Security Solutions & Services

Mitigating Cyber Risk in Financial Services

Cyber Threats are an increasing risk to Financial Services

Financial Services organisations are increasingly a target for cyber threat actors, due to their uniquely data centric business model - one that is critically dependent on the secure storage and processing of both personal and financial customer data. Protecting this data from loss and maintaining availability of data to the business, along with ensuring regulatory compliance, are key priorities in a continuously evolving cyber threat landscape.

Why rely on Altus?

- Security services tailored to support your business objectives

- Established consultancy firm specialising in Financial Services

- Collaborative consultancy working with you to identify tailored solutions

"A high proportion of UK businesses lack staff with the technical, incident response, and governance skills needed to manage their cyber security" IPSOS DSIT UK Labour Market Report 2023

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With a long and successful history in Financial Services consulting, Altus provides a range of security services tailored to the requirements of FS organisations. We can help you to manage uncertainty in day-to-day business, including:

1. Security Capability Maturity Modelling for Financial Services – Assessments providing a graphical view of security maturity within your organisation, independently calculated C2M2 score and roadmap to improvements.

2. Cyber Basics – Building upon the baseline Cyber Essentials requirements and enhancing them to demonstrate that your business is working to secure against cyber-attacks.

3. Security Strategy –Security strategy development/review, risk assessment, security goals and objectives, identifying security frameworks and approaches that best support your business.

4. Security Architecture – We have a range of architectural experience, both at solution and enterprise level, to enable delivery of reference architectures, secure designs, threat modelling, and robust governance into your programmes and projects.

5. Staff Augmentation – Experienced security professionals to support your programme delivery or security operations.

Security Capability Maturity Modelling For Financial Services

What is the current maturity level of your business' cyber security strategy? As a business leader, can you confidently convey your cyber security posture to the board, auditors, or regulators? Are you reassured by your security teams' ability to respond to, and defend against, emerging threats?

Altus consultants can deliver a Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Assessment to support a security strategy that identifies key improvements for achieving efficient and cost-effective solutions to maintain business operations in the event of a cyber-attack.

Cyber Basics

Cyber Essentials (CE) is a widely recognised, government-accredited scheme designed to protect organisations from the most common cyber security attacks.

Any UK business can achieve Cyber Essentials certification and research made available by IASME finds that organisations who achieve certification are ~60% less likely to be a victim of a successful attack.

Altus can guide organisations through the processes of conforming to CE and highlight where government certification support may still exist.

Security Strategy

Working with your organisation to identify critical risks and potential threats, Altus Security Consultants can support the development and delivery of a Security Strategy tailored to your specific business needs that aims to improve security posture and minimise exposure to risk.

Altus can help guide you to identify the most appropriate security frameworks to support your business, consider the impact of upcoming laws and regulations and work with you to develop strategies to ensure compliance, and propose target operating models to better deliver on security objectives.

Security Architecture

Altus can provide experienced Security Architects to support projects and programmes of all sizes. Security Architecture is essential to protect your business assets, data, and systems, to enable your business to succeed in delivering on its objectives.

Altus Security Architects will deliver best practice solutions aligned to established patterns and frameworks, to ensure robust well architected designs that prioritise suitable controls to reduce risk.

Security Architecture serviced provided by Altus include:

- Enterprise Security Architecture
- Secure Solution Design
- Threat Modelling aligned to standard frameworks (e.g., Mitre ATT&CK, STRIDE)
- Security Governance
- Security Reference Architecture and patterns

Staff Augmentation

There are many reasons why organisations may need specialist partnerships in order to meet business or regulatory requirements, whether it be to provide the capacity required to support large-scale change programmes, specific technical skills, or to provide an independent assessment.

Altus offers skilled security personnel with Financial Services expertise for programmes, projects, advisory services, and business alignment with ever changing regulatory requirements.

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