



Managing IT Compliance with OpenPages and the UCF

Today's global organizations are grappling with compliance requirements of hundreds of regulations, standards, and guidelines that include thousands of overlapping controls - adding to the cost and complexity of managing IT compliance. To help meet this challenge, IBM has partnered with Network Frontiers to integrate the Unified Compliance Framework (UCF) with the OpenPages platform, delivering the industry's most comprehensive IT compliance solution.

What Is the UCF?

The UCF is the first and largest independent initiative to map IT controls across international regulatory and compliance requirements, giving companies an integrated, cross-departmental view of IT governance. It indexes over 500 laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines, reducing over 27,000 citations to fewer than 4,000 harmonized controls and making authority documents actionable. Organizations that deploy IBM OpenPages software coupled with data from the UCF gain access to the most comprehensive set of IT policies and controls that cross multiple regulations, thus reducing the time, cost, and complexity associated with enterprise IT risk and compliance.



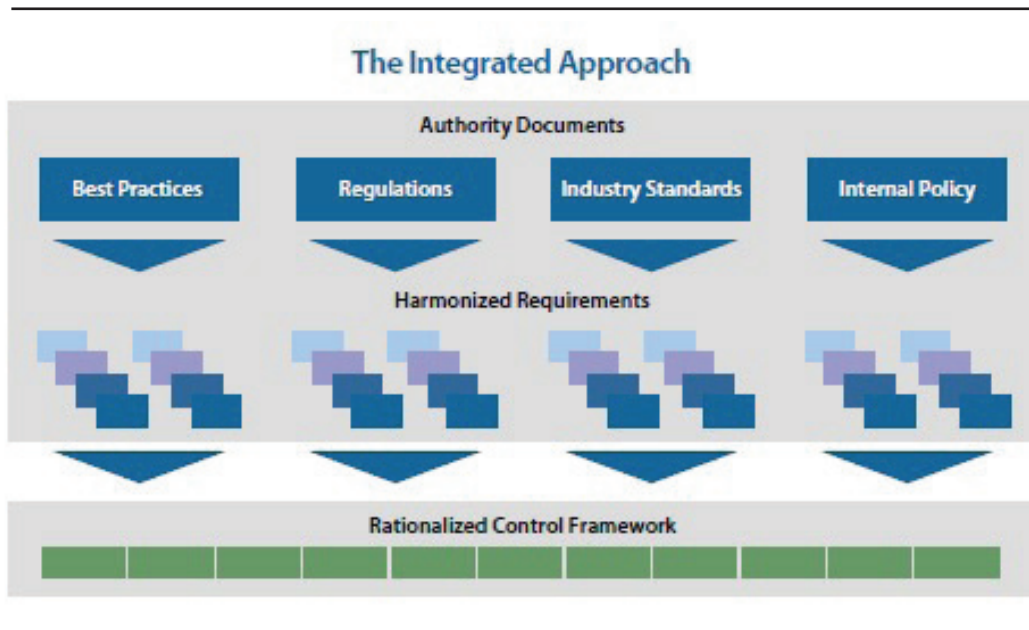


Figure 1: Organizations that deploy IBM OpenPages IT Governance (ITG) coupled with data from the UCF can improve their IT governance and risk management processes.

Why the UCF?

The integration of the UCF content into the OpenPages platform supports IBM's goal of providing its customers with a holistic approach to managing IT risk and compliance. By adding this central repository of regulatory requirements, OpenPages' global customer base can ensure that their IT resources are properly aligned to business strategy, while managing a multitude of technology risks and compliance requirements. Customers can also map internally developed policies to laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines through a harmonized set of integrated controls.

What Is Included?

The integrated OpenPages ITG and UCF implementation includes harmonized controls from all thirteen IT areas. Each IT area deals with one area of policies, standards, and procedures:

- Acquisition of Technology and Services
- Audits and Risk Management
- Configuration Management
- Design and Implementation
- Human Resources Management
- Leadership and High Level Objectives
- Monitoring and Measurement
- Operational Management
- Physical and Environmental Protection
- Privacy Protection for Information and Data
- Records Management
- Systems Continuity
- Technical Security

The UCF controls are mapped to over 27,000 citations from over 500 Authority Documents spanning:

- Vertical markets such as banking, energy, healthcare, and life sciences.
- Standards organizations such as ISO, ITIL, and COBIT
- International government laws and regulations for countries and jurisdictions including the United States, Canada, the European Union, Asia, and Africa.

IBM can also help you leverage the UCF to create metrics, policies, procedures, standards and guidelines based on your specific compliance requirements. These documents help make governance actionable and measurable. Libraries of Metrics and Audit Questions are also available for implementation.

Availability and Pricing

UCF content is available immediately with the latest version of IBM OpenPages ITG and the IBM OpenPages GRC Platform. The IBM OpenPages Global Services team is available to assist customers in leveraging UCF content.

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