Optimizing Your GRC Technology Ecosystem

Most organizations rely on multiple technologies to manage GRC across the enterprise. Optimizing a GRC technology ecosystem aligned with a defined GRC process structure improves risk-informed business decisions and achievement of strategic business objectives. This illustration outlines ways to continuously optimize your GRC technology ecosystem for greater process consistency and development of actionable information.

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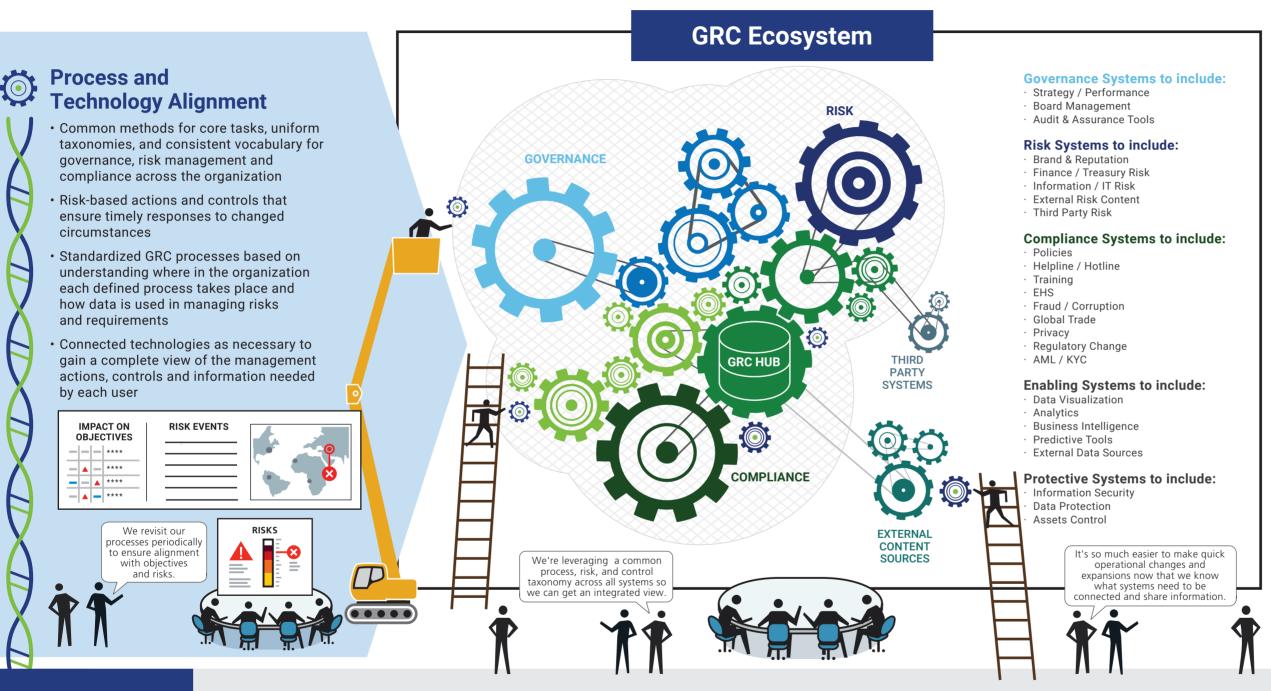
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GRC Ecosystem: Benefits for Every User An integrated GRC technology ecosystem built on common vocabulary, taxonomy and processes enables more accurate and timely reporting, increased reliability of achievement of objectives and greater confidence in assurance with less burden on the business. Here are just a few of the key benefits:



Benefits and Outcomes

- Enhanced tracking of achievement of objectives and obstacles
- Connected reporting for board/management/external stakeholders
- Timely understanding of impact from operational decisions
- Actionable view of changes needed to meet regulatory requirements
- Clear action pathways for resolution of issues and process reviews
- Consistent risk assessments feeding into advanced analytics
- Improved predictive capabilities to support strategic planning
- · Control testing and audit trails for response to regulators and auditors
- Greater confidence in assurance with less burden on the business
- · Enterprise-wide, departmental and geographic control standards

Tips for **Optimization:**

1. Process Framework

- · Identify tasks appropriate for standardization and schedule implementation across units
- · Assess vocabulary used throughout organization for inconsistencies and establish rules
- · Adjust process model periodically to continue alignment with business objectives and activities

2. Technology Ecosystem

- Periodically review GRC technologies for gaps and duplication of systems
- · Assess appropriateness of connection of systems for data sharing and user access
- · Maintain a current road map for re-purposing and acquisition of technologies

3. Outcome Management

- · Apply standard processes for resolution of issues and remediation of identified process framework or technology ecosystem weaknesses
- · Enhance reporting capabilities with refined report structure and delivery methods/schedules
- · Ensure all users apply the process framework and understand how best to use the technology