

Risk management tools need to take information, correlate it to regulatory requirements, and then assess the impact on business, says [Michael Lipinski](#).

Risk is defined by the International Organization for Standardization as the effect of uncertainty on objectives. The effects of uncertainty can be positive or negative and we'll call these effects "impact." It follows then that risk management is the identification and assessment of the elements of

risk, those being threats and vulnerabilities and the prioritization and remediation of these elements to prevent or mitigate impact.

Risk management needs to take massive amounts of information from the entire organization, correlate it to industry regulatory requirements, identify areas where

threats and vulnerabilities have the possibility of coming together to provide an impact, and then provide a usable measure of the value of that risk to the business.

For this month's review, we looked at products that could measure, analyze and report risk within an enterprise.

## Total Protection (ToPS) for Compliance v6.8



<b>Vendor</b>	McAfee
<b>Price</b>	from \$16.38 to \$103.54 per node based on the number of nodes
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="http://www.mcafee.com">www.mcafee.com</a>

McAfee Total Protection (ToPS) for Compliance v6.8 is a GRC solution that can help users understand risk and apply the right protections in the right places. ToPS uses integration and automation to improve visibility into operational risk, while reducing exposure and cutting the cost of compliance. In an integrated McAfee environment, ToPS provides a complete picture of an organization's security infrastructure, allowing admins to identify weaknesses and remediate those risks in the manner that best

supports the business.

ToPS for Compliance is an integrated risk management suite that eliminates the manual and time-consuming process of correlating threats to critical systems at risk. This results in improved visibility and agility, as well as reduced cost and compliance with regulatory mandates. Ultimately, it helps address the question: "Where and when should I spend my next dollar on security?" It delivers a unified, comprehensive approach to vulnerability and risk management, policy auditing and compliance reporting in an integrated solution. It's able to conduct agent and agentless scans, as well as enable proactive correlation of real-time threats with vulnerability and countermeasure data. This enables admins to pinpoint critical assets at risk to optimize remediation/patch efforts.

The reporting was very good, using a menu-driven approach with high level graphics that drill down with customization capabilities.

One of the limitations is that it currently does not support integration with non-McAfee products. We were told that additional integration is planned.

Support is available 24/7 at a fee. The tool is sold as client-side software running on a Windows server using a SQL backend database. The software is web-based, accessed from a standard web browser, is easy to use and provides a great graphical and detailed vision into operational risk.

SC MAGAZINE RATING	
Features	★★★★☆
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★☆
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★☆
<b>OVERALL RATING</b>	<b>★★★★★</b>
<b>Strengths</b>	Very nicely integrated and centralized single picture of risk and risk mitigation options across the numerous security controls deployed.
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Currently only supports and interfaces with McAfee products.
<b>Verdict</b>	It's a great solution if you are a complete McAfee defense-in-depth shop.



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