One of your (many) jobs as a compliance executive is to answer complex questions at a moment’s notice. To do this, you need to effectively manage multiple initiatives—and information flows. The right compliance tools arm you with real-time and actionable insight whenever needed, in one location, so that you can better address your compliance risks, defend your company, and meet the expectations of your board, senior management, and employees. Technology can and should enable a more effective, measurable, and cost-efficient compliance program.

**Basic Tools**

Basic tools not tailored to compliance lack the integrated ability to adequately address compliance risk.

**Challenges**

- Manual reporting is time-consuming and error-prone
- Cannot support mobile devices
- Difficult to scale or change
- Does not reflect real-time results

**Capabilities**

- Off-the-shelf spreadsheet and email solutions are intuitive and accessible
- Can document risks, policy acknowledgments, training completions, disclosures, and incident reports
- Spreadsheet reports can be created and updated over time

**Siloed**

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**Capabilities**

- Individual solutions designed for specific program initiatives
- May have some sort of external reporting capability
- Many organizations have comfort with and historical data stored in traditional solutions

**Integrated**

Integrating vital elements of a compliance program into a single, central solution allows the tools and data to work together to address risk and verify, measure, and enhance the effectiveness of your compliance program.

**Capabilities**

- Design and implement a program based on unique risks and business objectives
- Integrated dashboards show relationships between risks, initiatives, issues, and program results
- Automated reporting facilitates risk assessments, benchmarking, and continuous, real-time monitoring

**Benefits**

- Tying compliance program initiatives to risks enables a truly risk-based program and provides actionable insight into where initiatives work or fall short.
- Integrated, real-time dashboards facilitate continuous program improvement and proactive risk management.
- Increased program and team agility by easily changing configuration of initiatives, loading new documents, and reconnecting data as new risks emerge or priorities shift.

Many companies deploy a hotline and case management solution. However, if these systems aren’t connected, responses are hindered and risks not properly understood and addressed.

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Risk assessment results are not usually linked to compliance initiatives or data. It may be difficult to demonstrate that controls are adequately addressing business risks.

Relationship disclosures are collected but not linked to key risks, line conflict of interest or bribery, nor are they connected to other relationships for effective monitoring.

Training completion rates are tracked but not evaluated in relation to organizational risk or issue reports, making it a challenge to understand or improve training effectiveness.

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