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Xacta Is Paving New Ground for Information Assurance Programs

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Question

What tool can my organization utilize to integrate security and risk management methodologies into our enterprise?

Answer

Managing information security and enterprise risk is a daunting task. As it stands, a chief security officer and the information security team are continuously behind the security management curve:

- They are tasked with keeping systems and information protected from exposures that cause harm to the organization, while vulnerabilities are continually released by the hacker community.
- Regulations, whether government — partner — or self-mandated, are being integrated into organizations to assure clients, partners and stakeholders that security is being addressed.
- History has shown us that organizations fail to maintain security (see IdeaByte, [FBI Security Advisory — A Lesson in Poor Maintenance](#), Michael Rasmussen), exposing their organizations to compromise.

Industry groups and government bodies have created regulations and standards to mandate defined information security controls, processes and practices. The same regulations that are meant to ensure security are often seen as a hindrance as organizations struggle to adopt and integrate them into their environment. One vendor working diligently to tackle the issues in security management, regulations and standards is **Xacta Corp.** Xacta offers an enterprise risk management application to assist organizations with the formidable task of defining security processes and measuring their risk posture while integrating industry best practices and government standards.

Xacta's products, Xacta Web C&A and Xacta CommerceTrust, enable proactive enterprise risk management in accordance with best security practices that focus on certification and accreditation of information security programs. Based upon industry standards and regulations for information security compliance (e.g., HIPAA, GLB, ISO-17799, DITSCAP, NIACAP), Xacta's products allow an organization to integrate processes and define workflows to achieve compliance in meeting standard and regulatory requirements through defined management and validation methods. Xacta Web C&A focuses primarily on compliance needs in the government sector — leveraging Xacta's experience in information security certification and accreditation standards for government organizations. Xacta Commerce Trust takes this same framework to the commercial enterprise.

Whether your organization is regulated, or you are looking for an application that can assist in the formidable task of improving your information security management infrastructure, Xacta shows leadership and understanding in this complex area.