Continuous Controls Inheritance for Faster Cloud Compliance

Xacta® 360 now automatically inherits pre-vetted controls from the AWS services you use!
Tax preparation software has made it easier to do your taxes. But sometimes you still need a little help.

Even though your tax software removes a lot of the guesswork about forms and processes, you still have to gather the information you need to complete the forms and work through the processes. And it’s always a pain to manually enter the data.
Today, tax software helps simplify all that by *inheriting* much of the information you need directly from payroll firms and financial institutions — the data automatically populates in the right places and the right steps of your tax-filing process.

That may sound familiar to organizations that use Xacta® 360 to manage IT security risk and compliance. That’s because Xacta 360 can *automatically inherit* common security controls that have already been validated for standardized configurations of hardware, services, applications, and operating systems.

*An Xacta 360 project can automatically inherit from other Xacta 360 projects common security controls that have been validated for other systems.*
That inheritance capability simplifies putting the right data in the right places as Xacta 360 takes you through a risk management process like the NIST RMF. It reduces a lot of redundant controls compliance effort, just like your tax software reduces effort by automatically inheriting the data from your bank.

But — what if you’re moving workloads to the AWS cloud?

Applications, databases, software, files, records, and other critical assets?
If you’re working in the cloud, you’ll typically use a variety of AWS services such as Amazon EC2 and Amazon S3. These services provide essential tools and resources for application development, security, content storage and management, and other capabilities needed to host workloads in AWS.

But you still have to report on the compliance of your cloud-based systems in keeping with NIST RMF and other security frameworks and standards.
You have to report on the compliance of your workloads themselves, and you have to report on the compliance of the AWS services you use.

And for each AWS service, there can be nearly a thousand NIST controls you need to account for — just as with any other IT asset, service, or system.

So now you may be thinking: “Wouldn’t it be great if Xacta 360 could inherit pre-validated controls and associated data from AWS, the way it does from other Xacta 360 projects? The way my tax software inherits my financial data from my bank?”
Good news — Xacta 360 and AWS are working together to make that happen.

AWS is using Xacta 360 to host extensive compliance data for each AWS service approved for use in C2S, SC2S, and GovCloud.
These Xacta 360 projects — called provider projects — feed customer Xacta 360 projects with common compliance data needed to satisfy NIST requirements for workloads hosted in AWS. Just like when your tax software imports the data from your bank.

The result? Continuous controls inheritance that streamlines and simplifies security risk management and compliance reporting of your AWS-based systems and workloads.

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Streamline and simplify your security risk management and compliance reporting
Think about the effort required to document controls implementation, create test procedures, and manually validate every control for each service. *Continuous controls inheritance* saves tremendous time and effort by eliminating these manual and redundant steps in cloud compliance reporting.

And, because Xacta 360 is in control at both ends of the process, keeping these provider projects synched with your workload projects is seamless. When a control condition changes with an AWS service you use, all of your related projects inherit that change.
With continuous controls inheritance, there are no blind spots in your compliance reporting process. The controls content you need for every AWS service you use is automatically pre-populated, so you can see exactly where you need to fill in the blanks for your compliance validation reporting.

Even better, Xacta 360’s integration with AWS Services APIs also supports scanning, testing, and monitoring to continuously validate the security compliance of your cloud-based resources. That ensures your controls configurations don’t drift over time.

✓ Continuously comply with security compliance standards
✓ Manage security risk on an ongoing basis
Xacta 360 takes the guesswork out of which controls to inherit and reduces the time and manual effort needed to satisfy NIST compliance requirements. So you can accelerate time-to-mission and start gaining the benefits of the cloud that much faster.

Moving to the AWS cloud? Bring Xacta 360 along with you.

Xacta 360 means faster to the cloud. Faster to savings, scalability, and security. And faster to achieving your organization’s goals.
About Xacta® 360

Xacta 360 enables security professionals to effectively manage risk on a day-to-day basis through continuous assessment and ongoing authorization of their on-premises and cloud computing environments. By automating the processes involved in complying with the leading IT security standards and frameworks, Xacta 360 gives organizations a comprehensive view of their security and compliance posture for immediate analysis and action.

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