Frank Hirth flies through GDPR Compliance with Itergy's Office 365 Security Assessment

Fast Facts

- Founded in 1975
- 220 employees
- 3 Offices

Industry

Accounting

Product used

Office 365

Challenges

- Didn't have the in-house skillset required to meet the compliancy requirement
- Difficulties to understand Cloud App Discovery

Solutions

- Microsoft Office 365
- Itergy Office 365 Security Assessment

Client Background

For 40+ years, Frank Hirth offers general accounting and tax services to clients worldwide with a particular focus on the US and UK tax compliance. With 3 offices and 220 employees, Frank Hirth is listed as the 32nd largest Accountancy firm in the UK based on an independent survey in 2017.

The Business Challenges

Dealing with sensitive client information and corporate financial records, Frank Hirth wanted to be GDPR compliant and get their ISO 27001 certification. Their schedule aimed to be GDPR compliant by end of January 2017 and ISO by the end of March 2018.

They realized they did not have the in-house skillset required to review and incorporate the Office 365 security provisions in their infrastructure to meet the compliancy requirements.

Frank Hirth was looking to better understand their current position as far as adopting security mechanisms built in Office 365. They were also having difficulties in understanding Cloud App Discovery and its deployment.

To speed their journey towards GDPR and ISO 27001 compliance, Frank Hirth contacted Itergy for help.
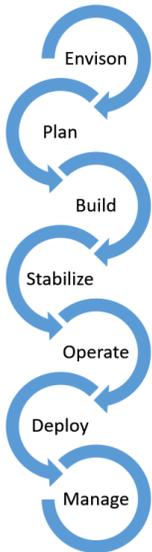
Solution

Itergy's Office 365 Security Assessment workshop was conducted to help provide a strategic framework for addressing the business challenge. The Security Assessment consisted of the following:

- Microsoft's approach to security – a shift from the traditional peripheral defense in layers towards a focus on secure identities and data protection initiatives
- Overview of their Office 365 environment – the security controls in Office 365, and how they map to compliance requirements included in the assessment (GDPR, HIPAA, PIPEDA, ISO 27001)
- Review of their Office 365 Secure Score
- Presentation of Office 365 Security Assessment Report

Conclusion

This engagement enabled Frank Hirth to get past some technical hurdles around how they were using Office 365. But more importantly, the assurance that their initiatives were heading the right direction towards attaining GDPR and ISO 27001 compliance.