

**RSA**

**RSA Archer® Suite**

**What's New Guide**

Release 6.9

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## RSA Archer Documentation

You can access RSA Archer documentation on the Archer Customer/Partner Community on RSA Link at: <https://community.rsa.com/community/products/archer-grc/archer-customer-partnercommunity/documentation>

The following table describes each document.

Document	Description
Release Notes	A list of issues fixed in the release and a list of issues known at the time of the release. Available in a Microsoft Excel workbook.
What's New Guide	An overview of the new, updated, and retired features in the current release. Available in PDF format.
Installation and Upgrade Guide	Instructions for installing and upgrading to the latest RSA Archer release. Available in PDF format.
Online Documentation	Information for using RSA Archer including how to set up and maintain the Platform, how to use the Platform features, how to use the RESTful, Web and Content APIs, security configuration information, and how to install and use the solution use cases. Available from within the product in HTML5 format using context-sensitive links, as well as in a ZIP format for local installation.
Archer Control Panel (ACP) Help	Information for using the RSA Archer Control Panel module to manage the internal settings of the Platform, such as license keys, global paths and settings. Available from within the ACP module and in a ZIP format for local installation.
Planning Guide	Information about how to plan for your new RSA Archer installation. This document is intended for system administrators who are responsible for installing and managing RSA Archer. Available in PDF format.
Qualified and Supported Environments	Information on the required software platforms for running RSA Archer. This document is available on the RSA Archer Community on RSA Link at: <a href="https://community.rsa.com/docs/DOC-102657">https://community.rsa.com/docs/DOC-102657</a> .
Security Configuration Guide	Information about security configuration settings available in the RSA Archer Platform and security best practices for using those settings to help ensure secure operation of RSA Archer. Available in PDF format.

## What's New in RSA Archer® Suite Release 6.9

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RSA Archer includes new and updated features, as well as consolidated functionality.

### At a Glance

In RSA Archer Release 6.9, some use cases, platform features, and mobile administration were updated with enhanced or new functionality. Use cases have been updated to support new features such as automatic evidence collection, RiskLens support, and the RSA Archer Vendor Portal. For an improved user experience, this release introduces easier access to dashboards, additional record activity tracking, and improved search and chart functionality.

Administrators can benefit from the removal of Microsoft Silverlight from frequently used administration pages. Data Gateway administrators can now view all connections and field mappings for a Data Gateway configuration on one page.

In this release, RSA Archer Vulnerability Risk Management, Discussion Forums, DDE Notifications, and Deepsight 2.0 and 4.0 transport types were announced for retirement. In addition, release 5.x modules packages are no longer supported and cannot be installed with Release 6.9.

### Use Case Updates

#### Automatic evidence collection

You can now automate evidence collection for controls that you want to continuously monitor.

## **RSA Archer Controls Assurance Program Management use case, RSA Archer IT Controls Assurance use case**

The following updates were made in the RSA Archer Controls Assurance Program Management and RSA Archer IT Controls Assurance use cases:

- Support for automatic evidence collection in the Master Controls and Control Procedures applications.  
For more information, see “Creating Master Controls” and “Creating Control Procedures” within the applicable use case in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.
- Addition of Advanced Workflow in the Evidence Repository to support the ability to submit, reassign, approve, and re-initiate the workflow for evidence records. The Evidence Repository swim lane diagram was updated to reflect the new workflow.  
For more information, see “Managing the Evidence Repository” within the applicable use case in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.
- Two new dashboards for evidence: Evidence Owner and My Evidence Queue.  
For more information, see “Controls Assurance Program Management Design” and “IT Controls Assurance Design” in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

### **Change Requests application**

The Change Requests application now includes Evidence Repository as a content type, so you can process and review update requests for completed or approved Evidence Repository records. This update impacts the following use cases:

- RSA Archer Issues Management
- RSA Archer Policy Program Management
- RSA Archer IT & Security Policy Program Management

For more information, see "Managing Change Requests" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

Additionally, the Change Requests, Evidence Repository, and Compliance Engagement applications were removed from the RSA Archer Financial Controls Monitoring use case package. These applications are already included in prerequisite use cases for Financial Controls Monitoring.

### **RiskLens Generation 3 Platform support**

RSA Archer now supports integration with the RiskLens Generation 3 Platform. The RiskLens Generation 3 Platform improvements include a new Rapid Risk Assessment feature to quickly assess the risk landscape, additional reporting options, continuous re-assessment of scenarios with new data, ability to breakdown assessments for more granularity, and a comprehensive data model to describe and analyze risks.

### **RSA Archer Cyber Risk Quantification use case integration**

The following updates were made to the RSA Archer Cyber Risk Quantification use case:

- Ability to leverage the new features introduced by the RiskLens Generation 3 Platform.
- Automated, batch processing of information between RSA Archer and RiskLens.
- Improved security and performance using the JavaScript Transporter data feed.

For more information, see the "RSA RiskLens Integration Implementation Guide" within the RSA Archer Exchange on RSA Link.

### **Risk Register application**

In the Risk Register application, RiskLens was added as a Quantitative Assessment method. This update impacts the following use cases:

- RSA Archer Top Down Assessment
- RSA Archer Operational Risk Management
- RSA Archer IT Risk Management
- RSA Archer Information Security Management System

For more information, see the "RSA RiskLens Integration Implementation Guide" within the RSA Archer Exchange on RSA Link.

### **RSA Archer Vendor Portal support**

The following updates were made to the RSA Archer Third Party Risk Management use case to support the RSA Archer Vendor Portal:

- The Engagement Risk Assessments questionnaire now includes a Vendor Portal Detail section for use of the questionnaire with the Vendor Portal. The new section contains a custom object on the layout for publishing assessments to the Vendor Portal for your third party contacts to complete. For more information, see "Analyzing Residual Risk with Engagement Risk Assessments" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.
- Two new data feeds were added to the use case: Link Third Party Contacts to Engagement Risk Assessment and Third Party Document Repository Attachment Sync. For more information, see "Third Party Risk Management Use Case Design" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

## Platform Updates

### Advanced Search

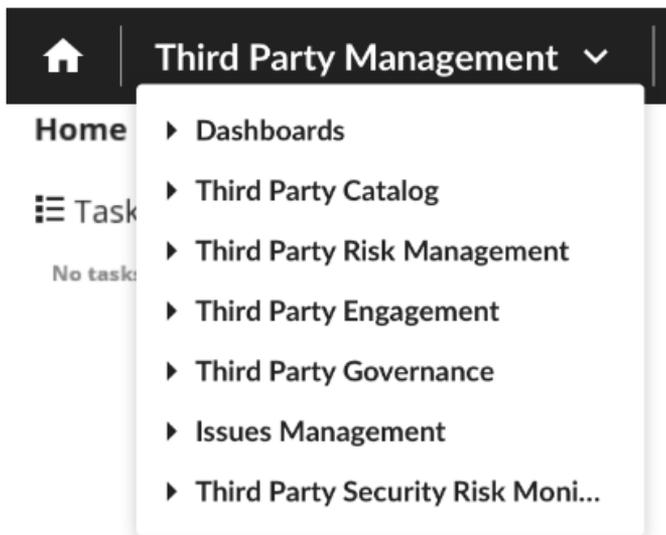
Top N Records and Percentage Searches are updated to allow you to set a numerical limit or percentage for returned search records in statistical searches as reports or charts.

You can generate Top N reports by either count or percentage, such as Top 10 Loss Events, Top 5% Audit Issues, Top 20 Aged Assessments, and Top 10% of Mission Critical Vendors. You can also generate powerful charting for Top N reporting, such as Quarter over Quarter Heat Maps for Risks.

For more information, see "Running Searches in Statistics Mode" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

### Dashboards

For easier access to dashboards, you can now access workspace dashboards by clicking the Workspace menu. Previously, dashboards were accessible only through navigating through the workspace menu to the use case dashboard. Now, all dashboards are accessible from the applicable workspace menu with the available solutions and applications.



For more information, see "Getting to Know the User Interface" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

Dashboard exports can now display chart labels in a larger front size. Axis labels that exceed 25 characters are truncated. Additionally, you can configure chart labels to display in black or white.

For more information, see "Configuring Charts" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

## Data Gateway

Data Gateway enables RSA Archer to connect to and interact with external datasets. This connection allows you to use RSA Archer to view and make real-time edits to that external data. Data Gateway Review provides administrators with a single page view of all connections and field mappings for a Data Gateway configuration.

For more information see "Configuring Data Gateway Connections" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

## Microsoft Silverlight

Microsoft Silverlight has been removed from the following pages:

- Access Control - Manage Groups
- Management Reporting – Mail Merge Template
- Integration - Data Import
- Install Packages – Package Mapping
- Notification Reports

## Platform component file version

The version numbering scheme for some RSA Archer Platform component files changed to better reflect when updates are made. IT Administrators may notice this change to the Product Version file property. Now, sub-component file versions start at 1.0. This may reduce the impact on system availability during RSA Archer installations and updates. For example:

- ArcherTech.JobFramework.Cache
- ArcherTech.JobFramework.dll
- ArcherTech.JobFramework.Host
- ArcherTech.JobFramework.Job

## Password hashing mechanism

The password hashing mechanism now has a stronger, more secure algorithm. Passwords for existing users will be updated when they provide their RSA Archer password the next time they log in or when their password is updated in the Manage Users page.

## Record activity

The Activity button in the global header enables you to easily view and interact with up to 50 of your

most recently viewed, added, and edited records in one place. Each record activity lists the record name, application, time stamp, and activity type.

Activity tracks the records based on the following field types:

- History log. You can view your add and edit activities for records that contain a history log-enabled field.
- Access history. You can view your recently viewed records that contain an access history field.

For more information, see "Getting to Know the User Interface" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

## Signatures

Signatures with SAML 2.0 gives you the flexibility to sign RSA Archer records using your SAML 2.0 configuration. Now, any SAML 2.0 compatible identity provider can be used to sign records in RSA Archer.

For more information, see "Signing Records" in the RSA Archer Online Documentation.

## Mobile Updates

### Enabled by default

The RSA Archer Mobile app is now enabled by default for all hosted, SaaS, and on-premises environments, without the need for Administrators to enable it in the RSA Archer Control Panel.

## Retired Offerings and Features

### DDE notifications

The Generate Notification Action through Data-Driven Event (DDE) feature has been removed to simplify troubleshooting. During the upgrade to Release 6.9, all templates tied to Generate Notification Actions will be migrated to standard Subscription Notifications.

For more information, see the "Platform Modernization – Simplifying Notification Management" blog post on RSA Link at <https://community.rsa.com/community/products/archer-grc/archer-customer-partner-community/blog/2020/06/16/platform-modernization-simplifying-notification-management>.

## Discussion Forums

The Discussion Forum is being retired effective April 2021. To facilitate a smooth transition, features will continue to function in Release 6.9, with support limited to production-critical issues.

## Deep Sight transport

Data Feed Manager Deep Sight 2.0 and 4.0 transports types are being retired effective April 2021. To facilitate a smooth transition, features will continue to function in Release 6.9, with support limited to production-critical issues.

For more information, see the "RSA Archer Platform Modernization: Retirement of Discussion Forum and Data Feed Deep Sight Transports Features" blog post on RSA Link at <https://community.rsa.com/community/products/archer-grc/archer-customer-partner-community/blog/2020/07/09/rsa-archer-platform-modernization-retirement-of-discussion-forum-and-data-feed-deep-sight-transports-features>.

## RSA Archer Release 5.x Module packages

RSA Archer Release 5.x Module packages are no longer supported and cannot be installed with Release 6.9.

## RSA Archer Vulnerability Risk Management

RSA Archer Vulnerability Risk Management is being retired effective October 2020. This offering is replaced by the RSA Archer IT Security Vulnerability Program use case. The offering will continue to function in Release 6.9, with support limited to production-critical issues.