

Information technology — Code of practice for information security management

ICS 35.040

National foreword

This British Standard reproduces verbatim ISO/IEC 17799:2000 and implements it as the UK national standard. It supersedes BS 7799-1:1999 which is withdrawn.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee IST/33, IT - Security techniques, which has the responsibility to:

- aid enquirers to understand the text;
- present to the responsible international/European committee any enquiries on the interpretation, or proposals for change, and keep the UK interests informed;
- monitor related international and European developments and promulgate them in the UK.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

BS 7799-1:1999 was submitted as the proposed text for an international standard on Information Security Management using the ISO/IEC JTC 1 fast-track procedure. During the resolution of comments phase of the development, it was agreed that the international standard would be considered as a single part standard until such time that further submissions/developments are produced. For the purposes of implementation in the UK the British Standard has been dual numbered as:

BS ISO/IEC 17799:2000	UK implementation of the international standard
BS 7799-1:2000	Retention of the original British Standard identifier

As part of the implementation in the UK national annex NA (informative) has been included to enable users of the existing British Standard BS 7799-1:1999 to quickly identify the changes between it and BS ISO/IEC 17799:2000.

BS ISO/IEC 17799 provides a comprehensive set of controls comprising best practices in information security. It is intended to serve as a single reference point for identifying the range of controls needed for most situations where information systems are used in industry and commerce, and to be used by large, medium and small organizations. The term organization is used throughout this standard to mean both profit and non-profit making organizations such as public sector organizations.

Not all of the controls described in this document will be relevant to every situation. It cannot take account of local system, environmental or technological constraints. It may not be in a form that suits every potential user in an organization. Consequently the document may need to be supplemented by further guidance. It can be used as a basis from which, for example, a corporate policy or an inter-company trading agreement can be developed.

As a code of practice, this British Standard takes the form of guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification, and particular care should be taken to ensure that claims of compliance are not misleading.

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