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OVERVIEW

The [HITRUST® Shared Responsibility & Inheritance Program](#) was launched in 2018 as a strategic business priority to address growing cloud vendor risk and assurance misunderstandings, risks, complexities, and compliance inefficiencies faced by cloud service providers and their tenant customers.

In partnership with a working group made up of the industry’s leading cloud assurance experts (e.g., top cloud providers alongside their customers, assessors, and compliance solution providers), HITRUST® created the industry’s first commonly-accepted model for sharing control responsibility in the cloud, rooted in the principles of equity, cloud vendor-agnosticism, and objectivity—the **HITRUST Shared Responsibility Model™ (SRM)**. The HITRUST SRM defines the inheritance baseline template based on five (5) primary use-case/scenario types and their associated R-A-C-I model for determining shared control responsibility in the cloud.

The HITRUST Shared Responsibility (SR) Matrix™ V1.0 was released in March 2020, applying the HITRUST SRM to the HITRUST CSF® security and privacy framework that supports v9.1, v9.2, & v9.3 cross-version inheritance compatibility.

HITRUST SR Matrix Version 1.1 Update

The following summarizes the list of key enhancements and supported features:

- Support for HITRUST CSF v9.4 added to existing cross-version inheritance compatibility with improved control lifecycle traceability and indexing.
- User experience improvements with ease of document navigation and support for customer portability needs for business model integration of the HITRUST SRM into their cloud risk, compliance, and assurance programs.
- Supports the customized version of the HITRUST SR Matrix by cloud service providers (CSPs) as a common method and blueprint for communicating which cloud controls are commonly shared with their customers and, especially, when helping customers take advantage of the compliance efficiencies gained by leveraging control inheritance when pursuing a HITRUST CSF Assessment.

NOTE: The HITRUST SR Matrix is an inheritance baseline template and therefore should be viewed as a generally-accepted industry guideline for determining how to share control responsibility between CSPs and their customer tenants. When planning for inheritance as part of the HITRUST CSF Assessment process, cloud customer tenants should **always** rely upon their provider-specific customized version of the HITRUST SR Matrix.

The SR Matrix includes two (2) versions for download (as detailed in the following table):

1. A public control summary version included in the [HITRUST CSF](#) download package
2. A subscriber-only full version is accessible via the [HITRUST MyCSF®](#) portal “References” downloads page

SR Matrix Tab	Description	Control Summary Version	Full Version
Introduction	Overview of the HITRUST SR Matrix and release-specific feature updates.	✓	✓
License Agreement	Public download end-user licensing agreement.	✓	✓
HITRUST SR Matrix V1.1 Template	Full cross-version compatibility, allowing for translation of control inheritance across differing HITRUST CSF versions.	✓ NOTE: Excludes underlying control requirement statement level detail	✓
HITRUST SR Matrix V1.1 Summary	Summary control-level aggregation of distribution of shared controls, including a hyperlink feature to quickly jump into the underlining HITRUST SR Matrix V1.1 Template underlying details allowing for deeper analysis.	✓	✓