

White Paper: Security Considerations in Document Automation

Trust is your firm's most valuable asset.

Clients depend on you to protect their information — and to get every detail right. In today's digital world, both security and accuracy are essential to maintaining that trust.

This study explores how smarter document automation can help you safeguard client confidence, reduce risk, and deliver better results – without compromise.



Trust, Accuracy, and Security—The Foundations of Professional Service

Your clients trust you with their most sensitive information—contracts, estate plans, proprietary data, and sometimes even their futures. That trust isn't just about confidentiality; it's about accuracy too. Every detail matters.

But every "cut and paste" from an old file, every template mix-up, or every overlooked change in a form, can quietly chip away at client confidence. A single error or accidental leak is all it takes to cause doubt. When that happens, you risk not just one client, but the reputation you've spent years building.

Accuracy and security are inseparable.

Clients expect you to get it right, every time — and to keep it private, every time. One without the other isn't enough. That's why top professionals now rely on advanced document automation: it ensures every document is both accurate and securely managed, reducing risk at every step.

Document automation with TheFormTool® PRO and Doxserá® means: - Fewer "cut and paste" errors thanks to automated, variable-driven forms - Every client gets the right information, every time - Confidential details are managed securely — never copied, lost, broadcast to others or exposed by accident.

If your business is built on trust, now's the time to double down on the tools that protect it—on both sides of the equation.

Ready to see how smarter automation protects your clients and your practice? <u>Why Offline Document</u> <u>Assembly is the Safest Choice for Law Firms</u>.

Security You Can See and Control

In an era when nearly everything is moving "to the cloud," it's easy to forget that the safest place for sensitive information is the environment *you* control—*your* own office, *your* own systems.

Offline document automation keeps you safe by design.

With TheFormTool® PRO and Doxserá®, your documents never leave your custody unless you want them to. There's no silent upload, no backdoor, and no reliance on a remote server you've never seen. You control where your data is stored, who has access, and how it's protected.

Why does this matter? - There's no third-party risk. Your data never travels through someone else's network or data center. No surprise outages or breaches. You're not dependent on a vendor's security — or their luck. No external access. If it's not online, it's not hackable. It's as simple as that.

Offline is the gold standard for confidentiality.

While others take their chances with cloud vendors, you can promise your clients something stronger: true data sovereignty and total privacy.

Curious how offline automation keeps your data yours? <u>Your Data, Your Rules: Why Ownership Still Matters in 2025</u>

Compliance Made Simple—Local Storage, Global Standards

Data privacy laws are evolving fast, and one thing is clear: where your client information is stored—and who can access it—matters more than ever.

Canada's PIPEDA forbids storing clients' personal data outside Canada.

The EU's GDPR requires you to know and control exactly where client data lives, with strict rules on access, retention, and deletion.

California's CCPA demands that you be able to locate, disclose, and delete client data upon request, no matter where it's stored.

Many cloud-based solutions store your data wherever is cheapest or most convenient for them. That means your client information could be sitting in a data center on another continent, subject to foreign laws, government subpoenas, or even unknown service providers.

Offline automation eliminates compliance headaches: - You decide where data is stored, backed up, and archived. Your files remain in your office or secure server—never in a foreign jurisdiction. You control access and retention, making regulatory response simple and fast.

Compliance isn't just for big firms.

It's a core part of every professional's duty to their clients. With TheFormTool PRO® and Doxserá®, compliance is built in by design—no extra contracts, data transfers, or fine print.

Want to see how easy compliance can be? <u>Why Offline Document Assembly is Safer in a World of Rising</u> Cyber Threats

Security and Cost—No Surprises, No Hidden Fees

Security isn't just about locking your data down—it's about making sure your business is protected from unpredictable costs.

Cloud-based document automation often comes with: Monthly or annual fees that add up over time. Extra charges for storage, bandwidth, or "premium" features. Price increases with little notice, and sometimes expensive "migration" costs if you want to move your data.

With TheFormTool® PRO and Doxserá®, you pay for the software and nothing more. Your documents stay on your system. There are no extra charges for storage or "data center rent." No surprise invoices or usage-based tolls.

Offline automation gives you: Predictable, transparent costs. No hidden fees—ever - Total control over your data and your budget.

Over time, offline pays for itself.

As your document library and usage grow, your cost per use keeps dropping — while your competitors pay the cloud tax, year after year.

Want to see how much you could save by going offline? <u>HotDocs vs. Doxserá: A Lawyer's Guide to Choosing the Right Tool</u>

Security Meets Simplicity-100% Word Integration, Zero Learning Curve

One of the biggest pain points in legal tech isn't just risk—it's complexity. New systems, new logins, new training. Every new tool is a potential point of failure and a source of frustration.

TheFormTool® PRO and Doxserá® are different.

They work seamlessly inside Microsoft Word – the platform you and your team already know. No new interfaces. No retraining. No mistakes from "platform confusion."

Full integration means every function, menu, and command looks and feels like standard Word.

Less time spent on training means more productivity and fewer costly errors.

All the automation power you need—without the headache of learning something new.

Simplicity is security.

When your team isn't struggling with new tools, they're less likely to make mistakes, mishandle data, or accidentally expose information.

Ready for automation that just works? What Document Assembly Can Do For You

Wrapping Up

With software from TheFormTool® security is more than a feature—it's a foundation.

If you want document automation that puts your clients, your practice, and your peace of mind first, you're in the right place. Our software puts more than 120 features and functions where they ought to be, in Microsoft ====Word in your machine.

Learn more about security

Learn more about Doxserá

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