

Blackthorn GRC: solution overview

Connect your incident and compliance activities around a common view of risk

Increasingly organisations are realising that effective Governance, Risk management and Compliance (GRC) can only be achieved when the various activities performed by their business units are connected to a common system of risk management.

Consequently, the solution choices are either weak in their support for risk analysis, or fail to incorporate critical information from the business coal face. Blackthorn GRC changes all that!

With advanced modelling tools, secure activity logs and comprehensive workflow tracking, Blackthorn GRC can provide end-to-end support for all of your organisation's compliance and incident management activities.

It connects key data within sophisticated risk models to give a comprehensive and consistent view of operational risk. Modular options and smart functionality reduce implementation time and cost, and you achieve truly effective GRC.

'Closing the loop' on governance activities

Blackthorn takes a fresh 360° approach to the management of governance activities, helping you to learn from security or compliance breaches and take the necessary steps to prevent them occurring in future. By integrating risk modelling solutions with best-practice-based incident and compliance management and cross-correlating data from across your organisation, Blackthorn GRC helps you to visualise vital links between apparently unrelated items – providing operational clarity, situational awareness and the opportunity to optimise resource management and reduce cost.

Low total cost of ownership

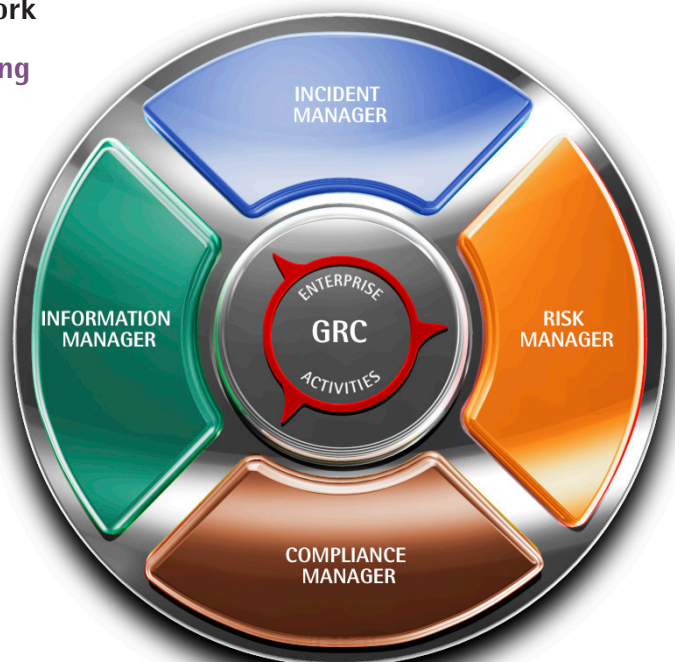
Blackthorn GRC can support multiple teams across many different specialist areas within the same organisation. This eliminates the need to invest in numerous disparate systems and significantly reduces the total cost of ownership for your business.

Secure activity management

Blackthorn's security features ensure that sensitive information is kept safe. A detailed permissions structure enables you to enforce strict controls on the areas and functionality that each individual can access. And by implementing the Z-Crypto module, you can add an additional level of security by encrypting all areas of the database.

The Blackthorn GRC Framework

A secure solution for managing sensitive business activities



Tailored to your needs

Key terms and labels can be tailored quickly and simply to fit your precise needs, enabling Blackthorn to be used in a wide variety of situations. Standard or enterprise editions are available and the software can be installed either locally on your own network or as a web-based solution hosted by QCC or your trusted provider.

For rapid implementation, QCC offers a range of pre-configured activity packs to cater for the needs of specialised environments. These include:

- **Quality management, testing and screening**
Quality management systems, security tests, vetting, clearance and all other forms of screening
- **Computer emergency response**
Computer and network security breach incidents
- **Security and information assurance**
Information, IT and physical security including systems accreditation
- **Regulatory and legal compliance**
Data protection, freedom of information, anti-bribery law, employee law, financial services rules, copyright and other intellectual property management applications
- **Case management for investigations**
Intelligence support, money laundering prevention, interception and data retention, and warrant and order management

- **Crisis and emergency management**
Business continuity, disaster recovery, command and control, kidnap and ransom, firearms control and product contamination
- **Risk management**
Information gathering, risk modelling and analysis

Modular solution

Providing support for all governance, risk management and compliance activities, the Blackthorn GRC solution consists of five integrated modules:

- **Blackthorn GRC Information Manager**
Supports the collection of information using customised online surveys, as well as sending and receiving alerts through numerous types of media and devices
- **Blackthorn GRC Compliance Manager**
Supports the management of proactive activities – such as assessments, audits and reviews – with a range of workflows, dashboards and reports
- **Blackthorn GRC Incident Manager**
Supports the management of reactive activities – such as the management of security incidents, investigations and crises – with a range of workflows, dashboards and reports
- **Blackthorn GRC Risk Manager**
Enables you to build asset-based risk models quickly and simply, correlating data from proactive and reactive activities to give you a real-time picture of operational risk
- **Blackthorn GRC Z-Crypto**
Delivers automatic and transparent encryption to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of incident, assessment and risk data

About QCC

Established in 1996 as one of the first independent information security companies in Europe, QCC has a strong reputation across all areas of proactive and reactive security and risk management services. These include security management consultancy, risk assessment and digital forensics, as well as payment card security and security awareness training.

With considerable experience working in the public and private sector, our highly-skilled consultants are uniquely placed to help you develop a clear and robust information security strategy for your organisation.

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