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# CMMI v3.0

CMMI v3.0 is a process improvement framework that helps organizations improve operational performance, quality, and risk management.

## What it is

CMMI v3.0 — Capability Maturity Model Integration is a process improvement framework that guides organizations in enhancing their operational performance, quality, and risk management across various functions. The framework provides structured practices for driving continuous improvement and establishing effective internal controls.

Published by the CMMI Institute, part of ISACA, CMMI v3.0 is used globally by organizations in sectors including technology, manufacturing, finance, and government to assess and improve areas such as cybersecurity practices, process maturity, and compliance oversight. The framework covers domains like product and service development, service management, and supplier management, and is often leveraged alongside standards like ISO 9001 or NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

## At a glance

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| PUBLISHER<br>CMMI Institute | TYPE<br>Assessment / Maturity Model | VERSION<br>CMMI v3.0 |
| EFFECTIVE<br>2021 | DOMAIN<br>Quality & Safety | FAMILY<br>Other |
| REGION<br>United States | ADOPTION MODEL<br>Risk Management | IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY<br>High |

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## Why it matters

- **Strengthen process governance** Establish consistent, documented processes that enable better oversight, management, and accountability across business functions.
- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Support compliance by aligning operational practices with recognized standards and improving readiness for external audits and assessments.
- **Improve risk management** Enable proactive identification and mitigation of risks, reducing the likelihood and impact of operational disruptions or compliance failures.
- **Increase quality and performance** Drive systematic process improvements that enhance product and service quality while increasing overall organizational efficiency.


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## How SmartSuite supports CMMI v3.0

### Process Library and Ownership
Centralize process documentation, roles, and standard operating procedures.

### Appraisals and Evidence Collection
Track maturity evidence, artifacts, and appraisal readiness by process area.

### Metrics and Performance Tracking
Maintain KPIs and measurement evidence tied to process objectives.

### Corrective Actions and Improvements
Manage findings, improvement actions, and closure verification.

### Training and Adoption Tracking
Track training completion and evidence that processes are followed in practice.

### Maturity Reporting Dashboards
Report maturity status, gaps, and progress across teams and projects.

## Common framework mappings

COBIT 2019 | ISO 13485:2016 | ITIL 4

## Official resources

### CMMI V3.0 Product Suite
Defines the core components and methods for implementing and assessing CMMI practices.

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### CMMI V3.0 Model Authoritative Guide
Provides comprehensive guidance for applying the CMMI V3.0 framework.

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### CMMI V3.0 Adoption Guidance
Outlines strategies for adopting and integrating CMMI V3.0 in organizational processes.

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### CMMI V3.0 Overview
Describes the framework's model structure, domains, and operational benefits.

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## Frequently asked questions

### What is CMMI v3.0 used for?
CMMI v3.0 is a process improvement framework used to assess, develop, and manage organizational capabilities across functions such as development, service delivery, and supplier management. Its primary purpose is to optimize performance, improve quality, and strengthen risk management throughout an organization's operations.

### Is CMMI v3.0 required or certifiable?
CMMI v3.0 is not a mandatory regulatory requirement, but organizations can pursue formal appraisals to achieve a recognized maturity or capability level. These appraisals provide external validation of process effectiveness for customers, regulators, or partners, but CMMI itself is not a "certification" in the traditional sense.

### What is the scope of CMMI v3.0?
CMMI v3.0 is applicable to a broad range of industries, including technology, manufacturing, finance, and government. The framework covers product and service development, service management, and supplier management, and can be applied to both organizational units and enterprise-wide process improvement efforts.

### What are key concepts and artifacts in CMMI v3.0?
CMMI v3.0 is structured around maturity levels, capability levels, and specific process areas with associated goals and practices. Key artifacts include process documentation, policies, risk registers, performance metrics, appraisal results, and corrective action plans.


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### How is CMMI v3.0 implemented in organizations?

Implementation begins with a baseline appraisal, gap analysis, and risk management assessment to identify improvement priorities. Teams map CMMI process areas to existing operations, implement change management activities, monitor progress with metrics, and use periodic assessments to guide continuous improvement.

### How does CMMI v3.0 relate to other frameworks like ISO 9001 or NIST Cybersecurity Framework?

CMMI v3.0 is often integrated with standards such as ISO 9001 or NIST Cybersecurity Framework to provide comprehensive process and risk management coverage. It complements these frameworks by offering detailed process maturity assessment and structured approaches for improving organizational capabilities.

### What are the ongoing compliance requirements for CMMI v3.0?

Maintaining CMMI v3.0 alignment requires continuous monitoring, regular internal or external appraisals, updating process artifacts, and corrective/remediation actions based on assessment findings. Ongoing training, documentation, and risk management are essential to sustain and improve process maturity.

### How would SmartSuite support CMMI v3.0?

SmartSuite supports CMMI v3.0 by enabling teams to track risks, manage process controls, and collect evidence of process activities and outcomes. It facilitates compliance with audit readiness features, supports process documentation/version control, and provides dashboards and reporting for monitoring maturity progression and linking controls to organizational objectives.

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