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Sandbox

ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR EQUITY COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT

THE CHALLENGE

You're considering a new grant. What impact will it have on expense, EPS, dilution, taxes and retained earnings? Before you upload grants for 800 employees, you want to verify the data is properly formatted. Your shareholders have voted and you need to tie executive compensation to performance and grant your first performance awards. Vesting information, options outstanding or your plan reserve data does not look quite right. Something has changed since you viewed it yesterday, but what? How can you get the answers you need without impacting your production database?

THE SOLUTION

Certent Sandbox gives you a separate and exact copy of your production database. This provides a safe place to test, troubleshoot, train and model. It is refreshed at a scheduled time to stay in sync with your production database, and it lets you run reports to help you manage and compare scenarios.

HOW CERTENT DOES IT

Certent Sandbox provides a replica of your production database that you can use for testing, training, troubleshooting, and modeling scenarios anytime you'd like. This essential management tool is as secure as your production environment.

CERTENT OFFERS FOUR VERSIONS

Sandbox Daily – Refreshed nightly at midnight Pacific time

Sandbox Weekly – Refreshed weekly on Sundays at midnight Pacific time

Sandbox Monthly – Refreshed the last day of each month at midnight Pacific time

Sandbox Quarterly – Refreshed the last day of each calendar quarter at midnight Pacific time

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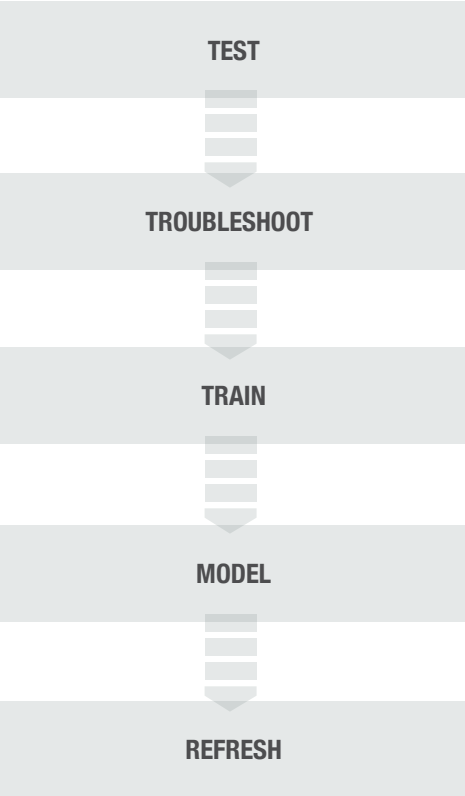

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SANDBOX APPLICATIONS

Clients use Certent Sandbox in many ways:

☑ Test

Ensure the accuracy of the data you upload by testing it first in Certent Sandbox. You can import the data to make sure the template was completed correctly, and troubleshoot any issues without touching your production data until you know you are ready.

☑ Troubleshoot

If you suspect an anomaly and want to repair it, use our Sandbox to troubleshoot. Think somebody may have changed something? You can see how the database looked yesterday to help isolate the problem and determine how to restore the data to its prior state if necessary. You can make changes in Certent Sandbox and ensure you get the desired results before putting those changes into production.

☑ Train

When new people join your team you have a foolproof tool to help teach them how to use the Certent solution. They can practice adding, changing or deleting data without any risk to your production database. Likewise, Certent customer support can demonstrate specific system functionality using a replica of your data in Certent Sandbox, so you learn how to properly put changes into production, and can confirm you will get the results you want.

☑ Model

Run "what-if?" scenarios with ease. If you want to know the expense impact of 500 new awards, you can model the grant in real-time in Certent Sandbox. Simply create a template with the data, use the FTP loader to upload it and run reports. You get a complete view of all the impacts with no risk to your production data. Compare variations on grant types. Save the reports. Get accurate financial data to inform your decisions. Certent Sandbox lets you start with a clean slate each day or each week so you can plan and predict with ease.

FIND OUT MORE

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