



**System and Organization Controls (SOC) 3
Report on the Google Cloud Platform System
Relevant to Security, Availability, and Confidentiality
For the Period 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019**



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Management's Report of its Assertion on the Effectiveness of Its Controls Over the Google Cloud Platform 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 Cloud Platform System (System) and describing the boundaries of the System, which are presented in Attachment A
- Identifying our principal service commitments and system requirements
- Identifying the risks that would threaten the achievement of its principal 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 principal service commitments and system requirement
- Selecting the trust services categories that are the basis of our assertion

We assert that the controls over the system were effective throughout the period 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019, to provide reasonable assurance that the principal service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the criteria relevant to security, availability, and confidentiality set forth in the AICPA's TSP section 100, *2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy*.

Very truly yours,

Google LLC

25 June 2019

Report of Independent Accountants

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 Cloud Platform System Based on the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Security, Availability, and Confidentiality" (Assertion), that Google's controls over the Google Cloud Platform (System) were effective throughout the period 1 May 2018 through 30 April 2019, to provide reasonable assurance that its principal service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the criteria relevant to security, availability, and confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in the AICPA's TSP section 100, *2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy*.

Management Responsibilities

Google's management is responsible for its assertion, selecting the trust services categories and associated criteria on which the its assertion is based, and having a reasonable basis for its assertion. It is also responsible for:

- Identifying the Google Cloud Platform System (System) and describing the boundaries of the System
- Identifying its principal service commitments and system requirements and the risks that would threaten the achievement of its principal service commitments and service requirements that are the objectives of its system
- Identifying, designing, implementing, operating, and monitoring effective controls over the System to mitigate risks that threaten the achievement of the principal service commitments and system requirement

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 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. 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 considered 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.

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 principal 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 May 2018 through 30 April 2019, to provide reasonable assurance that its principal service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria. .

Ernst & Young LLP

25 June 2019
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Attachment A – Google Cloud Platform System

Google Overview

Google LLC ("Google" or "the Company") 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 web sites 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.

Google Cloud Platform provides Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and Platform as a Service (PaaS), allowing businesses and developers to build and run any or all of their applications on Google's Cloud infrastructure. Customers can benefit from performance, scale, reliability, ease-of-use, and a pay-as-you-go cost model.

It includes the following services, hereafter described collectively as "Google Cloud Platform" or GCP:

AI and Machine Learning

- AI Platform Training and Prediction
- Cloud AutoML Natural Language
- Cloud AutoML Translation
- Cloud AutoML Vision
- Cloud Natural Language
- Cloud Speech-to-Text
- Cloud Text-to-Speech
- Cloud Translation
- Cloud Video Intelligence
- Cloud Vision
- Dialogflow Enterprise Edition

Compute

- App Engine
- Cloud Functions
- Compute Engine
- Kubernetes Engine

Data Analytics

- BigQuery
- BigQuery Data Transfer Service

- Cloud Dataflow
- Cloud Datalab
- Cloud Dataproc
- Cloud Pub/Sub
- Genomics

Developer Tools

- Cloud Build
- Cloud SDK
- Cloud Source Repositories
- Container Registry

Identity and Security

- Access Transparency*
- Cloud HSM
- Cloud Identity and Access Management
- Cloud Identity-Aware Proxy
- Cloud Key Management Service
- Cloud Resource Manager
- Cloud Security Scanner
- Data Loss Prevention
- Google Service Control
- Identity Platform*

Management Tools

- Cloud Console
- Cloud Console Mobile App
- Cloud Deployment Manager
- Cloud Shell
- Stackdriver Debugger
- Stackdriver Error Reporting
- Stackdriver Logging
- Stackdriver Profiler
- Stackdriver Trace

Networking

- Cloud Armor
- Cloud CDN
- Cloud DNS
- Cloud Interconnect

- Cloud Load Balancing
- Cloud Router
- Cloud VPN
- Network Service Tiers*
- Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

Storage and Databases

- Cloud Bigtable
- Cloud Datastore
- Cloud Filestore*
- Cloud Firestore
- Cloud Memorystore
- Cloud Spanner
- Cloud SQL
- Cloud Storage
- Cloud Storage Transfer Service
- Persistent Disk

Other

- Cloud Billing API
- Cloud Endpoints
- Cloud Healthcare
- Cloud Healthcare Search
- Cloud IoT Core
- Cloud Talent Solution
- GCP Marketplace
- Google Service Management
- Orbitera
- Service Consumer Management

*Indicates products in scope for the period 1 November 2018 through 30 April 2019

Google's product offerings for Google Cloud Platform provide the unique advantage of leveraging the resources of Google's core engineering team while also having a dedicated team to develop solutions for the corporate market. As a result, these Google offerings are positioned to innovate at a rapid rate and provide the same level of service that users are familiar with on google.com.

These products provide a comprehensive variety of technical services that organizations rely on:

- AI and Machine Learning - fast, scalable and easy to use modern machine learning services, with pre-trained models and the ability to generate tailored models

- Compute - a scalable range of computing options tailored to match the size and needs of an organization
- Data Analytics - tools to capture, process, store and analyze data on a single platform
- Developer Tools - a rich collection of tools and libraries that help development teams work quickly and effectively
- Identity and Security - manage the security and access to cloud assets, supported by Google's own protection of its infrastructure
- Management Tools - manage apps on GCP with a web-based console, mobile app, or Cloud Shell for real time monitoring, logging, diagnostics, and configuration
- Networking - a high quality private network using software-defined networking and distributed systems technologies to host and deliver services around the world
- Storage and Databases - scalable storage options and varieties for different needs and price points

The products are comprised of communication, productivity, collaboration and security tools that can be accessed from virtually any location with Internet connectivity. This means every employee and each user entity they work with can be productive from anywhere, using any device with an Internet connection.

The Google Cloud Platform products covered in this system description consist of the following services:

AI Platform Training and Prediction

AI Platform Training and Prediction is a managed service that enables users to easily build machine learning models with popular frameworks like TensorFlow, XGBoost and Scikit Learn. It provides scalable training and prediction services that work on large datasets.

Cloud AutoML Natural Language

AutoML Natural Language enables categorization of input text into their own custom defined labels (supervised classification). Models can be specific for a domain or use case.

Cloud AutoML Translation

Cloud AutoML Translation enables training of custom models with limited machine learning expertise so translation queries return results specific to their domain. After uploading translated language pairs, AutoML Translation will train and deploy a model that can scale as needed to meet production demands. AutoML Translation offers the ability to create a production- ready model in a short amount of time.

Cloud AutoML Vision

Cloud AutoML Vision enables training of custom models to classify images according to defined labels. After uploading and labeling images, Cloud AutoML Vision will train a model and manage deployment to adapt to demands. Cloud AutoML Vision offers high model accuracy and fast time

to create a production-ready model. It also supports models to detect objects in images, and download classification-only models for use on edge devices.

Cloud Natural Language

Cloud Natural Language provides natural language understanding as a simple to use API. Given a block of text, this API enables finding entities, analyzing sentiment (positive or negative), analyzing syntax (including parts of speech and dependency trees), and categorizing the content into a rich taxonomy. The API can be called by passing the content directly or by referring to a document in Google Cloud Storage.

Cloud Speech-to-Text

Cloud Speech-to-Text allows converting audio to text by applying neural network models in an API. The API can recognize over 80 languages and variants. Users can transcribe the text of users dictating to an application's microphone, enable command-and-control through voice, or transcribe audio files, among many other use cases. The API can receive streamed audio or a URL to audio stored in Google Cloud Storage.

Cloud Text-to-Speech

Google Cloud Text-to-Speech synthesizes natural-sounding speech with 30 voices, available in multiple languages and variants to deliver high fidelity audio, creating lifelike interactions across many applications and devices

Cloud Translation

Cloud Translation automatically translates text from one language to another language (e.g., French to English). The API is used to programmatically translate text in webpages or apps.

Cloud Video Intelligence

Cloud Video Intelligence API makes videos searchable, and discoverable, by extracting metadata through a REST API. It annotates videos stored in Google Cloud Storage, and helps identify key noun entities in a video and when they occur within the video.

Cloud Vision

Cloud Vision enables the understanding of image content by encapsulating machine learning models in a REST API. It classifies images into thousands of categories, detects individual objects and faces within images, and finds and reads printed words contained within images. It can be applied to build metadata on image catalogs, moderate offensive content, or enable new marketing scenarios through image sentiment analysis. It can also analyze images uploaded in the request and integrate with image storage on Google Cloud Storage.

Dialogflow Enterprise Edition

Dialogflow is a development suite for voice and text conversational apps including chatbots. Dialogflow is cross-platform and can connect to apps (on the web, Android, iOS, and IoT) or existing platforms (e.g., Actions on Google, Facebook Messenger, Slack).

App Engine

App Engine enables the building and hosting of web apps on the same systems that power Google applications. App Engine offers fast development and deployment. There is no need to manage servers or other low-level infrastructure components. Scaling and software patching are handled by App Engine on the user's behalf. App Engine also provides the ability to create managed VMs. In addition, client APIs can be built for App Engine applications using Google Cloud Endpoints.

Cloud Functions

Cloud Functions is a serverless compute solution that runs single-purpose functions in response to GCP events and HTTP calls (webhooks). Cloud Functions can be triggered asynchronously by Cloud Pub/Sub, Cloud Storage, GCP infrastructure events, and Firebase products. Cloud Functions scales automatically to meet request load and the user does not need to manage servers or the runtime environment.

Compute Engine

Compute Engine offers scalable and flexible virtual machine computing capabilities in the cloud. With virtual machines that can boot in minutes, it offers many configurations including Custom Machine Types that can be optimized for specific use cases as well as support for GPUs, TPUs and Local SSD.

Kubernetes Engine

Kubernetes Engine, powered by the open source container scheduler Kubernetes, runs containers on Google Cloud Platform. Kubernetes Engine manages provisioning and maintaining the underlying virtual machine cluster, scaling applications, and operational logistics such as logging, monitoring, and cluster health management.

BigQuery

BigQuery is a fully managed data analysis service that features scalable data storage, up to hundreds of terabytes, the ability to perform ad hoc queries on multi-terabyte datasets, and the ability to share data insights via the web.

BigQuery Data Transfer Service

BigQuery Data Transfer Service automates data movement from SaaS applications to BigQuery on a scheduled, managed basis.

Cloud Dataflow

Cloud Dataflow is a fully managed service for consistent, parallel data-processing pipelines. It utilizes the Apache Beam Software Development Kits (SDKs) with composable primitives for building data-processing pipelines for batch or continuous processing. This service manages the lifecycle of Compute Engine resources for the processing pipeline(s), and provides a monitoring interface for understanding pipeline health.

Cloud Datalab

Cloud Datalab is an interactive notebook based tool for exploration, transformation, analysis and visualization of data on Google Cloud Platform. It provides analytical and storage services to analyze data on the platform.

Cloud Dataproc

Cloud Dataproc is a managed service for distributed data processing. It provides management, integration, and development tools for deploying and using Apache Hadoop, Apache Spark, and other related open source data processing tools. With Cloud Dataproc, clusters can be created and deleted on-demand and sized to fit whatever workload is at hand.

Cloud Pub/Sub

Cloud Pub/Sub provides reliable, many-to-many, asynchronous messaging between applications. Publisher applications can send messages to a “topic” while other applications can subscribe to that topic to receive the messages. By decoupling senders and receivers, Google Cloud Pub/Sub allows communication between independent applications.

Genomics

Genomics provides an Application Programming Interface (API) to store, process, inspect and share DNA sequence reads, reference-based alignments, and variant calls, using Google's cloud infrastructure.

Cloud Build

Cloud Build allows for the creation of container images from application source code located in Google Cloud Storage or in a third party service (e.g., Github, Bitbucket). Created Container images can be stored in Container Registry and deployed on Container Engine, Compute Engine, App Engine Flexible Environment or other services to run applications from Docker containers.

Cloud SDK

Cloud SDK is a set of command-line tools for the Google Cloud Platform that can be run interactively or in automated scripts. These tools can be used to manage supported Google Cloud Platform products, including Compute Engine virtual machines, Kubernetes clusters, network and firewall configurations, and disk storage.

Cloud Source Repositories

Cloud Source Repositories provides Git version control to support collaborative development of any application or service as well as a source browser that can be used to browse the contents of repositories and view individual files from within the Cloud Console. Cloud Source Repositories and related tools (e.g., Stackdriver Debugger) can be used to view debugging information alongside code during application runtime.

Container Registry

Container Registry is a private Docker image storage system on Google Cloud Platform.

Access Transparency

Access Transparency captures near real-time logs of certain manual, targeted accesses by Google personnel, and provides them via Stackdriver Logging accounts.

Cloud HSM

Cloud HSM is a cloud-hosted Hardware Security Module (HSM) service for hosting encryption keys and performing cryptographic operations.

Cloud Identity and Access Management

Cloud Identity and Access Management (IAM) enables the administration and authorization of accesses to specific resources, and provides a unified view into security policies across entire organizations with built-in auditing.

Cloud Identity-Aware Proxy

Cloud Identity-Aware Proxy (Cloud IAP) is a tool that helps control access to applications running on Google Cloud Platform based on identity and group membership.

Cloud Key Management Service

Cloud Key Management Service (KMS) is a cloud-hosted key management service that manages encryption for cloud services. It enables the generation, use, rotation, and destruction of encryption keys.

Cloud Resource Manager

Cloud Resource Manager allows users to programmatically manage Google Cloud Platform container resources (such as Organizations and Projects) to group and hierarchically organize other Google Cloud Platform resources. This hierarchical organization enables users to management of common aspects of resources such as access control and configuration settings.

Cloud Security Scanner

Cloud Security Scanner is a web application security scanner for Google App Engine. It provides the ability to check for a subset of common web application vulnerabilities in websites built on App Engine.

Data Loss Prevention

Cloud Data Loss Prevention (DLP) enables classifying, redacting, and analyzing sensitive or personally identified content in text, images, and cloud assets.

Google Service Control

Google Service Control provides control plane functionality to managed services, such as logging, monitoring, and status checks.

Identity Platform

Identity Platform is a customer identity and access management (CIAM) platform delivered by Google Cloud enabling organizations to add identity management and user security to their applications or services.

Cloud Console

Cloud Console is a web based interface used to build, modify, and manage services and resources on the Google Cloud Platform. Cloud services can be procured, configured, and run from Cloud Console.

Cloud Console Mobile App

Cloud Console Mobile App is a native mobile app that provides monitoring, alerting, and the ability to take actions on resources.

Cloud Deployment Manager

Deployment Manager is an infrastructure management service which automates creation, and management of Google Cloud Platform resources.

Cloud Shell

Cloud Shell provides command-line access to Google Cloud Platform resources through an in-browser Linux shell backed by a temporary Linux VM in the cloud. It allows projects and resources to be managed without having to install additional tools on systems and comes equipped and configured with common developer tools such as text editors, a MySQL client and kubernetes.

Stackdriver Debugger

Stackdriver Debugger provides the ability to inspect the call-stack and variables of a running cloud application in real-time without stopping it. It is safe to use in test, production or any other deployment environment. It can be used to debug applications written in any programming language.

Stackdriver Error Reporting

Stackdriver Error Reporting counts, analyzes and aggregates the crashes in applications. The crash data is extracted from application logs on Google Cloud or reported via the public API. Collected data can be inspected via the UI or the public API and may opt-in to receive notifications about the occurrence of errors.

Stackdriver Logging

Stackdriver Logging is a fully-managed service that provides a service to store, search, analyze, monitor, and alert of log data and events from Google Cloud Platform and Amazon Web Services (AWS). The API also allows ingestion of custom log data from any source. Stackdriver Logging can ingest application and system log data from thousands of VMs and analyze log data in real-time. Software related to Stackdriver Logging (i.e. open-source logging agent) that can be downloaded and installed on independent VMs is out of the scope of this report.

Stackdriver Profiler

Stackdriver Profiler continuously gathers and reports source-level performance information from production services. It provides key information to determine what functions in code consume the most memory and CPU cycles so insights can be gained on how code operates to improve performance and optimize computing resources.

Stackdriver Trace

Stackdriver Trace collects latency data from applications and displays it in the Google Cloud Platform Console. It automatically analyzes trace data to generate in-depth performance reports that help identify and locate performance bottlenecks.

Cloud Armor

Cloud Armor provides access control configurations and at-scale defenses against application-aware and multi-vector attacks.

Cloud CDN

Cloud CDN uses Google's distributed edge points of presence to cache HTTP(S) load balanced content.

Cloud DNS

Cloud DNS is a fully-managed Domain Name System service which operates a geographically diverse network of high-availability authoritative name servers. Cloud DNS provides a service to publish and manage DNS records for applications and services.

Cloud Interconnect

Cloud Interconnect offers enterprise-grade connections to Google Cloud Platform. This solution provides direct connection between on-premise networks and GCP Virtual Private Cloud.

Cloud Load Balancing

Cloud Load Balancing is a distributed, software-defined, managed service for all traffic (HTTP(S), TCP/SSL, and UDP) to computing resources. Cloud Load Balancing rapidly responds to changes in traffic, network, backend health and other related conditions.

Cloud Router

Google Cloud Router enables dynamic Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) route updates between a VPC network and an external network, typically an on-premise network.

Cloud VPN

Cloud VPN provides connections between on-premise or other external networks to Virtual Private Clouds on GCP via an IPsec connection or can be used to connect two different Google managed VPN gateways.

Network Service Tiers

Network Service Tiers enable the selection of different quality networks (tiers) for outbound traffic to the internet: The Standard Tier primarily utilizes third party transit providers while the Premium Tier leverages Google's private backbone and peering surface for egress.

Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

Virtual Private Cloud is a comprehensive set of managed networking capabilities including granular IP address range selection, routes and firewalls.

Cloud Bigtable

Cloud Bigtable is a low-latency, fully managed, highly-scalable NoSQL database service. It is designed for the retention and serving of data from gigabytes to petabytes in size.

Cloud Datastore

Cloud Datastore is a highly-scalable NoSQL database for mobile and web applications. It provides query capabilities, atomic transitions, indexes, and automatically scales up and down in response to load.

Cloud Filestore

Cloud Filestore is a service for fully managed NFS file servers for use with applications running on Compute Engine virtual machines (VMs) instances or Google Kubernetes Engine clusters.

Cloud Firestore

Cloud Firestore is a fully managed, scalable, serverless NoSQL document database for mobile, web, and server development. It provides query capabilities, strong consistency, live synchronization and offline support. It also provides integrations with both Firebase and Google Cloud Platform (GCP).

Cloud Memorystore

Cloud Memorystore for Redis provides a fully managed in-memory data store service for GCP. Cloud Memorystore can be used to build application caches that provides low latency data access. Cloud Memorystore is compatible with the Redis protocol, allowing seamless migration with no code changes.

Cloud Spanner

Cloud Spanner is a fully managed, scalable, relational database service. It is designed to provide a scalable online transaction processing (OLTP) database with high availability and ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) transactions with synchronous replication of data across regions.

Cloud SQL

Cloud SQL is a service to create, configure, and use managed third-party relational databases in Google Cloud Platform. Cloud SQL maintains, manages, and administers those databases.

Cloud Storage

Cloud Storage is Google Cloud Platform's unified object/blob storage. It is a RESTful service for storing and accessing data on Google Cloud Platform's infrastructure. It combines the simplicity of a consistent API and latency across different storage classes with reliability, scalability, performance and security of Google Cloud Platform.

Cloud Storage Transfer Service

Cloud Storage Transfer Service provides the ability to import large amounts of online data into Google Cloud Storage. It can transfer data from Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) and other HTTP/HTTPS locations as well as transfer data between Google Cloud Storage buckets.

Persistent Disk

Persistent Disk provides a persistent virtual disk for use with Google Compute Engine and Google Kubernetes Engine compute instances. It is available in both SSD (Solid State Drive) and HDD (Hard Disk Drive) variations.

Cloud Billing API

Cloud Billing API provides methods to programmatically manage billing for projects on the Google Cloud Platform

Cloud Endpoints

Google Cloud Endpoints is a tool that provides services to develop, deploy, secure and monitor APIs running on Google Cloud Platform.

Cloud Healthcare

Cloud Healthcare provides managed services and an API to store, process, manage, and retrieve healthcare data in a variety of industry standard formats.

Cloud Healthcare Search

Cloud Healthcare Search is a clinician-focused search engine over a patient's longitudinal record. The product offers comprehensive search across all resources in the record along with query expansion, suggest, and spell correction. The externally-accessible provider-facing user interface is vendor-neutral and can be used directly or embedded within an electronic health record system.

Cloud IoT Core

Cloud IoT Core is a fully managed service that securely connects, manages, and ingests data from internet connected devices. It enables utilization of other Google Cloud Platform services for collecting, processing, and analyzing IoT data.

Cloud Talent Solution

Cloud Talent Solution offers access to Google's machine learning, enabling company career sites, job boards, ATS, staffing agencies, and other recruitment technology platforms to improve the talent acquisition experience.

GCP Marketplace

Google Cloud Platform (GCP) Marketplace offers ready-to-go development stacks, solutions, and services from 3rd party partners and Google to accelerate development. It enables the deployment of production-grade solutions, obtains direct access to partner support, and receives a single bill for both GCP and 3rd party services.

Google Service Management

Service Management API provides methods for publishing managed services and managing service configurations.

Orbitera

Orbitera provides a platform that creates marketplaces to sell solutions, import billing data and generate reports and invoices, and create time-bound multi-cloud software trials.

Service Consumer Management

Service Consumer Management API provides utilities to help managed service producers manage relationships with service consumers, including the ability to create and manage tenancy units.

Infrastructure

Google Cloud Platform runs in a multi-tenant, distributed environment. 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 Cloud Platform, 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 all data centers for physical security to help protect production and corporate 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 a dashboard that provides 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 Cloud Platform 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) certificates, which helps to positively identify the resource access requester. This service also offers transport encryption to enhance data confidentiality in transit. Data traffic is encrypted between Google production facilities.

Google follows a formal process to grant or revoke employee access to Google resources. Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Kerberos, and a Google proprietary system which utilizes Secure Shell (SSH) and TLS certificates help provide secure and flexible access mechanisms. These mechanisms are designed to grant access rights to systems and data only to authorized users.

Both user and internal access to customer data is restricted through the use of unique user account IDs. Access to sensitive systems and applications requires two-factor authentication in the form of unique user account IDs, 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 semi-annual basis under the direction of the group administrators.

Change Management

Change Management policies, including security code reviews and emergency fixes, are in place, and procedures for tracking, testing approving, and validating changes are documented. Changes are developed utilizing the code versioning tool to manage source code, documentation, release labeling and other functions. Google requires all code changes to be reviewed and approved by a separate technical resource, other than the developer, to evaluate the quality and accuracy of changes. Further, all application and configuration changes are tested prior to migration to production environment. Following successful pass of tests, multiple binaries are then grouped into a release and deployed to production.

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. All employees are required to complete these training programs annually. All product feature launches that include new collection, processing, or sharing of user data are required to go through an internal design review process. Google has also established incident response processes to report and handle events related to confidentiality. Google establishes agreements, including non-disclosure agreements, for preserving confidentiality of information and software exchange with external parties.

Network Architecture and Management

The Google Cloud Platform system architecture utilizes a fully redundant network infrastructure. Google has implemented perimeter devices to protect the Google network from external attacks. Network monitoring mechanisms are in place to detect and disconnect access to the Google network from unauthorized devices.

People

Google has implemented a process-based service quality environment designed to deliver the Google Cloud Platform 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.

Formal organizational structures exist and are available to Google employees on the Company's intranet. The intranet provides drill-down functionality for identifying employees 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 and procedures are reviewed and updated as necessary.

Attachment B - Principal Service Commitments and System Requirements

Service Commitments

Commitments are declarations made by management to customers regarding the performance of Google Cloud Platform System. Commitments to customers are communicated via Terms of Service, Google Cloud Platform Service Level Agreements, and Data Processing Addendums.

System Requirements

Google has implemented a process-based service quality environment designed to deliver the Google Cloud Platform 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 all Google Applications, Systems, and Services.
- **Incident Management:** Google monitors a variety of communication channels for security incidents, and Google's security personnel will react promptly to 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 the customer instructions and complies with applicable regulations.
- **Data Security:** Google implements and maintains technical and organizational measures to protect customer data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access. Google takes appropriate steps to ensure compliance with the security measures by its employees, contractors and sub-processors to the extent applicable to their scope of performance.
- **Third Party Risk Management:** Google conducts routine inspections of sub-processors to evaluate control conformance. Google defines the security and privacy obligations which the sub-processor must meet to satisfy Google's obligations regarding customer data, prior to Google granting access to customer data.