Authorization management in real time by connecting to SAP IdM

Success Story s.Oliver

Initial situation: s.Oliver decided to make the authorization management for its complex SAP landscape more efficient and, at the same time, more secure. The company selected the AKQUINET´s SAST SUITE to achieve this. The tool offers s.Oliver the opportunity to completely safeguards SAP authorization management in real time.

Project goal: The aim of implementing SAST at s.Oliver was to reduce the number of critical authorizations and to significantly simplify the registration of new employees and roles and the security with automated checks. The company also wanted to adhere to the principle of segregation of duties (SoD), and document all operations in accordance with regulatory compliance requirements.

"With the SAST SUITE, we save around 20 working days for an audit. This hugely relieves the burden on our departments and on IT security. With SAST, we therefore have greater security and compliance but spend less time to achieve it. The AKQUINET team is highly qualified and has a wealth of experience, so we were able to implement the project promptly and successfully."

MATTHIAS ENDRICH
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Project implementation: An authorization operation is carried out as follows with the help of the SAST SUITE: When a new employee is authorized in SAP, the employee data is imported from the Human Resources application to the SAP IdM. From here, a query is sent in real time to the SAST SUITE. Both applications communicate with each other via Java middleware. If no risks or role conflicts arise as a result of the new role, the tool reports this to the SAP IdM, which then sends a confirmation document about the new authorization to the manager for approval. After a successful check, the user account and roles are automatically created in the SAP system. If a security risk or a role conflict arises, SAST forwards this to the IT security and authorization team, which ensures that the risk is eliminated.

For superusers, the simple operation and process control is an advantage, because there are no longer any media breaks: SAP IdM is their single point of access. At the same time, users are pleased because the roles are assigned more quickly. Issues with uniqueness and user authorizations can no longer "go unnoticed".

Project result: The GRC software was implemented at s.Oliver and the identity management system (IdM) was connected in SAP – all as planned within just 30 days. Authorizations for 50 SAP systems with around 5,000 SAP users, including ERP, EWM, Solution Manager, GW, BW, SRM and HCM are now controlled using the SAST SUITE.

At a glance:

- **Connection of the SAST SUITE to the identity management system in SAP**
- **Real-time check and authorization assignment for complex SAP landscapes in 14 countries**
- **Project duration of just 30 days**
- **Lighthouse project: s.Oliver was the first akquinet customer to enhance its SAP IdM with an integrated access control and governance solution**

Advantages for s.Oliver:

- **Greater security coupled with faster authorization assignments**
- **Automatic documentation of all authorization events**
- **Compliance requirements achieved more quickly**
- **Creation and deployment of conflict-free SAP user roles**
- **Proactive identification and avoidance of SoD conflicts**
- **Simplified process control for superusers**

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