

Cyber Essentials Plus Assessment Report

Assessment of:	Par Equity LLP
Assessed by (Certification Body)	Consider IT
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1. About this report

Cyber Essentials Plus is the audited version of the Cyber Essentials information security standard. Cyber Essentials requires organisations to have a number of technical and procedural controls in place to improve their information security in order to mitigate common internet-borne cyber attacks. Cyber Essentials Plus is a series of tests that provide a further level of assurance that these technical controls have been successfully implemented within an organisation.

This report is a record of the Cyber Essentials Plus audit of Par Equity LLP against the Cyber Essentials standard that has been carried out by Andrew Maclaren of the Certifying Body Consider IT.

Cyber Essentials provides assurance that a number of key information security controls are in place within an organisation. For further assurance, the IASME information security standard provides a broader set of controls that enable good information security governance across an organisation.

1.1. Summary of findings

Par Equity's in-scope external office and infrastructure network was scanned for vulnerabilities and issues of which none were found. A sample of Par Equity's in-scope workstations were also locally scanned for vulnerabilities of which no issues were found. Malware and automatic file execution tests were also carried out on the same sample of devices and via email - no issues were found.

The assessor has concluded that Par Equity LLP has passed the required tests and should be awarded the Cyber Essentials Plus certification.

If a test has not been passed successfully, the assessor has provided feedback within the relevant section.

1.2. Evidence of activities

In carrying out the audit, the assessor will have carried out a number of technical tests and have seen documentary evidence. This evidence forms the basis for the assessor's recommendations and where appropriate has been included in this report.

2. Scope

Par Equity Office - 212.20.252.134

Par Equity Hosted Infrastructure (Domain Controller + File Server) - 185.94.234.144

Internal Network range of 10.6.2.0/24

Certain items will be out of scope for the Cyber Essentials Plus assessment. Notable exceptions are listed below:

N/A

3. External Testing

3.1. Test 1 – Remote vulnerability assessment

This test was awarded **PASS** by the assessor.

The test did not identify any vulnerabilities that were scored 7 or higher on CVSS v3 during the testing of the external IP addresses.

4. Internal testing

A suitable sample set of devices was selected as follows:

Par Equity have 17 Apple Macs on Big Sur, one Windows workstation (Dell Vostro 5481) on Windows 10 (10.0.19043) and two cloud hosted Windows 2019 (10.0.17763) servers.

3 Macs were selected for the sample, and the one Windows workstation

11 supported iPhones running iOS v14 were also in scope, 5 of these were checked for trusted certificates and allowing only code signed applications to run (versions and not being jailbroken was also confirmed).

4.1. Test 2 – Review of device patching

This test was awarded **PASS** by the assessor.

No vulnerabilities were identified for the tested devices that were scored 7 or higher on CVSS v3 and that met the parameters listed in the Cyber Essentials Plus guidance.

4.2. Test 3 – Review of malware protection

This test was awarded **PASS** by the assessor.

It was identified that Par Equity LLP is using the following methods of malware protection in their organisation:

- A - Anti-malware software
- B - Limiting installation of applications to an approved set

A - Anti-malware software

Anti-malware software is correctly installed and configured on all devices that rely on this method

B - Limiting installation of applications to an approved set

This method of anti-malware protection is correctly configured on all devices that rely on it.

4.3. Test 4 – Review of protection against malware sent by email

This test was awarded **PASS** by the assessor.

The standard set of test files was sent to each End User Device in the sample set via email.

All of the malware test files were successfully blocked by the End User Devices.

All of the non-malware test files prompted a suitable warning or opportunity to cancel before opening for all End User Devices.

4.4. Test 5 – Review of protection against malware delivered through a website

This test was awarded **PASS** by the assessor.

The standard set of test files was attempted to be accessed via a website on all End User Devices within the sample set.

All of the malware test files were successfully blocked by the End User Devices.

All of the non-malware test files prompted a suitable warning or opportunity to cancel before opening for all End User Devices.



CERTIFICATE OF ASSURANCE

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COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS SCHEME

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