

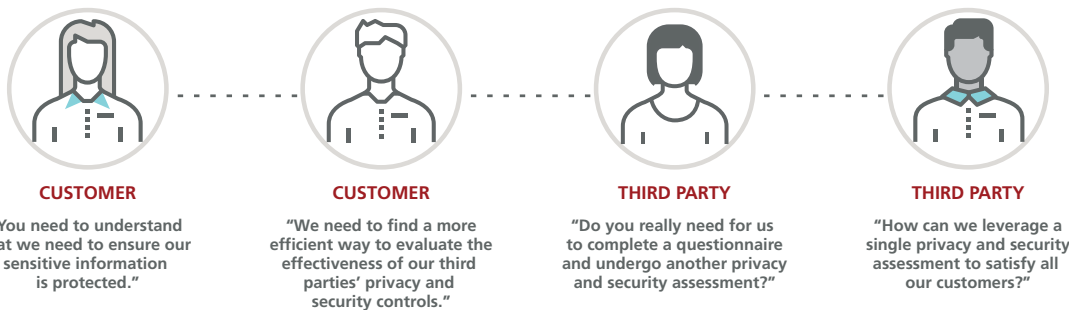
## Building an Effective Third-Party Risk Management Program

Organizations rely upon third parties to handle everything from logistics to human resources, software development to financial record keeping and physical security to cybersecurity. Those third parties, especially those who have access to the organization's network and sensitive data, offer an opportunity to improve services, lower costs and allow for organizations to focus on their core competencies. Each third-party also represents a potential security and privacy risk to any and all sensitive information, which could present compliance risk. If a third-party is sloppy, negligent, or ill-prepared to protect the organization's assets, the organization is impacted financially, reputationally and, many times, legally.

### What are the challenges in implementing an effective Third-Party Risk Management Program?

The primary challenges in understanding and managing risk throughout this ecosystem are consistency, integrity, transparency, and scalability. Organizations work with hundreds or even thousands of third parties; of different sizes, risk exposure, maturity and complexity. Similarly, third parties may have a small number of customers or possibly hundreds or thousands to serve. Effectively assessing the security and privacy posture across an organizations' ecosystem is prohibitively expensive given the complexity of the risks presented by information privacy and security concerns as well as evolving cyber threats and an always-changing regulatory landscape both domestically and internationally.

### Discussions with Third Parties Around Risk and Assurance



### How do HITRUST® programs help your organization implement an effective Third-Party Risk Management Program?

The HITRUST Third-Party Risk Management Program enables organizations to apply the HITRUST CSF® Assurance Program to streamline the third-party risk management process by using a single comprehensive framework harmonizing over 40 authoritative sources to enable a single assessment to provide assurances over multiple requirements and produce reports in multiple formats. Using HITRUST for third-party risk management can result in significant reductions in the cost and level of effort. An increasing number of organizations are now requiring their third parties within their industries to participate in the HITRUST Third-Party Risk Assurance program and undergo a HITRUST CSF assessment. By doing so, these organizations are reducing or eliminating their proprietary information security questionnaires and on-site audits for those third parties during both the boarding/vetting process and ongoing monitoring.



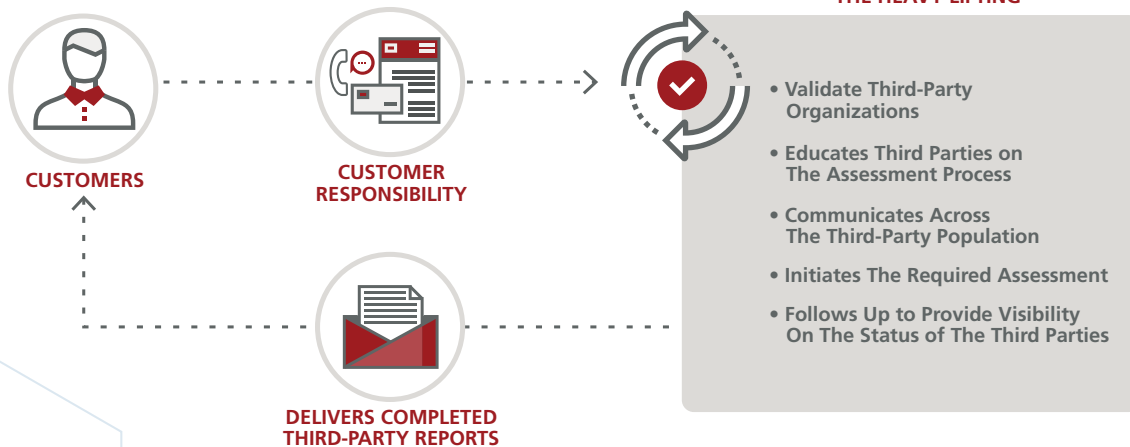
### What if my organization doesn't have the resources to manage our third parties effectively?

The HITRUST Assessment XChange™ (the XChange) provides a turn-key program that you can leverage to manage the risk associated with your entire current and future third party population. The XChange streamlines and simplifies the process of managing and maintaining risk assessment and compliance information from third parties. This is accomplished by offloading the time-consuming activities your organization is currently tasked with. Those activities include:

- Verifying appropriate contacts responsible for security and privacy compliance within third parties
- Communicating contractual requirements and expectations
- Educating third parties on your process and expectations
- Enabling your organization to engage only when a third-party is not appropriately meeting their requirements, allowing you to focus on managing risk rather than the administrative process

By participating in the XChange, your organization will have constant visibility into the risk that your third parties pose to your organization before, during, and after the assessment process. The XChange collects more granular information about a third party's security posture including Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) by providing the full HITRUST CSF report. This detailed information is delivered electronically via the secure XChange Manager portal in a format that is easily integrated into your existing GRC or VRM solutions.

### The Process



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