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GRC Buyer's Guide:

How to Use Continuous Compliance to Scale Your Program

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Controls

OK **57**

95%

57 OK 60 total

Needs attention **3**

- Overdue 0
- Due soon 1
- Needs remediation (no SLA assigned) 2

Name	Owner	Status	Framework mapping
Continuity and disaster recovery plans tested	LW	OK	SOC 2 ISO 27001 +8
Data encryption utilized	EH	OK	SOC 2 ISO 27001 +2
Infrastructure performance monitored	KB	Needs remediation	SOC 2 ISO 27001

Introduction:

How can we reimagine GRC?

Your governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) program requires more time and resources to manage than ever before. With increasing security expectations from customers, growing requirements to scale compliance across additional frameworks, and the need to track a growing list of vendors, the burden of your GRC program is ever-increasing.

As the workload steepens, you have fewer hours to focus on strategic work that strengthens the security posture of your organization and drives innovation within the security function.

Your GRC program needs tools that enable continuous compliance—to take work off your plate and help you manage and monitor changes across your controls and vendors—so you can focus on innovation.

This buyer’s guide will help you understand continuous compliance and what to look for in a continuous compliance solution to scale your GRC program.

On average, businesses spend **11 working weeks** a year on compliance and **7 working weeks** a year on vendor security reviews.

Vanta’s 2024 State of Trust Report



GRC strategies are burdened by manual processes and legacy tools

For many teams, managing a GRC program is still a very manual, point-in-time process. You likely spend hours individually checking your controls and proving your organization’s compliance using evidence that becomes outdated quickly.

Here are a few examples of GRC tasks:

- Logging data into several disparate tools
- Grabbing hundreds of static screenshots to prove compliance
- Manually checking that someone no longer has access to a tool
- Confirming that an SLA was completed on time
- Checking that a vulnerability was remediated with engineering
- Tracking down system owners to remediate compliance issues
- Monitoring dozens of communication channels to manage projects across multiple teams
- Duplicating efforts as the business adds on new frameworks and tools

Legacy GRC tools only add fuel to the fire. Given that legacy GRC solutions are disconnected from critical systems and are limited to point-in-time snapshots of the organization’s controls, many GRC teams are still manually tracking data and asks from teams. This siloed approach limits visibility into your GRC program, requires time-consuming manual oversight, and results in fragmented workflows.

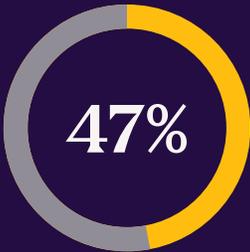
These legacy tools lack core automation, integration, and continuous monitoring capacities needed to meet the new expectations being placed on GRC teams today.

There is a better way to scale your GRC program. Continuous controls monitoring helps you get complete visibility across your entire program, cut back the time and effort you spend on manual processes, and eliminate your dependency on legacy software.

Only 1 in 5 organizations use integrated GRC solutions.



Use integrated GRC solutions



Use GRC point solutions



Use non-GRC specific solutions

Understanding continuous compliance and its impact

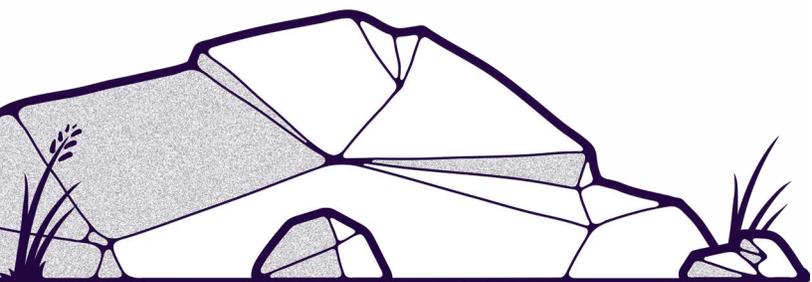
Continuous compliance is technology that helps GRC teams scale their program and reduce their reliance on manual processes and legacy software. Implementing continuous compliance monitoring helps establish complete, near real-time visibility of the entire GRC program and automates the busy work that comes with managing it, giving your team valuable time back.

Tools that enable continuous compliance do this by:

- Offering a wide range of integrations for the systems that are part of your control requirements
- Enabling you to automate and customize your compliance needs with pre-built and customization frameworks across common attestations and certifications
- Eliminating your duplicative efforts with cross-mapped controls that simplify your program

Organizations can realize the following benefits with continuous compliance:

- Establish centralized, holistic visibility into compliance needs of your GRC program
- Get real-time data monitoring to improve decision making
- Reduce the time and effort spent on manual processes
- Make it easier to manage, add, and maintain compliance frameworks
- Collaborate easily with cross-functional partners
- Manage and mitigate risks more effectively
- Demonstrate program's ROI and business impact



How to choose the right continuous compliance solution:

It's crucial for your organization to choose a tool with the right features and capabilities to save you time and enhance visibility into your program. Investing in the right continuous compliance solution isn't just a choice in technology—it's an investment in an effective and secure GRC program.

Here are some critical functions you should look for in a continuous compliance solution:



Continuous monitoring:

Ensure your selected solution offers real-time insights into the controls and status of your GRC program so that you're making decisions based on accurate, timely data rather than point-in-time checks.



Automated tests:

Choose a continuous compliance solution that runs frequent automated tests to gain visibility into your program, rather than just checking that documents are in place. Ideally, these automated tests should be run on an hourly basis.



Integration depth & breadth:

Be sure that the right things are being continuously monitored by finding a platform with a vast library of quality integrations across program requirements to get deep insight into the state of your controls.



Customizations across your program:

Find a platform that gives you the ability to customize and create your own automated tests, controls, and frameworks so that you're able to adapt the platform to your organization's unique needs.



Comprehensive framework coverage:

Pick a solution that also offers a robust library of common frameworks and templates so that you spend less time mapping evidence and controls and can get or maintain compliance faster.



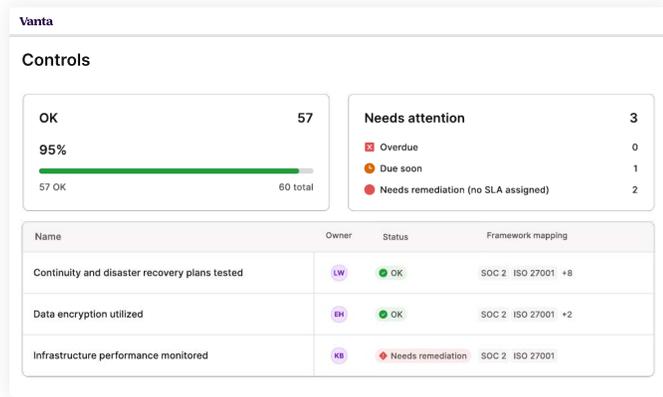
Cross-mapping (or cross-walking):

Identify a solution that maps controls and evidence collection across frameworks to save yourself time and reduce duplicative efforts spent on frameworks with similar controls.

Vanta: A new way to GRC

Vanta is a trust management platform that provides a unified approach to continuous compliance—offering compliance automation, centralizing program management and reporting, and enabling you to proactively manage your security reviews.

Automate compliance and get continuous visibility into the state of your controls:



+30 frameworks: Automate work for frameworks like SOC 2, ISO 27001, NIST AI RMF, and ISO 42001

Hourly automated tests: Collect evidence automatically with a library of nearly 1,000 automated tests

+350 integrations: Connect your tech stack into Vanta with our robust library of pre-built integrations to automate evidence collection

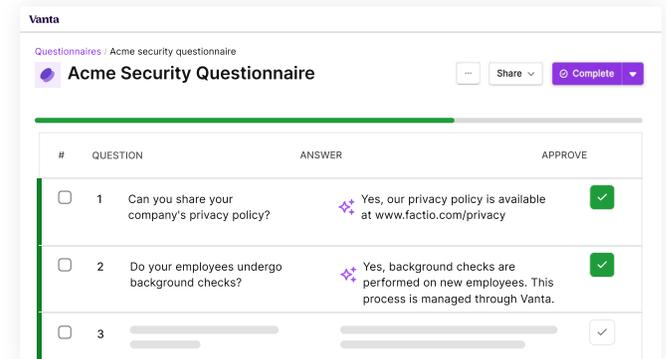
Continuous monitoring: View your current compliance status and what needs to be done beyond an audit

Customize to your needs: Map Vanta to your needs across controls, integrations, policies, tests, and frameworks

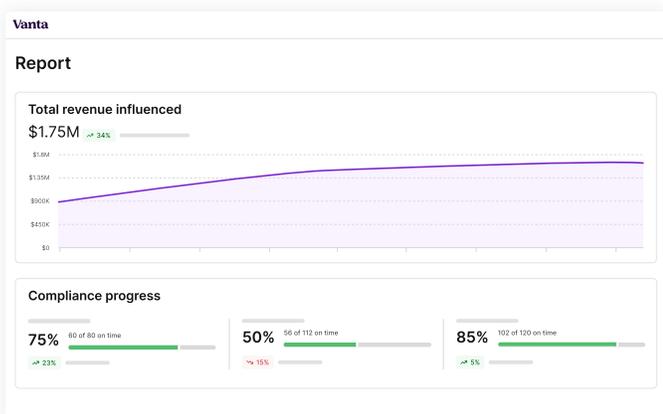
Complete security reviews faster and demonstrate trust with customers.

Security questionnaires: Instantly respond to security questionnaires with AI-generated responses

Trust Center: Demonstrate compliance beyond a single point-in-time check with real-time evidence of your controls



Centralize program needs and demonstrate program ROI:



Program management: Monitor program status across dynamic dashboards and integrated task trackers

Risk management: Customize Vanta so it is consistent with your terminology, risk scoring dimensions, and more

Reporting: Communicate program progress to leadership in real time with reports powered by your GRC data

Access reviews: Centralize access review process across your integrated systems

Vendor Risk Management: Remain confident with continuous and automated vendor risk management

Automated discovery: Vanta automates vendor discovery, risk assessment, and remediation to streamline vendor reviews and eliminate shadow IT

Learn more about Vanta

Request a demo

If you're ready to add continuous compliance to your GRC program, request a demo of Vanta today.

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Watch webinar

To see how Vanta delivers the future of GRC and how forward-thinking security teams are scaling their GRC programs, watch our on-demand webinar.

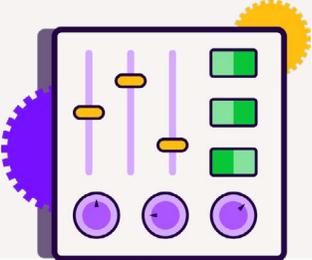
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Read our blog

Learn more about continuous compliance including its benefits, use cases, and practical steps for implementing it within your GRC program.

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Vanta is the leading trust management platform that helps simplify and centralize security for organizations of all sizes. Thousands of companies, including Atlassian, Chili Piper, Flo Health and Quora, rely on Vanta to build, maintain and demonstrate their trust—all in a way that's real-time and transparent. Founded in 2018, Vanta has customers in 58 countries with offices in Dublin, New York, San Francisco and Sydney.

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