

A GATHID LABS SERIES: PART 4

Daily Trust: A Smarter Path to Identity Governance



Full IGA Is Never Really Full IGA. You Still Need Gathid

Even the best deployments have blind spots. And daily trust demands more than workflow.

For many security leaders, deploying a full-featured Identity Governance and Administration (IGA) platform is seen as the ultimate achievement. It's the mature, strategic endgame, complete with role models, approval workflows, certifications, and policy enforcement.

However, talk to organizations that have implemented SailPoint, Saviynt, or another major IGA suite, and a twist to the story often emerges.

Yes, they're running IGA.

Yes, it helps with onboarding and offboarding, access reviews, and audit preparation. But no, they can't confidently say that their identity risk is completely under control.

Why? Because even with Full IGA, governance remains incomplete.

The Myth of 100% Coverage

Full IGA tools are powerful. They're often the best way to manage complex policies across thousands of users and systems. However, they rely on something most organizations rarely have: full system connectivity, clean data, and consistent adoption across business units.

The reality? Even in mature environments, Full IGA can leave gaps:

- Disconnected systems like legacy applications, OT, and physical access controls
- Ad hoc exceptions made outside the tool, often in service tickets or side emails
- Orphaned accounts that persist after users move roles or exit
- Toxic combinations that sneak in through policy drift or privilege stacking
- Contractors and third parties who fall outside the core identity lifecycle
- Missing contextual identity mapping, where systems lack linkage back to authoritative sources, leaving access disconnected from business ownership or employment status

And let's not forget the time and resources it takes to get Full IGA deployed. It's not uncommon to see multi-year roadmaps with phased rollouts by region, department or system type. During that time, identity debt accumulates, and the risk continues to escalate.



Daily Governance Is Still Missing

Most IGA tools are built around process — not observability.

They automate workflows. Route approvals. Log decisions. And that's important. Remember, governance isn't just a workflow problem. It's also a visibility problem.

You can have the most sophisticated approval process in the world. However, if the roles are outdated, the policies aren't enforced in practice, or the actual access doesn't match the intended model, then you're governing fiction.

Enter Gathid.

Gathid Complements Full IGA at Every Phase

Gathid wasn't designed to replace Full IGA. It was designed to enhance it. By adding a layer of visibility, context, and daily intelligence that traditional platforms weren't designed to deliver easily, Gathid helps you unlock greater value from your existing IGA investment.

Here's how Gathid supports organizations running, planning, or rolling out Full IGA projects.

1. Before Full IGA: Clean Up and Prepare

Organizations underestimate how messy their identity environment is before they start an IGA project. Gathid helps:

- Surface identity sprawl and orphaned access with clear visibility across systems
- Build a realistic picture of current access patterns
- Analyze actual access models to inform role design and SoD policies
- Map access back to business context using contextual identity, enabling clearer ownership, better entitlement rationalization, and faster decision-making
- Prioritize risk areas for early wins in your IGA rollout
- Ensure all aspects of your identity landscape are visible, from OT, IT, on-prem and cloud, through to AI and non-human identities
- Establish identity hygiene as a governance baseline, eliminating stale, misaligned, or unnecessary access to reduce noise and accelerating IGA success

This isn't just helpful. It's essential. A smarter start means fewer rework cycles and stronger ROI.



2. During Full IGA: Validate and Accelerate

As your IGA project unfolds, Gathid provides a “second set of eyes”:

- Validates role models against real data
- Detects drift between intended and actual access
- Highlights blind spots in coverage (such as systems not yet onboarded)
- Surfaces toxic role combinations and exceptions as they happen
- Brings in contextual identity, linking access decisions to real-world data like employment status, department, and role. This way, access reviews reflect business truth, not just technical configuration

Rather than waiting for annual reviews or audit findings, Gathid helps you course-correct every day.

3. After Full IGA: Maintain Daily Trust

This is where most Full IGA programs most commonly falter or fail. The implementation is “done,” but no one is watching what happens next.

Gathid becomes your continuous assurance layer:

- Monitors for identity drift every day
- Tracks policy violations and privilege escalation over time
- Provides compliance teams with real-world evidence, not just system logs
- Maintains a daily digital twin of your identity landscape, including legacy and disconnected systems
- Embeds contextual identity throughout the identity landscape, enriching the digital twin with attributes like employment status, business unit, and job function. This enables more accurate modeling, better policy alignment, and more relevant governance insights

The result: trust isn’t just designed, it’s demonstrated, every single day.

It's Not Either-Or. It's What Comes Next.

Gathid and Full IGA are often mistaken for competitors. They're not. In reality, they're complementary.

- Full IGA is about control. Gathid is about visibility and confidence.
- Full IGA sets the policy. Gathid confirms it's being followed.
- Full IGA governs access requests. Gathid governs access reality.

Together, Full IGA and Gathid give you the depth and assurance required to run secure, audit-ready identity operations across your entire environment — not just the parts covered by connectors.

Governance Is a Journey that Gathid Keeps Honest

Identity governance doesn't end when the project is complete. It begins. Because users move. Systems evolve. Access changes daily. And threats adapt.

Gathid gives organizations the visibility and insight to stay ahead of those changes, and to prove, every single day, that governance is more than a checkbox.

Next up: Blog 5: No Matter Your IAM Stack, Here's How to Get Daily Identity Trust

In the final post, we'll explore how organizations at every stage of identity maturity (from spreadsheets and scripts to Light and Full IGA) are using Gathid to secure rapid, actionable insight into their identity landscape. Whether you're just starting out or managing a mature stack, we'll show how Gathid helps unify visibility, surface risk, and embed daily governance without friction.

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