



# *Big Data: trends and governance*

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- TELUS' internal corporate context
- Big data? What's the big deal?
- Use and governance – a phased approach
- Lessons learned – what you can take away from our experience



- Corporate demographics:
  - National telco service provider:
    - \$10B revenue (2012)
    - 7.5 M Wireless Customers
    - 1.3 M HSIA Customers
  - Significant service provider to both SMB and large complex organizations
  - \*Critical infrastructure and service provider
  - Mandate of the CSO: protect TELUS systems and networks, drive and embed security into all areas of the Business to ensure world class security capabilities



# Evolving threat landscape

## Timeframe: 2005 ~ 2011:

- Embedding Security:

*Partnership approaches over traditional policing regimes; integration into SDLC*

- Technology Trends:

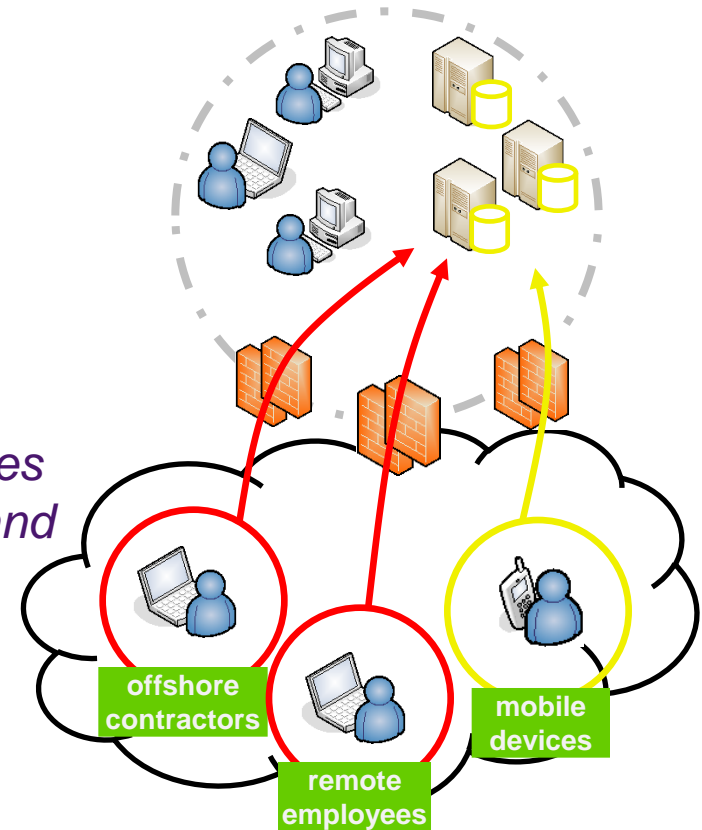
*Fundamental shifts of disruptive technologies transforming how and where data is used and controlled*

- Threats:

*Changing actors and advanced intrusion methods that enterprise must adapt to*

- Solutions:

*Approaches and tools to embedding security as well as managing technology trends and advanced threats*



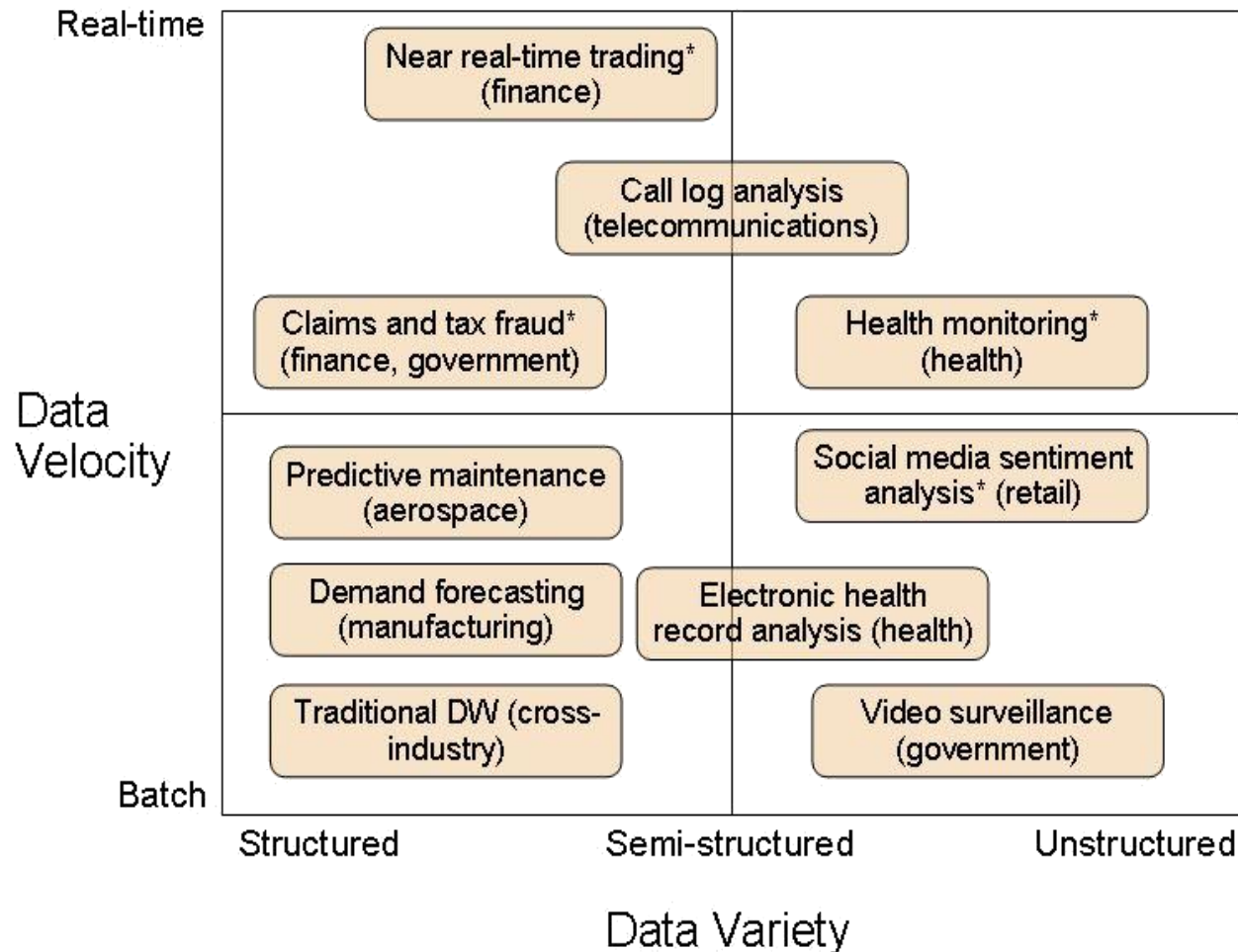
# So, what is Big Data anyway?



- **Big Data describes data sets that are too large, too unrefined or too fast-changing for analysis using traditional relational or multidimensional database techniques.**
- **The *extreme scale* of the data requires specialized analytics applications to parse and make sense of the data \*based on\* the parameters set out by the Business**
- **Example Data points:**
  - **Facebook – 15TB of new data/day , ~120PB, ~6200 nodes**
  - **Twitter – 1TB of new data/day , ~12PB, ~80 nodes**
  - **Yahoo! – 20TB of new data/day, ~72PB, 4500 nodes**



# Variety, Velocity, Volume & Veracity & Depth



- TELUS CSO rolled out first instance of SIEM in 2006:
  - Aggressive plans to ingest 100s of Firewalls, Network Element logs, and IT system logs
  - SIEM collectors could not handle the flow – adding more infrastructure was costly, and operationally complex to support
  - Solution scaled back to critical, high value data zones and systems: SOX, PCI, PIPEDA
- 2011 ~ 2012: Technical evolution and maturity in high volume, high velocity data analytics was the key



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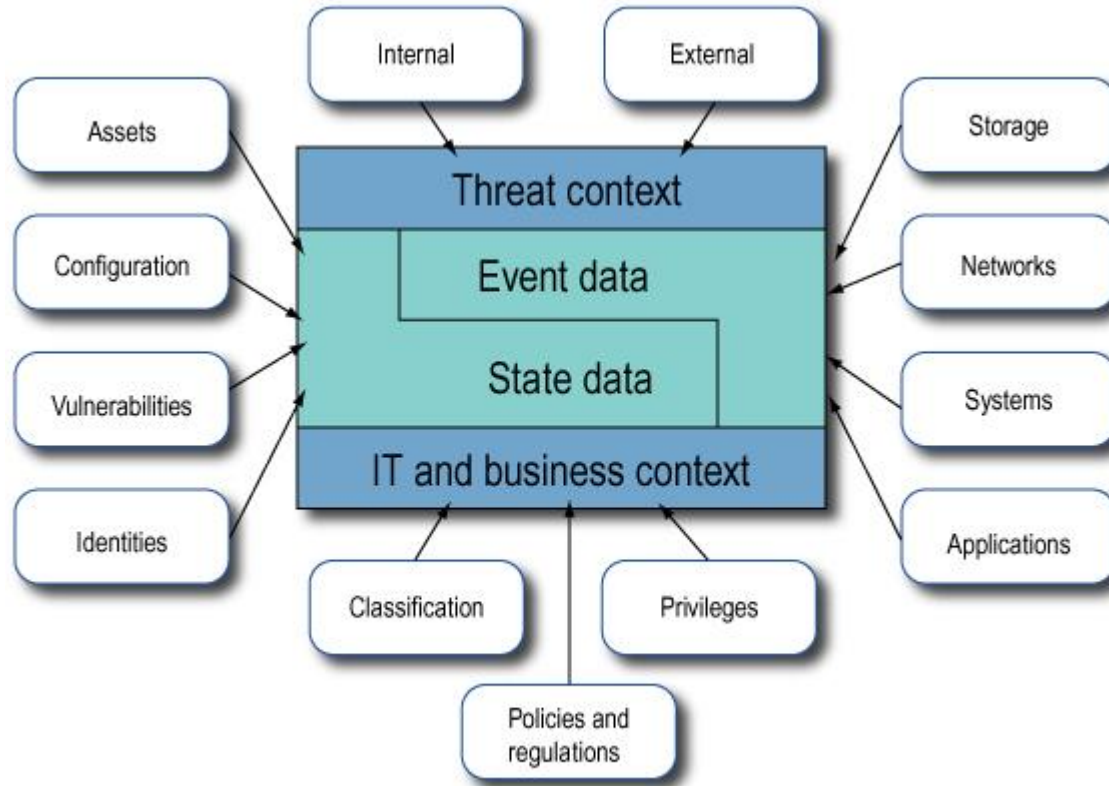
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Problem:

***How do we deal with all that data?***



# SIEM Big Data Analytics

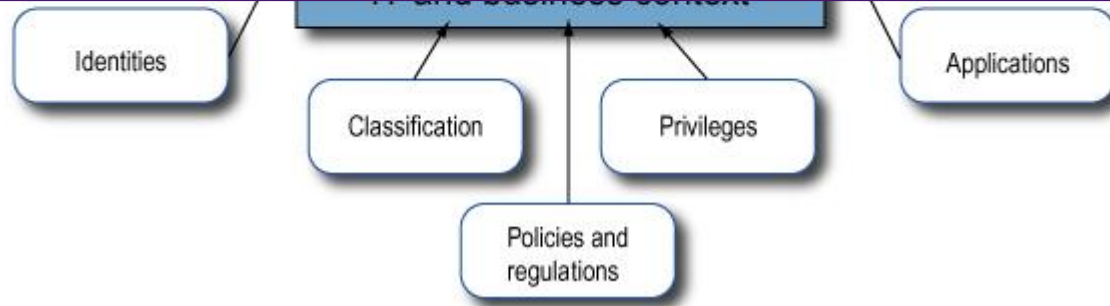


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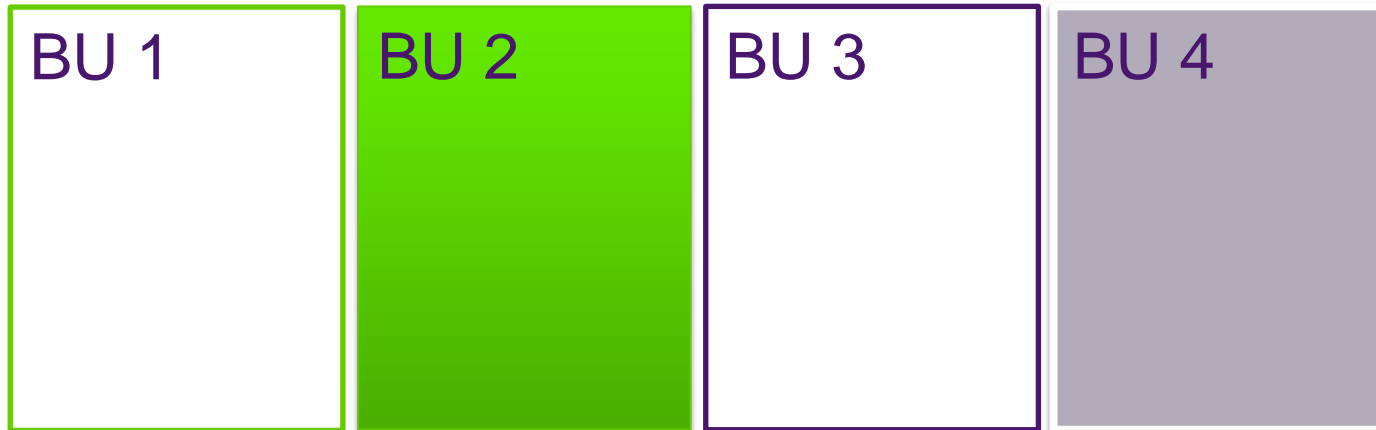
Big Data Analytics Tier  
Objective: filter events - funnel relevant events to SIEM for more detailed meaningful analysis and response



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- In parallel, Business Development and Network Assurance Teams are meeting with vendors....
  - Vendor: “Big Data will solve all your problems!”
  - Business: “Cool! Let’s run a trial!”



## ■ Opportunity:

- Assess the true value of Big Data to deliver better services to our clients
- Drive operational excellence and efficiencies

## ■ Challenge:

- Management of data
- Management of meta data
- Control who has access to the correlated / contextual data analysis
- Strategic focus – common business and technical alignment

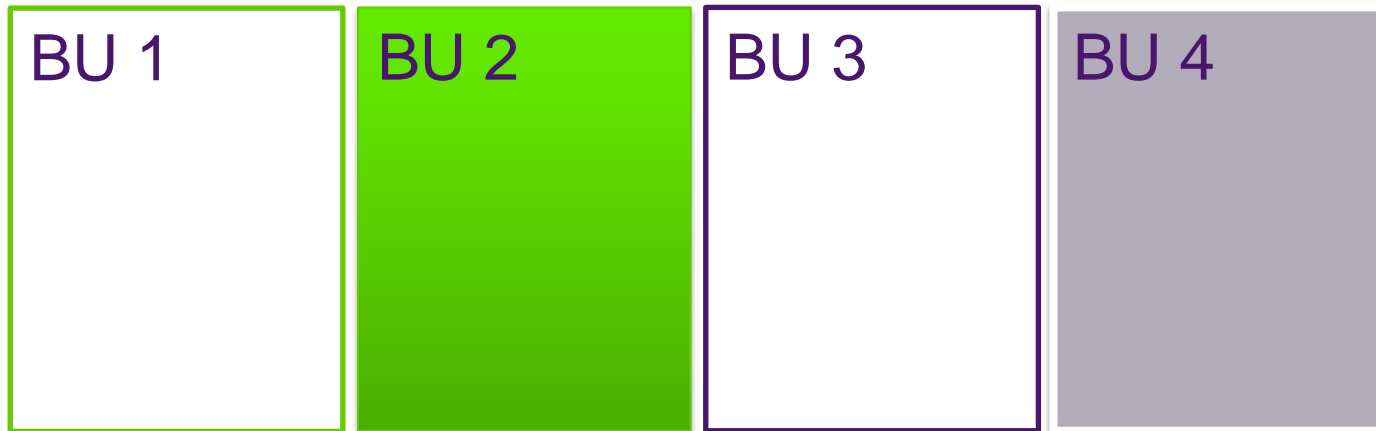


- Other challenges to consider:
  - Where will big data analysis occur?
    - Cloud?
  - Vendor
    - Many start ups in this space – will they be around in 3 ~ 4 years?
    - Trust?



- Good news travels fast:
  - Ongoing business analysis into the benefits of big data analysis
    - Opportunities and assessments filter up to the executive ranks

Let's do more POCs!



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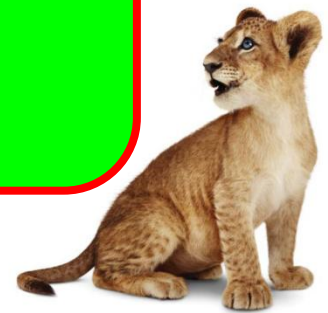


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\*Critically important, assess the contextualized / correlated data!



- Transparency of use cases
  - A great idea may not necessarily be in alignment with policies, regulations, or legislation
  
  - Some examples:
    - Geo-location data enriched with Customer specifics
  
    - CRM data to behaviour or trend activity



# Expect to hear...

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- “But Carlos, what’s the big deal?”
- “Mmm, you’re paranoid!”
- “You’re standing in the way of progress!”
- “Our competitors are already doing it!”





- Common view of opportunity
- Common view of challenges
- Common view of risks
- Transparency in governance



- Don't shy away from Big Data Analytics – They are very useful
- Eyes wide open!
- Transparent governance & use of best compliance practices are key



# Questions?

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