



HITRUST September 2024 quarterly newsletter

As we approach the fourth quarter of 2024, we're excited to share our latest newsletter, featuring updates on the HITRUST program and reflections on the past quarter's most significant topics.

Assurance program updates

New AI risk management assessment

HITRUST has officially launched the highly anticipated [AI Risk Management \(RM\) Assessment](#), which tests a company's governance and controls related to AI implementation. The assessment will allow for clear communication of AI strategies to management, boards of directors, and external stakeholders.

The AI assessment maps to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) AI and International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) AI standards through 51 control requirements, providing a trusted approach for AI risk management. An externally available deliverable is offered through an AI Risk Management Insights Report describing the state of the organization's AI risk as aligned with the controls of both standards.

HITRUST is expected to release an AI security certification later in the quarter to complement the AI RM Assessment.

Crowe is a member of HITRUST's AI working committee focusing on the AI assessment framework, so if you have any questions or feedback on AI, please let us know.

E1 and i1 combined assessment options

HITRUST is enhancing the e1 and i1 assessments by [introducing](#) a combined assessment option. This allows entities to include additional authoritative sources (for example, HIPAA or NIST-ISO/IEC AI Risk Management) alongside the core HITRUST CSF® requirements.

The combined assessment provides an insights report for each added source, offering clear and concise reporting on control maturity. Each insights report will contain only the requirement statements that are mapped to the corresponding authoritative source and is otherwise separate from the e1 and i1 certification reporting, allowing for granular distribution of results.

As with other assessments, you may do a combined readiness assessment option with HIPAA or NIST-ISO/IEC AI Risk Management to understand your current state of controls prior to conducting a validated assessment for certification.

If you have any specific questions or need more details, feel free to ask.

Important HITRUST CSF v9.x submission dates

Any organization that is using CSF v9.1 through v9.4 must submit reports for processing and certification by Dec. 31, 2024.

Any unsubmitted assessments using these versions currently are marked with a banner in MyCSF indicating that they cannot be submitted to HITRUST for processing in 2025, as HITRUST will be disabling the ability to submit after the end of the year.

Organizations on v9.5 through v9.6.2 have a little more time to finish assessments and submit by the April 30, 2025, deadline.

As you prepare for v11 assessments, we are happy pass on knowledge we've gained assisting current clients and identify the new controls that would be required in the transition to v11.x assessments.

Crowe insights

IT outage and HITRUST

In July, a software update triggered a massive IT outage and affected approximately [8.5 million systems](#) worldwide.

This incident, stemming from an error within the software update, has prompted significant reflection in both the public and cybersecurity sectors and led to a heightened focus on enhancing controls and testing procedures in software development to prevent future occurrences of such magnitude.

Even a simple unintended code change can have major consequences, so organizations undergoing a HITRUST CSF assessment have controls tested that evaluate ongoing efforts to test and verify software configuration changes prior to being implemented.

Join us at Collaborate 2024 conference

Crowe practitioners will be on-site at [HITRUST Collaborate 2024](#) in Frisco, Texas, Oct. 1-3. Collaborate offers significant benefits, including the opportunity to earn up to 24 continuing professional education (CPE) credits, and is a cost-effective investment in enhancing your organization's cybersecurity capabilities. You'll gain valuable insights from industry leaders on critical topics such as AI challenges, business resilience against ransomware, the future of the cybersecurity workforce, and access to cybersecurity insurance.

Questions?

As an Authorized External Assessor firm and a current HITRUST Assessor Council member, the Crowe team is here to keep you apprised of the most current changes. We also regularly provide insights and participate in discussions concerning the growth and evolution of HITRUST.

Crowe has relationships with firms that can help with remediation of gaps and implementation of necessary controls identified during the readiness assessment and before you're ready for the validated assessment. If you're finding remediation time-consuming, we are happy to make an introduction.

We look forward to hearing your questions and comments.

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