

System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 Type 2 Report for



For the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022

Report on Base64.ai, Inc.'s description of its Base64.ai Platform and on the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of its controls relevant to security and confidentiality throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022.

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Section I: Independent Service Auditor's Report Provided by Laika Compliance LLC

To: Base64.ai, Inc. ("Base64.ai" or "the Company")

Scope

We have examined Base64.ai's accompanying description of its Base64.ai Platform found in Section 3 titled "Base64.ai's Description of its Base64.ai Platform for the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022" (description), based on the criteria for a description of a service organization's system set forth in DC Section 200, 2018 Description Criteria for a Description of a Service Organization's System in a SOC 2® Report (AICPA, Description Criteria), (description criteria) and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description for the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the trust services criteria relevant to security and confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP Section 100, 2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy (AICPA, Trust Services Criteria).

The description indicates that certain complementary user entity controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Base64.ai, to achieve Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents Base64.ai's controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai's controls. 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 controls.

Base64.ai uses a subservice organization for data center colocation services. The description indicates that complementary subservice organization controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Base64.ai to achieve Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents Base64.ai's controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the types of complementary subservice organization controls assumed in the design and operating effectiveness of Base64.ai's controls. The description does not disclose the actual controls at the subservice organization. Our examination did not include the services provided by the subservice organization, and we have not evaluated the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of such complementary subservice organization controls.

The information included in Section 5, "Other Information Provided by Base64.ai that is not Covered by the Service Auditor's Report", is presented by Base64.ai management to provide additional information and is not part of the description. Information about Base64.ai's responses to exceptions noted has not been subjected to the procedures applied in the examination of the description, the suitability of the design of

controls, and the operating effectiveness of the controls to achieve Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria.

Service Organization's Responsibilities

Base64.ai is responsible for its service commitments and system requirements and for designing, implementing, and operating effective controls within the system to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements were achieved. In Section 2, Base64.ai has provided the accompanying assertion titled "Assertion of Base64.ai, Inc.'s Management" (assertion) about the description and the suitability of design and operating effectiveness of controls stated therein. Base64.ai is also responsible for preparing the description and assertion, including the completeness, accuracy, and method of presentation of the description and assertion; providing the services covered by the description; selecting the applicable trust services criteria and stating the related controls in the description; and identifying the risks that threaten the achievement of the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.

Service Auditor's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the description and on the suitability of design and operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description 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, in all material respects, the description is presented in accordance with the description criteria and the controls stated therein were suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization's service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

An examination of a description of a service organization's system and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls involves—

- Obtaining an understanding of the system and the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.
- Assessing the risks that the description is not presented in accordance with the description criteria and that controls were not suitably designed or did not operate effectively.
- Performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the description is presented in accordance with the description criteria.

- Performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether controls stated in the description were suitably designed to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization achieved its service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria.
- Testing the operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description provide reasonable assurance that the service organization achieved its service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the description.

Our examination also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Inherent Limitations

The description is prepared to meet the common needs of a broad range of report users and may not, therefore, include every aspect of the system that individual report users may consider important to meet their informational needs. There are inherent limitations in any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. Because of their nature, controls may not always operate effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the service organization's service commitments and system requirements are achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria. Also, the projection to the future of any conclusions about the suitability of the design or operating effectiveness of controls is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Description of Tests of Controls

The specific controls we tested and the nature, timing, and results of those tests are listed in Section 4, "Description of Criteria, Base64.ai Controls, Service Auditor Tests, and Results of Tests" of this report.

Controls That Were Not Tested During the Period

The Company's description of its system discusses the following controls implemented and operated during the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 that were not tested as part of our procedures:

- LCL-21: A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during the annual penetration test.
- LCL-47: A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during web application vulnerability scans.
- LCL-51: All incidents related to security are logged, tracked, evaluated and communicated to affected parties by management until the Company has recovered from the incidents.

During the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, the Company did not experience the above control activities that would warrant the operation of the controls during the period.

Because the controls described above were not required to operate during the period, we did not test the operating effectiveness of those controls as evaluated using the following trust services criteria (TSC):

- TSC CC7.1: 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.
- TSC CC7.2: 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.
- TSC CC7.3: The entity evaluates security events to determine whether they could or have resulted in a failure of the entity to meet its objectives (security incidents) and, if so, takes actions to prevent or address such failures.
- TSC CC7.4: The entity responds to identified security incidents by executing a defined incident response program to understand, contain, remediate, and communicate security incidents, as appropriate.
- TSC CC7.5: The entity identifies, develops, and implements activities to recover from identified security incidents.

Opinion

In our opinion, in all material respects—

- a. The description presents Base64.ai's Base64.ai Platform that was designed and implemented throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, in accordance with the description criteria.
- b. The controls stated in the description were suitably designed throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements would be achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if its controls operated effectively throughout the period and if the subservice organization and user entities applied the complementary controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai's controls throughout the period.
- c. The controls stated in the description operated effectively throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai's service commitments and

system requirements would be achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if complementary subservice organization controls and complimentary user entity controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai's controls operated effectively throughout the period.

Restricted Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Base64.ai; user entities of the Base64.ai Platform throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, business partners of Base64.ai subject to risks arising from interactions with the Base64.ai Platform, practitioners providing services to such user entities and business partners, prospective user entities and business partners, and regulators who have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the following:

- The nature of the service provided by the service organization.
- How the service organization's system interacts with user entities, business partners, subservice organizations, and other parties.
- Internal control and its limitations.
- Complementary user entity controls and complementary subservice organization controls and how those controls interact with the controls at the service organization to achieve the service organization's service commitments and system requirements.
- User entity responsibilities and how they may affect the user entity's ability to effectively use the service organization's services.
- The applicable trust services criteria.
- The risks that may threaten the achievement of the service organization's service commitments and system requirements and how controls address those risks.

This report is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Laika Compliance LLC

Arlington, Virginia

December 22, 2022

Section II: Assertion of Base64.ai, Inc.'s Management

We have prepared the accompanying description in Section 3 titled “Base64.ai’s Description of its Base64.ai Platform for the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022” (description), based on the criteria for a description of a service organization’s system set forth in DC Section 200, 2018 Description Criteria for a Description of a Service Organization’s System in a SOC 2® Report (AICPA, Description Criteria) (description criteria). The description is intended to provide report users with information about the Base64.ai Platform that may be useful when assessing the risks arising from interactions with Base64.ai’s system, particularly information about system controls that Base64.ai has designed, implemented and operated to provide reasonable assurance that its service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the trust services criteria relevant to security and confidentiality (applicable trust services criteria) set forth in TSP Section 100, 2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy (AICPA, Trust Services Criteria).

Base64.ai uses a subservice organization for data center and colocation services. The description indicates that complementary subservice organization controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Base64.ai, to achieve Base64.ai’s service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents Base64.ai’s controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the types of complementary subservice organization controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai’s controls. The description does not disclose the actual controls at the subservice organization.

The description indicates that complementary user entity controls that are suitably designed and operating effectively are necessary, along with controls at Base64.ai, to achieve Base64.ai’s service commitments and system requirements based on the applicable trust services criteria. The description presents Base64.ai’s controls, the applicable trust services criteria, and the complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai’s controls.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that:

- The description presents Base64.ai’s Base64.ai Platform that was designed and implemented throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, in accordance with the description criteria.
- The controls stated in the description were suitably designed throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai’s service commitments and system requirements would be achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if its controls operated effectively throughout that period, and if the subservice organization and user entities applied the complementary controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai’s controls throughout that period.

- The controls stated in the description operated effectively throughout the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, to provide reasonable assurance that Base64.ai's service commitments and system requirements were achieved based on the applicable trust services criteria, if complementary subservice organization controls and complementary user entity controls assumed in the design of Base64.ai's controls operated effectively throughout that period.

Our description of the of the Base64.ai Platform discusses the following controls implemented during the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 that were not required to operate due to non occurrence of the activity:

- LCL-21: A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during the annual penetration test.
- LCL-47: A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during web application vulnerability scans.
- LCL-51: All incidents related to security are logged, tracked, evaluated and communicated to affected parties by management until the Company has recovered from the incidents.

During the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, Base64.ai did not experience the above control activities that would warrant the operation of the controls during the period.

Base64.ai, Inc.

Section III: Base64.ai’s Description of its Base64.ai Platform for the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022

Overview of Operations

Base64.ai, Inc. (“Base64.ai” or “the Company”) is a software as a service company. Base64.ai is a cloud-based artificial intelligence service that extracts text, data, handwriting, photos, and signatures from all types of documents, including IDs, driver licenses, passports, visas, receipts, invoices, forms, and hundreds of other document types worldwide. Base64.ai discerns the document's type, extracts the relevant information, verifies the results, and integrates them into the customer's systems. Base64.ai saves FTE hours for their customers by automating document processing so that they can cut costs and focus on their business goals.

The system description in this section of the report details the Base64.ai Platform. Any other Company services are not within the scope of this report. The accompanying description includes only the policies, procedures, and control activities at the Company and does not include the policies, procedures, and control activities at any subservice organizations (see below for further discussion of the subservice organization).

Service Commitments and System Requirements

Commitments are declarations made by management to customers regarding the performance of Base64.ai Platform. Customer contracts and privacy policy include the communication of the Company's commitments to its customers.

System requirements are specifications regarding how Base64.ai should function to meet the Company's principal commitments to user entities. System requirements are specified in the Company's policies and procedures.

The Company's principal service commitments and system requirements related to the Base64.ai Platform include the following:

Trust Services Category	Service Commitments	System Requirements
Security	Base64.ai will use commercially reasonable means to protect customer data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity and access control • Security monitoring and reporting • Threat management • Security incident response

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security awareness training • Third party provider controls (vendor risk management) • Change control procedures
Confidentiality	Base64.ai will make commercially reasonable efforts to protect and not disclose confidential information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Retention and Disposal • Data Classification

The Components of the System Used to Provide the Service

The boundaries of the Base64.ai Platform are the specific aspects of the Company's infrastructure, software, people, procedures, and data necessary to provide its services and that directly support the services provided to customers. Any infrastructure, software, people, procedures, and data that indirectly support the services provided to customers are not included within the boundaries of the Base64.ai Platform.

The components that directly support the services provided to customers are described in the subsections below.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Company utilizes Google Cloud Platform (GCP) to provide the resources to host the Base64.ai Platform. The Company leverages the experience and resources of GCP to quickly and securely scale as necessary to meet current and future demand. However, the Company is responsible for designing and configuring the architecture within GCP to ensure security and resiliency requirements are met.

The in-scope hosted infrastructure also consists of multiple supporting tools, as shown in the table below:

Infrastructure		
Production Tool	Business Function	Hosted Location
Cloud Run	Container managed compute platform	GCP

Cloud Storage	Data Store	GCP
Cloud Armor	Firewall	GCP
Firebase Realtime Database	Data Store	GCP

SOFTWARE

Software consists of the programs and software that support the Base64.ai Platform. The list of software and ancillary software used to build, support, secure, maintain, and monitor the Base64.ai Platform include the following applications, as shown in the table below:

Software	
Production Application	Business Function
GitHub	Code Repository
AWS TextTract	Machine Learning Service
Microsoft OCR	Machine Learning Service
Cloud Monitoring	Infrastructure Monitoring
Security Command Center	Infrastructure Monitoring
Uptime Robot	Application Monitoring

Windows Security	Antivirus for Workstations
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PEOPLE

The Company develops, manages, and secures the Base64.ai Platform via separate departments. The responsibilities of these departments are defined in the following table:

People	
Group/Role Name	Function
Executive Management	Responsible for overseeing company-wide activities, establishing and accomplishing goals, and managing objectives.
Technical Development	Responsible for the development, testing, deployment, and maintenance of new code for Base64.ai Platform.
Sales and Marketing	Responsible for sales and marketing.

PROCEDURES

Procedures include the automated and manual procedures involved in the operation of the Base64.ai Platform. Procedures are developed and documented by the respective teams for a variety of processes. These procedures are drafted in alignment with the overall information security policies and are updated and approved as necessary for changes in the business, but no less than annually.

The following table details the procedures as they relate to the operation of Base64.ai Platform:

Procedure	Description
Logical and Physical Access	How the Company restricts logical and physical access, provides and removes that access, and prevents unauthorized access.

System Operations	How the Company manages the operation of the system and detects and mitigates processing deviations, including logical and physical security deviations.
Change and Configuration Management	How the Company identifies the need for changes, makes the changes using a controlled change management process, and prevents unauthorized changes from being made.
Risk and Compliance	How the entity identifies, selects, and develops risk mitigation activities arising from potential business disruptions and the use of vendors and business partners.
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BC/DR)	How the Company identifies the steps to be taken in the event of a disaster to help resume business operations.
Data Classification and Handling	How the company classifies data included in the service and the procedures for handling the data.

DATA

Data refers to transaction streams, files, data stores, tables, and output used or processed by the Company. Through the application programming interface (API), the customer or end-user defines and controls the data they load into and store in the Base64.ai Platform production network. Once stored in the environment, the data is accessed remotely from customer systems via the Internet.

Customer data is managed, processed, and stored in accordance with relevant data protection and other regulations and with specific requirements formally established in client contracts.

The Company has deployed secure methods and protocols for transmission of confidential or sensitive information over public networks. Databases housing sensitive customer data are encrypted at rest.

SYSTEM INCIDENTS

There were no identified significant system incidents that (a) were the result of controls that were not suitably designed or operating effectively to achieve one or more of the service commitments and system requirements or (b) otherwise resulted in a significant failure in the achievement of one or more of those service commitments and system requirements from August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022.

The Applicable Trust Services Criteria and Related Controls

APPLICABLE TRUST SERVICES CRITERIA

The Trust Services Categories that are in scope for the purposes of this report are as follows:

- **Security:** Information and systems are protected against unauthorized access, unauthorized disclosure of information, and damage to systems that could compromise the confidentiality of information or systems and affect the entity's ability to meet its objectives.
- **Confidentiality:** Information designated as confidential is protected to meet the entity's objectives.

Many of the criteria used to evaluate a system are shared amongst all categories; for example, the criteria related to risk assessment apply to the security and confidentiality categories. As a result, the criteria for the security and confidentiality categories are organized into (a) the criteria that are applicable to all categories (common criteria) and (b) criteria applicable only to a single category. The common criteria constitute the complete set of criteria for the security category. For the categories of security and confidentiality, a complete set of criteria is comprised of all the common criteria and all the criteria applicable to the category being reported on.

The common criteria are organized as follows:

1. **Control environment:** The criteria relevant to how the entity is structured and the processes the entity has implemented to manage and support people within its operating units. This includes criteria addressing accountability, integrity, ethical values, qualifications of personnel, and the environment in which they function.
2. **Communication and information:** The criteria relevant to how the entity communicates its policies, processes, procedures, commitments, and requirements to authorized users and other parties of the system and the obligations of those parties and users to the effective operation of the system.
3. **Risk assessment:** The criteria relevant to how the entity (i) identifies potential risks that would affect the entity's ability to achieve its objectives, (ii) analyzes those risks, (iii) develops responses to those risks including the design and implementation of controls and other risk mitigating actions, and (iv) conducts ongoing monitoring of risks and the risk management process.
4. **Monitoring activities:** The criteria relevant to how the entity monitors the system, including the suitability and design and operating effectiveness of the controls, and acts to address deficiencies identified.
5. **Control activities:** The criteria relevant to the actions established through policies and procedures that help ensure that management's directives to mitigate risks to the achievement of objectives are carried out.
6. **Logical and physical access controls:** The criteria relevant to how the entity restricts logical and physical access, provides and removes that access, and prevents unauthorized access.
7. **System operations:** The criteria relevant to how the entity manages the operation of system(s) and detects and mitigates processing deviations, including logical and physical security deviations.

8. Change management: The criteria relevant to how the entity identifies the need for changes, makes the changes using a controlled change management process, and prevents unauthorized changes from being made.
9. Risk mitigation: The criteria relevant to how the entity identifies, selects, and develops risk mitigation activities arising from potential business disruptions and the use of vendors and business partners.

This report is focused solely on the security and confidentiality categories.

CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

INTEGRITY AND ETHICAL VALUES

Base64.ai places emphasis on ethics and communication within the organization. Management communicates and oversees the implementation of the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct to new and current employees via the Employee Handbook. The Employee Handbook contains Code of Conduct information and defines employee expectations. Employees receive the handbook upon hire and sign the Employee Acknowledgement form to confirm that they have received, read, and understand the contents, including the Code of Conduct.

The handbook contains employment provisions, including details on confidential information, internet and email use, job fulfillment of duties, and conduct. Use of company property and conflict of interest are also covered in the document.

Base64.ai commits to the highest level of integrity in dealing with its customers, vendors, and workforce. This commitment to integrity is promulgated with established policies that cover a variety of business and integrity objectives.

As part of the compliance effort, Base64.ai maintains a complete inventory list of all third parties. Such third parties are contractually required to maintain relevant elements of information security policy requirements, and to report cyber security incidents, in a timely manner.

OVERSIGHT AND AUTHORITY

Base64.ai has a risk committee tasked with governance oversight. The risk committee meets quarterly and maintains formal meeting minutes. This committee delegates oversight and authority across Base64.ai.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Base64.ai's organizational structure provides a framework for planning, executing and controlling business operations. The organizational structure assigns roles and responsibilities to provide for adequate staffing, efficiency of operations and the segregation of duties. Roles and responsibilities are formally documented and include responsibilities for the oversight and implementation of the security and control environment.

Management has also established authority and appropriate lines of reporting for key personnel. Base64.ai follows a structured on-boarding process to assist new employees as they become familiar with processes, systems, policies and procedures. Base64.ai places emphasis on ethics and communication within the organization.

MANAGEMENT'S PHILOSOPHY AND OPERATING STYLE

Base64.ai's senior management takes a hands-on approach to running the business. Senior management is heavily involved in all phases of the business operations. The senior management team remains in close contact with all personnel and consistently emphasizes appropriate behavior to all personnel and key vendor personnel.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Management and employees are assigned appropriate levels of authority and responsibility to facilitate effective internal control.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Upon hiring, and annually thereafter, all employees must successfully complete training courses covering basic information security practices that support the functioning of an effective risk management program. The training courses are designed to assist employees in identifying and responding to social engineering attacks (phishing, pharming, and tailgating) and in avoiding inappropriate security practices (for example, writing down passwords or leaving sensitive material unattended).

If an employee is found to be violating company policies, additional training is provided, or other disciplinary actions are taken.

Employees with job responsibilities that fall directly within the incident response program have additional requirements to complete technical and job-specific training throughout the year. Additionally, those employees who have direct access to customer and employee data will receive specific training around incident management, information handling, and data protection.

When onboarding new personnel, background checks are performed by Base64.ai management, where available.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Base64.ai has various IT policies such as the IT security policy to ensure that employees understand their individual roles and responsibilities concerning processing as well as controls to ensure that significant events are communicated in a timely manner. These policies include formal and informal training programs and the use of email, instant messaging, and other mechanisms to communicate time-sensitive information and processes for security and system availability purposes that notify key personnel in the event of problems. Policies and supporting documents (and any changes to those documents) help users

understand how the System relates to their roles and responsibilities and are communicated to all users by the Company's Security organization.

Base64.ai has also published documentation describing the security features of the service, internal security-related processes and controls, and conformity to regulatory requirements.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

Base64.ai's risk committee has performed a risk assessment during the design and implementation of the control objectives and related controls described in this report. As part of its risk assessment, the risk committee identified the threats and vulnerabilities relevant to the security of Base64.ai business operations and rated the risk posed by each identified vulnerability. This rating allowed for the design and implementation of controls to mitigate the most significant risks to the security of Base64.ai's service.

The risk assessments are performed by the risk committee annually, at a minimum, or in response to any major updates to the product, client base, or business plan.

When conducting a risk assessment, the risk committee first identifies threats and vulnerabilities relevant to the security of business operations. The risk committee then – for each identified vulnerability – considers:

- The likelihood of impact (i.e., the likelihood of the vulnerability being exploited), and
- The severity of impact (i.e., how damaging an exploitation of the vulnerability would be).

These estimations of impact potential and impact severity are then used in conjunction to establish a risk ranking for each vulnerability.

MONITORING

The systems within the boundary are configured to prevent and detect vulnerabilities. In addition to regular oversight and review of logs and other usage of virtual infrastructure, management provides monitoring and audit logging in the form of preventive, detective, and corrective reporting. Relevant output from monitoring and detection mechanisms are distributed at meetings with executive and management personnel. Security testing, both automated and manual, occurs at regular intervals. Web application vulnerability scans are performed quarterly to identify, quantify, and prioritize vulnerabilities. Penetration testing is performed at least annually to identify vulnerabilities that could be exploited to gain access to the production environment. Vulnerabilities identified are ranked by the security team and management and remediated based on the Company's vulnerability management policies and procedures.

Anti-malware technology is deployed for environments commonly susceptible to malicious attack and is configured to be updated routinely, logged, and installed on all relevant workstations.

The Company utilizes a distributed approach in order to scale the security monitoring function by using a combination of commercially available tools, custom code, and an instant messaging platform. The Company has created a system that provides for the determination of attributions for most critical

security-relevant events and target notifications to the staff with the authority and the context necessary to vet that security alert. The interface of this system allows the targeted staff member to either resolve the security alert if they can do so safely or to escalate to the security team if response is required.

CONTROL ACTIVITIES

Information Security: An Information Security Policy has been formally documented and implemented to provide policies and procedures governing the protection of confidential and sensitive information. The Information Security Policy is communicated and distributed to employees upon hire. In the event of a significant change to the Information Security Policy, a communication is sent to all new and existing employees regarding the changes.

The Information Security Policy is reviewed and updated on an annual basis. The Information Security Policy defines information security responsibilities for all personnel. Where security responsibilities apply, roles are related to the policy and procedures that define their activity within their associated responsibilities. Security awareness training is provided to all employees upon hire and on an annual basis thereafter to ensure that personnel understand their security roles and responsibilities.

Base64.ai also communicates security roles and responsibilities to vendors and other third parties. Marketing and contractual materials that describe the services and scope of work provided to clients are documented and maintained to ensure that employees, contractors, vendors, and clients understand their roles and responsibilities.

LOGICAL AND PHYSICAL ACCESS

Access management processes exist so that Base64.ai employee and contractor user accounts are added, modified, or disabled in a timely manner and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. In addition, password configuration settings for user authentication to Base64.ai Platform are managed in compliance with Base64.ai's Password Policy which is part of the Information Security Policy.

Users must be approved for logical access by senior management prior to receiving access to Base64.ai Platform. Management authorization is required before employment is offered and access is provided. Users must also be assigned a unique ID before being allowed access to system components. User IDs are authorized and implemented as part of the new hire onboarding process. Access rights and privileges are granted to user IDs based on the principle of least privilege and Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) protocols. Access is limited to that which is required for the performance of job duties for individual users, and generic access by Base64.ai employees is not allowed.

SYSTEM OPERATIONS

An Incident Response Policy and Procedures manual has been formally documented and implemented to guide preparation, detection, response, analysis and repair, communication, follow-up, and training for any class of security breach or incident. The responsibilities in the event of a breach, the steps of a breach, and the importance of information security are defined for all employees. The Incident Response Team

employs industry-standard diagnosis procedures (such as incident identification, registration and verification, as well as initial incident classification and prioritizing actions) to drive resolution during business-impacting events.

Base64.ai reviews, triages, and communicates all incident alerts to Base64.ai whereupon the Incident Response Team starts the incident response process. Post-mortems are convened after any significant operational issue, regardless of external impact. Documentation of the investigation is conducted to determine that the root cause is captured and that preventative actions may be taken for the future.

CHANGE MANAGEMENT

A change management policy has been formally documented and implemented to guide the processes of change request, documentation, review, evaluation, approval, scheduling, testing, and implementation. Changes that may affect system availability and system security are communicated to management and any partners who may be affected via email.

System configuration standards are formally documented and implemented to ensure that all systems and network devices are properly and securely configured. Configurations in GCP are used as a basis for Base64.ai's system configuration standards.

Secure Software Development: Base64.ai applies a systematic approach to software development so that changes to customer impacting services are reviewed, tested, approved, and well communicated. Prior to deployment to production environments, changes are:

- Developed: in a development environment that is segregated from the production environment. Customer content is not used in test and development environments.
- Reviewed: reviewed by peers for technical aspects and appropriateness.
- Tested: to confirm the changes will behave as expected when applied and not adversely impact performance.
- Approved: by authorized team members to provide appropriate oversight and understanding of business impact.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The confidentiality category refers to the protection of customer information as committed by the Company's service level agreements. The confidentiality of the Base64.ai Platform is dependent on many aspects of the Company's operations. The risks that would prevent the Company from meeting its confidentiality commitments and requirements are diverse. The Company has designed its controls to address both internal and external confidentiality risks specifically related to protection from improper use and disclosure (including the monitoring of vendor services), as well as the proper retention and disposal of confidential customer information.

Confidentiality risks are addressed through policies and procedures covering the use, retention, and disposal of confidential data, data classification policies and procedures, confidentiality and information sharing agreements, remote access and transmission restrictions, and vendor risk assessments.

In evaluating the suitability of the design of confidentiality controls, the Company considers the likely causes of improper disclosure or handling of confidential information and the commitments and requirements related to confidentiality.

COMPLEMENTARY USER ENTITY CONTROLS (CUECs)

The Company’s controls related to Base64.ai cover only a portion of overall internal control for each user entity of Base64.ai. It is not feasible for the service commitments, system requirements, and applicable criteria related to the system to be achieved solely by the Company. Therefore, each user entity’s internal control should be evaluated in conjunction with the Company’s controls and the related tests and results described in Section 4 of this report, taking into account the related complementary user entity controls (CUECs) identified for the specific criterion. In order for user entities to rely on the controls reported herein, each user entity must evaluate its own internal control environment to determine whether the identified CUECs have been implemented and are operating effectively.

The CUECs presented should not be regarded as a comprehensive list of all controls that should be employed by user entities. Management of user entities is responsible for the following:

Criteria	Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs)
CC2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User entities have policies and procedures to report any material changes to their overall control environment that may adversely affect services being performed by the Company according to contractually specified time frames • Controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Company is notified of changes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - User entity vendor security requirements - The authorized user list
CC2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of the user entity to have policies and procedures to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform their employees and users that their information or data is being used and stored by the Company - Determine how to file inquiries, complaints, and disputes to be passed on to the Company
CC6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User entities grant access to the Company’s system to authorized and trained personnel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User entities deploy physical security and environmental controls for all devices and access points residing at their operational facilities, including remote employees or at-home agents for which the user entity allows connectivity
CC6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls to provide reasonable assurance that policies and procedures are deployed over user IDs and passwords that are used to access services provided by the Company.
CC7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User entities are responsible for notifying the Company of any security incidents that are discovered.

SUBSERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPLEMENTARY SUBSERVICE ORGANIZATION CONTROLS (CSOCs)

The Company uses GCP as a subservice organization for data center colocation services. The Company's controls related to Base64.ai cover only a portion of the overall internal control for each user entity of Base64.ai. The description does not extend to the colocation services for IT infrastructure provided by the subservice organization. Section 4 of this report and the description of the system only cover the Trust Services Criteria and related controls of the Company and exclude the related controls of GCP.

Although the subservice organization has been carved out for the purposes of this report, certain service commitments, system requirements, and applicable criteria are intended to be met by controls at the subservice organization. Complementary subservice organization controls (CSOCs) are expected to be in place at GCP related to physical security and environmental protection, as well as backup, recovery, and redundancy controls related to availability. GCP physical security controls mitigate the risk of fires, power loss, climate, and temperature variabilities.

Company management receives and reviews the GCP SOC 2 report annually. In addition, through its operational activities, Company management monitors the services performed by GCP to determine whether operations and controls expected to be implemented are functioning effectively. Management also has communication with the subservice organization to monitor compliance with the service agreement, stay informed of changes planned at the hosting facility, and relay any issues or concerns to GCP management.

It is not feasible for the service commitments, system requirements, and applicable criteria related to Base64.ai to be achieved solely by the Company. Therefore, each user entity's internal control must be evaluated in conjunction with the Company's controls and related tests and results described in Section 4 of this report, taking into account the related CSOCs expected to be implemented at GCP as described below.

Criteria	Complementary Subservice Organization Controls (CSOCs)
CC6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for server infrastructure access control.
CC6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for restricting data center access to authorized personnel. GCP is responsible for the 24/7 monitoring of data centers by closed circuit cameras and security personnel.
CC6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for securely decommissioning and physically destroying production assets in its control.
CC6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for patching the server infrastructure as part of routine maintenance.
CC7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for the installation of fire suppression and detection and environmental monitoring systems at the data centers. GCP is responsible for protecting data centers against a disruption in power supply to the processing environment by an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). GCP is responsible for overseeing the regular maintenance of environmental protections at data centers.
CC8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCP is responsible for performing server infrastructure changes.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA NOT RELEVANT TO THE SYSTEM

There were no specific security and confidentiality Trust Services Criteria as set forth in TSP section 100, *2017 Trust Services Criteria for Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, and Privacy* (AICPA, Trust Services Criteria) that were not relevant to the system as presented in this report.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM

There were no changes that are likely to affect report users' understanding of how the Base64.ai Platform is used to provide the service from August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022.

REPORT USE

The description does not omit or distort information relevant to Base64.ai while acknowledging that the description is prepared to meet the common needs of a broad range of users and may not, therefore,

include every aspect of the system that each individual user may consider important to their particular needs.

Section IV: Description of Criteria, Base64.ai Controls, Service Auditor Tests, and Results of Tests

This SOC 2 Type 2 Report was prepared in accordance with the AICPA Attestation Standards based on the criteria for a description of a service organization’s system set forth in DC Section 200, 2018 Description Criteria for a Description of a Service Organization’s System in a SOC 2® Report (AICPA, Description Criteria), (description criteria) and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls stated in the description for the period August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022. This section of the report includes 2 tables:

Table 1: Base64.ai Controls Mapped to the Security and Confidentiality Criteria

Table 2: Description of Tests of Controls, Service Auditor Tests, and Results of Tests

Table 1: Base64.ai Controls Mapped to the Security and Confidentiality Criteria

CC1.0 - Control Environment		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC1.1	LCL - 1 LCL - 2 LCL - 3 LCL - 10	The entity demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical values.
CC1.2	LCL - 4 LCL - 5	The board of directors demonstrates independence from management and exercises oversight of the development and performance of internal control.

CC1.3	LCL - 5 LCL - 6 LCL - 7 LCL - 8	Management establishes, with board oversight, structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
CC1.4	LCL - 8 LCL - 9 LCL - 10	The entity demonstrates a commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives.
CC1.5	LCL - 1 LCL - 8 LCL - 10	The entity holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
CC2.0 - Communication and Information		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC2.1	LCL - 5 LCL - 18 LCL - 22 LCL - 46 LCL - 48	The entity obtains or generates and uses relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control.
CC2.2	LCL - 7 LCL - 8 LCL - 9 LCL - 12	The entity internally communicates information, including objectives and responsibilities for internal control, necessary to support the functioning of internal control.

CC2.3	LCL - 13 LCL - 14 LCL - 15	The entity communicates with external parties regarding matters affecting the functioning of internal control.
CC3.0 - Risk Assessment		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC3.1	LCL - 16 LCL - 17	The entity specifies objectives with sufficient clarity to enable the identification and assessment of risks relating to objectives.
CC3.2	LCL - 17 LCL - 18 LCL - 58	The entity identifies risks to the achievement of its objectives across the entity and analyzes risks as a basis for determining how the risks should be managed.
CC3.3	LCL - 17 LCL - 18	The entity considers the potential for fraud in assessing risks to the achievement of objectives.
CC3.4	LCL - 17 LCL - 18 LCL - 19 LCL - 20	The entity identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.
CC4.0 - Monitoring Activities		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description

CC4.1	LCL - 5 LCL - 18 LCL - 20 LCL - 22 LCL - 46	The entity selects, develops, and performs ongoing and/or separate evaluations to ascertain whether the components of internal control are present and functioning.
CC4.2	LCL - 5 LCL - 18 LCL - 22	The entity evaluates and communicates internal control deficiencies in a timely manner to those parties responsible for taking corrective action, including senior management and the board of directors, as appropriate.
CC5.0 - Control Activities		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC5.1	LCL - 17 LCL - 22	The entity selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to the achievement of objectives to acceptable levels.
CC5.2	LCL - 17 LCL - 22	The entity also selects and develops general control activities over technology to support the achievement of objectives.

<p>CC5.3</p>	<p>LCL - 17 LCL - 23 LCL - 24 LCL - 25 LCL - 26 LCL - 27 LCL - 28 LCL - 29 LCL - 30 LCL - 62</p>	<p>The entity deploys control activities through policies that establish what is expected and in procedures that put policies into action.</p>
<p>CC6.0 - Logical and Physical Access</p>		
<p>Criteria</p>	<p>Applicable Control Activities</p>	<p>Criteria Description</p>
<p>CC6.1</p>	<p>LCL - 31 LCL - 32 LCL - 33 LCL - 34 LCL - 39 LCL - 54</p>	<p>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>CC6.2</p>	<p>LCL - 36 LCL - 37 LCL - 38</p>	<p>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>CC6.3</p>	<p>LCL - 36 LCL - 37 LCL - 38</p>	<p>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>CC6.4</p>	<p>N/A - the Company's production environment is hosted at third-party data centers, which are carved out for purposes of this report.</p>	<p>The entity restricts physical access to facilities and protected information assets (for example, data center facilities, backup media storage, and other sensitive locations) to authorized personnel to meet the entity's objectives.</p>
<p>CC6.5</p>	<p>LCL - 30 LCL - 39</p>	<p>The entity discontinues logical and physical protections over physical assets only after the ability to read or recover data and software from those assets has been diminished and is no longer required to meet the entity's objectives.</p>
<p>CC6.6</p>	<p>LCL - 40 LCL - 41 LCL - 42 LCL - 44</p>	<p>The entity implements logical access security measures to protect against threats from sources outside its system boundaries.</p>
<p>CC6.7</p>	<p>LCL - 44 LCL - 48</p>	<p>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>CC6.8</p>	<p>LCL - 45 LCL - 48</p>	<p>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>CC7.0 - System Operations</p>		

Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC7.1	LCL - 18 LCL - 19 LCL - 46 LCL - 47	<p>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>
CC7.2	LCL - 20 LCL - 21 LCL - 42 LCL - 46 LCL - 47 LCL - 48 LCL - 49	<p>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>
CC7.3	LCL - 20 LCL - 21 LCL - 23 LCL - 46 LCL - 47 LCL - 48	<p>The entity evaluates security events to determine whether they could or have resulted in a failure of the entity to meet its objectives (security incidents) and, if so, takes actions to prevent or address such failures.</p>
CC7.4	LCL - 23 LCL - 51 LCL - 52	<p>The entity responds to identified security incidents by executing a defined incident response program to understand, contain, remediate, and communicate security incidents, as appropriate.</p>

CC7.5	LCL - 23 LCL - 51 LCL - 52 LCL - 58	The entity identifies, develops, and implements activities to recover from identified security incidents.
CC8.0 - Change Management		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC8.1	LCL - 19 LCL - 28 LCL - 53 LCL - 54	The entity authorizes, designs, develops or acquires, configures, documents, tests, approves, and implements changes to infrastructure, data, software, and procedures to meet its objectives.
CC9.0 - Risk Mitigation		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
CC9.1	LCL - 17 LCL - 23 LCL - 52 LCL - 58	The entity identifies, selects, and develops risk mitigation activities for risks arising from potential business disruptions.
CC9.2	LCL - 14 LCL - 18 LCL - 27 LCL - 55	The entity assesses and manages risks associated with vendors and business partners.

C1.0 - Confidentiality		
Criteria	Applicable Control Activities	Criteria Description
C1.1	LCL - 14 LCL - 30 LCL - 62 LCL - 63	The entity identifies and maintains confidential information to meet the entity's objectives related to confidentiality.
C1.2	LCL - 30 LCL - 64	The entity disposes of confidential information to meet the entity's objectives related to confidentiality.

Table 2: Description of Tests of Controls, Service Auditor’s Tests, and Results of Tests

Control activities and test procedures performed in connection with determining the design and operating effectiveness of controls relative to the applicable Trust Services Criteria are described below.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor’s Test	Result of Test
LCL-1	Upon hire, employees must acknowledge that they have read and agree to a code of conduct that describes their responsibilities and expected behavior regarding data and information system usage.	<p>Inspected the Company's code of conduct to determine that employee responsibilities and expected behavior regarding data and information system usage are documented.</p> <p>Inspected code of conduct acknowledgements for a sample of new hires to determine that new hires acknowledged that they had read and agreed to the code of conduct upon hire.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>
LCL-2	Employees are required to sign a confidentiality agreement upon hire. This agreement prohibits any disclosure of information and other data to which the employee has been granted access.	<p>Inspected the Company's confidentiality agreement to determine that the disclosure of information and other data to which an employee was granted access was prohibited.</p> <p>Inspected a signed confidentiality agreement for a sample of new hires to determine that new hires received and acknowledged the Company's confidentiality agreement upon hire.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-3	New personnel offered employment are subject to background checks prior to their start dates.	Inspected background check completion evidence for a sample of new hires to determine that new hires were subject to background checks prior to their start dates.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-4	The risk committee has documented oversight responsibilities relative to internal control. The risk committee includes members that are independent of the internal control function.	Inspected the risk committee charter to determine that oversight responsibilities of the risk committee relative to internal control were documented and included members that are independent of the internal control function.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-5	The risk committee meets quarterly and maintains formal meeting minutes.	Inspected the risk committee meeting minutes for a sample of quarters to determine that the risk committee met quarterly and maintains formal meeting minutes.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-6	An organization chart is documented and defines the organizational structure and reporting lines.	Inspected the organization chart to determine that it was documented and defined the organizational structure and reporting lines.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-7	Management has established defined roles and responsibilities to oversee the implementation of the security and control environment.	Inspected the Company's information security policies to determine that management had established defined roles and responsibilities to oversee the implementation of the security and control environment.	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-8	Job descriptions are documented for employees supporting the service and include authorities and responsibilities in support of the system.	Inspected job descriptions for a sample of employees supporting the service to determine that job descriptions were formally documented and included authorities and responsibilities in support of the system for each employee sampled.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-9	Employees complete security awareness training upon hire and annually thereafter.	<p>Inspected training completion evidence for a sample of new hires to determine that security awareness training was completed upon hire for each new hire sampled.</p> <p>Inspected training completion evidence for a sample of employees to determine that security awareness training was completed for each employee sampled.</p>	No exceptions noted.
LCL-10	Managers are required to complete performance appraisals for direct reports at least annually.	Inspected performance appraisal documentation for a sample of employees to determine that performance appraisals were completed by management during the period for each employee sampled.	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-12	System changes are communicated to authorized internal users.	Inspected tickets for a sample of system changes to determine that change information was communicated to authorized internal users for each system change sampled.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-13	Customer contracts and privacy policy include the communication of the Company's commitments to its customers.	Inspected a customer contract template and privacy policy to determine that the Company's commitments were communicated to customers.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-14	Formal information sharing agreements are in place with critical vendors. These agreements include confidentiality commitments applicable to that entity.	Inspected agreements for a sample of critical vendors to determine that a formal information sharing agreement was in place and included applicable confidentiality agreements for each critical vendor sampled.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-15	Guidelines and technical support resources related to system operations are provided on the Company's website.	Inspected evidence of guidelines and resources posted on the Company's website to determine that guidelines and technical support resources related to system operations were provided.	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-16	The Company specifies its objectives in its annual risk assessment to enable the identification and assessment of risk related to the objectives.	Inspected the most recent risk assessment to determine that the Company specified its objectives in its annual risk assessment to enable the identification and assessment of risk related to the objectives.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-17	A documented risk management program is in place that includes guidance on the identification of potential threats, rating the significance of the risks associated with the identified threats, and mitigation strategies for those risks.	Inspected the Company's risk management policy to determine that a program had been established around the identification of potential threats, rating the significance of the risks associated with the identified threats, and mitigation strategies for those risks.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-18	A risk assessment is performed at least annually. As part of this process, threats and changes to service commitments are identified and the risks are formally assessed. The risk assessment includes a consideration of the potential for fraud and how fraud may impact the achievement of objectives.	Inspected the most recent risk assessment to determine that a risk assessment was performed on an annual basis to identify threats and changes to service commitments, formally assess risk, and included a consideration of the potential for fraud.	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-19	A configuration management tool is in place to ensure that system configurations are deployed consistently throughout the environment.	Inspected the Company's configuration management tool and configuration standards to determine that a configuration management tool was in place to ensure that system configurations are deployed consistently throughout the environment.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-20	Penetration testing is performed at least annually to identify vulnerabilities that could be exploited to gain access to the production environment.	Inspected the most recent penetration test report to determine that penetration testing was performed during the period to identify vulnerabilities that could have been exploited to gain access to the production environment.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-21	<p>A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during the annual penetration test.</p> <p>The control did not operate during the period because the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period. No critical or high vulnerabilities were identified during the annual penetration test.</p>	Inquired of management and inspected the annual penetration test to determine that the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period.	Not tested. No critical or high vulnerabilities were identified during the annual penetration test.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-22	As part of its annual risk assessment, management selects and develops manual and IT general control activities that contribute to the mitigation of identified risks.	Inspected the most recent risk assessment to determine that, as part of its annual risk assessment, management selected and developed manual and IT general control activities that contributed to the mitigation of identified risks.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-23	Security incident response policies and procedures are documented and provide guidance for detecting, responding to, and recovering from security events and incidents. The policies and procedures are made available to users.	<p>Inspected the Company's security incident response policies and procedures to determine that they were documented and provided guidance to Company personnel for detecting, responding to, and recovering from security events and incidents.</p> <p>Inspected the internal Company storage drive to determine that the security incident response policies and procedures were made available to users.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-24	<p>Formal procedures are documented that outline the process the Company's staff follow to perform the following access control functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding new users - Modifying an existing user's access - Removing an existing user's access - Restricting access based on separation of duties and least privilege 	<p>Inspected the Company's formal access control procedures to determine that they were documented and outlined the following processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding new users - Modifying an existing user's access - Removing an existing user's access - Restricting access based on separation of duties and least privilege 	No exceptions noted.
LCL-25	<p>The information security policy and procedure are documented and define the information security rules and requirements for the service environment. The policy and procedure are reviewed at least annually.</p>	<p>Inspected the Company's information security policy to determine that the policy defined applicable information security rules, requirements for the service environment, and was reviewed on an annual basis.</p>	No exceptions noted.
LCL-26	<p>Formal procedures are documented that outline requirements for vulnerability management and system monitoring. The procedures are reviewed at least annually.</p>	<p>Inspected the Company's formal vulnerability management and system monitoring procedures to determine that they were documented, reviewed at least annually, and outlined the requirements for vulnerability management and system monitoring.</p>	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-27	<p>A vendor management program is in place. Components of this program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining a list of critical third-party vendors. - Requirements for third-party vendors to maintain their own security practices and procedures. - Annually reviewing critical third-party attestation reports or performing a vendor risk assessment. 	<p>Inspected the Company's vendor management policy to determine that a vendor management program was in place and components of this program included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining a list of critical third-party vendors. - Requirements for third-party vendors to maintain their own security practices and procedures. - Annually reviewing critical third-party attestation reports or performing a vendor risk assessment. 	No exceptions noted.
LCL-28	<p>A formal change management methodology is in place that governs documentation, testing, review, and approval of changes to information systems.</p>	<p>Inspected the change management methodology to determine that it is in place to govern the documentation, testing, review, and approval of changes to information systems.</p>	No exceptions noted.
LCL-29	<p>Hardening standards are documented and reviewed at least annually.</p>	<p>Inspected the Company's hardening standards to determine that they were documented and reviewed at least annually.</p>	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-30	Formal data retention and disposal procedures are in place to guide the secure retention and disposal of customer data.	Inspected the Company's data retention and handling policy to determine that data retention and disposal procedures were documented to guide the secure retention and disposal of customer data.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-31	Authentication to the following in-scope production system components requires unique usernames and passwords or authorized Secure Shell (SSH) keys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base64.ai Platform - Data Stores - GCP Console - Encryption Keys - Firewalls - Source Code Tool - Log Data 	Observed a login attempt for each of the following in-scope production system component to determine that user ID and password combinations or authorized SSH keys were required; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base64.ai Platform - Data Stores - GCP Console - Encryption Keys - Firewalls - Source Code Tool - Log Data 	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-32	<p>Privileged access to the following in-scope production system components is restricted to authorized users with a business need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base64.ai Platform - Data Stores - GCP Console - Encryption Keys - Firewalls - Source Code Tool - Log Data 	<p>Inspected the Company's access listings, inquired of management, and compared users' privileges to their job role to determine that privileged access to the following in-scope production system components was restricted to authorized users with a business need;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base64.ai Platform - Data Stores - GCP Console - Encryption Keys - Firewalls - Source Code Tool - Log Data 	No exceptions noted.
LCL-33	<p>Passwords for in-scope production system components are configured according to the Company's policy. Company policy requires the following (unless there is a system limitation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-character minimum - Complexity enabled 	<p>Inspected the Company's password policy and password configurations for in-scope production system components to determine that passwords were configured according to Company policy, which required the following (unless there was a system limitation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-character minimum - Complexity enabled 	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-34	The network is segmented to prevent unauthorized access to customer data.	Inspected network configurations to determine that customer environments and data were segmented to prevent unauthorized access.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-36	User access to in-scope system components is based on job role and function and requires a documented access request and manager approval prior to access being provisioned.	Inspected access request documentation for a sample of users that received access to the in-scope system components to determine that user access to in-scope system components was based on job role and function and required a documented access request and manager approval prior to access being provisioned.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-37	Termination checklists are completed to track employee terminations, and access is revoked for employees within one business day of termination as part of the termination process.	Inspected termination tickets for a sample of employees terminated to determine that a termination checklist was completed and access was revoked within one business day of termination for each terminated employee sampled.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-38	Quarterly access reviews are conducted by management for the in-scope system components to help ensure that access is restricted appropriately. The review is documented, and access is modified or removed where applicable.	Inspected access review documentation for a sample of quarters to determine that an access review for in-scope system components was performed by management quarterly, was documented, and access was removed or modified as applicable.	Exceptions noted. For 1 of 1 sampled quarterly access reviews, documentation provided did not evidence who performed the review and when the review was performed.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-39	An inventory of production system assets is maintained by management.	Inspected a list of assets to determine that an inventory of production system assets was maintained by management.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-40	Remote access to production infrastructure and cloud consoles is restricted to authorized employees with a valid multi-factor authentication (MFA) token.	Inspected system configurations to determine that only authorized employees with valid MFA tokens could remotely access production infrastructure and cloud consoles.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-41	GCP firewall rules are used and configured to prevent unauthorized access to the production environment.	Inspected GCP firewall configurations and inquired of management to determine that GCP firewall rules were in place and configured to prevent unauthorized access to the production environment.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-42	An intrusion detection system (IDS) is used to provide continuous monitoring of the Company's network and early detection of potential security breaches.	Inspected the IDS dashboard and configurations to determine that an IDS was used to provide continuous monitoring of the Company's network and early detection of potential security breaches.	
LCL-44	Secure data transmission protocols are used to encrypt customer data when transmitted over public networks.	Inspected transmission protocol configurations to determine that secure data transmission protocols were used to encrypt customer data when transmitted over public networks.	No exceptions noted.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-45	Anti-malware technology is deployed for environments commonly susceptible to malicious attacks and is configured to be updated routinely, logged, and installed on all relevant workstations.	Inspected anti-malware software configurations to determine that anti-malware technology was deployed for environments commonly susceptible to malicious attacks and configured to be updated routinely, logged, and installed on relevant workstations.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-46	Web application vulnerability scans are performed quarterly to identify, quantify, and prioritize vulnerabilities.	Inspected web application vulnerability scan results for a sample of quarters to determine that web application vulnerability scans were performed to identify, quantify and prioritize vulnerabilities for each quarter sampled.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-47	<p>A remediation plan is developed and changes are implemented to remediate all critical and high vulnerabilities at a minimum identified during web application vulnerability scans.</p> <p>The control did not operate during the period because the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period. No critical or high vulnerabilities were identified in quarterly web application vulnerability scans during the review period.</p>	Inquired of management and inspected quarterly internal network vulnerability scan results to determine that the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period.	Not tested. No critical or high vulnerabilities were identified in quarterly web application vulnerability scans during the review period.

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-48	<p>A log management tool is utilized to monitor and identify events that may have a potential impact on the Company's ability to achieve its security objectives. Alerts are configured to notify IT personnel upon identification of such security events to allow for further triage where necessary.</p>	<p>Inspected the Company's logging and monitoring tools logs and configurations to determine that the logging and monitoring tools were actively monitoring the production systems for security events.</p> <p>Inspected alert configurations to determine that alerts were configured to notify the appropriate personnel and allow for further triage and tracking of security events.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>
LCL-49	<p>An infrastructure monitoring tool is utilized to monitor infrastructure availability and performance and generates alerts when specific, predefined thresholds are met.</p>	<p>Inspected the infrastructure monitoring tool configurations and an example notification to determine that a monitoring tool was utilized to monitor infrastructure availability and performance and generated alerts when specific, predefined thresholds were met.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p>

Control #	Applicable Control Activities	Service Auditor's Test	Result of Test
LCL-51	<p>All incidents related to security are logged, tracked, evaluated and communicated to affected parties by management until the Company has recovered from the incidents.</p> <p>The control did not operate during the period because the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period. No security incidents occurred during the review period.</p>	<p>Inquired of management and inspected security event documentation to determine that the circumstances that warrant the operation of the control did not occur during the period.</p>	<p>Not tested. No security incidents occurred during the review period.</p>
LCL-52	<p>The incident response plan is tested at least annually to assess the effectiveness of the incident response program.</p>	<p>Inspected the most recent incident response plan test to determine that the incident response plan was tested annually to assess the effectiveness of the incident response program.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p>
LCL-53	<p>Changes to software components of the service are authorized, formally documented, tested, reviewed, and approved prior to being implemented in the production environment.</p>	<p>Inspected change request tickets for a sample of software changes to determine that software changes were authorized, formally documented, tested, reviewed, and approved prior to being implemented in the production environment.</p>	<p>Exceptions noted. For 3 of 25 sampled software changes, approval was not documented prior to implementation into the production environment.</p>

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LCL-54	Access to migrate changes to production is restricted to authorized personnel. Branch protections are configured in the development tool to require code review by an independent individual separate from the developer before committing code to the main branch.	Inspected system access listings and the branch protection rules to determine that access to migrate changes to production was restricted to authorized personnel and the development tool was configured to require a code review by an independent individual separate from the developer before committing code to the main branch.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-55	Third-party attestation report review is performed at least annually for all critical vendors. Exceptions noted in the reports are evaluated to determine their impact on the service.	Inspected third-party attestation report review documentation for a sample of critical vendors to determine that a third-party attestation report was reviewed at least annually and any exceptions noted were evaluated to determine their impact on the service.	Exceptions noted. For 3 of 3 sampled critical vendors, third-party attestation report review was not performed at least annually.
LCL-58	A documented business continuity/disaster recovery (BC/DR) plan is in place and tested annually.	<p>Inspected the Company's BC/DR plan to determine that a documented BC/DR plan was in place.</p> <p>Inspected results from the most recent BC/DR plan testing to determine that testing was performed annually.</p>	<p>No exceptions noted.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>

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LCL-62	A data classification policy is in place to help ensure that confidential data is properly secured and restricted to authorized personnel.	Inspected the Company's data classification policy to determine that a policy was in place to ensure confidential data was properly secured and restricted to authorized personnel.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-63	Customer data is prohibited by policy from being used or stored in non-production environments.	Inspected the Company's data classification policy to determine that the use and storage of customer data in non-production environments was prohibited.	No exceptions noted.
LCL-64	Customer data is purged or removed from the application environment upon customer request.	Inspected data removal or purging request tickets for a sample of customers who requested data to be purged or removed to determine that customer data was purged or removed from the application environment upon customer request.	No exceptions noted.

Section V: Other Information Provided by Base64.ai that is not Covered by the Service Auditor’s Report

Management’s Response to Testing Exceptions			
Control No.	Applicable Control Activities	Result of Test	Management’s Response
LCL-38	Quarterly access reviews are conducted by management for the in-scope system components to help ensure that access is restricted appropriately. The review is documented, and access is modified or removed where applicable.	Exceptions noted. For 1 of 1 sampled quarterly access reviews, documentation provided did not evidence who performed the review and when the review was performed.	Management agrees to the result noted by the auditor. A plan is in place to ensure that quarterly access review documentation will clearly capture who performed the review and when the review was performed.
LCL-53	Changes to software components of the service are authorized, formally documented, tested, reviewed, and approved prior to being implemented in the production environment.	Exceptions noted. For 3 of 25 sampled software changes, approval was not documented prior to implementation into the production environment.	Management agrees to the result noted by the auditor. For the 3 changes in question, urgency was required in order to fix production issues and therefore the routine process was not followed. The emergency change process is being enhanced to formally document its requirements to ensure we adhere to organization policy going forward.
LCL-55	Third-party attestation report review is performed at least annually for all critical vendors. Exceptions noted in the reports are evaluated to determine their impact on the service.	Exceptions noted. For 3 of 3 sampled critical vendors, third-party attestation report review was not performed at least annually.	Management agrees to the result noted by the auditor. A review template will be in place for our next SOC 2 audit cycle to ensure that we perform our review of critical vendor SOC reports on an annual basis, including documenting the results of our review and evaluation of issues noted in such reports.