



SOC 2 Readiness Assessment Benefits

Deciding to move forward in attaining SOC 2 certification requires that you have an internal control framework in place governing the system used to provide products and services to your customers. Your internal control framework includes the policies and procedures that define and describe the processes and controls performed to ensure that the products and services provided to your customers meet trust service criteria related to security, confidentiality, availability, processing integrity, and privacy. **See our guidance for helping you Define the System.**

Many organizations are challenged in meeting these requirements due to their level of maturity in formally documenting their system operational processes. Some organizations may have little to no formal documentation; and others may have a full complement of documented policies and procedures in place. Although quite different, both of these organizations face the same challenge since they need to ensure that 1) their policies and procedures meet the selected trust services criteria for their SOC 2 examination and 2) their policies and procedures are sufficient to describe their system as required in a SOC 2 report.

A SOC 2 Readiness Assessment prepares you for your SOC 2 examination by identifying gaps in your policies, procedures, and controls in comparison to applicable SOC 2 trust services criteria. A SOC 2 Readiness Assessment demonstrates progress to your customers and buys you time in fixing your documentation prior to the actual SOC 2 examination.

In summary, the benefits of a SOC 2 Readiness Assessment provide an independent assessment of your documentation in comparison to SOC 2 trust criteria requirements in advance of your examination allowing you to:

- Address gaps prior to your examination
- Increase the probability of clean SOC 2 report
- Develop a more robust description of your system
- Go through the examination process more efficiently
- Save money on your actual SOC 2 examination

SOC2 Services LLC provides readiness assessment services. We are proud to have helped a number of organizations achieve SOC certification for the first time. Our approach for providing a SOC 2 Readiness Assessment includes the following:

1. We evaluate and map your policies, procedures, and supporting documentation to SOC trust services criteria requirements

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2. We identify gaps between your documentation and trust service criteria requirements and provide you detailed recommendations on how to fix your gaps
3. We communicate gaps and recommendations in a formal SOC 2 Readiness Assessment Report

SOC2 Services is here to help you get ready for your SOC 2 examination by performing a SOC 2 Readiness Assessment. Please contact us at www.SOC2services.com or call us at (352) 602-8140 to determine your SOC 2 examination needs.

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