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SOC 2 Audit-Readiness Assessment

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For a founder or first security hire who has just been asked for a SOC 2 and needs the plain-English version first.

When you have worked through this, you will have: your free readiness result, and the five first moves toward an audit.

Your Free tier holds **1 document** (plus the interactive assessment). A “start here, in this order” guide only earns its place once there are several documents to sequence, so at this tier it is a single entry and a pointer onward.

The one guide

1. Your First SOC 2 Moves

PDF · 10 min to read · The founder or first security hire who has just been asked for a SOC 2

Three pages on what a SOC 2 report actually is, the five moves that get you ready, and what a first year tends to cost.

Reach for it when: First, if SOC 2 is new to you, and worth handing to whoever has to approve the spend.

You finish with: A clear idea of what SOC 2 involves, what a first year is likely to cost, and which five things to do first.

The interactive assessment

Not a document: a short questionnaire that scores where you stand and points at the gaps.

→ Take the free SOC 2 readiness assessment.

When you outgrow the free tier

The Solo toolkit turns these five into a worked readiness path (the scoping notes, the control list, and the evidence you will be asked for) with a Start here catalog to sequence them.

→ See the Solo, Team and Pro editions.

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