

## What is Identity Finder?

In response to the risks of recent security breaches in academic institutions with large amounts of highly-sensitive information, the L&S IT Office (LSITO) is introducing Identity Finder, a tool which allows L&S employees to easily locate and mitigate the risks of confidential data.

The deployment of Identity Finder consists of two parts. The first part, the Identity Finder service, allows LSITO to locate and generate comprehensive reports on the locations of confidential data (SSNs, Credit Card Numbers, etc.) on L&S-owned computers. The second part, the Identity Finder client, will allow College employees to search their own computers for confidential data and also to use the reports from the Identity Finder service to mitigate the risks associated with this sensitive information.

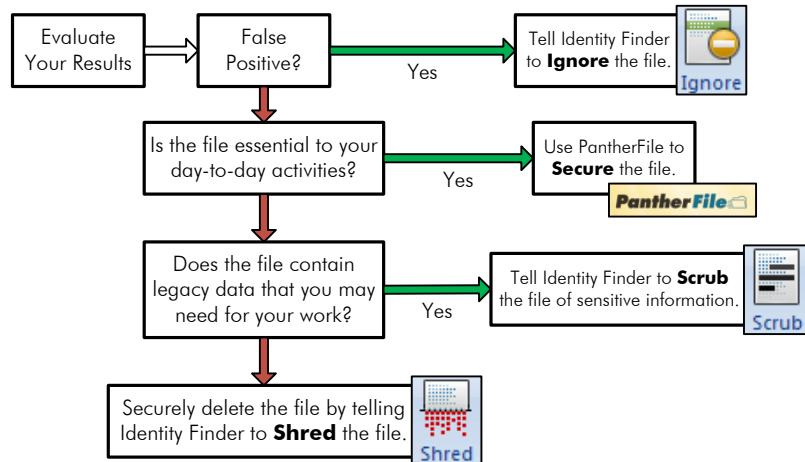
## How will Identity Finder mitigate these risks?

Utilizing the reporting functionality of Identity Finder, LSITO has been able to locate confidential data and generate comprehensive Identity Finder reports like the one attached to this handout. Using this report along with the Identity Finder client on your L&S computer, you can use the process shown below to apply one of the three methods of remediation: “scrubbing” (redacting) legacy files, “shredding” (permanently deleting) unnecessary files, or by “securing” necessary files on PantherFile.

## Can the L&S IT Office complete this procedure for me?

While LSITO is available to demonstrate the remediation process, the process of classifying each confidential file and applying the appropriate remediation method can only be conducted by the data owners themselves. Moreover, the sensitive nature of the data involved in the procedure may include confidential information that should be kept private even from LSITO technicians.

### Identity Finder Mitigation Process



For a step-by-step guide to each of the mitigation options above, please consult the **Identity Finder Faculty & Staff Guide** available at <http://lsito.uwm.edu/upload/IdentityFinderGuide-v1-1.pdf>.

Any questions or concerns about the Identity Finder service or the general mitigation process outlined above can be sent to [identity-finder@uwm.edu](mailto:identity-finder@uwm.edu).