

Sarbanes-Oxley Solution

Compliance specializes in custom Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance automation that can leverage your existing investments and streamline and reduce the cost of SOX management.

Reducing the High Cost of Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX)

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 was one of the most comprehensive financial regulatory laws in U.S. history fashioned to protect investors and stop corporate malfeasance by requiring higher standards of corporate transparency and disclosure with heavy penalties for non-compliance. While there are many components to this Act there are two in particular that stand out – Sections 404 and 302 related to internal controls.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires companies to present an annual report on the state of internal controls as they relate to financial reporting for which management must assert to their adequacy and an independent audit must attest to this information with any material weakness disclosed.

Section 302 demands quarterly compliance and assessing these internal controls and the impact of any system and process changes. Without a doubt, adhering to these requirements is an on-going, iterative process.

Companies have invested heavily in becoming compliant and are now seeking ways to approach compliance more systematically, reduce costs, and be able to reallocate precious resources to more direct revenue generation projects.

The following describes some key considerations when selecting your SOX solution and how Compliance Software provides the most cost effective solution for today and in the future:

- Requirements to Optimize Your SOX Investment
- A Next Generation SOX Solution
- ICM Coverage Mapping of SOX Requirements
- Easier, Faster Business Value That Is Future Proof and More At NO Additional Cost

Requirements to Optimize Your SOX Investment

Can you cost effectively leverage and extend your investments

The first and very vital consideration is how to leverage your current investments in processes, controls and compliance programs. Your solution needs to be able to easily automate existing investments and do it cost effectively and not have to "start over". In addition, you should be able to easily extend them as needed.

To build a cost effective and sustainable approach requires standardization of processes and technology tools that can automate and provide the key elements of continuous monitoring and management of control documentation, document utilization, certifications, changes, tests and audits over time.

Can you customize to best fit your company and industry requirements

Your company is unique and your industry has unique requirements. You need to be able to customize processes to best meet those needs and do it in an affordable manner. At Compliance we specialize in leveraging your current investments and being able to easily and quickly customize your compliance controls and processes.

How can I phase a rollout to see fast success and control costs

In order to optimize your investment we actually identify three different levels of an effective program each building on the other.

Level 1 – Basic Compliance Automation

Ernst & Young identified the following key attributes of an effective controls program:

- Consistent processes
- Highly automated business processes
- Effective IT general controls
- Tightly defined configurable controls for financially significant processes
- Process owner accountability
- Control self-assessment process

These are basic to meeting the fundamental compliance requirements that should be addressable by any good compliance automation solution. However, while many alternative solutions may provide automation of workflows they do are not able to automate business processes in general and can only work within their confined areas.

Level 2 – Optimized Compliance

To maximize the opportunity to reduce costs there are several other key requirements that need to be considered. This is where most other solutions start to fail to deliver because they are not business process based.

The following requires a business process based solution with advanced workflow management to reduce costs even further by more effective real-time management and reducing costs through prevention and early detection:

- Continuous control monitoring
- Issues prevention and early identification through business rules monitoring
- Transaction level monitoring for related applications
- Real-time dashboard monitoring and reporting including alerts
- Automated issues management and remediation
- Roles based interfaces and granular security access

Level 3 – Business Transformation

A compliance designed Business Process Management (BPM) based solution with generalizable application interfaces and tools is needed to transform any risk management and compliance requirements to real business value. With a compliance designed BPM based system you can accomplish the following:

- Distribute tasks directly to the responsible individuals to eliminate complex system access, reduce training and support, and accelerate task completion.
- Integrate risk and compliance directly into business processes to eliminate redundancy for more cost effective streamlining and better decision making.
- Automate and manage any risk and compliance process requirement for a future proof investment.
- Ensure results with built-in regulatory level controls

Custom Compliance Automation Made Easy

Compliancy's Internal Control Management (ICM) has the flexibility to custom tailor the automation of any risk and compliance processes and controls starting with your existing investments and then extending and augmenting them as needed. This provides the most cost effective approach and significantly reduces your cost of management while improving your effectiveness.

ICM provides complete internal control management capabilities including the documentation, automation and management of all compliance processes, rules based routing, segregation of duties, security authorization, automated testing/auditing, certifications, evidence tracking, issues management and reporting.

The Compliance ICM solution is a single integrated platform that is a compliance designed Business Process Management (BPM) based solution with forms and template driven making it easier to implement and use, is extensible to cover any risk management process and compliance regulatory requirement and can be utilized to automate general operational business workflow processes with built-in regulatory level controls to ensure results.

It enables a new level of ease of use for any level of user and enables a company to truly push down the task ownership to the company business units without requiring them to access the entire system thus reducing training, support and bottlenecks.

Easier, Faster Business Value That Is Future Proof and More At NO Additional Cost

Compliancy makes it easier to quickly get started and then evolve as needed with roles based interfaces, SOX specific templates, and no programming required. Compliancy customers have been up and running in as little as a weeks time. Our research has clearly shown 20-50% increase in savings versus more traditional methodologies and an increase in 20-30% faster response to issues. The following outlines the business benefits:

More cost effective sustained compliance

- Reduces the cost, time and stress of maintaining SOX compliance.
- Ensures sustained, operationally efficient compliance.
- Greater overall cost reduction and more efficient use of resources for a better ROI.
- Reduces cost of testing and issue management by preventative issue identification.
- Allows companies to return their focus to their core business.

More effective compliance management

- Ensures controls are being properly performed using prescribed methodology
- Maintains SOX/audit readiness for fast and easier turn around
- Provides visibility and confidence in control and SOX compliance for all stake holders through an impartial system of accountability
- Reduces the corporate and personal risks associated with SOX compliance
- Improves SOX processes, documentation and policies
- Reduces compliance risk with better audit-ability, accountability & data accuracy

More effective business and risk management

- Improves risk management with greater visibility across all internal controls allowing faster reaction to issues, adapting to change requirements, and work on prevention.
- Easier and more effective management through consolidation and automation across ALL enterprise internal controls with a single management system.
- More effective business execution through integration with business operations and processes
- More effective execution of business strategy through compliance integration.

Future proofs a company's investment for change and growth

- More flexible and efficient BPM-based solution to maximize cost reductions, provides for growth, manage change and execute an integrated business strategy.
- Enables cross enterprise integration to scale, extend management controls.
- Customizable to extend to other compliance requirements minimizing training costs.
- Ability to go from compliance to business process management to realize even more significant streamlining of business processes, greater cost reductions and more effective business decisions.

About Compliancy

Compliancy specializes in custom tailored risk and compliance automation solutions by leveraging a company's investment in existing controls, processes and compliance programs. Processes and controls unique to the company and industry can be easily automated and standardized to accelerate process completion, more effectively manage risk and lower the cost of management.

Large multi-national, mid-size companies and government agencies choose Compliancy because of its greater flexibility and cost effectiveness. Compliancy's Internal Control Management (ICM) platform makes it simpler to automate and integrate both a broad range of GRC requirements such as Sarbanes-Oxley, FCPA and OMB 123 and internal processes such as Financial Close Management. Compliancy can custom tailor the right program to best fit a company's needs and budget whether on-premise or Software-as-a-Service.

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