



What is the PCI Data Security Standard and what is the best way to comply?

The PCI Data Security Standard (DSS) is a set of comprehensive requirements for enhancing payment account data security. It was developed by the founding payment brands of the PCI Security Standards Council, including American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. Inc. International, to help facilitate the broad adoption of consistent data security measures on a global basis. It includes requirements for security management, policies, procedures, network architecture, software design and other critical protective measures. This comprehensive standard is intended to help organizations proactively protect customer account data. The PCI standard provides flexibility in how an organization implements specific controls.

One area often asked about is Requirement 6.6. For public-facing web applications, companies must address new threats and vulnerabilities on an ongoing basis and ensure these applications are protected against known attacks by either of the following methods:

- ✦ Reviewing public-facing web applications via manual or automated application vulnerability security assessment tools or methods, at least annually and after any changes.
- ✦ Installing a web-application firewall in front of public-facing web applications.

Get more information at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/pci_dss.shtml.

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