Achieve ISO 27001 Compliance with Symantec Control Compliance Suite

The benefits of implementing ISO 27001 include using the framework’s best practices to secure key data including financial information, intellectual property, employee details, and more. Many organizations adopt ISO 27001 to protect against data breaches or to reassure customers they’re following the ISO security recommendations.

By relying on Symantec Control Compliance Suite for ISO risk-prioritized security and compliance, you’ll understand where you do (and don’t) comply with the ISO framework. With that information, you can identify gaps in your security posture and quickly create reports to assure your executive board that you’re ISO 27001 compliant.

Why It’s Tough to Get a Complete Picture of Your Compliance

Addressing the challenges associated with being ISO compliant are critical in order to demonstrate your organization truly is complying with the framework. Many organizations struggle with these common challenges:

Challenge #1: Gathering both technical and procedural control data.

One of the greatest challenges in becoming ISO compliant is demonstrating compliance – proving that you’re actually satisfying ISO’s many requirements and having the data to back it up when auditors visit. This type of information needs to be collected for both ISO’s technical and procedural controls. Many compliance solutions just address one type of control but not both. This limitation creates more manual work as you’ll need to gather the missing data and makes it much harder to understand if there are gaps in your security and compliance status.

Challenge #2: Assessing and reporting on status of third-party security data.

Most organizations use multiple third-party technologies to support their security posture. These third-party systems also need to be included in your ISO assessments to ensure they have the proper security configurations, but it can difficult and time-consuming to gather this data without an automated solution.

Challenge #3: Preparing for audits is time-consuming.

Having the proper information ready when an auditor visits is crucial – especially if a surprise audit occurs. If you can’t quickly run reports to give the auditor the information they need, your team will spend enormous amounts of time chasing data, massaging it, and formatting reports. You’ll also want the ability to assess your ISO compliance posture at regular intervals so you can identify security gaps and address them before the next audit.

How Control Compliance Suite Helps You Attain ISO Compliance

A software solution alone can’t make you compliant – it’s your processes and properly secured assets that help ensure ISO compliance. But using a solution like Symantec Control Compliance Suite can make attaining and maintaining compliance a much easier and faster process.
Symantec Control Compliance Suite combines both procedural and technical information to help achieve ISO security and compliance including:

- Supporting end-to-end automation of internal and external assessments of procedural and technical controls against native and third-party data sources.
- Generating audit-ready reports and dashboards
- Calculating and aggregating risk scores according to your business’ unique thresholds.

Centrally collect and manage evidence

Control Compliance Suite can combine evidence from multiple sources, including other solutions such as Symantec Data Loss Prevention data or vulnerability management data systems, so you have a complete view of your compliance posture. The evidence that Control Compliance Suite collects is formatted appropriately and mapped to the ISO framework.

Many organizations that need to comply with ISO also have multiple mandates to satisfy such as PCI DSS or SOX. Control Compliance Suite supports over 100+ regulations out-of-the-box, including other ISO frameworks, so you can assess your technical and procedural controls status once and utilize that information to report on multiple mandates without repeating work.

Audit-ready reports and dashboards to understand your security, compliance, and risk posture

Risk-based, dynamic dashboards show your overall ISO compliance status so you can focus on your biggest priorities. If an auditor requests that you create a prioritized response plan, use Control Compliance Suite’s risk-ranked results to help determine which risks pose the biggest threats and should be included in your plan. You can also setup role-based viewing for reports and dashboards so users view just the information that is appropriate for them. You can even give auditors access to specific reports while you maintain control over the information that they can access and view.
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Figure 1: All controls are configurable in Control Compliance Suite and each ISO control statement can be mapped back to specific mandates such as PCI DSS, SOX, and more.

Figure 2: Procedural assessment questions are mapped to controls in Control Compliance Suite.
Figure 3: You can easily assess compliance for multiple mandates and overall compliance for all organizational controls.

Next Steps

Take the next step in learning how Control Compliance Suite can enable your ISO compliance program and give you a unified view of your security controls and vulnerabilities. Learn More

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