

Xacta® Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)

Overview

ICT supply chain risk management is a major topic of concern for many security and compliance professionals. Managing the risks and vulnerabilities associated with your organization's information and communications technology (ICT) systems and services is a difficult task, and nearly impossible to manage without automation.

With this in mind, Telos® introduces an Xacta 360 offering that helps to address this very specific need: Xacta Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM). Xacta SCRM can be used to either build an ICT SCRM program or evaluate an existing one. It will also walk you through the steps required to capture and assess your organization's ICT supply chain. Supply chain risk management cannot exist within a bubble - the need for organizational context is critical to success. As a result, Xacta SCRM utilizes and builds upon information from authoritative ICT supply chain risk management resources, like:

- NIST SP 800-161
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework
- CISA ICT SCRM Working Group threat data

Within the context of the organization's business and security operations, Xacta SCRM allows risk and compliance teams to uncover gaps in their ICT supply chain risk management plan by following a comprehensive process, focused on identifying and prioritizing n-tier vendors, suppliers, manufacturers, services, hardware and software.

With Xacta SCRM you can quickly and easily:

- Automate processes for managing ICT supply chain risks
- Categorize ICT supply chain vendor profiles and associate them with their contracts and offerings
- Conduct ICT supply chain impact assessments
- Evaluate and manage ICT supply chain threats
- Generate risk treatment plans for each risk element of a given ICT supply chain
- Log and track supply chain incidents (by vendor)
- Create and maintain an ICT supply chain risk management plan for your organization
- Manage multiple ICT supply chains within an individual project.

As is true with other Xacta 360 offerings for the NIST RMF and FedRAMP, Xacta SCRM works much like tax preparation software, helping the user navigate the end-to-end process.

Use automation to uncover security gaps in your ICT supply chain and assure your day-to-day business activities.

Users are presented with a series of input screens that collect and organize all of the data needed for the ICT supply chain impact assessment. These screens are organized in a logical manner and prompt the user to answer questions and input the data needed to gain insights into ICT supply chain risks.

The offering generates the documentation (SCRM and risk treatment plans) as a byproduct of the process. You do not have to generate these documents from scratch at the end of the process. Xacta SCRM does this for you based on your inputs.



How will the Xacta SCRM offering benefit me?

- You will not have to rely on email and spreadsheets to manage the process. The offering centralizes ICT supply chain risk management activities, underlying data, audits, and evidence.
- The offering can reduce the cybersecurity and information assurance expertise required to complete ICT supply chain risk management activities.
- This simplification of the process also reduces your dependency on expensive, hard-to-find cybersecurity and IA personnel.
- Xacta SCRM automatically generates evidentiary documents when you need them.
- The offering allows you to efficiently manage and maintain your ICT SCRM program over time by utilizing automated control periodicity.
- Xacta SCRM gives you the peace of mind you are performing due diligence when it comes to assuring your ICT supply chain.

Who should use SCRM?

- Organizations starting out on their ICT SCRM journey
- Organizations with an established ICT SCRM program who would like to evaluate it using NIST SP 800-161
- Organizations that need to manage and track their vendor compliance



Why Telos and Xacta 360?

Xacta was first launched in 2000 to help accelerate risk management and regulatory compliance activities through automation. Our goal from the very beginning has been to simplify and automate the underlying functions of those activities as much as possible. Today, Xacta is the recognized leader in NIST framework automation solutions for the enterprise.

With this offering, we have applied our vast risk management expertise to address a similar problem: empowering private and public sector organizations with awareness and management of ICT supply chain risk. There is no better source for comprehensive ICT supply chain risk management solutions than Telos and Xacta.

Please contact us to learn more about how Xacta can simplify and automate ICT supply chain risk management for your organization.



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