

What We Examine in a 20x Validation

A 20x validation asks a single question: does your system demonstrably prove what it claims about its own security?

Fortreum's assessment teams evaluate the security outcome and the mechanism that produces it, tracing each result from its source data through to the reported status. A green indicator on a dashboard is a starting point for review, not a conclusion.

A passing status can conceal a missing account, an incomplete inventory, or a manual step that was never performed. Fortreum examines the process behind the result.

What we examine

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| 01 | The Capability | Assessment of whether the security outcome holds across the in-scope environment, using representative sampling where appropriate. |
| 02 | The Mechanism | Examination of the validation itself, its source data, logic, coverage, and failure handling, often through code review and API testing. |
| 03 | The Reconciliation | Verification that the human-readable narrative and machine-readable evidence agree. A stated 90-day policy enforced at 120 days is a finding. |
| 04 | The Reproducibility | Your pipeline regenerates current, accurate proof on demand, not a one-time snapshot. |

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

For each Key Security Indicator, a clear record of what was tested, the method used, the results observed, and the criteria for pass and fail, with any areas of residual risk.

Each finding is tied directly to the machine-readable evidence.

WHERE RESPONSIBILITY SITS

The provider owns the accuracy of everything submitted. Fortreum's role is to verify and validate that evidence, not to certify it. FedRAMP renders the certification decision. Readiness advisory and independent assessment remain separate engagements, delivered by separate teams on separate timelines.

Understand the process before you commit.

Fortreum contributed to the earliest 20x pilots and assesses against the program as it operates today. Review what your validation will examine, and plan the engagement with our team.

Talk to a FedRAMP Expert