



Codec Networks

Coding Threats. Decoding Solutions.

INDUSTRY BROCHURE · PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES

Protect the Client. Protect the Firm.

Confidential data protection, email and cloud security, privacy, managed SOC and fraud investigations for law firms, chartered accountancy and audit firms, consultancies, recruitment and staffing firms, payroll and HR outsourcers, and business support and shared-services organisations.

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Email & Cloud Security

Privacy & DPDP

Client Assurance

24/7 Managed SOC

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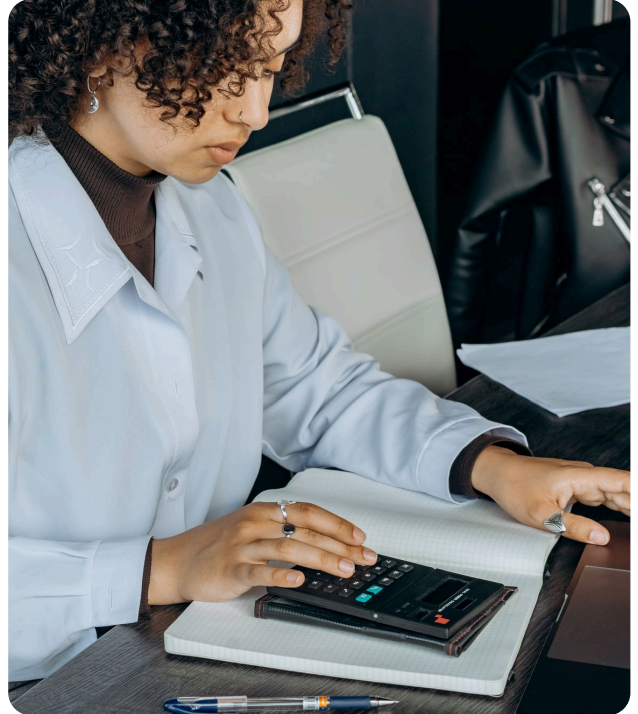
THE CHALLENGE

In professional services, the client's secrets are the product.

Business email compromise cost US\$3.05bn in losses reported to the FBI in 2025. Law and accounting firms hold deal files and audit papers, payroll and staffing firms hold salary and ID data for lakhs of people, and clients now demand SOC 2, ISO 27001 and DPDP evidence before they sign.

What keeps leadership teams awake

- Payments diverted through hijacked email
- Client files stolen and posted on leak sites
- Ransomware freezing practice and audit work
- Payroll and candidate data exposed
- Client security questionnaires and audits
- DPDP, CERT-In and confidentiality duties



US\$3.05bn

BEC losses reported to the FBI IC3 in 2025

11.5m

Documents leaked from one law firm in 2016

£14m

UK ICO fine on outsourcer Capita (October 2025)

6 hours

To report cyber incidents to CERT-In

The rulebook has changed

Instrument	What it means for you
CERT-In Directions and audit guidelines (2022, 2025)	6-hour incident reporting, 180-day logs; risk-based independent audits of firm IT, cloud and client portals
DPDP Act and Rules (2023, 2025)	Fiduciary for staff and candidate data, processor for client data; safeguards; most duties from May 2027
Professional confidentiality	CA Act 1949 misconduct rules, ICAI Code of Ethics, BCI conduct rules and Section 132 of the BSA 2023
Client-driven requirements	RBI IT outsourcing directions, SEBI CSCRF for regulated entities, SOC 2 and ISO 27001 in client contracts

One partner from mandate to archive

Built around our primary proposition for the sector: **confidential data protection, email and cloud security, privacy, managed SOC and fraud investigations.**

Confidential Data Protection

- Data discovery and classification
- DMS and data-room access review
- Data loss prevention and leaver controls
- Insider and deal-information risk

Email & Cloud Security

- Microsoft 365 and Workspace review
- Phishing-resistant MFA, conditional access
- Mailbox-rule and forwarding hardening
- Client portal and file-transfer testing

Privacy & DPDP

- DPDP gap assessment for firms
- Processor contracts and client clauses
- Candidate, staff and payroll data mapping
- Breach-intimation workflows

Client Assurance

- ISO 27001 and SOC 2 readiness
- Security questionnaire support
- RBI and SEBI vendor evidence packs
- Annual independent VAPT and audit

24/7 Managed SOC

- Mailbox, identity and endpoint monitoring
- BEC and account-takeover detection
- Bulk download and exfiltration alerts
- 6-hour CERT-In reporting support

Fraud Investigations

- BEC and payment-diversion forensics
- Payroll and invoice fraud investigation
- Insider and data-leak investigations
- Evidence for police, banks and insurers

Who we serve: law firms · chartered accountancy and audit firms · consulting · recruitment and staffing · payroll and HR outsourcing · business support and shared-services organisations.

Packaged for how professional firms buy

Eleven Codec Networks bundles apply directly to professional and business services firms:

B1

Cyber Assessment & VAPT Assurance

B2

Application, API & DevSecOps Security

B3

Cloud, Infrastructure & Zero Trust

B4

Regulatory Cyber Audit & Compliance

B5

GRC, ISO, SOC 2 & PCI DSS Maturity

B6

Data Privacy & DPDPA Program

B7

Managed SOC, MDR & Threat Monitoring

B8

Forensics, Incident Response & Malware RCA

B9

Third-Party & Supply-Chain Risk

B10

Cyber Simulation, Awareness & Tabletop

B11

Emerging Tech, AI & Web3 Security

Foundation

Boutique law, CA, consulting and recruitment firms

- Email and Microsoft 365 security review
- External and remote-access assessment
- Privacy quick assessment
- Phishing and BEC awareness

Assurance

Mid-size firms, staffing and payroll providers

- Client portal and application testing
- ISO 27001 or SOC 2 readiness
- DPDP programme for client and staff data
- 24x7 managed SOC

Continuous Resilience

Large firms, networks, GCCs and shared services

- Continuous testing and red teaming
- Client assurance and vendor programme
- SOC with threat hunting
- Board, client and regulator reporting

Mapped to your obligations

Requirement	How we help	Bundle
Incidents to CERT-In in six hours; 180-day logs (CERT-In Directions)	SOC, IR retainer, reporting support	B7, B8
Independent cyber audits (CERT-In audit guidelines, 2025)	Independent firm and portal audits	B4, B1
Client, staff and candidate data (DPDP Act and Rules)	DPDPA programme for firms	B6
Processor contracts and safeguards for client data (DPDP)	Contract clauses, data mapping	B6, B9
Client confidentiality (CA Act 1949; BSA 2023 Section 132)	Access, DLP and leaver controls	B3, B5
Vendor controls expected by banks (RBI IT outsourcing rules)	Evidence packs, audits, ISO 27001	B4, B5
Quarterly incident disclosure, listed companies (SEBI LODR)	Incident records, disclosure support	B4, B8

Why professional and business services firms choose Codec Networks

CERT-In empanelled

Independent audits recognised by regulated clients, regulators and procurement.

Certified and accountable

ISO 9001:2015, ISO/IEC 27001:2022 and ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 certified.

Confidentiality built in

Engagements run under strict NDAs, need-to-know access and secure evidence handling.

Client-assurance ready

Findings packaged for SOC 2, ISO 27001 and client security questionnaires.

Full stack, one partner

Testing, privacy, SOC and forensics connected from finding to closure.

Certified experts

CISA, ISO 27001 LA/LI, CEH, OSCP and CHFI professionals.

How we engage

Discover & scope

Email and cloud tenants, document and practice systems, client portals and file transfer, payroll, HR and recruitment platforms, finance operations, vendors and your client contract obligations.

Assess & test

Threat-led testing and regulatory audits executed by certified specialists.

Report in business terms

Findings, risk ratings and a compliance gap matrix for the Board and regulators.

Remediate

Practical, prioritised fixes with technology and compliance teams.

Validate & prove

Retesting and an evidence tracker for auditors, regulators and partners.

Monitor & improve

Managed SOC, recurring testing and quarterly governance reviews.

What you receive: executive summary for the Board or its committee · technical findings with evidence and CVSS ratings · compliance gap matrix · prioritised remediation roadmap · retest reports · audit evidence tracker · SOC dashboards and MTTD/MTTR metrics.



START WITH A SCOPING SESSION

Let's make your next mandate, payroll run and client audit a non-event.

Tell us your practice areas, clients, platforms and contract obligations. We will propose a practical, confidentiality-first assessment and assurance plan.

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