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<p><u>Company Description</u></p> <p>What starts out as an investigatory or regulatory problem very quickly becomes a hunt for information – who said what to whom, where that information is located, and how to keep control of it when it can be moved around internationally, indiscriminately, and at lightning speed. So how can lawyers, investigators, and regulators make business decisions when the one piece of potentially critical information that they need is buried within a myriad of growing and disparate electronic data sources?</p> <p>Grant Thornton is one of the world's leading organisations of independent advisory, tax, and audit firms. More than 58,000 Grant Thornton people, across over 135 countries, focus on making a difference to clients, colleagues, and the communities in which we live and work.</p> <p>In the UK, we have more than 190 partners and employ 4,500 of the profession's brightest minds to provide our clients with access to considerable sector knowledge and expertise. We provide assurance, tax, and specialist advisory services to over 20,000 privately held businesses, public interest entities, and individuals nationwide.</p> <p>Grant Thornton's digital forensics group supports our clients across the entire lifecycle of their investigations, data collections and compliance planning. We develop investigation technology solutions that enable us to interrogate data using state of the art and legally defensible processes, while improving the accuracy and efficiency of your investigations and compliance teams. Grant Thornton's team have helped draft the legal evidential protocols used within the English courts and routinely provide oral and written evidence in legal proceedings. We are uniquely skilled in combining technology and investigators to identify fraud and corporate crime. Our teams create bespoke solutions that can detect anomalous behaviours even before they manifest as criminal behaviour or compliance failings, helping to reduce the governance burden and to minimise regulatory scrutiny. The digital forensics group works in conjunction with Grant Thornton's corporate intelligence and OSINT teams and incorporates our cyber response, data analytics and dark web investigations teams.</p> <p>Members of our team have worked to investigate and prevent national cyber-terrorist incidents, helped to build and lead the Royal Military Police computer forensic investigation capabilities, and operated in law enforcement. We have experience of processing and hosting material for investigations before the SFO, FCA, CMA, and ICO amongst other courts and regulators. We pride ourselves on developing long lasting client relationships based on bespoke arrangements to suit all scenarios, from large, multi-jurisdictional matters to multiple small matters dealt with by unique subscription services. Our global reach and forensic technology centres across Europe, America, and Asia ensure we are well placed to deliver on multi-jurisdictional cases or where knowledge of local regulations is required.</p>	

Vendor Offerings

We regularly advise on the following:

- Data mapping – understanding the data environment to identify valuable information repositories
- Accelerated analysis of personally identifiable information and data theft assessments
- Preservation and collection – capture of relevant structured and unstructured data sources, ‘covertly’ or ‘live’, from diverse hardware and software systems
- Interrogation – refining and testing the selected data population to provide data insights
- Analysis and review – eDiscovery, data analytics, clustering, visualisation and presentation of evidence
- Managed document review and investigations
- Data subject access request investigations and structuring a proportionate corporate response
- Cryptocurrency forensics and asset tracing
- Document language translation technologies
- Use of cutting edge connectivity between Relativity One, Brainspace and Tableau
- Bitcoin/cryptocurrency asset tracing and recovery.

Computer Forensics

Grant Thornton’s Cyber Defence Centre hosts an in-house, UK based, Security Operations Centre (SoC) with a fully Managed Detection and Response (MDR & XDR) offering. has a dedicated Cyber Incident Response and Computer Forensics team which is available 24 hours a day to collect data and investigate and **contain data breaches and cyber-attacks**. Our team can also engage separately to support operational and infrastructural cyber resilience including deploying our Security Operations Centre for **live, real-time threat detection and response**. We have years’ of experience responding to breaches in international banks, critical national infrastructure, cross-jurisdictional crises including WannaCry and (Not)Petya, and investigating and inoculating cyber-attacks and malware within the NHS, universities, schools, and corporates of all sizes.

Our Digital Forensics teams use a combination of industry standard tools including Relativity, NUIX, Clearwell, and F-Response, and unique and custom-built hardware and software solutions to permit us to process and interrogate data at speeds up to 1,000 times faster than conventional technologies. Our technologies include machine language translation of most written and electronic media and solutions for transcription and sentiment analysis of audio data in English and other languages. In addition, we have specialist tools and expertise to process any form of accounting and financial database into forms that can be interrogated for anomalies and fraud. We have developed bespoke, robust workflows for DSARs and Personally Identifiable Information (PII) requests enabling us to turn around intelligent and informative customised reports within tight deadlines.

Grant Thornton’s Digital Forensics team also supports, and is supported by, the largest team of dedicated asset tracing specialists in the UK, allowing us to offer end to end solutions in the investigation of a fraud including collection and processing of electronic evidence, managed reviews by subject matter experts in the commission of fraud, and dedicated experts able to trace and recover assets internationally. **We provide consultancy on block-chain asset tracing and forensics on cryptocurrency wallets.**

Our solutions make use of best of breed technology and our services are fully UKAS ISO/IEC 27001:2013 security certified, providing our clients with the confidence that their **data will be handled and stored securely and sensitively.**

eDisclosure Services

We provide secure hosted eDisclosure solutions and consultancy advice, enabling our clients to perform early case assessment, simple and complex searching, data analytics, review, redaction, categorisation, and production of data in line with their matter specific requirements. Our team includes ten RCA accredited Relativity administrators, three Relativity Experts, and one Relativity Master, along with extensive experience, skill, and knowledge of other eDiscovery platforms. We use a range of AI and Analytical tools, and provide foreign language analysis, audio analysis, PII analysis, financial data modelling, and other capabilities, all integrated into our Electronic Disclosure workflow.

Our services allow for electronic data received from our clients or collected by our computer forensics experts to be fully processed, de-duplicated, filtered, and indexed. Data is presented within user-friendly and feature-rich web-based interfaces, which require minimal training and allow our clients immediate access to search, analyse, and review their data. In-built functionality includes a host of data and text analysis tools for email threading, near duplicate detection, clustering, conceptual searching, categorisation and Continuous Active Learning (CAL).

Blending our experience, technical knowledge, and solutions enables our clients to **quickly and effectively reduce the volumes for review**. This invariably saves **both time and cost**. Our services include a **managed review capability**, leveraging first-pass reviewers along-side subject matter experts, to offer a cost-effective and time efficient review.

Technology

We work with our clients to discuss their requirements in order to select the best solution for each matter. Our team makes use of a range of market leading and best of breed eDisclosure and Forensic software as mentioned above. We also have access to other specialist redaction and translation/transcription tools

In addition, our experts use the best solutions available for forensic acquisition and analysis, including Access Data Forensic Toolkit (FTK); Guidance Software EnCase; and a host of **cutting edge** utilities, tools **and artificial intelligence platforms** to meet the particular needs of our clients.

Software Used

Including, but not limited to:

- Veritas Clearwell
- Relativity
- Nuix
- Access Data Forensic Toolkit (FTK)
- Guidance Software EnCase
- F-Response