

Is your organization's

IT compliance maturity

measuring up?

Regulators aren't the only evaluators of how well your organization handles the constantly evolving IT compliance landscape. Customers insist that you keep their data and information secure. As you enter new markets and countries or offer new products and services, new compliance standards also need to be addressed.

Managing IT compliance in a quick and effective manner can be a challenge for growing businesses looking to build a strong brand in a competitive marketplace. As a result of dealing with these challenges, many organizations experience compliance fatigue that can leave them vulnerable to potential risk.

Short-term solutions that react to one issue at a time aren't the answer. Instead, organizations can identify where they are on their path to IT compliance maturity and take the first step toward improvement.

Compliance fatigue can cause headaches that slow your organization's growth.

IT compliance issues aren't going to be solved by simply throwing money and technology at them every time a new regulation is introduced or an existing one changes.

Such a reactive, short-term approach often leads to issues related to:

Missing data

Redundant data

Duplicate processes

Too many independent tools and silos

Manual steps that could be removed or automated

Lack of visibility across locations and departments

What does your IT compliance maturity look like?

IT compliance maturity is a journey, not a destination, and one organization's path might look very different from that of other companies in their industry. But before attempting to resolve the compliance fatigue felt within an organization, it's important to identify where the company falls on the maturity spectrum.

Reacting

The organization uses an ad hoc approach that addresses specific issues, but it would like a more comprehensive or holistic long-term solution.

- Operating in isolation
- Implementing point solutions that only solve one specific problem

Maintaining a "just get it done" attitude

Standardizing

The organization gains efficiencies, automates processes, and identifies collaboration, but it also needs help taking it to the next level.

- Implementing repeatable processes
- Creating consistency across roles
- Identifying connections among multiple teams

Collaborating

Teams work together to identify, define, and assess risks while integrating processes and technologies to be more consistent and efficient.

- Achieving consistent quality
- Aligning initiative objectives with corporate objectives
- Making connections among multiple teams

Orchestrating

A robust, integrated approach to IT compliance measures and aligns objectives throughout the organization.

- Identifying patterns
- Using data and analytics to predict outcomes
- Continually monitoring operations

Improving

Automation and advanced technology solutions focus on process improvement and take the organization into the future.

- Using measurements to achieve continuous improvement
- Using patterns to predict results
- Taking coordination and analytics to a higher level

Many organizations find their IT compliance maturity stuck in neutral.

Limited time and resources, budget constraints, and cumbersome tools can make it difficult for organizations to proactively improve IT compliance maturity with enhanced processes and new technologies.

When the bulk of compliance efforts are spent reacting to issues rather than proactively addressing them, organizations can miss out on a number of benefits, including:

Agility

An established control framework can both meet specific demands and adjust as regulations expand or evolve.

Efficiency

A reduction in siloed information can ease the compliance bottleneck, streamline processes, and facilitate continually evaluated and updated information.

Modernization

Automated controls and processes can manage compliance requirements more holistically and enable data-driven, strategic thinking.

We can help you identify ways to improve your IT compliance.

A variety of complex metrics and compliance demands can make it difficult to evaluate your organization's IT compliance posture.

We can help you design, implement, and evaluate the effectiveness of your program and demonstrate how new technology, including benchmarking, can be used to improve critical IT compliance functions. We also offer benchmarking services that can be used to boost performance management, operational prioritizing, and strategic decision-making.

Reach out to see how we can help you.

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