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BS 7799 - The Essentials of Information Security Management

Duration: 2 Days

Course Content

This course examines the business needs for a management system for information security and the current thinking reflected by the British Standard BS 7799-1:2000, (ISO 17799). The course looks at the requirements for a formal management system as specified in BS 7799-2:2002.

The course examines specific issues for information security, methods of control and countermeasures for threats, but is not intended to be of a particularly technical nature; the emphasis is on the management of information security.

Course Objective

- To make participants aware of information security.
- To enable participants to understand the purpose of the standard.
- To make participants aware of the control objectives and controls.
- To emphasise the importance of the most significant controls.
- To enable participants to understand the implications of implementing BS 7799 in an organization.
- To make participants aware of the implications of certification and commercial pressures and possible penalties for non-compliance.

Information security is not limited to Information Technology arenas, although with ever-increasing use of electronic commerce, we all need to develop new skills as technology advances.

Who Should Attend

The course is aimed at Senior Managers, IT Managers, Systems Managers, IT Security Officers and any auditors who will be involved in introducing BS 7799 into an organization.

Course Outline

Module 1 Introduction and course outline About BS 7799

- History
- Development
- Current situation
- The future
- Other documents

Module 2 The basics

• What is information?

Module 3 Risks to information (Exercise 1)

Myth and reality

Module 4 Information security management and business needs



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- Commercial requirements
- Legal requirements
- Basic components

Module 5 Overview of controls from BS 7799 (Exercises 2,3 & 4)

- Controls with legislative implications
- Controls for common best practice
- The 10 detailed control clauses

Module 6 Design and implementation of an information security management system

- PDCA
- ISMS framework
- Policy
- Scope

Module 7 Assets and risk management (Exercise 5,6,7)

- Assets
- Asset values and potential impacts
- Risk assessment
- Threats
- Vulnerabilities
- Risk treatment
- Statement of applicability
- · Critical success factors

Module 8 Maintenance of information security

- Documentation requirements
- Management responsibilities
- Improvements
- Re-evaluation

Module 9 Assessment and Certification

- The process
- Maintenance

Module 10 Exercises

- Task list for BS 7799 implementation
- Policy statement
- Analysis of controls
- Business continuity planning
- Security risk assessment
- Asset identification
- Security risk treatment