



ArcGIS Online:

Ensuring Security and Privacy with FedRAMP, AI, ZTA, and beyond

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Agenda

- Compliance
- Shared Responsibility Model
- Tools
- Trusted AI
- Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA)
- Summary
- Q & A



Compliance



Compliance

FedRAMP – ArcGIS Online

- ArcGIS Online FedRAMP Authorized 7 years!
 - Initial 2018 FedRAMP Tailored Low Rev 4
- 2024 – Moderate
 - NIST 800-53 Rev 5 Controls
 - Supply chain
 - Red team
 - Cross-agency Collaborative ConMon
 - New Customer Responsibilities
 - Expands coverage to PII, CUI and CDI requirements



Stronger security & privacy assurance means agencies can expand use case scenarios of ArcGIS Online!

Compliance

FedRAMP – Esri Managed Cloud Services (EMCS) – Advanced Plus

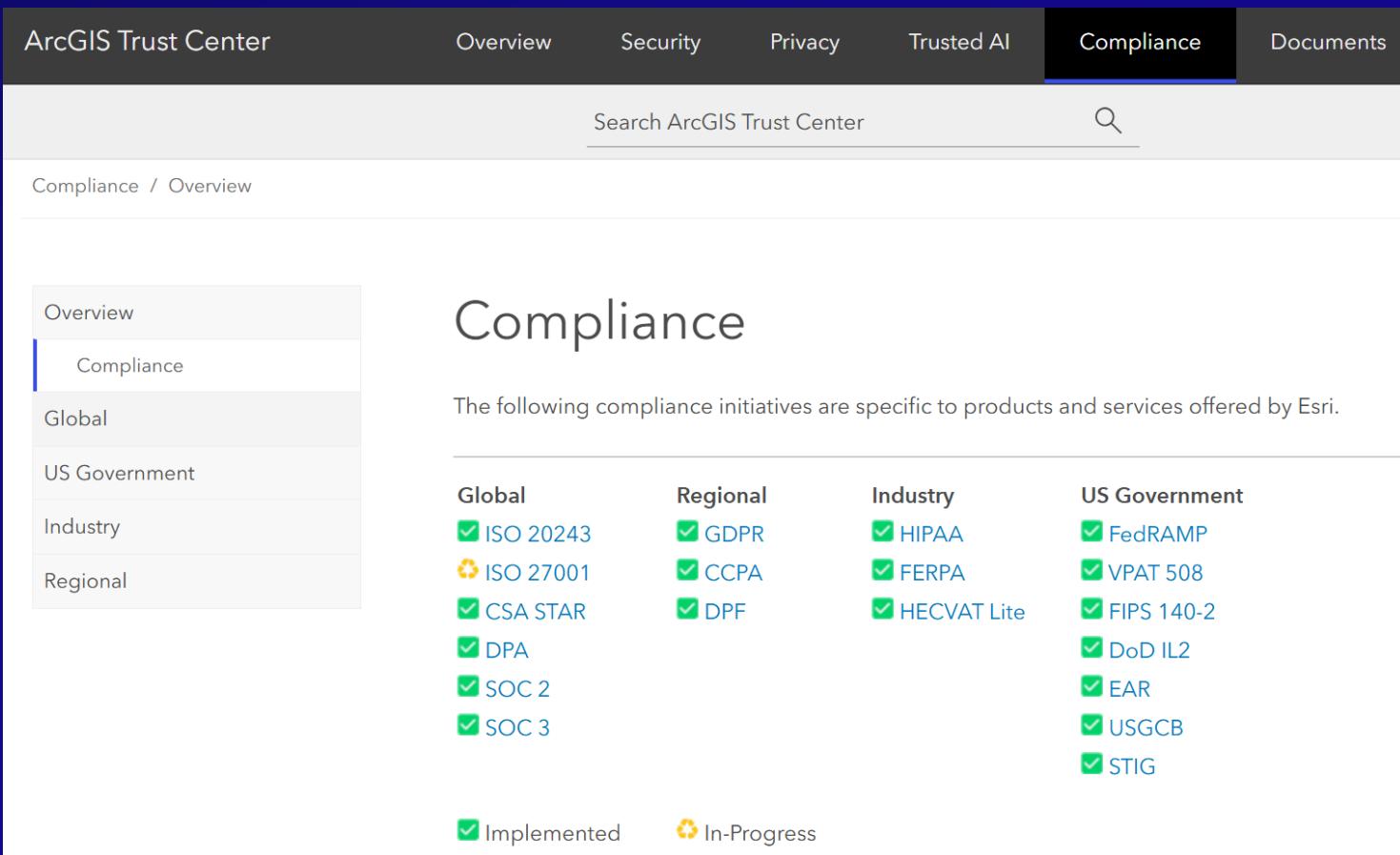
- EMCS FedRAMP Authorized 2015
- What is the difference?
 - EMCS Adv. +
 - Single Tenant (Dedicated) ArcGIS Enterprise
 - ArcGIS Online
 - Multi-Tenant (SaaS)



Compliance

Beyond FedRAMP

- Privacy regulations
- Health care (HIPAA)
 - Eligible services expanding
 - BAA Available
- Accessibility (VPAT / WCAG)
- DoD Public Data (IL2) Reciprocity
 - Welcome discussing DoD IL4 demands



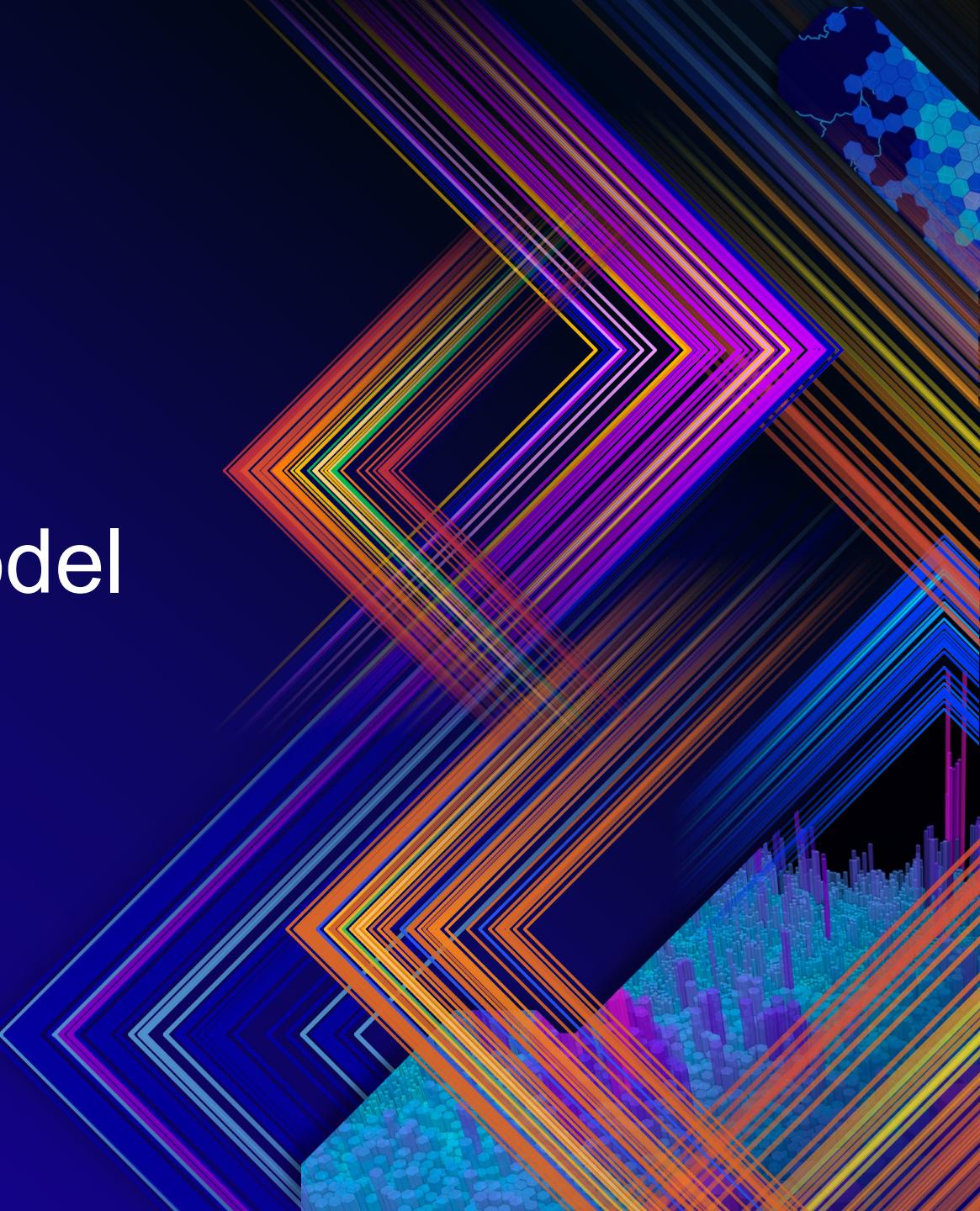
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Global	Regional	Industry	US Government
✓ ISO 20243	✓ GDPR	✓ HIPAA	✓ FedRAMP
✓ ISO 27001	✓ CCPA	✓ FERPA	✓ VPAT 508
✓ CSA STAR	✓ DPF	✓ HECVAT Lite	✓ FIPS 140-2
✓ DPA			✓ DoD IL2
✓ SOC 2			✓ EAR
✓ SOC 3			✓ USGCB
			✓ STIG

✓ Implemented ⚡ In-Progress

Check out the ArcGIS Trust Center Compliance page to explore more!

Shared Responsibility Model



Shared Responsibility Model

Esri Responsibilities

- Secure Development & Supply Chain

- Product Incident Response

- Certifications / Authorizations

- Customer Guidance

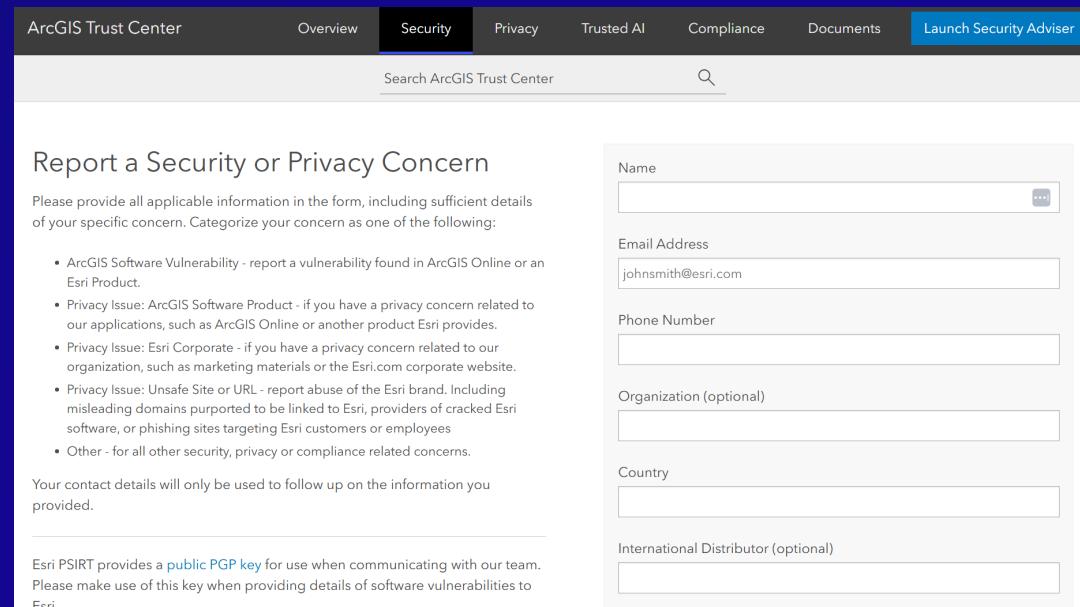
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Esri Responsibilities

- Secure Development & Supply Chain
 - CISA Secure Development Attestation Completed in 2024
 - Posted to RSAA – <https://SoftwareSecurity.CISA.gov>



- Product Incident Response
 - FIRST structured PSIRT program
 - CVE Numbering Authority
 - Report incidents via Trust Center

A screenshot of the ArcGIS Trust Center website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'ArcGIS Trust Center', 'Overview', 'Security' (which is highlighted in blue), 'Privacy', 'Trusted AI', 'Compliance', 'Documents', and 'Launch Security Adviser'. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search ArcGIS Trust Center' and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area is titled 'Report a Security or Privacy Concern' and contains instructions: 'Please provide all applicable information in the form, including sufficient details of your specific concern. Categorize your concern as one of the following:'. A list of categories follows: 'ArcGIS Software Vulnerability - report a vulnerability found in ArcGIS Online or an Esri Product.', 'Privacy Issue: ArcGIS Software Product - if you have a privacy concern related to our applications, such as ArcGIS Online or another product Esri provides.', 'Privacy Issue: Esri Corporate - if you have a privacy concern related to our organization, such as marketing materials or the Esri.com corporate website.', 'Privacy Issue: Unsafe Site or URL - report abuse of the Esri brand. Including misleading domains purported to be linked to Esri, providers of cracked Esri software, or phishing sites targeting Esri customers or employees.', and 'Other - for all other security, privacy or compliance related concerns.' At the bottom of the form, a note states: 'Your contact details will only be used to follow up on the information you provided.' At the very bottom, a note about Esri PSIRT provides a public PGP key for communication.

Shared Responsibility Model

Esri Responsibilities

- Certifications & Authorizations

- Package available via FedRAMP Marketplace
- MarketPlace.FedRAMP.gov

- Customer Guidance

- ArcGIS Trust Center
 - Security & Privacy Advisor Tool
 - Mobile
 - Surveys
 - Hardening guides

ARCGIS ONLINE (AGO)

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Package ID: FR1811073663A

Authorizations: 13

Reuse: 15

Authorization Status

Ready (N/A) → In Process: Review (04/04/2023) → In Process: Finalization (05/08/2023) → Authorized (07/22/2024)

Authorization Details

- FedRAMP Ready: No FRR Date
- Authorizing Entity Review: 04/04/2023
- PMO Review: 05/08/2023
- FedRAMP Authorized: 07/22/2024

System Profile

- Service Model: SaaS
- Deployment Model: Public Cloud
- Impact Level: Moderate

ArcGIS Trust Center

Overview Security Privacy Compliance Documents Launch Security Advisor

Esri Software Security and Privacy	Customer Exclusive Documents	ArcGIS Online: Security and Compliance	ArcGIS Online CSA CAIQ Answers
Esri's Secure Development Lifecycle (SDLC) including governance, standards, validation, incident response, and privacy. Updated October 2023, 4 page pdf	A repository of documents exclusively for users who have subscribed to an ArcGIS account.	Overview of security, privacy and compliance including best practice guidance for ArcGIS Online. Updated February 2023, 36 slide pdf	Meets Level 1 self-assessment requirements for the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Consensus Assessments Initiative Questionnaire (CAIQ). Updated June 2023, 27 page pdf
ArcGIS Enterprise Hardening Guide	ArcGIS Location Sharing Privacy Best Practices	ArcGIS Data Sovereignty	Stopping Data Leakage
Detailed security best practice guide and checklists for all production ArcGIS Enterprise and/or ArcGIS Online. Updated January 2024, 115 page pdf	Best practice guidance when utilizing ArcGIS Enterprise and/or ArcGIS Online. Updated January 2023, 50 page pdf	How ArcGIS supports data sovereignty across products with best practice patterns for customer success. Updated July 2023, 31 slide pdf	Understanding common sources of data leakage and best practices for mitigating the risk. Updated July 2023, 24 slide pdf
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Shared Responsibility Model

Agency Responsibilities

- Configure
- Maintain

Shared Responsibility Model

Agency Responsibilities - *Configure*

- Configure Organization settings in alignment with Customer Responsibility Matrix (CRM)
 - CRM in FedRAMP package and ArcGIS Trust Center Customer Exclusive Documents

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ArcGIS Online FedRAMP Moderate Customer Responsibility Matrix (CRM) Worksheet	
Control ID	Specific Inheritance and Customer Agency/CSP Responsibilities
AC-3	Customers are responsible for managing access to their AGO Organization and for managing the AGO roles defined and any custom roles that are created by that Customer. Customer is also responsible for providing a SAML 2.0 Identity Provider for identity integration with the application, according to their policies and procedures to meet authentication requirements.
AC-8 (a)	Customers are responsible for adhering to all organizational policies and procedures in regard to displaying their system use notification banner. AGO allows customers to inject any banners or branding they might require at the application tier
AC-8 (c)	Customers are responsible for displaying system use information before granting further access to the publicly accessible resources in ArcGIS Online. Display references, if any, to monitoring, recording, or auditing that are consistent with privacy accommodations for such systems that generally prohibit those activities and including a description of the authorized uses of the system. NOTE: If the customer has no publicly accessing resources in ArcGIS Online, then this control can be inherited from the CSP.
AC-14 (a)	Customer is responsible for identifying actions that can be performed on the customer-deployed resources without identification or authentication (e.g., such as viewing a publicly accessible services or apps or form).
AC-14 (b)	Customer is responsible for providing documentation for user actions not requiring identification or authentication in the customer organization. It is the responsibility of the customer to follow their own Rules of Behavior and policies around inviting and sharing to guests to application.
AC-21 (b)	The customer is responsible for employing a process to assist users with making information sharing decisions
AC-22 (a)	Customer is responsible for designating authorized personnel to post publicly accessible information in their AGO application.
AC-22 (b)	Customer is responsible for training the personnel defined in AC-21. a to prevent disclosure of nonpublic customer-controlled information.
AC-22 (c)	Customer is responsible for reviewing proposed content of customer-controlled information prior to posting publicly to ensure nonpublic information is not included.
AC-22 (d)	Customer is responsible for periodically reviewing publicly available customer-controlled content for nonpublic information.

Shared Responsibility Model

Agency Responsibilities - *Configure*

- Example Customer Responsibility Configuration Items

- Utilize Centralized Identity Management for User Accounts

- Manage users and groups with your domain tools
 - Typical SAML 2

- Enforce MFA for accounts

- Manage MFA exceptions for services

The screenshot shows the 'Configure' section of the ArcGIS Organization Settings. The 'Security' tab is selected. In the 'Logins' section, 'SAML Login' is listed under 'Allow users to sign in with their ArcGIS login.' A red oval highlights this section. In the 'Multifactor authentication' section, 'MFA enforcement' is set to 'Currently in effect' (indicated by a blue checkmark). A red oval highlights this section. The 'MFA adoption status' section shows the following data:

MFA Status	Count	Percentage
MFA set up	34	32%
MFA not set up	68	68%
MFA set up	31	35%
MFA not set up	65	65%
MFA set up	3	0%
MFA not set up	100	100%

Below the adoption status, there is a 'Disable MFA enforcement' button. The 'MFA exemption list' section is at the bottom.



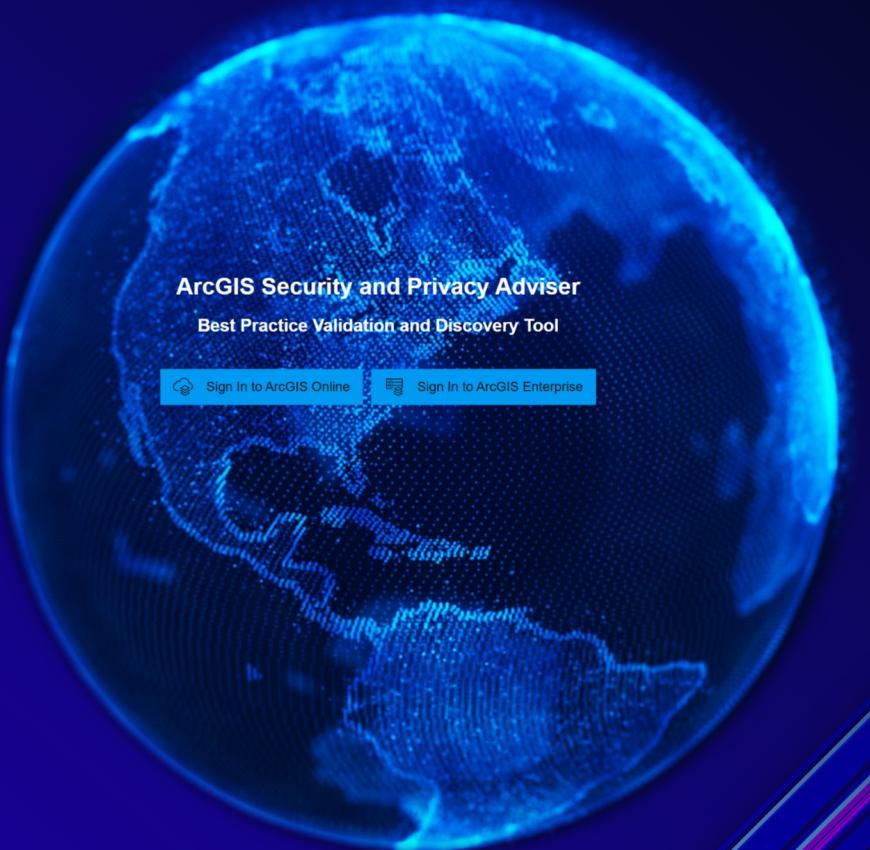
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Agency Responsibilities - *Maintain*

- Participate in monthly ConMon Meetings
 - Make your agency's voice heard
- Check Authorized Services Listing
 - Now includes ArcGIS Online & EMCS services
 - Use blocker for deprecated capabilities
 - Consider your AI and Beta settings
- Use Validation Tools
 - Check for application configuration drift
 - Security & Privacy Adviser

Service	ArcGIS Online	EMCS Advanced Plus
Organization Home	✓	✓
Public Home	✓	✓
ArcGIS Maps SDK for JavaScript (4.x)	✓	✓
ArcGIS API 3.x for JavaScript (3.x)	✗	✗
Customer Content (Items)	✓	✓
Utility Service - Geocoding ***	✓	✓
Utility Service - BatchGeocode *** - Beta	⌚	⌚
Utility Service - Geoenrichment	✓	✓
Utility Service - Directions & Routing	✓	✓
Hosted Feature Layers	✓	✓
Hosted Tile Layers	✓	✓
Analysis Tools / GeoAnalytics	✓	⌚ ¹
Vector Tile Basemaps	✓	✓
Basemap Style Services v1	✓	✓
Basemap Style Services v2	⌚	⌚
Scene Viewer	✓	✓
Map Viewer	✓	✓
Classic Map Viewer - AVOID	!	!
ArcGIS QuickCapture (API) **	✓	⌚
ArcGIS Experience Builder	✓	✓
ArcGIS Web AppBuilder - AVOID	!	!
ArcGIS Web App Builder (Developer Edition)	✗	✗
ArcGIS Dashboards	✓	✓
ArcGIS Dashboards Classic	✗	✗
ArcGIS Solutions for ArcGIS Online *	✓	✓
ArcGIS Hub (Basic & Premium)	✓	✓
ArcGIS Story Maps	✓	✓
Classic Story Maps	✗	✗
ArcGIS Field Maps (API, Web App) **	✓	✓
ArcGIS Survey123 (API, Web App) **	✓	✓
ArcGIS Survey123 (Website, Web Designer)	✓	✓
ArcGIS Instant Apps	✓	✓
ArcGIS Configurable Apps - AVOID	!	NP
Location Sharing Services	⌚	⌚
ArcGIS Business Analyst Web App	⌚	⌚
ArcGIS Data Pipelines	⌚	⌚
AI Assistants **** - Beta	⌚	⌚
ArcGIS Collector (API)	✗	✗
Image Services / Server	⌚	✓ ¹

Tools

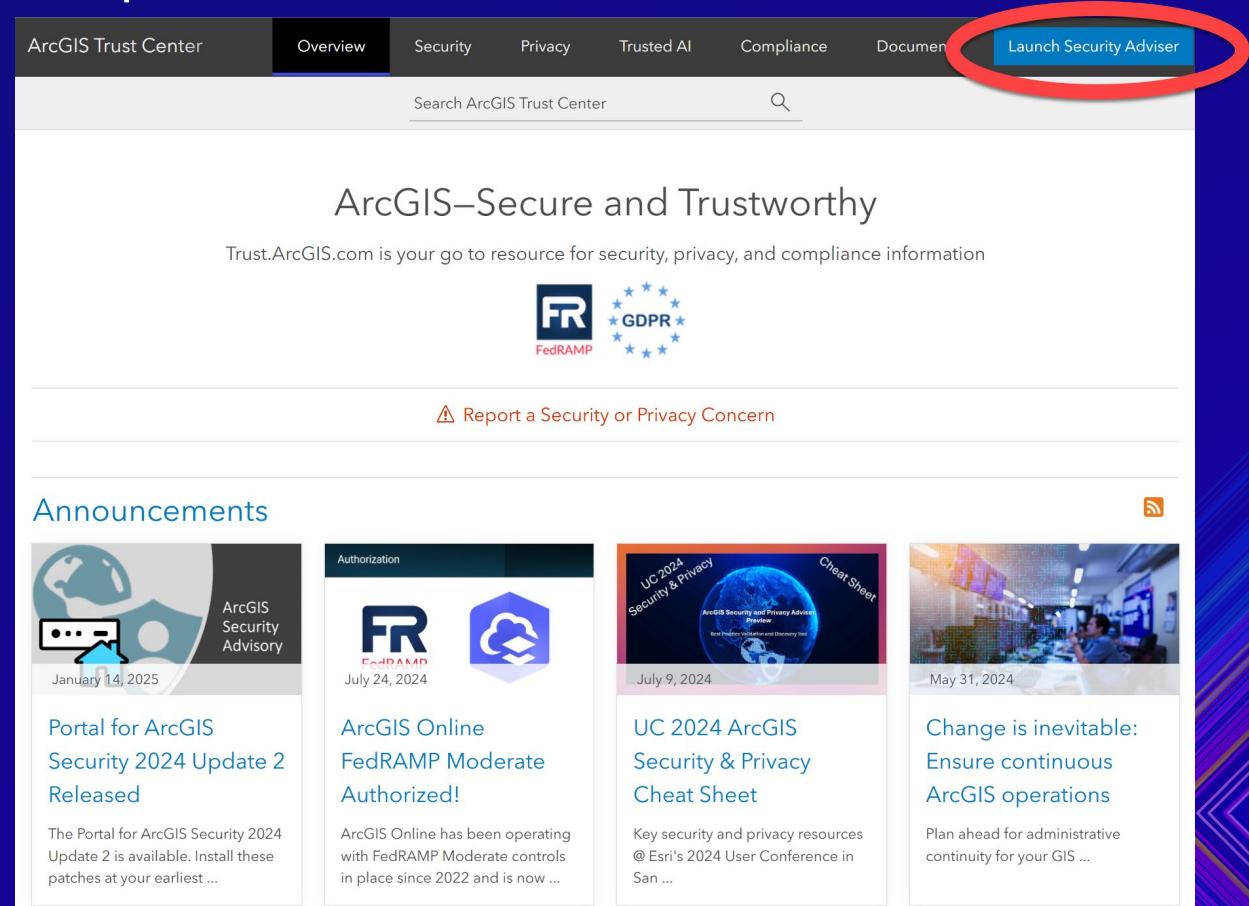


Tools

ArcGIS Security & Privacy Adviser

- Ensure systems configured in alignment with best practices

- Use ArcGIS Security & Privacy Advisor
 - Where? ArcGIS Trust Center home page
 - What? Scan ArcGIS Online or Enterprise
 - Who? Requires Admin role
 - Cost? Free
 - Setup? ArcGIS Online - None
 - Time? Less than 1 minute



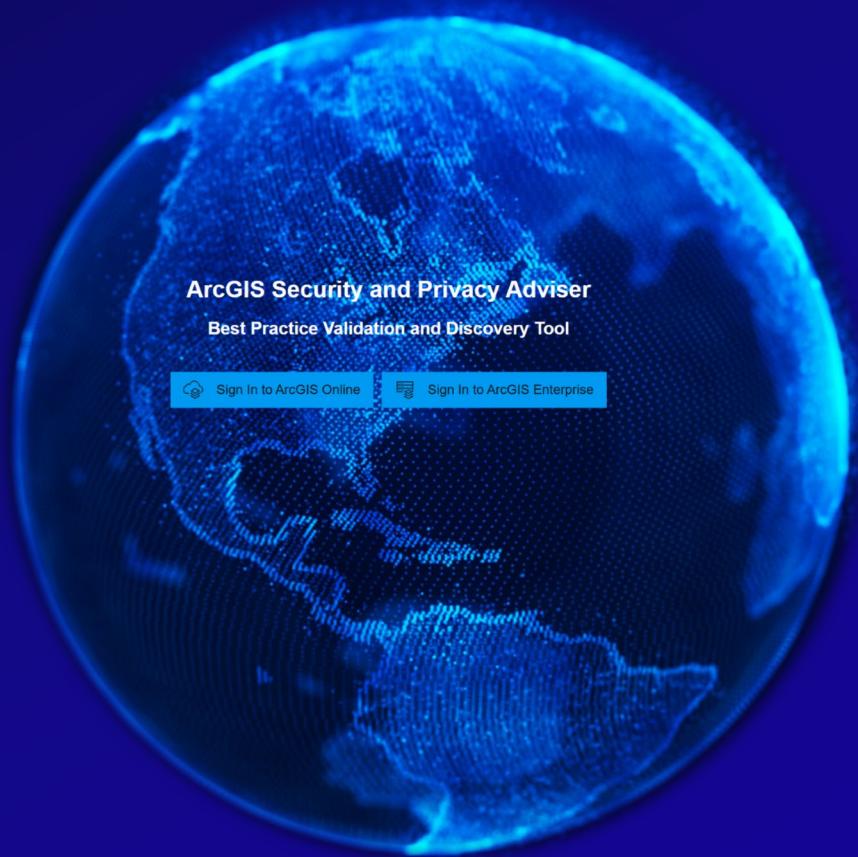
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- Portal for ArcGIS Security 2024 Update 2 Released** (January 14, 2025): The Portal for ArcGIS Security 2024 Update 2 is available. Install these patches at your earliest ...
- ArcGIS Online FedRAMP Moderate Authorized!** (July 24, 2024): ArcGIS Online has been operating with FedRAMP Moderate controls in place since 2022 and is now ...
- UC 2024 ArcGIS Security & Privacy Cheat Sheet** (July 9, 2024): Key security and privacy resources @ Esri's 2024 User Conference in San ...
- Change is inevitable: Ensure continuous ArcGIS operations** (May 31, 2024): Plan ahead for administrative continuity for your GIS ...

Tools

Using Security & Privacy Adviser

Launch Security Adviser



Analysis Type:

Standard

Some issues should be reviewed
Access and Permissions
Sharing and Searching
Password Policy
Logins
Allowed Origins
Allowed Portal Access
Multi-Factor Authentication
Trusted Servers
User Analytics

Export CSV Export JSON

Address Red (Dangerous) items immediately

Trusted AI



Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS

Trusted Artificial Intelligence (AI) goes beyond simply achieving accurate results for ArcGIS products. It is a journey of continuous advancement that encompasses a holistic approach prioritizing security, privacy, transparency, fairness, reliability and responsible development and deployment of AI. We recognize the power of AI technology and its potential to transform society and design a better, more sustainable future. The rapid advancements in generative AI highlight the urgent need for frameworks that guide trusted AI deployment and bridge the AI trust gap.

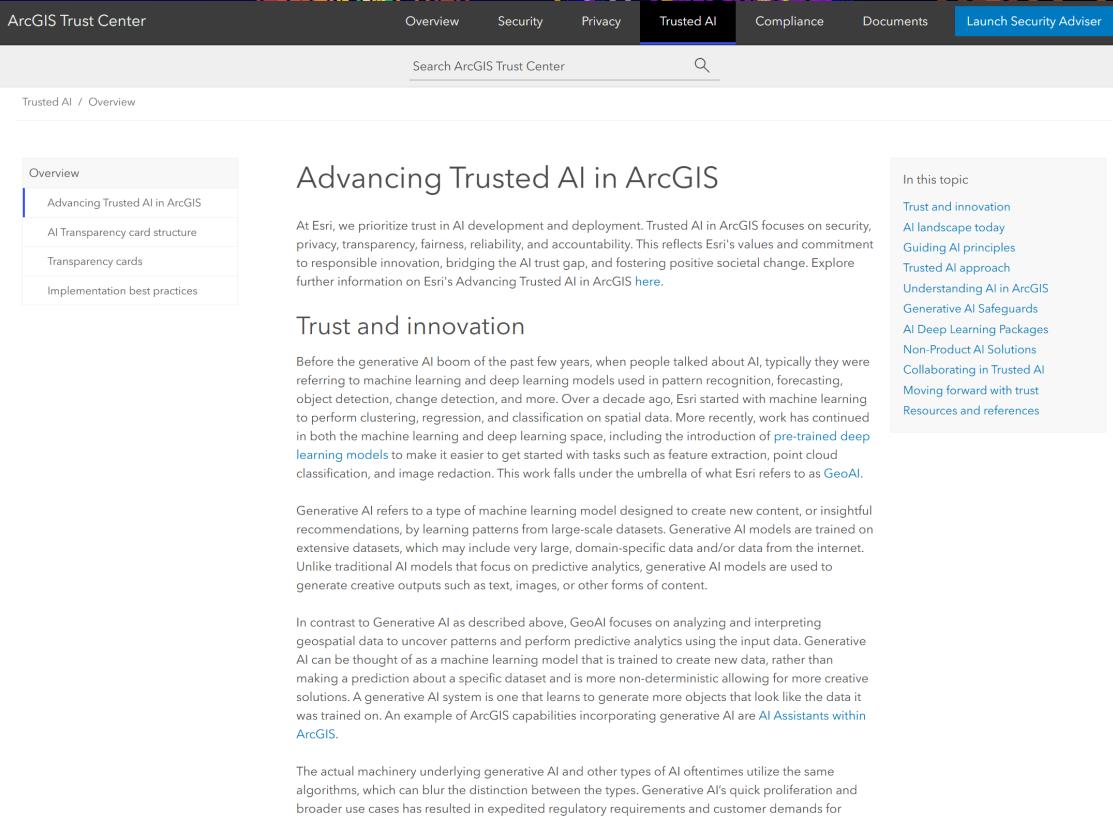
Legacy of AI Trust and Innovation

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In contrast to Generative AI as described above, GeoAI focuses on analyzing and interpreting geospatial data to uncover patterns and perform predictive analytics using the input data. Generative AI can be thought of as a machine learning model that is trained to create new data, rather than making a prediction about a specific dataset and is more non-deterministic allowing for more creative solutions. A generative AI system is one that learns to generate more objects that look like the data it was trained on. An example of ArcGIS capabilities incorporating generative AI are [AI Assistants within ArcGIS](#).

The actual machinery underlying generative AI and other types of AI oftentimes utilize the same algorithms, which can blur the distinction between the types. Generative AI's quick proliferation and broader use cases has resulted in expedited regulatory requirements and customer demands for stronger transparency and control. Therefore, this paper primarily focuses on assurance measures being worked on or already in place for generative AI.



ArcGIS Trust Center

Overview Security Privacy Trusted AI Compliance Documents Launch Security Adviser

Search ArcGIS Trust Center

Trusted AI / Overview

Overview

- Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS
- AI Transparency card structure
- Transparency cards
- Implementation best practices

Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS

At Esri, we prioritize trust in AI development and deployment. Trusted AI in ArcGIS focuses on security, privacy, transparency, fairness, reliability, and accountability. This reflects Esri's values and commitment to responsible innovation, bridging the AI trust gap, and fostering positive societal change. Explore further information on Esri's Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS [here](#).

Trust and innovation

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In this topic

- Trust and innovation
- AI landscape today
- Guiding AI principles
- Trusted AI approach
- Understanding AI in ArcGIS
- Generative AI Safeguards
- AI Deep Learning Packages
- Non-Product AI Solutions
- Collaborating in Trusted AI
- Moving forward with trust
- Resources and references

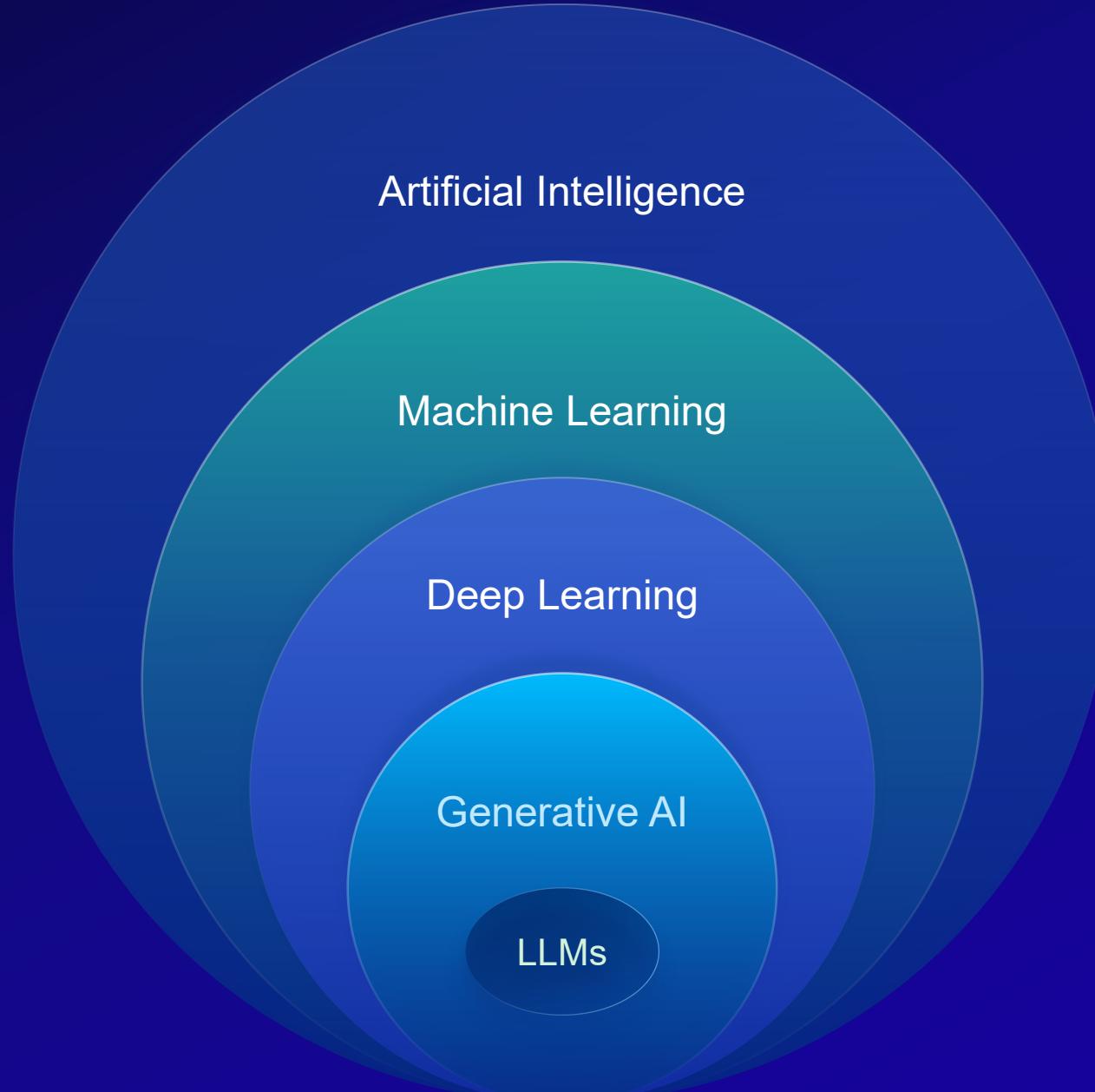
Trusted AI

- Esri started providing machine learning capabilities over a decade ago
 - Introduced pre-trained deep learning models – GeoAI
- Esri is introducing Generative-AI capabilities as part new “AI Assistants”
 - Generative-AI brings new opportunities to expand geospatial service value
 - Customers demand transparency due to corresponding risks if not appropriately designed and managed
- Creating a Trusted AI is a shared responsibility between Esri and our customers
 - NEW “*Trusted AI*” section of ArcGIS Trust Center

Before jumping into new site content, let's cover some AI basics

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AI Basics



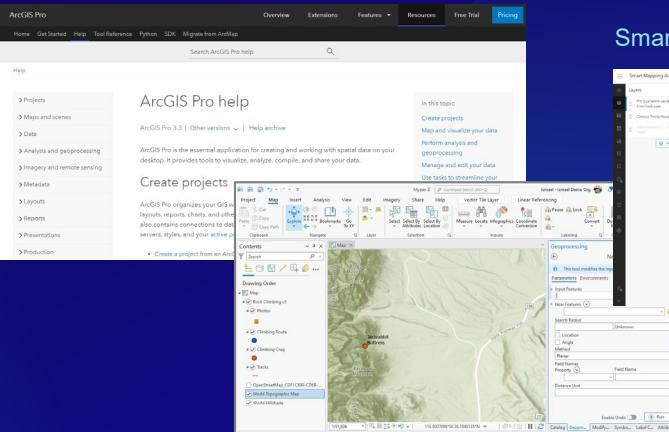
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AI Assistants in ArcGIS

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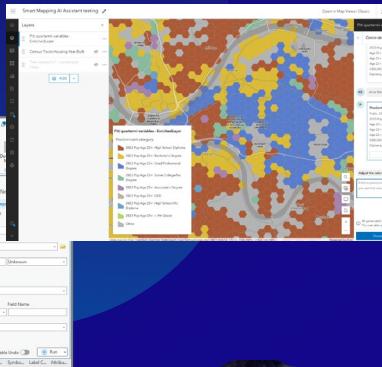
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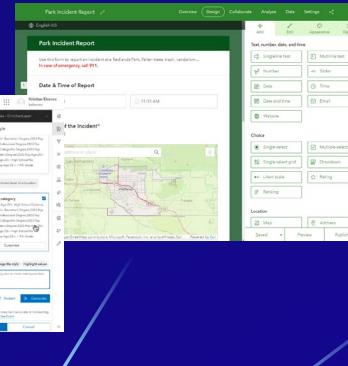


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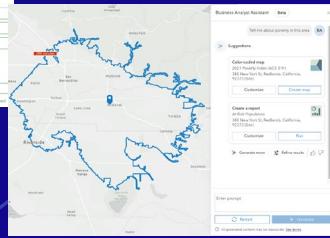
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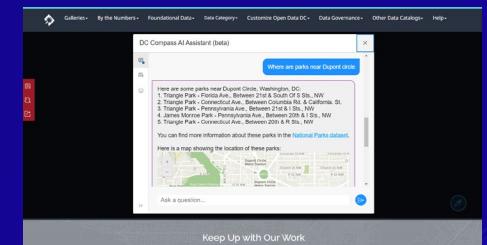
Survey123



Business Analyst



Hub



In Beta now

- Business Analyst assistant
- ArcGIS Survey123 assistants
- ArcGIS Translation assistants
- ArcGIS Hub assistant
- ArcGIS Pro assistant



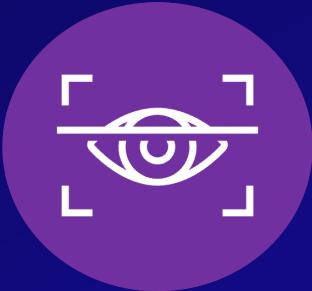
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Esri's Principles



Security

Committed to safeguarding security and mitigating risks



Privacy

Prioritize protecting user data and ensuring the privacy of AI



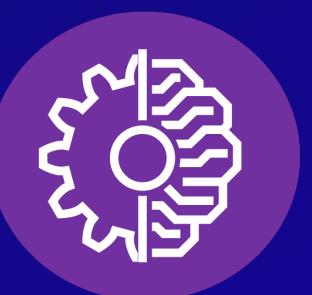
Accountability

Governance, responsibility, and human oversight



Transparency

Clear visibility about our AI models



Fairness

Upholding the principles of fairness, ethics, and societal responsibility



Reliability

AI is carefully tested and validated to be consistent

Trusted AI

Esri Commitments



AI Assistants

- Not enabled by default; users or administrators must opt-in to utilize them



Data Privacy & Security Measures

- User data and prompts not utilized to train AI models
 - Feedback – prompts are stored
- When third-party AI services are employed by Esri, enterprise-class AI instances are used



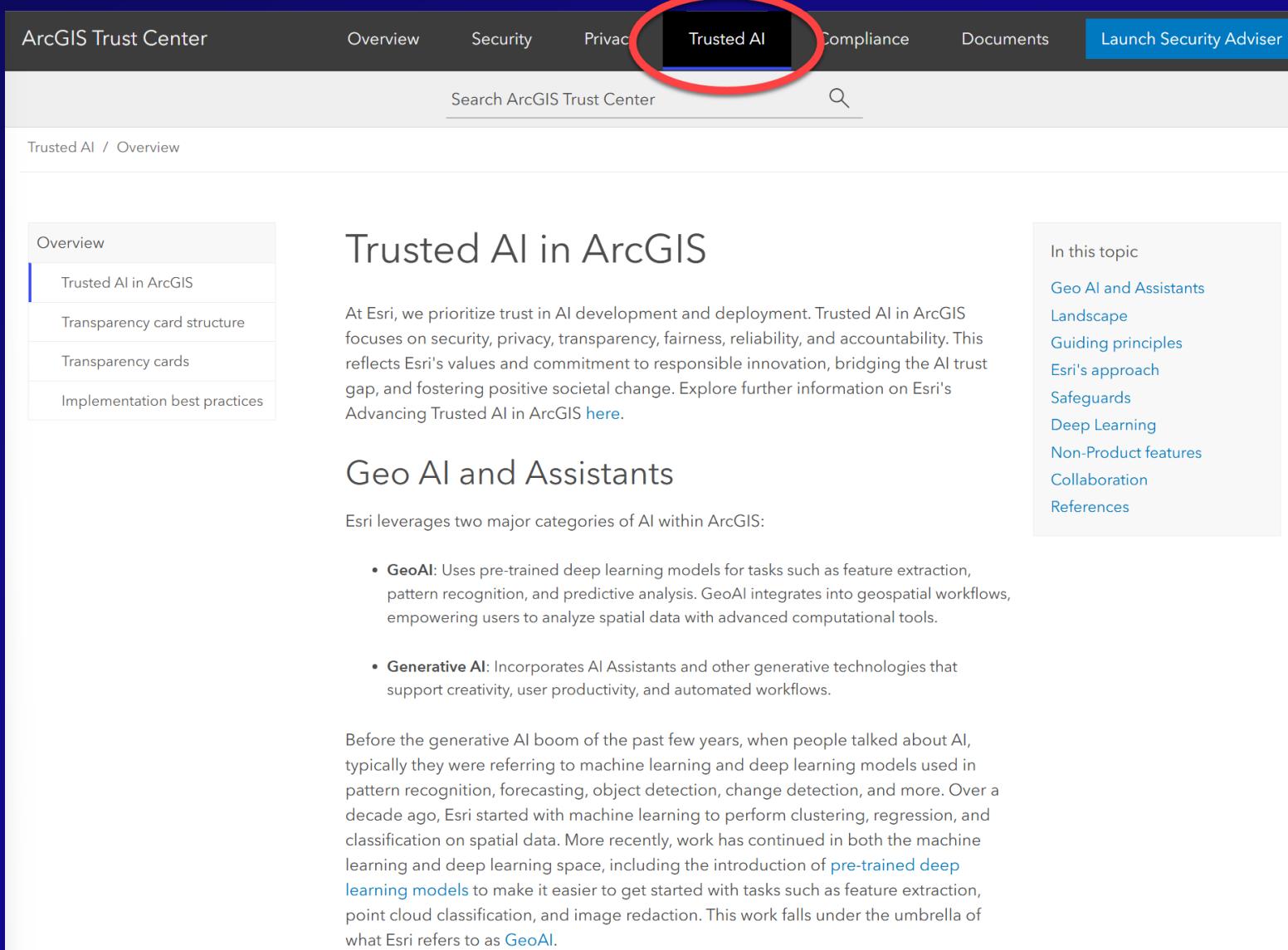
Oversight & Limitation

- Outputs may vary in accuracy; customers are advised to validate results
- Tools such AI Transparency Cards can be leveraged

Trusted AI

NEW Site!

- Where?
 - ArcGIS Trust Center
- When?
 - Live Feb 20, 2025
- Why?
 - Single-stop for AI questions
- Four areas
 - Overview
 - Card Structure
 - Transparency Cards
 - Best Practices



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Geo AI and Assistants

Esri leverages two major categories of AI within ArcGIS:

- **GeoAI:** Uses pre-trained deep learning models for tasks such as feature extraction, pattern recognition, and predictive analysis. GeoAI integrates into geospatial workflows, empowering users to analyze spatial data with advanced computational tools.
- **Generative AI:** Incorporates AI Assistants and other generative technologies that support creativity, user productivity, and automated workflows.

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- Comprehensive information on Esri's AI practices
- GeoAI / Assistants
- AI Principles (Secure, Transparent...)
- Customer choice (Opt-in)
- Governance (AI Board)

- Understanding AI Models and AI-backed features

- Model Cards
- Deep-Learning models
- Transparency Cards
- Esri features utilizing Generative AI



Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS

Trusted Artificial Intelligence (AI) goes beyond simply achieving accurate results for ArcGIS products. It is a journey of continuous advancement that encompasses a holistic approach prioritizing security, privacy, transparency, fairness, reliability and responsible development and deployment of AI. We recognize the power of AI technology and its potential to transform society and design a better, more sustainable future. The rapid advancements in generative AI highlight the urgent need for frameworks that guide trusted AI deployment and bridge the AI trust gap.

Legacy of AI Trust and Innovation

Before the generative AI boom of the past few years, when people talked about AI, typically they were referring to machine learning and deep learning models used in pattern recognition, forecasting, object detection, change detection, and more. Over a decade ago, Esri started with machine learning to perform clustering, regression, and classification on spatial data. More recently, work has continued in both the machine learning and deep learning space, including the introduction of [pre-trained deep learning models](#) that are trained using massive, diverse datasets to make it easier to get started with tasks such as feature extraction, point cloud classification, and image redaction. This work falls under the umbrella of what Esri refers to as [GeoAI](#).

Generative AI refers to a type of machine learning model designed to create new content, or insightful recommendations, by learning patterns from large-scale datasets. Generative AI models are trained on extensive datasets, which may include very large, domain-specific data and/or data from the internet. Unlike traditional AI models that focus on making predictions or performing analysis, generative AI models are used to generate creative outputs such as text, images, or other forms of content.

In contrast to Generative AI as described above, GeoAI focuses on analyzing and interpreting geospatial data to uncover patterns and make predictions using the input data. Generative AI can be thought of as a machine learning model that is trained to create new data, rather than making a prediction about a specific dataset and is more non-deterministic allowing for more creative solutions. A generative AI system is one that learns to generate more objects that look like the data it was trained on. An example of ArcGIS capabilities incorporating generative AI are [AI Assistants within ArcGIS](#).

The actual machinery underlying generative AI and other types of AI oftentimes utilize the same algorithms, which can blur the distinction between the types. Generative AI's quick proliferation and broader use cases has resulted in expedited regulatory requirements and customer demands for stronger transparency and control. Therefore, this paper primarily focuses on assurance measures being worked on or already in place for generative AI.

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Card Structures

- AI Transparency Card Structure document
 - Detailed lookup table for Transparency Cards
 - Descriptions for each field and associated options
 - Four pages
 - Result - Succinct 2-page cards for each AI Assistant
- Deep-learning Model cards
 - Based on Hugging-Face / FedRAMP structure
 - Focus is on AI Model itself
 - Available within Living Atlas DLTK downloads



AI Transparency Card Structure	
Generative AI features are currently available as beta features in Esri products; however, we are including transparency cards for AI features now for early awareness and transparency for our customers to make responsible AI decisions with our products. Esri welcomes your feedback via SoftwareSecurity@Esri.com as we expand our AI Transparency card coverage across our product features over time.	
This document provides additional description information for each field (including specific options available, examples, and screen shots of example input and output if applicable):	
Section	Description
Product - Name	ArcGIS product name (links to doc) Example: ArcGIS Online , Business Analyst , ...
Product - Certification	Security and/or privacy certification status of the ArcGIS Product. Select One: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None- 3rd Party Tested (No certification in place, however a 3rd party has tested product)- In-progress (Provide timeline and certification name (e.g., ISO, SOC, FedRAMP))- Certified (name of certification and scope)
Product - Deployment	Deployment model of the product Select One: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Software as a Service (SaaS)- Platform as a Service (PaaS)- Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) Self-contained- Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) External Service
All Sections from this point onward are specific to the AI Feature.	
Name	AI feature name in the product (links to doc) Example: Business Analyst Assistant , ...
Purpose*	Actions AI feature is expected to perform within the product. Includes use cases and scenarios if/when applicable.
Release Status	Release status of AI feature (See Product Lifecycle Support Policy) Select One: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beta (Incomplete, unsupported, limited privacy, limited security – See Beta FAQ)- Production (List initial release Month/Year or version)
Certification	Certification status of AI feature or its subprocessors. Select One: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None- In-progress (timeline and certification name (e.g., ISO, SOC, FedRAMP))- Certified (certification name and scope)
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Two Types of Cards

Car Detection - USA

Deep learning model to detect cars in high resolution imagery.

Deep learning package from Esri
Managed by esri_analytics

Item created: May 27, 2021 Item updated: Dec 27, 2024 Number of downloads: 17,685

Authoritative Living Atlas

Description
This deep learning model is used to detect cars in high resolution drone or aerial imagery. Car detection can be used for applications such as traffic management and analysis, parking lot utilization, urban planning, etc. It can also be used as a proxy for deriving economic indicators and estimating retail sales. High resolution aerial and drone imagery can be used for car detection due to its high spatio-temporal coverage.

Using the model
Follow the [guide](#) to use the model. Before using this model, ensure that the supported deep learning libraries are installed. For more details, check [Deep Learning Libraries Installer for ArcGIS](#).

Fine-tuning the model
This model can be fine-tuned using the Train Deep Learning Model tool. Follow the [guide](#) to fine-tune this model.

Input
High resolution RGB imagery (5 - 20 centimeter spatial resolution).

Output
Feature class containing detected cars.

Applicable geographies
The model is expected to work well in the United States.

Model architecture
This model uses the [MaskRCNN](#) model architecture implemented in ArcGIS API for Python.

Accuracy metrics
This model has an average precision score of 0.81.

Training data
This model has been trained on an Esri proprietary car detection dataset.

Sample results
Here are a few results from the model. To view more, see this [step](#).

Overview Download

Details
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Tags
car detection, deep learning, pretrained model, living atlas dlpk, dlpk, maskrcnn, LivingAtlasDLPK

Credits (Attribution)
Esri

ArcGIS AI Transparency Card - Business Analyst Assistant

Section	Description	Response
Product - Name	ArcGIS product name (links to doc)	ArcGIS Business Analyst Web App
Product - Certification	Certification status of the ArcGIS Product	In-Progress 2025 - FedRAMP Moderate
Product - Deployment	Deployment model of the product	SaaS
Name	AI feature name in the product. (links to doc)	Business Analyst Assistant
Purpose	Actions AI feature is expected to perform within the product.	In-app productivity tool that uses AI to recommend popular workflows, data, infographic reports, and tips. It provides intelligent suggestions and understands geographic context through prompts or search queries.
Release Status	Release status of AI feature	Beta
Certification	Certification status of AI feature or its subprocessors	None
Deployment	AI feature provided via what deployment model.	Software as a Service (SaaS)
Management	How AI feature can be enabled or disabled?	Opt-in by AGO Administrator
Management - Feedback	Can/how user AI feedback be enabled or disabled?	Opt-in by User
Management - Telemetry	How user AI telemetry data can be enabled or disabled?	Required (Telemetry data is collected)
Prompt Stored	Are prompts submitted to the AI stored?	Not by default (only when feedback provided), Retention: 2 years, Storage Purpose: Specific Improvement
Response Stored	Are AI-generated responses stored?	Not by default (only when feedback provided), Retention: 2 years, Storage Purpose: Specific Improvement
Personal Data	Is personal data in training, testing, or validation datasets?	No
Processing Location	Where data is processed across the product, feature, and LLM levels, including details on any subprocessors.	Product: AGO Infrastructure, Feature: AGO Infrastructure, LLM: AGO Infrastructure, no LLM subprocessors.
Intended Users	Primary intended users of the AI feature	Administrators, GIS Analyst
Out-of-Scope Uses	Scenarios AI feature may not perform accurately or reliably.	Guidance beyond the geospatial domain. English language only.
Key Function	Key capabilities and how the AI feature enhances workflows.	Augment – workflow guidance by entering natural language prompts
Model Type & Technique	AI model type and technique	Generative AI
Model Used	Specific model(s) used, such as GPT-4, T5, etc.	Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2
Model License	License of AI model powering the AI feature.	Open Source
Training Data Sources	Data sources used for development of AI feature.	Open Source

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Deep Learning Model Cards

AI Assistant Transparency Cards

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AI Transparency Cards

- Generative AI backed features results in a broader set of concerns NOT addressed by AI Model cards
- Resulted in AI Transparency Cards
- Contains information such as
 - Data handling and sources
 - Privacy/security safeguards
- Empowers customers to make risk-based decisions concerning features

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Implementation Best Practices

- Shared Responsibility
- Esri responsibilities
 - Transparency & Model Cards
 - Communicate what Esri's done
- Customer responsibilities
 - Implementation Best Practices section
 - Summarizes customer responsibilities
 - Settings
 - Monitoring
 - Training
 - Validation

ArcGIS Trust Center

Overview Security Privacy Trusted AI Compliance Documents Launch Security Adviser

Search ArcGIS Trust Center

Trusted AI / Overview

Overview

Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS

AI Transparency card structure

Transparency cards

Implementation best practices

Transparency cards

The table below lists the AI transparency cards that provide in-depth details about our AI features, their structure, and the principles guiding their development and deployment. Please see the [Transparency Card Structure document](#) for additional details concerning each field of the transparency cards.

AI assistants	Help documentation
ArcGIS Business Analyst assistant	Help document
ArcGIS Survey123 - Web designer assistant	Help document
ArcGIS Survey123 - Photo calculations assistant	Help document
ArcGIS Hub assistant	Help document
ArcGIS Instant apps - translation assistant	Help document
ArcGIS Pro assistants	Help document

Completed

In Process

AI assistants

AI assistants leverage the power of generative AI to streamline the ArcGIS user experience. AI assistants across ArcGIS help you create content, introspect and summarize data, provide suggestions and recommendations, and even write code. [Learn more](#).

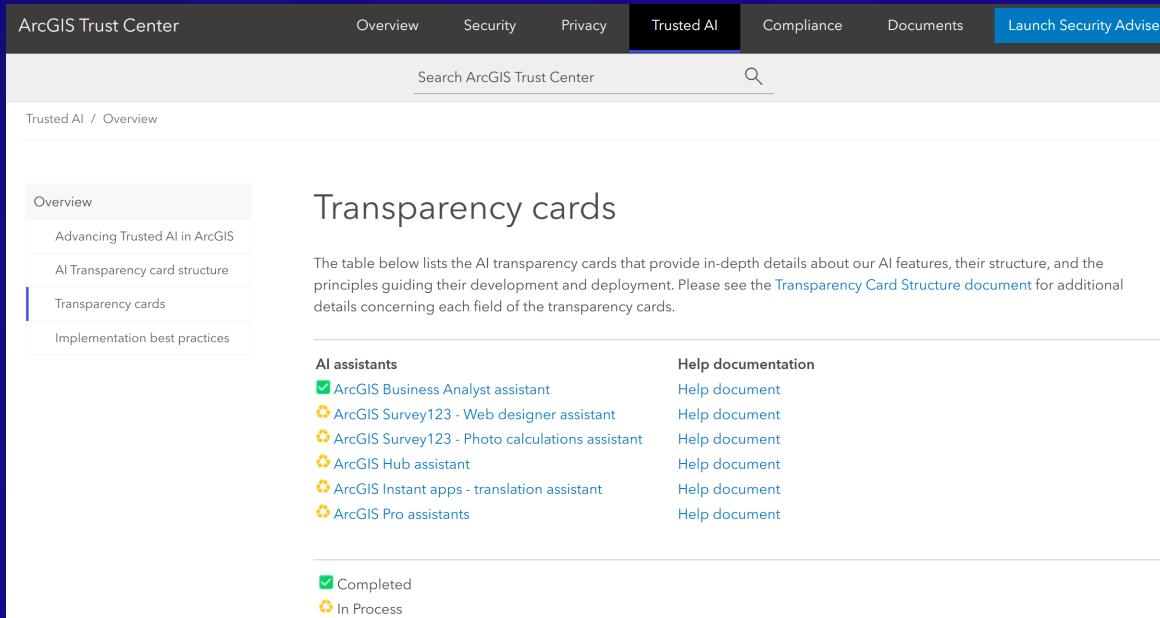
Allow use of AI assistants by members of your organization



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Summary

- ArcGIS Trust Center new “Trusted AI” section
 - One stop shop for agencies to get Artificial Intelligence answers
 - Extensive information now available
 - Designed to evolve based on customer feedback/demands
 - Links to relevant AI materials across Esri pages



The screenshot shows the ArcGIS Trust Center interface with the 'Trusted AI' tab selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled 'Transparency cards' and contains a table listing AI assistants and their corresponding help documents. A sidebar on the left provides navigation links for 'Overview', 'Advancing Trusted AI in ArcGIS', 'AI Transparency card structure', 'Transparency cards' (which is selected and highlighted in blue), and 'Implementation best practices'.

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At the bottom of the page, there are two status indicators: 'Completed' (green checkmark) and 'In Process' (yellow exclamation mark).

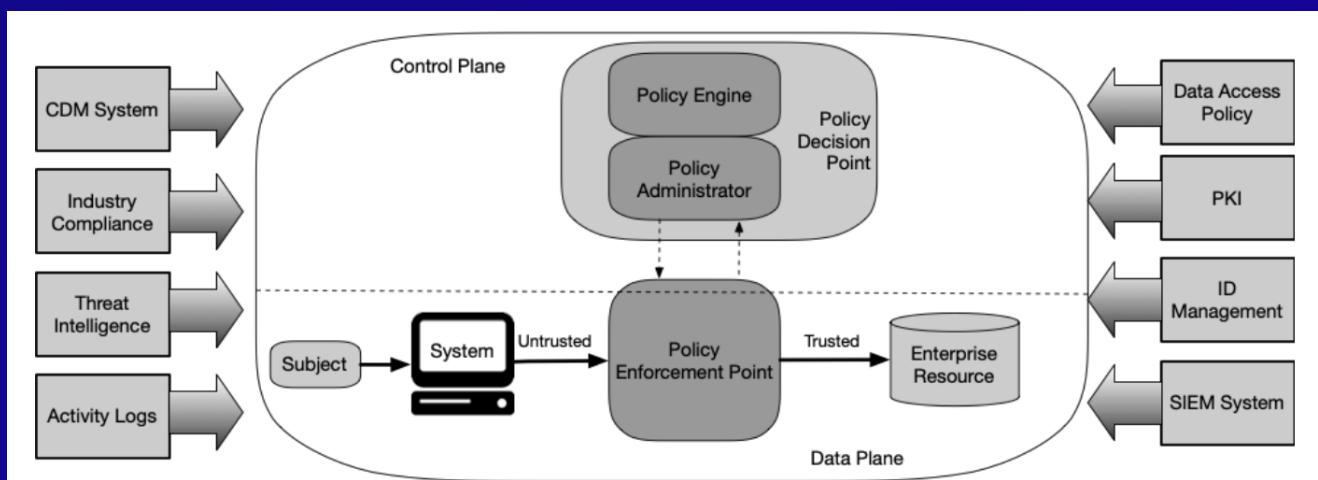
Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA)



Image generated by Microsoft Copilot.

Zero Trust Architecture

- Strong security value, but strong marketing hype still
- Focus on ZTA foundations first
 - Zero Trust Maturity Model from CISA
 - ZTA implementation target for US agencies was EOY 2024
 - ZTA Foundations in Enterprise Hardening Guide applicable for ArcGIS Online



Zero Trust Architecture

Three Foundational Components Your Agency Should Have in Place By Now

- Phishing resistant MFA
 - Non-Phishing resistant MFA - Ex: code sent to your phone
 - Phishing resistant MFA – Ex: Biometrics, hardware tokens, PKI based MFA, or Windows Hello etc.
- Conditional access
 - Setup Identity Provider (IdP)
 - Define conditional access policies
 - Configure AGO (SAML Logins)
- Categorization sensitive datasets

Zero Trust Architecture

Guidance - Phishing Resistant MFA

- Passwords are inadequate to secure user accounts
- Standard Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) is much better
 - However, when MFA relies on a human entering a code, they can be phished
- Therefore, ensure you are utilizing phishing resistant MFA options:
 1. FIDO / Web Authn Authentication (requires authenticators)
 - Separate physical tokens (called “roaming” authenticators) connected to a device via USB or near-field comms (NFC), or
 - Embedded into laptops or mobile devices as “platform” authenticators – e.g. Windows Hello
 2. PKI-based MFA
 - Less widely available / frequently supported with smart cards

Zero Trust Architecture

Guidance - Conditional Access with Entra ID

Microsoft Entra admin center

Home > New ... Conditional Access policy

Control access based on Conditional Access policy to bring signals together, to make decisions, and enforce organizational policies. [Learn more](#)

Name 1

Assignments

Users [\(1\)](#) 2

Target resources [\(1\)](#) 3

Network [\(1\)](#) 4

Conditions [\(1\)](#) 5

Access controls

Grant [\(1\)](#) 6

Session

Enable policy [Report-only](#) [On](#) [Off](#)

Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

Copilot [?](#) [X](#)

Specify the name of the app - In this Case ArcGIS Online

You can assign users and groups who can access this AGO subscription if you like (Based off your AD groups)

Specifying the network where you want users to come from for a successful login

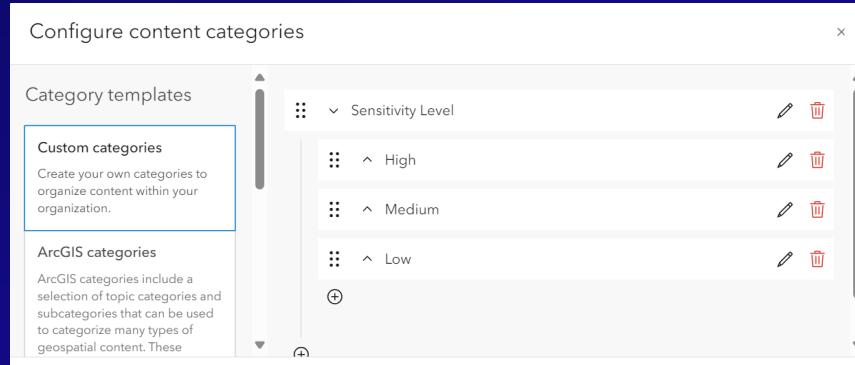
Specify the conditions you want to be true for a successful logon

Zero Trust Architecture

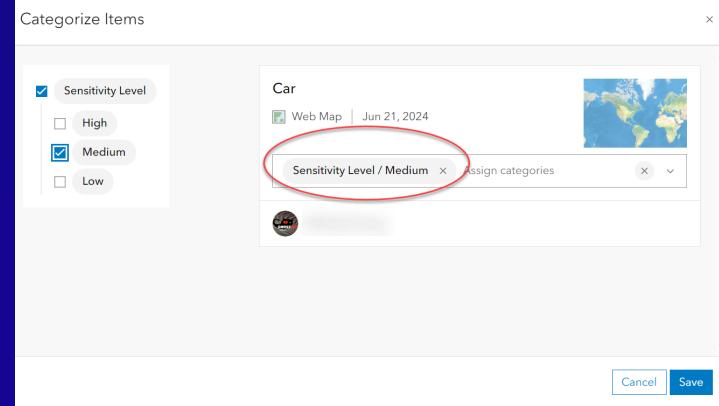
Guidance - Categorize Sensitive Datasets

- To ensure your organization is on track for effective ZTA protections, you need to ensure your data are categorized NOW based on sensitivity level
 - Ensure your organization utilizes **categories** to identify data sensitivity level in a consistent manner

Setup Custom Category



Select Category for Your Items



Note: Use ArcGIS Categories or Tags to identify sensitivity levels based on agency preference

Summary



Summary

- FedRAMP Moderate
 - Opens new use case opportunities for agencies
- Esri compliance and certification commitments
 - Continue to expand including coverage of authorized services
- Security & privacy are shared responsibilities between Esri and agencies
 - Ensure alignment with Customer Responsibility Matrix
- Regularly check for best practice alignment
 - ArcGIS Security & Privacy Adviser tool
- Prepare for generative AI capabilities
 - Enforce generative AI standards and ensure alignment via Esri's transparency cards
- Zero Trust Architecture is a journey
 - Ensure foundations now in place

Q & A



<https://trust.arcgis.com/en/trusted-ai>



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