Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management

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Introduction to Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management

Functional leaders use Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management to measure the maturity of their function in key activities, prioritize areas of improvement and plot the function’s path to improvement. This is an excerpt from a full report, which provides detail on a wide range of functional activities. Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management covers 29 functional activities across 7 functional objectives.

Here’s how it works

1. Measure the performance of the function in terms of:
   - Maturity. We ask a series of yes/no questions about how your function approaches and executes each one of a range of key activities and objectives specific to your function.
   - Importance. We ask you to indicate how important each of those activities is for your function to meet its enterprise objectives.

2. Prioritize.
   - See your maturity levels at a glance. On a simple bar graph, we plot the maturity level of each activity and its importance — and you get your first glimpse of where maturity and importance aren’t aligned. For example, your function may be highly mature in activities that aren’t very important to driving business priorities or highly immature in activities that are.
   - See your priorities in rank order, based on those gaps between maturity and importance. Immediately you can see what should be your highest priorities for improvement if your function is to drive business goals effectively. You also see which activities need less attention.

3. Improve. We provide you with steps to take on your path to improvement in whatever activities the data shows to be the biggest significant opportunities for improvement.
   - “A Pathway to Maturity” lists action steps required to reach the next level in each specific activity.
   - Recommended related resources provide associated insights. In some cases, a Gartner advisor delivers the report and helps with prioritization and action planning.

Read on for more insights and recommendations you might receive on an individual activity. A complete report shows you the current status and improvement path for all activities and objectives in your function.
How mature are your functional activities?

Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management benchmarks your self-assessment to provide you with a current maturity score by activity.

### Maturity

Measured on a scale ranging from 1 (Low) to 5 (High), maturity measures how advanced an organization’s development is in a functional activity relative to Gartner’s best practice research. Maturity scores are refined with a (+) or (-) to indicate intermediate levels of maturity.

The set of activities as mapped here is subject to change.

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How do maturity and importance compare?

Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management plots your benchmarked maturity score against the importance you assign to that activity in terms of its criticality for your function to meet enterprise business objectives.

Select Findings

**Lowest Maturity**
- Secure the Endpoints
- Plan Budget

**Highest Importance**
- Recruit Talent
- Assess Digital Transformation
- Identify and Track Threats
- Manage Compliance
- Manage Behaviour and Culture
- Drive Ownership and Accountability

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What are the high-priority areas for your function?

Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management rank-orders your improvement priorities, based on the gap between maturity and importance. The Activity Priority Index (API) identifies where the function is less mature in activities of greater importance. A higher API score indicates a greater priority to the organization.

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**Highest Priority**
- Manage Compliance
- Identify and Track Threats
- Manage Behaviour and Culture

**Lowest Priority**
- Develop Skills
- Manage Security Events
- Discover and RemEDIATE Vulnerabilities and more activities
High-priority area: Manage Compliance

How the SRM function identifies, implements and monitors the processes and controls necessary to support the organization’s compliance initiatives.

Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management provides next steps for each individual activity, based on current and desired state.

Path to Maturity

Start doing the following to achieve the next level of maturity:

- Define an integrated compliance framework.
Manage Compliance

Sample recommended resources

**Featured resources**

Information Security Controls Mapping Tool
Create a single, rationalized controls framework that meets all regulatory and compliance requirements.

**Foundational practices**

Customer Data Privacy Policy Template
Use this template to create and customize a customer privacy policy that complies with GDPR and other regulations.

Ignition Guide to Developing or Updating Your Privacy Policy and Notice in Line with GDPR Requirements
Use this step-by-step guidance to develop or update policies to comply with GDPR.

Hiring Guide: Compliance Analyst
Use talent data and a best practice job description to define and fill compliance analyst positions.

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Learn how you can use Gartner IT Score for Security & Risk Management to evaluate your functional maturity and priorities.

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