



## Sempo uses Vanta and AssuranceLab to achieve SOC 2

Sempo delivers aid into developing nations through blockchain technology in partnership with charities like Oxfam. As Co-Founder and CTO Tristan Cole explains, “Sempo operates at the intersection of humanitarian aid and finance, thus many of our customers and partners (banks, regulators) have high operational standards. The SOC 2 helped us meet those standards from an IT perspective as an industry standard and that’s recognised globally”.

Sempo chose the Vanta platform to support their implementation and the AssuranceLab team as their audit partner.

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**AssuranceLab's Erika Villanueva (Co-founder and CCO) explains the role of Vanta,**

**"We're seeing a big increase in clients wanting a more centralised and automated approach to managing their compliance. That's where Vanta fits well - we've had nothing but positive feedback from our clients using their software."**

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**We asked Tristan about his experience using Vanta and AssuranceLab to achieve SOC 2.**

**How did you find SOC 2 as a small business?**

It's definitely doable, but you do need to dedicate resources and time to make it happen - so make sure it's worthwhile for your organization. Leveraging external tools such as Vanta assist in automating compliance with some of the trust criteria.

**How was your experience with Vanta?**

We used Vanta to automate compliance with some of the SOC 2 Trust Criteria. Vanta helped us accelerate our SOC 2 compliance and continues to monitor our ongoing compliance. Vanta fit well into AssuranceLab's approach. I'd particularly recommend Vanta for organizations who haven't completed a SOC 2-like standard before and/or are time restrained.

**How was your experience with AssuranceLab and our agile approach?**

AssuranceLab was supportive and responsive throughout the entire process. They were always just a phone call away and would match the speed we were going for any given week. Their Co-founder and CEO, Paul Wenham, was also able to help us navigate the unique situation with one

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of our customers who was involved in our SOC 2 audit. They required it by a deadline and had contributed financially to the cost of SOC 2 so we had to manage that stakeholders expectations throughout. Working remotely through the audit worked well for us.

Some weeks are busier than others and SOC 2 is something that takes time and you won't see immediate benefits. Thus, for us, being able to prioritise SOC 2 during weeks when we had less urgent deadlines was important. AssuranceLab's agile approach fit well.