SIMPLIFY IT COMPLIANCE ACROSS REGULATIONS, STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

Due to the heightened regulatory environment, most organizations need to comply with multiple regulations, standards, and guidelines, which is often achieved without proper planning and oversight. This may result in the creation of different teams working in silos, duplicating their efforts, and resulting in an extremely high cost of compliance.

To address these issues and unify IT compliance initiatives across the organization, MetricStream has partnered with Network Frontiers to deliver the Unified Compliance Framework (UCF) integrated with MetricStream’s market-leading Governance, Risk, Compliance (GRC) solutions. The UCF is the largest and the only industry-vetted compliance database that maps and “harmonizes” more than 5,000 IT control statements to more than 900 regulations, standards and frameworks.

Through this partnership, MetricStream clients are able to contain costs and manage the overwhelming complexity of IT compliance by standardizing on a common set of controls that map to all the regulations and policy mandates they need to comply with. This is available as a hierarchical dataset within the MetricStream IT GRC application. The UCF leverages the commonalities running through the various regulations, standards, and guidelines in order to rationalize IT controls and organize them for easy implementation, testing and monitoring. With the inclusion of the UCF, the MetricStream solution provides audit and compliance teams the ability to audit once across many guidelines and regulations.

MetricStream’s IT GRC solution streamlines a wide range of IT activities including:

- Managing IT policies
- Tracking IT assets
- Assessing and responding to IT risks
- Implementing IT controls
- Measuring and reporting compliance with the IT controls and regulatory requirements - recognizing and responding to incidents and threats
- Managing IT vendor risks and performance
- Business continuity planning
- Ongoing IT auditing
- Implications of updates in regulations / standards to current controls mappings

By delivering the UCF content integrated with MetricStream’s IT-GRC solution, MetricStream further enhances the ROI customers derive by providing a unified and clear view of global IT regulatory requirements and how to meet them.


BENEFITS

Reduce Costs: Eliminate duplicate efforts by asserting compliance across multiple authority documents simultaneously, and by mapping internal risk assessments to centralized UCF authority documents and citation references.

Reduce Complexity: Simplify your regulations requirements by clarifying conflicts created by multiple overlapping documents. Compliance teams can perform a common audit across multiple regulations, standards, & guidelines.

Save Time: Create a single point of control over hundreds of complex regulations, requirements and guidelines

Limit Liability: Limit your legal liability by drilling down for explanations and sources for each common control

Improved IT Governance: This integrated solution gives customers a crystal clear view into the state of their IT governance program and helps focus on the right areas for better risk and compliance management. It also allows organizations to map internal policies, standards, & controls to UCF Controls, as well as map internal Risk assessments to authority documents and citations.

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