Xacta Continuum®

Make sense of your ever-changing risk landscape with a complete view of your compliance posture.

- Correlate results from multiple security scans into a single view and map them to the relevant controls
- Collect the diverse range of data you need for continuous monitoring
- Reduce the time needed to analyze and confirm findings across hundreds of assets
- Utilize trending reports for greater understanding of how findings have changed over time
- Increase analysts’ effectiveness in understanding extensive security results
- Standardize your security approach and methodology by using centralized repositories of mappings to controls

Maintaining your organization’s compliance posture is difficult, given the number and diversity of security tools you use. It’s hard to keep track of the results from vulnerability scanners and other security systems, much less analyze the results and map them to the right controls. Without a complete, high-level view of your compliance posture, you can’t be confident that your organization is protected against threats and vulnerabilities.

Now there’s a solution for taking control of your ever-changing compliance landscape. Xacta Continuum correlates results from multiple security products across your organization into a single view, and maps them to the relevant controls for security and risk management, such as NIST 800-53, CNSS 1253, DoDI 8500.1, ISO, and others. You can then use these results to create reports for analysis and to understand trending security issues in their environment.

Xacta Continuum gives you:

- A holistic view of your organization’s asset compliance posture
- Fast, automated processes for aggregating multiple scan results using our Adaptive Mapping™ algorithm
- Actionable reporting metrics for thoughtful, prioritized decisions
- Multi-level reporting with comprehensive, historical trending capabilities
- Greater confidence in test results and reports
- A more consistent methodology for evaluating your security posture
- Generation of POA&Ms that integrate with Xacta® 360
- Direct support for assessment boundaries

Xacta Continuum is 100% SCAP compliant and accepts configuration and vulnerability data captured from a long list of security tools that assess hosts, application servers, databases, and source code. Our flexible but powerful plug-in development interface allows you to create plug-ins to support any third party scanning tool. Configuration and vulnerability data that can’t be automatically captured can be easily collected using Xacta 360.

With capabilities unmatched in the industry, Xacta Continuum gives analysts an unprecedented understanding of their asset vulnerability landscape.

Only Xacta Continuum gives you the powerful capabilities you need to:

**Identify the assets you need to monitor.** The ability to monitor IT assets begins with knowing what assets you have. Xacta Continuum is designed to organize your IT asset data into actionable information for compliance, risk, and vulnerability management and remediation. It captures and reports on a rich collection of demographic information regarding each device — asset inventory, physical location and ownership information, operating system configuration data, and hardware and software inventory — so you can organize your IT asset data into actionable information.

**Get real-time information on the status of controls while minimizing performance hits to your IT environment.** Agent-based monitoring is precise but also puts a strain on network resources. Agentless monitoring minimizes that strain but doesn’t give you as much direct control over monitoring. Xacta Continuum provides the optimal balance between precise monitoring and network resources, ensuring you always have situation awareness of potential risks and threats. It leverages the third-party agents your current security products use, complemented by a secure, lightweight framework for agent-driven host data collection that automatically detects changes to the IT environment and allows you to do scheduled and ad hoc compliance tests.

**Prioritize the monitoring of your most critical systems.** Xacta Continuum uses a risk-based approach to prioritize control assessments so you can continuously monitor mission-critical systems while also monitoring less-critical systems on an ongoing but less-frequent basis. You can specify a given check-in period for a group of systems, giving you the flexibility you need to be notified about system compliance changes as you see fit. This helps you meet the demands of continuous monitoring requirements in the real world by giving your most vital systems priority.

**Automatically map vulnerabilities to the controls you use and the standards you must comply with.** Xacta Continuum’s Adaptive Mapping capability saves you hours of laborious manual mapping by automatically mapping thousands of system vulnerabilities to the corresponding controls you have in place and the standards in which those controls apply. This powerful capability assures near-real-time compliance with the leading standards for cybersecurity compliance.

**Take action with tools and intelligence for remediating vulnerabilities.** Xacta Continuum imports scanner feeds from industry-leading security tools to provide a side-by-side view of scanner results and boasts a flexible plug-in architecture to develop plug-ins for other third-party tools. It also enables the creation and management of Plans of Action & Milestones (POA&Ms) and lets you associate a single POA&M to all applicable assets. Xacta Continuum employs what is known as Cascading Analytics. This allows you to quickly analyze thousands of assets in the time it takes to analyze two or three assets.
Gain the real-time insights you need for analysis and action with rich reports. Raw data from your security systems won’t help if you aren’t able to make sense of it. Xacta Continuum turns overwhelming streams of data into rich reports that you, your superiors, and your staff can immediately grasp. Reporting highlights include:

- TRAC: Trending Results Across Cycles
- Top Ten Vulnerability Report
- Control Compliance Report
- Test Compliance Report
- Host-Based Compliance Report

...and other on-demand online reports.

Adaptive Mapping: The Key to Continuous Compliance.

There are many tools that can tell you if your IT environment has vulnerabilities that can be exploited. But it’s just as important to know which security controls are affected by these weaknesses and which assets are governed by those controls.

Xacta Continuum offers a remarkable capability that’s unmatched in providing this level of visibility into your IA environment. It’s called Adaptive Mapping, and it bridges the gaps between system vulnerabilities and their related controls.

With Adaptive Mapping, Xacta Continuum gives security testers and assessors the power to look across multiple security feeds and understand how they influence a variety of controls and requirements for a particular product or system. It dynamically maps the content from various vulnerability schemas to the relevant controls in a relationship model. It automatically detects and plots the points of intersection among vulnerabilities, controls, and assets. And, the model grows as new sources of information such as third-party scans are added.

Never before have IT security professionals enjoyed this level of visibility and understanding into how assets, vulnerabilities, and controls relate to one another.

Cascading Analytics: Analyze Many Assets with Less Effort.

Cascading Analytics is a unique capability that enables analysts to process large numbers of assets along with their associated vulnerabilities. Cascading Analytics is revolutionary in its approach to increasing productivity while decreasing analysis efforts on the part of the user.

Xacta Continuum’s Adaptive Mapping engine makes Cascading Analytics possible. Adaptive Mapping builds a network relationship among content, assets, and tests, and learns and propagates this information. This means Xacta Continuum can capture the analysis performed on an asset and adaptively cascade the analysis to all other related assets and tests. This process of analyzing and cascading can be repeated across your environment until all assets are analyzed.

Cascading Analytics will even recognize that tests from different third-party scanners refer to the same vulnerability and apply the analysis accurately based on Adaptive Mapping. Analysts will no longer have to analyze all assets in the list. Analyze just a few assets and let Cascading Analytics apply that analysis to the rest.
Xacta Continuum: A Powerful Tool for Your Continuous Monitoring Requirements.

“Automation supports collecting more data more frequently and from a larger and more diverse pool of technologies, people, processes, and environments.” So says NIST SP 800-137, Information Security Continuous Monitoring, the federal government’s policy document for continuous compliance monitoring.

The ability to collect and map control data from so many different sources is one of the many capabilities that make Xacta Continuum a powerful tool for meeting federal mandates for continuous compliance monitoring. Xacta Continuum maps scan results from multiple sources on the fly to the corresponding security controls you need to meet. You can then use these results in reporting and remediation as part of your continuous monitoring strategy.

Fitting smoothly into your existing security tool environment, Xacta Continuum can be the core of your continuous monitoring initiative.

Xacta HostInfo: Gather the information needed for security assurance.

A key part of asset management is collecting detailed asset information, including hardware description, network address, operating system, and other installed software applications. This information is used to build the appropriate security tests for selected components.

Xacta HostInfo helps speed up this tedious process. This is a family of host-specific software used to collect a comprehensive amount of security-relevant configuration information about an asset for compliance assessment.

HostInfo can be manually run as an executable to retrieve host configuration information from UNIX, Linux, and Microsoft Windows platforms using Xacta test scripts. Xacta HostInfo also supports SCAP scanning for running OVAL and XCCDF tests against your systems. The data gathered can be saved as an .xml file for import into the Xacta 360 application and also be output as a PDF.

Contact Telos to learn more about Xacta Continuum.

We look forward to hearing more about your security challenges and sharing more information with you about the capabilities of Xacta Continuum and the Xacta suite. We offer these solutions under a variety of contract vehicles suited to your agency and requirements. Please contact us to begin a conversation about how we can help you manage your complete cybersecurity posture.