

# GRC Buyer's Guide:

## How to Use Continuous Compliance to Scale Your Program



# 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.

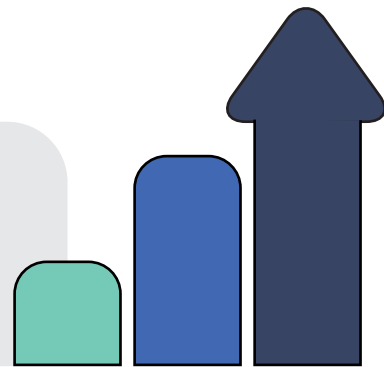
As GRC workloads grow, many security and compliance professionals have fewer hours to focus on strategic work that strengthens the security posture of their organisation.

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.

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# 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. Compliance and Security professionals spend hours individually checking controls and proving their organisation's compliance using evidence that becomes outdated quickly.

## Examples of common GRC tasks:

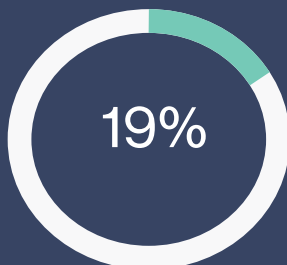
- Logging data into several disparate tools
- Grabbing hundreds of static screenshots to prove compliance
- Manually checking that someone no longer has access to a tool
- Confirming that an SLA was completed on time
- Checking that a vulnerability was remediated with engineering
- Tracking down system 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 organisation'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.

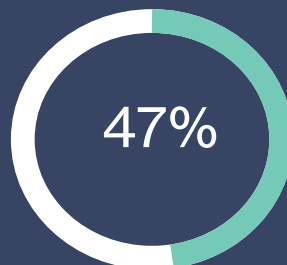
These legacy tools lack core automation, integration, and continuous monitoring capacities needed to meet the new expectations being placed on GRC teams today.

At Cyberfort and Vanta we believe 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.

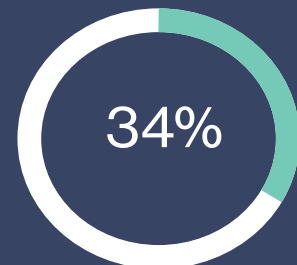
Only 1 in 5 organisations use integrated GRC solutions.



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 can do this by:

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



Organisations can realise the following benefits with continuous compliance:

- Establish centralised, holistic visibility into compliance needs of your GRC program
- Access 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 organisation 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.



## Customisations across your program:

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



## Comprehensive framework

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.



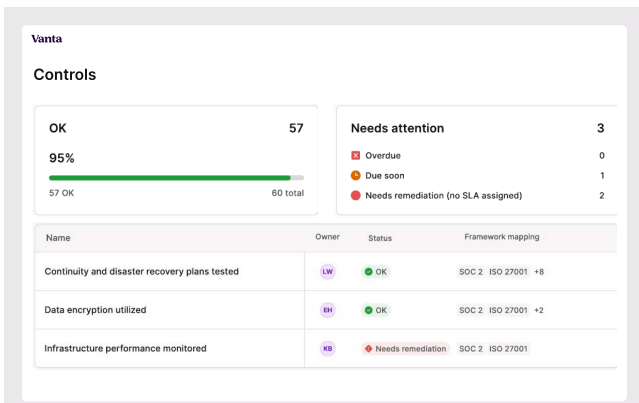
## Cross-mapping (or cross-walking):

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. It offers compliance automation, centralised program management and reporting, and enables the proactive management of security reviews.

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

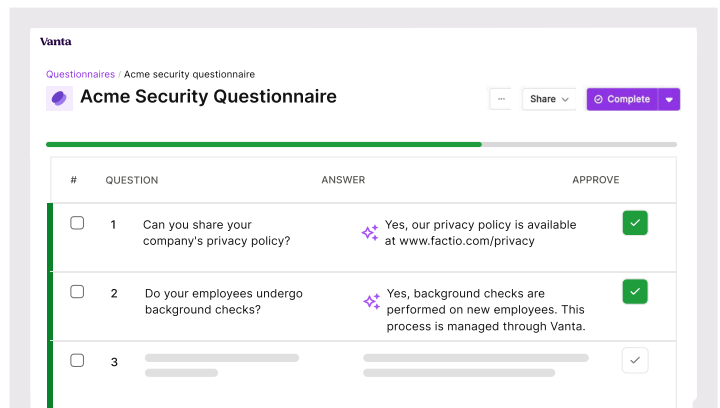


- +30 frameworks:** Automate work for frameworks like SOC 2, ISO 27001, NIST AI RMF, and ISO 42001
- Hourly automated tests:** Collect evidence automatically with a library of nearly 1,000 automated tests
- +350 integrations:** Connect your tech stack into Vanta with their robust library of pre-built integrations to automate evidence collection
- Continuous monitoring:** View your current compliance status and what needs to be done beyond an audit
- Customise to your needs:** Map Vanta to your needs across controls, integrations, policies, tests, and frameworks

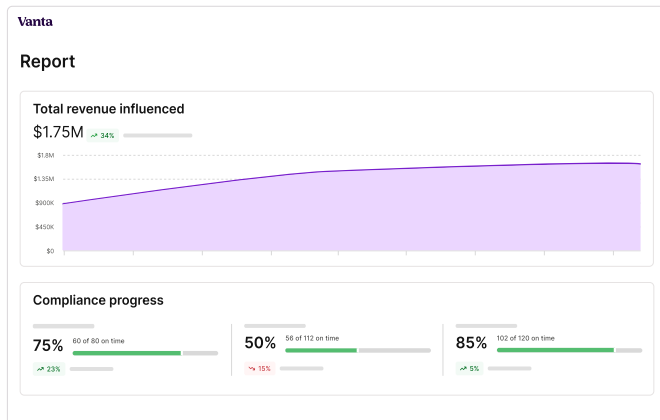
## Complete security reviews faster and demonstrate trust with customers

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

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



## Centralise program needs and demonstrate program ROI:



- Program management:** Monitor program status across dynamic dashboards and integrated task trackers
- Risk management:** Customise 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:** Centralise 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

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### Our ISO 27001 Timeline





## The leading Trust Management Platform

Automate compliance. Simplify security. Demonstrate trust.

Vanta is the industry's first Trust Management Platform. We automate GRC workflows and centralise security program management to give growing companies a fast, frictionless way to get compliant, stay secure, and earn and maintain the trust of vendors and customers alike.

Thousands of companies rely on Vanta to scale and future-proof their security and compliance programs to accelerate deals, increase efficiency, decrease risk, and build lasting relationships with their customers.

### Why Choose Cyberfort & Vanta?

#### Accelerate growth

Vanta automates up to 90% of the work needed to complete security audits. And with the ability to prove security prior to completing attestation, you can unlock new markets and close deals sooner.

#### Increase efficiency

Vanta provides centralised visibility into your security status and streamlines the work required to maintain compliance – so your team can stay focused on the important things like building and selling world-class products.

#### Mitigate risk

Vanta goes beyond checklists and point-in-time audits with continuous monitoring to keep you secure and compliant at all times while empowering you to address issues as they arise.

#### Demonstrate trust

Vanta helps you establish scalable security practices to keep your team, devices, and data secure and prove these security practices to external stakeholders such as customers, partners and investors.



**Don't just prove security, build trust**

Vanta allows you to identify, understand, prioritise and remediate risks across every aspect of your business.

**Complete risk visibility**

Our platform provides a unified view of your security for risks enabling you to identify and address risks before they cause financial or reputational damage to your brand.

**Enriched contextual findings**

We provide deeper context and understanding of risks so you can better prioritise remediation and improvements to your security program.

**Efficient remediation**

We surface the information you need to quickly address vulnerabilities and stay compliant with real-time alerts and remediation workflows.

**Establish & maintain trust**

We help you demonstrate all the work you do to stay secure and compliant so you can establish, maintain and deepen trust with those who rely on the body you provide.

"With Vanta's Trust Center, we can clearly articulate the certifications, controls, and practices we have in place, which instills trust and accelerates our sales cycles."

Chris Evans, Co-Founder & CEO, iStock

### Automate compliance. Simplify security. Demonstrate trust.



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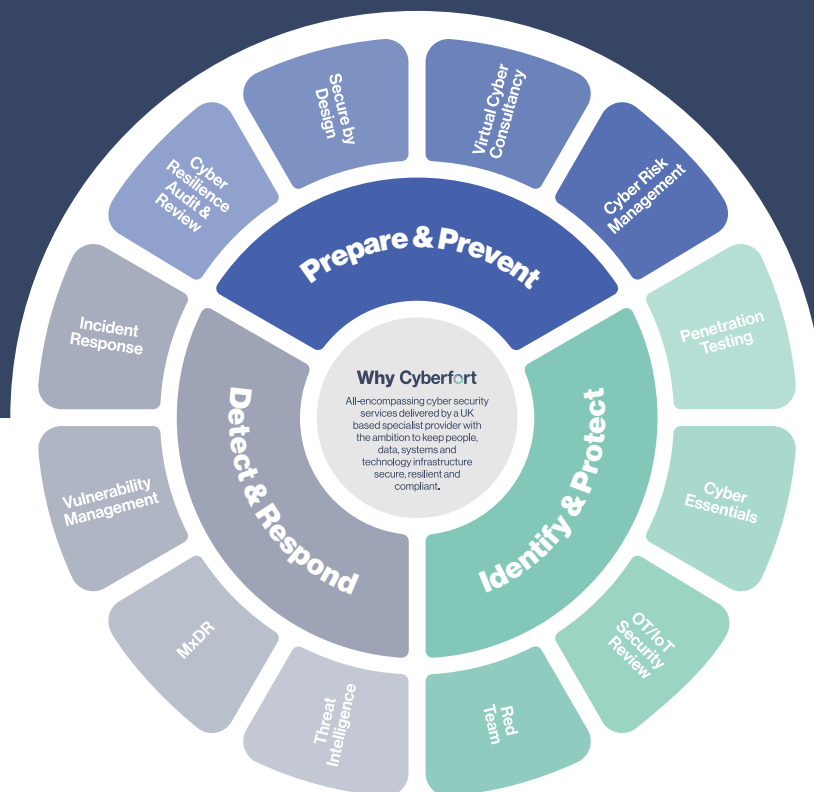
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Our business offers National Cyber Security Centre assured Consultancy services, Identification and Protection against cyber-attacks and proactive Detection and Response to security incidents through our 24/7 security operations centre.

Over the past 20 years we have combined our market leading accreditations, peerless cyber security expertise, strong technology partnerships, investment in our future cyber professionals and secure locations to deliver a cyber security experience for customers which enables them to achieve their business and technology goals in an ever-changing digital world.



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