

Executive Summary – Security Overview

Overview

TalEval and Discovery Pro are web-based applications designed specifically for Dental Hygiene and Cosmetology educational programs. The applications support student competency evaluation, program completion, and educational program accreditation requirements.

Web-Based Dedicated Server Model

- TalEval and Discovery Pro are web-based applications accessible through standard internet browsers.
- The applications are hosted on a **dedicated physical server** located in a professionally managed third-party data center.
- The server is dedicated to America's Software Corporation applications and is **not part of a shared or virtualized cloud hosting environment**.
- No local installation of TalEval or Discovery Pro is required on school computers.
- ASC does not operate or maintain server equipment at customer locations.
- America's Software Corporation is headquartered in South Carolina.

Hosting Classification

“Web-based” describes how users access TalEval and Discovery Pro through an internet browser; it does not describe the underlying hosting architecture.

ASC's applications operate on a **dedicated physical server** and do not utilize shared or virtualized cloud infrastructure.

Third-Party Data Center and Infrastructure

America's Software Corporation (ASC) utilizes Liquid Web LLC as its third-party managed hosting and data center provider. ASC's applications operate on a dedicated physical server housed within a Liquid Web data center.

Infrastructure Provider Responsibilities – Liquid Web LLC

Liquid Web is responsible for the underlying hosting environment, including:

- Operation and physical security of the data center.
- Environmental controls and power infrastructure.
- Network infrastructure and associated monitoring.
- Physical server hardware and storage infrastructure.
- Management and maintenance of the dedicated server infrastructure.

America's Software Corporation Responsibilities

ASC is responsible for the application and application-level environment, including:

- TalEval and Discovery Pro applications.
- Application databases.
- User authentication.
- User accounts, roles, and permissions.
- Application-level security controls.
- Application maintenance and software updates.
- Customer support.

Data & Security

- Customer data remains the property of the customer.
- Customer data is maintained on the dedicated physical server within the professionally managed Liquid Web data center.
- Access to customer data is restricted through authenticated user accounts and role-based permissions.
- TalEval and Discovery Pro are designed to **minimize the collection of sensitive personal information**.
- Discovery Pro does not require an institution's Student ID number to identify a student within the application.
- Schools may limit the personal information maintained within the application based on their institutional requirements.

Security & Compliance Documentation

America's Software Corporation maintains security, privacy, and accessibility documentation for institutional review. Available documentation includes:

- HECVAT 4.1
- VPAT® 2.5 Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR)
- ASC Terms and Conditions
- Government Addendum
- Proof of Insurance
- W-9
- Information regarding Liquid Web's independent security and compliance documentation, including SOC 2

Additional security and hosting information can be provided to an institution's Information Technology, Information Security, or Procurement department upon request.