Managed Services

SOC 2 Audit & Advisory Services

Achieving Compliance: Reality Check

Developed by the AICPA, SOC for Service Organizations is the premier compliance framework for software and service providers that run applications and store customer data for commercial firms. Attaining SOC 2 compliance is a common requirement for service organizations to attract mid-sized and large commercial customers.

Many software service providers first try to obtain SOC 2 compliance through internal initiatives. Unfortunately, SecureIT has found that most organizations seeking first time SOC 2 compliance underestimate the scope of the challenges they face and overestimate the ability of their IT organization to implement the controls and process changes needed. This is especially true if SOC 2 is the first large-scale compliance effort undertaken by the organization. To address this problem, SecureIT's SOC 2 advisory services can provide guidance and hands-on assistance to drive compliance with SOC 2 and prepare for a successful audit.

Success Through a Collaborative Approach

A successful SOC 2 program consists of two elements: obtaining a SOC 2 report with a clean opinion on the first attempt, and sustaining long-term compliance year after year. SecureIT's approach for SOC 2 advisory services is designed to help ensure that both objectives will be met by working closing with your IT team to determine the best scope and to design the best controls that fit within your existing processes.

SecureIT's advisors partner with your IT organization to lay the groundwork for SOC 2 success. We collaborate with you to determine the SOC 2 project scope and boundary that best fits your needs within your existing processes. We work with you to identify controls and control objectives, design tests of operating effectiveness, and ensure that all controls are in place and operating as intended. Our knowledge of the underlying framework and the subtleties in technical definitions of security, confidentiality, and privacy help you successfully navigate the compliance process.

Sustainability

To define the best "fit" controls that meet SOC 2 requirements, we bring the control expertise while your team brings the customized information about what you do and how you currently do it. When there are alternative ways to approach a control requirement, we will work with you to find the controls that best fit your organization.
This approach provides a major benefit: sustainability. Our collaborative approach aids in developing a control-conscious culture within the IT department. This is a key to sustained SOC 2 compliance, with less expense, as well as compliance with other frameworks such as ISO 27002 or FedRAMP.

A Smart Partner for SOC 2 Compliance

SecureIT's consultants make good advisors on SOC 2 because we regularly perform SOC 2 audits through partnerships with several regional CPA firms. We know what auditors are looking for because we are auditors ourselves. But unlike many other firms, SecureIT specializes solely in IT auditing and Information Security.

Our SMEs ensure comprehensive and meaningful coverage of technical security issues that might face your particular system. Our ultimate goal is to help you be more secure and to reduce risk for your customers, not just "check the box" for compliance reasons.

We understand the business reasons for seeking SOC 2 compliance but we also realize that no two organizations are alike. When you engage with SecureIT, we will not send you a questionnaire to complete. We will pick up the phone and call you so that we better understand your organization, your software or services solution, and where you are in your journey. Partnering with SecureIT to successfully achieve SOC 2 compliance helps ensure that both immediate and long-term compliance goals are achieved in an efficient manner so you can focus on the core job of increasing sales opportunities and growing revenue.