



 DataStealth

How Air Canada Vacations Adds New Partners Without Expanding Its PCI Audit Scope

Executive Summary

Air Canada Vacations already had a PCI-compliant payment card tokenization provider in place. However, when a new third-party booking partner needed to be integrated, they faced a technical dilemma: how to quickly add a new partner to their payment ecosystem without expanding their PCI compliance audit scope. Air Canada Vacations chose DataStealth to provide additional solutions to secure this new partner integration. It worked so well that they now look to DataStealth to secure all of their future integrations.

The Outcome:

DataStealth was deployed between Air Canada Vacations and each new partner, transforming real payment card data into surrogate values, in this case using tokenization, before any cardholder data reaches their internal environments.

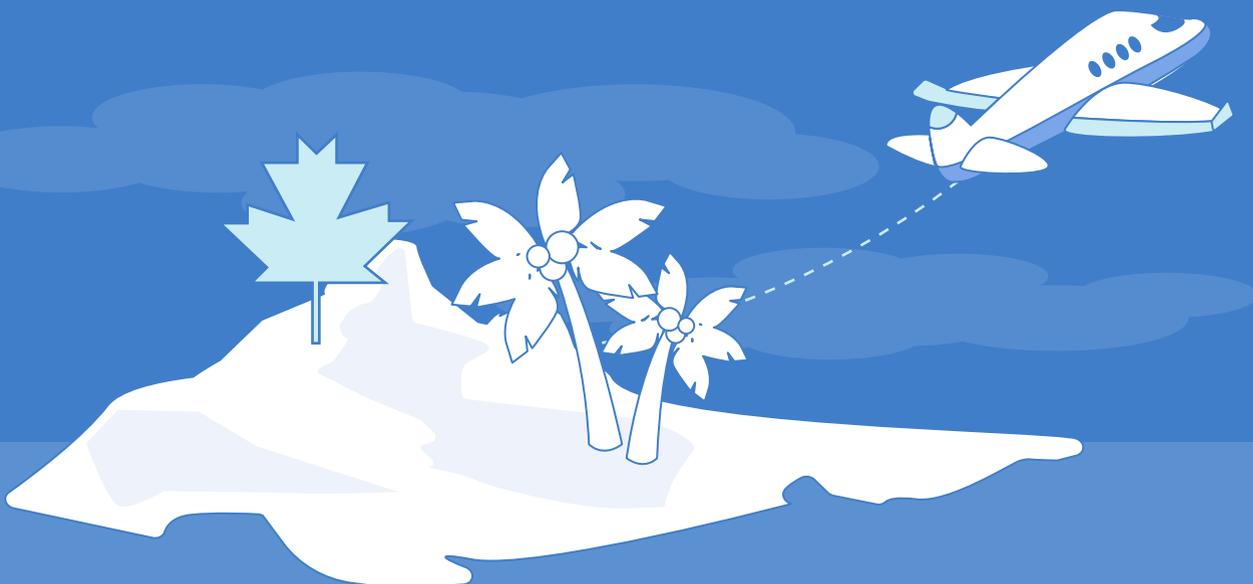
When it comes time to process payments, DataStealth detokenizes the surrogates after they leave their environment, on the way to the payment processor.

The Compliance Win:

Because tokenization occurs before the cardholder data reaches Air Canada Vacation's environment, and detokenization happens after it leaves, the PCI Compliance scope remains unchanged, even when new partners are added.

The Bottom Line:

What started as a tactical initiative evolved into a strategic approach to growth, with new capabilities, reduced friction, and no additional audit burden.



Customer Profile



Company:

Air Canada Vacations

Industry:

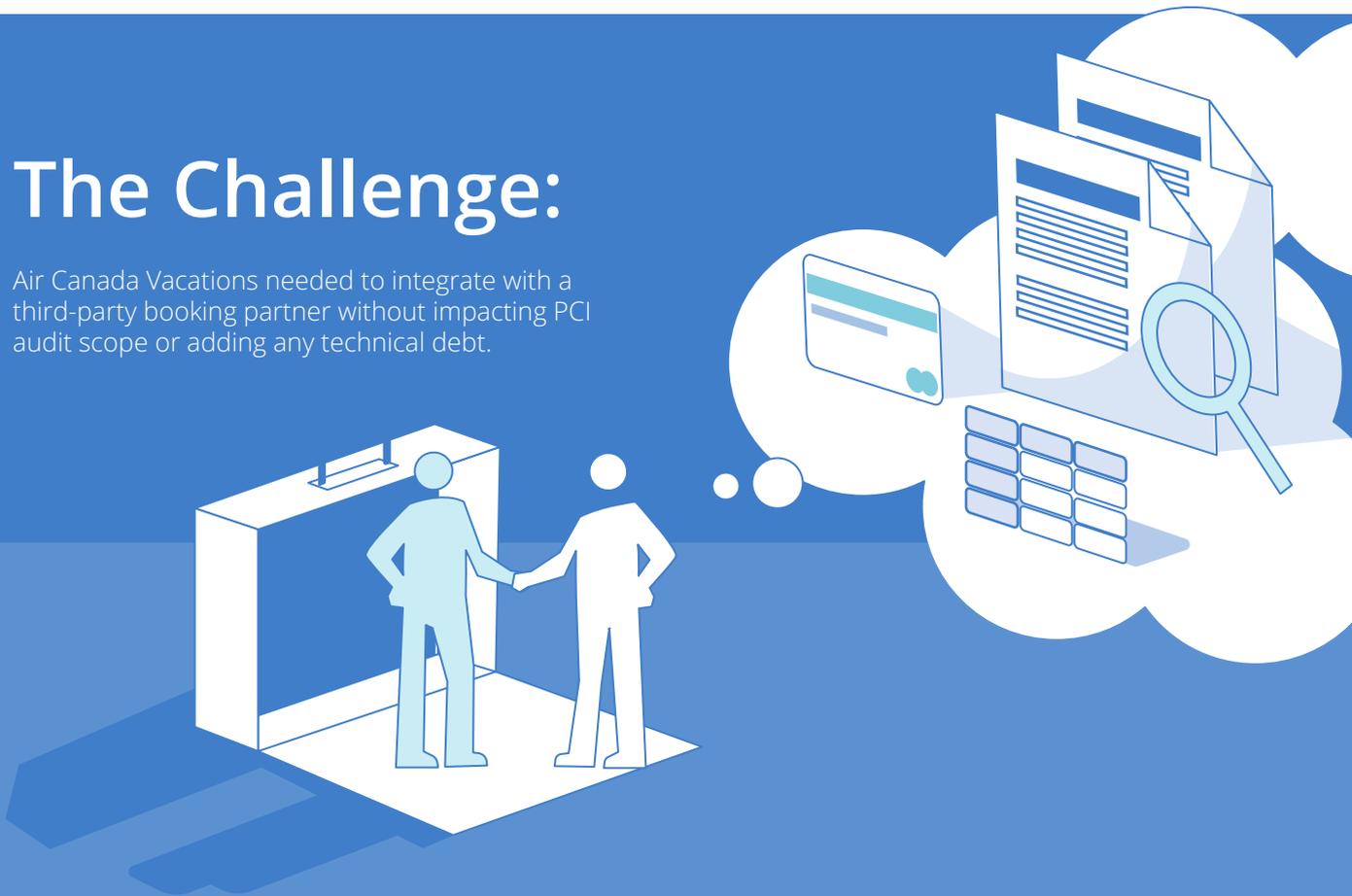
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Overview:

A subsidiary of Air Canada, Air Canada Vacations is one of Canada's leading tour operators.

The Challenge:

Air Canada Vacations needed to integrate with a third-party booking partner without impacting PCI audit scope or adding any technical debt.



Benefits



De-Risked Data Flows:

Only tokens reach downstream systems; real payment card data never enters Air Canada Vacations and partner environments.



Faster Integrations:

New partners are added through configurations, rather than expensive and time-consuming development efforts, dramatically speeding up implementation.



Data Sovereignty and Residency:

Hosted in DataStealth's Canadian data centres with 24x7 monitoring and defined service levels, including a 99.99% uptime target, Air Canada Vacations customer data never leaves Canada.



Improved Internal Efficiency:

By automating data protection and minimizing manual intervention, DataStealth eliminated repetitive compliance and integration tasks, accelerating partner onboarding, reducing coordination time between IT and compliance, and streamlining audit preparation.



PCI Scope That Doesn't Balloon:

As Air Canada Vacations adds partners, using DataStealth to protect payment card data keeps PCI compliance obligations contained and simplifies audits.

DataStealth is a PCI DSS Level 1 service provider and provides its AoC and RACI to customers to confirm which roles and responsibilities can be offloaded to DataStealth.



Future-Proofing:

The same DataStealth deployment scales to allow new use cases and partners, keeping compliance manageable as Air Canada Vacation's ecosystem expands.

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