



# Addressing Public Records Complexity with Modern Solutions

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Streamline government processes

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# Today's Speakers

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*Meet our records experts*



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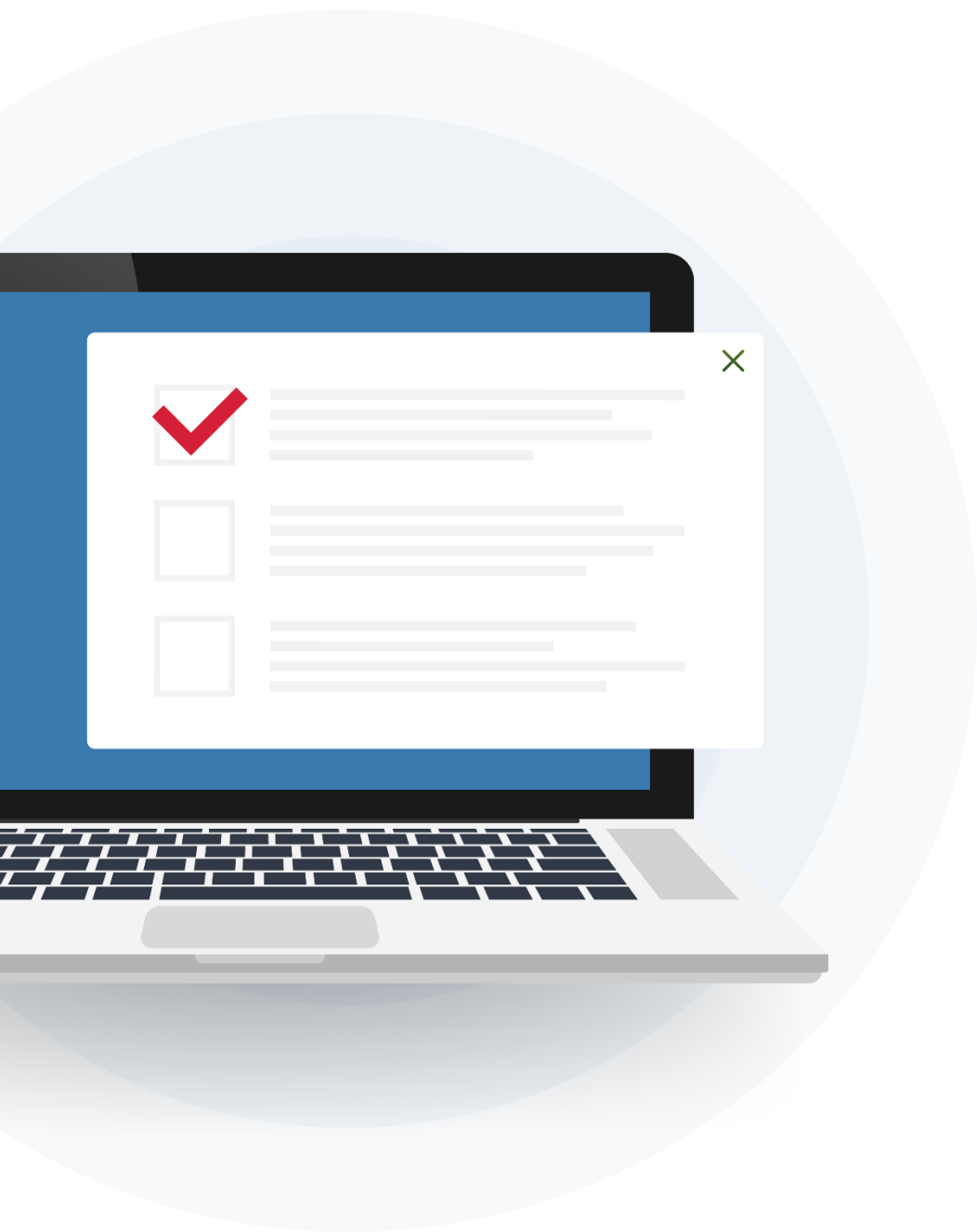
**6K+** Government Customers

**15** of 15 Federal Agencies

**1K** Employees Worldwide

**50** States, plus locales in Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia & New Zealand

**50** of 50 Largest US Cities



**Poll:** Which of the following is a pain point for your organization's public record process?

1. Volume of records requests
2. Cross-departmental coordination
3. Lack of Centralized Platform for responses
4. Other (share in chat)

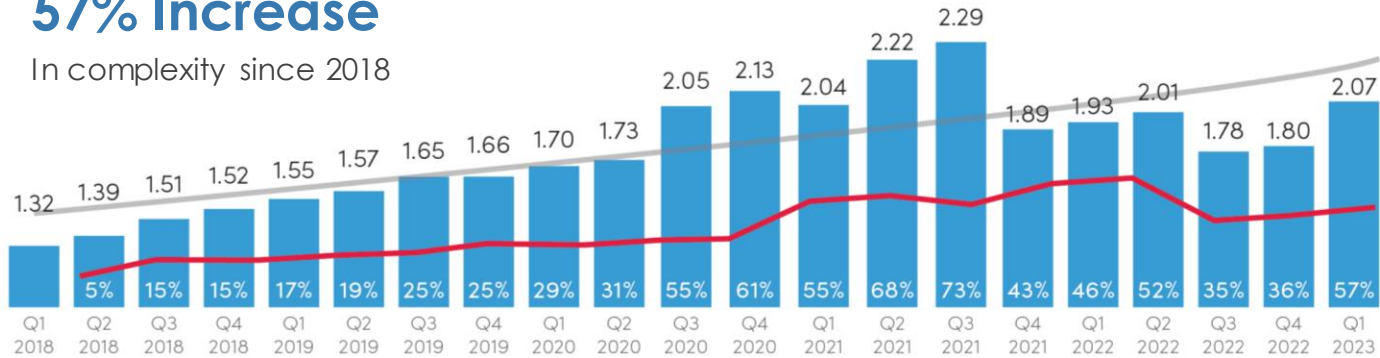
# Is Your Job Getting Harder? Yes!

*Managing records requests is a significant challenge*

## Public Records Complexity Increasing

**57% Increase**

In complexity since 2018



*The Public Records Complexity Index: Up 57% since 2018, peaking at 73% increase in Q3 2021*

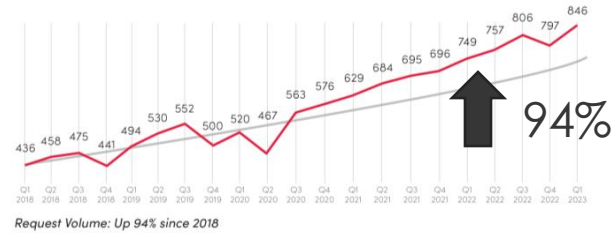


## 2023 Public Records Complexity BENCHMARK REPORT



# Complexity Metrics

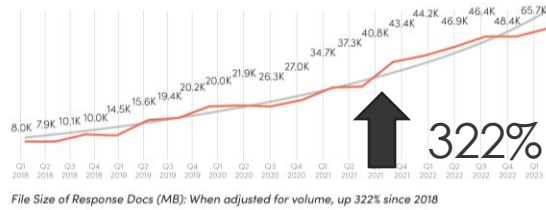
The component figures that make up the Index



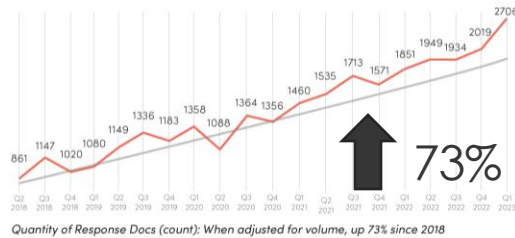
Request Volume

## Records Markers

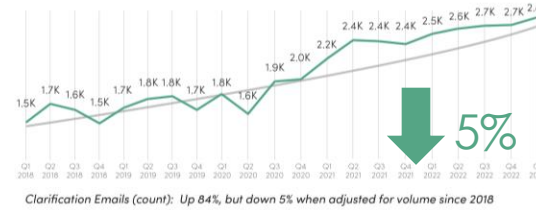
## Activities Markers



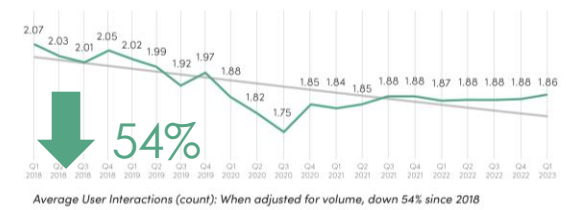
Size of Files



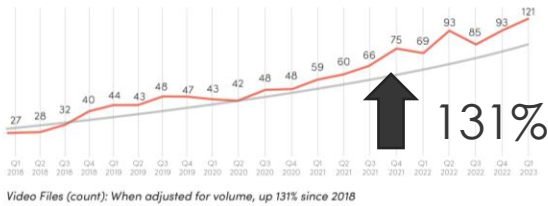
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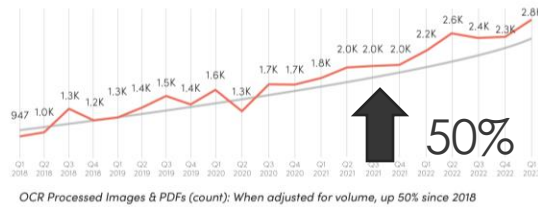
Clarification Workload



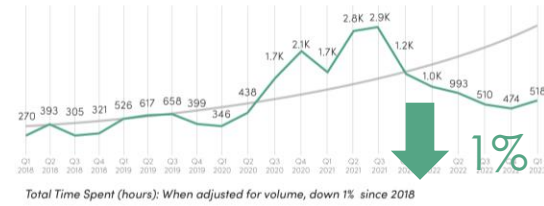
User Interactions



Video Files



Machine-Readability (OCR)



Total Time Spent

# Drivers of Complexity



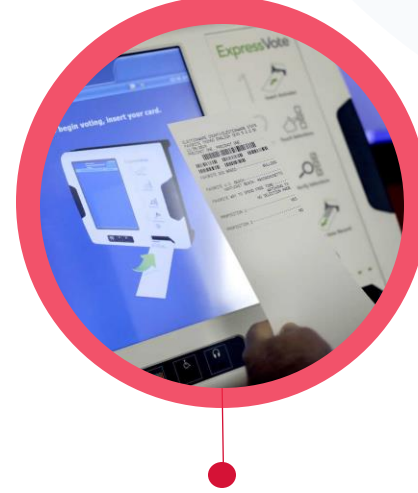
## Legislation changes

1. New release/retention schedules
2. New exemptions
3. New reporting requirements
4. New types of responsive records:
  - Police personnel files
  - Bodycam video
  - Reclassification of records as now responsive (such as adding state legislature records)



## Technology Changes

1. Email
2. Text messages
3. Social media posts
4. Drone footage
5. Bodycam video
6. Self-destructing messages



## Outside Influences

1. Pandemic shift to remote/hybrid work
2. Extreme weather events
3. Election uncertainties
4. Police reform movements
5. The Great Resignation
6. Cyber attacks
7. 24 hour news cycle and fragmented communication channels



## Org Structure

1. Scale - large layered orgs
2. Diversity- decentralized
3. Connectivity- multi campuses; stringent security requirements for public safety/criminal justice

# Complexity Neutralizers

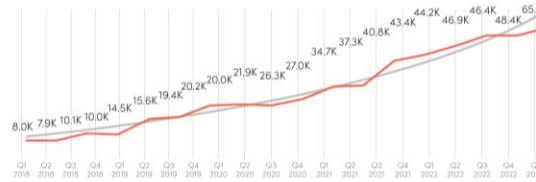
10+ technology solutions that solve the complexities outlined in the report:



Request Volume: Up 94% since 2018

## Request Volume:

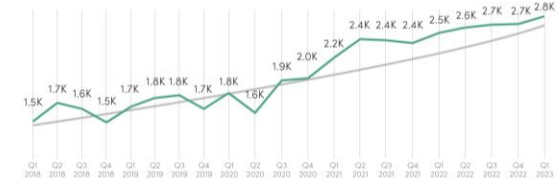
- Predictive Deflection
- Similar Request Linking
- File Reporting
- Search Relevancy



File Size of Response Docs (MB): When adjusted for volume, up 322% since 2018

## Size & Quantity of Files:

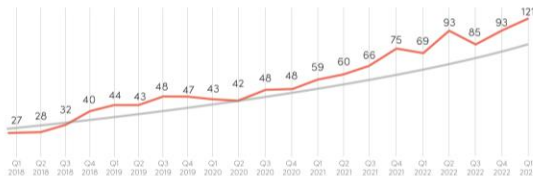
- Bulk Actions
- PST Email Extraction/De-duping\*
- Bulk Actions
- Laserfiche Integration
- Recycle Bin



Clarification Emails (count): Up 84%, but down 5% when adjusted for volume since 2018

## Clarification Workload:

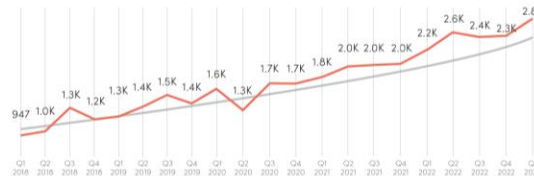
- Optimized Intake
- Response Templates
- Cancel Customer Message



Video Files (count): When adjusted for volume, up 131% since 2018

## Video Files:

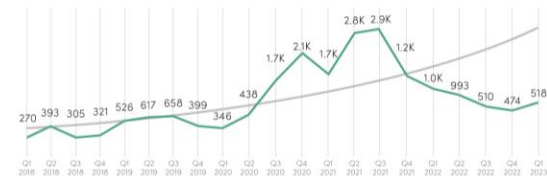
- AI-enabled Video Redaction\*
- Delete Folders



OCR Processed Images & PDFs (count): When adjusted for volume, up 50% since 2018

## Machine-Readability (OCR):

- Image Convert-OCR\*
- OCR All Pages



Total Time Spent (hours): When adjusted for volume, down 1% since 2018

## Total Time Spent:

- Automated Workflows
- User Preferences: column chooser



# Complexity Neutralizers

The key is configurability!

## User Interactions & Overall Complexity



Teams/Groups



Subrequests



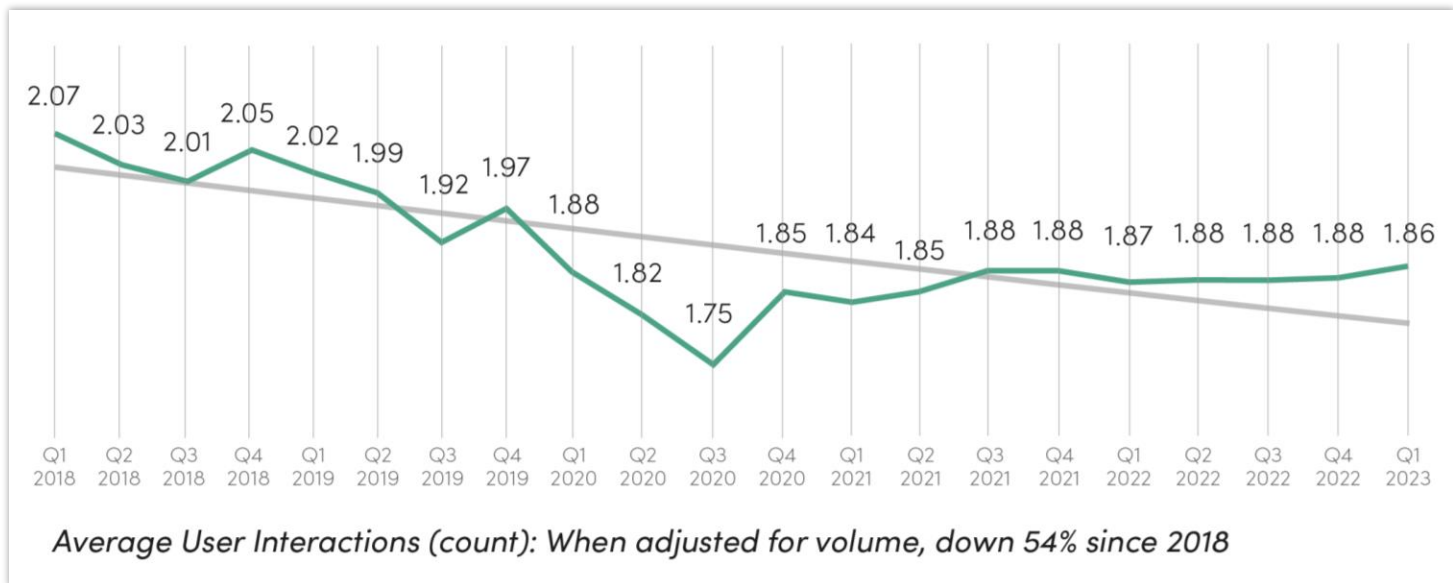
Automated Workflows



Configurability

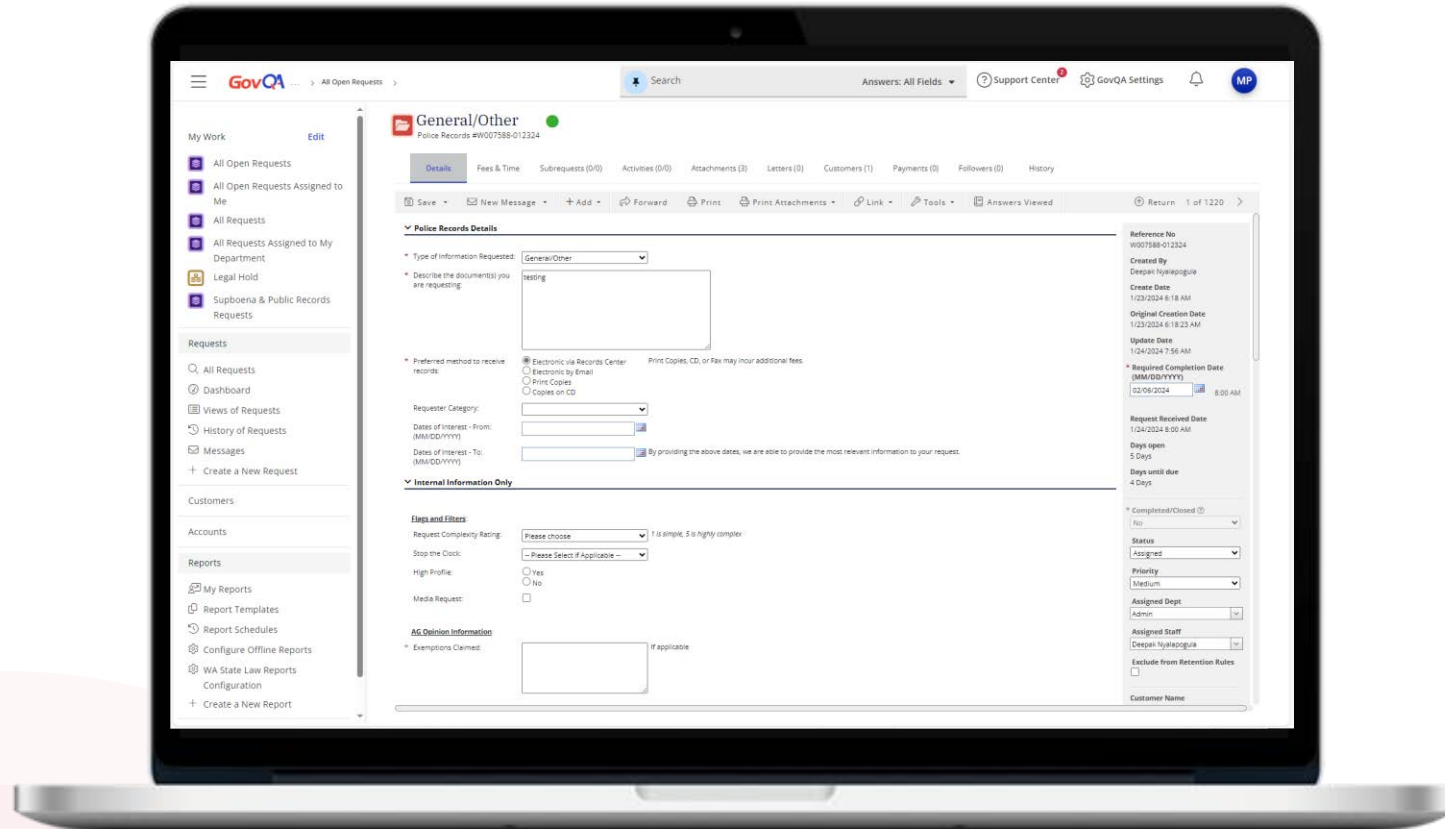


Guided change management



- ✓ Best practice guidance, workshops, and training from consultative partners.
- ✓ Team of full-time implementation specialists with expertise built from many years of serving our diverse customer base.
- ✓ 20 years of 100% gov focus, 900+ accounts in all 50 states, 99% retention, 30% with us 10+ years.
- ✓ Guided change management with one-on-one attention from implementation to go-live and beyond.

# Let's see GovQA in action



# The Highly Configurable GovQA Suite from Granicus:

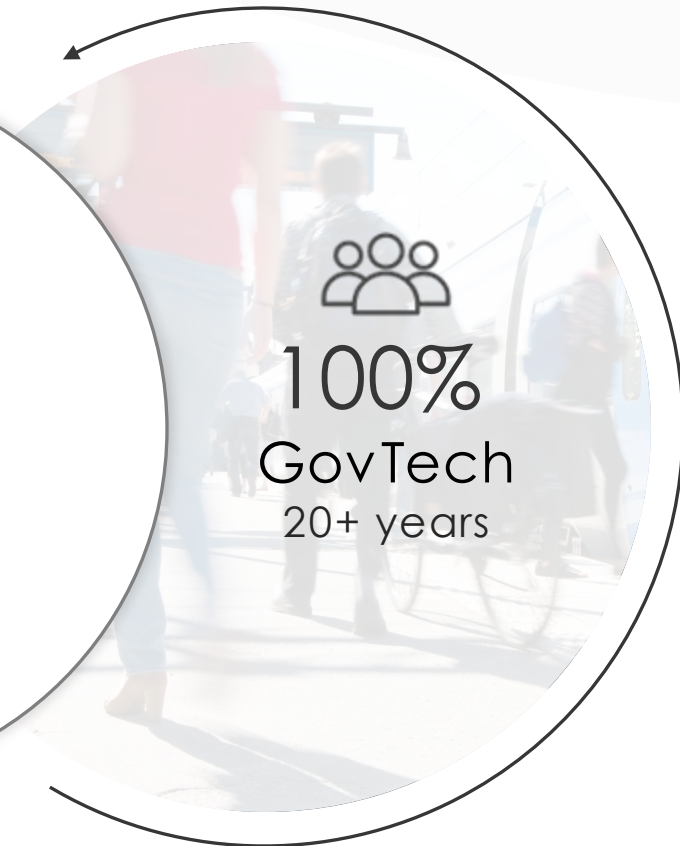
**Serving**  
100,000  
agency staff  
users



  
**13M+**  
Requests  
served  
Across 900+ org

  
GRANICUS  
  
**Operational  
Excellence**

  
**100%**  
GovTech  
20+ years



**Connecting**  
Governments  
and records  
requesters  
across the US

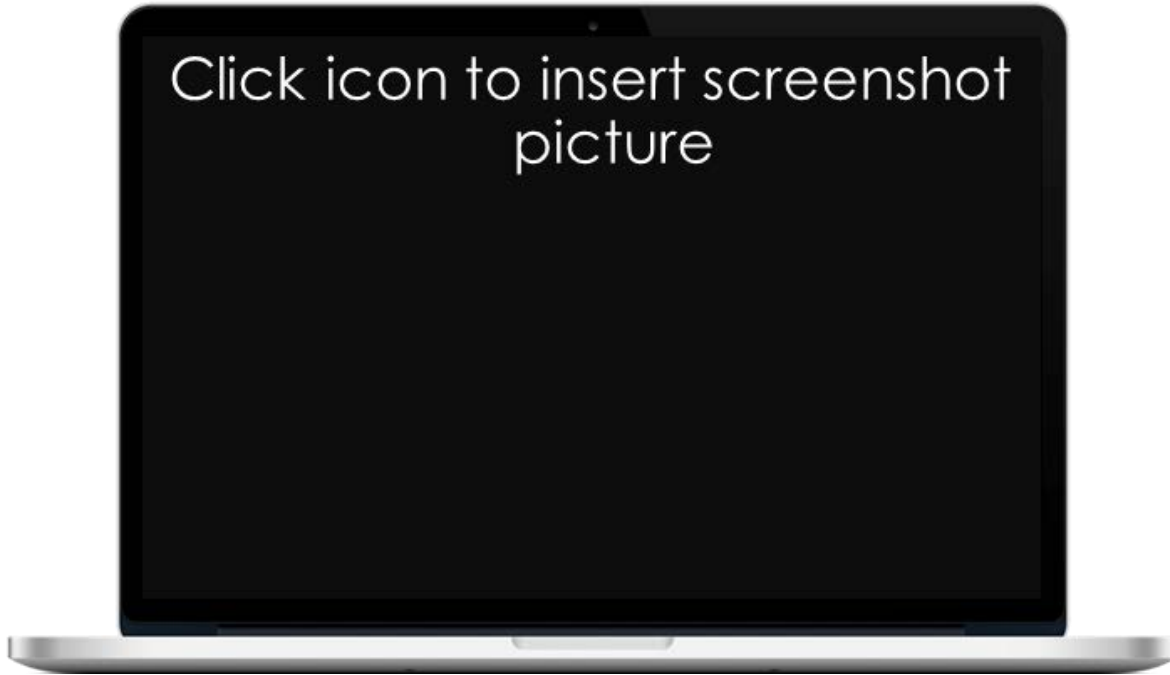


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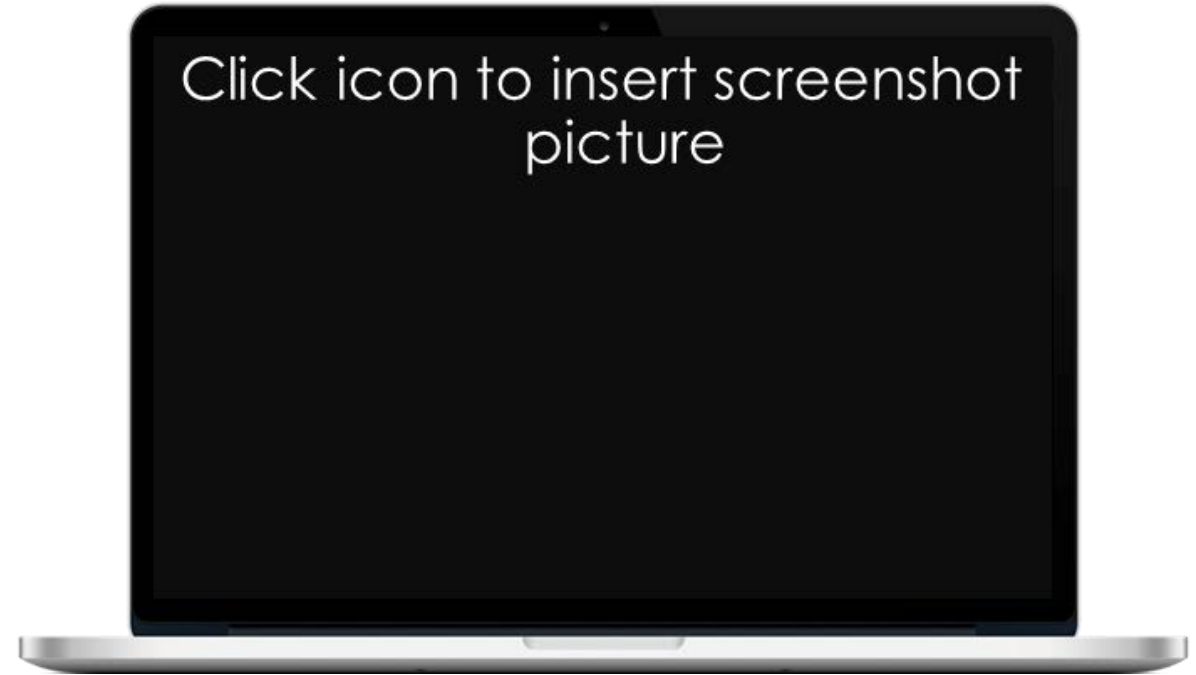
# Ways to Connect

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*Upcoming Learning Opportunities*



**Event**  
Date Time



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# Download the Complexity Report

*Use it to support your request for technology*

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[granicus.com/pdfs/guide\\_2023-Public-Record-Complexity-Benchmark-Report.pdf](https://granicus.com/pdfs/guide_2023-Public-Record-Complexity-Benchmark-Report.pdf)



# Thank You

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