It’s no secret that retaining and managing compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a yearly struggle.

With the security and regulatory landscape constantly changing, organizations often lack visibility into their PCI environment, leading to inaccurate scope and unidentified risk. Moving to the cloud, inappropriate scoping, an increased reliance on third parties, limited staff experience and constant regulatory changes all contribute to gaps in PCI compliance.

Below are things organizations should consider when reviewing or looking to implement a PCI program.

**Assess Your Environment**

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- Understand the level of validation required?
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**Remediate**

- Consider scope reduction
- Formulate a plan to address identified gaps
- Implement changes to clear compliance gaps or scope reduction
- Monitor changes to help ensure gaps do not reappear

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