Security Building Blocks with ISO 17799

Architecting your security organization and infrastructure

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IT security versus information security

**IT security**
- Firewalls
- Intrusion detection
- Viruses, worms
- System hardening
- Encryption

**Information security**
- Intellectual property
- Business/financial integrity
- Regulatory compliance
- Insider abuse
- Industrial espionage
- Privacy

Technology problem

Business problem
A Multiplicity of risk

- EU Data Protection
- HIPAA
- GLBA
- HIPAA
- Canada’s PIPDA
- Business partners
- Business continuity
- Liability
- Information security
- Compliance
- Reputation
- Intellectual property
- Operational risk
- Investment
- Relationships
- IT Security
- Sarbanes - Oxley
- Project management
- Privacy
- Human resources
- Outsourcing
- Market volatility
- Financial management
- Credit risk
- Information security
- GLBA
- Outsourcing
- Terrorism
- Competition
- Financial management
- Human resources
- Privacy
- Project management
Risk and compliance drivers and trends

- **Key Drivers** — Organizations face mounting pressures that are driving them toward a structured approach to enterprise risk and compliance management:
  - Multiplicity of risk
  - Increased accountability
  - Fragmentation and duplication of effort

- **2005 Trends** — These drivers result in the following 2005 trends in risk and compliance management as organizations begin to build their approach to risk and compliance management:
  - Adoption of an enterprise risk management framework
  - Managed and measured compliance
  - Tool consolidation and integration
  - Integration into enterprise architecture
  - Establishment of a chief risk officer
Managing many islands

Q: How does information security affect my business process?

CISO

Q: How does this affect my financial compliance controls?

Q: How does information security affect my business process?
Communication — people, business, tech
Defining controls . . .

- Business needs
- Regulations
- Legal issues
- Business partners

Requirements

Controls
(Policy, Operational, Technical)

Control Architecture
Building a control architecture

The role of frameworks and standards in controlling risk.
Elements of an effective compliance program

- Response & Prevention
- Standards & Procedures
- Reasonable Oversight
- Consistent Enforcement
- Personnel Screening
- Compliance Monitoring
- Awareness & Training
The COSO framework

1) Operational efficiency and effectiveness

2) Financial reporting reliability

3) Compliance with laws and regulations

**Control environment:**
Provides the foundation for internal control, including discipline and structure

**Risk assessment:**
The identification and analysis of relevant risks to achieve the business objectives

**Control activities:**
Includes approvals, verifications, reconciliations, etc. to mitigate risks

**Information and communication:**
Flow of information to enable people to carry out control actions

**Monitoring:**
Ongoing assessment — control deficiencies reported upstream, with serious matters reported to top mgmt.
COSO enterprise risk management

Diagram showing the internal environment with layers:
- Objective Setting
- Event Identification
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Response
- Control Activities
- Information & Communication
- Monitoring

Categories:
- Strategic
- Operations
- Reporting
- Compliance

Levels:
- Entity-Level
- Division
- Business Unit
- Subsidiary

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COBIT domains and processes

**Monitoring**
- M1 monitor the processes
- M2 assess the internal control adequacy
- M3 obtain independent assurance
- M4 provide for independent audit

**Information**
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability
- Compliance
- Reliability

**Delivery & Support**
- DS1 define and manage service levels
- DS2 manage third-party services
- DS3 manage performance and capacity
- DS4 ensure continuous services
- DS5 ensure systems security
- DS6 identify and allocate costs
- DS7 educate and train users
- DS8 assist and advise customers
- DS9 manage the configuration
- DS10 manage problems and incidents
- DS11 manage data
- DS12 manage facilities
- DS13 manage operations

**IT Resources**
- People
- Application systems
- Technology
- Facilities
- Data

**Planning & Organization**
- PO1 define a strategic IT plan
- PO2 define the information architecture
- PO3 determine the technological direction
- PO4 define the IT organization and relationships
- PO5 manage the IT investment
- PO6 communicate management aims and direction
- PO7 manage human resources
- PO8 ensure compliance with external requirements
- PO9 assess risks
- PO10 manage projects
- PO11 manage quality

**Acquisition & Implementation**
- AI1 identify automated solutions
- AI2 acquire and maintain application software
- AI3 acquire and maintain technology infrastructure
- AI4 develop and maintain procedures
- AI5 install and accredit systems
- AI6 manage changes
Which brings us to ISO 17799/BS 7799

- Security policy
- Security infrastructure
- Asset classification and control
- Personnel security
- Physical and environmental security
- Communications and ops management
- Access control
- System development and maintenance
- Business continuity
- Compliance
How are people using ISO 17799?

- Primarily as an organization and architectural framework for the security organization.

- Few organizations, outside of the UK, pursue BSI certification to BS7799.
Industry benchmark ISO 17799
Objective:
1. To provide management direction and support for information security

- Policy Definition
- Governance & Enforcement
- Publication & Maintenance
- Ethical Practices
ISO 17799 – Security infrastructure

Objectives:

1. To manage information security within the organization
2. To maintain the security of organizational information processing facilities and information assets accessed by third parties
3. To maintain the security of information when the responsibility for information processing has been outsourced to another organization

✓ Security Architecture
✓ Business Support & Alignment
✓ Roles & Responsibilities
✓ Metrics & Reporting
ISO 17799 – Asset classification & control

Objectives:

1. To maintain appropriate protection of organizational assets
2. To ensure that information assets receive an appropriate level of protection

- Vulnerability Assessment
- Architecture/Policy Adherence
- Vulnerability/Threat Information Management
- Risk Management Process
- Information Identification & Classification
ISO 17799 – Personnel security

Objectives:

1. To reduce the risks of human error, theft, fraud, or misuse of facilities
   - Security Awareness
   - Security Education
   - Personnel Practices

2. To ensure that users are aware of information security threats and concerns, and are equipped to support organizational security policy in the course of their normal work
   - Event Detection
   - Incident Identification
   - Incident Handling

3. To minimize the damage from security incidents and malfunctions, and to monitor and learn from such incidents
   - Event Logs & Audit Trails
ISO 17799 – Physical & environmental security

Objectives:

1. To prevent unauthorized access, damage, and interference to business premises and information
   - Physical Access Controls

2. To prevent loss, damage, or compromise of assets and interruption to business activities
   - Facilities Risk
   - Utilities
   - Computing Equipment

3. To prevent compromise or theft of information and information processing facilities
ISO 17799 – Communication & operations management

Objectives:

1. To ensure the correct and secure operation of information processing facilities
2. To minimize the risk of systems failures
3. To protect the integrity of software and information
4. To maintain the integrity and availability of information processing and communication services
5. To ensure the safeguarding of information in networks and the protection of the supporting infrastructure
6. To prevent damage to assets and interruptions to business activities
7. To prevent loss, modification, or misuse of information exchanged between organizations

- IT & Security Operations
- Business Partner Contracts & Controls
- Disaster Recovery
- Threat Information Management
ISO 17799 – Access control

Objectives:

1. To control access to information
2. To prevent unauthorized access to information systems
3. To prevent unauthorized user access
4. Protection of networked services
5. To prevent unauthorized computer access
6. To prevent unauthorized access to information held in information systems
7. To detect unauthorized activities
8. To ensure information security when using mobile computing and teleworking facilities

- Enterprise Access Management
- Network Security
- Content Security
- Remote Access
- Host Security
- Malware Defenses
- Data Security
ISO 17799 – Systems development & maintenance

Objectives:

1. To ensure that security is built into information systems

2. To prevent loss, modification, or misuse of user data in application systems

3. To ensure that IT projects and support activities are conducted in a secure manner

4. To maintain the security of application system software and information

- Standards & Builds
- Change Management
- Development
- IT Acquisition
- Systems & Administrative Controls
ISO 17799 – Business continuity

Objective:

1. To counteract interruptions to business activities and to protect critical business processes from the effects of major failures or disasters

✓ Analysis
✓ Plan Content
✓ Maintenance
✓ Training & Testing
ISO 17799 – Compliance

Objectives:

1. To avoid breaches of any criminal and civil law, statutory, regulatory or contractual obligations and of any security requirements
2. To ensure compliance of systems with organizational security policies and standards
3. To maximize the effectiveness of and to minimize interference to/from the system audit process

✓ Regulatory Oversight
✓ Legal Oversight
✓ Contractual Oversight
✓ Compliance Management
Weaknesses in ISO 17799

- Lack of guidance around risk management and assessment
- Not enough detail around incident management and response
- Little guidance on the security organization itself
- Vague language – uses “should”
  
  However, it has been in revision over the past few years to address these issues and others
Additional ISO security standards

- ISO 13335 “Guidelines for the Management of Information Security”
National guidelines

- USA NIST’s 800 Series
- USA GAO’s Federal Information Systems Controls Audit Manual (FISCAM)
- German BSI “IT Baseline Protection Manual”
Other source of guidance

- ISF’s Standard of Good Practice
- SEI’s OCTAVE
- SEI’s SW-CMM
- ISACA’s COBIT
- FFIEC IT Examination Handbooks
- ISSA’s GAISP
Security/risk knowledge management
Information classification

Business process: The collection of information and technology assets that support a business function

Information asset: Personal information, accounting and financials, research and development

Technology asset: Web servers, database servers, desktops, mobile devices, network infrastructure
## Information risk management challenges

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- Workflow
- Reporting
- System and business views
- Task management
- Document, knowledge repository
- Secure collaboration
- Notification
From business requirements to policy metrics

- **Business requirements**
  - Financial integrity
  - Business operations
  - Compliance
  - Exposure to liability
  - Intellectual property protection

- **Policies**

- **Metrics**
Establishing metrics to measure relationships

1. Define
   - Establish metrics team
   - Define metrics and thresholds

2. Source
   - Find metric source
   - Understand accuracy

3. Collect and enable
   - Transform data
   - Create manual entry tool if needed

4. Display and refine
   - Report on results
   - Revise metric definitions
Conclusions . . . .

- There is a wealth of guidance to build your information security program from
- No two information security programs are identical
- Use standards, such as ISO 17799, as a security organization, operations and architectural framework
Audience Response

• Questions?
Thank you

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