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## *What is ISO 27001 ISMS?*

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# Your information is your asset!

What is ISO 27001 ISMS?

# Information is an Asset



*Information is  
the lifeblood for  
our personal  
activities as well  
as for business  
organizations*

# What is Information?

- Information is data that has been processed into a suitable form for a final user
- Information is the outcome of the processed data



For a business,  
Information is a  
**valuable resource**,  
just as much as  
capital  
infrastructure and  
people

Information is  
collected on any  
amount of different  
items and used by  
managers to make  
**strategic decisions**  
concerning the  
organisation

All information  
related to  
organizations'  
internal & external  
environment is an  
**Asset**

# Why Information is an Asset?



Because information is recognized as **valuable** to the organization and has a certain **value**



Information is also a commodity and as such, has a monetary value, the level of which depends on its accuracy & potential use



Information helps in present & future decision making based on past trends, market research & analysis, keeping an eye on competitors and comply to regulators' requirements etc

# Types of information available within an organization

- Information can exist in many forms. It can be printed or written on paper, stored electronically, transmitted by post or by using electronic means, shown on films, or spoken in conversation. It may include:
  - ▣ Market trends
  - ▣ Buying preferences
  - ▣ Customer profiles
  - ▣ Financial & Accounting records
  - ▣ Current & future business plans
  - ▣ Policies, published material etc
  - ▣ Trade Secrets
  - ▣ Partners
  - ▣ Regulators
  - ▣ Employees



# What's next?

*Like other important business assets,  
information is essential to an  
organization's  
business and consequently needs to be  
**suitably protected!***

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# The need for Information Security

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# What is Information Security?

- “Information security protects information from a wide range of threats in order to ensure business continuity, minimize business damage and maximize ROI and business opportunities”.

# Need of Information Security

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With an increase in the use of external service providers and the adoption of new technologies, companies are increasingly getting exposed to security breach threats

In fact, 60% of respondents perceived an increase in the level of risk they face due to the use of social networking, cloud computing and personal devices in their enterprises

According to a survey, companies are taking a proactive stance as 46% companies indicated that their annual investment in information security is increasing

Though IT professionals are trying, but not all are succeeding in keeping up with new challenges & threats

# What is information Security?

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Protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification or destruction

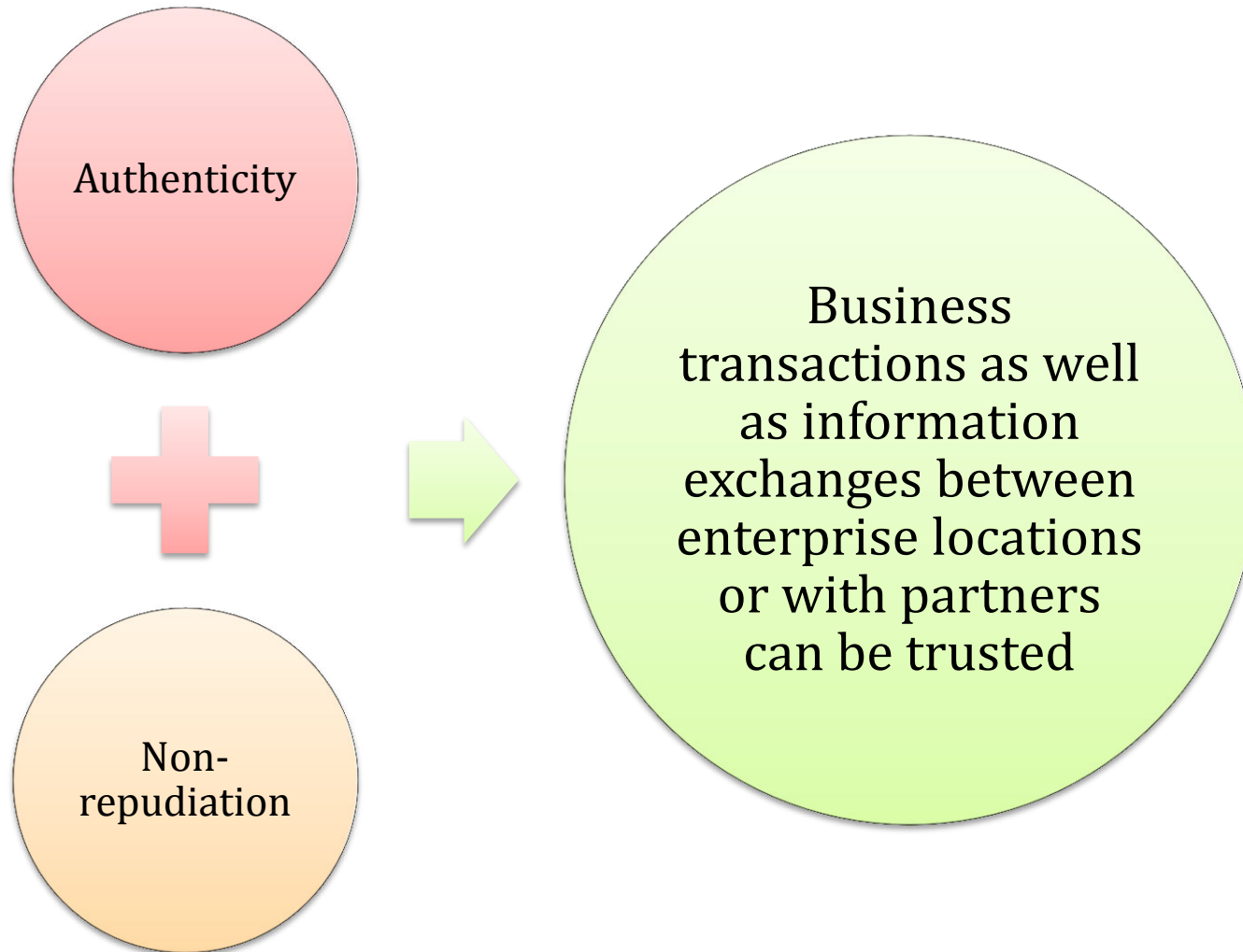


Protection of information from accidental or intentional misuse by persons inside or outside the organization

# Components of Information Security



# Information Security in Networked Economy



# Consequences of Information Security Breaches

The range of undesirable consequences associated with breaches of information security is long and includes:

- Systems being unavailable
- Bad publicity and embarrassment
- Fraud
- Data damage and loss
- Corporate espionage etc .



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# About ISO 27001 ISMS

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# What is ISMS?

- **“Information Security Management System is that part of the overall management system, based on a business risk approach, to establish, implement, operate, monitor, review, maintain and improve information security.”**

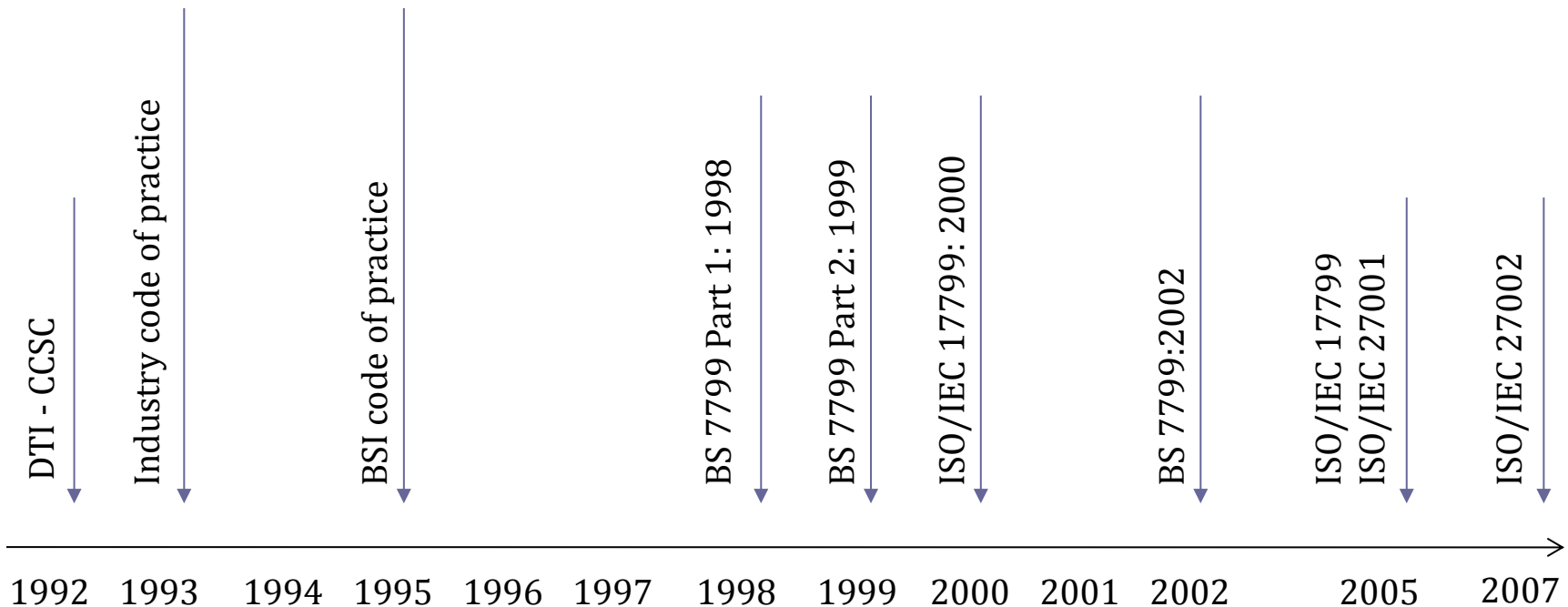
NOTE: The management system includes organisational structure, policies, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes and resources.

# What is ISO 27001 ISMS?

- ISO 27001:2005 – Information Security Management System (ISMS) requirements
- ISO 27002:2007 – Code of Practice for Information Security Management
- The Standard:
  - ▣ Provides strategic and tactical direction
  - ▣ Recognizes that Information Security is a Management issue
  - ▣ Non-technical
  - ▣ Structured similar to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001
  - ▣ Easy Integration

# History of ISO27001

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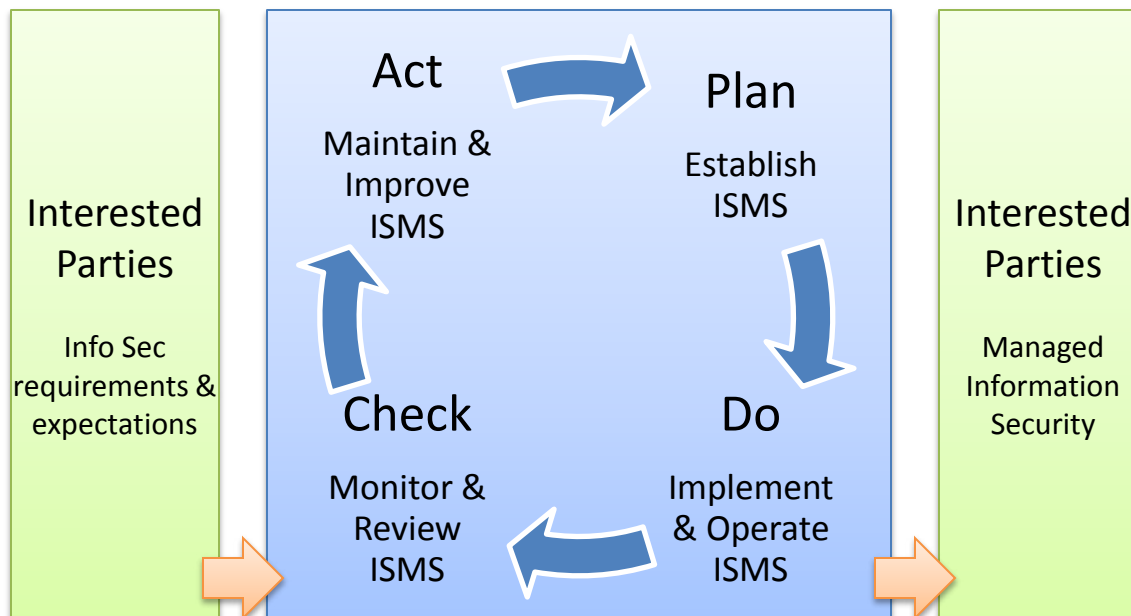


# Structure of ISO 27001

- ❑ 11 Information Security Control Areas
- ❑ 39 Information Security Control Objectives
- ❑ 134 Information Security Controls

## 11 Control Areas:

1. Security Policy
2. Organization of Information Security
3. Asset Management
4. Human Resource Security
5. Physical & Environmental Security
6. Communication and Operation Management
7. Access Control
8. Information systems acquisition, development and maintenance
9. Information Security Incident Management
10. Business Continuity Management
11. Compliance



# ISO 27001 – Important Sections



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- Section 4: Requirements
  - ▣ Establishing and managing the ISMS
  - ▣ Quality controls
- Section 5: Management Responsibility
  - ▣ Management Commitment
  - ▣ Resource Management
- Section 6: Internal ISMS Audit
- Section 7: Management review of the ISMS
  - Review input
  - Review output
- Section 8: ISMS Improvement
  - Continual improvement
  - Corrective actions
  - Preventive actions

- Organization of Annex A
  - ▣ 11 control areas
  - ▣ 39 control objectives
  - ▣ 134 controls
- Management controls
- Technical controls
- Annex A is auditable!

# ISO 27001 – Annex A (details)

- ❑ A.5 – Security Policy
- ❑ A.6 – Organization of Information Security
- ❑ A.7 – Asset Management
- ❑ A.8 – Human Resource Security
- ❑ A.9 – Physical & Environmental Security
- ❑ A.10 – Communication and Operation Management
- ❑ A.11 – Access Control
- ❑ A.12 – Information systems acquisition, development and maintenance
- ❑ A.13 – Information Security Incident Management
- ❑ A.14 – Business Continuity Management
- ❑ A.15 – Compliance



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# Benefits of ISO 27001 ISMS

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# Direct Benefits

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- Increased reliability and security of systems
- Increased profits
- Cost effective & consistent information security
- Systems rationalization
- Compliance with legislation

# Increased Reliability & Security of Systems

- ❑ Most of the business organizations nowadays are reliant on sophisticated information systems
- ❑ ISO27K outlines controls targeting business systems availability
- ❑ The controls reduce vulnerabilities from being exploited
- ❑ Post certification audits ensures that the business keeps up to date with latest vulnerabilities & best practices
- ❑ It emphasizes on continual improvement of the system which helps in making the system 'reliable & updated'



# Increased Profits

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- ❑ ISO 27001 increases business profitability from medium to long term
- ❑ Clients' perceptions about a certified company improves
- ❑ Clients' feel more secure & satisfied
- ❑ Clients demonstrate that a business can be trusted
- ❑ Some customers prefer to trade with companies who have a recognized security certification
- ❑ Ultimately, customers' trust & growing confidence leads to increased business profits



- Some organizations do implement cost effective security solutions but a risk assessment under ISO 27001 actually highlights their efficiency & real effectiveness
- The risk assessment concludes that some of the already implemented controls offer little or no business benefits to provide an even better return off investment
- The risk assessment provides reconfiguration of such controls to make them more effective & even introduces some additional ones as well
- A non-consistency in policy framework is observed in organizations as its every division/department develops its own security guidelines
- ISO 27001 helps to develop a consistent approach to security
- It helps in creating uniform policies incorporating industry best practices
- A disciplinary process is also introduced to ensure employee compliance with the policies for even better results

# Systems Rationalization

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- During the establishment phase, organizations analyze their information & information security requirements
- They simply just don't do it
- Such analysis helps in making rational policies and spending money wisely



# Compliance with legislations

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- ❑ Implementation of ISO 27001 forces to comply with all applicable legislations on the business
- ❑ It specially takes into consideration that the organization focuses on legalities involved in its course of business specially areas like data protection & copyright





# Indirect Benefits



- ❑ Improved management control
- ❑ Better human relations
- ❑ Improved risk management & contingency planning
- ❑ Enhance customer and trading partners confidence



# Improved management control

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- ISO 27K emphasizes on delegation of authority
- Management effort is reduced
- Managers have more control over the organization
- They have better quality information with which they can manage their functions



# Better human relations

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- ❑ Clear policies, procedures & guidelines make things easier and more understandable for employees
- ❑ Certification gives an edge to the organization over its competitors & provides it with a unique selling point that gives a better working environment to all the staff
- ❑ Employees start recognizing that their earning potential now depends on how customers perceive the company
- ❑ They get more cautious about their brand image and get extra careful while dealing with their customers
- ❑ Better quality human resource is employed due to established screening procedures



## Improved risk management & contingency planning

- ❑ Through ISO 27K certification, an organization identifies its vulnerabilities, threats & potential impact
- ❑ Organization gets a structured approach to risk management
- ❑ The risk assessment identifies which risks are more critical for the success of the business
- ❑ It helps in making a business continuity & DR plan which reduces the potential exposure to financial loss or negative publicity



# Enhanced customer & confidence

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- Helps in standing out from the competitors
- Certification provides an impression of a more trusted trading partner which is responsive to security breaches
- Having ISO27K logo on the company literature is a continual reminder to potential & existing clients that we are an organization which takes the confidentiality, integrity and availability of their & our information seriously





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