



**System and Organization Controls (SOC) 3
Report over the Google Firebase System
Relevant to Security, Availability, and Confidentiality
For the Period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024**



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Management's Report of Its Assertions on the Effectiveness of Its Controls Over the Google Firebase System Based on the Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, and Confidentiality

We, as management of Google LLC ("Google" or "the Company") are responsible for:

- Identifying the Google Firebase (System) and describing the boundaries of the System, which are presented in Attachment A
- Identifying our service commitments and system requirements
- Identifying the risks that would threaten the achievement of our service commitments and system requirements that are the objectives of our System, which are presented in Attachment B
- Identifying, designing, implementing, operating, and monitoring effective controls over the System to mitigate risks that threaten the achievement of the service commitments and system requirements
- Selecting the trust services categories and associated criteria that are the basis of our assertion

Complementary user entity controls: The Description also indicates complementary user entity controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary along with Google's controls to achieve the service commitments and system requirements. The Description presents Google's controls and the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Google's controls.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the controls over the System were effective throughout the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, to provide reasonable assurance that the service commitments and system requirements were achieved, if the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Google's controls operated effectively based on the trust services criteria relevant to security, availability, and confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP section 100, *2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy*, in *AICPA Trust Services Criteria*.

Very truly yours,

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Report of Independent Service Auditor's Report

To the Management of Google LLC:

Scope

We have examined management's assertion, contained within the accompanying "Management's Report of its Assertions on the Effectiveness of Its Controls Over the Google Firebase System Based on the Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, and Confidentiality" (Assertion), that Google's controls over the Google Firebase System (System) were effective throughout the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, to provide reasonable assurance that its service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the trust services criteria relevant to security, availability, and confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP section 100, *2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy*, in *AICPA Trust Services Criteria*.

Complementary user entity controls: The Description indicates that Google's controls can provide reasonable assurance that certain service commitments and system requirements can be achieved only if complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Google's controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, along with related controls at the service organization. Our examination did not include such complementary user entity controls and we have not evaluated the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of such complementary user entity controls.

Management's Responsibilities

Google's management is responsible for its service commitments and system requirements, and for designing, implementing, operating, and monitoring effective controls within the system to provide reasonable assurance that Google's service commitments and system requirements were achieved. Google's management is also responsible for providing the accompanying assertion about the effectiveness of controls within the system, selecting the trust services categories and associated criteria on which its assertion is based, and having a reasonable basis for its assertion. It is also responsible for:

- Identifying the System and describing the boundaries of the System
- Identifying the service commitments and system requirements and the risks that would threaten the achievement of the service commitments and service requirements that are the objectives of the System.

Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Assertion, based on our examination. Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform our examination to obtain



reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion, which includes: (1) obtaining an understanding of Google's relevant security, availability, and confidentiality policies, processes, and controls, (2) testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls, and (3) performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence obtained during our examination is sufficient to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination was not conducted for the purpose of evaluating Google's cybersecurity risk management program. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on its cybersecurity risk management program.

Our examination was also not conducted for the purpose of evaluating the performance or integrity of Google's AI services. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the performance or integrity of Google's AI services.

We are required to be independent of Google and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, as applicable for examination engagements set forth in the Preface: Applicable to All Members and Part 1 – Members in Public Practice of the Code of Professional Conduct established by the AICPA. We have complied with such independence and other ethical requirements and applied the AICPA's Statements on Quality Control Standards.

Inherent limitations

Because of their nature and inherent limitations, controls may not prevent, or detect and correct, all misstatements that may be considered relevant. Furthermore, the projection of any evaluations of effectiveness to future periods, or conclusions about the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve Google's service commitments and system requirements, is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, that the degree of compliance with such controls may deteriorate, or that changes made to the System or controls, or the failure to make needed changes to the System or controls, may alter the validity of such evaluations. Examples of inherent limitations of internal controls related to security include (a) vulnerabilities in information technology components as a result of design by their manufacturer or developer; (b) breakdown of internal control at a vendor or business partner; and (c) persistent attackers with the resources to use advanced technical means and sophisticated social engineering techniques specifically targeting the entity



Opinion

In our opinion, Google's controls over the System were effective throughout the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024, to provide reasonable assurance that its service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Google's controls operated effectively throughout that period.

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Attachment A - Google Firebase System

Overview

Google LLC (“Google” or “the Company”), an Alphabet subsidiary, is a global technology service provider focused on improving the ways people connect with information. Google’s innovations in web search and advertising have made Google’s website one of the most viewed Internet destinations and its brand among the most recognized in the world. Google maintains one of the world’s largest online index of websites and other content, and makes this information freely available to anyone with an Internet connection. Google’s automated search technology helps people obtain nearly instant access to relevant information from their vast online index.

Firebase is a mobile app platform (platform as a service or PaaS) developed by Google with an integrated, unified software development kit (SDK), hereafter described collectively as (Google Firebase or Firebase). Firebase provides developers with a suite of tools and resources to develop and manage high quality mobile and web applications for growing their business. It consists of complementary products, solutions, and extensions that enable developers to independently manage their projects and mix-and-match services as needed.

Leveraging Google’s cloud environment, Firebase can be accessed from any location with Internet connectivity. This means every developer and each user they work with can be productive from anywhere, using any device with an Internet connection.

This report only applies to the infrastructure and underlying systems that support the Firebase services outlined below. The examination was also not conducted for the purpose of evaluating the performance or integrity of Google’s AI services or models.

The Firebase services covered in this system description consist of the following:

- Firebase A/B Testing
- Firebase App Check
- Firebase App Distribution
- Firebase Cloud Messaging
- Firebase Console
- Firebase Crashlytics
- Firebase Dynamic Links
- Firebase Hosting
- Firebase In-App Messaging
- Firebase Machine Learning
- Firebase Performance Monitoring
- Firebase Realtime Database
- Firebase Registry
- Firebase Remote Config

- Gemini in Firebase
- Vertex AI in Firebase

Firestore A/B Testing

Firestore A/B Testing allows developers to make data-driven decisions about changes to their applications. Developers can run controlled experiments with Firestore Remote Config parameters to compare alternative scenarios and see which one performs better in reaching their goals.

Firestore App Check

App Check helps protect backend resources from abuse, such as billing fraud and phishing. It works with both Firestore services and customer backends to keep resources safe. With App Check, devices running customer applications will use an application or device attestation provider that attests to the authenticity of the request.

Firestore App Distribution

Firestore App Distribution allows users to distribute pre-release versions of their iOS and Android apps to trusted testers before releasing to production.

Firestore Cloud Messaging

Firestore Cloud Messaging (FCM) is a cross-platform messaging solution that allows developers to send messages to devices. Using FCM, developers can notify a client app that a new email or other data is available to sync. Developers can send notification messages to drive user re-engagement and retention.

Firestore Console

Firestore Console is the central web interface for application management used by developers to enable and configure their Firestore products, as well as a common interface through which users can interact with individual Firestore products.

Firestore Crashlytics

Firestore Crashlytics is a lightweight, real-time crash reporter that helps developers track, prioritize, and fix stability issues that erode app quality. Crashlytics reduces troubleshooting time by grouping crashes and highlighting the circumstances that lead up to them.

Firestore Dynamic Links

Firestore Dynamic Links is a service that allows developers to create and manage smart URLs sending users to any location within their iOS, Android, or web application. Firestore Dynamic Links persists during the application install process, so new users see the content they are looking for when they open the app for the first time.

Firestore Hosting

Firestore Hosting is a fully-managed hosting service for static and dynamic content as well as microservices. Using Firestore Hosting, developers can deploy Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)-enabled web applications with static content and microservices to a global content-delivery network from a single command.

Firestore In-App Messaging

Firebase In-App Messaging enables developers to drive engagement by sending customized, targeted messages to their users, without any engineering effort, from the Firebase Console.

Firebase Machine Learning

Firebase Machine Learning provides on-device and cloud APIs to give developers solutions to problems without requiring deep knowledge of machine learning, neural networks, or model optimization. Developers are also able to use this service to train and dynamically serve and update mobile optimized custom models to their users.

Firebase Performance Monitoring

Firebase Performance Monitoring is a service that helps developers to gain insight into the performance characteristics of their iOS and Android applications. Developers can use Performance Monitoring to collect performance data from their applications, and then review and analyze that data in the Firebase Console. Performance Monitoring helps developers understand where and when the performance of their applications can be improved so that they can use that information to fix performance issues.

Firebase Realtime Database

The Firebase Realtime Database is a cloud-hosted, NoSQL database. Data can be synchronized in real-time to every connected client. Developers can build cross-platform applications where clients share one Realtime Database instance and automatically receive updates with the newest data.

Firebase Registry

Firebase Registry stores developer-created audience lists to provide targeting information to other Firebase services that use them.

Firebase Remote Config

Firebase Remote Config allows developers to customize how their app renders for different users. Developers can change the app's look and feel, roll out features gradually, run A/B tests, deliver customized content to certain users, or make other updates without deploying a new version – all from the Firebase Console.

Gemini in Firebase

Gemini in Firebase brings the power of AI, ML, and LLMs to 3P Developers to build, release, monitor, and optimize their apps. Our initial offering allows developers to chat and ask questions in the Firebase console, and powers Crashlytics insights.

Vertex AI for Firebase

The Vertex AI for Firebase provides a streamlined way for Firebase developers to incorporate generative AI into their mobile and web applications within the Firebase platform. It uses the enterprise ready Vertex AI Gemini API for better performance, scalability, and reliability.

Data Centers

The above products are serviced from data centers operated by Google around the world. Below is a list of Google's production data center locations that host the above products and operations for Google Firebase. The scope of this report does not cover Google edge points of presence (PoPs).

North America, South America

- Arcola (VA), United States of America
- Ashburn (1) (VA), United States of America
- Ashburn (2) (VA), United States of America
- Ashburn (3) (VA), United States of America
- Atlanta (1) (GA), United States of America
- Atlanta (2) (GA), United States of America
- Chandler (AZ), United States of America***
- Clarksville (TN), United States of America
- Columbus (1) (OH), United States of America
- Columbus (2) (OH), United States of America
- Council Bluffs (1) (IA), United States of America
- Council Bluffs (2) (IA), United States of America
- Gainesville (VA), United States of America
- Guanajuato, Mexico***
- Henderson (NV), United States of America
- Lancaster (OH), United States of America
- Las Vegas (NV), United States of America
- Leesburg (VA), United States of America
- Lenoir (NC), United States of America
- Los Angeles (1) (CA), United States of America
- Los Angeles (2) (CA), United States of America
- Los Angeles (3) (CA), United States of America
- Markham, Ontario, Canada*
- Midlothian (1) (TX), United States of America
- Midlothian (2) (TX), United States of America***
- Moncks Corner (SC), United States of America
- Montreal (1), Quebec, Canada
- Montreal (2), Quebec, Canada
- New Albany (OH), United States of America
- Omaha (NE), United States of America*
- Osasco, Brazil
- Papillion (NE), United States of America
- Phoenix (AZ), United States of America
- Pryor Creek (OK), United States of America
- Quilicura (1), Santiago, Chile
- Quilicura (2), Santiago, Chile
- Quilicura (3), Santiago, Chile
- Reno (NV), United States of America
- Salt Lake City (1) (UT), United States of America
- Salt Lake City (2) (UT), United States of America
- Salt Lake City (3) (UT), United States of America
- San Bernardo, Santiago, Chile**
- Santana de Parnaíba, Brazil
- The Dalles (1) (OR), United States of America
- The Dalles (2) (OR), United States of America

- Toronto (1), Ontario, Canada
- Toronto (2), Ontario, Canada**
- Vinhedo, Brazil
- Widows Creek (AL), United States of America

Europe, Middle East, and Africa

- Berlin (1), Germany
- Berlin (2), Germany
- Berlin (3), Germany
- Dammam, Saudi Arabia
- Dalarna, Sweden***
- Doha (1), Qatar
- Doha (2), Qatar
- Doha (3), Qatar
- Dublin, Ireland
- Eemshaven, Groningen, The Netherlands
- Frankfurt (1), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (2), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (4), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (5), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (6), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (7), Hesse, Germany
- Frankfurt (8), Hesse, Germany
- Fredericia, Denmark
- Ghlin, Hainaut, Belgium
- Hamina, Finland
- Johannesburg (1), South Africa
- Johannesburg (2), South Africa
- Johannesburg (3), South Africa
- London (1), United Kingdom
- London (3), United Kingdom
- London (4), United Kingdom
- London (5), United Kingdom
- London (6), United Kingdom
- Madrid (1), Spain
- Madrid (2), Spain
- Madrid (3), Spain
- Middenmeer, Noord-Holland, The Netherlands
- Milan (1), Italy
- Milan (2), Italy
- Milan (3), Italy
- Paris (1), France
- Paris (2), France
- Paris (3), France
- Tel Aviv (1), Israel
- Tel Aviv (2), Israel
- Tel Aviv (3), Israel

- Turin (1), Italy
- Turin (2), Italy
- Turin (3), Italy
- Warsaw (1), Poland
- Warsaw (2), Poland
- Warsaw (3), Poland
- Zurich (1), Switzerland
- Zurich (2), Switzerland
- Zurich (3), Switzerland

Asia Pacific

- Changhua, Taiwan
- Delhi (1), India
- Delhi (2), India
- Delhi (3), India
- Hong Kong (1), Hong Kong
- Hong Kong (2), Hong Kong
- Hong Kong (3), Hong Kong
- Inzai City, Chiba, Japan
- Jakarta (1), Indonesia
- Jakarta (2), Indonesia
- Jakarta (3), Indonesia
- Koto-ku (1), Tokyo, Japan
- Koto-ku (2), Tokyo, Japan
- Koto-ku (3), Tokyo, Japan
- Lok Yang Way, Singapore
- Loyang, Singapore
- Melbourne (1), Victoria, Australia
- Melbourne (2), Victoria, Australia
- Melbourne (3), Victoria, Australia
- Mumbai (1), India
- Mumbai (2), India
- Mumbai (3), India
- Mumbai (4), India
- Osaka (1), Japan
- Osaka (2), Japan*
- Seoul (1), South Korea
- Seoul (2), South Korea
- Seoul (3), South Korea
- Sydney (1), NSW, Australia
- Sydney (2), NSW, Australia
- Sydney (3), NSW, Australia
- Sydney (4), NSW, Australia
- Wenya, Singapore

* Indicates data center is in scope only for the period 1 March 2024 through 31 October 2024

** Indicates data center is in scope only for the period 1 May 2024 through 31 October 2024

*** Indicates data center is in scope only for the period 1 August 2024 through 31 October 2024

Infrastructure

Google Firebase runs in a multi-tenant, distributed environment on synchronized internal system atomic clocks and global positioning systems (GPS). Rather than segregating user entity data to one machine or set of machines, data from all user entities is distributed amongst a shared infrastructure. For Google Firebase, this is achieved through a Google distributed file system designed to store extremely large amounts of data across many servers. Customer data is then stored in large, distributed databases, built on top of this file system.

Data Centers and Redundancy

Google maintains consistent policies and standards across its data centers and for physical security to help protect production servers, network devices and network connections within Google data centers.

Redundant architecture exists such that data is replicated in real-time to at least two (2) geographically dispersed data centers. The data centers are connected through multiple encrypted network links and interfaces. This provides high availability by dynamically load balancing across those sites. Google uses monitoring mechanisms that provide details such as resource footprint, central processing unit capacity, and random-access memory availability to monitor resource availability across their data centers and to validate that data has been replicated to more than one location.

Authentication and Access

Strong authentication and access controls are implemented to restrict access to Google Firebase production systems, internal support tools, and customer data. Machine-level access restriction relies on a Google-developed distributed authentication service based on Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificates, which helps to positively identify the resource access requester. This service also offers transport encryption to enhance data confidentiality in transit. Google uses encryption to secure user data in transit between Google production facilities. Access to internal support tools, those used by Google operational staff to maintain and troubleshoot the systems for Google Firebase products is controlled via Access Control Lists (ACLs) thus limiting the use of these tools to only those individuals that have been specifically authorized.

Digital certificates used for machine authentication and data encryption are issued by an internal Google certificate authority. Encryption is used to protect user authentication and administrator sessions transmitted over the Internet. Remote access to the Google corporate machines requires a Google issued digital certificate installed on the connecting device and two-factor authentication.

Google follows a formal process to grant or revoke personnel access to Google resources. Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Kerberos, and a Google proprietary system which utilizes Secure Shell (SSH) and TLS/SSL certificates help provide secure and flexible access. These mechanisms are designed to grant access rights to systems and data only to authorized users. Additionally, access requests via "on demand" mechanisms are reviewed and approved by an authorized second individual prior to being granted and the event is logged.

Both user and internal access to customer data is restricted through the use of unique user account IDs and via the Google Accounts Bring Your Own Identity (BYOID) system for external users. Access to sensitive systems and applications requires two-factor authentication in the form of a unique user account ID, strong passwords, security keys and/or certificates. Periodic reviews of access lists are implemented to help ensure access to customer data is appropriate and authorized. Access to production machines, network devices and support tools is managed via an access group management system. Membership in these groups must be approved by respective group administrators. User group memberships are reviewed on a semiannual basis under the direction of the group administrators, and any inappropriate access identified is removed.

Access authorization in Google Firebase products is enforced at all relevant layers of the system. The granting or modification of access rights is based on the user's job responsibilities or on a need-to-know basis and must be authorized and approved by the user's functional manager or system owners. Approvals are managed by workflow tools and are logged. Production system access is only granted to individuals who require this level of access to perform necessary tasks. Additionally, all users with access to production systems are required to complete security and privacy training annually. Access to individual production systems via critical access groups is reviewed on a periodic basis by the system owners and inappropriate access is removed for Google personnel who no longer have a business need for such access. Access to all corporate and production resources is automatically removed upon submission of a termination request by the manager of any departing employee, temporary worker, contractor or vendor, or by the appropriate Human Resources manager.

Change Management

Changes to Google Firebase are delivered as software releases through three (3) pipelines:

- Product functionality change or builds related to the service running in Google's production environment;
- Images, downloads, or software updates made available to customers; and
- Open-source code packages maintained in a public source code repository.

Changes including configuration changes, code modifications, and new code creation, follow this change management process. Change Management policies and guidelines, including code reviews, are in place, and procedures for tracking, testing, approving, and validating changes are documented and implemented. Each service has documented release processes that specify the procedures to be used, including definition of the scope of changes to be delivered, source code control, code review, building, testing, and record keeping. Development, testing, and build environments are separated from the production environment through the use of logical security controls.

The change process starts with a developer checking out a copy of source code files from the source code management system to modify them. Once development is complete, the developer initiates applicable testing and code reviews. Once the change has received the appropriate code review, the change can be submitted making it the new head version. Google requires that production code reviewers be independent of the developer assigned to the change and follows Google coding standards, in accordance with their policy. Production code reviews are systematically enforced. Emergency changes to production environments must have a valid justification, and are logged, monitored and reviewed.

If needed, once the code is submitted, it can be used to build packages or binaries. During the build process, code is subject to automated testing, the results of which are monitored by engineers. Successfully built packages or binaries can be migrated to staging or QA environments where they can be subject to additional review. When the approved change is ready for deployment to production, it is deployed in a controlled manner, with monitoring in place to notify engineers of anomalies in the deployment. The process from build to release is aided by several tools that automate tasks, including testing and deployment. Employees at Google have the ability to view changes, however, access to modify code and approve changes is controlled via functionality of internal tools that support the build and release process. Changes to customer facing services that may affect confidentiality, security, and/or availability are communicated to relevant personnel and impacted customers.

Guidelines are made available internally to govern the installation of software on organization-owned assets. Additionally, tools are utilized to detect deviations from pre-defined Operating System (OS) configurations on production machines and correct them automatically. This allows for an easy roll out of updates to system files in a consistent manner and helps ensure that machines remain in a known current state.

Data

Google provides controls at each level of data storage, access, and transfer. Google has established training programs for privacy and information security to support data confidentiality. Relevant Google personnel, including employees, temporary workers, vendors and contractors are required to complete these training programs at the time of joining the organization and annually thereafter. All new products and product feature launches that include collection, processing, or sharing of user data are required to go through an internal design review process that defines retention and deletion timelines. This review is performed by legal and privacy teams. In addition to the preventative controls, Google has also established detective measures to investigate and determine the validity of security threats. In the case of an incident there are incident response processes to report and handle events related to topics such as security, availability, and confidentiality. Google establishes agreements, including nondisclosure agreements, for preserving confidentiality of information and software exchange with external parties.

Network Architecture and Management

The Google Firebase system architecture utilizes a fully redundant network infrastructure. Border routers that provide the connection point between Google Firebase and any Internet Service Providers are designed to run in a redundant configuration. Where border routers are in use, firewalls are also implemented to operate in a redundant configuration.

Google has implemented perimeter devices to protect the Google network from external network attacks and configurations of perimeter devices are centrally managed. Google segregates networks based on the types of services, users, and information systems. The network is managed via specialized tools. Google employs automated tools to inventory network devices and machines. Authorized security and network engineers access the network devices (production routers and switches) to monitor, maintain, manage, and secure the network through these tools.

Network monitoring mechanisms are in place to detect and prevent access to the Google network from unauthorized devices. Current and previous versions of each router configuration are maintained. Google has documented procedures and checklists for

configuring and installing new servers, routers and switches on the network. The network is documented in network diagrams and configuration documents describing the nature of, and requirements applicable to, Google's production networks. This documentation resides within an access-restricted portion of the corporate intranet.

Google has a firewall configuration policy that defines acceptable ports that may be used on a Google firewall. Only authorized services and protocols that meet Google's requirements are permitted access to the network. The firewalls are designed to automatically deny all unauthorized packets not configured as acceptable. Administrative access to the firewalls is limited to authorized administrative personnel using the Secure Shell (SSH) protocol and two-factor authentication. Changes to network configurations are peer reviewed and approved prior to deployment. Google has implemented automated controls on network devices to identify distributed denial of service (DDOS) attacks. Google has established incident response processes to report and handle such events (see the Incident Management section).

People

Google has implemented a process-based service quality environment designed to deliver the Google Firebase products to customers. The fundamentals underlying the services provided are the adoption of standardized, repeatable processes; the hiring and development of highly skilled resources; and leading industry practices. Google has established internal compliance teams utilizing scalable processes to efficiently manage core infrastructure and product-related security, availability, and confidentiality controls.

Google has established company structures and reporting lines and has helped ensure sufficient authorities are available to support compliance activities with regulatory, legal, contractual, and privacy requirements. Formal organizational structures exist and are available to Google personnel, including employees, temporary workers, vendors, and contractors, on the Company's intranet. The intranet provides drill-down functionality for identifying personnel in the functional operations team. Google has developed and documented formal policies, procedures, and job descriptions for operational areas including data center operations, security administration, system and hardware change management, hiring, training, performance appraisals, terminations, and incident escalation. These policies and procedures have been designed to segregate duties and enforce responsibilities based on job functionality. Policies are reviewed annually, and other materials derived from policies, like guidelines, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and other related documents are reviewed and updated as needed.

Complementary User Entity Control Considerations

Google Firebase is designed with the assumption that user entities (also referred to as customers) would implement certain policies, procedures, and controls. In certain situations, the application of specific or additional controls at the user entity may be necessary to achieve the applicable trust criteria stated in the description.

This section describes those additional policies, procedures, and controls that Google recommends user entities should consider to complement Google's policies, procedures, and controls. Management of the user entity and the user entity's auditor should consider whether the following controls have been placed in operation at the user entity:

Trust Services Criteria	Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs)
<p>Common Criteria 1.3: Management establishes, with board oversight, structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for assigning responsibilities for the operation and monitoring of the Google Firebase System.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for establishing responsibilities and procedures to respond to relevant information security incidents pertaining to the use of the Google Firebase System.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 1.4: The entity demonstrates a commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for providing the appropriate training to end-users on proper use of the Google Firebase System consistent with the Acceptable Use Policies and Terms of Service. Acceptable Use Policies available at (or such URL as Google may provide):</p> <p>Google Firebase: https://www.firebase.com/terms/acceptable-usage-policy.html</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for ensuring that end-users are trained on the organizational policies and procedures relevant to the use of the Google Firebase System.</p>
	<p>Customers should train administrators and end-users on their responsibilities and organizational procedures for identifying, handling, and responding to security incidents pertaining to the use of the Google Firebase System.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for training users on the use and disclosure of passwords used to authenticate to the Google Firebase System.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 1.5: The entity holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.</p> <p>Common Criteria 5.1: The entity selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to the achievement of objectives to acceptable levels.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for considering information security requirements in the deployment, configuration, and modification of their instance of the Google Firebase System.</p>

Trust Services Criteria	Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs)
<p>Common Criteria 2.1: The entity obtains or generates and uses relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control.</p> <p>Common Criteria 2.2: The entity internally communicates information, including objectives and responsibilities for internal control, necessary to support the functioning of internal control.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for defining, documenting, and making available to users procedures for the operation of their instance of the Google Firebase System.</p> <p>Customers are responsible for identifying and managing the inventory of information assets on the Google Firebase System.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 2.3: The entity communicates with external parties regarding matters affecting the functioning of internal control.</p> <p>Common Criteria 7.1: To meet its objectives, the entity uses detection and monitoring procedures to identify (1) changes to configurations that result in the introduction of new vulnerabilities, and (2) susceptibilities to newly discovered vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Common Criteria 7.2: The entity monitors system components and the operation of those components for anomalies that are indicative of malicious acts, natural disasters, and errors affecting the entity's ability to meet its objectives; anomalies are analyzed to determine whether they represent security events.</p> <p>Common Criteria 7.3: The entity evaluates security events to determine whether they could or have resulted in a failure of the entity to meet its objectives</p>	<p>Customers should contact Google if there are any issues with service availability or security, including, but not limited to, unauthorized use of their password or account, compromise of data, and security events.</p>

Trust Services Criteria	Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs)
(security incidents) and, if so, takes actions to prevent or address such failures.	
<p>Common Criteria 4.1: The entity selects, develops, and performs ongoing and/or separate evaluations to ascertain whether the components of internal control are present and functioning.</p> <p>Common Criteria 5.3: The entity deploys control activities through policies that establish what is expected and in procedures that put policies into action.</p> <p>Common Criteria 8.1: The entity authorizes, designs, develops or acquires, configures, documents, tests, approves, and implements changes to infrastructure, data, software, and procedures to meet its objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for ensuring any application software which they deploy onto the Google Firebase System follows their specific software change management policies and procedures.</p> <p>Customers are responsible for periodically reviewing the configuration of the Google Firebase System to ensure it is consistent with their policies and procedures.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 5.3: The entity deploys control activities through policies that establish what is expected and in procedures that put policies into action.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for establishing organizational policies and procedures for the installation and use of third-party apps or software development kits (SDKs).</p> <p>Customers are responsible for reviewing the information security policies and the security capabilities in the Google Firebase System to determine their applicability and modify their internal controls as appropriate.</p> <p>Customers are responsible for establishing documented policies and procedures for the transfer and sharing of information within their organization and with third-party entities.</p> <p>Customers are responsible for defining and maintaining policies and procedures governing the customer's administration of access to the Google Firebase System.</p>

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<p>Common Criteria 6.1: The entity implements logical access security software, infrastructure, and architectures over protected information assets to protect them from security events to meet the entity's objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for provisioning service availability, user roles, and sharing permissions within the Google Firebase System consistent with customer organizational policies.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for implementing secure log-on procedures to access the Google Firebase System consistent with customer access management policies.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 6.2: Prior to issuing system credentials and granting system access, the entity registers and authorizes new internal and external users whose access is administered by the entity. For those users whose access is administered by the entity, user system credentials are removed when user access is no longer authorized.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for provisioning, maintaining, and disabling users' access in accordance with customer access management policies.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for reviewing users' access rights periodically, consistent with customer organizational policies, to mitigate the risk of inappropriate access.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for enabling and enforcing the use of two-step verification on privileged administrator accounts.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for establishing procedures to allocate the initial password to access the Google Firebase System to end-users when Google password authentication is used.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 6.3: The entity authorizes, modifies, or removes access to data, software, functions, and other protected information assets based on roles, responsibilities, or the system design and changes, giving consideration to the concepts of least privilege and segregation of duties, to meet the entity's objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for configuring domain settings related to integration with other systems within the customer's environment consistent with customer policies.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for ensuring that user data is exported and deleted from the Google Firebase System before or within a reasonable amount of time after termination.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 6.7: The entity restricts the transmission, movement, and removal of information to authorized internal and external users and processes, and protects it during transmission, movement, or removal to meet the entity's objectives.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for ensuring appropriate physical security controls over all devices that access the Google Firebase System.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for ensuring any devices that access the Google Firebase System or contain customer data are properly handled, secured, and transported as defined by the products requirements.</p>

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<p>Common Criteria 6.8: The entity implements controls to prevent or detect and act upon the introduction of unauthorized or malicious software to meet the entity's objectives.</p>	
<p>Common Criteria 7.1: To meet its objectives, the entity uses detection and monitoring procedures to identify (1) changes to configurations that result in the introduction of new vulnerabilities, and (2) susceptibilities to newly discovered vulnerabilities.</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for configuring the Google Firebase System mobile device options consistent with customer policies and procedures.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for maintaining and applying upgrades and patches as recommended by Firebase, in accordance with the customers software development lifecycle plan.</p>
	<p>Customers are responsible for selecting and configuring location settings when applicable to their projects and database instances.</p>
<p>Common Criteria 7.1: To meet its objectives, the entity uses detection and monitoring procedures to identify (1) changes to configurations that result in the introduction of new vulnerabilities, and (2) susceptibilities to newly discovered vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Common Criteria 7.2: The entity monitors system components and the operation of those components for anomalies that are indicative of malicious acts, natural disasters, and errors affecting the entity's ability to meet its objectives; anomalies are analyzed to determine whether they represent security events.</p> <p>Common Criteria 7.3: The entity evaluates security events to determine whether they could or have resulted in a failure of the entity to meet its objectives</p>	<p>Customers are responsible for enabling logging and monitoring functionalities to detect administrator activity, customer support activity, security events, system errors, and data deletions to support customer incident management processes.</p>

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(security incidents) and, if so, takes actions to prevent or address such failures.	
Common Criteria 8.1: The entity authorizes, designs, develops or acquires, configures, documents, tests, approves, and implements changes to infrastructure, data, software, and procedures to meet its objectives.	Customers are responsible for ensuring that individuals creating and/or updating profiles or changing the product configurations are authorized.
	Customers are responsible for reviewing and testing features, builds, and product releases, including Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), to evaluate their impact prior to deploying into production environments, as applicable.
	Customers are responsible for configuring test and/or development environments in their instance of the Google Firebase System, as applicable, and restricting access to data in these environments.
Common Criteria 9.1: The entity identifies, selects, and develops risk mitigation activities for risks arising from potential business disruptions. Common Criteria 9.2: The entity assesses and manages risks associated with vendors and business partners.	Customers are responsible for ensuring they have business recovery and backup procedures over their non-Google managed information systems that access the Google Firebase System.
	Customers are responsible for developing and maintaining disaster recovery and business continuity plans for their non-Google managed business systems.



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Attachment B - Service Commitments and System Requirements

Service Commitments

Commitments are declarations made by management to customers regarding the performance of the Google Firebase System. Commitments to customers are communicated via Terms of Service, Google Firebase Service Level Agreements, and/or Data Processing Agreements. Data Processing Agreements define the security and privacy obligations which the processors must meet to satisfy the organization's obligations regarding the processing and security of customer data.

System Requirements

Google has implemented a process-based service quality environment designed to deliver the Google Firebase System products to customers. These internal policies are developed in consideration of legal and regulatory obligations, to define Google's organizational approach and system requirements.

The delivery of these services depends upon the appropriate internal functioning of system requirements defined by Google to meet customer commitments.

The following processes and system requirements function to meet Google's commitments to customers with respect to the terms governing the processing and security of customer data:

- **Access Security:** Google maintains data access and logical security policies, designed to prevent unauthorized persons and/or systems from gaining access to systems used to process personal data. Access to systems is restricted based on the principle of least privilege
- **Change Management:** Google requires standard change management procedures to be applied during the design, development, deployment, and maintenance of Google applications, systems, and services
- **Incident Management:** Google monitors security event logs and alerts to determine the validity of security threats. Potential threats, including threats related to security, are escalated to the appropriate team including incident management. Google's dedicated security personnel will promptly investigate and respond to potential and known incidents
- **Data Management:** Google complies with any obligations applicable to it with respect to the processing of Customer Personal Data. Google processes data in accordance with Google Firebase Terms of Service and/or Data Processing Agreements, and complies with applicable regulations
- **Data Security:** Google maintains data security policies and implements technical and organizational measures to protect customer data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access. Google takes appropriate steps to help ensure compliance with the security measures by its employees, contractors and vendors to the extent applicable to their scope of performance

- **Third-Party Risk Management:** Google conducts an assessment of the security practices of third-party suppliers to help ensure they provide a level of security appropriate to their access to data and the scope of the services they are engaged to provide. Google conducts routine inspections of subprocessors to help ensure their continued compliance with the agreed upon security requirements. Google defines security practices that must be applied to the processing of data and obtains contractual commitments from suppliers to comply with these practices