

# SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR SAAS SECURITY AGREEMENTS?

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- Due Diligence Planning
- Security Risk Assessments
- Warranties & Indemnities
- Operational Risk Assessments
- SaaS Vendor Review
- Questions



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# Due Diligence Planning

- Assemble Multi-Disciplinary Team including Technical, Security, Business and Legal
- Amount and scope will vary on the project
- Prepare a plan and checklist, particularly with larger projects





# Technical Due Diligence – Examples

- Product demos
- Customer references
- Solution architecture review
- Technical documentation review
- Policy and procedure reviews (security, business continuity, etc.)



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### Security Due Diligence – Sample Questions

- How is the data protected via capabilities and policies?
- How is the application/solution protected?
- Does the vendor meet general and industry-specific security and compliance standards?
- Does the vendor meet the unique security requirements of your industry?



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### Business Due Diligence – Examples

- Public records searches
- Review of vendor's legal structure and ownership (public or private, sole or multiple owners, state of business formation)
- Financial performance
- Financial status



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### Legal Due Diligence – Examples

- Lien searches
- Litigation searches
- IP review (any patents that could prevent competitive solutions or customer from taking in-house)
- Subcontractor relationships
- Reliance on third party vendors
- Data processing and storage facility locations
- Reliance on off-shore developers



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### **Customer Risks Not Fully Appreciated**

- Insufficient scoping of implementation
- Business Continuity no Plan B
- Access to Data Assets





### Vendor Concerns

- Incomplete or incorrect sales tax analysis
- Inadequate protection of vendor IP rights; loss of IP rights (open source)
- No rights to valuable usage data, de-identified data or aggregate data



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# Who in the room has had a security incident within the previous year?



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### SaaS Security Risk Assessments

Human Resources	Policies	Physical Security	Governance	Support	Platform	
	COMMON CATEGORIES IN SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRES					
Security Infrastructure	Business Continuity	Change Management	Data	<b>W</b> Vulnerabilities	Mobile Security	



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### **Security Control Assessments**

### SIG – Addresses risk controls across 16 risk area

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### Security Control Assessments

# **Control Frameworks**

- NIST 800-53 Rev 5
- ISO 27001
- SIG
- SIG Lite
- SANS20
- PCI-DSS
- FFIEC

It's for everybody Less technical than NIST It's HUGE! Less huge A good place to start Credit card processors Banks



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# Warranties and Indemnities

### WARRANTY

A promise that something is true

#### Implied warranties

- Not explicitly stated
- But guaranteed unless disclaimed

#### **Express warranties**

• Explicitly stated in the contract

### **INDEMNITY**

#### An obligation to

- Hold the customer harmless, and
- Remediate failure of essential purpose

#### In the case of infringement

- Procure the right to use the service
- Modify or replace











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# Risk management through Warranty, Indemnity, Limitation of Liability, & Carve-Outs





## Indemnities

An indemnity is based on the idea that the indemnifying party is responsible for

- Its own wrongdoing
- Liability that rightfully should be assumed by the indemnifying party because it is in the best position to prevent or guard against it

#### **Standard Indemnities**

- Breach of warranty Including non-infringement
- Breach of confidentiality
- Negligent acts, omissions or intentional wrongdoing of vendor





#### **Breach of Contract**

Requires a breach of contract due to failure to deliver, or delivery rejected or revoked

Actual damages for **economic loss** 

- Arise from the failure to perform as expected
- Quantified and proven
- Breach of a duty
- Actual proximate cause, and
- Reliance
- Includes costs of performance and preparation minus costs that would have been incurred anyway

**Duty to mitigate** 

### Warranty

Requires a breach of contract discovered after acceptance

Must prove actual, quantifiable loss with reasonable certainty.

Direct damages

- **Difference in value of the product** as delivered vs the value of the product as warranted
- Incidental damages (expenses and costs) incurred responding to an alleged breach of warranty
- Cost to obtain the right to use, modify or replace

#### No duty to mitigate

### Indemnity

Does not requires a breach of contract Damages may include

- Losses arising out of the action of a third party (e.g., patent troll or 3<sup>rd</sup> party IP owner)
- Compensation for costs and expenses regardless of economic loss
- Cost to obtain the right to use, modify or replace

#### No duty to mitigate



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# **Common Carve-outs from Liability**

- Customer modifications
- Use inconsistent with the authorized use
- Combination with software or other technology not provided by the licensor
  - NOT RECOMMENDED





# Use in combination with products not provided by the vendor

### Limit this carve-out to

- Exclude claims resulting from use with products reasonably necessary for the intended use or contemplated in the vendor's documentation, or
- Exclude claims if the other products do not perform a function in the alleged infringing activity unless the infringement could not occur but for the use of the product in combination or use with the vendor's software





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### **Operational Risk Assessments – Vendor Risks**

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES			
	Privacy breach	Identity fraud		
Information Technology / Security	Intellectual property theft	Data corruption		
Security	Denial/Loss of service	Data loss		
	Vendor bankruptcy	Transaction / Reporting Fraud		
Financial/Credit	Price / Exchange rate instability	Collateral mismanagement		
	Unrealized return on investment	Collateral valuation errors		
	Business continuity / DR	Safety / OSHA/ EPA incident		
Operational	Poor quality / Performance	Poor customer service/ Reputational risk		
	Damage to assets	Late delivery / Theft		
	Contract liability	Human Resources incident		
Legal	Contract dispute	Labor dispute/grievance		
	Regulatory action	International law conflict		
	Brand damage	Communication crisis		
<b>Brand/reputation</b>	Customer dissatisfaction	Loss of investor confidence		
	Competitive pressure	Loss of employee confidence		



#### **Operational Risk Assessments –**

**Operations & Technology Risk Questions** 

) Is the annual spend on the vendor is greater than \$\_\_\_MM?

Is the vendor a necessary part of the company's disaster recovery or business continuity plans?

#### Is the company dependent on

- Vendor technology
- Vendor outsourced business services (e.g., payroll, HR, IT)

Is the company dependent on the vendor for services to third parties (agency risk)?

Does the vendor have access (physical or logical) to PII/NPI/PHI or sensitive nonpublic information? [Consider physical records, network access to records or vendor stored records]

How long will it take to get up and running with a replacement vendor?





# **Operational Risk Assessments**

### **Credit Risk Questions**

Would the company or any of its affiliates or investors suffer a **credit loss** if the vendor or its service provider failed to provide its services?

What is the risk on **non-payment** of advanced funds or high volumes of product to the vendor?

- Risks associated with cash management and credit, and managing risk mitigates such as collateral and other pledged assets.
- Risk associated with vendor's failure to perform.

Risks associated with replacing transactions with new transactions to meet business goals.

Does the vendor provide services related to **assets or collateral servicing**, transfer, settlement, safekeeping, or reporting for the company or its affiliates or investors?





# **Operational Risk Assessment Examples**

#### **Financial Reporting Risk**

- **Financial statements** and supporting ledgers are insufficiently detailed or do not accurately represent the financial condition of the vendor
- Regulatory reporting, financial filings, GAAP and other compliance risks
- Risk of unauthorized acquisition, use or **disposition of assets**

#### Fraud Risk

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- **Misrepresentation** of financial results and records
- Misappropriation of assets /fraudulent expenses
- Misuse / theft of third party assets
- Hiring practices and policies



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# **Operational Risk Assessments**

### Strategy & Governance Risk

- Is the vendor a **strategic partner**?
- Risks from the vendor changing strategies or failing to do so
- Risk to company's business strategies, product plans, shareholder expectations due to disengagement
- Risks related to vendor's **management** policies and processes
  - Management style and strategy
  - Sufficiency of management skill
  - Risk attitude of management
  - Conflicts of interest
  - Tone at the top of the corporate culture





### Operational Risk Assessments – Legal & Compliance Risk Examples

Risk of noncompliance with a law or regulation affecting the company?

Reputational risk

Fiduciary risk (company liability to 3rd parties as a result of its position of trust)

Conflicts of interest

Compliance requirements



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# SaaS Vendor Reviews

### **Quick Litmus Tests**

- Do you encrypt in transit and in rest? Are all corporate laptops encrypted?
- Are development, production, test environments completely separate from one another?
- Is multifactor authentication (MFA) utilized by the entire company?
- Does everyone have Single Sign On (SSO)?
- How difficult are your passwords and how frequently do they need to be changed?
- Is a full-time employee in charge of Data Security?
- If you have multiple servers in various locations, how are all the different systems patched? How long does it take to push a patch across the entire enterprise?
- Have you had any security incidents or data breaches in the last five years?
- How do you track and/or report any security incidents?





#### SaaS Vendor Reviews – Techniques

Follow the data, ask if any other company has access (Contractor, Third-Party software, data centers).

Meet with each vendor to understand whether there are underlying unknown vendors under vendors.

Request certifications at each level. Review them and determine if they have been gerrymandered. Scope can be unreasonably small.

Request meeting with individual who leads Security Program at each vendor. They may have certifications but not understand them.

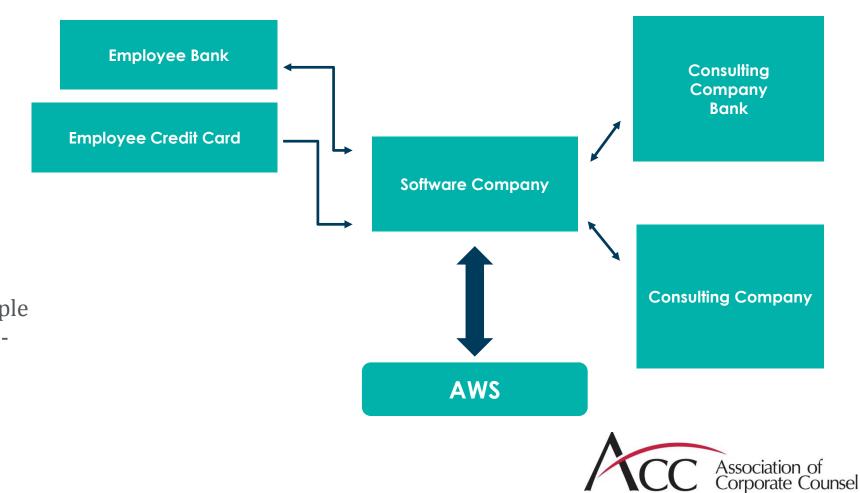






### SaaS Vendor Review Example #1

Software



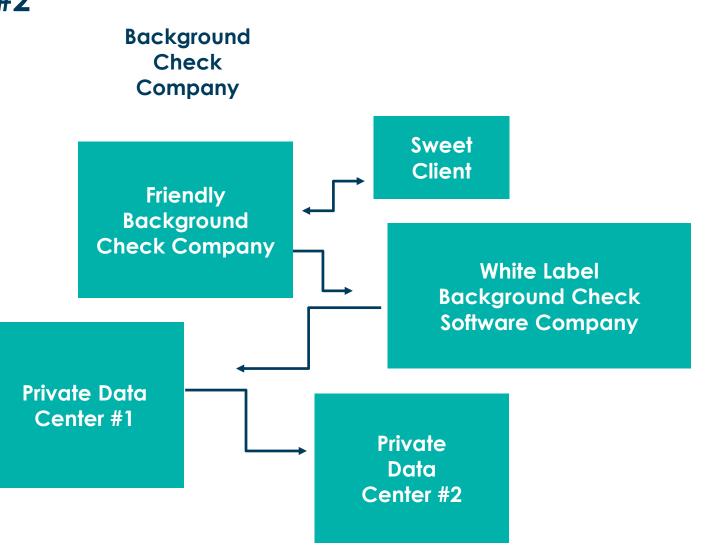
- Credit card and banking data (PCI).
- Expense Software Company PCI Certified.

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 PCI Report indicated Apple laptops do not have Anti-Virus software because Macs do not suffer from viruses. 35

#### **SaaS Vendor Review Example #2**

- No certifications at Friendly Background Check Company.
- CEO was in charge of IT security.
- White Label Background Check Software Company not certified.
- DC #1 and DC #2 both SOC 1 certified.
- Software company data on DC #1 and #2 was unencrypted at rest.





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