Technology
Playing defense and offense together
How Accenture can help organizations maximize the business value of enterprise security
Defending and enabling the enterprise
Accenture’s Information Security services stand apart. We don’t just design a strong security strategy; we focus on implementing security programs that deliver the greatest business value.

Accenture has more than 20 years of experience helping corporations and governments across the globe use security to both defend the enterprise against malicious threats and enable the enterprise to operate new business processes while maintaining acceptable levels of risk.

We offer a broad range of information security services from strategy through design, build and deployment to the run and operations of security.

Clients often say it’s hard to tell where their teams end and Accenture’s team begins. They use terms like “transparency” and “trusted” and “engaged” to answer questions about why working with Accenture is different—and better.
The business challenges we address

By leveraging resources with the right combination of governance, risk and compliance, SAP and security skills, Accenture helped develop and execute a comprehensive strategy to secure both the IT environment and the business processes it enables for an Asia-Pacific consumer goods distributor.
We help clients make better decisions and align risk and reward in the pursuit of business advantage, through our work on several fronts:

• Enhancing security capabilities and embedding a culture of security and risk management throughout the organization

• Proactively positioning the enterprise for potential stress situations and reacting quickly to fast-moving events

• Increasing cost efficiency despite mounting threats and regulatory burdens

• Managing the complexity that comes with delivering identity and access management to an extended enterprise

• Protecting critical applications and data from sophisticated attacks, wherever the data travels

• Using analytics to recognize patterns and isolate the root causes of problems
Accenture collaborated with a European provider of energy services to perform a detailed review of the client’s assets, software and personnel. We then introduced cyclical IT risk management processes, and embedded a standardized reporting approach into the company’s existing security management function.
Collaboration is at the heart of our approach—close collaboration with our clients, our technology partners, and within our own organization. It’s the thread that runs through the experience that our clients have with us, from beginning to end of each project.

We don’t prescribe the “right” answer; rather, we work side by side with a client to identify the holistic set of requirements relevant to the client’s business and regulatory environment, in order to define a solution that delivers an appropriate return on investment.
By implementing the Accenture Enterprise Identity Management solution, Accenture helped a major retailer to lower its total cost of ownership through reduced IT support costs. The retailer now has a more robust audit trail in compliance with auditing requirements, and executives have better visibility and tracking capabilities.

Best-of-breed solutions
Accenture offers a full spectrum of security capabilities including three core solutions:

Security strategy and risk services
We help clients assess their security posture and risk tolerance, determine the appropriate level of security for various operations, and design a comprehensive strategy that supports the business goals.

Application and infrastructure security
Our enterprise security solutions leverage complex packaged applications or custom applications. Our infrastructure security solutions start with getting security right in the network and all other elements of the clients’ infrastructure from the endpoints to the data center.

Identity and access management
We implement processes and tools that centralize and streamline access within the enterprise and by enhancing clients’ identification and verification management capabilities, we help them enable business opportunities.
We understand the intense pressure and urgency clients face when they experience a serious security breach. We have worked closely with several clients following a security incident to block their immediate vulnerabilities and implement a longer term program to improve overall security resilience.
How Accenture is different

We address clients’ information security priorities along the full spectrum of activities from strategy to implementation to management. But so do other providers. What differentiates Accenture is the unique combination of several characteristics:

• We put **business value** front and center of every engagement. We go beyond strategy to determine how security measures will accelerate business objectives and reduce the associated costs.

• We lead engagements with a **comprehensive strategy**, taking the client from start to finish with a vision, a map, and discrete, actionable intermediate steps to reach the goal.

• We apply sophisticated **analytics** to the oceans of security data, in order to derive actionable insights.

• We emphasize **information protection** no matter what system is being used. While organizations typically focus on securing the IT perimeter, it’s more effective to secure the data or asset itself, wherever it travels and wherever it lives.

• We have deep **industry expertise** and understand the unique security challenges and compliance requirements of the different industries.

• Working with our **alliance partners**, we offer the best technology solutions for each of our client’s specific needs.

• Our **global delivery network** of security professionals is available around the clock through onshore and offshore models. We deliver cost-effective security services from multiple global hubs.

• We work with our **Technology Labs** to anticipate the security threats created by innovations like mobility, cloud and others.

• Finally, our **collaborative** style means that we leave clients with the skills they need to succeed—with security capabilities that are resilient and responsive enough to handle the demands of a volatile, dynamic world.
For more information on how our Information Security Capabilities can help you defend your enterprise while enabling growth, please contact:

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