

Case Study:

Getting The Security Basics Right With **Cyber Essentials**



This story is about a journey from confusion to clarity in Cyber Security, a journey marked by the pursuit of a **Cyber Essentials and Plus certification** with guidance from Equilibrium Security.

Guided by Equilibrium Security:
A **Trusted** Cyber Essentials Certification Body



Challenges



A software development company faced a question that's becoming all too common: How do they start protecting themselves from cyber-risks?

Engaged in projects for the public sector, this team knew they had to up their game in Cyber Security. But where to begin?

It seemed like a maze of complex solutions and heavy-duty commitments, like ISO 27001, which felt like overkill for their needs. They needed a simpler, yet effective starting line.

Solution



That's when they decided to go for the Cyber Essentials certification. It was like finding a straightforward path in a dense forest.

This certification wasn't about big, scary changes but about getting the basics right – a perfect fit for their immediate needs.

At a Glance

The Company: A UK-based software development firm

Team Size: 50 employees

Established in: 2018

A Seamless Journey

Equilibrium Security stepped in, not with a bunch of technical jargon, but with real talk and practical advice.

We showed the team that this wasn't just a one-off tick-box exercise, but the beginning of a longer journey in keeping their digital world safe.

The Certification Experience



Getting certified with [Cyber Essentials](#) was a two-part story:

Cyber Essentials Basic

The first step involved tackling a comprehensive set of 70 questions. This self-assessment went beyond being just a routine checklist; it involved a thorough exploration into the finer details of their Cyber Security practices.



Guided Through The Process

Navigating through these questions could have been overwhelming, but Equilibrium played a pivotal role in guiding them through the process.

01

Insightful Recommendations

We didn't just oversee the completion of the questionnaire; we provided insightful recommendations along the way.

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Clarity and Direction

With each question, from the simplest to the most complex, Equilibrium offered clarity and direction. Ensuring they provided enough detail to demonstrate compliance.

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A Journey of Discovery

Working with Equilibrium was enlightening, offering real insights into robust Cyber Security. Our guidance transformed a daunting task into an educational journey, proving to be a game-changer.

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Cyber Essentials Plus Certification



Demonstrating Real-World Security

In the phase 1, they completed a 70-question self-assessment on their Cyber Security practices. With Cyber Essentials Plus, these claims are put to the test, moving beyond paperwork to actual proof.

Discovering Security Holes

We went through each point validating every detail with security checks and scans. We uncovered several security issues that the company hadn't initially spotted.

The Rescan

Once they addressed these issues, we conducted a rescan. This was the moment of truth, checking if all the fixes and updates were effective.

Demonstrating Defence

They had successfully turned their Cyber Security strategy from a plan on paper into a living, breathing protective shield.

A Collaborative Effort

But we didn't just point out problems. Together, we worked on understanding the risks and developing solutions to fix them. It was a collaborative effort to patch up the weak spots in their cyber defence.

Security Success

It worked – they passed the follow-up check. This showed that their security wasn't just good on paper; it was strong and working effectively in their day-to-day operations.

Celebrating More Than a 'Pass'

Cyber Essentials Plus went beyond the bounds of a standard compliance exercise; it was a tangible validation of how well the company's Cyber Security practices stood up in the real world.

Equilibrium Security & Cyber Security Essentials:

Building a More **Secure** Future



More Than A First Step

It was a critical move that made the often-overwhelming world of Cyber Security approachable and manageable. Their story is a lesson on the importance of starting with the basics, especially for businesses stepping into the complex world of Cyber Security for the first time.

Beyond Cyber Essentials

The company's journey extended beyond just The Cyber Essentials Scheme. It steered them towards considering Equilibrium's penetration testing services to enhance the security of their software during the development stage.

Ongoing Security

They also realised the need for frequent vulnerability scans to continuously tackle security weaknesses, rather than just relying on the yearly Cyber Essentials assessment.

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