Service Description
ISO/NIST Readiness Scan (Lite)

Scope

The ISO/NIST Readiness Scan (Lite) is a short, focused engagement designed to assess an organisation's current practices against core requirements from internationally recognised standards - including ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security), ISO/IEC 27701 (Privacy Information Management), and the NIST Cybersecurity and Privacy Frameworks.

It is ideal for organisations seeking to benchmark their current state, prepare for formal certification, or meet the due diligence expectations of enterprise customers, vendors, or regulators.

Approach

Delivered in five practical phases, the scan prioritises actionable insights over heavy documentation - offering a rapid path to clarity and next steps.

Initiation & Scoping

Sets the foundation for engagement by confirming focus, priorities, and stakeholders.

- Confirm readiness goals: certification prep, vendor due diligence, regulatory uplift.
- Select target frameworks: ISO 27001, ISO 27701, NIST CSF, NIST Privacy Framework.
- Agree scope boundaries: enterprise-wide, department-level, or system-specific scan.
- Identify key stakeholders: IT, privacy, security, risk, operations, and compliance.

Evidence Collection & Discovery

Collate relevant policies, systems and controls for review.

- Conduct structured interviews and artefact reviews against selected controls.
- Capture current practices, policies, and informal processes across control domains.
- Identify gaps in documentation, implementation, monitoring, or awareness.
- Document maturity level across major categories (policy, process, tooling, oversight).

Gap Analysis & Prioritisation

Identify key control gaps aligned to framework clauses or functions.

- Map observed gaps against selected framework controls and clauses.
- Score each gap by business impact, control criticality, and ease of remediation.

- Highlight high-risk, externally facing, or regulatory-sensitive areas.
- Prioritise gaps for immediate remediation vs long-term roadmap.

Validation & Review

Confirm findings with key internal stakeholders.

- Review findings and prioritisation logic with key stakeholders.
- Confirm interpretations of control gaps and proposed remediation actions.
- Validate feasibility, ownership, and sequencing of recommendations.
- Adjust roadmap to reflect budget, capacity, and business priorities.

Reporting & Roadmap Handover

Deliver final materials and improvement roadmap.

- Deliver a concise report with executive summary, gaps, and readiness scorecard.
- Provide control-by-control mapping to ISO/NIST framework elements.
- Recommend governance structures for remediation oversight.
- Suggest cadence for reassessment or progression to formal audit.

Value

The ISO/NIST Readiness Scan (Lite) gives organisations the clarity needed to begin or accelerate their security and privacy journey - without committing to a full certification engagement.

- Identifies high-impact gaps across key information security and privacy domains.
- Clarifies which controls matter most based on your business model and risk profile.
- Builds confidence ahead of vendor security reviews or formal audits.
- Supports budget and roadmap planning for compliance uplift.
- Helps articulate your security and privacy maturity to customers and partners.

Benefits

The service delivers the following strategic and operational benefits.

- Prepares the business for formal certification or vendor assurance.
- Provides targeted, prioritised visibility into ISO/NIST gaps.
- Avoids overengineering by focusing on high-impact, high-visibility controls.
- Facilitates governance and stakeholder alignment around uplift priorities.
- Delivers practical, business-aligned outputs in under 4 weeks.

Outputs

Final deliverables will include the following items to drive ongoing action.

- ISO/NIST Readiness Report: Executive summary, maturity scoring, key themes.
- Gap Register: Prioritised list of missing or under-implemented controls.
- Control Mapping Sheet: Alignment to select aspects of - ISO 27001, ISO 27701, or NIST frameworks.
- Remediation Roadmap - Short-term actions and strategic improvements.
- Governance Recommendations: Uplift ownership, steering structures, and cadence.

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