



ControlPanel^{GRC}

Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC), and Continuous Controls Monitoring (CCM) for SAP[®] Environments

Achieve SAP® Compliance without missing a beat

Governance, risk and compliance (GRC) professionals know the importance of maintaining compliance within an organization – and the tedious, prolonged process of getting there. Introducing ControlPanel^{GRC}, the GRC and continuous controls monitoring (CCM) platform for SAP environments designed to automate time-consuming tasks associated with compliance reporting and audit support. It provides visibility into potential risks, while freeing up your staff to focus on more value-creating work. ControlPanel^{GRC} offers an easy-to-use, and easy-to-implement GRC solution through four distinct Solution Suites designed to provide the robust functionality needed to meet SAP compliance requirements.

Through exceptional usability, rapid implementation, seamless integration in SAP, robust reporting and analytics, broad functionality, and an easy-to-understand user interface – ControlPanel^{GRC} helps make SAP users Always Audit Ready™.

What ControlPanel^{GRC} does

ControlPanel^{GRC} **automates complex and time-consuming compliance and audit support tasks.** “Through automation, we’ve already reduced the amount of repetitive tasks by 50 percent,” says Jeff Rishel, Vice President of IT at Graham Packaging, a global maker of plastic containers. “After fully implementing ControlPanel^{GRC} we have now reduced repetitive tasks by 75 percent.” Overall, implementing ControlPanel^{GRC} has reduced the company’s support costs by 33 percent.

This automation frees staff from time spent preparing for audits. “We would have been spending 1,200 to 1,440 hours over a six-month period,” says Matthew Smith, Senior NetWeaver Administrator for Steelcase, a global office furniture manufacturer. Instead, using ControlPanel^{GRC}, the same analysis takes only six to eight hours.” With ControlPanel^{GRC} Steelcase was able to avoid adding a full time employee to maintain Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance, **saving \$150,000 per year.**

How can ControlPanel^{GRC} help you?

ControlPanel^{GRC} **provides enhanced visibility and transparency**, and is designed to help streamline compliance initiatives. All SAP compliance checkpoints are displayed on one easy-to-read dashboard, with other essential information quickly available in reports.

- **SAP Professionals** – Eliminate stress and improve productivity
- **Internal Auditor & Compliance** – Have complete confidence in SAP audit reports
- **IT Executives** – Reduce risk and streamline operations

“Our CEO wanted to know what was going on within the organization,” says Mike Ayars, Manager of the SAP practice at Powell Electronics, a distributor of specialty electronic components. “Before ControlPanel^{GRC}, he couldn’t gain access to sensitive information when he wanted it. Now he can see everything very clearly. That was priceless.”

Adverse Audit Findings Require Fast Responses

If auditors uncover vulnerabilities in your system, establishing compliance becomes the number one priority. Your team needs to fix that weakness and compile a great deal of system information, because when the auditors come back they’ll be asking even more questions.

Unfortunately, many compliance solutions can take 6 to 12 months just to implement, at which point you may not find the output to be user-friendly. With ControlPanel^{GRC} however, a typical implementation is completed in under two weeks.

A prime example of this can be seen at **Nyrstar**, a global mining and metals business where their implementation took **three days**. Within a week their audit reporting was already being streamlined so that it could smoothly address segregation of duties (SoD) issues. Patrick Meyer, Nyrstar SAP Security Consultant notes, “Without the ControlPanel^{GRC} suite it would never have been possible for us to **reduce the number of SoD violations by 86 percent** in four months.”

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Clear SAP S/4HANA & SAP Fiori Applications Access Control Output

Companies leveraging SAP Fiori in addition to, or as a replacement for, traditional SAP GUI transactions need to reconsider how they evaluate access controls. Integrating SAP Fiori applications into SoD activities is essential to managing governance, risk, and compliance, and ensuring visibility across the environment.

While necessary, this can make it more difficult for users to read and interpret the output.

To maintain compliance, SoD risk analysis data must be actionable, provide remediation options, and be easy to understand for non-technical users. Typically, “out of the box” OData service authorizations need to be translated into business functions then mapped to usage data so that reviewers can tell if the SAP Fiori application is in use or if it can be removed.

Unless you have ControlPanel^{GRC}.

ControlPanel^{GRC} developed a simplified concept to include SAP Fiori applications into SoD rules, and released an SAP S/4HANA SoD ruleset. This provides an automated discovery process, captures usage of SAP Fiori applications, and pushes SoD analysis data to the appropriate business users for review/removal.

These included rulesets are one more way ControlPanel^{GRC} is dedicated to ensuring complete visibility into SoD risks – so you stay in control of your GRC systems.

Gain control over audits with ControlPanel^{GRC}

By continuously monitoring SAP controls with ControlPanel^{GRC}, you can be confident that your organization meets its compliance requirements. The simple training program gets you up and running quickly, and a user-friendly output ensures you (and others at your company) can stay on top of potential risks before problems arise or the auditors arrive.

ControlPanel^{GRC} provides get clear direction on how to effectively remediate control deficiencies by suggesting actions users need to take using a clear, easy-to-understand format. If your current solution isn't cutting it, you're not alone – almost one-third of our customers are replacing an existing SAP GRC solution. For example, Graham Packaging replaced its previous GRC tool because the output was too cumbersome for their team to utilize effectively. Their CIO, Diego Hagino says, “A ControlPanel^{GRC} user analysis report might be only six pages, compared to the 60 pages of irrelevant, or redundant, data that our team previously had to comb through.”

Reduce risks and streamline access controls

ControlPanel^{GRC} provides real-time operational data so you can make decisions based off the most accurate information, and is designed to allow managers to self-assess risks. If an employee requests access to a certain role, ControlPanel^{GRC} alerts the supervisor where there may be a risk, why the risk exists, and most importantly – how to fix it. The supervisor can grant or deny the request without having to ask IT or SAP Security to explain what the output is saying.

A purpose-built solution for your organization

Every company is unique, and ControlPanel^{GRC} is constructed in modules and suites that meet specific SAP compliance requirements – so you only buy what you need. The full ControlPanel^{GRC} suites include broad functionality addressing not just SoD issues, but change management, batch management, and application and security administration. It has the broadest feature set of any software in the industry, and a powerful workflow engine to automate routine tasks. ControlPanel^{GRC} was developed and is supported by SAP GRC professionals so it seamlessly integrates with SAP. Written in ABAP, the native SAP language, the nimble platform responds to new requirements as situations change.

Quick implementation. Even faster ROI.

ControlPanel^{GRC} is a cost-effective solution for organizations to implement and is installed on top of SAP. There's no additional technology stack required to host the solution and no ongoing hardware administration needed. Not only is it very cost-competitive compared to alternatives, but ControlPanel^{GRC} boasts average implementation times of under two weeks. The solution's rapid implementation and overall ease-of-use allows you to see an immediate positive impact on productivity, and rapid return on investment.

“Not only has ControlPanel^{GRC} increased productivity and efficiency, it has also boosted morale with its ease of use, and the process improvements it enables,” says Allen Benson, Vice President of Business Technology at Spectrum Brands.

How ControlPanel^{GRC} Works

ControlPanel^{GRC} is comprised of four unique solution suites that map to common business processes—access controls, process controls, security acceleration, and basis controls. Each suite includes modules that work hand-in-hand to save your organization time, effort and costs by streamlining the effort to complete tasks and simplify your entire SAP ecosystem.

Access Control Suite

Control who accesses SAP software and when, and manage segregation of duties (SOD) compliance. The Access Control Suite provides intelligent management of SAP user access, so you can quickly and easily:

- Streamline access controls
- Remediate SOD conflicts
- Help prevent excessive access
- Achieve continuous compliance reporting

Security Acceleration Suite

Automate routine SAP[®] security processing. A suite of robust productivity tools for SAP security administrators, the Security Acceleration Suite provides expert tools to:

- Accelerate security troubleshooting and testing processes
- Provide password self-service and synchronization
- Perform mass changes to users and roles while maintaining version management

Process Control Suite

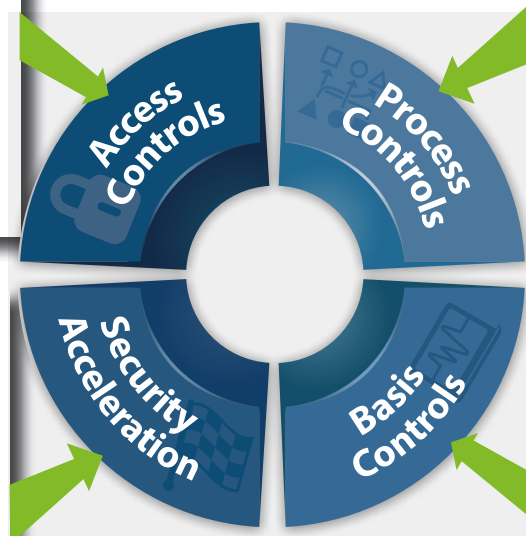
Remediate issues with key SAP[®] business processes in real time, and reduce the time and effort you spend preparing for audits. The Process Control Suite enables you to:

- Track SAP-based procure to pay transactions
- Identify exceptions to business rules
- Continuously monitor controls in your SAP order to cash process
- Automate execution, delivery and validation tracking of SAP audit reports

Basis Controls Suite

Prevent SAP[®] technical issues from falling through the cracks. With Basis Controls Suite, you gain intelligent management of your SAP[®] technical operations. It enables you to:

- Automate SAP change requests
- Manage batch jobs more effectively
- Streamline SLA reporting
- Eliminate repetitive daily tasks



Here at Symmetry, we're dedicated to providing a better approach to compliance automation so your organization is operating at peak efficiency. Through the simple management dashboard, ControlPanel^{GRC} provides a high-level view of the current state of compliance in your SAP environment, as well as month-to-month trends. You can then drill down into detailed reports on any aspect of your state of compliance.

By monitoring real-time SAP system usage of each individual, tracking what individuals and departments are doing, and pinpointing any gaps, ControlPanel^{GRC} helps identify potential risks before problems arise, dramatically reduce the time and effort your staff spends ensuring compliance, and stay on top of trends. ■

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