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Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance Integrating with SAP GRC Solutions to provide enterprise-wide control and compliance

"According to a recent survey by Accenture and InformationWeek magazine, managing the complexity of security continues to be the No. 1 challenge for organizations around the globe, followed closely by preventing security breaches, enforcing security policies and spreading awareness to users about their security responsibilities."

2007 Accenture and InformationWeek survey on security trends

Managing secure access to enterprise information is becoming increasingly complex—especially because organizations are aiming to better serve their customers by leveraging products, systems and workforces from a variety of global services. New approaches for managing this complexity—and its associated risk—must be effectively and efficiently controlled and governed to address customer concerns, comply with corporate policies and government regulations and to operate the business efficiently. High-performance businesses are leveraging new automated tools and systems, implementing more efficient processes and creating a more educated and informed workforce to help achieve these objectives. To face today's security challenges, organizations are implementing new identity management solutions and technologies to provide more stringent, preventive access controls to information and enterprise applications.

Organizations that run their business using enterprise resource planning systems such as SAP understand these security challenges and are deploying new SAP functionalities for Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) to mitigate their risks. Although these solutions go a long way to help organizations with internal controls and compliance related to their SAP systems, they are still left with security gaps across their

organizations in areas and applications not addressed by SAP—or across disparate systems that include SAP. To close these gaps, Accenture and Sun Microsystems developed the Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance, which integrates Sun's market-leading identity management products with SAP's GRC solutions to help organizations manage their security and information access risks throughout the enterprise.

Challenges of control and compliance

Accenture research into high-performance IT organizations shows that high performers are more proactive with their security standards and governance practices than other IT organizations. Addressing the challenge of control and compliance across the enterprise requires cataloging the major entry points of new risk into an organization and ensuring that core enterprise systems are made as immune as possible to those risks. Key internal points of risk include the hiring of new employees, changing an employee's access to systems and applications, setting up user accounts, terminating employment and addressing potential conflicts around roles and responsibilities. These events typically set in motion a predictable yet complex combination of background checks and paper-based processes for authorizing user access to enterprise applications and programs, and providing physical access to facilities.

To manage total organizational risk, businesses and governments must centrally manage identities, access controls and risk in order to eliminate redundant processes and ensure that application security is not managed in silos. Instead, they must have an enterprise view of governance, risk, compliance, identities and access controls that includes answers to these critical questions:

- Governance: How do we ensure adequate executive oversight of business activities critical to the confidence of shareholders, employees and regulatory bodies?
- Compliance: How do we ensure legal and regulatory requirements, corporate policies and procedures, and industry technology standards are met?
- Risk: How do we close loopholes and eliminate workarounds to internal controls?
- Identities: How do we ensure that employees and suppliers are who they say they are and have not contravened laws that could prohibit them from work?
- Access control: How do we ensure that customers, employees, partners and suppliers have appropriate access to systems and that no employees have security profiles across systems that inappropriately conflict with assigned roles and responsibilities?

Control and compliance for high performance

Accenture and Sun partnered to develop the Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance, which helps organizations implement stringent compliance and control processes to help ensure that risk is governed and controlled at the enterprise level. The solution provisions identities and access controls across numerous applications—all while integrating with the workflow and compliance engine of SAP's GRC Access Control Suite to handle the specific complexities of risk within SAP. The Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance facilitates routine activities such as new employment and department transfers—and the inclusion of new

customers, partners or suppliers into appropriate IT systems, including SAP, using the Sun Java™ Identity Management Suite. The solution works with SAP's GRC Access Enforcer and Compliance Calibrator modules and seamlessly interoperates with SAP Human Resources to provide comprehensive audit and compliance trails through the enterprise system management and reporting capabilities built into Sun and SAP software.

The solution was developed at the Accenture Innovation Center for Sun Microsystems Solutions and rests on a foundation of Sun's market-leading Sun Java Identity Management Suite. It incorporates Accenture's industry and security expertise as well as assets such as project accelerators and jumpstart kits that include pre-built forms and implementation guides.

Key benefits

- Speed time to implementation: Prior experience makes it possible to anticipate challenges and overcome them quickly, leading to high-quality results
- Reduced complexity: All email, directory and network access as well as SAP system-access approvals are provisioned within Sun Identity Manager, greatly simplifying identity-related personnel administration
- Increased transparency: All potential segregation-of-duty conflicts from applications that have been integrated into the solution are made visible to the hiring manager
- Better fraud and theft risk management: Audit trails effectively pinpoint risk, facilitating compliance with regulatory requirements, such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- Complete automation: The identity management, governance, risk and compliance features of the solution are launched automatically
- Scalable, industrialized implementation: Organizations can scale the solution to meet growth requirements for existing and future business and IT needs

Why Accenture and Sun Microsystems

The Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance delivers a comprehensive identity management approach that addresses governance, risk and compliance challenges for businesses and governments. The solution is based on Accenture and Sun's security experiences, Sun's market-leading identity management technologies, the SAP GRC Access Control application and Accenture's proven security implementation assets, business process insight and global network of skilled professionals.

Harnessing the Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance, clients can speed time to implementation and help ensure compliance with government regulation and corporate policies and procedures—reducing risks, costs and complexity while taking a confident step towards high performance. For more information on how the Accenture Solution for Control and Compliance helps organizations to realize high performance, please contact:

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