

Release Notes

Core Enhancements to RSAM in version 4.5

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Dynamic Work Flow

RSAM's dynamic workflow provides organizations with greater control & management over how objects progress through the assessment process. Organizations with minimal process requirements may prefer to use simple workflows, while others may require elaborate mechanisms to progress an assessment to completion. The workflow components will guide the object assessments from one state to the next until the assessment is complete. During this process, users with related roles will be able to interact with the object's state by clicking customizable buttons that appear in the object assessment screens. So with RSAM dynamic workflow, you can now define custom states, roles, and action buttons that closely match your assessment process requirements.

Out-of-the-box, RSAM includes a basic default workflow which is used by many organizations today. Current RSAM users can use their existing assessment workflow but look to leverage some of the new features to improve their existing workflow.

With RSAM's dynamic workflow, organizations do not need to change their existing processes; instead the tool can adapt and map to existing processes & steps.

Dynamic Work Flow integrated with RSAM eMail Notification Module

The new dynamic workflow is seamlessly integrated with the existing RSAM eMail notification module to provide further automation to the assessment process. Each customizable workflow button can launch one or more notifications to end users.

Notification Tasks can now also be event-driven (as opposed to running off of periodic queries). When roles assignments are made, an object is moved from one state to another, or when a button is clicked, a notification event can be generated. Clients can customize their own event notification messages and select recipients using the Event-Driven Notification Types.

Customizable SQL scripting

RSAM's dynamic workflow also features integration with customizable SQL scripting. Clients many now create their own SQL Stored Procedures using their SQL Enterprise Manager, and have those procedures executed as end-user's clicking on workflow buttons. This allows RSAM to perform vast array of customizable tasks with no need for re-programming.

Improved Quick Survey experience

➤ Navigator

RSAM's new Quick Survey Navigator provides easy & quick navigation within the questionnaires and provides visual cues to help focus user's attention to the appropriate areas.

➤ Custom Header Messages

Clients can now customize header messages for each of the Quick Survey dashboard screens. This will allow organizations to provide custom messages or relevant instructions for the appropriate areas within the Quick Survey.

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Search & Assign Questionnaires to other Users

End Users can be given the option of assigning the questionnaire to other RSAM users. Users can lookup other users by name, e-mail, and other characteristics to assign them specific permissions & roles based on their access privileges.

Import User Permissions

When importing objects, you may now designate user assignment to be imported. If your data source lists the users that are to have access to the object, you can easily map & assign user permissions and roles via the RSAM import interface.

Object Manager (replaces current Assessment Dashboard)

RSAM's new Object Manager allows administrators to easily manage the workflow state of their objects. This interface allows you to group objects dynamically, creating your own tree structure for accessing and managing objects. You may then select multiple objects and perform workflow actions simultaneously across all of them, quickly and easily.

Attributes from a Selection list (drop-down attributes)

RSAM now allows RSAM administrators to create attributes that can have values selected from a drop-down list, rather than an open text box. The drop-down attributes can be used for further cross-referencing and reporting purposes.

Risk Management Selectable % Effect on Score

For Clients making use of the Risk Management Module, you are now able to designate the % to which a score is changed when including Risk Management in the scoring system. Previously, any completed risk management entry would reduce the score for the specific gap to "0" when run with the "Remove Scores for Managed Risk" option selected. With the new functionality, by default the same exact effect will take place. However, when modifying the Risk Management entry, users will have the option of modifying the default value of "0" to a designated percentage, for the specific gap.

Manually Arrange the List of Criticality Factors and Criticality Factor Types

You may now manually arrange your Criticality Factors and Criticality Factor Types order by dragging them up and down in the list.

Descriptive URL Links for both Controls Types and Criticality Factor Types

When designating a URL related to a control type or criticality factor type, you may now designate an optional description of that URL.

To find out more about the RSAM's new 4.5 features, please contact your RelSec Account Executive or email sales@relsec.com