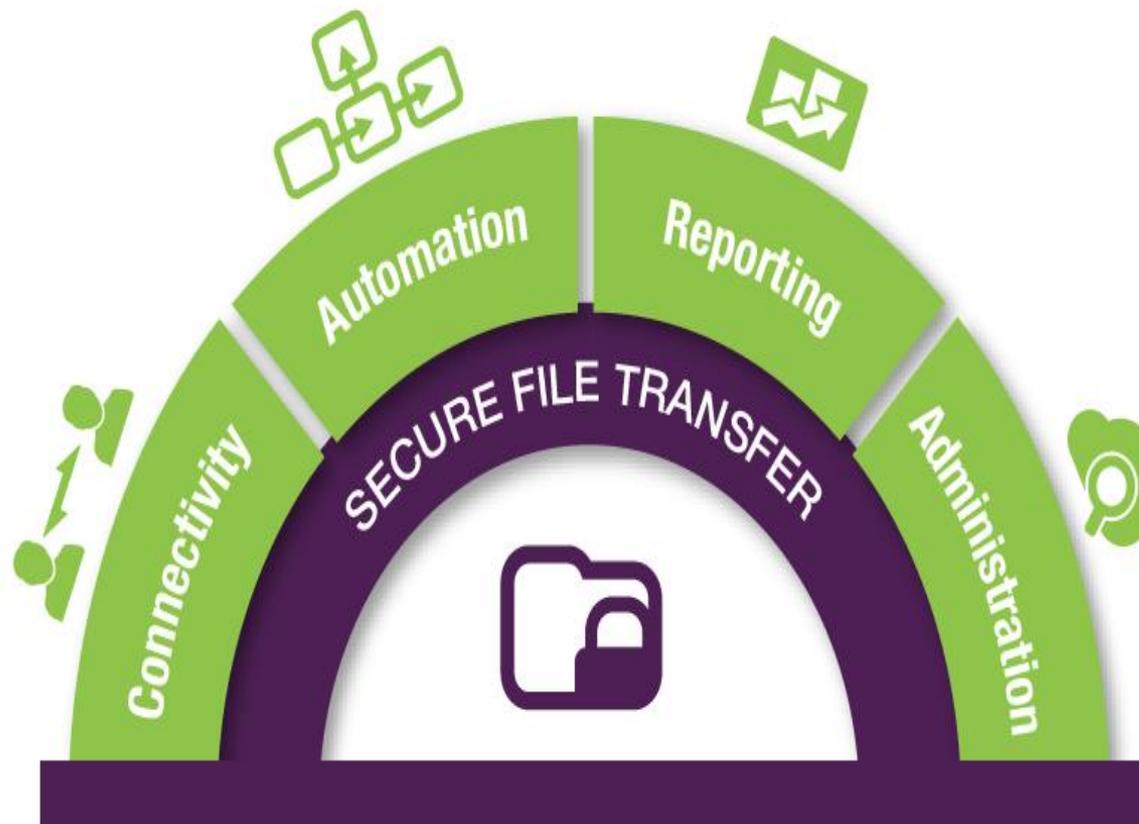
Cost of non-compliance is high. ▼

The screenshot shows a legal update on Practical Law. The headline is "FSA fines Zurich Insurance plc £2.275 million for data security breaches". The resource type is "Legal update: archive", the status is "Published on 24-Aug-2010", and the jurisdiction is "United Kingdom". The text states: "The FSA has published a final notice (dated 19 August 2010) which it has issued to the UK branch of Zurich Insurance plc fining it £2.275 million for systems and controls failings which resulted in the loss of customers' confidential information."

File Transfer Considerations



Managed File Transfer Capabilities



MOVEit Managed File Transfer

User self-management

The collage illustrates the following features:

- Automation without programming:** A desktop screenshot shows a task configuration window with options like "Execute on: Success", "Execute after: Task", and "Action to take: Send Email". The SMTP host is set to "SMTP Relay" and the subject is "[taskname] completed with status of [task status]".
- Supports lots of devices/clients:** Two mobile phone screens show the MOVEit app interface, including a "Sign In" screen and a main menu with "Packages" and "Files" options.
- Automate Reporting and Monitoring:** A dashboard screenshot shows "Systems Status" for three systems (DEMO2011ZCM2, DEMO2008RZCM2, DEMO2008RZCM2) and a performance graph for "Friday, Feb 6, 19:15-19:16". The graph shows metrics for Transfer Size (24,575,880 bytes), Successful Uploads (40), Failed Uploads (0), Successful Downloads (40), Failed Downloads (0), Successful Tasks (16), and Failed Tasks (5).
- User self-management:** A desktop screenshot shows a "Log Entries" table with columns for Date and Time, Action, User Full Name, File Name, File ID, Folder Name, and IP Address.

Supports lots of devices/clients

Automation without programming

Automate Reporting and Monitoring

Why Change File Transfer Systems?



Improve Security

- End-to-end encryption
- Integrate to IT security infrastructure
- Push/pull files without any direct external access to trusted network
- Use of familiar end-user apps/devices for secure file transfers
- Data back-up with no data loss



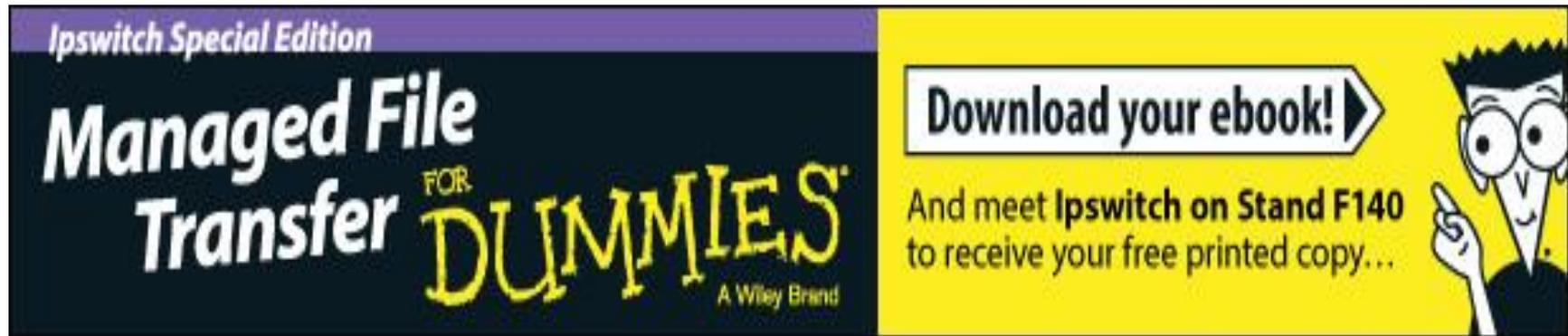
Improve IT Responsiveness

- Quickly automate file-based tasks without programming
- Empower end-users to on-board partners and get file status
- 24/7 file transfer operations



Reduce Costs

- Organization-wide central logging for faster troubleshooting and audit reports
- Flexible scale to meet growing demand without configuring new systems
- Self-deploy by IT admin



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Poll question: In your experience, how long does it take to provision file transfer for a new trading partner?

- a) A few hours
- b) Less than one day
- c) Within a week
- d) Longer

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Reasons to consider a Managed File Transfer solution

Signs Your Organization May Need Managed File Transfer

It is difficult to send big files

There needs to be transparency and traceability in file exchange activities

The business is subject to compliance laws and privacy regulations

Traditional methods of sending data, such as FTP, aren't secure

Processes need to be more agile and adapt to changing network conditions

The business needs to share information and collaborate more effectively

Employees need to be able to send small and large files on their own

The speed of file transfers need to be increased

Inability to comply with government reporting requirements

MFT Facts

26%

Companies using MFT reported 26% fewer errors, exceptions, and problems. ([Ipswitch](#))

4.8X

4.8 times faster at getting back to business after a problem has occurred. ([Ipswitch](#))

30X

An MFT file transfer is 30 times faster than an FTP. ([OpenText](#))



Every business needs to connect internally and externally. However, the limitations presented with traditional methods of communication are forcing businesses to move towards a reliable and secure alternative. Traditional methods such as FTP and email, and newer options like file sharing services (DropBox, Google Docs, etc.) are hitting the business with increased costs and security risks.

Trends in the workplace are making Managed File Transfer solutions necessary

Employees
Receive

15+

Attachments/
Day

Employees are sharing a prolific amount of information through their emails. **On average, employees receive 15 email attachments per day.** When you look at that number over the course of a year; it translates to 5000 attachments per person. The information being shared needs to be secured and protected from unauthorized viewing.

With such a large amount of employees sharing information through email, companies have begun implementing policies for the transfer of sensitive information. However, **only 47% of employees think their companies have policies in place.** Which leads us to believe that employees aren't following any policies to safeguard the transfer of business information.

Less than

1/2

Employees Follow
Information
Transfer Policies

Downtime Costs

**\$250-
500K**
Per Hour

In today's competitive business landscape, companies cannot afford downtime. From a recent survey, **60% of respondents estimated the average cost of downtime, per hour, is between \$250,000 and \$500,000.** Organizations need a solution for file transfers that will reduce errors and decrease the risk of downtime.

<http://www.itbusinessedge.com/slideshows/overcoming-five-managed-file-transfer-myths-07.html>

Close the regulatory compliance gap that poses challenges for the modern day enterprise

Today, companies are under more regulatory scrutiny than ever. Regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX), Gamma-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) all require certain mechanisms and controls in place to adhere to information security.

It is estimated that more than 80% of a company's data reside in files which make file transfer a priority for business.

An MFT solution will help:

- Safeguard the confidentiality of the organizations data
- Ensure the appropriate controls are in place to protect files in motion
- Allow end to end visibility over the file transfer process with comprehensive audit trails

The need for reliable file transfers has changed the enterprise world of file sharing

FTP is no longer a viable option...

Many company's still use file transfer protocol (FTP) for ad-hoc file transfers. This method of file transfer has been used from the early days of the internet. FTP is widely available and is free to use. However, as many organizations have realized, the limitations actually come with a cost.

Difficult installation process.

- It is complicated and time consuming to set up FTP servers as they require a significant amount of augmentation to suit the needs of an organization.

No file delivery guarantee.

- There is no guarantee that the file sent has or will be received which creates stress for anyone sending a file. If a file doesn't go through, there is no automatic email that notifies the sender of this issue. It is also very difficult to find files that have been lost through FTP exchanges.

Limited storage management functionality.

- There is no built-in functionality that allows for automatic clean-up of files that are transferred. This job has to be done manually by administration staff.

Very technical.

- It is quite difficult to train someone who is not technical on FTP file exchanges.

Increased risk.

- FTP is an unmanaged file transfer method and has no controls or mechanisms in place to secure data, creating an enormous liability.

Limited visibility.

- FTP makes it impossible to oversee and monitor system-to-system, system-to-human, and human-to-human file sharing.

No file encryption and lack of security.

- FTP is an unsecure method of transferring information. It was not built with security in mind and does not have the capabilities required to protect sensitive information.

Most Managed File Transfer activities can be categorized under these four different use cases

Person-to-Server File Transfer

- A user sends a file to a server which subsequently makes it available to other receivers or software packages.
- The receiving end can be an FTP server or a web site.

Example: Archiving legal case studies to an MFT server, making them available for librarians.

Person-to-Person File Transfer

- These type of file transfers are normally done on an ad-hoc basis through secure email attachments.
- Users can exchange files through an email plugin, giving them a secure and reliable solution.
- It eliminates the need for PGP or complex key management.

Server-to-Server File Transfer

- A server-to-server file transfer scenario is an automated transfer between two servers. It requires zero human interaction.
- MFT servers have built in business process automation capabilities that use “triggers” to activate scheduled transfers. Files are usually sent in a form of FTP, HTTP, or HTTPS.

Server-to-Person File Transfer

- A software application sends a file to an MFT server which then makes it available to several users.

Example: In the hospitality industry, sending daily reports to management for scheduled review.

MFT Solution Features

The Table Stakes

| Feature: | What it is: |
|--------------------------|---|
| File Transfer Protocols | Encrypts files “at rest” and “in transit,” supporting SSL, SSH, PGP. |
| Regulations Compliance | Meets standards dictated by regulations such as SOX, HIPAA, and PCI-DSS. |
| File Transfer Automation | Has ability to schedule file transfers according to a predefined schedule or rules. |
| Audit and Visibility | Provides a full audit log of file transfer activity. |
| LDAP/AD Integration | Supports authentication through LDAP and AD protocols. |
| Antivirus Integration | Integrates with antivirus software to scan incoming and outgoing files. |

Advanced Features

| Feature | What we looked for: |
|--------------------------------|---|
| File Delivery Assurance | Checks file integrity after transmission and automatically resumes interrupted transfers. |
| Application Integration | Ability to integrate to existing applications through the use of API's. |
| File Transfer Acceleration | Capable of accelerating large file transfers over any distance. |
| Integration with Email Clients | Ability to attach browser-based enterprise email application or add email client plug in. |
| Role Based Security | Users can be assigned roles which limit access or operations. |
| Ad-Hoc File Transfer | Supports ad-hoc users in sending files through email. |
| Content Based Routing | Assess content and route the file to an alternative location. |
| Security Certification | Received certification from regulatory bodies, validating the security of the product. |
| Mobile | Full support and accessibility through a mobile device. |
| Advanced Security | Ability to support multiple, advanced security protocols. |

Conduct smoke testing to reveal simple errors prior to going live

The testing required for the MFT implementation does not need to be rigorous or exhaustive. Use smoke testing to ascertain that the most critical functions are working, and the job is being completed as expected. Do not spend too much time bothering with the finer details.

| Test Type | Rational |
|---------------------------|---|
| Test use cases | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test server to server file transfers as well as ad-hoc file transfers to make sure the files are sent and received as expected.• Test the processing capabilities and document the time it takes to send and receive a file. |
| Peak load | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't just test file transfers during low volume times, make sure to test file transfers during peak volumes to identify scalability challenges.• Ensure that active clustering and load balancing capabilities are working as expected. |
| Remote access | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test file transfers from mobile devices. Make sure the remote access is reliable and is producing the expected results. |
| Error and recovery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run tests that will result in error conditions. This will allow you to use recovery steps and test the resolution time. |



For each test type, there should be predefined expected results, and conditions. Although rigorous testing isn't required, ensuring that expectations are met, prior to going live, will contribute to the quality of the implementation.

MFT Alternatives – Closing the Barn Doors

A corporate-approved file transfer solution is the first step; stopping data exfiltration through other, less-secure methods is also key!

- Email (individual, scan to email, ...)
 - Channel email (in/outbound) through secure email gateways with integrated/embedded DLP
- Web-based file sharing
 - Leverage secure web gateways (or NGFW) with application awareness and integrated/embedded DLP
- USB/removable media
 - Consider the appropriateness of endpoint DLP to enable USB port restrictions and file transfer logging/interdiction
- Encrypted traffic inspection
 - Examine relevance of “MITM” inspection techniques to ensure encrypted traffic doesn’t skirt policy requirements for logging/reporting information exchanges



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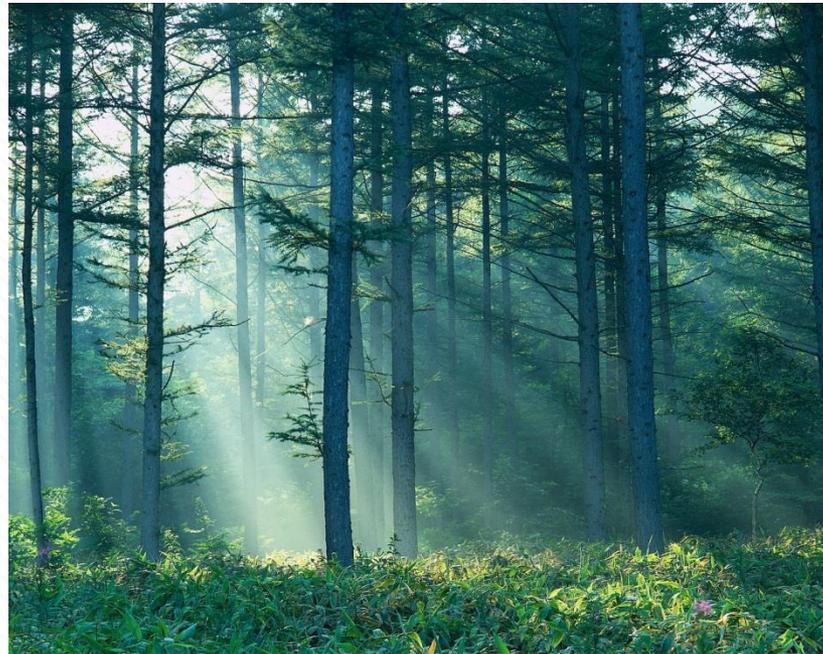
- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

SIX WAYS TO RE-THINK YOUR FILE MOVEMENT STRATEGIES

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1. YOUR PRIMARY FOCUS SHOULD BE ON ENABLING THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE BUSINESS – NOT ON FILES OR FILE MOVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES



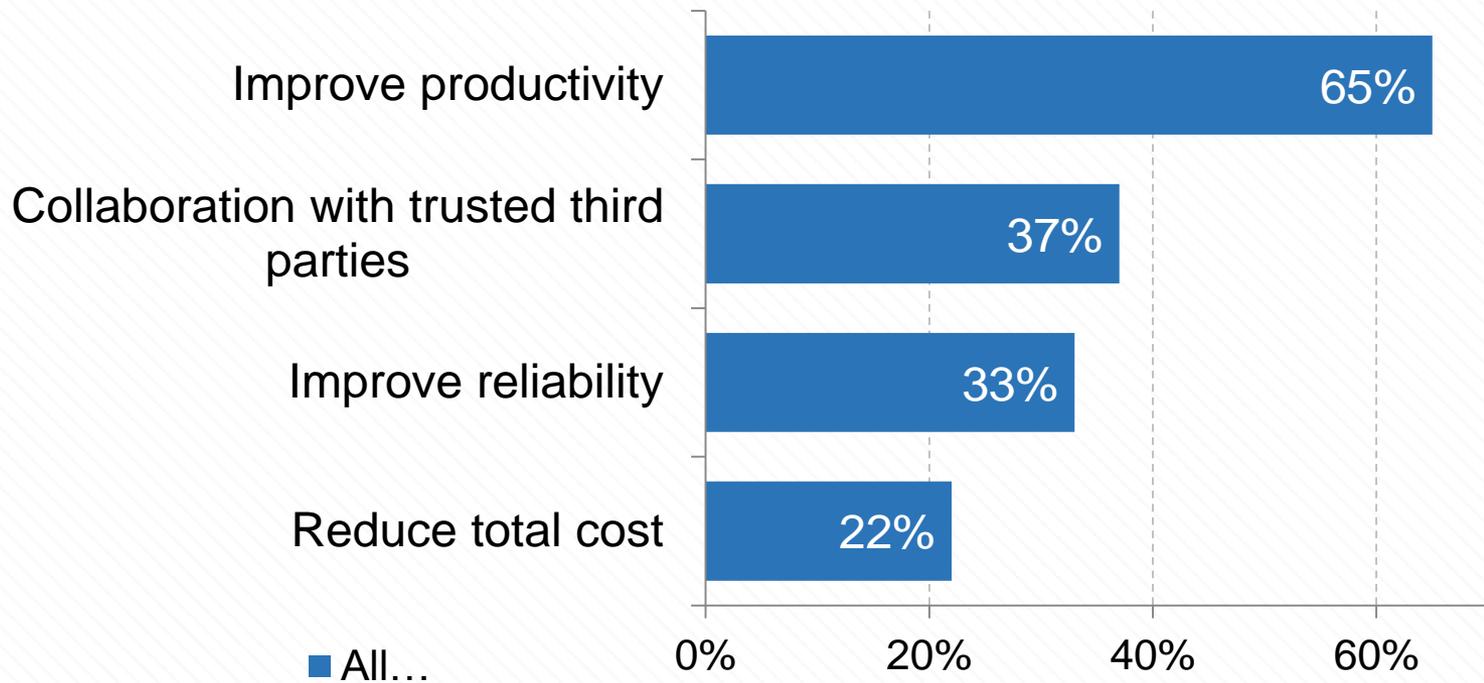
THE COMPANY DOESN'T EXIST TO MOVE FILES – MOVING FILES EXISTS TO SUPPORT THE COMPANY

- Moving **unstructured data** – for simplicity, *files*
 - is a fundamental, foundational capability that supports enterprise initiatives for
 - Collaboration between individuals
 - Integration of business processes
 - Innovation in products and services
 - Growth in revenue and earnings
 - Efficiency of operations



ABERDEEN'S RESEARCH SHOWS THAT COMPANIES GENERALLY "GET" THIS POINT

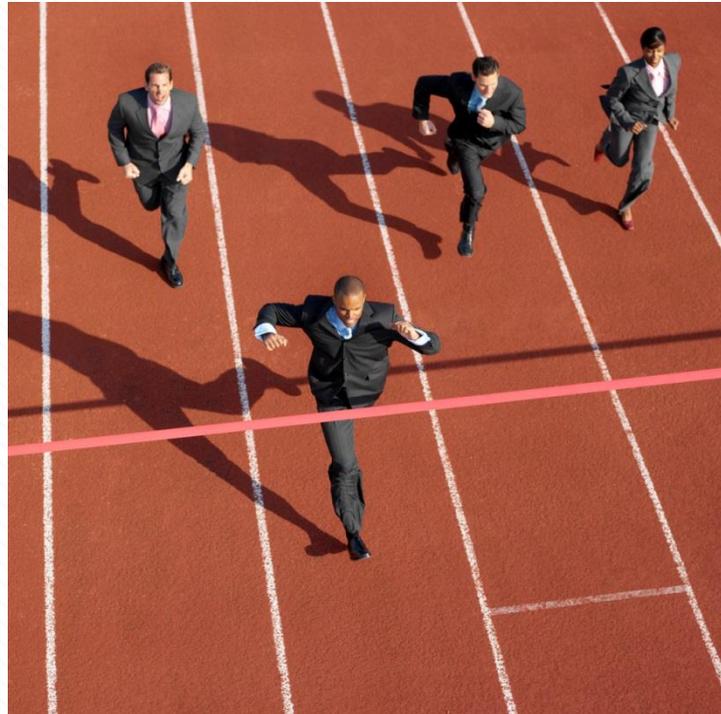
Leading Drivers for Current Enterprise Investments in File Movement Initiatives



Multiple responses accepted; does not add to 100%.
Source: Aberdeen Group, November 2014

Percentage of Respondents (N = 102)

2. YOUR EXISTING FILE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES MUST BE ADAPTED TO KEEP PACE WITH A RAPIDLY CHANGING OPERATIONAL CONTEXT



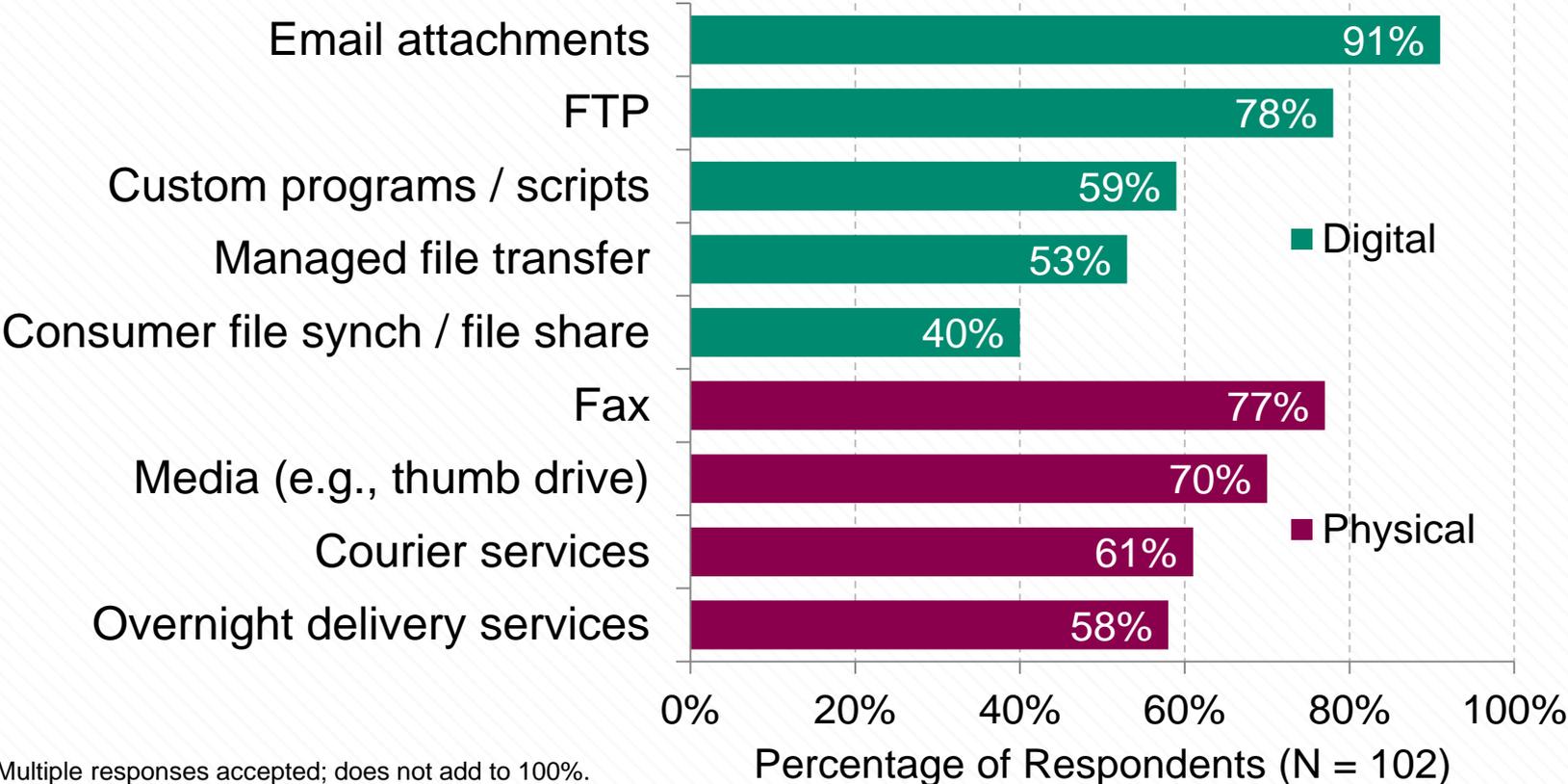
THE OPERATIONAL CONTEXT FOR MOVING FILES HAS BEEN GETTING CONSIDERABLY MORE COMPLEX

- For example, in Aberdeen's benchmark study:
 - **More end-users** needing to transfer files
 - **More devices** from which files need to be transferred and accessed
 - And an increasing expectation of anytime, anywhere access
 - **Greater volume** of file movements
 - **Bigger size** of files
 - **Greater distances**
 - And in some cases, a need for greater **speed** and **predictability**
 - **Greater demand** on IT staff – or movement to “shadow IT”

Source: Aberdeen Group, November 2014

VERY FEW ORGANIZATIONS HAVE THE LUXURY OF A CLEAN SLATE – FILES ARE ALREADY BEING MOVED!

File Movement Methods Currently Deployed



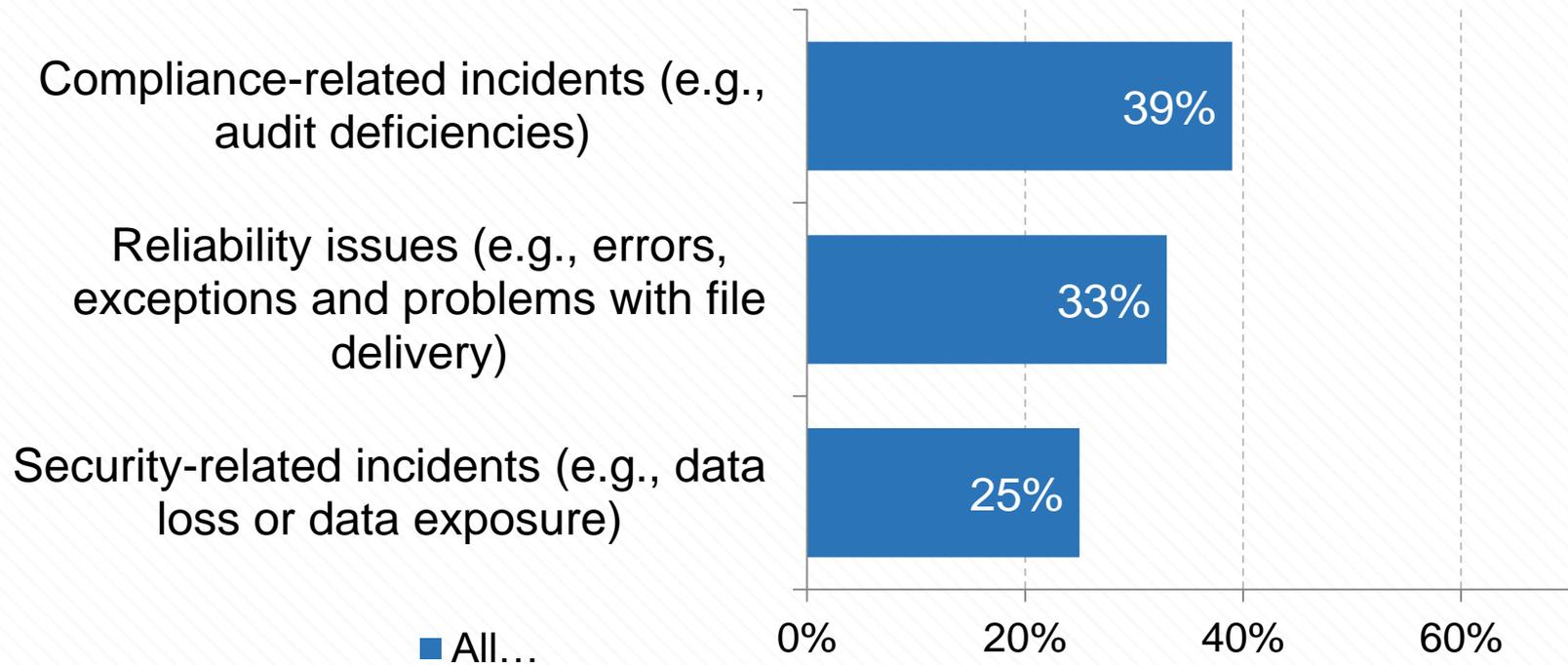
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3. RISKS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND IP IN YOUR ENTERPRISE FILE MOVEMENTS (AND ELSEWHERE) HAVE BECOME EXECUTIVE-LEVEL ISSUES, AND MUST BE MANAGED PROACTIVELY



AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM IS ALWAYS THE CRITICAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING IT

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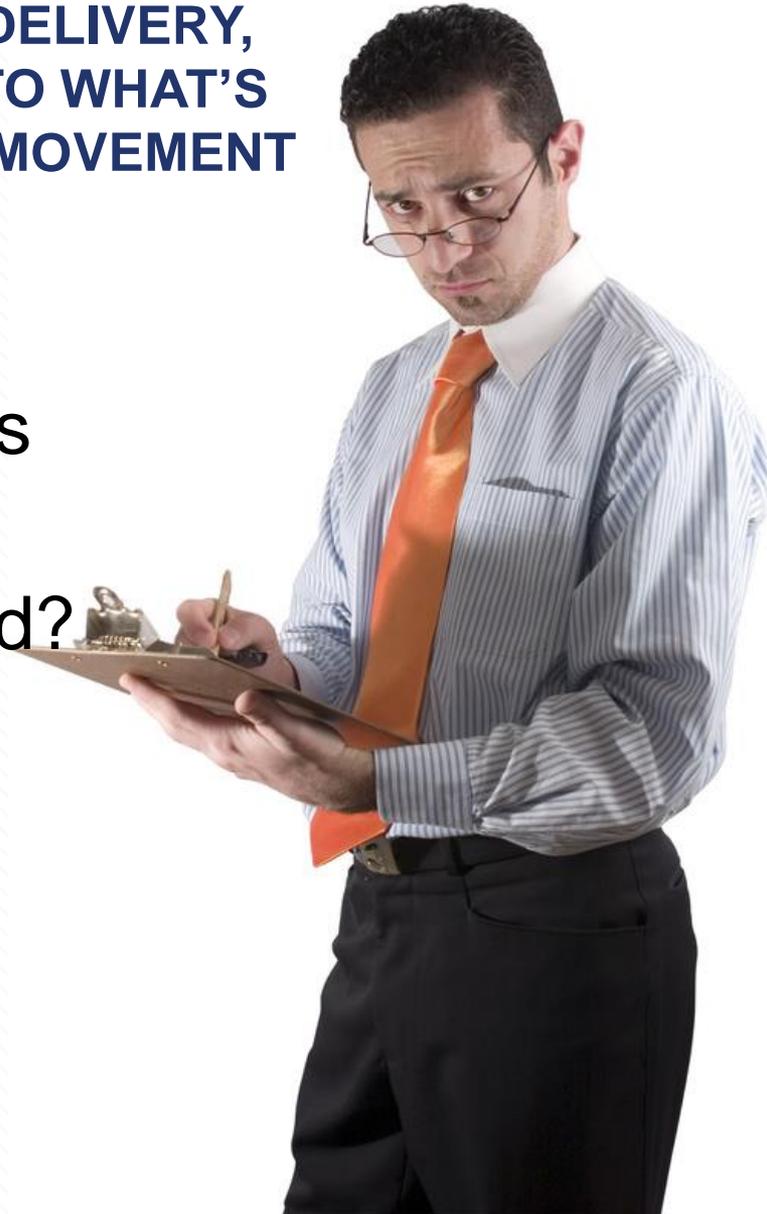
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4. YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO HAVE BETTER VISIBILITY OVER ITS FILES AND FILE MOVEMENTS, THROUGHOUT THE EXTENDED ENTERPRISE



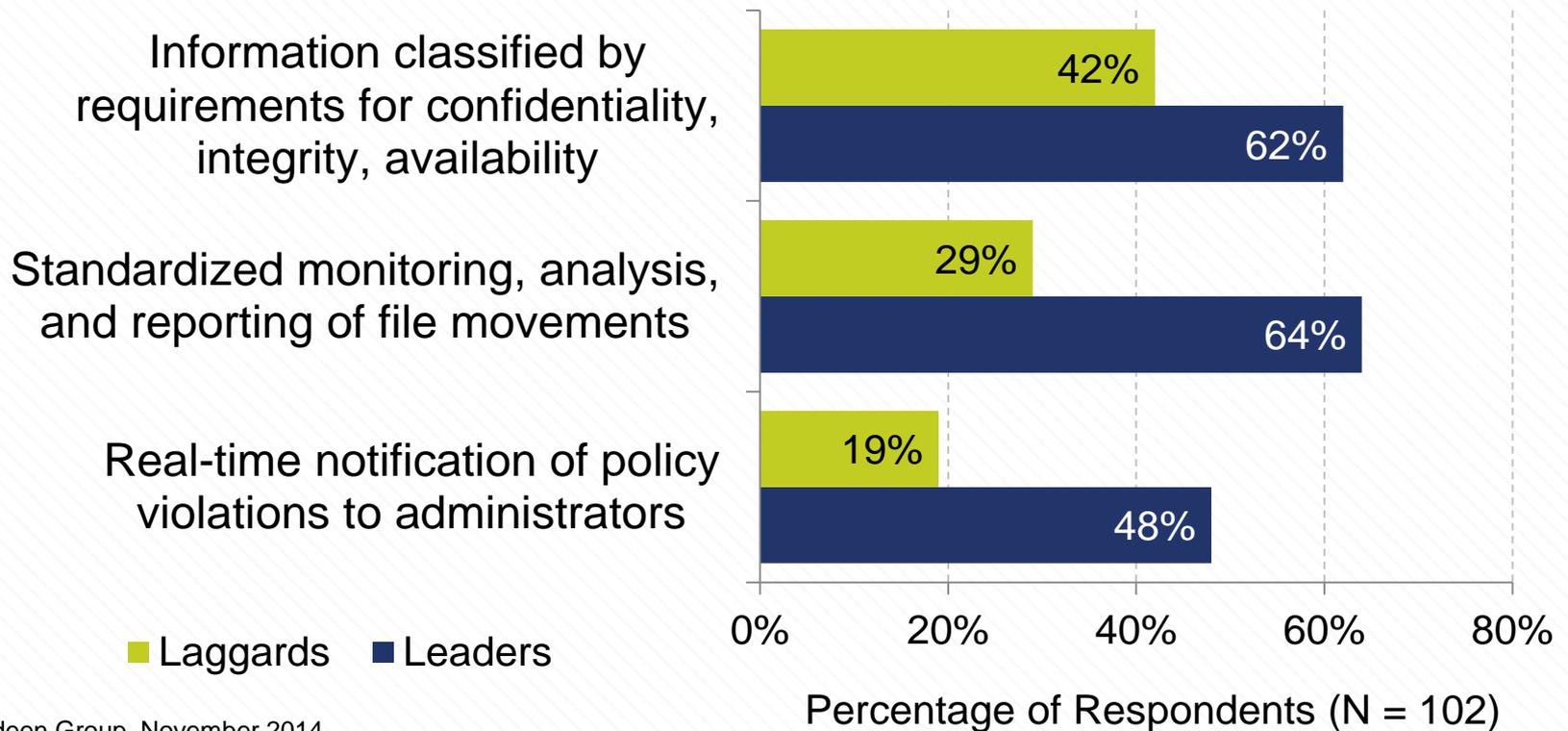
BUSINESS USERS NEED RELIABLE DELIVERY, BUT THEY ALSO NEED VISIBILITY INTO WHAT'S HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE FILE MOVEMENT PROCESS

- Were the files delivered?
- Who has been accessing this information?
- Were the inventories updated?
- Were the claims submitted?
- Were the transactions completed?
- Are there any problems?



SIMPLY PUT: YOU NEED TO FIND THE FILES THAT MATTER, AND YOU NEED TO MONITOR YOUR FILE MOVEMENTS

Current Capabilities Related to Enterprise File Movements



Source: Aberdeen Group, November 2014

5. YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO HAVE BETTER MANAGEMENT OVER ACCESS TO ITS FILES, AND BETTER GOVERNANCE OVER FILE ACTIONS AND MOVEMENTS



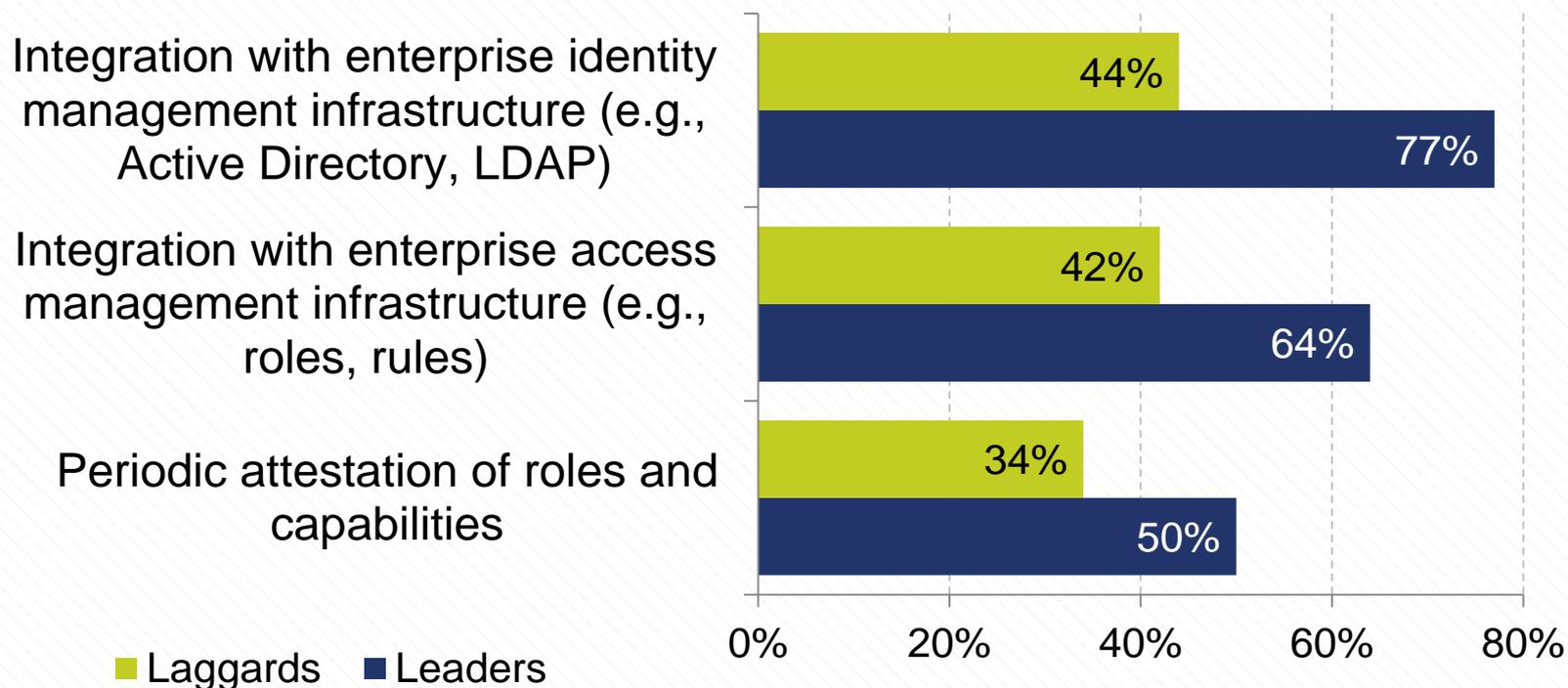
MANAGE ACCESS AND GOVERN ACTIONS BASED ON CLEAR AND CONSISTENT POLICIES

- Which end-users should have **access** to files?
- What **actions** should end-users be authorized to take with files based on their business needs?



THESE ARE FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITIES PROVIDED BY AN ORGANIZATION'S EXISTING *IDENTITY MANAGEMENT AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS*

Current Capabilities Related to Enterprise File Movements



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6. YOUR ORGANIZATION'S IT AND IT SECURITY TEAMS NEED TO LEAD OR GET OUT OF THE WAY –THERE IS NO “FOLLOW”, AND “NO” IS NO LONGER A REASONABLE OPTION



CHOOSE WISELY

- Companies that choose to **move deliberately and thoughtfully** away from a tangled mix of file movement solutions in favor of implementing a **common, IT-supported, file movement *platform*** should explicitly consider the full range of **current use cases** – as well as anticipate **future use cases** – as part of their strategic solution selection criteria



SUMMARY AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Keep the primary **focus** on business objectives
2. Capabilities for file movement need to **adapt** and keep pace with the evolving operational context
3. **Risks** related to files need to be managed, proactively
4. **Find** the files that matter, and **monitor** their movements
5. Manage **access** and govern **actions**
6. **Lead** (as a partner), or get out of the way





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