

QUICK-START ENGAGEMENT

Data Estate Audit

*“Most estate audits are a six-week consulting project.
This is an afternoon.”*

THE PROBLEM

01

The estimate problem

Traditional data estate audits are months of consultancy, sample-based, ending in a stratified opinion. You pay six figures for a guess.

02

The hidden estate

Acquired tenancies, departed teams, retired programmes, abandoned shares. Each accruing cost and compliance liability. Nobody is looking.

03

The retention drift

GDPR Article 5(1)(e) requires data minimisation. Every estate holds personal data older than its retention permits. Most teams cannot say how much, where, or who it relates to.

You do not have a data problem. You have a visibility problem.

Every governance, security, ESG and migration decision your team makes is downstream of one question: what is actually in our estate? Most organisations answer that question by asking the people who built the systems to remember. The answer is usually optimistic, partial, and three years out of date. Lightning IQ replaces the memory exercise with a measurement.

THE ANSWER

A better bridge, not another licence.

Drop in Lightning IQ. Connect it to your hybrid estate (NFS, SMB, S3, Azure Blob, Google Cloud Storage) in hours. Index at 1 petabyte per hour. Surface PII, duplicates, ROT, retention overruns and dark data in days, not months. Anchor every governance decision that follows in measured fact.

OUTCOMES

OUTCOME 01

See the whole estate, fast.

Index hybrid storage at 1 petabyte per hour. First findings land while a traditional audit would still be writing the scoping document.

OUTCOME 02

Surface what was always invisible.

PII concentrations, duplicate sprawl, retention-overrun records, abandoned shares. Things teams have been speculating about for years, suddenly quantified.

OUTCOME 03

Anchor every next decision.

Migration planning, governance prioritisation, breach response, ESG reporting. Each one starts from a measured baseline rather than a survey response.

WHEN IT MATTERS

PII concentration scan

Find every cluster of unstructured personal data across the estate. Prioritise the densest, oldest, most exposed locations for remediation.

GDPR 7-year retention sweep

Identify all personal data older than your published retention permits. Quantify exposure. Evidence the disposal that follows.

Pre-migration estate audit

Inventory everything before cutover. Decide what moves, what archives, what disposes. Migrate a clean estate, not a legacy estate with a new address.

Acquisition due diligence

Index an acquired estate before you fully inherit it. Know what you are buying in data terms before you have bought it.

Get a measurement, not an estimate.

Model audit velocity
[harmonyhouse.uk/tools/data-estate-audit/](https://www.harmonyhouse.uk/tools/data-estate-audit/)

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