



# Accelerate your cybersecurity risk and compliance posture

Buyers are highly critical of the way companies respond to their privacy rights and cybersecurity protections.

No matter how great your products are, 75% of people will not buy if they don't trust your company to protect their data.<sup>1</sup> So how do you minimize risk and ensure compliance? While the average cost to meet compliance can seem daunting at nearly \$5.5 million dollars, that cost almost triples to \$14.8 million dollars<sup>2</sup> for organizations experiencing non-compliance issues. You can pay now or pay later, but compliance comes with a real cost – one that has increased 45% since 2011<sup>1</sup>.

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Regulatory changes have increased by

**500%** since 2008!<sup>2</sup>

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When you consider the fact that laws are holding board members personally liable for IT security breaches and ineffective security controls, it's easy to see why cybersecurity risk and compliance have become important topics in the boardroom. However, it can be incredibly difficult to clearly demonstrate your enterprise's cybersecurity health and hygiene in a way that aligns to strategic and operational goals when you lack visibility and the necessary staff.

How do you manage the never-ending stream of regulatory mandates, compliance control requirements, audit requests, and cyber threats – especially when you rely heavily on manual processes

## Get the compliance assurance that you need with IBM AGS

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- **End-to-end visibility** into enterprise security hygiene, risk posture, and state of compliance using your existing data and tools
  - **Enhanced governance** through actionable reporting and a complete audit, risk, and compliance services program
  - **Cost savings** through automation that eliminates manual, subjective data collection which steals time from valuable resources
  - **Simplified risk management** through resources and expertise provided to help manage ever-increasing compliance demands
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and have silos of sensitive data across disparate systems that makes it hard to gain the visibility you need?

To be empowered to make sound cybersecurity decisions about investments, and changes you need to make, you need visibility and the ability to operationalize and aggregate your data. If you're struggling to gain ground in advancing your enterprise's cybersecurity program, IBM Active Governance Services (AGS) can provide a proactive approach to cybersecurity governance, risk, and compliance across your enterprise.

## **Mitigate complexity and operationalize processes**

IBM AGS is a proactive cybersecurity risk and compliance lifecycle management program that includes expertise, automation, and governance through ongoing risk reduction strategies, remediation management oversight, standard KPIs, central dashboarding, and audit support. For fast and proven cybersecurity IT risk management capabilities, IBM AGS powered by the Xacta® solution from Telos, can help organizations struggling with the never-ending task of reducing cyber risks, demonstrating compliance, and ensuring accurate reporting to audit.

## **Improve maturity and gain efficiencies**

Regardless of where you are in your cybersecurity risk and compliance journey, IBM AGS will meet you there and help you get to where you need to be. We can create a comprehensive, centralized system of governance that will help you decrease risk, increase your maturity and resiliency, as well as provide the continuous monitoring and management that today's security conscious organizations truly need (see Figure 1).

## **What is IBM Active Governance Services (AGS)?**

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- Proactive governance services that are tailored to provide assurance to CISOs, regulators, and auditors
  - Risk reduction strategies that are scalable, monitored and managed to resolution
  - Address both the manual and automated aspects of compliance across cloud, on prem and hybrid environments
  - Ensures security and compliance programs are effectively protecting critical data with central management and reporting
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### Risk reduction

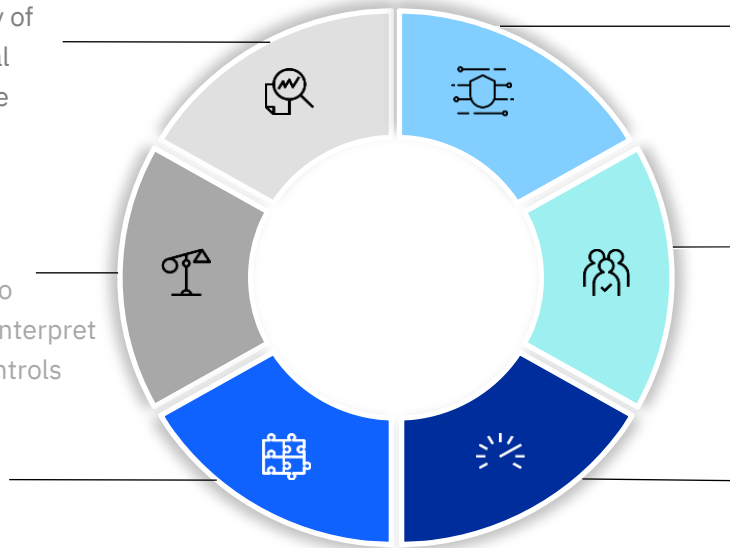
Gain end-to-end visibility of vulnerabilities and critical threats across your entire enterprise.

### Efficient compliance

Eliminate manual effort to collect, consolidate and interpret compliance audit and controls data.

### Data integration

Integration of data from existing tools to validate compliance posture against industry standards and corporate policies.



### Ongoing compliance controls monitoring

Monitor compliance of critical assets as data moves to and from the cloud, data centers, mobile devices and more.

### Optimize operations

Optimize Operations by working with skilled security compliance resources.

### Improved efficiencies

Gain efficiencies with prebuilt workflows, frameworks and templates, cross industry mapping and central reporting.

Figure 1. How IBM Active Governance Services can transform your cybersecurity program

## Automate labor-intensive cybersecurity risk and compliance

Audit, compliance, risk management, compliance monitoring, and solid hygiene are cornerstones of building defenses against fines, penalties, breaches, and embarrassing headlines. IBM AGS provides an automated approach using the Xacta® cyber risk management platform from Telos to put you on a journey to achieving your cyber maturity goals at an accelerated rate.



## Ensure the entire enterprise is covered

Organizations must contend with the output, reports and findings from their tools, audits, results and alerts across the governance, risk & compliance (GRC) landscape (Figure 2). How this is done depends greatly on the maturity of the organization and goals of the company. There is no one-size-fits-all but IBM is here to help analyze and quantify a roadmap that fits your goals and mission. Using AGS, you get readiness assessments tailored to CIO, regulator and auditor requirements, risk reductions that are scalable, manual and automated compliance efficiencies, security and compliance programs to protect critical data, and continuous improvement of processes, procedures, and tools.

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Get systems in compliance up to

**90%**

faster!<sup>3</sup>

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Figure 2. The landscape of governance, risk & compliance



## Why IBM?

IBM Security offers one of the most advanced and integrated portfolios of enterprise security products and services. The portfolio, supported by world-renowned IBM X-Force® research, provides security that moves with you.

IBM operates one of the broadest and deepest security research, development and delivery organizations. With more than 5500+ experts in more than 130 countries, we hold deep industry and security domain expertise deliver hundreds of advisory engagements each year, and help protect thousands of managed services clients.

We utilize a design thinking approach to bring business and security leaders together to co-create a solution tailored to your specific business needs now and as your challenges evolve.

## For more information

To learn more about [IBM Active Governance Services](#), please contact your IBM representative, or visit <https://www.ibm.com/services/grc>

To schedule a [no-cost half-day security workshop](#), submit a request at: <https://www.ibm.com/security/resources/workshop>

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<sup>2</sup>The Not So Hidden Costs of Compliance: <https://www.ascentregtech.com/blog/the-not-so-hidden-costs-of-compliance/>

<sup>3</sup>Statistics from Telos' Xacta offering page located at <https://www.telos.com/offerings/xacta/>