

# Operationalizing Security and Compliance: Generating Maximum Compliance ROI

Mark Seward
Director of Marketing, QualysGuard

Qualys, Inc.



# Agenda

- Where is GRC today
- What drives the business and why do we care
- Review "What's a process"
- Primary business actors involved with compliance
- Team-function centric approach
- The needs assessment
- "Just-in-time" information
- Summary



# Process approach to GRC

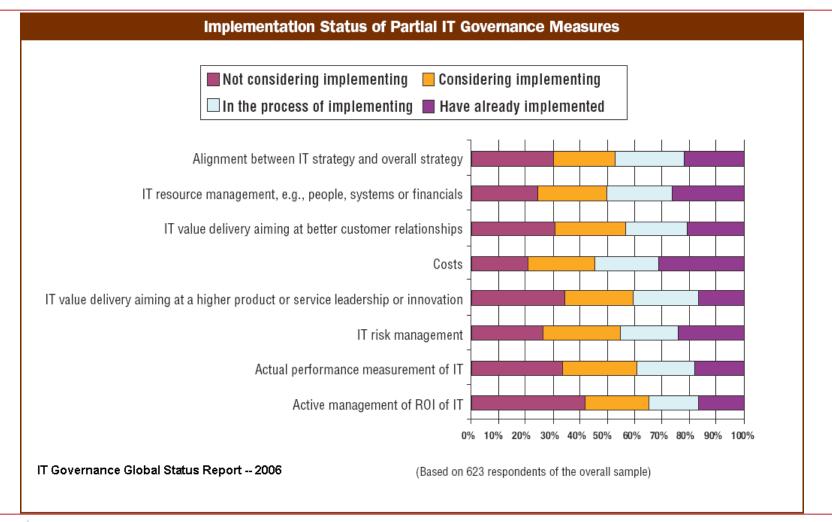
•"...many business experts believe that the concept of a **cross-functional** convergence of these activities (Governance, Risk and Compliance) represents a progressive approach in this area, and is quickly replacing the traditional fragmented or silo mentality.

•January 23:Operational Risk - Part 1 - The Corporate Defense Continuum, Governance, Risk and Compliance, Sean Lyons, 1/23/2007 on-line at:

http://www.garp.com/risknews/newsfeed.asp?Category=6&MyFile=2007-01-23-14131.html



# IT Governance and Business Alignment





## A Reminder -- What drives the business?

- Revenue Customer Attrition / Retention
- Profitability Lower Costs
- Asset Protection Security
- Workforce Performance -- Efficiency
- Reputation Brand Protection
- Risk Reduction Implied Goal

Can everyone in the IT organization name these?

Does everyone in IT know what they mean?

Can you say "corporate culture?"



# Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) "as-is" assessment

- Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) as a response to regulation
  - Implementing a series of fragmented, tactical, one-off projects
  - usually manual efforts
  - duplicated activities
  - high costs
  - wasted time and resources
  - limited GRC effectiveness.
- Need to be able to document and monitor business processes that cross multiple enterprise divisions and regions, span entire process chains, and are supported by multiple, disconnected IT applications.



## **Business Process Defined**

# By definition:

 A business process is any sequence of structured or semi-structured tasks performed in series or in parallel by two or more individuals to reach a common goal.



# **Business Process Examples**

- Departmental Processes (functional silo)
- Hiring is a process mostly in HR
- Vulnerability Management is a process assigned to IT
- Sales processes acquiring new customers
- Business Objective Processes (aligns business drivers across department silos)
- 'Quote to Cash' sales, finance, IT
- 'Order to Ship' sales, finance, shipping, IT
- 'Dock to factory floor' Ford Motor Company
- Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) IT, HR,

finance, board of directors

San Francisco Chapter

# Department actors on a cross-functional compliance process stage

### -HR

- Issues desktop/laptop "proper use" documentation
- Involved in termination processes
- Employee record retention
- May be involved in security awareness and/or privacy programs

### Finance

- Asset tracking for the enterprise
- Financial data handling and storage

### Board of Directors

 Overall responsibilities for organizational risk, governmental compliance, and audit oversight



# IT Department actors on the compliance process stage (cont.)

- IT Operations, Security, Audit
  - IT operations
    - Break fix activities
    - Deployment and system maintenance
    - Change management / approvals
    - Data retention and redundancy
    - May be involved in security awareness programs
  - IT security
    - Security incident management (reactive)
    - Determines systems vulnerabilities (proactive)
    - May maintain platform and application security baseline documentation
  - IT internal audit
    - Assesses systems for compliance with standards
    - Audits current processes for compliances



## Needs Assessment – What Does IT Need?

#### **Stakeholders**

#### **IT Information Requirements**



**Board of Directors** 

**Strategic Direction** 

Risk Tolerances (0% not possible)

**Legal Liabilities** 

**Meaningful Metrics** 



**Finance** 

**Access Control Baselines** 

Financial data handling and

storage



HR Department **Access Control Baselines** 

**Security Awareness Efforts** 

IT proper use - assets policy



Internal Audit **Vulnerability Baselines** 

**Report Formats** 

**Meaningful Metrics** 



Information Technology



# Needs Assessment – What do Stakeholders Need?

#### **Stakeholders**

**Board of Directors** 

#### Stakeholder Requirements "Need to Know"

Need to know: How are we doing – Data privacy, intellectual property, breaches, regulatory compliance

#### **Report Automation Candidates**

Reports: Enterprise Data Privacy metrics (ways data can "leave" the organization) Password Policy, malware, patch, permissions, AV, controls that affect, compliance policy trends



**Finance** 

Need to know: System access, system integrity, compliance w/ secure build standard.

Reports: Monthly access report, secure build signoff reports, system integrity reports



HR Department Need to know: Compliance with ethical use policy, results of security awareness program.s

Reports: Monthly access report, secure build signoff reports, system integrity reports



IT (Internal)

Need to know: Metrics for breaches, system conformance, malware prevalence, required software, service metrics Reports: Incident report, change management, vulnerability, service metrics, gold standard configurations, policies generated



Internal

Need to know: all of the above

Reports: All of the above plus processes

# When do they need it?

# Needs assessment complete

- What information needs to be delivered when?
- Time your "hooks" into other business processes?
- Does the information become "stale" if delivered too early?
- What are the repercussions (risks to other parts of the business) of being "late?"
- "Just-in-time" for information delivery
  - Automate where possible
    - Report Availability Notifications
    - Distribution of reports



34 4P1818 EXPJAN23

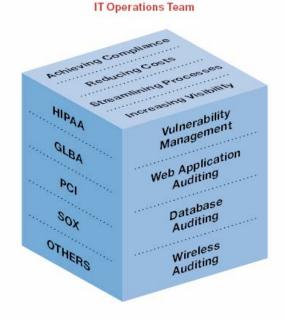
# A View of the IT Department

# Pervasive IT Silos



Multiple IT Projects







The need for a single data set

Examine internal requirements through the needs assessment process



# Automation Brings Cost Savings for GRC

- Simplified business process design, workflow modeling, can cut the time spent by IT staff on deployment and administration.
- Automation allows individuals to work more efficiently and take on new tasks.
- Automating a task that requires five hours of manual intervention, reduces this time by half and will yield a significant cost savings
- Building and making changes to any business process, even minor ones, is extremely labor-intensive. A workflow designer that is icon-driven makes process building a simple drag-anddrop process. What's more, the ability to edit on the fly makes you much more efficient and effective.



### **Alignment with Business Drivers**

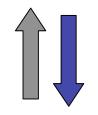
Revenue / Customer Attrition & Retention
Profitability / Lower Costs
Asset and Data Protection and Security
Risk Tolerance and Reduction
Workforce Performance / Efficiency
Reputation and Brand Protection

Financial system Integrity Conformance To Baseline Access Controls Exception reports Information Risk(s) Regulatory Issues (SOX)

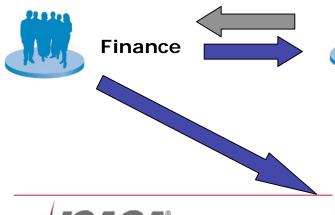
San Francisco Chapter



**Board of Directors** 

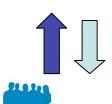


Information Privacy
Compliance with ethical use policy
Results of security awareness
Regulatory Issue (HIPAA)
Information Risk(s)
Exception reports





Information Technology



Internal



HR Department

2007 Fall Conference

# Summary

- Moving to an integrated process for GRC requires
  - Knowing the Business Drivers
  - Understanding how other departments align with the key business drivers
  - Undertaking a needs assessment across departments
    - Two way What are IT's needs and what are the departmental needs
  - Just-in-time delivery of required information
  - Where possible move to a single data set as the basis for reports
  - Standardized reporting formats across departments
  - Break down IT interdepartmental silos
  - GRC efforts should be subsumed into other departmental processes
- An aligned GRC process drives business objectives and provides ROI for compliance processes



# Questions?



