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Monitoring access to Personal Health Information using an Advanced Privacy Monitoring solution



Complying with legislations, legal directives and detecting unauthorized access to PHI June 6, 2016



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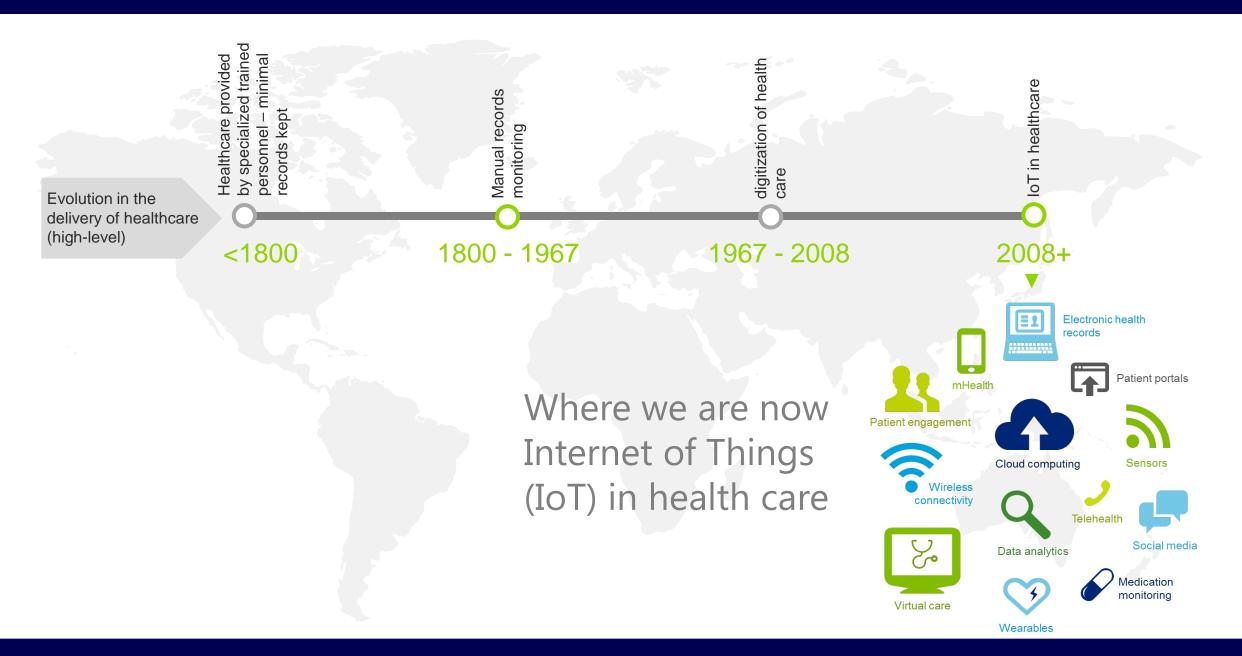
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Background



Delivery of healthcare

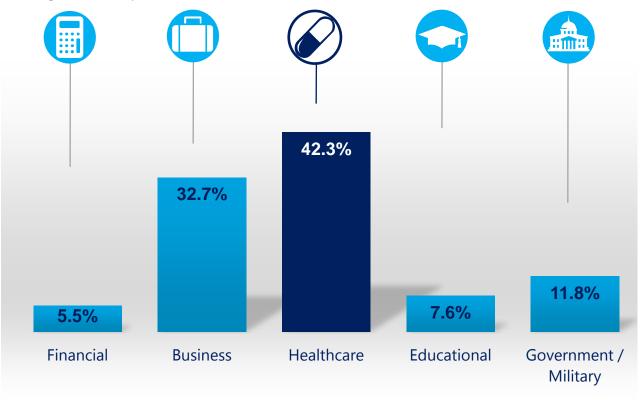


Common challenges

- Most patient privacy breaches occur due to internal unmonitored processes with little to no oversight
- Ongoing privacy training and awareness of employees, contracts, and third parties is often a "myth"
- Privacy/compliance offices lack the visibility and the authority to enforce policy
- Manual privacy breach detection processes are very difficult to scale and sustain
- Most organizations continue to use various different Clinical Information Systems (CIS) and EHR applications (e.g., off-the shelf systems, home grown systems, etc.) each with different security capabilities making it hard to manage
- Extracting, monitoring, and reviewing audit log data from applications
- Organizations lack an enterprise strategy and policy around privacy access violations

Healthcare organizations are increasingly targeted by cyber criminals as Personal Health Information (PHI) has become lucrative targets with a high market value in the underground cyber market.

In 2014, Identify Theft Resource Center (ITRC) reported that sensitive data breaches in Healthcare accounted for 42.3% of reported breaches, the highest amongst all compared industries.





What is the solution?





Uniqueness of the solution

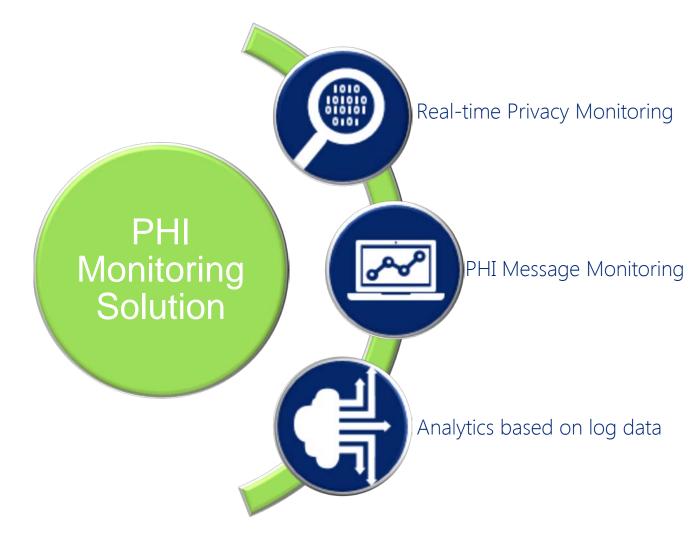
We are not just **collecting** logs; we are **creating** logs by analyzing business transactions that are traversing an Integrated Health Environment (IHE) and generating standardized and normalized privacy audit event logs.

Solution logic flow

Retrieve message transaction in formats such as HL7v2, HL7v3, and ATNA

Translate transactions and extract relevant information for Privacy monitoring

Write to standardized format such as Common Event Format (CEF) for consumption



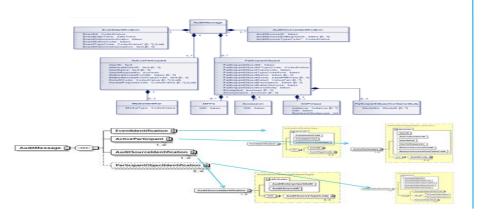
Uniqueness of the solution

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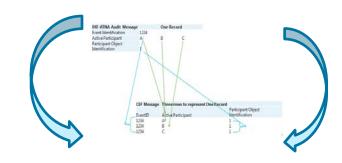
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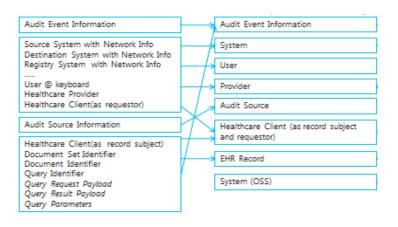
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Translate transactions and extract relevant information for Privacy monitoring; add/map additional attributes, as required



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Use case walkthrough



User Story

A VIP patient is rushed to the emergency unit of LiveWell Medical Centre In this scenario, a nurse, Claire, attempts to access the VIP's PHI to obtain a medical history.

Shortly after, Claire attempts to access information from other patient records.







Now, let us see how the solution would detect this activity





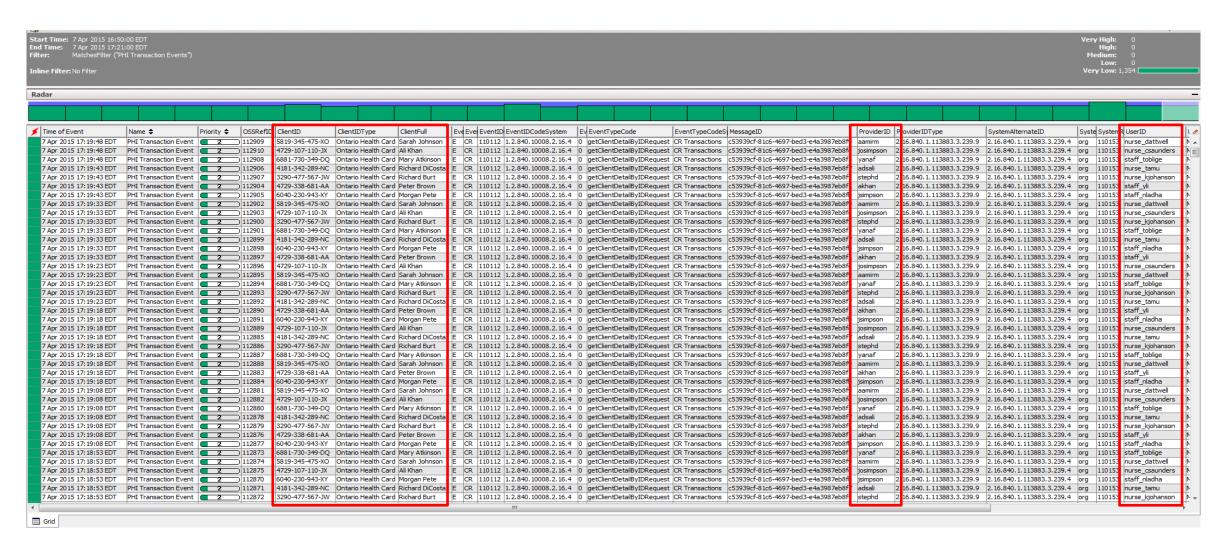
Trigger
By accessing a number of patient records, Claire's access is marked as excessive

TriggerNurse Claire now accessed

a number of records that is beyond her normal profile

Excessive access attempts to PHI leads to detecting an insider threat

The PHI monitoring solution extracts the relevant information from the health message to create corresponding audit event records:



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The PHI monitoring solution triggers an alert based on the use case. The trigger identifies the base events associated to the alert:



Since Clair Saunders has an established limit of four (4) records to be accessed at a time, in this case, Clair has exceeded her limit by requesting access to five (5) patient records within a particular time period.

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The privacy analyst investigates the occurrence leveraging analytics to identify patterns of access trends. The analyst identifies a trend where a particular provider is found to use multiple users to access patient records.



The analyst informs the Privacy office of the findings of the violation and confirms a closure of the incident investigation.



Summary:

The PHI monitoring solution allows the analyst to confirm the threat scenario and identify root causes. In this example, Claire Saunders was being used as a proxy by Dr. Simpson, John, to access patient records on behalf of him. The Provider, Dr. Simpson, John should be further investigated, as opposed to Claire Saunders.



Is this solution for you?



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Do you have visibility into who and when patient health records are accessed?



Has your institution performed a privacy impact analysis of a data breach?



Is your institution expending or anticipate spending material resources for addressing privacy concerns?



Patient record privacy and increased regulatory concerns?



Can withstand regulatory scrutiny?



Ability to attract and retain proper cyber security talents?



Q & A



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Implementing a privacy monitoring solution will:

- ✓ Eliminate manual monitoring that is work-intensive and ineffective
- ✓ Support organizations in meeting privacy compliance requirements
- ✓ Provide a mechanism to detect privacy breaches
- ✓ Reduce possibility of legal action
- ✓ Ensure patient and provider's **trust** in the integrity of data and delivery of health care
- ✓ Systematically **identify users** who are engaging in patient access patterns that are indicative of snooping, identity theft or other risky behaviors
- ✓ Address false positives and bring potential incidents to the attention of appropriate privacy or compliance personnel
- ✓ Automate the work-flow and enhance enterprise risk management posture
- ✓ Enable proactive risk management processes

The solution is customizable and integrates with CIS and broader EHR platforms.

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