What is a Managed SOC?



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A managed SOC is a dedicated Security Operation Centre run by a third-party provider. Handling all aspects of cybersecurity and digital resilience on behalf of busy organisations, managed SOC has fast become one of the smartest, most strategic additions to modern workplace cyber defence strategies.



Managed SOC services are provided by experienced analysts and digital security professionals, who consistently track, monitor, and respond to potential threats to reduce the impact on businesses. These experts use a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platform that empowers them to identify threats quickly, eradicating risks before they're able to impact business operations.

Managed SOC services typically focus on three critical areas:

1. **Endpoint security:** Maintaining high levels of security across physical user devices, e.g. laptops
2. **Network security:** Protecting the integrity of the network, and data stored within that network
3. **Cloud security:** Reducing risk within cloud-based apps and off-premises infrastructure

With threats becoming more common and more sophisticated, maintaining high levels of digital security is becoming increasingly challenging for organisations. Managed SOC is rapidly emerging as an efficient, effective, and powerful solution that can benefit businesses in a number of ways:

- **Significantly reducing the risk of experiencing a data breach**
- **Keeping business-critical data and sensitive information safe and secure**
- **Helping to prevent data loss caused by human error or malicious attacks**
- **Minimising direct hacker threats and lowering the chance of exploitation**
- **Making it easier than ever to develop a robust cybersecurity strategy**

Managed SOC is one of the simplest solutions for threat detection and response, requiring no on-premises hardware, and no need to create a dedicated, in-house cybersecurity team. However, despite its simplicity, it's capable of delivering impressive results and valuable outcomes due to its unique versatility. Managed SOC can be used in multiple ways to bridge common security gaps:

- **Continuous tracking of suspicious activity and behaviours**
- **Ongoing monitoring of real threats within the industry or sector**
- **Detection of more sophisticated threats that can bypass standard security measures**
- **Rapid notification of security breaches leaving data vulnerable to theft**
- **Proactive observation to catch risks before they become genuine threats**

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Today's businesses are collecting and storing more data than ever before, making them attractive targets for cybercriminals. Unfortunately, many organisations are finding that they lack the time and resources needed to protect their data in the best possible way. If you're not confident that your endpoints, network, and cloud-based data sets are fully secured, managed SOC and SIEM can help.

Schedule a call with the Reliable team to find out more about outsourcing digital risk management.

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