

BHOLD Access Control Solutions

Quick and simple verification of access to programs and data – as part of any audit

Information systems are critical production assets, located at the heart of any modern organization. The use of IT needs to be managed actively, ensuring that an organization's systems are utilized only by the right users and at the right times.

Misuse can entail huge liabilities. The risks are not just inherent in operating processes, as commonly reported in the media, but are also to be found in the financial consolidation chain and in financial reporting. That's why auditors rely on a statement on access to programs and data when auditing annual accounts. These statements are issued by IT auditors after an analysis has been performed to determine, for instance, whether the rules on the segregation of duties are enforced and whether Chinese walls have been put in place.

The integrity of financial data, specifically data relating to the consolidation process, is of great importance when the auditor is required to express an opinion on the reliability of the annual figures. Auditing the standard of an organization's access control is a time-consuming, labor-intensive activity. Partly this is because collecting and testing access data involves a great deal of work that has to be done 'by hand', and partly it is because the law requires auditors to keep a comprehensive file, enabling their conclusions to be traced backed to their factual findings. All of this exerts strong upwards pressure on the costs of IT audits.

BHOLD Controls for Auditors: improve quality and efficiency, spend less

Working in collaboration with leading auditors, BHOLD provides a solution to these problems: BHOLD Controls for Auditors. Thanks to this innovative tool, the standard of access control can largely be verified automatically. More efficient data collection, faster analysis and rule assessment, along with more effective reporting, all go together to produce a comprehensive audit file. Quite simply, it marks a breakthrough in IT auditing!

BHOLD Controls for Auditors seamlessly ties in with an organization's existing governance, risk management and compliance (GRC) initiatives, laying the foundations for an extremely competitive proposition in IT auditing.

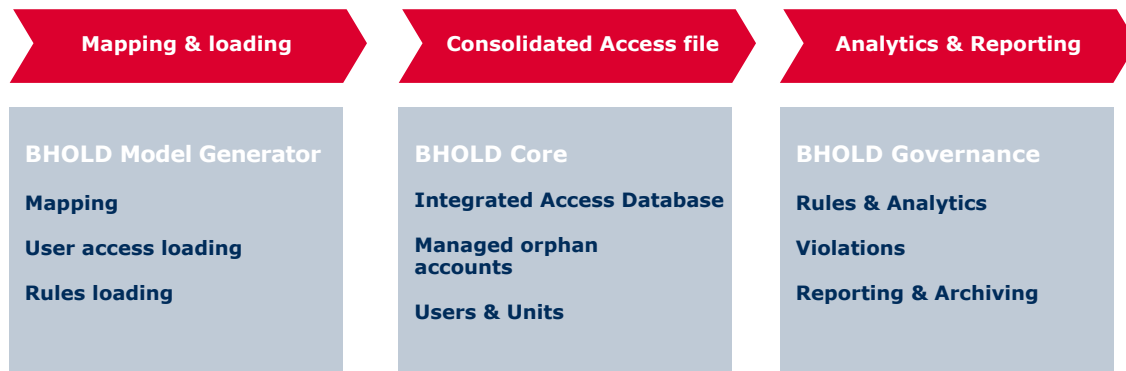
The benefits at a glance

- **Fast, comprehensive analysis:** Rather than relying on random samples or being restricted to isolated systems and applications, BHOLD Controls for Auditors offers a thorough analysis performed throughout the consolidation chain. Any errors, leaks and imperfections are identified and a proper report is provided. So this tool is not simply the basis for the statement on access to programs and data and part of the audit file; it also highlights where any hidden liabilities may lie, as well as pinpointing specific improvements that need to be made. In short, it offers useful input to the auditor and clear instructions to management.
- **Efficiency:** BHOLD Controls for Auditors is about making verification more frequent and more intensive (moving from random to thorough). It minimizes the data structuring work, enabling auditors to focus on offering genuine added value to the business. In other words, BHOLD Controls empowers auditors to do more in the same amount of time. This allows the focus to shift to actual analysis and advisory work, raising the standard of the audit to a higher level. The more the routine aspects of the work are automated, the more compliance and audit costs are reduced.
- BHOLD Controls makes **continuous (or semi-continuous)** auditing possible. When the auditor makes this tool available, organizations can perform their own internal audits and security management and seek out the weaknesses in their access control. By putting BHOLD Controls through its paces a number of times each year, the auditor and the organization can keep a firm grip on the standard of authorization management.

A single package, based on three powerful modules

The BHOLD Controls for Auditors package is comprised of three different, fully integrated modules. The functionalities are described and explained below.

BHOLD Controls for Auditors



1. BHOLD Model Generator: Data from a variety of systems and in a range of formats can be collected and structured in a fraction of the usual time. Raw data is consolidated and structured in a manageable organization-based format.

2. BHOLD Core provides a complete overview of users and their rights across platforms and applications. Existing access rights are displayed simply and comprehensively, making clear the business context. Problems such as 'orphans' become visible immediately.

3. BHOLD Governance formulates the rules that are applied to access rights in plain business language. Any violations, such as an excess of administrator rights or segregation of duties conflicts, are quickly detected and reported. The reports and the results of those reports are stored. At the same time, a full file is compiled, to serve as part of the client's comprehensive audit file and to provide information to the supervisory authorities.

Availability

BHOLD Controls for Auditors was designed and developed in close co-operation with leading audit firms and business partners of BHOLD. The software can also be obtained through these partners for perpetual or temporary use.



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