

# Oracle Data Safe Technical Architecture



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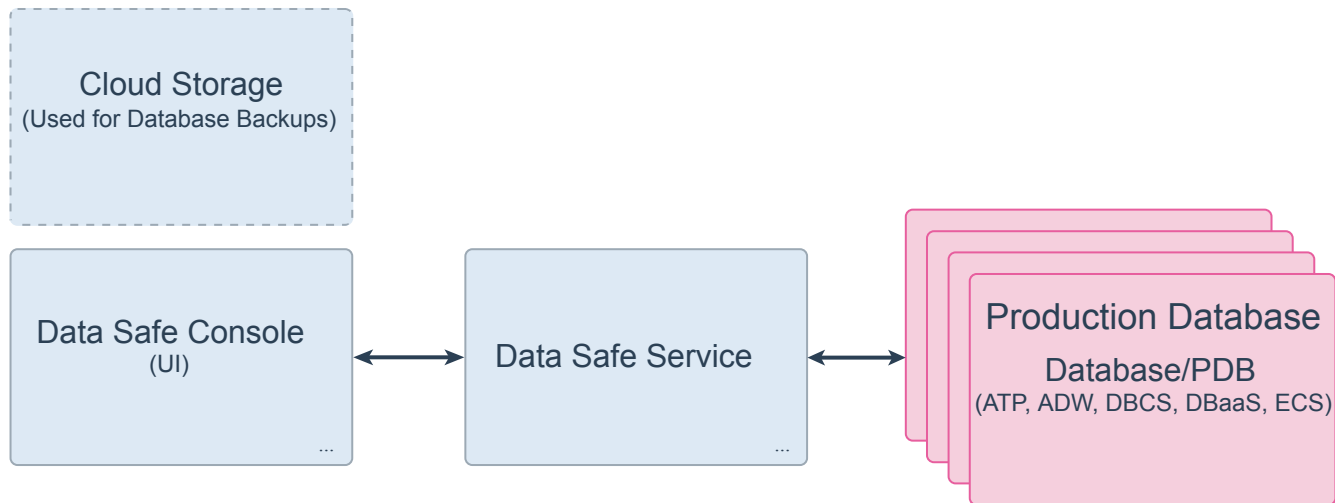
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# Oracle Data Safe Introduction



Oracle Data Safe is a fully-integrated Cloud service focused on the security of your data. It provides a complete and integrated set of features for protecting sensitive and regulated data in Oracle Cloud databases.

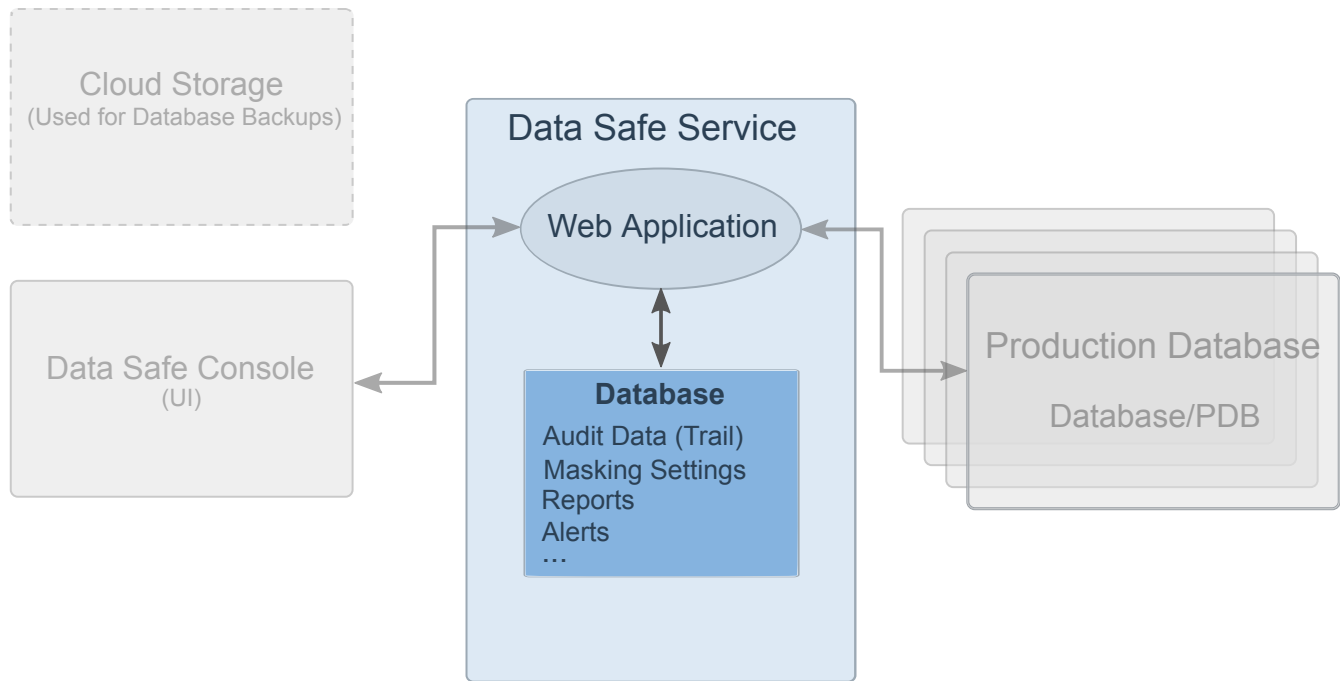
Watch this [Introduction to Oracle Data Safe video](#).

There are four main components to this architecture:

1. As an Oracle Data Safe user, you access the service through a web interface called the Oracle Data Safe Console.
2. After purchasing Oracle Data Safe, the service administrator needs to go into the OCI console and enable Data Safe service in one region of your tenancy. You can watch the [Enable Oracle Data Safe video](#) for more information. You can then access the Oracle Data Safe web application and data required to support your service through the Oracle Data Safe Console.
3. Oracle Data Safe is working against what are called targets. These targets are databases you own and want to monitor on the [Oracle Public Cloud](#). Supported targets are currently Autonomous OLT (ATP), Autonomous Data Warehouse (ADW), Database Cloud Service (DBCS), Database systems on OCI (DBaaS), and Exadata Cloud Service (ECS) targets. You can use two different protocols to establish connections between your Oracle Data Safe tenancy and your targets:
  - a. TCP with network encryption where your target database needs to enable network encryption.
  - b. TCPS where the target database has to be configured with TLS 1.1/1.2.
4. The Cloud Storage component is the [Oracle Storage Cloud Service](#) or [Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Storage Service](#) used to backup your database targets for certain types of

Oracle Data Safe operations like Masking. Depending on how you want to use Oracle Data Safe, this component is optional.

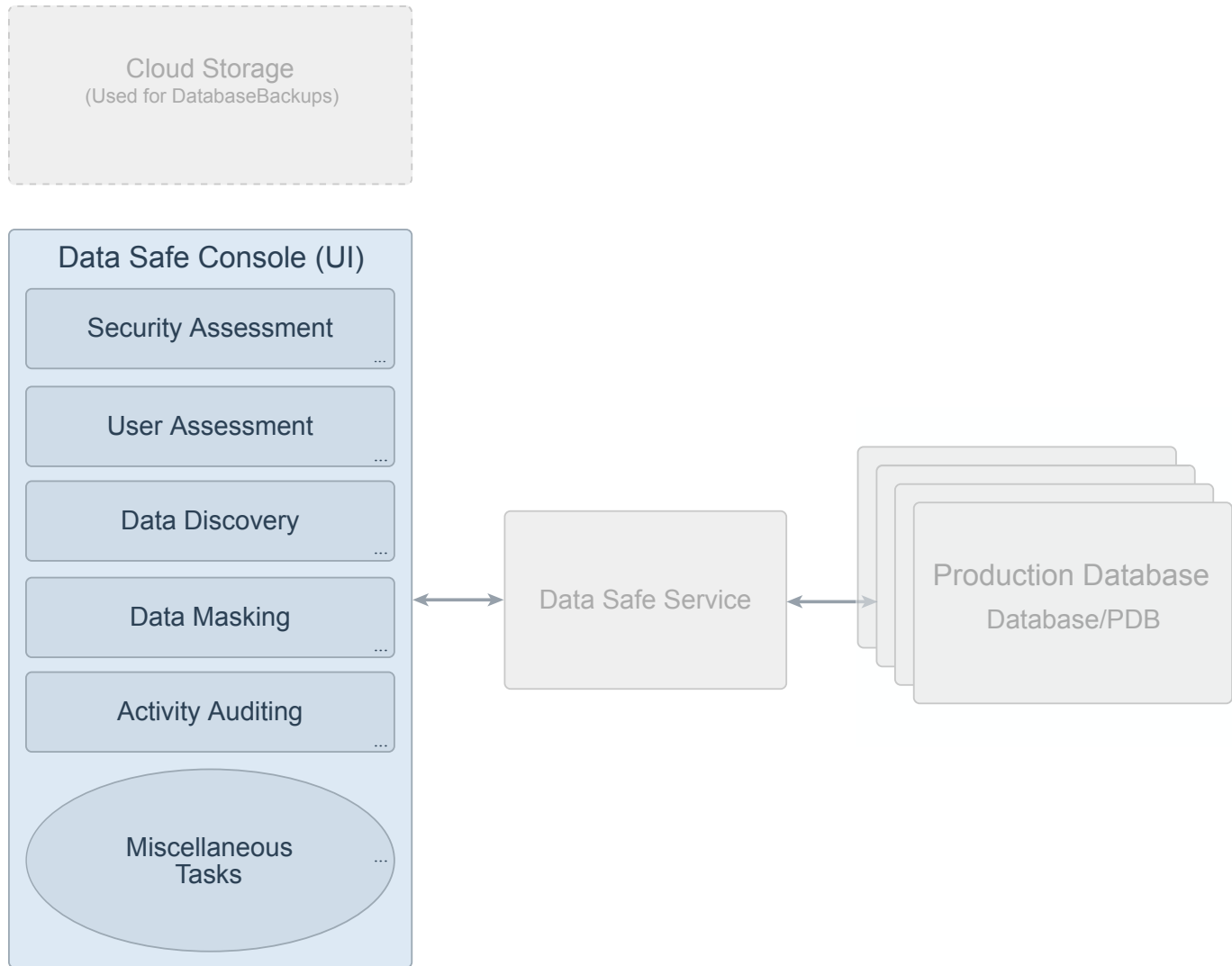
# Oracle Data Safe Service



The Oracle Data Safe service consists of a web application (called Oracle Data Safe Console) and a secure and highly available Oracle Database stored on the Oracle Public Cloud. The database stores your service information, such as audit data, masking settings, reports, alerts, and many other things.

You can access Oracle Data Safe resources through the Oracle Data Safe Console.

# Oracle Data Safe Console



The Oracle Data Safe console, also referred to as the User Interface, or UI, has five main functionalities:

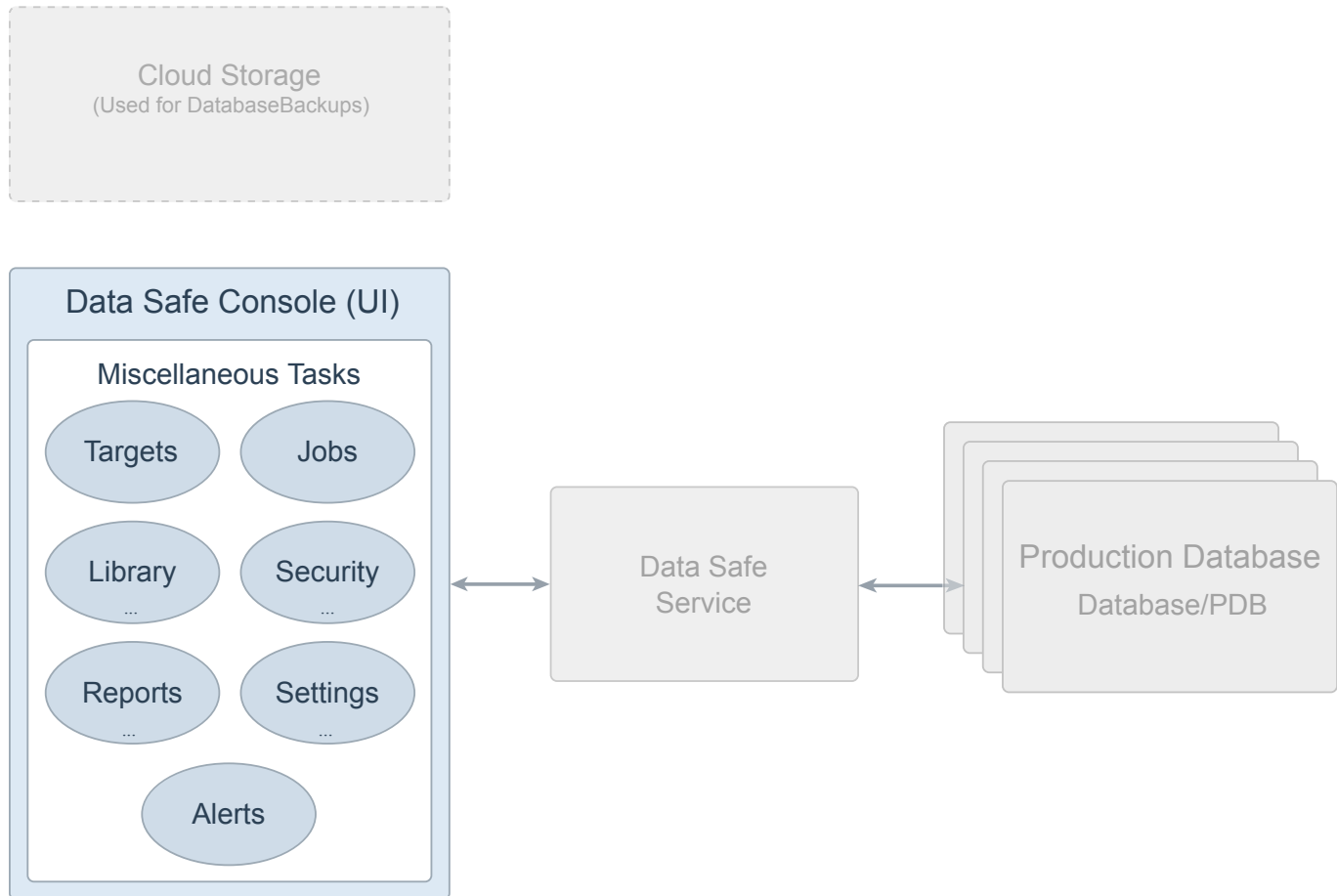
1. Security Assessment analyzes information on your database targets, identifies configuration settings that may unnecessarily introduce risk, and reports recommendations for remediation activities that follow best practices to reduce or mitigate risk.
2. User Assessment provides you information about the risks associated with certain privileged database system users.
3. Data Discovery enables you to discover and classify sensitive data in your database targets.
4. Data Masking enables you to mask sensitive data in your test and development databases.
5. Activity Auditing lets you monitor user activities on selected databases, collect that information, and trigger real-time alerts as needed for unusual or blacklisted behavior.

In addition to the above five main functionalities, you can also perform a number of miscellaneous tasks like managing jobs, viewing reports and alerts, setting parameters, and managing Oracle Data Safe security.

To get a sense of what this UI looks like, watch the [Oracle Data Safe Console Walkthrough video](#).



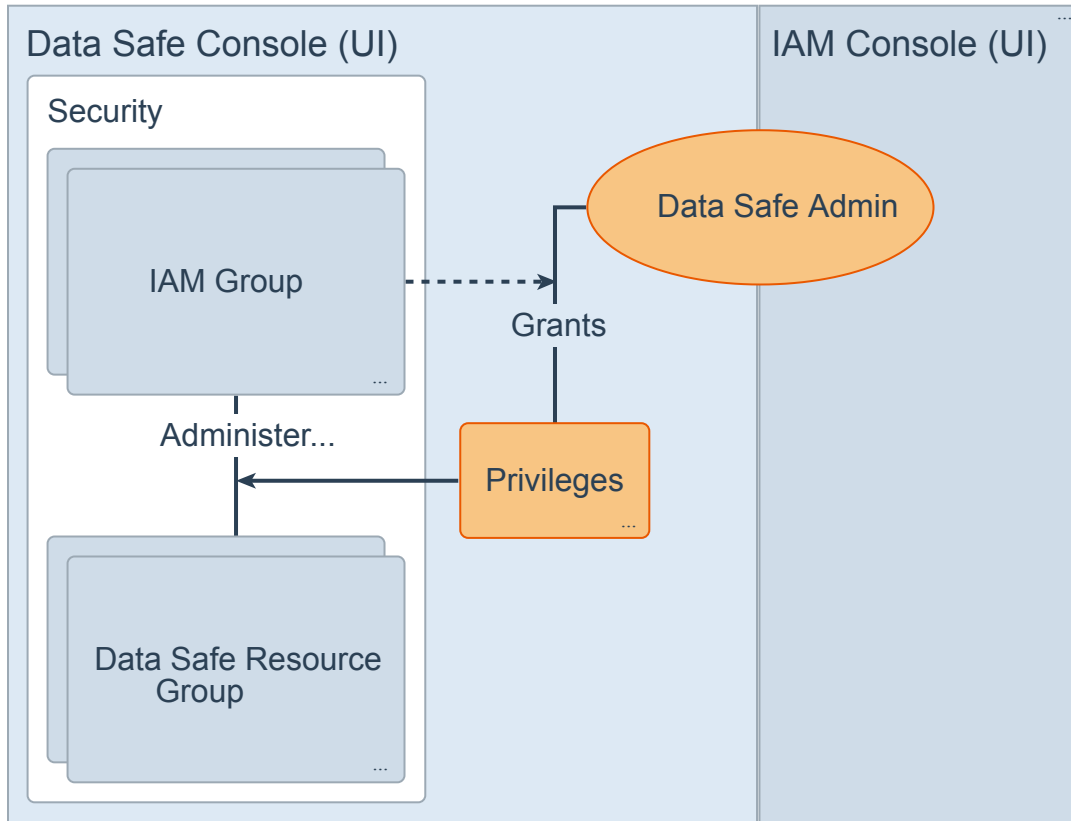
# Miscellaneous Tasks



You can also directly manage some of the following key elements from the Oracle Data Safe Console:

- **Targets:** You can add new Database targets, configure Oracle Data Safe audit trails for those, and setup your auditing policies.
- **Library:** From this view, you can look at discovered information for your Database targets and masking data.
- **Reports:** Here you can look at all the generated reports for audits, masking, discoveries, and assessments, as well as internal (system) information.
- **Alerts:** The Alerts section give you a summary or details of all triggered alerts and you can close or open these alerts.
- **Jobs:** The Jobs section shows you all important operations information related to internal processes done by your service.
- **Settings:** Here you can setup your audit data retention period.
- **Security:** This is where Oracle Data Safe administrators can add resource groups and grant privileges on those resource groups to user groups.

# Security Overview



There can be multiple users involved in setting up Oracle Data Safe security. At a high level:

- The user who opens an Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) account (referred to as the Tenancy Administrator)
- Additional users who are added to your Tenancy Administrators group
- Additional users granted the `manage` permission on certain resources through other Identity and Access Management groups

For a very small company, only the user who created your tenancy could be used. The user who administers the Oracle Data Safe service is called the Oracle Data Safe Administrator.

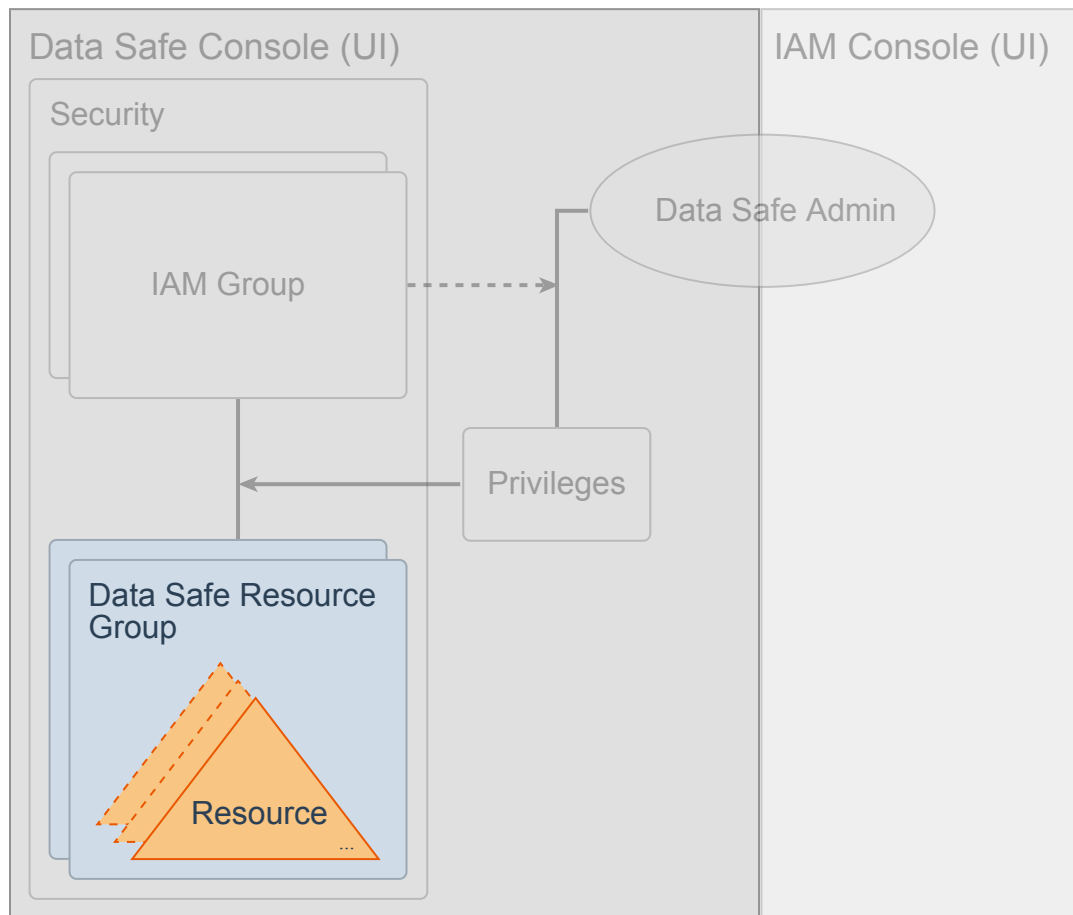
Oracle Data Safe security is established at two levels:

1. From the OCI Identity and Access Management (IAM) Console, the Oracle Data Safe Administrator is responsible for creating additional IAM users and groups that are automatically recognized as valid Oracle Data Safe users and groups in the Oracle Data Safe Console. We refer to these groups as IAM groups.
2. From an Oracle Data Safe tenancy's Console:

- An Oracle Data Safe Administrator can assign Oracle Data Safe privileges to IAM groups for Oracle Data Safe resource groups.
- When an IAM group is granted an administrator-level Oracle Data Safe privilege for a feature (like Assessment) on a particular resource group, any user in that group can then grant corresponding privileges (like `AdministerAssessment` or `ViewAssessment`) to other groups on that same resource group.

For more information about OCI concepts see [OCI Key Concepts and Terminology](#).

# Resource Groups



Oracle Data Safe resource groups are groups of Oracle Data Safe resources that are either automatically created with the tenancy or are created by the administrator.

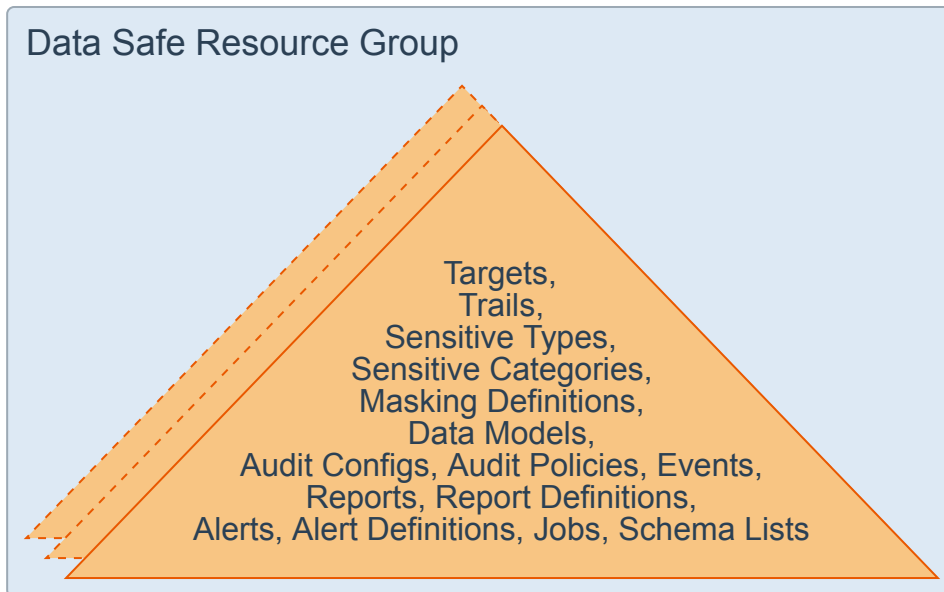
Resource groups streamline the process of assigning resources to users.

By grouping users (through resource groups) and resources (through resource groups) to specific tasks within Oracle Data Safe, you decrease the maintenance complexity of your privileges.

Two internal resource groups are automatically created and cannot be modified: *Oracle Built-in* and *Oracle Privileged*.

A third resource group is automatically created called *Default Resource Group*. By default, all resources are automatically assigned to this resource group. You can create new resource groups and assign resources to your custom resource groups.

# Resources



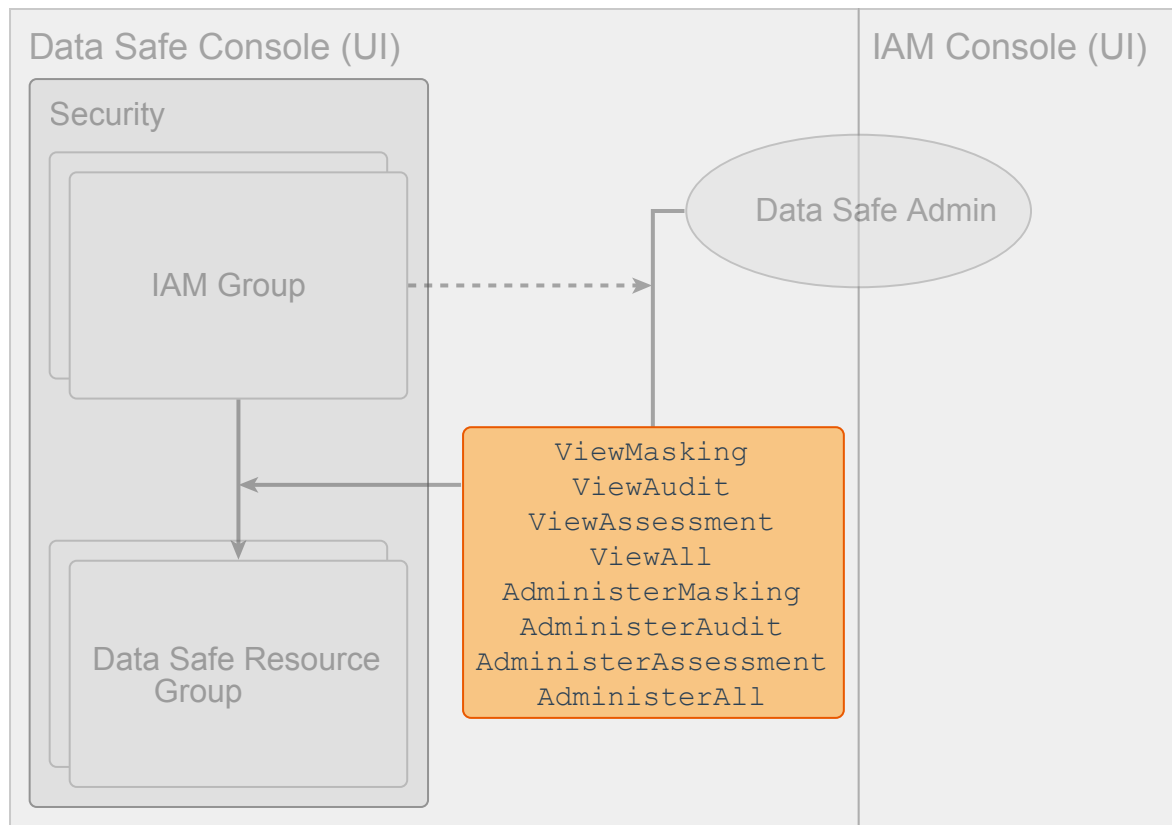
You can add a resource to a resource group when you are creating the resource or modify the resource group assignment later through the resource page. There is no resource groups management page.

Here are some examples of possible Oracle Data Safe resources you can assign to resource groups:

- targets
- sensitive types, sensitive data models
- masking formats, masking policies
- assessment reports, user reports

Others like trail, sensitive categories, masking definitions, report definitions, alerts, alert definitions, events, jobs, and schema lists are internal resources that are automatically managed by Oracle Data Safe.

# Privileges



A group with enough privileges can assign privileges to another group to grant them access to specific features in Oracle Data Safe. Features are divided into four categories: Assessment, Discovery and Masking, and Activity Auditing. There are three different options you can select for a feature: none, view, or manage.

View privileges are as follows:

- ViewMasking
- ViewAuditing
- ViewAssessment
- ViewAll

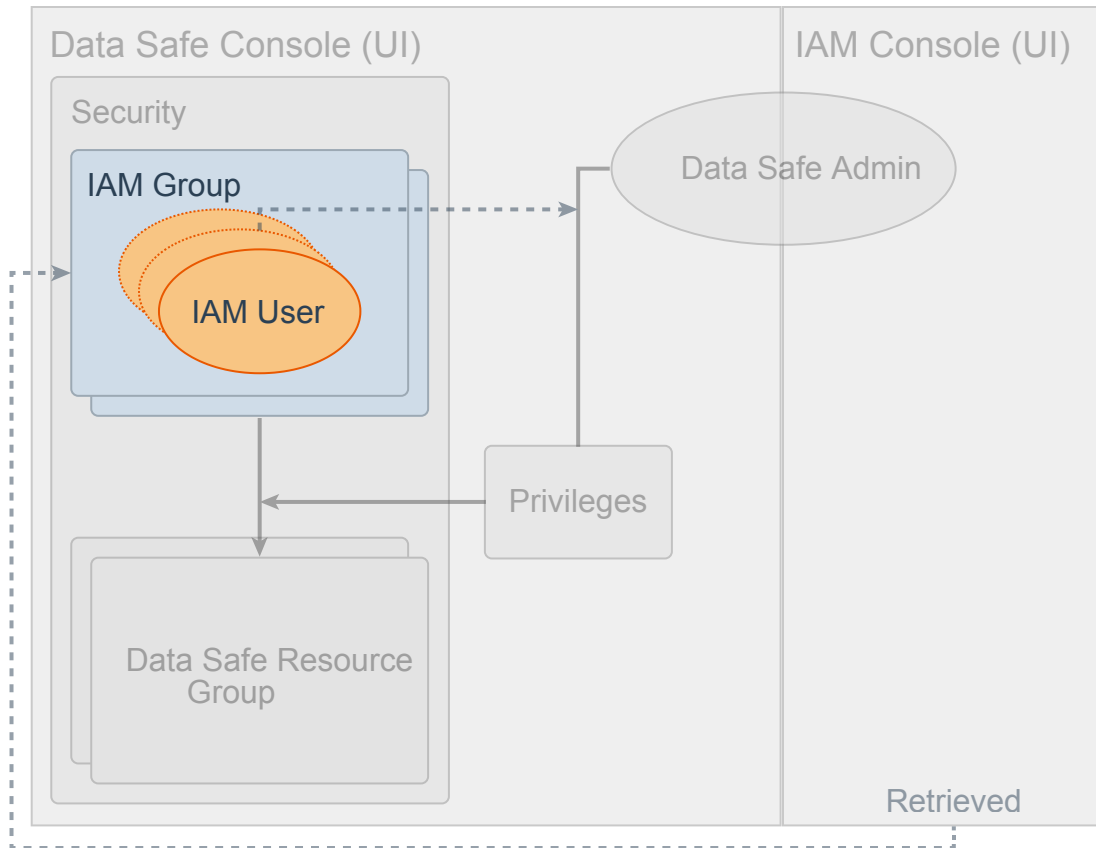
Manage privileges are as follows:

- AdministerMasking
- AdministerAudit
- AdministerAssessment
- AdministerAll

The `manage` option on the Authorizations policies tab grants an Administrator level privilege where the group has full control of the feature over all resources in the associated resource group. This option also allows a group to delegate privileges. For example, if you select the `manage` option for Discovery and Masking on Resource Group 1 (RG1), you are essentially granting the group the `AdministerMasking` privilege on RG1, and that group can select the `manage` or `view` option for Discovery and Masking on RG1 for other groups.

With the `view` option selected, a group can only look at the resources in the associated resource group.

# IAM Groups in Oracle Data Safe

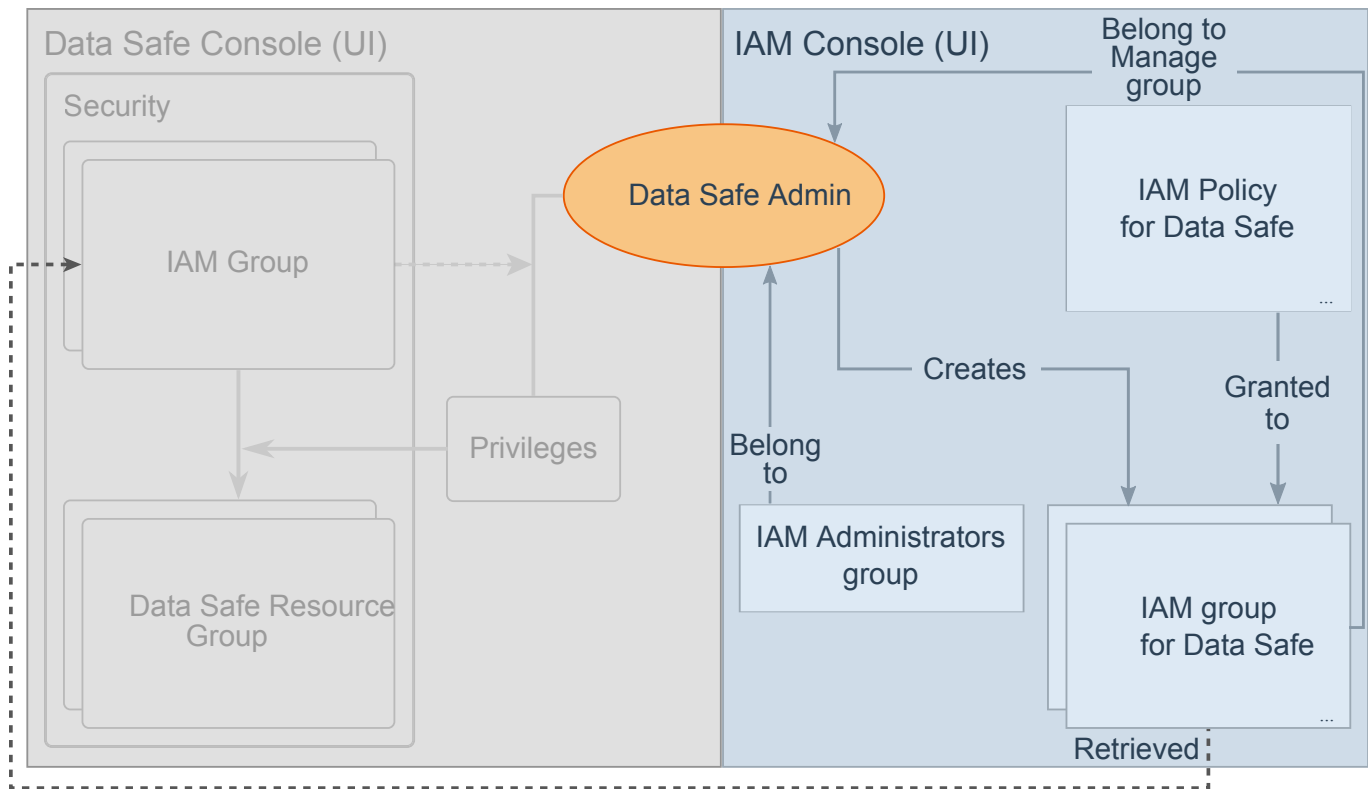


You connect to your Oracle Data Safe Console through the OCI Console. The Oracle Data Safe Administrator is responsible for creating additional users and groups by using the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Identity and Access Management (IAM) service. This service's interface is referred to as the IAM Console.

The IAM groups in your tenancy are automatically retrieved within your Oracle Data Safe Console so you can use them to connect to your Oracle Data Safe Console and manage Oracle Data Safe resources.



# IAM Console



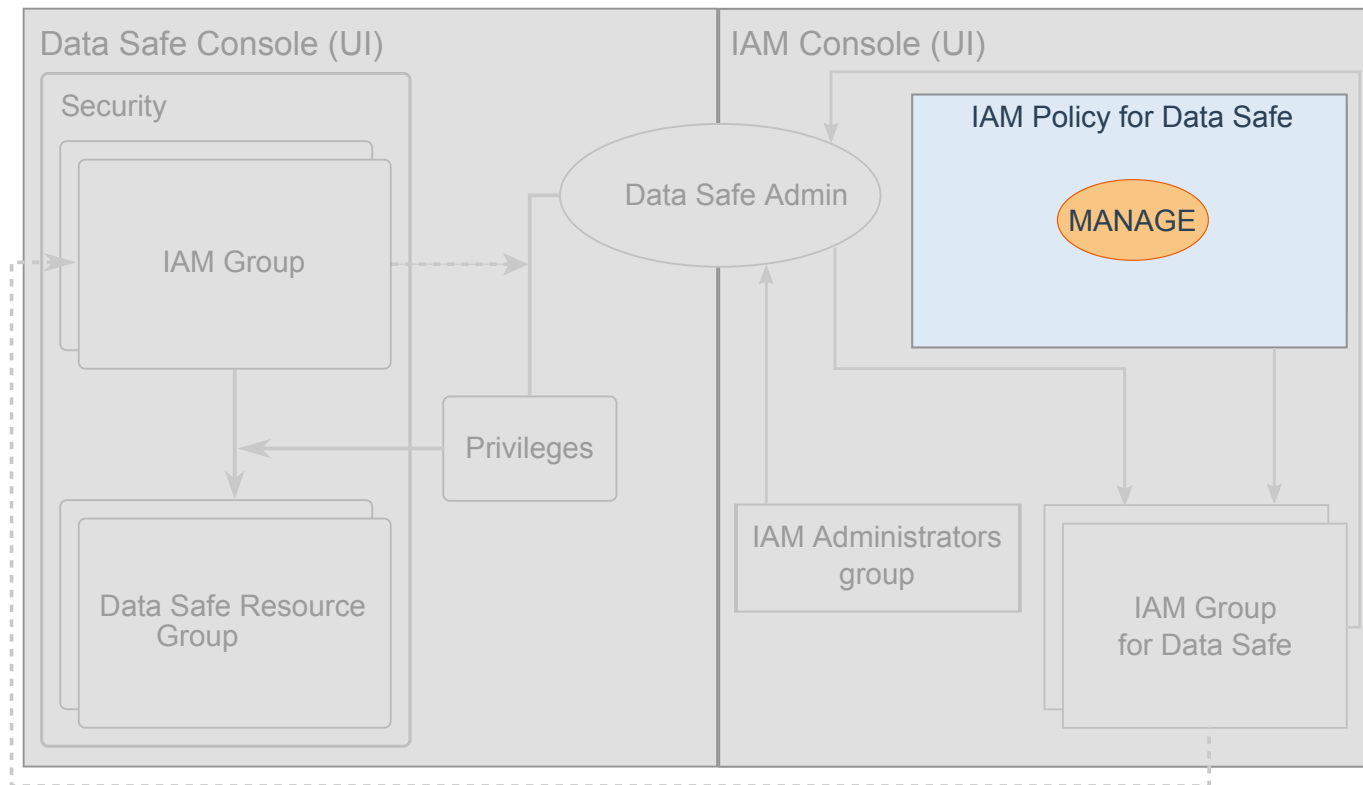
An Oracle Data Safe administrator is defined as an IAM user that either:

1. Belongs to the IAM Administrators group of your tenancy, or
2. Belongs to another IAM group that received the `IAM manage` permission for a particular Oracle Data Safe tenancy through an IAM policy.

An IAM group is automatically retrieved and visible within a particular Oracle Data Safe tenancy's Console if the user connected to that Oracle Data Safe tenancy has `IAM inspect` permission on that group.

For more information about IAM and OCI concepts, see [Overview of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Identity and Access Management](#).

# IAM Policies



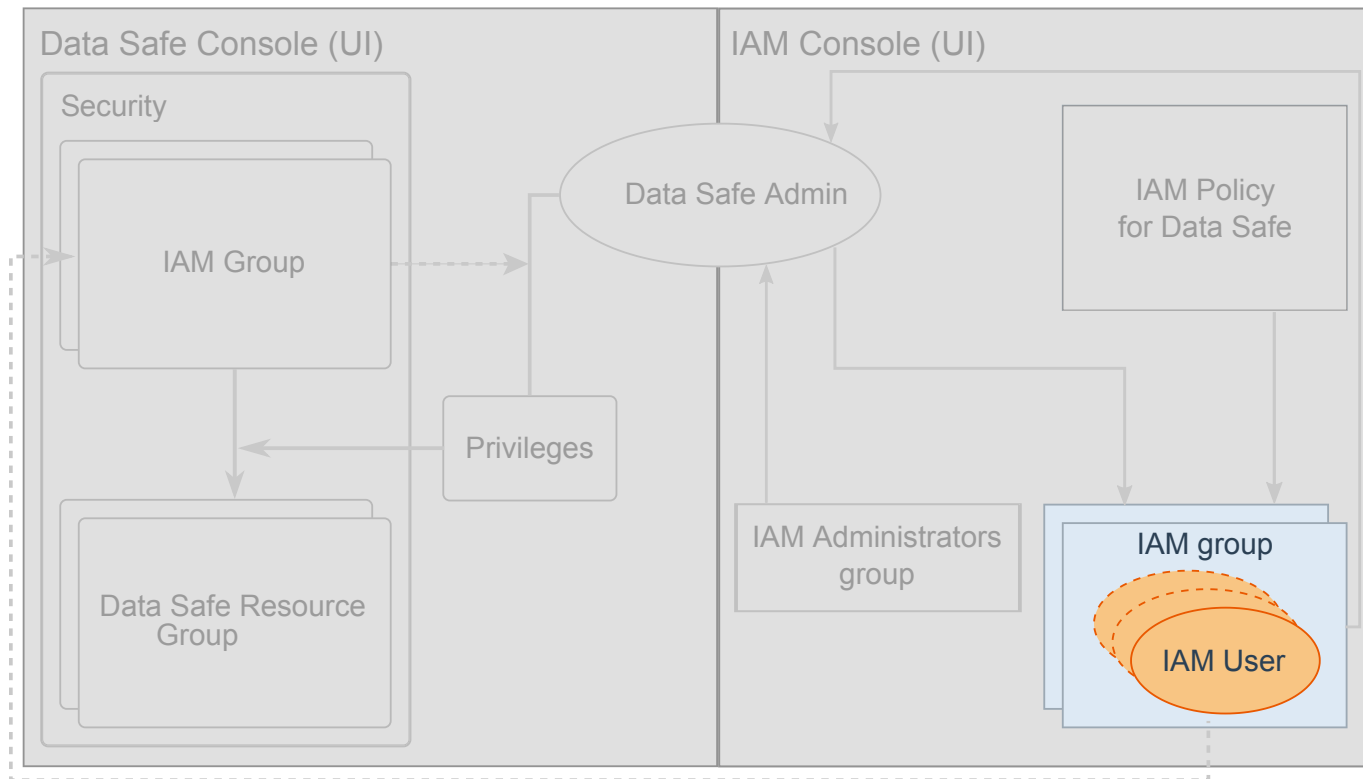
As a Tenancy Administrator in IAM or as another user with enough permissions, you can create OCI policies to grant permissions on your OCI resources in a compartment for a group. The following four permissions can be granted on OCI resources: `inspect`, `read`, `use`, and `manage`.

Here are some examples of policies you could create in the IAM console:

- Allow group A-Admins to manage all-resources in compartment Project-A
- Allow group A-Admins to manage data-safe in tenancy

For more information, see [Getting Started with OCI Policies](#).

# IAM Groups



In the IAM Console, your Oracle Data Safe Administrator can create users and groups and nest groups as needed. Depending on who is connected to your Oracle Data Safe Console and permissions granted to IAM groups, these groups will automatically be visible in the Oracle Data Safe Console.

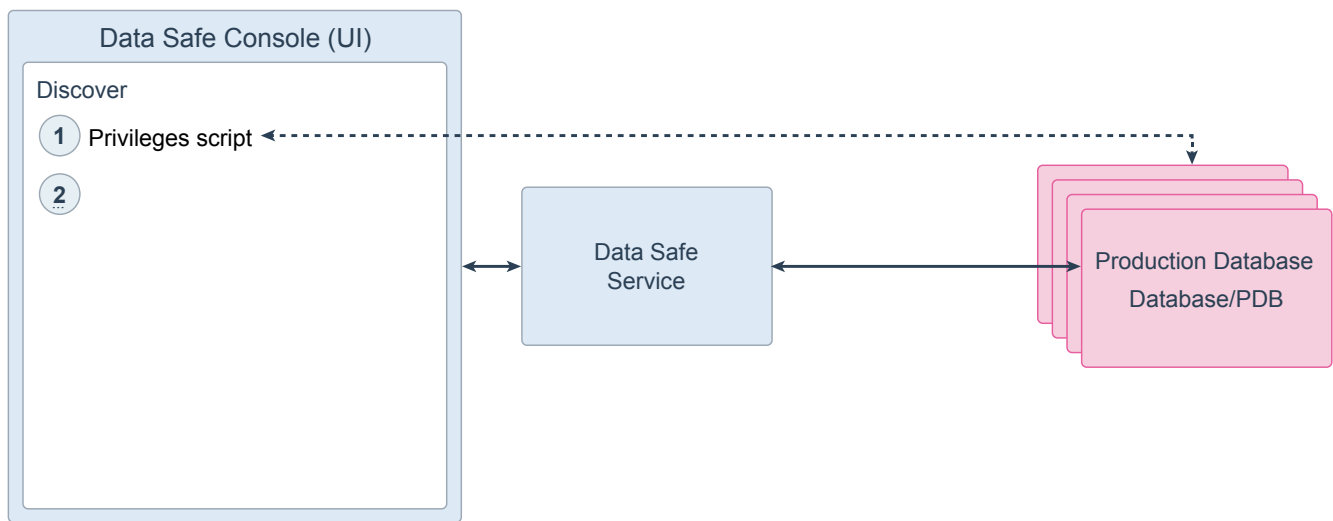
Here is an example of how all of this can be used:

1. Acme Company signs up to use Oracle Data Safe and assigns Adam as the Tenant Administrator. The default seeded policy in Acme Company's tenancy gives Adam the permissions to access and manage all the resources in tenancy, which is the root compartment.
2. In the IAM Console, Adam creates several groups and users.
  - He creates two groups for administrators: A-Admins and B-Admins (for Project A and Project B within the company).
  - He provisions users named Jorge and Cheri and places them in the A-Admins and B-Admins groups, respectively.
  - He grants the A-Admins and B-Admins groups permissions to `inspect` all user groups in the tenancy. This allows users in both of those groups to later grant

privileges to other groups on their Oracle Data Safe resources from the Oracle Data Safe Console.

3. In the Oracle Data Safe Console, Adam creates the following resource groups:
  - Project-A: to organize Project A team's cloud resources and control access to them.
  - Project-B: to organize Project B team's cloud resources and control access to them.
4. In the Oracle Data Safe Console, Adam grants privileges on the resource groups to user groups.
  - He grants the A-Admins group the `manage` privilege on All Features in the Project-A resource group.
  - He grants the B-Admins group the `manage` privilege on All Features in the Project-B resource group.

# Discovery Task - Step 1



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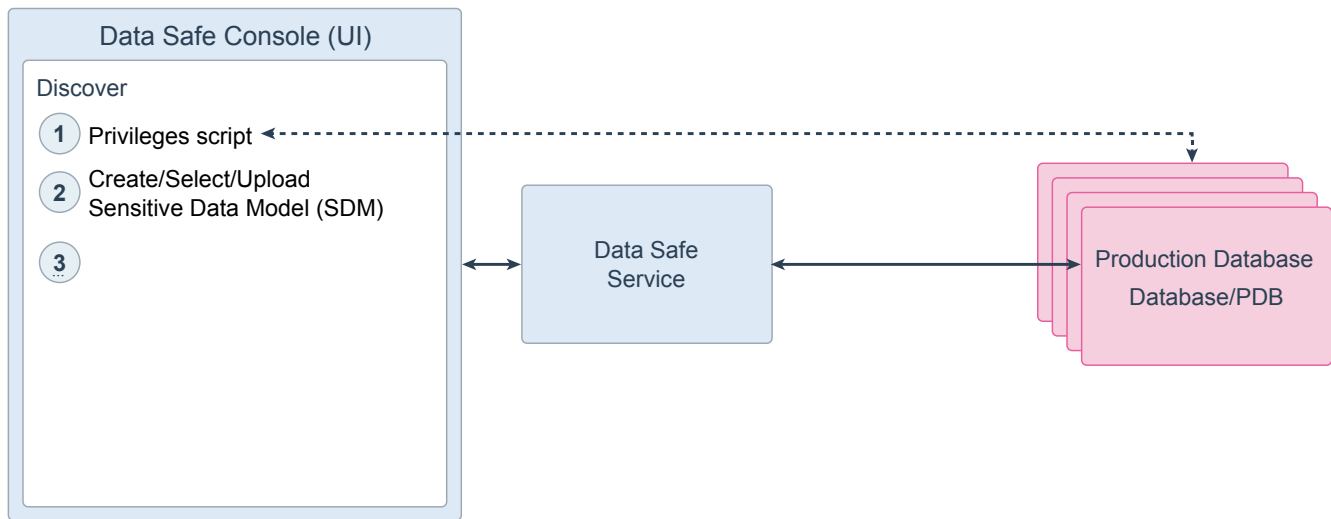
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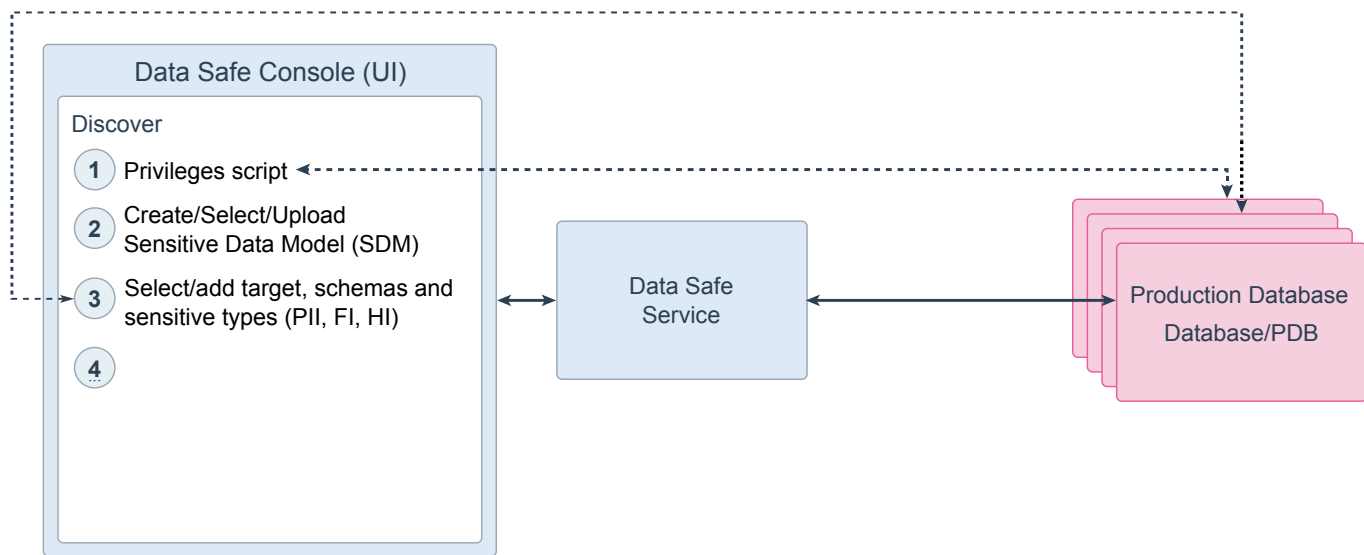
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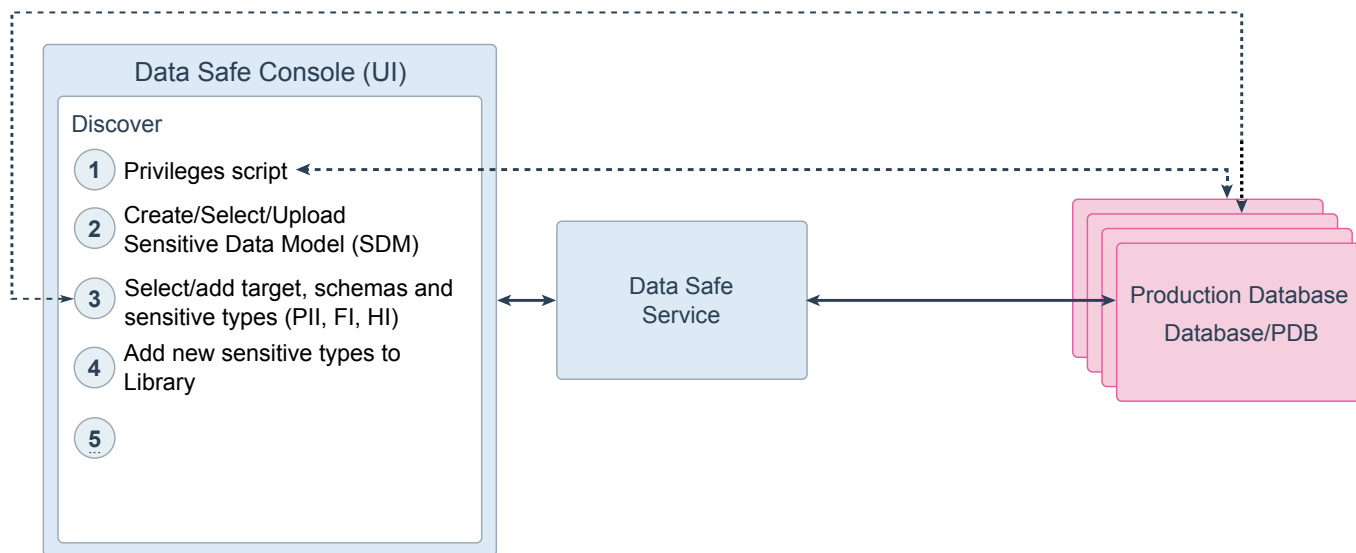
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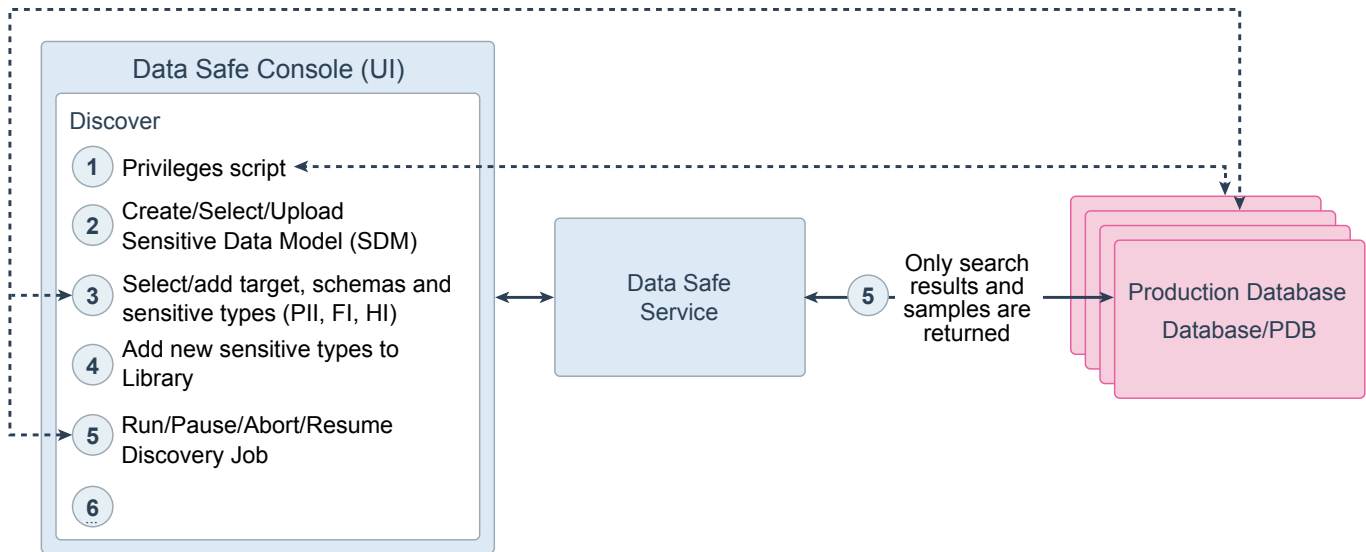


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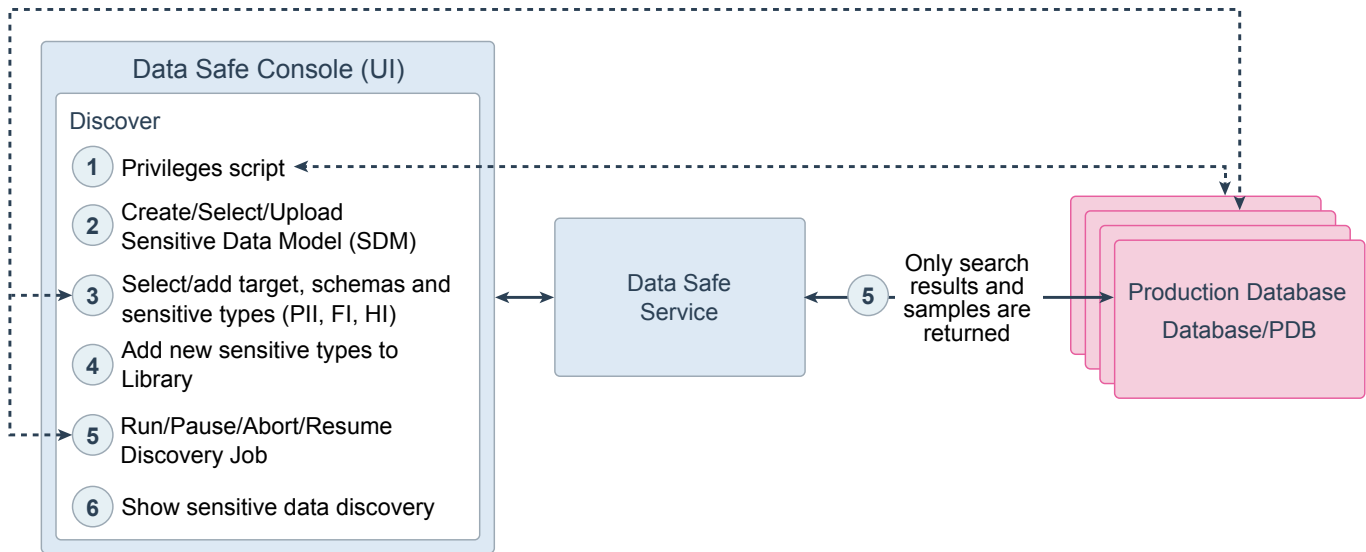
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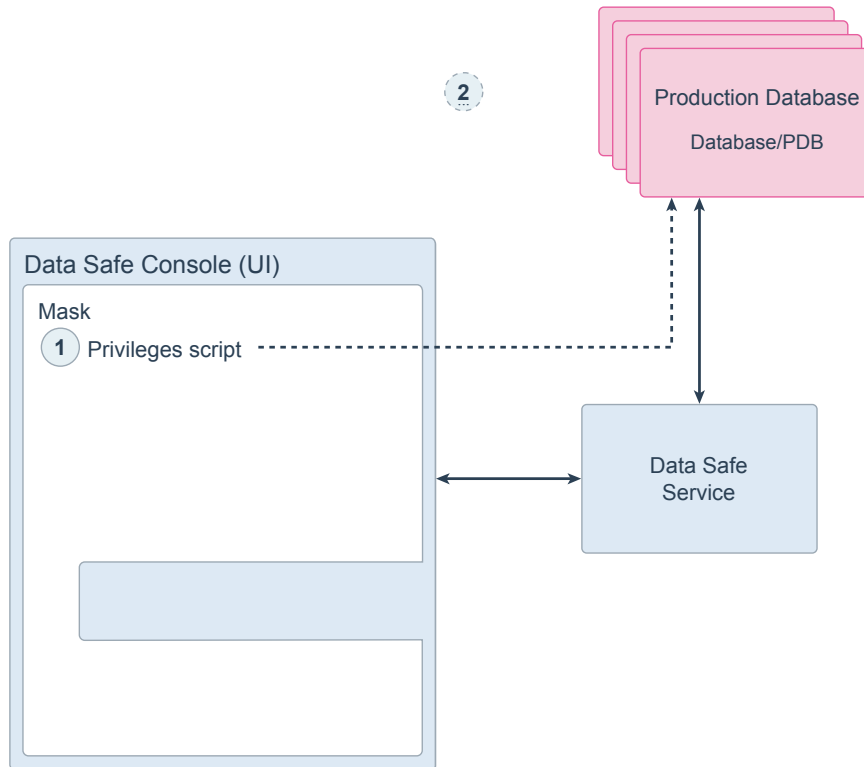
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6. You can then review the findings through various reports.

# Data Masking Task - Step 1



In Oracle Data Safe, you use the Masking Wizard to mask sensitive data. You can choose to use pre-built masking formats and policies or create your own. The system provides a masking report to give you a high level view of your masking activities and results.

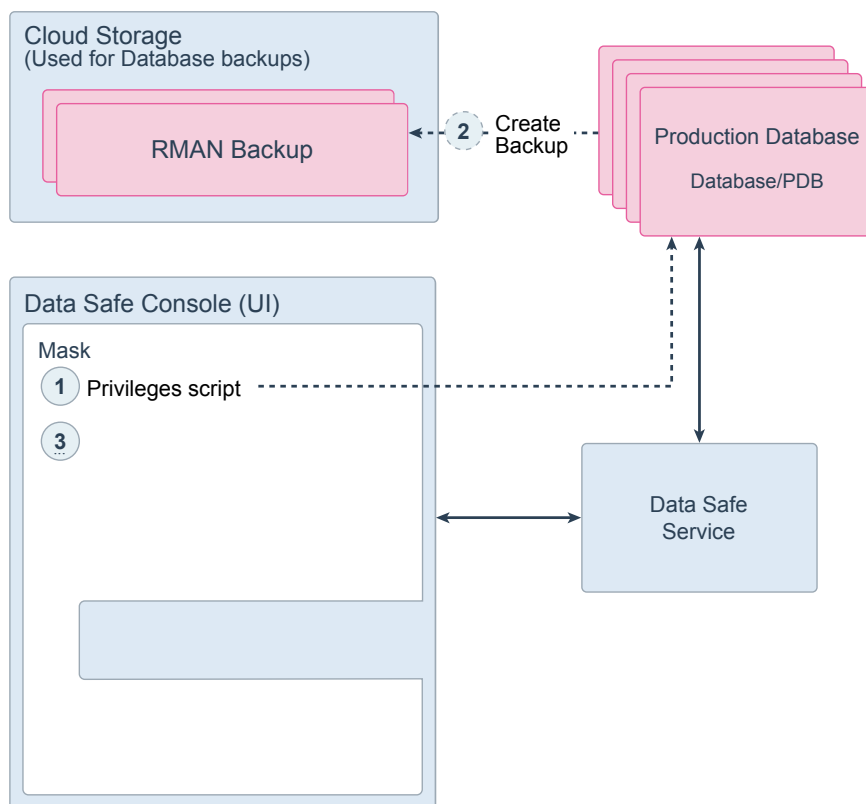
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Here we describe the recommended way of using Data Masking. However, another way is to connect to a test database and mask it directly.

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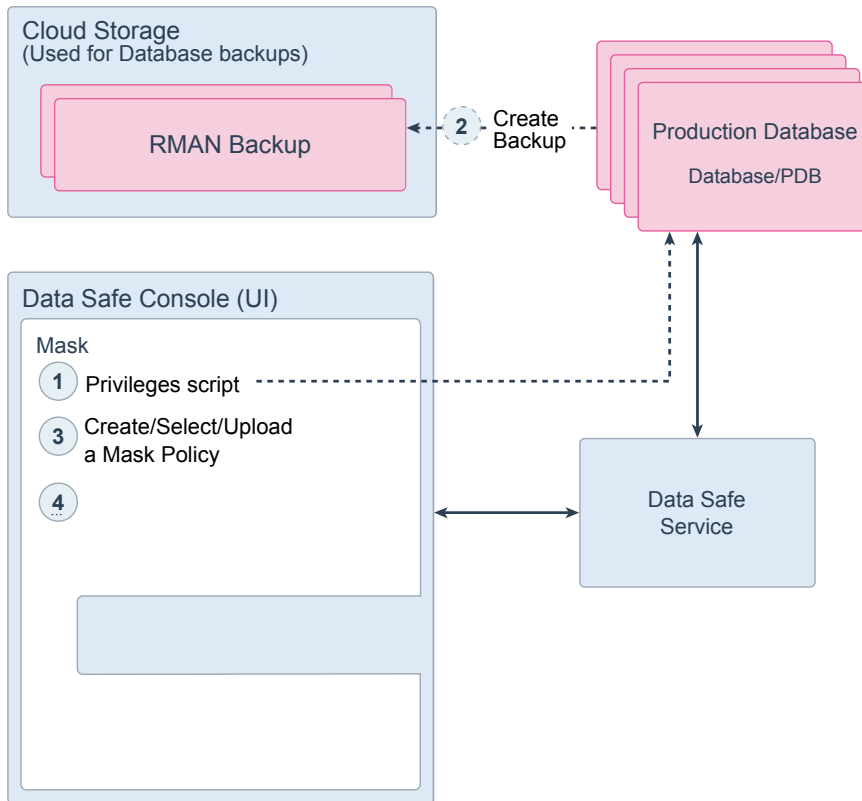
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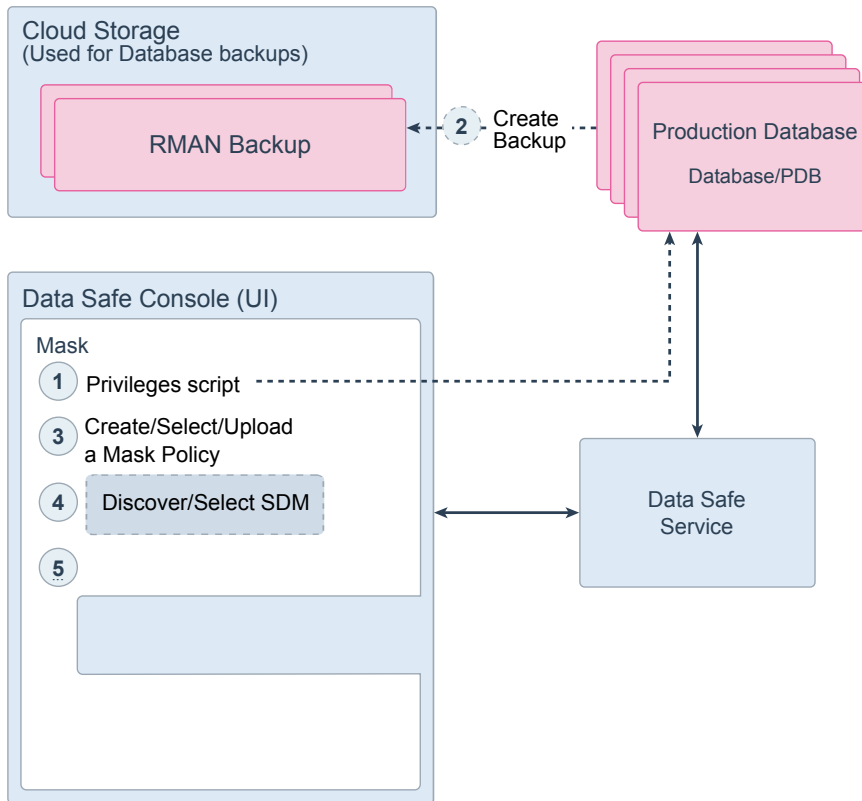


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3. To mask sensitive data, you must first define a masking policy on a Sensitive Data Model (SDM). A masking policy is mainly a container for mask formats you will define in the next steps.



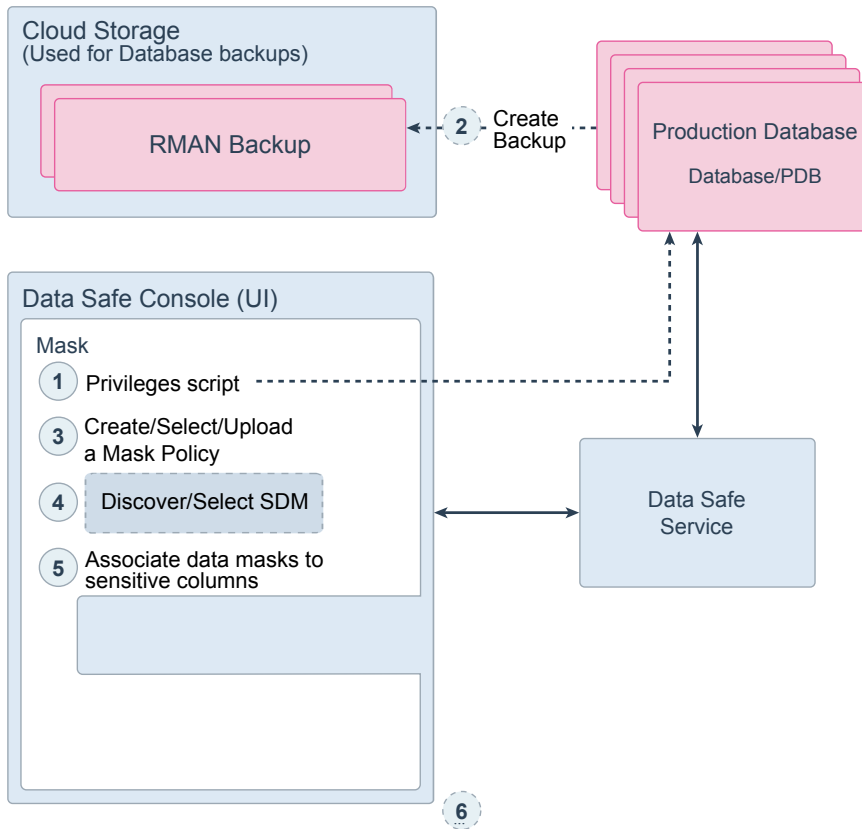
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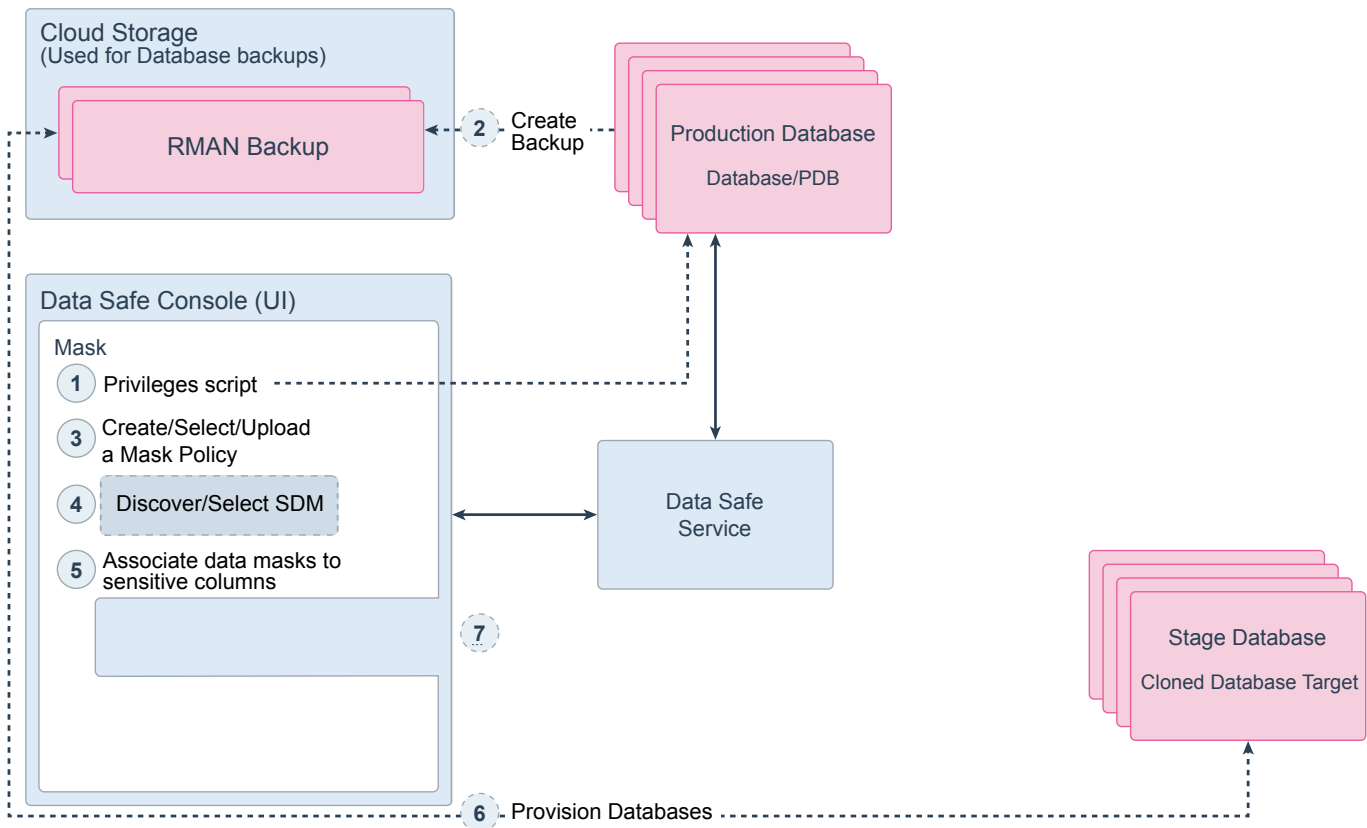
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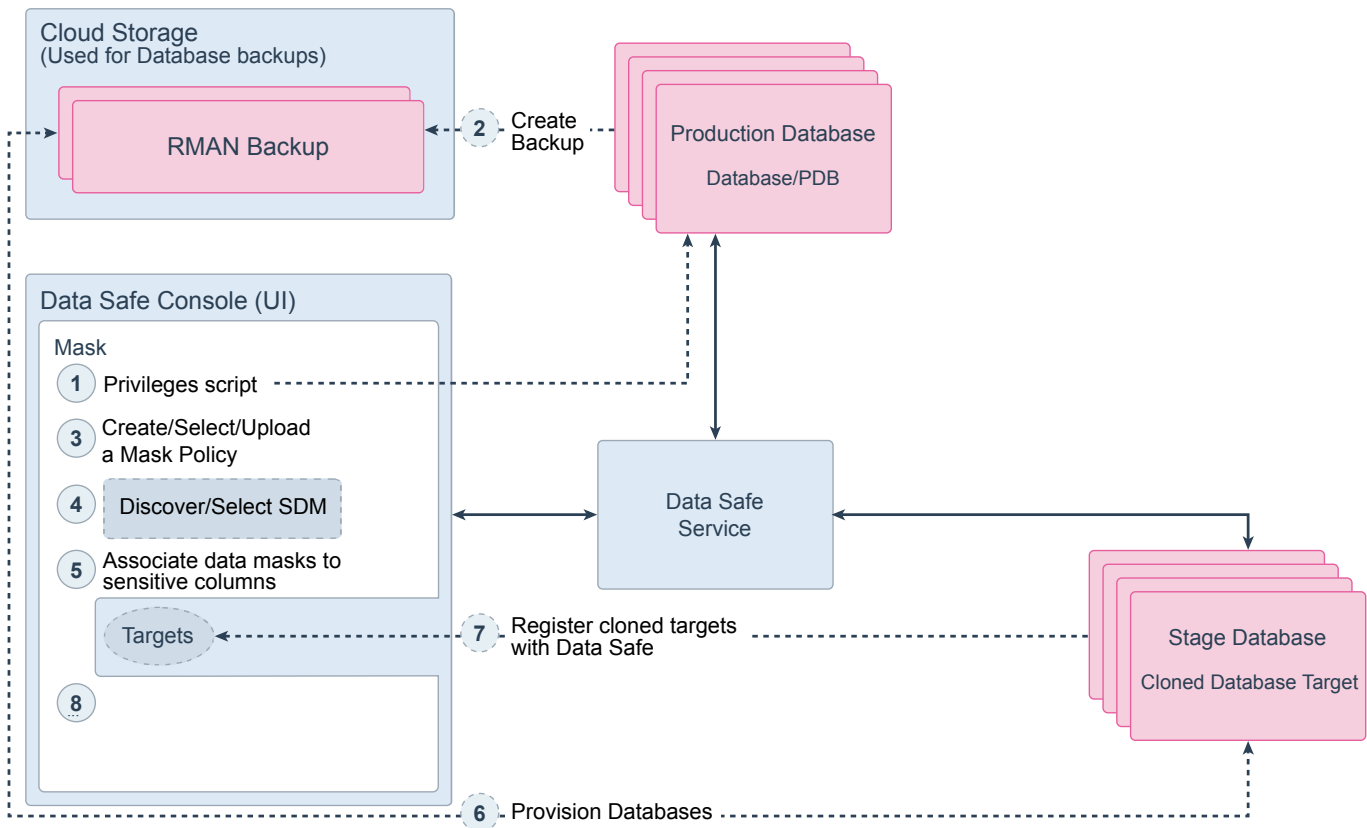
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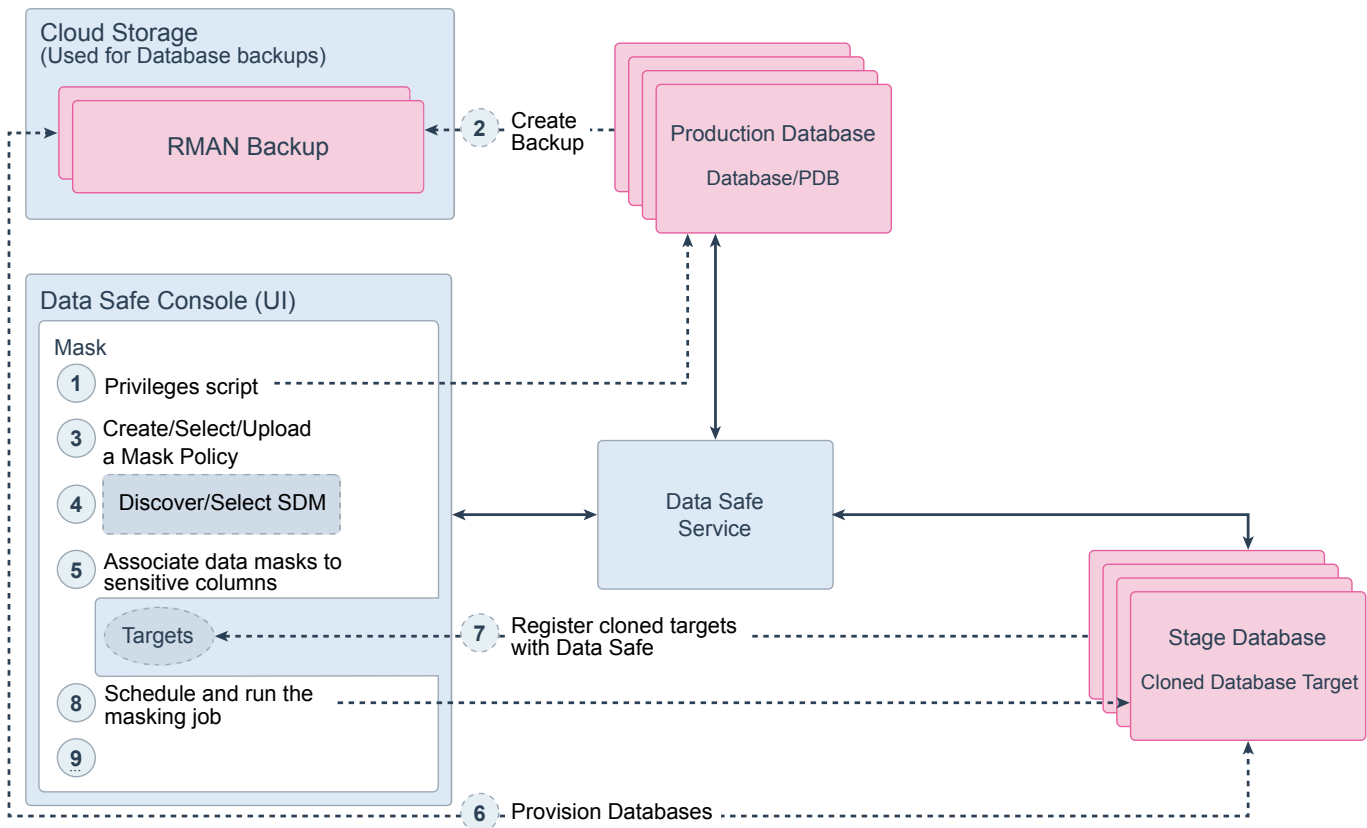


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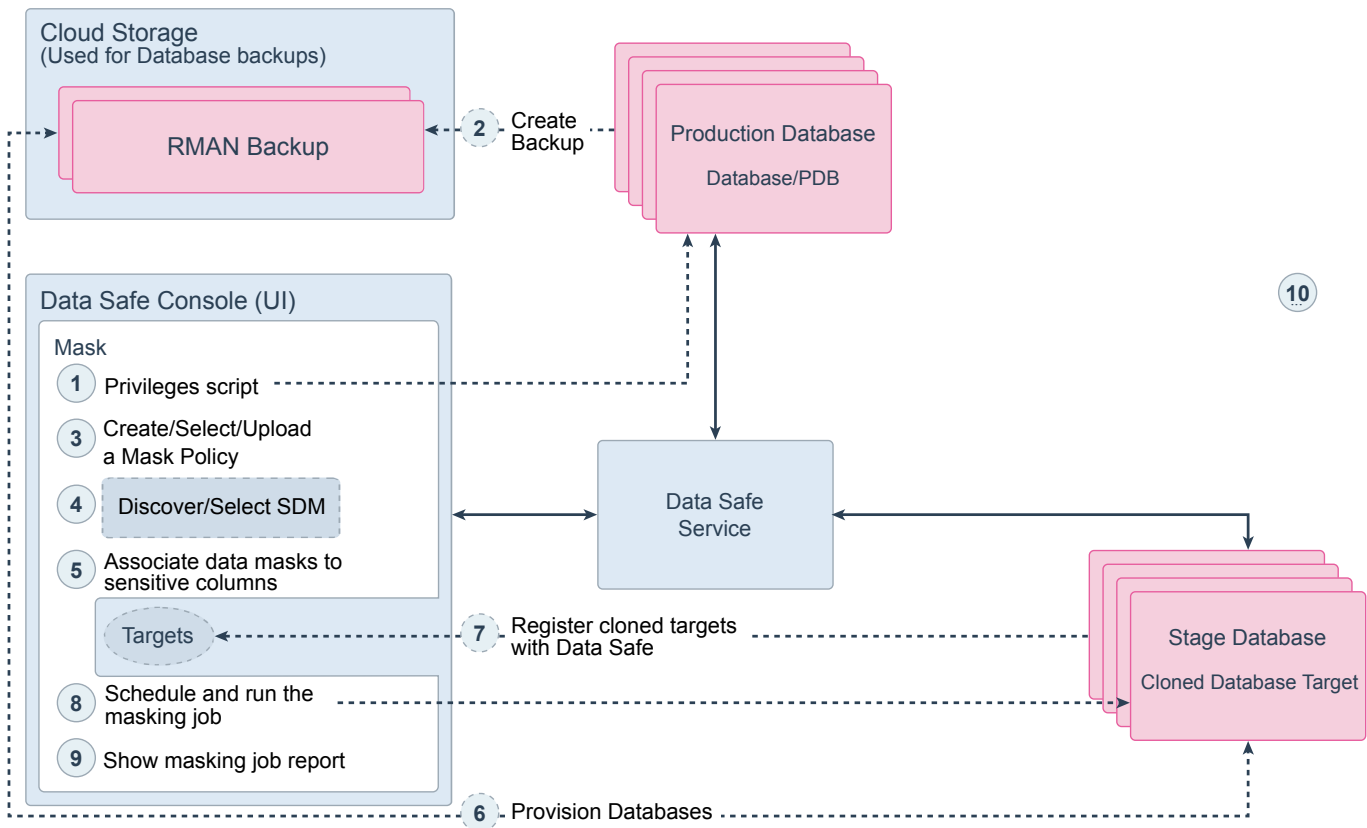
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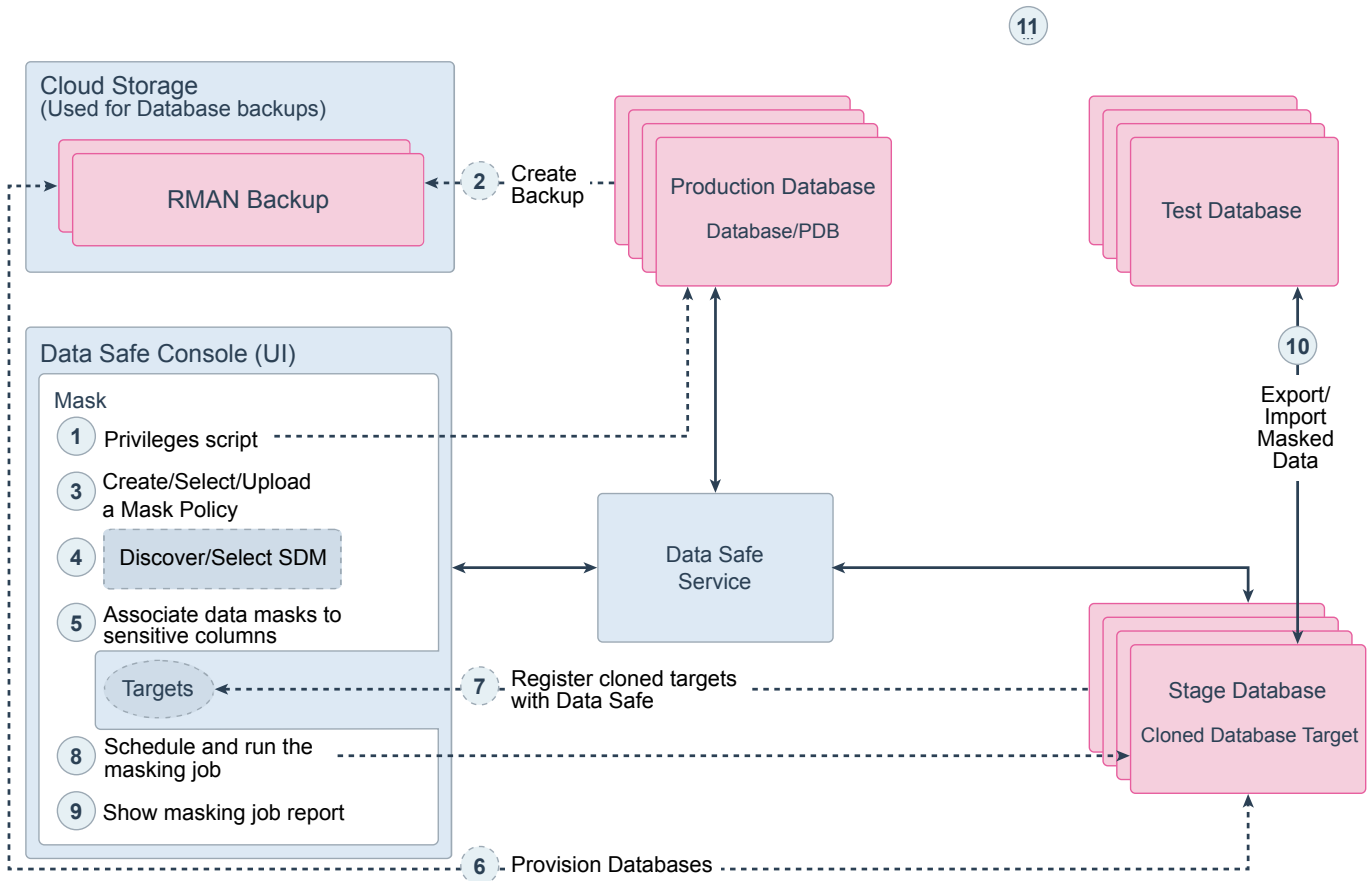
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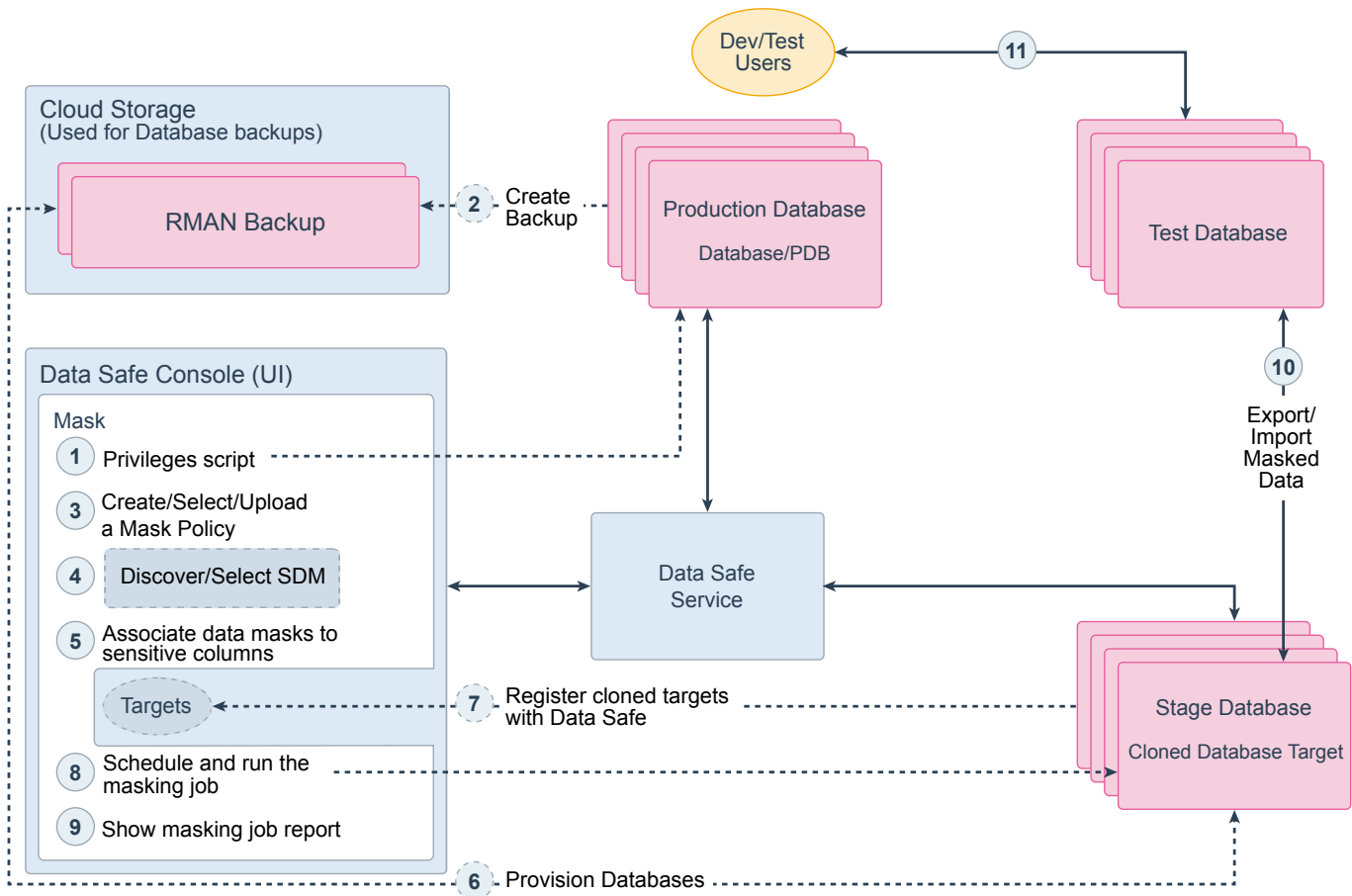
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9. A report is generated and you can view it to look at the results of your masking job.
10. Instead of giving access to your stage databases to test and developer users, we recommend you export only the masked data from the stage databases. Then you can create a new test database in which you import the masked data.

# Data Masking Task - Step 11



In Oracle Data Safe, you use the Masking Wizard to mask sensitive data. You can choose to use pre-built masking formats and policies or create your own. The system provides a masking report to give you a high level view of your masking activities and results.

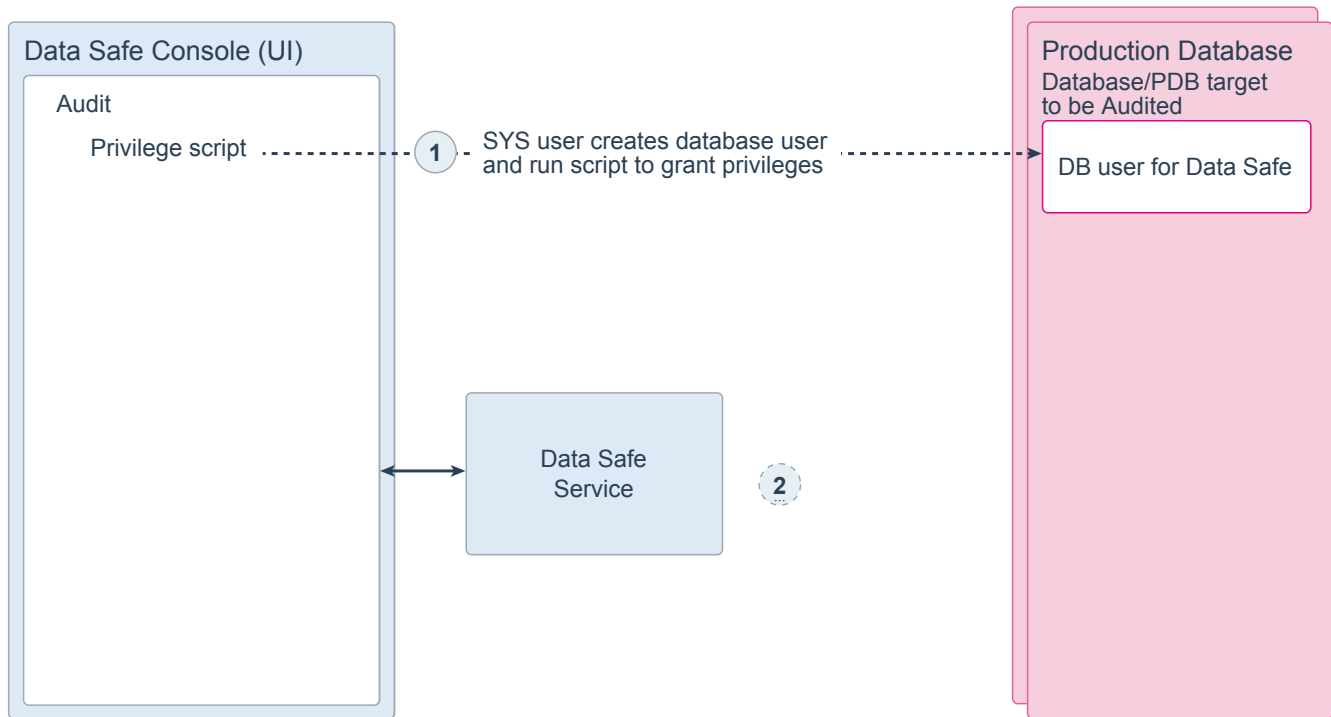
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# Activity Auditing Task - Step 1



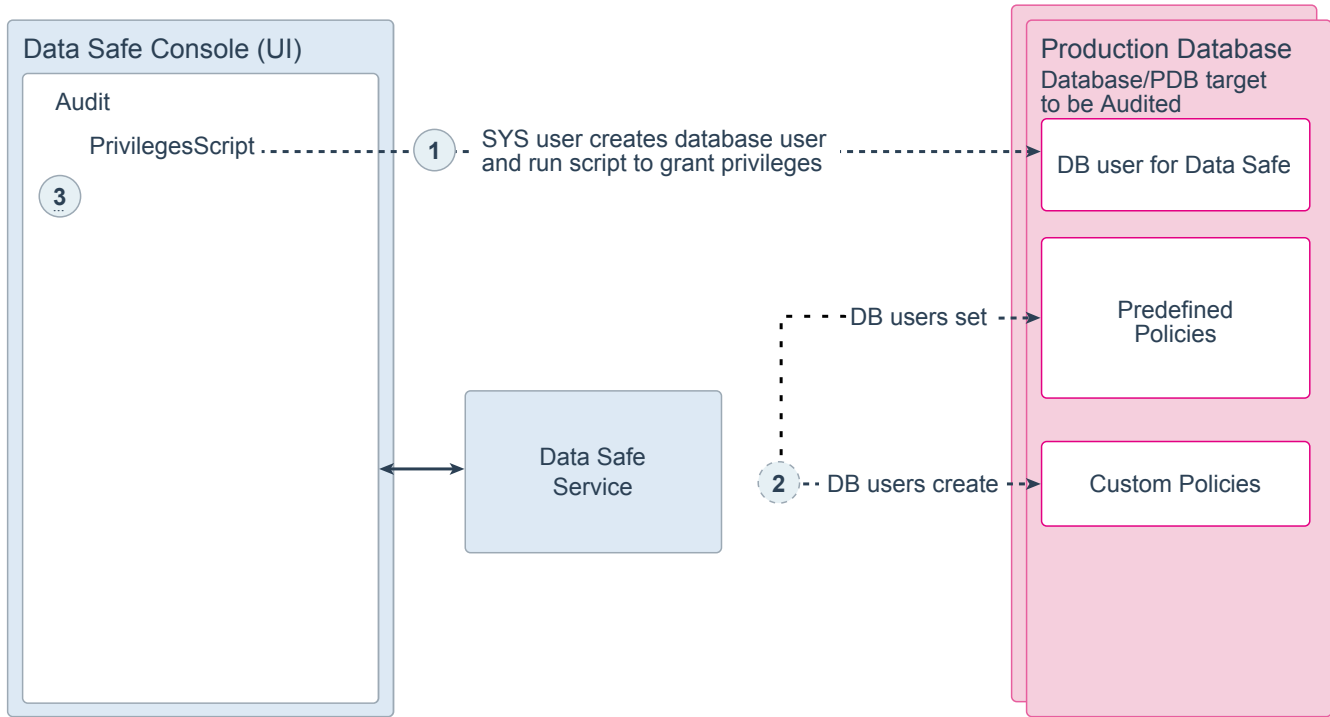
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For more information, watch the [Provision Audit and Alert Policies video](#) and [Analyze Audit Records and Alerts video](#).

Here we describe the steps for using Activity Auditing:

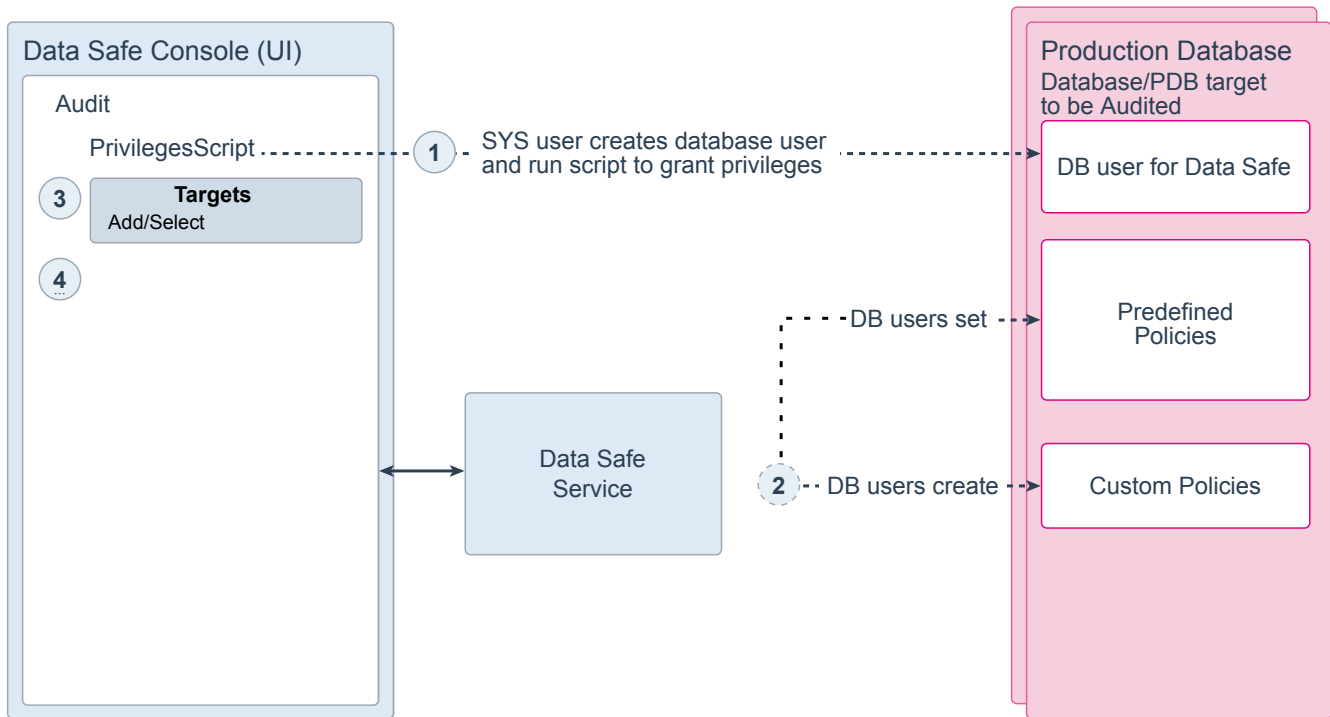
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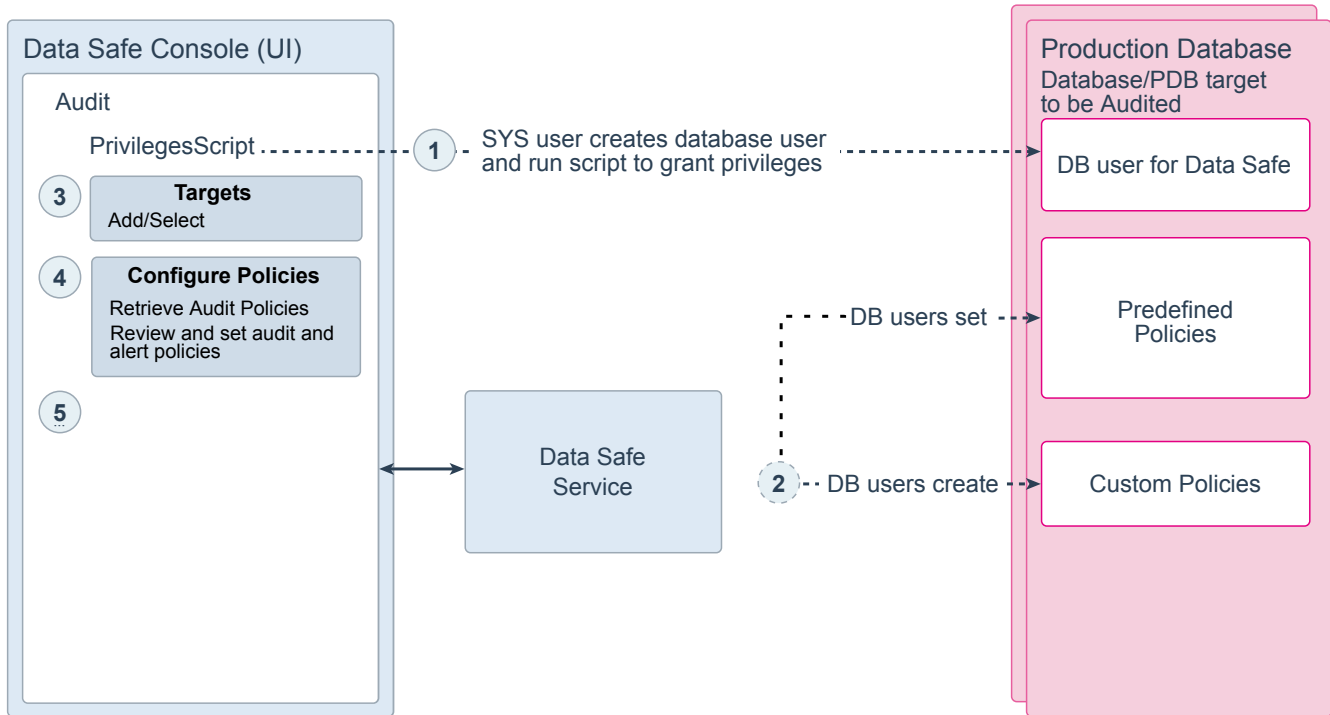
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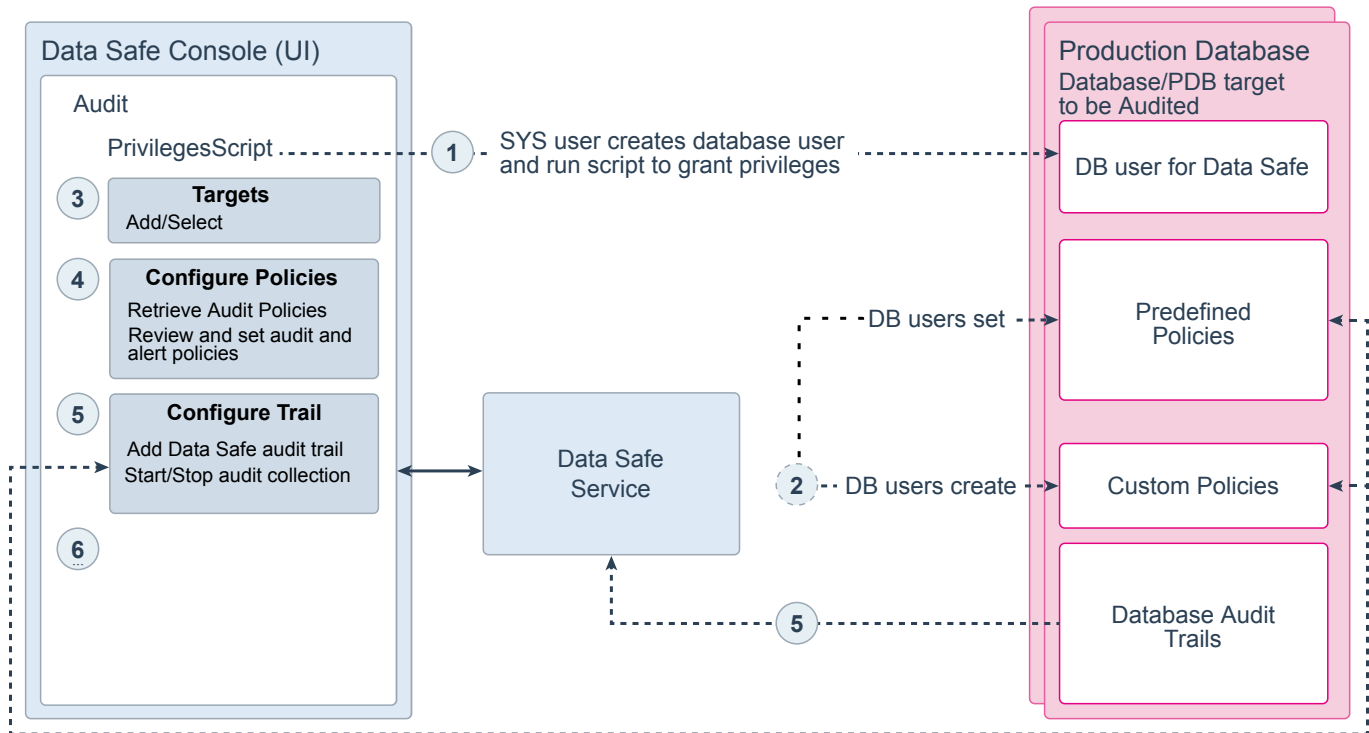
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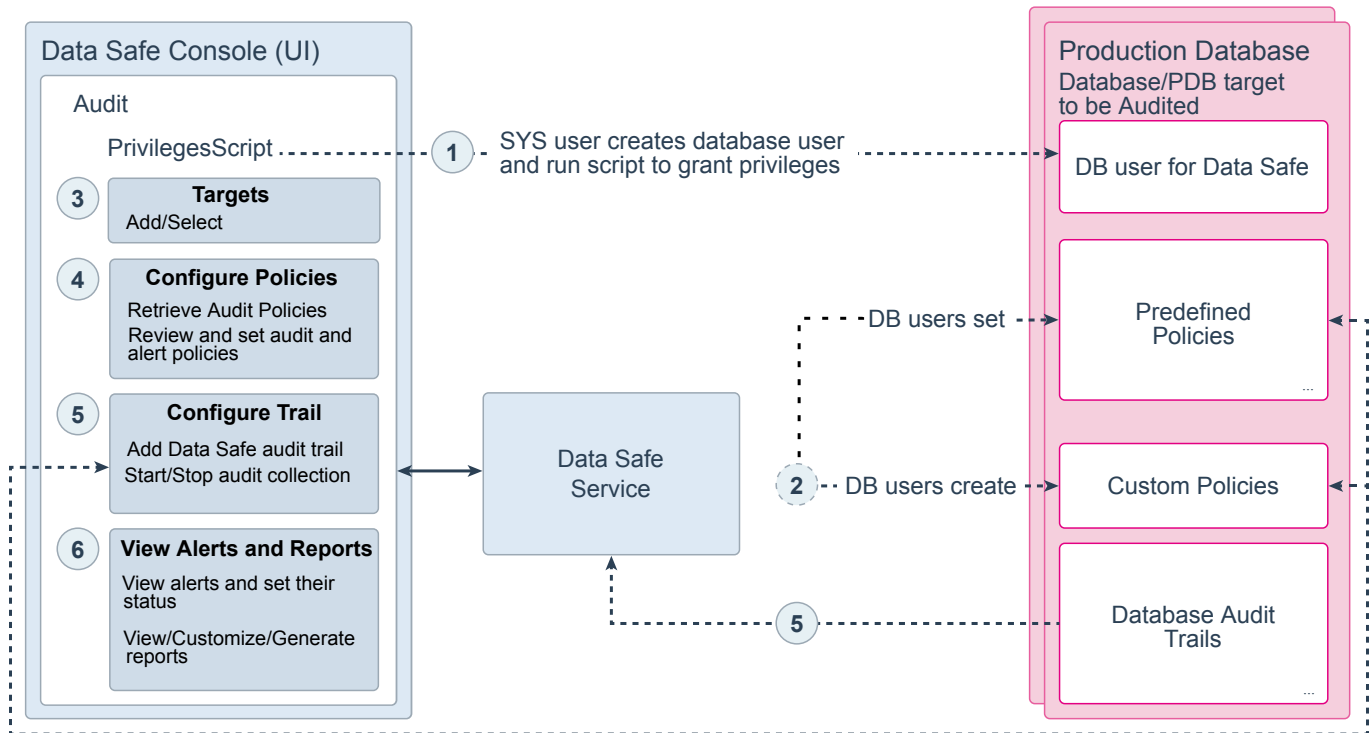
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5. Once your audit policies and alerts are defined, you have the possibility to configure the Oracle Data Safe trail. Oracle Data Safe trail is a repository stored in your Oracle Data Safe tenancy that contains all the captured audit records from your target databases. When you define a Oracle Data Safe trail, you specify the list of source database audit trails you want to capture from as well as two other parameters: the retention period in the Oracle Data Safe trail which is six months by default, and whether you want to purge the database audit trails each time Oracle Data Safe has collected their data successfully. The purge will be done only on database audit trail records that are one week older than the last successful Oracle Data Safe capture time. When you define a Oracle Data Safe trail, Oracle Data Safe automatically starts capturing the information from your associated database target. However, you also have the possibility to pause the capture process and start it up again whenever you want. This might be useful for example when your target database is shutdown for maintenance purposes. Note that each time you start a Oracle Data Safe trail, it is automatically purged.

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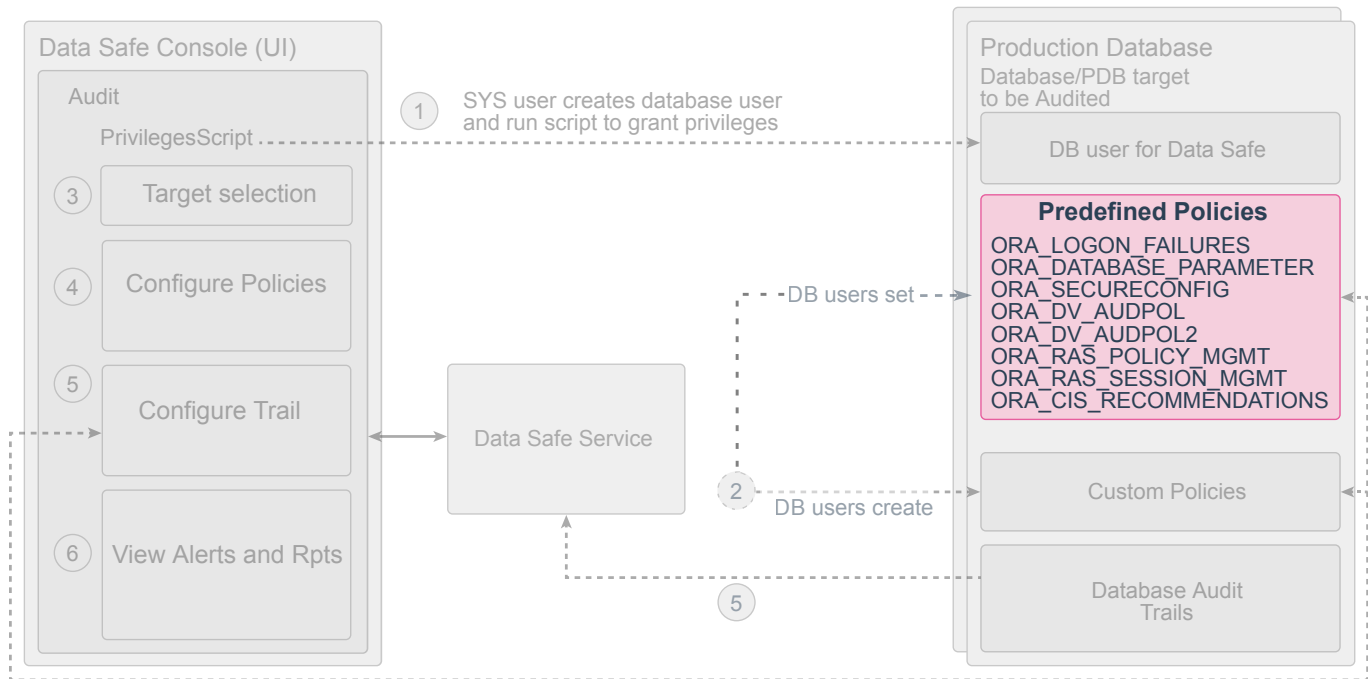
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5. Once your audit policies and alerts are defined, you have the possibility to configure the Oracle Data Safe trail. Oracle Data Safe trail is a repository stored in your Oracle Data Safe tenancy that contains all the captured audit records from your target databases. When you define a Oracle Data Safe trail, you specify the list of source database audit trails you want to capture from as well as two other parameters: the retention period in the Oracle Data Safe trail which is six months by default, and whether you want to purge the database audit trails each time Oracle Data Safe has collected their data successfully. The purge will be done only on database audit trail records that are one week older than the last successful Oracle Data Safe capture time. When you define an Oracle Data Safe trail, Oracle Data Safe automatically starts capturing the information from your associated database target. However, you also have the possibility to pause the capture process and start it up again whenever you want. This might be useful for example when your target database is shutdown for maintenance purposes. Note that each time you start a Oracle Data Safe trail, it is automatically purged.
6. You then have the possibility to view various customizable reports to look at auditing activity on your targets as well as looking at alert reports.

For more information, watch the [Analyze Audit Records and Alerts video](#)

# Database Auditing Policies

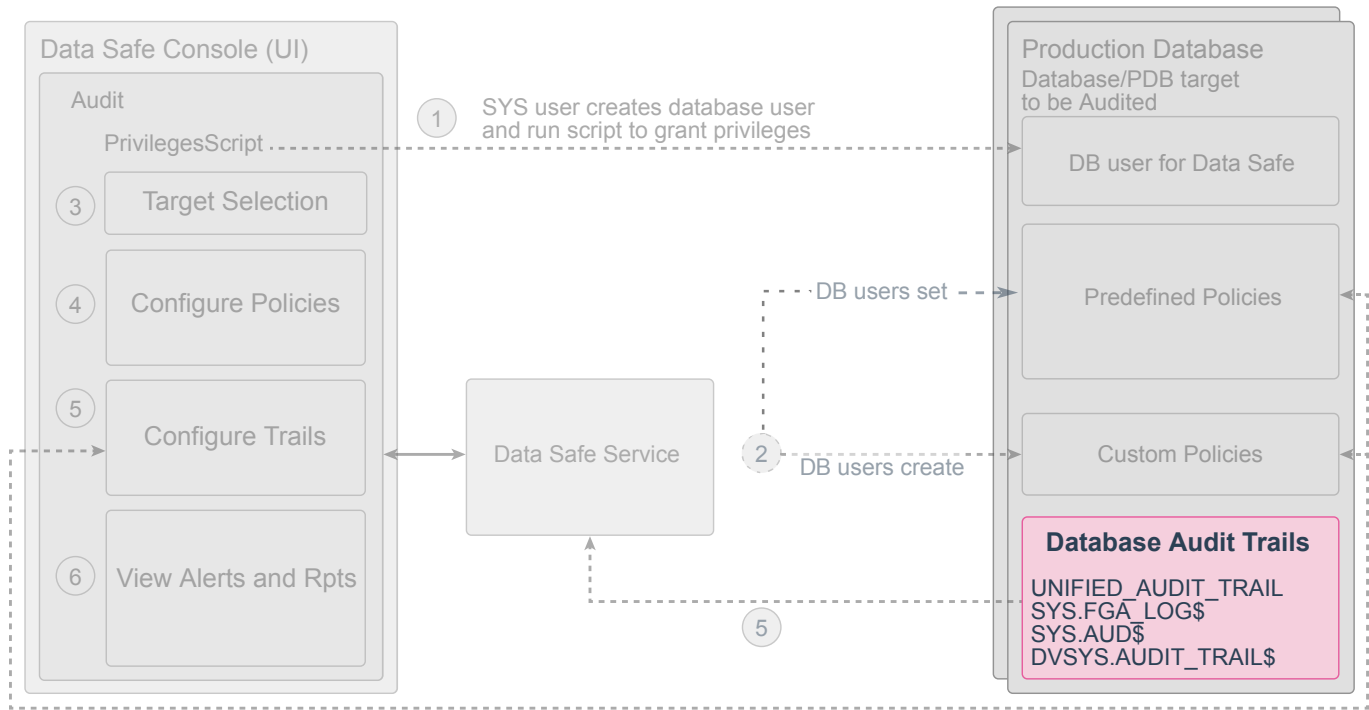


The possible predefined policies you can set as a database administrator on your database targets are:

- ORA\_DATABASE\_PARAMETER
- ORA\_LOGON\_FAILURES
- ORA\_SECURE\_CONFIG
- ORA\_RAS\_SESSION\_MGMT
- ORA\_RAS\_POLICY\_MGMT
- ORA\_DV\_AUDPOL
- ORA\_DV\_AUDPOL2
- ORA\_CIS\_RECOMMENDATIONS

For more information about predefined unified audit policies see [Auditing Activities with the Predefined Unified Audit Policies](#).

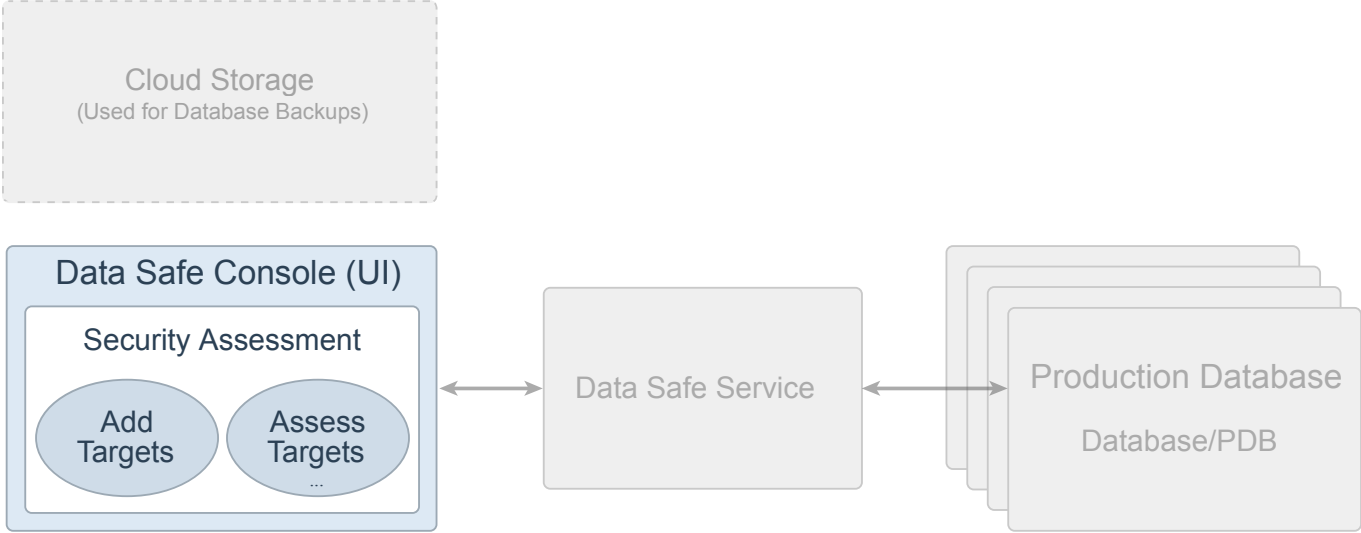
# Database Audit Trails



The source of an Oracle Data Safe trail are the following associated database target audit trails:

- AUDSYS.UNIFIED\_AUDIT\_TRAIL
- SYS.FGA\_LOG\$
- SYS.AUD\$
- DVSYSAUDIT\_TRAIL\$

# Security Assessment Task



In Oracle Data Safe, you use the Security Assessment and User Assessment interfaces to assess the risks of the current configurations of your target databases and their associated users.

From the Security Assessment page in your Oracle Data Safe Console, you can add database targets and view various reports.

For more information, watch the [Assess Database and User Configurations video](#).

# Security Assessment Reports

Library
Reports
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Jobs

**Target Name** dsatp01 **Reported On** 8/26/2019, 5:01:57 PM **Database Version** 18.0.0.0

## Comprehensive Assessment

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High Risk

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Medium Risk

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Low Risk

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Advisory

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Evaluate

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Pass

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Security Controls

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User Security

12  
Security Configurations

### Summary

Category	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk	Advisory	Evaluate	Pass	Total Findings
User Accounts	0	2	1	0	0	6	9
Privileges and Roles	12	0	1	0	4	3	20
Authorization Control	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Fine-Grained Access Control	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Auditing	0	0	0	1	5	6	12
Encryption	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Database Configuration	1	1	2	0	0	8	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>60</b>

### Account Management Privileges STIG

**Status** High Risk

**Summary** 81 grants of account management privileges (78 with admin option). 6 grants to PUBLIC.

**Details** Grants of ALTER USER, CREATE USER, DROP USER:

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PUBLIC <- PDB_DBA: ALTER USER(*), CREATE USER(*), DROP USER(*)
PUBLIC <- PDB_DBA <- DATAPUMP_CLOUD_IMP: ALTER USER(*), CREATE USER(*), DROP USER(*)

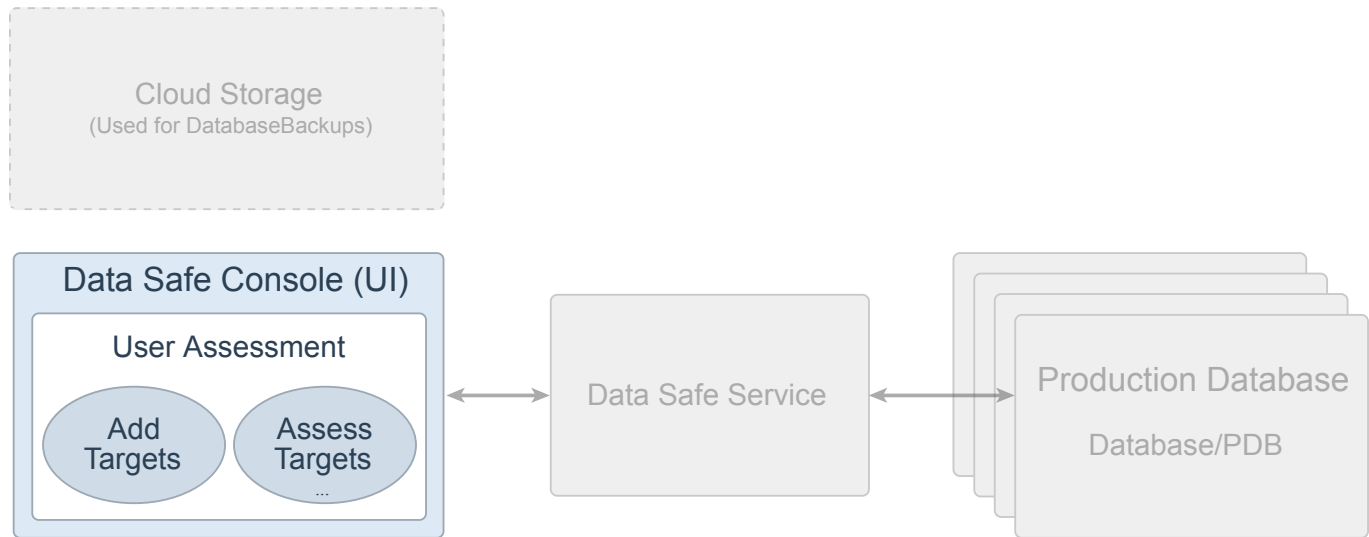
ADMIN: ALTER USER(*), CREATE USER(*), DROP USER(*)
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ADMIN <- APPROLE1 <- APPROLE2 <- APPROLE3 <- PDB_DBA <- DATAPUMP_CLOUD_IMP: ALTER USER(*). CREATE USER(*)
        
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The Security Assessment feature in Oracle Data Safe provides a comprehensive report broken down into several categories, including user accounts, privileges and roles, authorization control, data encryption, fine-grained access control, auditing, and database configuration.

At the top of the report are totals for each risk level, providing you a high-level view of the security status of your target database. Each risk level is color coded. You can also view the total number of findings for each high-level category in the report, including security controls, user security, and security configurations. Each main category in the report is divided into several subcategories, which are also color-coded based on risk level.

You also get recommendations on how to fix issues found on your targets.

# User Assessment Task

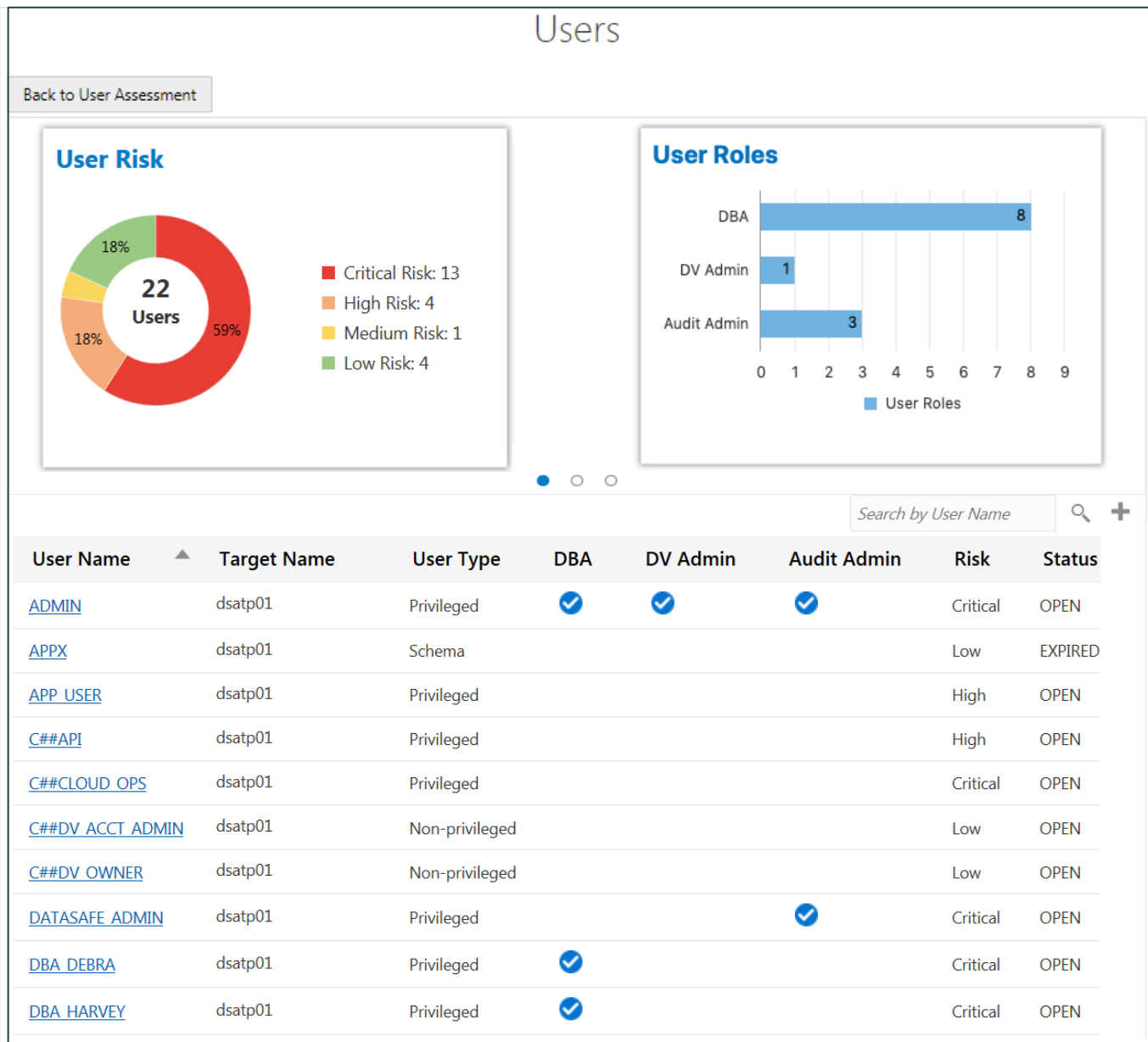


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From the User Assessment page in your Oracle Data Safe Console, you can add database targets and view various reports.

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# User Assessment Reports



The User Assessment feature in Oracle Data Safe enables you to identify user settings in your target databases and the risks associated with those users. A user assessment provides important information about each user in a target database: The user type, its risk level, its status (OPEN, LOCKED, or EXPIRED & LOCKED), its last login time, its creation date, and much more.



# Settings

## Settings

Collect audit data for all targets after reaching limit (paid usage)  Yes  No

### Usage for current month

Target Name	Job Instances	Audit Data Volume	Paid usage
dsatp01	6	4028	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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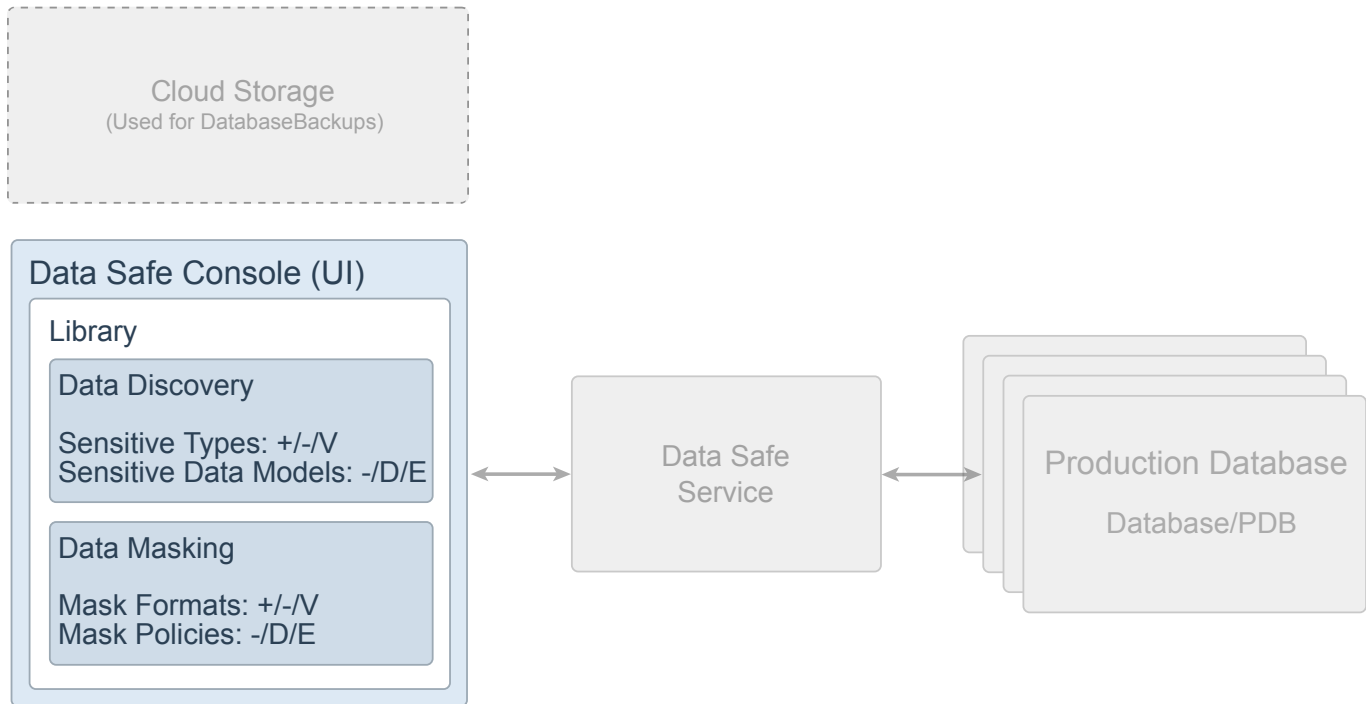
Audit Data Retention Period (in months)

The Settings page allows you to set up the retention time default value for your Oracle Data Safe trail, which is six months by default. On the Settings page, you can also set a global preference for all targets to continue collecting audit data after the allowed number of audit records is reached, or you can select particular target databases. You have to pay to collect audit data beyond the limit.

An Oracle Data Safe trail is a repository stored in your Oracle Data Safe tenancy that contains all the captured audit records from your target databases. When you define an Oracle Data Safe trail from the Auditing Activity wizard, you specify the list of source database audit trails you want to capture from as well as two other parameters: the retention period in the Oracle Data Safe trail which is six months by default, and whether you want to purge the database audit trails each time Oracle Data Safe has collected their data.

When you define an Oracle Data Safe trail, Oracle Data Safe automatically starts capturing the information from your associated database target. However, you also have the possibility to pause the capture process and start it up again whenever you want. This might be useful for example when your target database is shutdown for maintenance purposes. Note that each time you start an Oracle Data Safe trail, it is automatically purged.

# Viewing Library Resources

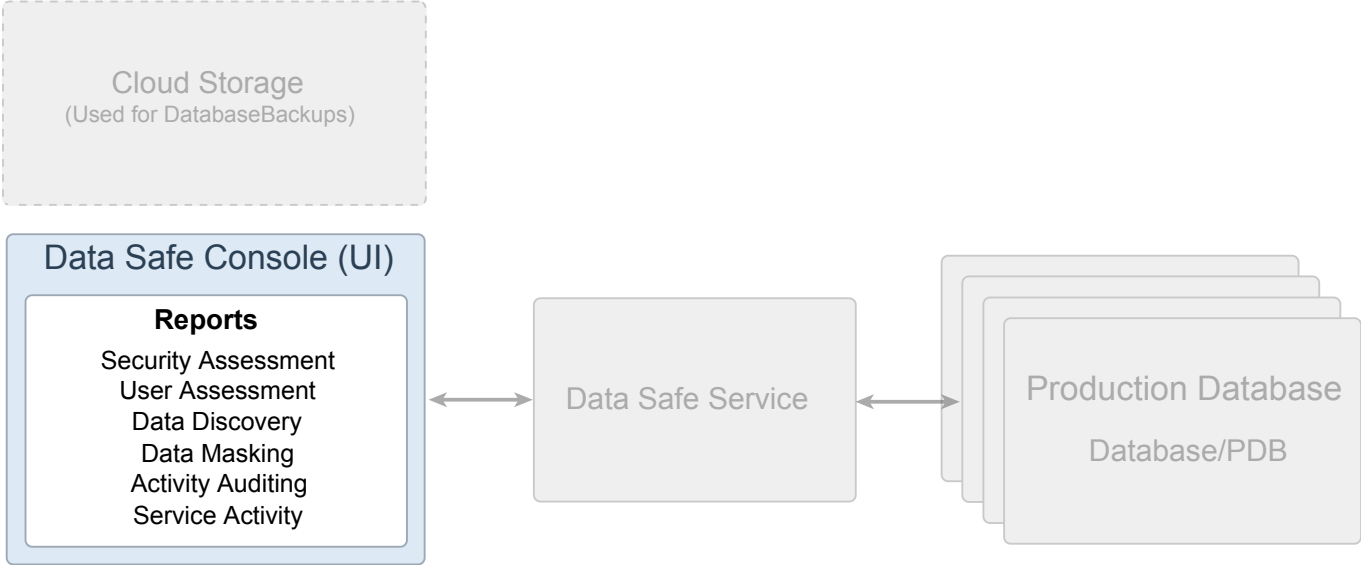


The Library page from the Oracle Data Safe Console shows you all the metadata you can currently use for masking data on your database targets:

- Sensitive types: Properties that define sensitive data using regular expressions.
- Sensitive Data Models: Containers of sensitive data types in target databases.
- Mask Formats: Formats used for masking sensitive data.
- Mask Policies: Mask policies mapping sensitive columns with mask formats.

You can manipulate these entries from this page (- to delete, + to add, E for editing, D for download, and V for view).

# Viewing Reports



Oracle Data Safe generates Security Assessment, User Assessment, Data Discovery, Data Masking, Activity Auditing, and Service Activity reports. You can customize reports as needed.