Comparison of SOC 1, SOC 2 and SOC 3 Reports

	SOC 1 Reports	SOC 2 Reports	SOC 3 Report
Under what professional standard is the engagement	SSAE No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization	AT 101, Attestation Engagements	AT 101, Attestation Engagements
performed?	AICPA Guide, Applying SSAE No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization	AICPA Guide, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy	AICPA Technical Practice Aid, <u>Trust Services Principles</u> , <u>Criteria</u> , and Illustrations
What is the subject matter of the engagement?	Controls at a service organization relevant to user entities internal control over financial reporting.	Controls at a service organization relevant to security, availability, processing integrity confidentiality, or privacy.	Controls at a service organization relevant to security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, or privacy
What is the purpose of the report?	To provide information to the auditor of a user entity's financial statements about controls at a service organization that may be relevant to a user entity's internal control over financial reporting. It enables the user auditor to perform risk assessment procedures, and if a type 2 report is provided, to assess the risk of material misstatement of financial statement assertions affected by the service organization's processing.	To provide management of a service organization, user entities and other specified parties with information and a CPA's opinion about controls at the service organization that may affect user entities' security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality or privacy.	To provide interested parties with a CPA's opinion about controls at the service organization that may affect user entities' security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, or privacy.
What are the components of the report?	A description of the service organization's system. A service auditor's report that contains an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the	A description of the service organization's system. A service auditor's report that contains an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the description of the service	A service auditor's report on whether the entity maintained effective controls over its system as it relates to the

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	description of the service organization's system, the suitability of the design of the controls, and in a type 2 report, the operating effectiveness of the controls.	organization's system, the suitability of the design of the controls, and in a type 2 report, the operating effectiveness of the controls. In a type 2 report, a description of the service auditor's tests of controls and the results of the tests.	principle being reported on i.e., security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, or privacy, based on the applicable trust services criteria.
	In a type 2 report, a description of the service auditor's tests of the controls and the results of the tests.		
Who are the intended users of the report?	Auditor's of the user entity's financial statements, management of the user entities, and management of the service organization.	Parties that are knowledgeable about •the nature of the service provided by the service organization •how the service organization's system interacts with user entities, subservice organizations, and other parties • internal control and its limitations • the criteria and how controls address those criteria	Anyone