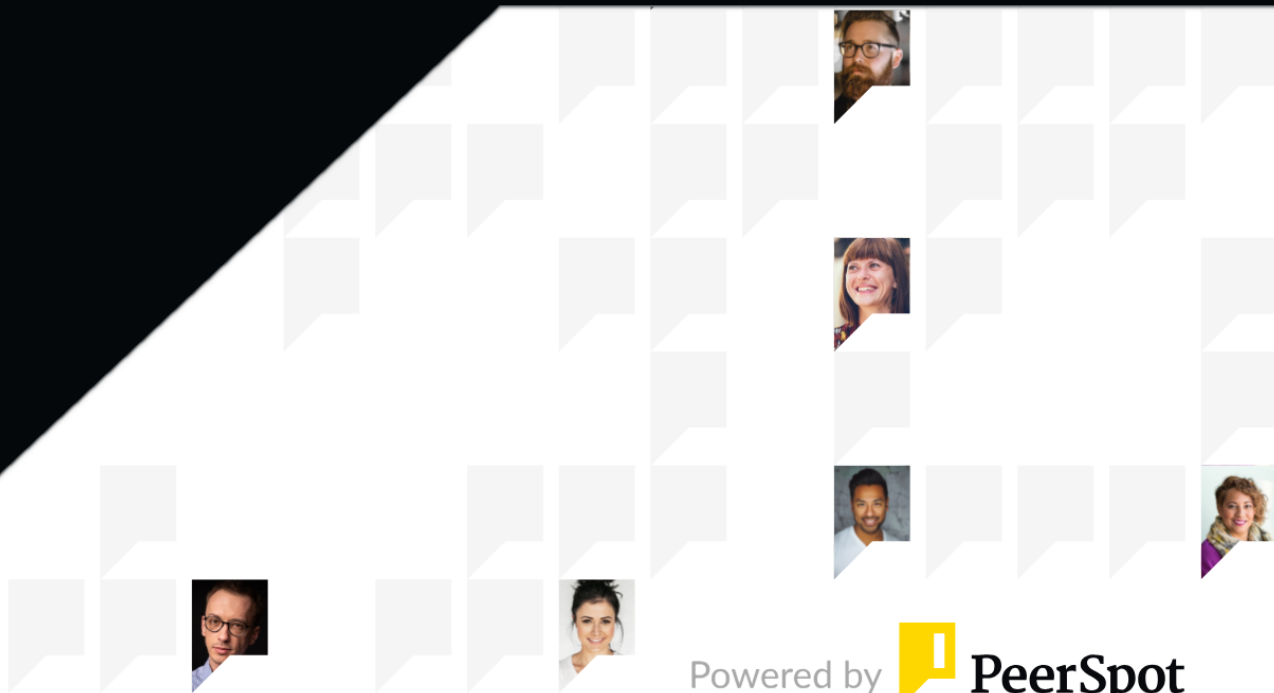




**IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle
Management**

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Product Recap



IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management

IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management Recap

IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is a comprehensive suite designed to streamline and enhance security protocols within IT environments. It offers integration, automation, and advanced monitoring to support effective security management and compliance.

Companies can leverage IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management to optimize their security operations with automation and improved visibility. It assists in managing lifecycle stages of secrets and credentials, ensuring secure access and compliance with industry standards. Its compatibility with existing systems provides a seamless integration process, facilitating better control and more efficient handling of security tasks.

What are the valuable features of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management?

- **Automation:** Reduces manual intervention by automating lifecycle management tasks.
- **Integration:** Easily integrates with third-party tools enhancing flexibility.
- **Monitoring:** Provides advanced monitoring to ensure compliance and security.
- **Access Control:** Manages access to sensitive data across environments.
- **Policy Enforcement:** Ensures consistent application of security policies.

What benefits can users find in reviews of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management?

- **Operational Efficiency:** Streamlines security operations reducing resource expenditure.
- **Improved Compliance:** Ensures adherence to industry regulations and standards.
- **Risk Reduction:** Minimizes security risks with automated management.
- **Flexibility:** Offers adaptable features tailored to specific industry security challenges.

Industries such as finance, healthcare, and telecommunications benefit from IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management by ensuring data and identity security compliance. Its adaptable integrations allow businesses to tailor security measures specific to industry regulations, supporting secure and efficient operational frameworks.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

- ✓ “Externalizing all these application configurations using IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management services greatly aided us, allowing us to manage centralized configuration, thus reducing the environment provisioning time from a couple of days to just a few hours.”



Mritunjay-Kumar

Principle Architect at Ford Motor Company

- ✓ “IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has positively impacted our organization by reducing the amount of sensitive credentials being stored directly in the application code and configuration files.”



Validated user

Developer at a healthcare company with 1,001-5,000 employees

- ✓ “IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has been useful in my main use case.”



Validated user

Associate Software Engineer at a outsourcing company with 201-500 employees

- ✓ “After integration, we onboard all those secrets that need to be managed through CyberArk, and after onboarding, we can configure the frequency for rotation of those secrets.”



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Lead Infosec Engineer at a financial services firm with 10,001+ employees

- ✓ “My main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is service discovery.”



Anurag Pal

Technical Lead at YatriPay Limited

What users had to say about valuable features:

“I am familiar with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, digital.ai Agility, and ServiceNow DevOps.

I have used IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management from these options. .”

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“IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management helps with managing those secrets and configs for our cloud-native applications by providing a configurable capability and externalizing application configurations with secure version management. This capability is extremely useful during cutovers and in our production or pre-production deployment across our eight to nine environments, where user acceptance and pre-production users validate services with production-ready data. Any configuration or feature flagging that needs to be enabled is easier when externalized, significantly reducing the cutover and deployment time for the continuous deployment of the applications.

“The best features that stand out for me in IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management are its integration with the GCP platform, especially the KMS feature for supporting customer-managed keys, along with the authentication and authorization capabilities using service accounts in cloud-native applications. Its integrations with GCP, such as GCS buckets for file and object authentication and authorization, work very well for us..”

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“The best features that IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management offers, which I find most useful, are centralized secrets management, dynamic credentials, and fine-grained access controls. I also appreciate the audit logging and integration capabilities since they make it easier to track who accessed what and integrate security in our existing deployment workflows.

“A good example of how those integration capabilities and logging features have helped my team is our CI/CD pipeline where IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management integrates with the deployment process to retrieve secrets securely instead of storing them in pipeline configuration. The audit logs also help us trace secret access during troubleshooting and security reviews, which saves time when investigating unexpected access.

“Another useful feature of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is the policy-based access control, which helps us give teams only the level of secret access they actually need. The overall setup also gives us better consistency across environments, especially when multiple applications and teams are involved.

“IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has positively impacted our organization by reducing the amount of sensitive credentials being stored directly in the application code and configuration files. We have also seen smoother credential rotation and fewer manual steps during deployments, which has improved our overall security and operational consistency.

“We have seen a noticeable reduction in manual effort around credential rotation and deployment-related secret management. Troubleshooting access issues became faster because the audit logs gave us a clear history of secret access..”

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“From my experience, one of the best features that IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management offers is that the entire lifecycle of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management includes several capabilities such as the provision to store secrets and credentials, as well as handling credential lifecycle management, focusing on identity-based access, and supporting service networking and Vault Radar which helps us identify exposed secrets in Git repositories. Along with a CI/CD pipeline, it is straightforward and helps us authenticate and retrieve only the credentials required for the deployment step, and all these features have really helped us a lot.

“In terms of the features such as identity-based access, credential management, and integration with CI/CD pipelines, credentials management has made the biggest difference for my team, especially since sometimes things go out of scope and tend to store some scripts.

“Regarding the CI/CD pipeline, the pipeline can be authenticated and only a legitimate user or an authenticated user can do the deployment or build step, which reduces the need to hardcode secrets in repositories or scripts while still ensuring safe handling of tokens, clear permissions, expiry, renewable behavior, and overall protection against secrets in logs.

“With respect to cloud platforms, IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management supports cloud and hybrid environments, but each integration requires the correct identity configuration, network access, permissions, and monitoring. One consistent policy IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has followed helps reduce fragmented practices across teams but does not eliminate the need to design and test each cloud integration separately, resulting in a really good cloud solution platform overall.

“In terms of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management's fit within our Azure architecture, it integrates well with Azure Entra ID..”

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Other Solutions Considered

“In my current organization, I compare it to previous experiences with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, where easy management of secrets for the software development lifecycle and pricing efficiency are notable benefits..”

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“Before choosing IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, I evaluated other options, including GCP Secret Manager, a native GCP service, but I ultimately switched to IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management for managing our cloud-native applications and secrets..”

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“Before HashiCorp, we mainly relied on Azure Key Vault along with some application-level secret storage. We moved to HashiCorp because we needed more consistent secret management across our Azure and on-premises environments, along with dynamic credentials and broader integration options..”

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“Before choosing IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, we evaluated a few alternatives, including Azure Key Vault, AWS Secrets Management, and CyberArk. Our evaluation focused mainly on hybrid environment support, dynamic credentials, integrations with CI/CD, access policies, and the overall operational effort..”

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“We have indeed seen a return on investment as we save 18 hours per month, ensure credentials have expiry times, and keep track of those times and necessary rotations to avoid affecting application operations. IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has also streamlined our TLS certificate renewals significantly..”

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“I have seen a return on investment with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management mainly through reduced manual effort rather than headcount reduction. For example, automating credential rotation and secret retrieval saves the team several hours each month that we previously spent on manual updates and deployment-related coordination..”

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Use Case

“My main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is service discovery.

In my past projects at ACV Auctions, I used it for service discovery when working with Apple on a trace and tracking application. We had to write for numerous services with data ingestion across all of them. .”

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“Our main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is centralized secret management for applications and automation workflows. For example, we use it to securely store database credentials and API keys so applications can retrieve them when needed without hardcoding sensitive information in configuration files.

“IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management fits well into our CI/CD and application development workflow. It gives the team a consistent way to manage secrets across environments and makes credential rotation easier without changing application code..”

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“My main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management involves working for an API platform built over GraphQL protocols, where all our digital experiences are managed through our API platform, with identity gateways serving as authenticators and authorization and session management occurring through our identity gateway layer. We utilize many cloud-native applications for identity services, aligned with a GraphQL super graph and sub-graph services. All of these applications, utilizing continuous integration and continuous deployment in Google Cloud Platform, require managing the lifecycle of application secrets, which consists of an application YAML for the Spring Boot application. We manage this complete application YAML secrets and configurations centrally through IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management.

“Recently, we faced a challenge to spin up a new environment called staging, which included dev, QA, pre-prod, and prod, within a couple of hours for our unified billing platform, a single invoicing platform for all our commercial corporation customers across all 50 states in the United States, including dealer fund transfers and securitization. Externalizing all these application configurations using IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management services greatly aided us, allowing us to manage centralized configuration, thus reducing the environment provisioning time from a couple of days to just a few hours..”

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“My main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is that secrets are stored in different places or updated separately by different teams, and we needed a centralized and policy-driven approach that can make access more consistent, improve traceability, and support the automation team. The setup total cost over time presented a problem, and this was the solution. Overall, IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management has been useful in my main use case.

“My team uses IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management to automate credential rotation and secret delivery by generating credentials when the application needs them and setting an expiry.

“Some common workflows leveraged by my team with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management include dynamic database credentials, automated TLS certificate issuance and renewal, and secrets management for Kubernetes workloads. IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management can generate temporary database credentials with an expiration time, issue short-lived certificates through its PKI secrets engine, and authenticate applications running in Kubernetes with configurations, aiming to reduce manual credential rotation and improve security across application deployments..”

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“I have been using IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management as we dedicate it to HashiCorp Vault. We have dedicated our CyberArk instances where the CyberArk instances connect to HashiCorp Vault and are able to manage those secrets via the IAM role-based setup. We have an extended solution called Secrets Hub that will be connecting towards HashiCorp Vault. Whatever secrets HashiCorp Vault has can be managed through CyberArk after we onboard. There is a sync policy whenever CyberArk rotates the password and the new password is automatically updated towards HashiCorp Vault.

My main use case for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is that application teams are using HashiCorp Vault and they have hard-coded credentials into the HashiCorp directories or the containers. Those containers need to be managed from compliance and auditing perspectives. They reach out to our team, and as the CyberArk PAM lead in my current role, I integrate HashiCorp Vault with CyberArk with the help of the Secrets Hub instance. After integration, we onboard all those secrets that need to be managed through CyberArk. After onboarding, we can configure the frequency for rotation of those secrets. Based on the availability of platform native to that particular secret, it can rotate the password. After it rotates the password, it gets updated towards the HashiCorp Vault side on the instance level.

Regarding the integration process with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, there are two ways of integrating with HashiCorp Vault: one is token-based and another one is API role-based. Role-based is more flexible and that is the standard approach. Token-based is risky because if somebody is able to grab that token, the token can be misused, which is a point of risk..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup and policy configuration required some upfront effort for policies, integrations, and onboarding. After the initial setup, the ongoing administration has been fairly manageable..”

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“Regarding needed improvements or challenges faced, I found that implementation, particularly during the proof of concept phase, was straightforward. However, production implementation involved more steps for installation, requiring identity integration, policy design, network planning, audit logs, backup, governance, recovery mechanisms, and thorough testing of changes and new features with only one representative, which is quite a load. Balancing the workload would be safer by providing two to three people..”

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“Setting up those integrations presented initial challenges concerning workforce identity federation with the identity provider, but using the service account authentication and authorization capabilities offered by IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, in conjunction with GCP native services like GCS buckets, Cloud Run, and Secret Manager, made the process much easier over time. We overcame these initial hurdles through continuous learning and close collaboration with GCP services and IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management..”

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Customer Service and Support

“Customer support for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is quite good, providing solid response quality, resolution times, and escalations. They genuinely care about their customers and deliver excellent technical support without delays. I would rate customer support an eight out of ten..”

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“I have interacted with the customer support team for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management through ticketing systems and on-call support. My experience has been good, with a strong commitment to availability and effective case resolution. I would rate the customer support an eight out of ten..”

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“I have found the customer support for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management to be generally responsive, especially for configuration and integration issues. The documentation is also strong, so we can resolve many routine issues ourselves, but more complex cases can sometimes take a little longer to troubleshoot..”

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Other Advice

“In terms of governance and security for IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, I consider how access controls, such as role-based access control (RBAC) and policy-based access control (PBAC), are structured for managing secrets and configurations at a fine-grained level for various users working on cloud-native application integrations.

“IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is deployed as a private cloud created within our VPC on the GCP platform.

“For anyone looking into IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management, my advice is that if security, vulnerability management, and the product lifecycle are top priorities for your customers, whether B2B or B2C, then IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management products will be highly valuable for application lifecycle management and continuous integration and deployment across any cloud.

“I have rated IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management a seven out of ten due to the lack of AI capabilities..”

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“My advice for others looking into using IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is that if they need to reduce manual efforts in automating credentials and ensuring certificates do not expire, while maintaining application operations, IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is a reliable option with dependable pipelines, services, and integration.

“Regarding IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management's AI capabilities in

governance and security, I believe the data is well secured and governed under regional security and data breach policies, especially across India, US, and UK.

“When it comes to accuracy and reliability of IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management's output, I find accuracy to be good but not very good. With respect to reliability, one can depend on it for very good features regarding application authentication and credential lifecycle management that have been provided for years.

“IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management is deployed on the cloud in my organization, and we generally use Microsoft Azure as our cloud provider.

“I would rate IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management an eight out of ten overall..”

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“Integrating IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management with our CI/CD pipelines or other automation tools has improved the way my team manages secrets and machine identities by making our CI/CD process more secure. It allows pipelines to retrieve secrets at runtime instead of storing credentials directly in pipeline configuration, reducing manual credential handling and making it easier to apply consistent access policies across different applications and environments.

“Common workflows that my team leverages with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management include secret rotation, dynamic database credentials, and PKI certification management. We also use policy-based access controls so applications and teams get only the credentials they need, with the access recorded for auditing.

“The biggest time savings and other operational efficiency benefits my team has observed after adopting IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management include

reducing manual credential handling and rotation for routine deployments and renewals. The team spends noticeably less time updating credentials across environments, and troubleshooting is faster because the access and changes are easier to trace.

“My advice for others looking into using IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management would be to start with a well-defined use case, such as centralized secrets and credential rotation, rather than trying to migrate everything at once. Also, invest time upfront in policies, access controls, and team training. The initial learning curve is worth planning for.

“Overall, I have had a positive experience with IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management after using it for more than a year. The biggest value for us has been centralized secrets management, automation around rotation, and better visibility into access. The main area I would still see to improve is the administration and user experience. I have given IBM HashiCorp Security Lifecycle Management an overall rating of eight out of ten..”

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