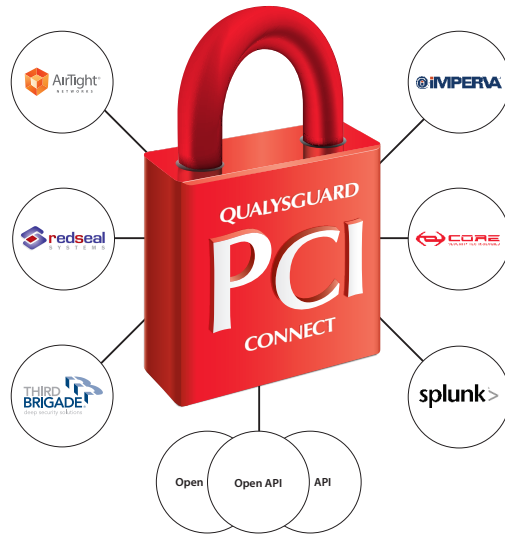




# INTRODUCING PCI CONNECT — THE PLACE WHERE PCI VALIDATION IS MADE EASY

QualysGuard PCI Connect is an on demand ecosystem bringing together multiple security solutions into one unified end-to-end business application for PCI DSS compliance and validation. As a new addition to the widely adopted QualysGuard PCI service, PCI Connect streamlines business operations related to PCI compliance and validation for merchants and acquirers all from a combined collaborative application with automated report sharing and distribution. PCI compliance status and tracking is performed on an ongoing basis. Merchants who use PCI Connect can easily identify areas where they may not be meeting compliance requirements. Acquirers who use PCI Connect can easily evaluate whether merchants have met PCI requirements and whether sufficient evidence has been submitted for validation.

As an addition to QualysGuard PCI, PCI Connect adds another level of knowledge to PCI compliance validation by allowing merchants to upload data from security solutions into a central location managed by QualysGuard PCI Connect. This data allows merchants to validate the 12 requirements of PCI and track compliance; it also helps their acquirers to track and validate merchant compliance status. Qualys is an Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV) by the PCI Council.



*The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, known as PCI DSS, provides organizations the guidance they need to ensure that credit cardholder information is kept secure from possible security breaches. For full details on PCI DSS, please visit: [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)*

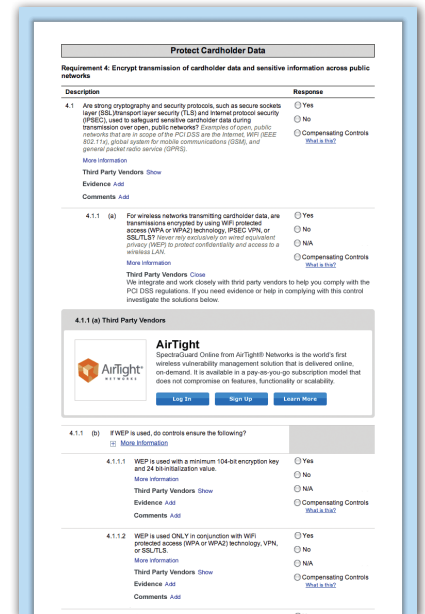


Figure 1: QualysGuard PCI SAQ

## Key Benefits for Merchants and Acquirers

- Automates the collection of data needed for validation of PCI DSS compliance
- Merchants see detailed results including related evidence for all PCI requirements throughout the entire organization when answering the SAQ
- Provides workflow for merchants to track comprehensive compliance status on an ongoing basis
- Open API to work with any security solution or vendor
- Acquiring bank has additional security controls when validating merchants for compliance

## QualysGuard PCI Connect Features & Workflow:

From within the QualysGuard PCI Self Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ), merchant has the option to import evidence data relevant to each question from a PCI partner solution that is already installed at the merchant's site. Full workflow is depicted in Figure 2.

### For each SAQ question:

- Merchant has the option to import evidence relevant to the current question from existing PCI partner solutions at the merchant's site. To add more solutions, merchant has the option to select PCI partners for referral and account activation (Figure 1).
- When merchant imports evidence, the evidence data is uploaded and stored securely within QualysGuard PCI.
- When merchant submits SAQ for validation, reports with proof of compliance including evidence data are available to acquirers within the QualysGuard PCI Bank portal.

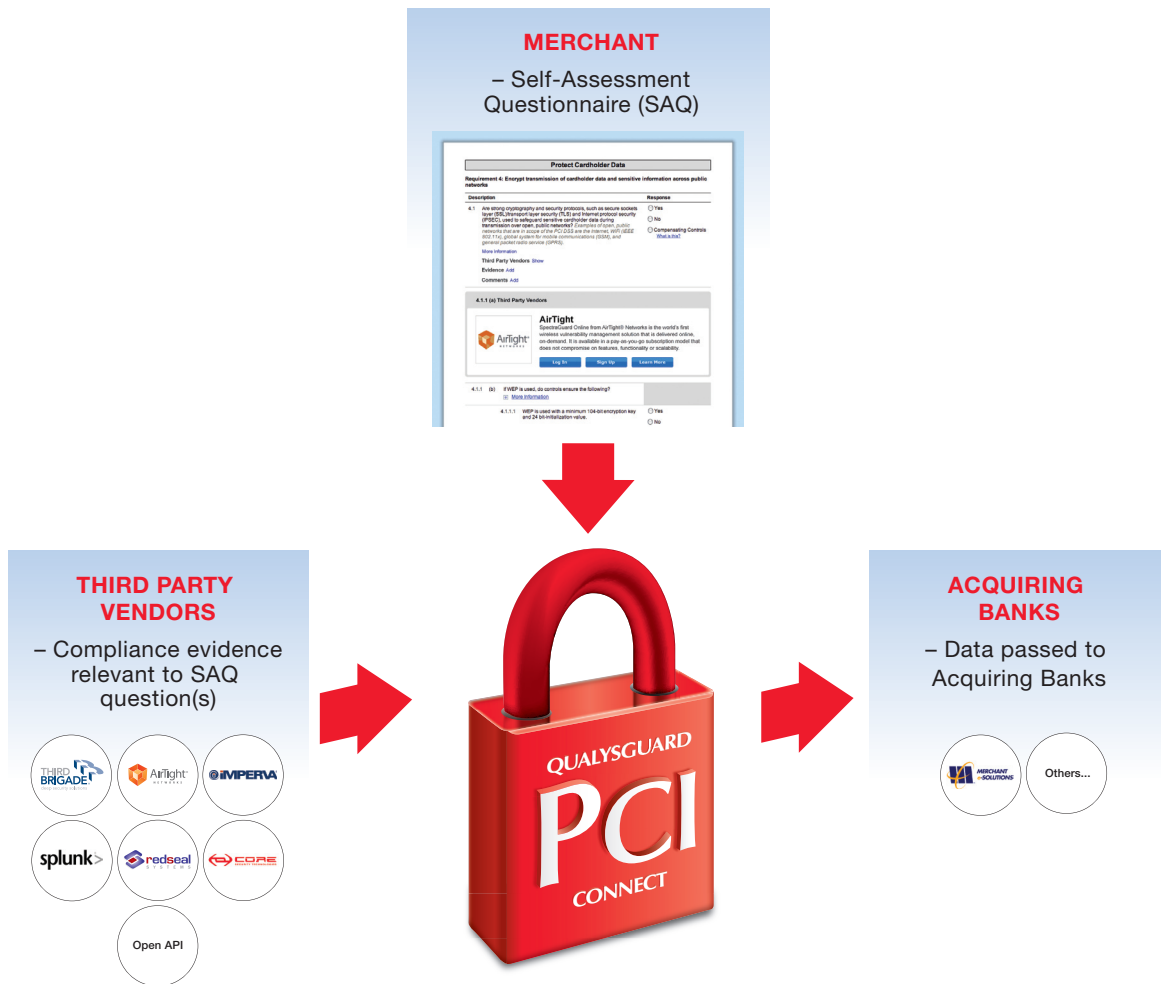


Figure 2: QualysGuard PCI Connect Workflow