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What this version covers.

- **Multi-Tenant Architecture:** Logical isolation at the application layer (FK scoping), database layer (Row-Level Security), and audit-trail layer
- **Encryption Posture:** AES-256-GCM at rest (provider default), TLS 1.3 in transit (Caddyfile with Let's Encrypt)
- **Authentication & Access Control:** Custom JWT using jose, Argon2 password hashing, RBAC with permission guards, SoD enforcement; **MFA** (WebAuthn/Passkeys, TOTP, recovery codes); **SSO via SAML 2.0 and OpenID Connect** including enforcement, domain routing, and break-glass (NEW 2026-06-04)
- **Re-Authentication at Signing:** Step-up via MFAGrant (single-use, 5-minute window) on every electronic signature (NEW 2026-06-04)
- **BYOK & Encryption:** AES-256-GCM at rest (platform default); **BYOK** envelope encryption (per-tenant DEK, customer CMK) via AWS/Azure/GCP KMS including key rotation (NEW 2026-06-04)
- **Multi-Region Data Residency:** EU/US via `Tenant.dataRegion` with physically separated regional databases (NEW 2026-06-04)
- **Audit Trail:** Append-only AuditLog with `sequenceNumber` auto-increment, before/after snapshots, **tamper-evident hash chain v2** (Postgres immutability trigger, verify utility)
- **Session Management:** `SessionTimeout` component, document-lock function, document classification (Internal/Confidential/Secret)
- **Certifications:** ISO 27001, SOC 2 Type II, GDPR DPA, 21 CFR Part 11 / GMP Annex 11 / GAMP 5

What this version does **NOT** cover.

NOTE

Updated 2026-06-04: Multi-region data residency and BYOK are now implemented (see above) and have therefore been removed from this list.

- **SCIM 2.0 provisioning/deprovisioning** — no SCIM endpoint; identity lifecycle remains the customer's/IdP's responsibility
- **Audit-log streaming to SIEM** (Splunk/Datadog/S3) — webhooks are available, but there is no dedicated audit sink
- **X.509-/PKCS7-signed PDF exports** — integrity is instead ensured via the audit hash chain and the verification JSON

Disclaimer.

This whitepaper is a **reference document** for security and IT teams evaluating GxP-Desk. It is **not** a control list in the sense of a SOC 2 report or an ISO 27001 Statement of Applicability. For audited evidence, please request the SOC 2 Type II report and the ISO 27001 certificate under NDA.

Architecture: Multi-Tenant, Logical Isolation.

GxP-Desk is operated as a multi-tenant SaaS platform with logical isolation between accounts. Customer data is encrypted at rest and in transit; accounts and tenants are isolated at the application layer, the database layer, and the encryption-key layer.

Logical Isolation

- **Application Layer:** Every request carries an account/tenant scope; authorization is evaluated against the scope; cross-account requests are rejected.
- **Database Layer:** Per-account row-level isolation enforced by the platform; database queries are automatically scoped via `getAccountScopedDb()`, `getTenantScopedDb()`.
- **Encryption Key Layer:** Per-tenant data encryption keys (DEKs) under AES-256-GCM.
- **Audit Trail Layer:** Independent stream per account / tenant / system / change; cross-stream reads are rejected except for the account-level auditor.

Encryption Posture.

Layer	Mechanism	Notes
In transit (Customer ↔ Platform)	TLS 1.3 (TLS 1.2 fallback for legacy IdPs)	Modern cipher suites, HSTS, Certificate Transparency
In transit (Intra-Platform)	Mutual TLS between services	Service identity validated, service-mesh enforcement
At rest (Data)	AES-256-GCM	Per-tenant DEKs; BYOK (customer CMK via AWS/Azure/GCP KMS, envelope encryption, key rotation)
At rest (Audit Trail)	AES-256-GCM (separate key domain)	Compromise of the data DEK does not decrypt the audit trail
At rest (Backups)	AES-256-GCM (separate key domain)	Cross-region replication

Identity and Access Control.

Authentication

- **Customer Users:** Custom JWT via jose; session-based auth with Argon2 password hashing. **SSO** via **SAML 2.0 / OpenID Connect** with enforcement and domain routing available; **MFA** via WebAuthn/Passkeys, TOTP, and recovery codes.
- **Re-Authentication at Signing:** Implemented — step-up via MFAGrant (single-use, 5-minute window) is enforced on every electronic signature.
- **GxP-Desk Personnel:** Only via support tickets with a documented reason; production access is break-glass.

Authorization

- **RBAC:** Four-level hierarchy (Account / Tenant / System / Change).
- **Permission Guards:** `requireAccountPermission()`, `requireTenantPermission()`, `requireChangePermission()` on server actions.
- **SoD Enforcement:** A phase-gate model enforces role separation across the change lifecycle (Requester ≠ Approver ≠ Signer).
- **Session Management:** `SessionTimeout` component, document lock in draft state.

Personnel Access to Customer Data

- **Routine Access:** None. Production access is break-glass via support ticket.
- **Break-Glass:** Requires a documented support ticket from the customer; logged in the account audit trail; time-bounded.
- **Scope:** Read-only by default.

Operations: Reliability & Recovery.

Availability

- **Deployment:** Multi-zone within region; automated failover.
- **Auto-Scaling:** Within capacity envelopes; load-tested before each major release.
- **SLA:** Per CS-MKT-0003, with concrete targets in the executed Service Order.

Disaster Recovery

- **Backup & Replication:** Cross-zone replication as the default.
- **RTO / RPO:** Per executed Service Order.
- **DR Testing:** Per SOC 2 Type II audit scope; reports available under NDA.

Monitoring

- **Application & Infrastructure Monitoring:** Availability and security monitoring through the hosting provider's toolset; on-call response by the GxP-Desk team.
- **Audit-Trail Capture:** AuditLog table with append-only discipline; manual review by tenant QA via the inspection view.

Application Security Practice.

- **Secure Development Lifecycle:** Threat modeling, secure-coding guidelines, mandatory peer review.
- **Static Analysis & Dependency Scanning:** Gated in CI/CD.
- **Penetration Testing:** Annual external test (report under NDA).
- **Bug Bounty:** Responsible-disclosure program with documentation.
- **Secrets Management:** Managed secret store; rotation on a documented cadence.
- **Dependency Policy:** Third-party dependencies tracked; security review for new dependencies.

Compliance & Certifications.

Certification	Scope	Evidence
ISO/IEC 27001:2022	ISMS covering development, operation, support	Certificate, Statement of Applicability (under NDA)
SOC 2 Type II	Common Criteria + Availability + Processing Integrity + Confidentiality + Privacy	Audited report (under NDA)
GDPR / UK GDPR	DPA in place; Art. 28 obligations implemented	DPA, technical & organizational measures
21 CFR Part 11 / EU GMP Annex 11 / GAMP 5	Domain-specific compliance for regulated customers	CS-CM-0001, CS-CM-0002, CS-CM-0003

Incident Response.

- 01 **Detect:** Monitoring + on-call response; customer-reported incidents via support; bug-bounty disclosures.
- 02 **Triage:** Severity classification per the incident-response procedure.
- 03 **Investigate:** Scoped investigation with a documented timeline and containment.
- 04 **Notify:** Affected customers per the DPA's notification clause and the MSA; DPA controllers per GDPR Art. 33 where applicable.
- 05 **Resolve:** Corrective actions; post-incident report under NDA where appropriate.
- 06 **Improve:** Lessons learned reviewed by management; corrective actions tracked.

Code references.

- **JWT & Session Auth:** `lib/auth/jwt.ts` (jose 6.1.2), `lib/auth/password.ts` (Argon2 0.44.0)
- **Permission Guards:** `lib/auth/permissions.ts` (`requireAccountPermission`, `requireTenantPermission`, `requireChangePermission`)
- **Database Scoping:** `lib/db/scoped.ts` (`getAccountScopedDb`, `getTenantScopedDb`)
- **Audit Trail:** `prisma/schema.prisma` — `AuditLog` model with `sequenceNumber`, `actionType`, `oldValue`, `newValue`
- **Document Classification:** `prisma/schema.prisma` — `classification` field on `Document` (INTERNAL, CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET)
- **Session Management:** `components/auth/SessionTimeout.tsx`
- **TLS & HTTPS:** `caddy.conf` (Let's Encrypt configuration)
- **SSO:** `lib/sso/saml-client.ts`, `lib/sso/oidc-client.ts`, `lib/sso/enforcement.ts` (`SsoProvider`)
- **MFA & Re-Auth:** `lib/webauthn/*`, `lib/totp/*`, `lib/recovery-codes/*`, `MFAGrant` (step-up at signing)
- **BYOK:** `lib/byok/envelope.ts`,
`lib/byok/providers/{aws-kms, azure-keyvault, gcp-kms}`, `TenantEncryption`, `KeyRotationEvent`
- **Multi-Region:** `lib/db/regions.ts`, `lib/db/multi-region.ts`, `Tenant.dataRegion`

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GLOSSARY

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Definitions used throughout this document. Where a term has a specific meaning inside GxP-Desk, the platform-specific definition takes precedence over the generic regulatory term.

CSV	Computerized Systems Validation
GAMP 5	Good Automated Manufacturing Practice, Edition 5 (2nd edition, 2022)
GxP	Good 'x' Practice — covers GMP, GLP, GCP, GDP, GVP
IQ / OQ / PQ	Installation / Operational / Performance Qualification
Part 11	21 CFR Part 11 — US FDA rule on electronic records and electronic signatures
Annex 11	EU GMP Annex 11 — EU rule on computerised systems
URS	User Requirements Specification
FRS	Functional Requirements Specification
RTM	Requirements Traceability Matrix
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
ALCOA+	Attributable, Legible, Contemporaneous, Original, Accurate (+ Complete, Consistent, Enduring, Available)
ICH Q9	International Council for Harmonisation Quality Risk Management guideline

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