Cognizant Joins Qualys Global mROC Alliance to Deliver Managed Risk Operations for the Frontier AI Era

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Cognizant brings managed services to Qualys ETM and TruRisk Eliminate, helping enterprises detect, prioritize and remediate cyber risk at AI speed

FOSTER CITY, Calif., Nov. 18, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Qualys, Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS), a leading cloud-native cyber risk management company, today announced an expanded strategic alliance with Cognizant (NASDAQ: CTSH), which has joined the Qualys Global mROC Alliance. Cognizant will pair its Cyber Vulnerability Management services with Qualys Enterprise TruRisk™ Management (ETM) and TruRisk Eliminate™ with TruConfidence™ t deliver an AI-powered managed service that helps enterprises detect, prioritize and remediate cyber risk across AI, cloud and hybrid environments.

Frontier AI models are finding software vulnerabilities faster than security teams can triage them. Microsoft's November Patch Tuesday disclosed 1,093 vulnerabilities in a single release, up from 93 before these models arrived. Meanwhile, AI-assisted attackers can weaponize a new advisory in as little as four hours. Yet of the 48,172 vulnerabilities disclosed in 2025, the Qualys Threat Research Unit found that only 357 (0.74%) were confirmed remotely exploitable and actively weaponized. Enterprises need to distinguish theoretical vulnerabilities from exposures that are exploitable in their environments.

Through the alliance, Cognizant will deliver an AI-enabled ROC powered by Qualys ETM to joint clients, working within each client's existing tools, change windows and approval processes. Qualys provides autonomous agents that detect, validate and remediate exposures. Cognizant's cybersecurity teams will apply the company's real-time threat intelligence and run the program end to end on a three-step operating model:

- **AI-Speed Detection.** Qualys InstaScan, powered by Agent Insta, identifies affected assets from existing inventory data without waiting for a scan. On November's Patch Tuesday, InstaScan delivered 90% of detections within minutes of disclosure. Cognizant's solution monitors new disclosures daily and routes findings to the responsible asset owners.
- **Hyper-Prioritization.** Qualys Agent Val validates which vulnerabilities are exploitable in each client's environment, and built-in cyber risk quantification (CRQ) translates those exposures into financial impact so leaders can direct resources to the risks that matter most to the business. Cognizant maintains the validated list and reviews remediation priorities with each client weekly.
- **Autonomous Remediation.** Qualys TruRisk Eliminate with TruConfidence accounts for existing security controls, then selects the safest fix for each exposure, whether a patch, mitigation or isolation. It verifies that the fix works and rolls back if system health declines. Cognizant agrees on the scope and approvals with each client's application owners, phases in automation starting with low-risk systems and reports on risk reduction.

Cognizant will package these capabilities into four mROC services built on Qualys ETM, spanning cyber risk quantification and advisory, onboarding and integration, managed risk monitoring and managed risk remediation.

"Our 2026 Cybersecurity Pulse Poll shows that strength in one control, such as detection or remediation, still leaves enterprises exposed in the AI era," said Vishal Salvi, SVP and global head of cybersecurity, Cognizant. "Together with Qualys, we are connecting detection, prioritization and remediation into one managed operating model, designed to help clients manage risk, strengthen resilience and support the adoption of AI with greater confidence."

"Qualys Enterprise TruRisk Management and TruRisk Eliminate help enterprises in the frontier AI era detect risk at the speed of disclosure, validate which exposures are real and remediate autonomously in a way customers can trust," said Shailesh Athalye, chief product solutions officer, Qualys. "Cognizant brings deep process and engineering expertise in vulnerability management and remediation, balancing speed with resiliency. Together, we operationalize the AI-native Risk Operations Center and help customers remediate at AI speed."

Additional Resources

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About Qualys

Qualys, Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS) is a pioneer of cloud-native cyber risk management, helping organizations measure, communicate, and eliminate cyber risk. The Qualys platform and its solutions power the Risk Operations Center (ROC), unifying asset visibility, exposure management, risk prioritization, and remediation to help organizations continuously reduce risk across hybrid, multi-cloud, endpoint, and AI environments. Qualys equips security and IT teams for the frontier AI era with AI-speed detection, hyper-prioritization, and autonomous remediation. Trusted by more than 10,000 organizations globally, including most of the Fortune 100, Qualys helps customers transform cybersecurity into a measurable business function that strengthens resilience and drives business outcomes. For more information, visit www.qualys.com.

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