

## **What is PCI DSS?**

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a proprietary information security standard for organizations that handle credit card information and transactions from the major brands including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and JCB. The PCI standard was created to increase controls around cardholder data to reduce credit card fraud via its exposure and requires validation of ongoing compliance to be performed annually. PCI certification is critical for web-based businesses to safely process online payments in business-to-consumer and business-to-business transactions including e-commerce, content providers such as online video and music services, cloud and managed service providers as well as others.

## **How does a PCI DSS Certification benefit customer?**

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## **Are 365 Data Center's PCI DSS audit reports available to review?**

Yes, 365 Data Center's PCI DSS audit report is available to customers and qualified prospective customers and partners upon request. Please contact us for more information or to request a copy of our PCI DSS report.