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BS 7799 / ISO 17799





BS7799: the new Ten Commandments for information security management

BS7799/ISO 17799 is the world's most widely recognised security standard and reflects a general shift of emphasis away from technical controls in security towards overall business risk management systems.

What is BS7799?

BS7799 is a code of practice for the management of information security. Organised into two main parts, it provides a thorough framework for gaining the greatest possible benefits from information security.

Since December 2000, BS7799 Part I has been adopted as the International Standard ISO 17799. It is important to remember, however, that organisations certify to Part II, for which there is currently no equivalent international standard. Hence, any organisation wishing to obtain full certification currently does so to BS7799.

Why BS7799?

More and more organisations are starting to investigate the benefits of BS7799. From alignment and compliance of the ten key controls right through to certification of BS7799 Part II, the framework provides an effective solution to many of today's information security requirements as well as an externally-visible commitment to information security.

Eight steps

It is widely accepted that there are eight main steps to obtaining BS7799 certification, as shown opposite:





Ten sections

BS7799 is generally divided into ten distinct sections which are outlined briefly as follows:

1. **Security policy**
2. **Security organisation**
3. **Control and classification of assets**
4. **Personnel**
5. **Physical protection**
6. **Computer and network management**
7. **Systems access control**
8. **System development and maintenance**
9. **Business continuity planning**
10. **Compliance**

The next step

Whilst many organisations may not feel that certification is necessary, alignment to the Standard can provide a good way to ensure that future certification is obtained quickly and efficiently.

Sec-Tec can help any organisation's BS7799 efforts by providing:

- General guidance
- Gap analysis
- Education in 7799

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