

The TPRM Assessment Treadmill:

Why Traditional Approaches Aren't Enough

It's an endless loop: you're managing more third parties than ever, questionnaire backlogs are piling up, and slow assessment cycles are prompting questions from leadership about the delays.

Traditional questionnaire-based methods weren't built for the speed, scale, and complexity of modern third-party risk management (TPRM). To break free from the assessment loop, you need a smarter, data-driven approach.

Third-Party Risk is Changing

Digital transformation has shifted the TPRM landscape. Organizations now face unprecedented complexity from:

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Increased dependency on third parties
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Complex, multi-tier supply chains
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Intensifying regulatory pressures
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Shifting TPRM ownership
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Multi-domain risks
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Emerging technologies
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AI's growing role in TPRM
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Heightened executive and board oversight

Growing Third-Party Demands

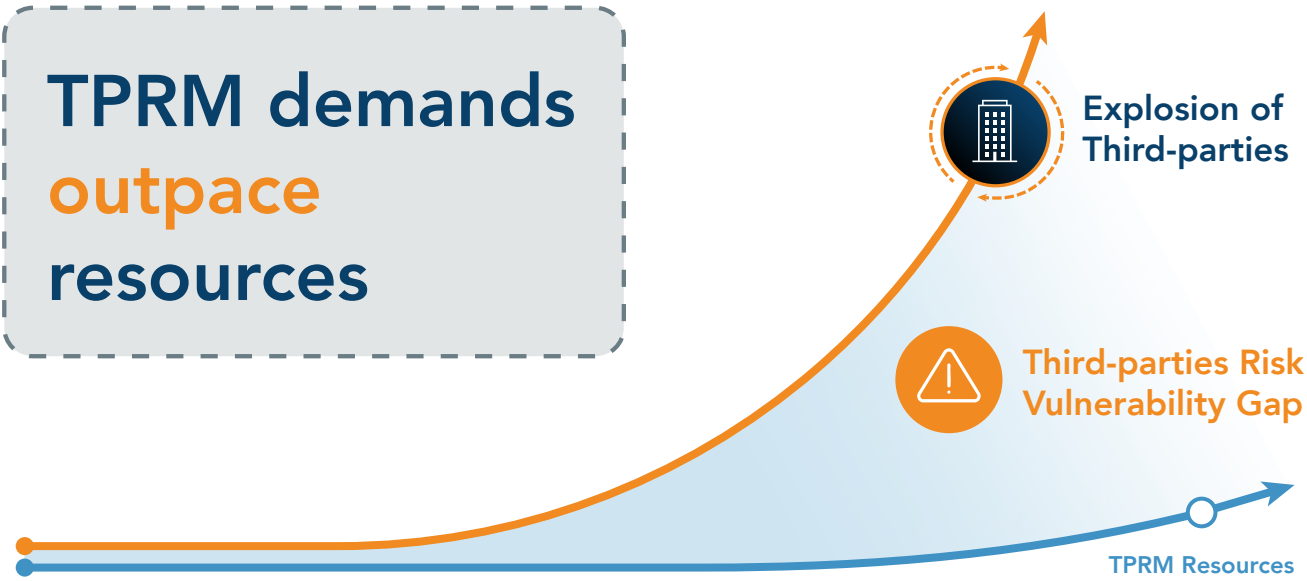
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Static Resources

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Growing Vulnerability Gap

TPRM Vulnerability Gap Widens



The True Cost of Questionnaire-Based Assessments

Behind every manual assessment cycle lies significant operational costs:

Risk teams	Third parties
<div><div></div><div>10-20 hours per assessment</div></div> <div><div></div><div>1 full time employee per 100-200 vendors to be assessed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>6-10 hours per assessment</div></div> <div><div></div><div>1 customer assurance specialist per 200-300 customers</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>Multiply that across hundreds or thousands of third parties, and manual assessments become a serious drain on resources, time, and results.</div></div>	

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1000 customer assessment requests

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1000 ways of asking for the same data

Each with its own format, unique set of frameworks, and industry-specific requirements.

The Real Impact of Questionnaire-First TPRM

We trust questionnaires because they're familiar, but relying on them creates downstream issues that leave your organization vulnerable.

- Operational bottlenecks

Lengthy assessment cycles delay critical third-party engagements
- Resource misallocation

Risk professionals spend more time on data collection than risk analysis
- Third-party friction

Key partners grow frustrated with repetitive, time-intensive assessments
- Limited visibility

Static, point-in-time assessments fail to provide a clear picture of real-time risk and delay response to emerging threats
- Team burnout

Administrative workloads overwhelm risk professionals and detract from strategic activities

The goal isn't to eliminate questionnaires — it's to use them strategically while leveraging better data sources for **faster, more accurate risk decisions.**

Get Off the Treadmill: Shift to Data-First TPRM

ProcessUnity's [Global Risk Exchange](#) gives you instant access to the world's largest library of third-party risk data, eliminating duplication and replacing manual work with intelligence and scale.

With more than 18,000 completed assessments, over 370,000 vendor risk profiles, and AI-powered predictive capabilities, the Global Risk Exchange helps you:

- Reduce redundancy and manual effort
- Gain visibility into 100% of your third parties
- Free teams to focus on high-value work
- Improve third-party relationships
- Accelerate threat detection and response

It's time to break the endless questionnaire cycle.

Learn more about the Global Risk Exchange and transform your TPRM approach today.

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