FAQ on BlackCat Data Visualization and Hosting Platform

What is BlackCat?

BlackCat™ is your central command center for managing large and disparate silos of data across an enterprise. With its rich yet simple display, BlackCat lets users manipulate and manage files via *metadata*, instead of having to open or even know about every single file that matches their search or retrieval criteria. BlackCat serves as the user-friendly front end to **PowerHouse**™, Valora's AutoClassification platform.

Is BlackCat a large-scale manual review platform?

BlackCat is not a large-scale manual review platform, but rather a reporting and auditing mechanism specifically for complex analytics processing. BlackCat is especially optimized for projects requiring heavy automated data analysis and processing, rather than mostly linear or manual workflows. BlackCat has been especially tuned to optimize and display PowerHouse's unique analytics results, such as graphical representations of who communicates with whom, and how different Issues, People, and Document Types manifest over time.

How is file metadata or other information presented?

With its rich array of charts, graphics, social networks, heat maps and search, BlackCat instantly and intuitively tells you what your data population holds and how it is being managed. Ideal for Information Governance, BlackCat displays for analysis, retention, security and compliance come standard, with customization options for specific line-of-business requirements.

What types of document control is available on the user-level?

BlackCat supports ultimate metadata customization with different views for different types of users. Separate interfaces, display and features for power users, basic users and administrators. Powerful system administration to control who sees what and when, including customized AutoRedactions and content-level security control. With no client-side software requirements, BlackCat easily extends to the full organization for complete self-serve analysis and retrieval.

Are there limits on how much data BlackCat can analyze?

Valora's BlackCat platform can analyze virtually unlimited volumes of corporate data with unmatched classification and disposition capabilities.

What are the minimum hardware requirements to run BlackCat?

Runs concurrent with PowerHouse on 4 Microsoft Windows Server Virtual Machines with 2 Cores, 8GB RAM each. 100GB Shared Disk Space.

Where is BlackCat hosted?

BlackCat can be hosted in the cloud, or on-site behind your firewall. Valora allows you to choose whichever solution works best for your particular use case. Most clients choose the cloud, which increases the amount of documents they can store without having to upgrade their internal hardware.

What are the most common use cases for BlackCat?

One of Valora's largest use cases involved tracking HR documentation for all the employees of a large retailer. Through BlackCat they were able to gather and categorize employee notes and files more efficiently which helped improve accuracy in terms of employee performance reviews, and employee correction measures. This also allowed HR to be more efficient when it came time to provide verification paperwork for immigration cases involving their employees.