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Things for a

Flawless Audit Workpaper

What is an Audit Workpaper?



Document that outlines an individual audit test



Document used to track the controls tests and audit evidence



Document that gathers all the information related to an audit





15 things to include in your audit workpaper

Part 1



Name of the audit Example: XYZ Platform Audit



Name of the audit test Example: User Access Control Testing



Name of the tester Example: Chinmay Kulkarni



Objective of the audit test

Example: To review user appropriateness to XYZ's production repositories.



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Risk Statement

Example: Inappropriate user access could result in unauthorized access to production repositories.



Control Statement

Example: Periodic review and principle of least privilege to limit user access.



Test Steps

Example:

- Review the users having access to production.
- Review if users belong to appropriate Business Units and if access is approved.
- Review segregation of duties principle.





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Frequency of Control

Example: Access control reviews should be performed quarterly.



Testing Period

Example: Audit reviewed change tickets from 06/01/2022 - 11/01/2022.



Sampling Type

Example: Audit reviewed production change tickets for 6 applications using XYZ platform.





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Part 4



Types of audit tests performed

Example: User access review, access approver review, segregation of duties review, etc.



Test Results

Example: Audit noted 23 users have inappropriate users having access to production repositories.



Audit Findings

Document all the exceptions/observations/non-conformities related to all the tests.





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Part 5



Evidence - MOST IMPORTANT

Example: Document every evidence including extracted data, word docs, spreadsheet, screenshots, URLs to support audit findings.



Test Conclusion

Example: Audit reviewed 78 users across 6 applications having access to production repositories. Audit noted that 16 users have inappropriate access and 4 users violate the principle of separation of duties.

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