STAR Enabled Solutions FAQ

Technologies that enable a modern approach to cloud security assurance

What is STAR?

CSA’s Security, Trust, Assurance and Risk (STAR), the world’s foremost cloud assurance program, is designed to increase transparency and build trust in cloud computing. It assesses a cloud service provider’s (CSP) and cloud services security posture against the Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM) requirements. The STAR program constitutes an ecosystem of the best practices, standards, technologies and auditing partners. It supports organizations to effectively and efficiently address how to define trust in the cloud, foster accountability, evaluate risk, measure assurance and simplify compliance and procurement.

What is the STAR Registry?

The STAR Registry is a publicly accessible registry that documents the security and privacy controls put in place by popular cloud computing offerings, allowing organizations to show current and potential customers their security and compliance posture, including the regulations, standards, and frameworks they adhere to.

What is a STAR Enabled Solution?

A STAR Enabled Solution is a product or service that utilizes the CCM framework or the Consensus Assessment Initiative Questionnaire (CAIQ). Their technologies and tools have been assessed and found to meet the security requirements outlined by CSA. This vetting process allows enterprises to more easily deploy tools that align or comply with STAR, the CCM framework, and best practices.
Why are STAR Enabled Solutions important?

STAR Enabled Solutions provide technologies that enable a modern approach to cloud security assurance. They serve to:

- Simplify alignment to CCM controls for both cloud service customers (CSCs) and cloud service providers (CSPs)
- Automate the validation of a cloud security posture based on CCM
- Streamline cloud service assessment and procurement processes for CSCs
- Reduce the CSPs compliance and RFP fatigue
- Facilitate compliance with the various levels of assurance of the STAR program
- Allow for the adoption of continuous auditing and compliance practices
- Introduce the possibility of measuring and rating the security performance of cloud services
- Support the modernization of cloud auditing

How can using STAR Enabled Solutions benefit me?

By leveraging CCM and its components, STAR Enabled Solutions support CSPs and CSCs in streamlining their cloud assurance and risk management practices to enable effective and efficient adherence to the requirements of CSA’s STAR program and CCM controls.

What qualifies a STAR Enabled Solution?

To become a STAR Enabled Solution, a vendor must:

- Be a CSA Corporate Member
- License CCM-CAIQ
- Be a CSA Trusted Cloud Provider (TCP)

Where can I find STAR Enabled Solutions?

The STAR Enabled Solution Registry is a publicly accessible database of vendor solutions that meet the designated program requirements. It is designed to help you find a provider with the right level of security for your organization.

Learn More

To access STAR Enabled Solutions or learn how you could become one, contact membership@cloudsecurityalliance.org or visit https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/star/star-enabled-solutions/overview/.