



Security Compliance

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Streamlining Governance Across Your Digital Supply Chain

Achieving peace of mind in your digital supply chain means knowing that your operational obligations are clear and that real-time visibility of KPIs and SLAs is assured.

Ikara helps you simplify the management of these relationships, ensuring that both internal and external teams understand and adhere to agreed-upon standards.

Our platform efficiently coordinates and monitors the compliance responsibilities assigned to each provider, streamlining the governance of your supply chain.

By automating and removing manual attestation processes, which are often unreliable and costly, Ikara enhances the reliability and speed of compliance monitoring.



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What Problems Do We Solve?

Ikara's security compliance solutions empower global risk and compliance leaders to enforce and monitor controls with suppliers, significantly easing the challenges associated with maintaining supply chain governance.

» **Complete bi-directional security transparency** integrated with your service provider's operational management systems. Reporting is based on product warranties and security obligations in contract with the supplier.

» **Observe service provider performance** in the delivery of your security controls for mission-critical business services as KPIs and SLAs

» **Autonomous compliance analysis** and 'always-on' attestation, which is independent from the provider, in line with regulatory reporting guidelines



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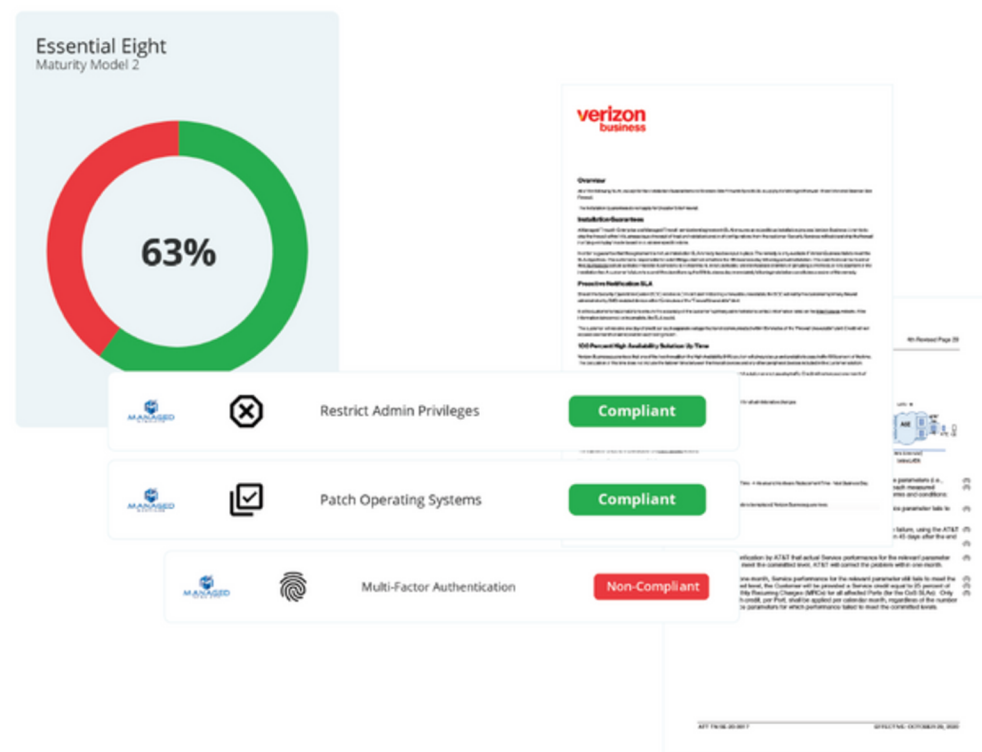
Navigate Complex Compliance with Confidence

Real-Time Insights and Seamless Integration for Effective Security Governance

In today's complex IT landscape, outsourcing managed IT services often means placing critical governance and operational security responsibilities in the hands of third-party suppliers. These suppliers are typically obligated to adhere to stringent security standards, including:

- Keeping devices patched and up-to-date
- Implementing multifactor authentication
- Conducting regular vulnerability scans
- Maintaining restricted administrative privileges

However, gaining a clear, up-to-date view of how well these third-party suppliers are managing your environment can be challenging. With increasing regulatory pressure for greater transparency, aligning your operational service delivery with industry security compliance standards is now a necessity.



Core Benefits

Simplified Compliance Management

- Ikara's security compliance module is designed to simplify and enhance your compliance management, providing a comprehensive solution for both customers and service providers to effortlessly manage and report on security compliance

Scalable & Cost-Effective

- The Ikara platform streamlines the operational overhead of compliance management, making it scalable, cost-effective, and efficient.
 - **Operational Efficiency:** By automating complex and time-consuming tasks, your team can focus on strategic initiatives rather than manual compliance tracking.

Trusted by Global Customers

- Ikara is trusted by global customers and service providers to deliver an effective governance solution.
 - **Global Reach:** Global emphasis on supplier transparency and compliance, now demands that your operations are aligned with international standards, mitigating international risks associated with third-party service management.

Integration & Compatibility

Ikara integrates seamlessly with your existing IT infrastructure, ensuring that your service management remains consistent and compliant with industry standards, including the ACSC Essential Eight, SOCI, and CPS 230.



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Key Features

Real-Time Visibility

- Easily identify which security controls are in scope for your managed services. Track and monitor compliance with key standards, such as ACSC Essential Eight, NIST, SOCI, and CPS 230, directly from the tools managing your environment.
 - **ACSC Essential Eight Implementation:** Ensure suppliers adhere to the Essential Eight strategies, which include practices like application whitelisting, patch management, and user application hardening, to minimise cyber risks.

Seamless Transition

- Ensure smooth transitions of services from customer control to supplier control. Our platform links service warranties in contracts to real-time events, providing a continuous view of supplier compliance throughout the contract lifecycle.
 - **Service Warranties:** Enforce strict service warranties aligned with the SOCI Act and CPS 230, ensuring that suppliers are contractually bound to meet your security and operational standards

Automated Reporting

- Reduce the complexity and overhead of maintaining compliance with automated reporting for regulatory audits. Ikara's platform pulls data from existing reporting tools and environments to generate accurate compliance reports.
 - **Regulatory Audit Automation:** Simplify the attestation process for audits, ensuring your compliance posture is always up-to-date and readily available for regulators.

Enhanced Transparency

- Gain deeper insight into supplier operations and commercial accountabilities. Define and link performance and security standards to supplier contract warranties, fostering transparency and trust.
 - **Supplier Accountability:** Monitor and enforce back-to-back service warranties, ensuring that your service providers are not just compliant but also accountable for their contractual obligations.

Use Case

Client Overview

A state government agency sought to enhance its security posture in line with the ACSC Essential Eight framework, facing challenges in aligning multiple teams and processes across a diverse IT environment.

Challenges

- **Complex Organisational Structure:** Difficulty achieving Essential Eight compliance across multiple domains.
- **Lack of Real-Time Visibility:** Need for automated, real-time assessment and reporting on security posture.
- **Operational Integration:** Requirement for seamless integration with existing tools.
- **Security Compliance Alignment:** Necessity to unify technical teams towards a common security standard.

Solution

The agency partnered with Ikara to implement the Ikara security compliance platform, providing real-time security posture assessments, automated integration with existing tools, comprehensive security insights, and a simplified compliance management dashboard.

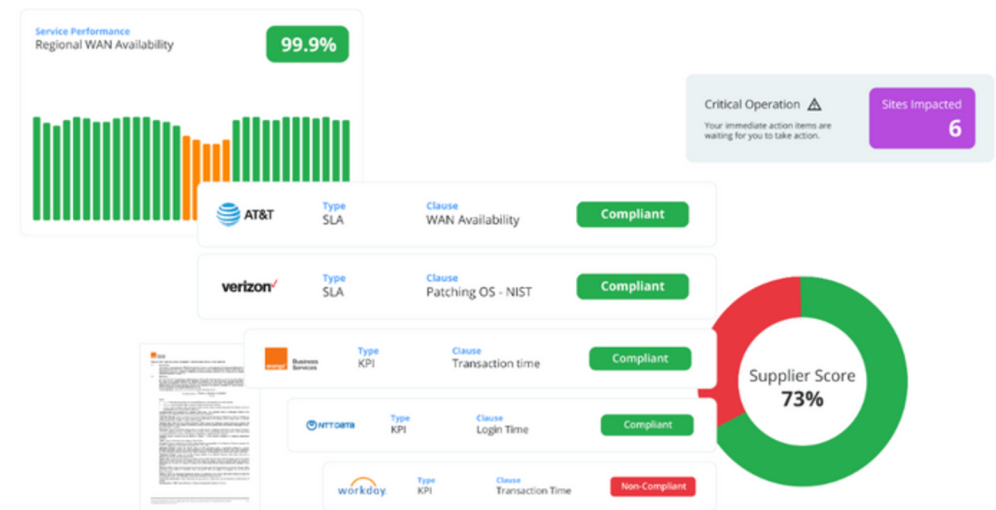
Results

Client Outcome

- **Improved Security Maturity:** Significant enhancement in security posture aligned with the Essential Eight framework.
- **Streamlined Compliance Management:** Efficient monitoring and management across all domains, reducing the administrative burden.
- **Ongoing Compliance:** Continuous monitoring and adjustment ensured ongoing adherence to Essential Eight standards.

Conclusion

Ikara's platform activated essential improvement of this government agency's security posture, illustrating the power of real-time security compliance management in safeguarding organisational assets.



What's Next

Visualise Your Compliance Landscape

Are you looking to gain a clearer understanding of your supply chain's compliance status? We offer a tailored Proof of Concept that integrates seamlessly with your existing Microsoft management platforms.

By leveraging tools such as Defender, InTune, and Azure AD, we provide a comprehensive view of your current compliance with the Essential Eight frameworks, including patch management and restricted administration privileges.

Our solution also supports integration with:

- ServiceNow®
- Cisco DNAC & vManage
- Tenable
- Airlock
- Commvault
- Metallic
- ExtraHop
- And more

For more information on how to get started and enhance your compliance visibility, contact us today.