



GCSx and the Code of Connection: fast-track compliance with RSA technology

At a Glance

- Accelerate CoCo compliance with strong authentication and comprehensive log management
- Use RSA SecurID® for two-factor authentication in a choice of form factors
- Rapidly deploy the RSA enVision platform™ for event log capture and intelligent reporting

Connect and share for better citizen services

In order to provide more joined-up local services, an improved government communications network is being implemented. This will create an effective and secure platform to help local authorities and government agencies share key information confidently and improve the type and level of service provided to citizens.

Connection to this GCSx (Government Connect Secure Extranet) is designed to enable: secure email; transactions and messaging; access to common applications and data and information sharing, between your authority and central government departments such as DWP, police and health services. However, such close collaboration raises a number of security concerns. Critical in this respect are breaches that involve unauthorized network access and the abuse of trust.

The Code of Connection (CoCo) defines the minimum standards and processes that an authority must follow before being able to connect to GCSx. These safeguards will enable public service workers in sensitive areas such as social service, police and healthcare to exchange information that is protectively marked as RESTRICTED knowing it can't fall into the wrong hands.

The final milestones of the national timetable for

implementation of GCSx are rapidly approaching. The GCSx circuits will be active by 31 December 2008 and local configuration will be complete by 31 March 2009.

Achieving compliance with CoCo

CoCo's list of security controls are fundamental to the integrity of the GCSx network. The code contains criteria that protect sensitive information by guarding against unauthorized network access and abuses of trust.

RSA solutions help local authorities to simplify CoCo compliance, rapidly delivering the critical elements of strong authentication and the ability to monitor and report on events and user activity:

RSA SecurID provides strong, two factor authentication that helps to protect sensitive data and prevent unauthorized network access. The RSA enVision platform provides comprehensive management of event logs from all networked devices and intelligent reporting that gives you insight into patterns of behavior and a full audit trail to meet your compliance obligations.

RSA solutions for CoCo compliance

By deploying RSA SecurID and the RSA enVision platform, you can accelerate CoCo compliance and meet the deadline for connection to GCSx. Furthermore, for a limited period, RSA are offering a special CoCo discounted pricing model for each solution, giving you significant economies.

RSA SecurID

To be confident about sharing information with other networked users, it's important to be sure that they are who they profess to be and are



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authorized to have access to the information. The RSA SecurID authentication solution will become a key component of your organization's identity assurance strategy and help prevent access to the GCSx network by unauthorized people.

RSA SecurID uses two-factor authentication: something you know (a password or PIN) and something you have (an authenticator or token). It provides a much more reliable level of user authentication than reusable passwords making unauthorized access to the network and data nearly impossible.

RSA SecurID tokens help you protect private information and assure the identities of people, devices and applications—whether they are accessing the network remotely or are directly connected. They are convenient to carry and easy to use, streamlining rather than hampering the login process.

RSA Authentication Manager version 7.1 makes light work of managing the identities and access rights of authorized users and is easily deployed alongside your other security solutions for maximum effectiveness. With RSA's authentication solutions you get:

- Strong network security
- Reliable authentication
- Easy-to-integrate, menu-driven identity management
- A convenient easy-to use, solution for end-users,
- A choice of form factors, including hardware and software tokens for browsers and mobile devices, SMS authentication and on-demand tokens

RSA EnVision Platform

Logs are a valuable source of information about security and CoCo requires the capture, storage and analysis of certain event data. For example, logs should record unauthorized application access and file access attempts to restricted information and must be kept for a minimum of 6 months. However, because so much data is generated and in many different formats by devices across the network log data is extremely difficult to manage manually.

The RSA enVision platform makes it easy for you to meet the CoCo specifications. This powerful platform collects and processes hundreds of thousands of data events per second, from any IP device, anywhere in the network, without filtering and without agents that could cause congestion.

RSA enVision supports the efficient storage and lifecycle management of your log data.

The intuitive web-based management and analysis tools provide enhanced visibility of activity, end to end. The system generates alerts in real-time when it detects suspicious patterns of behavior, so that you can take action swiftly. While investigation of the performance and security events can help you improve planning and the productivity of your IT team. Additionally, to help you glean intelligence or forensics from the log data, there are 850 included reports that have been tailored to meet today's specific compliance requirements.

Analysts including Gartner agree that RSA enVision is one of the market-leading solutions for Security Information and Event Management (SIEM). It can help you achieve CoCo compliance swiftly with:

- Alert against baseline anomalies
- Alert on unusual privileged user activity
- Maintain digital chain of custody with unaltered log data for data retention and forensic requirements
- Automate compliance reports
- Provide inbound and outbound IP traffic summaries

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