Gimmal Records as a Services for Microsoft® Government Azure Cloud

Gimmal Compliance Suite Pro is now being delivered to U.S. federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, state and local governments and their solutions providers through the Microsoft Government Cloud as Records-as-a-Service (RaaS). This unique Microsoft SharePoint and Microsoft Azure-based solution offers governments a Department of Defense 5015.2 certified cloud-based records management environment. Gimmal RaaS extends native SharePoint and enables agencies to leverage their existing SharePoint licenses and drive their records and information management to the Cloud. Gimmal RaaS is a fast, low cost, and secure way for US Federal, state and municipal government agencies to meet the Office of Management and Budget/National Archives and Records Administration (OMB/NARA) mandates to have all email records managed by 2016 and all other content managed by 2019.

Solution

Gimmal RaaS delivers cloud speed, scale, and economics while addressing the security and records compliance needs of U.S. federal, state and local governments. It also offers physical and network isolation from non-U.S. government deployments and requires specialized personnel screening.

- **Instantly provision SharePoint records sites** – Quickly provision and scale SharePoint Records Centers using Azure Government Virtual Machines, while taking advantage of built-in virtual networking and load balancing. Easily provision SQL Server for records storage in minutes. Quickly add SharePoint 2013 records sites with Gimmal Compliance Suite for rapid deployment.

- **Protect sensitive records, simplify records administrator access** – Gimmal RaaS with Azure Government provides comprehensive identity and records access management capabilities. Use Azure Active Directory to manage users and groups and help secure records access. Azure Multi-Factor Authentication helps prevent unauthorized records access to both on-premises and cloud records by providing an additional level of authentication. On top of that Gimmal Compliance Suite Pro adds an additional records management security layer to native SharePoint capabilities that helps restrict records access to approved users only.

- **Store, backup, and recover records** – Gimmal RaaS provides scalable and durable records storage, backup, and recovery to meet government security requirements. Working with existing infrastructure, Azure Storage is an economical way to keep up with growing records needs. Azure Backup provides incremental records backups to conserve storage and reduce bandwidth consumption, with point-in-time recovery. Help protect records by coordinating the replication and recovery of records in private clouds across sites, with the option of using a second records storage site, an approved hosted site, or the Azure Government Cloud as your vital records recovery site.

- **Integration with Microsoft Outlook for Email Records** – Gimmal RaaS integrates with Microsoft Outlook for email records management. It can be used for email records management with Office 365 or Microsoft Exchange on-premises. Gimmal RaaS provides a fast and cost effective path for government agencies to meet the OMB/NARA 2016 email records mandate.
How Compliance Suite Extends SharePoint for Records Management

The Gimmal Compliance Suite Pro RaaS uses SharePoint to deliver rich, usable, enterprise collaboration and content management, with a flexible, rapid deployment model. With SharePoint, Microsoft included support for key records management features to fulfill the organizational need for compliance and governance of content. However, some organizations require a more formal approach to records management, due to a mandate for DoD 5015.02 compliance or a climate of rigorous compliance regulations. For these organizations, Compliance Suite is the only product available that extends SharePoint records management capabilities, maintains content inside of SharePoint, and meets the DoD 5015.02 standard. Compliance Suite keeps users in the familiar SharePoint user experience, while exposing new features and capabilities. SharePoint, in combination with Compliance Suite, lowers the total cost of ownership of enterprise content and records management (ECRM) systems by eliminating the need for a redundant records management application and the required Enterprise Content Management system to support it.

Figure 1. The Microsoft Government Cloud allows government agencies to move content from Office 365 environment to a secure and certified Cloud based records repository.
Microsoft SharePoint + Compliance Suite Features and Benefits

**Compliance**: Leverage Compliance Suite’s DoD 5015.02 certification to ensure records are managed in a legally defensible repository that meets the most stringent standards for records management.

**Adoption**: Drive true compliance by leveraging SharePoint’s broad adoption and simple user experience to enable everyone to manage records through a single interface.

**Discovery**: Ease discovery cost and effort with enhanced ‘findability’ by consolidating and consistently removing non-authoritative content from the SharePoint repository.

**Cost Savings**: Consolidate content onto a single platform - SharePoint. Eliminate costs of duplicate content repositories for records and collaboration. This includes reduced cost of software licenses, infrastructure, implementation, integration, support, and maintenance.

**Productivity**: Empower end-users and the records management team with an intuitive user experience.

**Support**: Leverage the version or versions of SharePoint you have in production including 2007, 2010 and 2013.

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**About Gimmal**
Gimmal is the world’s leading provider of Microsoft SharePoint solutions. Our software extends and enhances SharePoint enterprise information management and governance, and provides SAP content archiving and interoperability. Using Gimmal’s award-winning solutions, you can easily transform SharePoint into a platform to consistently govern and manage the content, documents and records in your organization and access content online or offline from your Windows 8 PC, Tablet, or Windows Phone. Gimmal’s SAP-certified, content archiving and interoperability solution increases productivity and efficiency by delivering composite business applications in line with organizational and industry requirements, on-premises, in Office 365, or in the Azure Cloud. For more information, visit www.gimmal.com.