

# Optimize Your Information Security Assessment Lifecycle

Gain the Right Level of Visibility into Your Information Security Program

## THE CHALLENGE

A vast majority of organizations have a line item in their security budget to conduct assessment activity, but organizations struggle with the array of available assessments. Providing visibility into regulatory compliance, framework maturity, technology optimization and strategy compete for assessment resources. Information security leaders are being asked to reduce the risk posed to the organization, proactively and cost-effectively. Assessments are a key part of the solution.

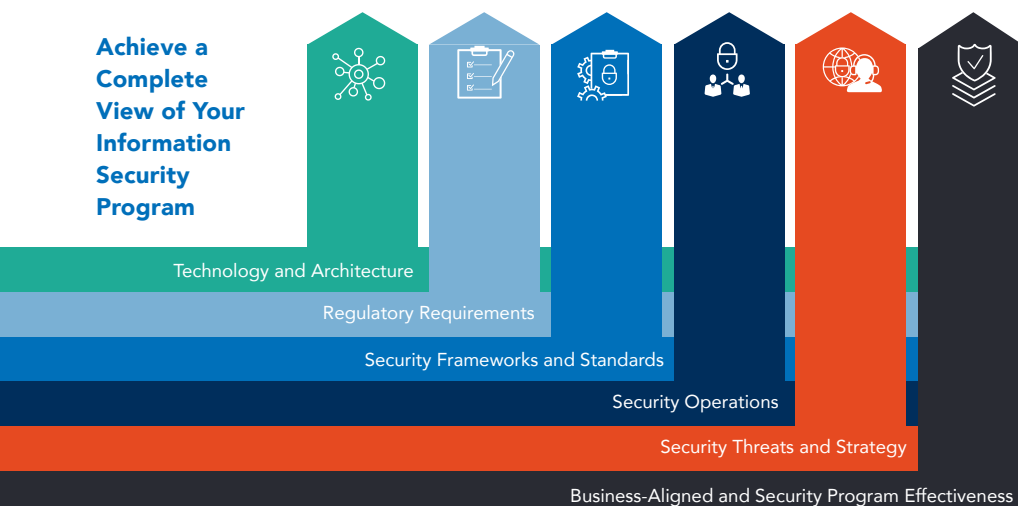
**With information security leaders having limited financial and human resources for assessment activity, the time has come to ask some core questions:**

- 1) Am I conducting the right assessment to determine not only if I am satisfying regulatory requirements, but determining the effectiveness of my program?
- 2) How am I managing my current resources to avoid assessment fatigue?
- 3) What is the best way to understand if my current technology stack is optimized and my processes are working properly?
- 4) Is my security spend aligned with business objectives?
- 5) Are their specific areas of concern within my security program where focused attention is necessary?

## THE SOLUTION

Security teams must develop a risk-based security strategy to include the development and execution of an assessment lifecycle to ensure the overall security program, security controls and technology investments are effective, at the proper level of maturity and regulatory impacts are mapped to business areas and policies. To achieve this, organizations must conduct assessment activities at the proper depth, breath and focus relevant to the business.

**Achieve a Complete View of Your Information Security Program**



## A New Approach to Your Assessment Lifecycle:

- Understand Your Technical Tool Set:** Organizations are being asked to reduce risk while also reducing cost, Optiv can assess your technology stack to determine if it is performing to its potential.
- Optimize Security Architecture:** Map the complete security architecture to identify gaps in your technology, controls and policies to develop quick hit wins and multi-year roadmap.
- Avoid Assessment Fatigue:** Reduce cost to the organization by conducting assessments that combines controls across frameworks to achieve compliance across multiple types of regulations.
- Enable Risk Based Decisions:** After identifying gaps, understand highest risks and threats to the business to enable decisions on where to focus time and investment.
- Evolve to Business-Aligned Risk Program:** With a complete picture of your information risk, map program back to the greater organizations business strategy to raise the security conversation.

**Optiv provides our clients with a full suite of assessment services across all major industry frameworks and security initiatives.** Our services range from strategy and maturity assessment to technical tool evaluations and architecture optimizations. We can also dig into the specifics with detailed workshops for IAM, AppSec, Cloud and Enterprise Incident Management. Optiv works with our clients to design an assessment lifecycle that fits the needs of your organization.



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