

# Key Components of HITRUST

## e1, i1, r2

### Why HITRUST?

By achieving HITRUST certification, companies bolster defenses against sophisticated cyber threats and streamline compliance processes across various regulations, including HIPAA, SOC, and ISO. This unified approach eliminates the redundancy of meeting multiple compliance requirements separately, saving time and resources.

HITRUST offers three different types of certifications—e1, i1, and r2—to cater to the diverse needs of organizations based on their size, risk levels, and specific regulatory requirements.

Feature	HITRUST e1	HITRUST i1	HITRUST r2
Overview	A streamlined assessment designed for lower-risk environments.	An intermediate-level assessment focused on information risk management.	A comprehensive and certifiable assessment based on risk management principles.
Purpose and Usage	Used to assess basic security controls and compliance with minimal risk.	Aimed at organizations requiring a more thorough evaluation than e1.	Targets organizations needing rigorous compliance and security assurance.
Total Controls	44 (Fixed)	182 (Fixed)	Minimum 250 Maximum 1800 (Depending Risk Factors Selected)
Key Differences	Efficient and cost-effective for small organizations or low-risk data.	Balances thoroughness with efficiency, suitable for a wide range of companies.	Provides highest assurance, recognized widely, suitable for high-risk data.
Strengths	Limited depth may not satisfy all regulatory or business partner demands.	May not be recognized by all partners as sufficient for high-risk scenarios.	Time-consuming and costly, may be more than needed for lower-risk entities.
Limitations	Any organization, particularly those looking for a flexible framework to manage cybersecurity risks.	Non-federal organizations handling CUI, including contractors and subcontractors.	Federal agencies, contractors, and any organization seeking to implement stringent cybersecurity controls.
Strategic Integration	Good for initial compliance steps or small-scale operations.	Fits organizations scaling up security needs or entering sensitive markets.	Best for large enterprises or those in highly regulated industries.
Validity	1 Year	1 Year	2 Years