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Glossary

Governance evidence for Snowflake — classification, policy coverage, drift, audit packs

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The words Pramana uses, in plain language. Terms that belong to Snowflake are marked.

Term	Meaning
Account metadata	Snowflake's own record of what exists in your account: tables, columns, tags, policies and grants. Pramana reads this and never the data itself. In Snowflake it is the `ACCOUNT_USAGE` schema *(Snowflake)*
Application role	One of Pramana's four roles: admin, steward, auditor, evidence reader. You grant them to your own roles
Binding	Your statement that a kind of data is protected by a particular policy. "E-mail addresses are masked by `MASK_EMAIL`" is a binding
Category	One kind of sensitive data in your taxonomy, such as e-mail address, date of birth or health data
Classification	Labelling a column with the category of data it holds
Classification tag	The Snowflake tag your organisation uses for that label. Its value is the category
Classifier	Snowflake's built-in feature that examines a table and suggests what each column holds *(Snowflake)*
Clause map	The list of which control is evidence for which clause of a framework
Console	One of Pramana's three screens in Snowsight: for administrators, for stewards, and read-only
Control	One question Pramana asks of the account every night, with a fixed identifier such as POL-01
Coverage	How much of the estate is classified, masked, or carries a governed tag, as a count and a percentage
Drift	What changed between one night's snapshot and the next
Evidence pack	The dated, sealed record of one run, written for one framework
Exemption	A finding your organisation has decided to accept, with a reason, an approver and an expiry date
Finding	One object that does not meet one control
Framework	A regulation or standard you report against: UK GDPR, DORA, ISO 27001, or one of your own
Governed tag	A tag on tables that your organisation governs by, such as retention, residency or ownership
Masking policy	A Snowflake rule that decides what each role sees in a column: the real value, or something hidden *(Snowflake)*
Native App	An application that is installed into, and runs inside, your own Snowflake account *(Snowflake)*
Policy pack	Your governance intent, stated as data in ten small tables: what is sensitive, what protects it, who is too broad, what is accepted
Proposal	Pramana's suggestion that an unlabelled column holds a particular category. A steward approves or rejects it

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Remediation	The statements that would close the open findings. Pramana writes them; you run them
Retention class	A label saying how long a table's data is kept, such as seven years
Review queue	The list of proposals waiting for a steward
Row access policy	A Snowflake rule that decides which rows of a table each role can see *(Snowflake)*
Scope	The databases you have asked Pramana to examine
Seal	The SHA-256 fingerprint an evidence pack carries of its own content, used to check that a copy has not been altered
Sensitive table	A table with at least one column classified as sensitive
Snapshot	Pramana's record of the account's metadata at one moment
Steward	The person who decides proposals, acknowledges drift and accepts exemptions
Taxonomy	Your list of categories
Weakening	A change that leaves sensitive data less protected than before: a masking policy removed, read access granted, a label taken off

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