



# CERT-SA

## Saudi Arabia Computer Emergency Response Team

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## Vision

“To be the trusted authoritative reference for information security in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.”





## Objectives

- Improve information security awareness level
- Coordinate national/international efforts towards promoting IT Security best practices and creating trust among cyber community.
- Support early discovery and containment of information security attacks and incidents.
- Become an information security reference point for the Cyber Community.
- Information security skills and capacity building.
- Promoting and supporting a trusted e-transactions environment.





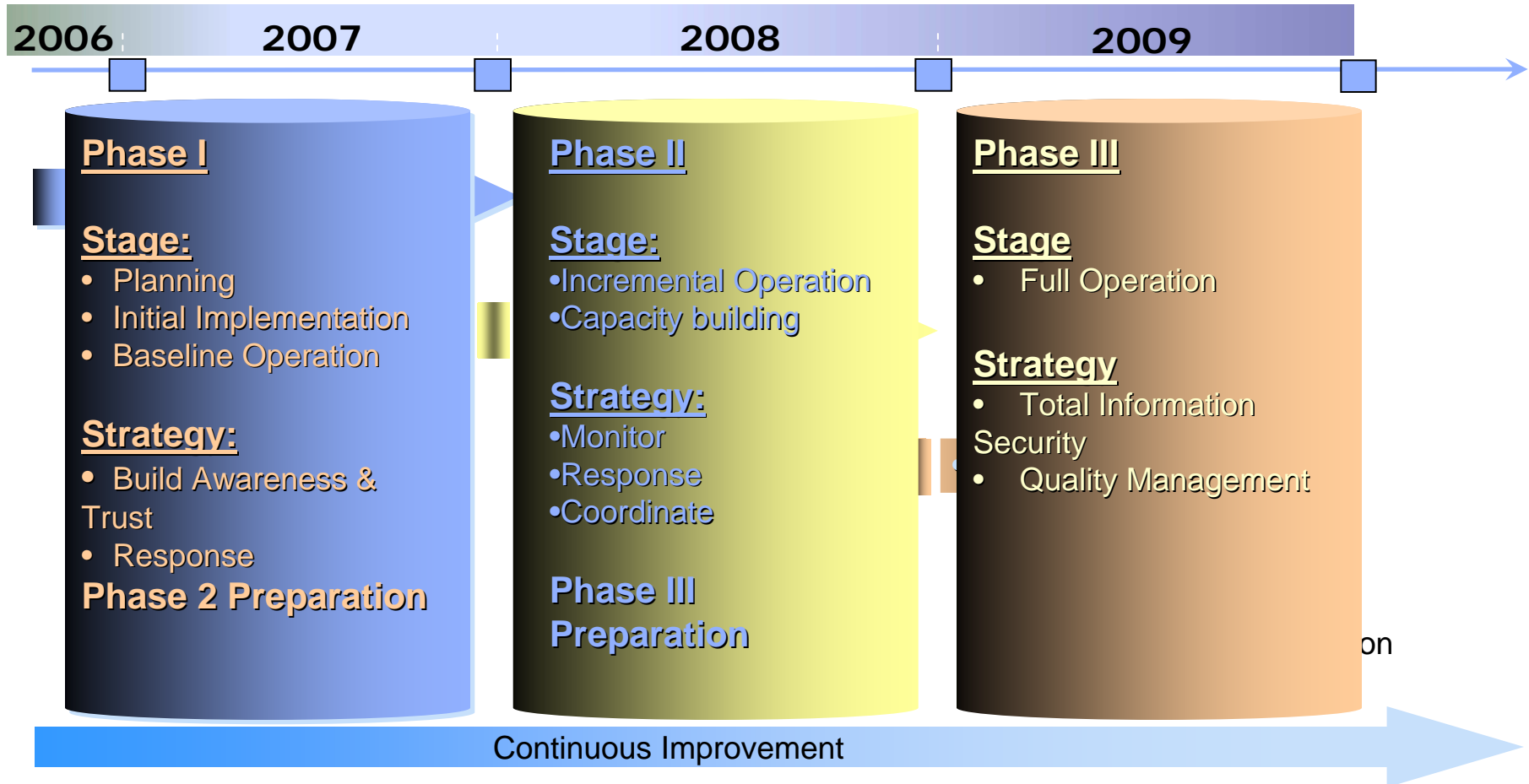
# Operation Strategy and Implementation Plan





# Operation Strategy

## 3 Phases of Implementation:





# Service Implementation Plan

Build awareness, trust & response

## PHASE 1

Awareness Building

Education & Training

Information Dissemination

Announcement

Alerts & Warning

Monitor, Response & Coordinate

## PHASE 2

Incident Response Support

Incident Response Onsite

Incident Analysis

Incident Response Coordination

Security Assessment

Managed Security Services

Vulnerability Response

Vulnerability Analysis

## PHASE 3

Manage

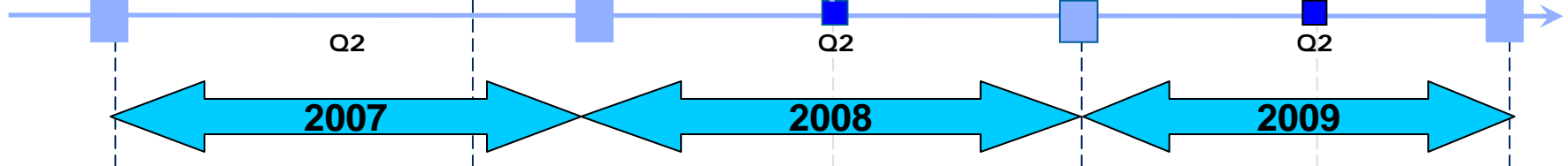
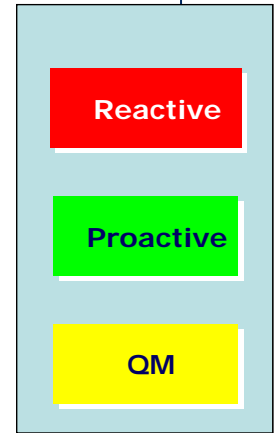
Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery

Security Consulting

Risk Analysis

Vulnerability Response Coordination

### Legend





# Service Delivery

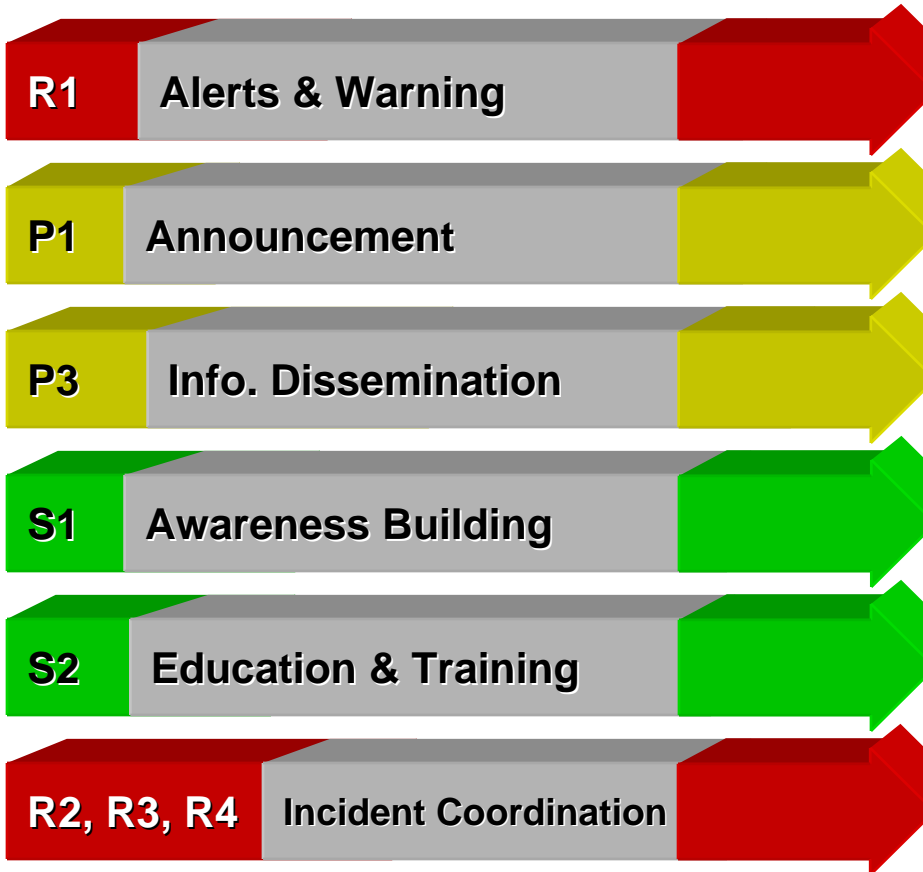






## CERT-SA Portal (Proactive)

<http://www.cert.gov.sa>





## CERT-SA Portal

- Targeting both Arabic and English language speakers.
- Information security main reference point.
- Service delivery channel for:
  - Alerts & warning
  - Announcement
  - Information Dissemination
  - Awareness Building
  - Education & Training





## CERT-SA Portal

R1

Alerts & Warnings

- Notify constituency regarding possible attacks, vulnerabilities, alerts, viruses, or hoax.
- Provide short-term recommendations for dealing with security problems.
- Provide guidance for protection and recovery.





## CERT-SA Portal

**P1**

**Announcement**

- To notify intrusion alerts, vulnerability warnings, and security advisories
- To inform the constituency about new developments with medium to long-term impact, such as newly found vulnerabilities or intruder tools.
- To enable constituents to protect their systems before it can be exploited





## CERT-SA Portal

**P3**

**Info. Dissemination**

- To disseminate various areas of information security related materials such as white paper, articles, product-based reviews etc..





**S1**

## Awareness Building

- To raise awareness mainly for organization and general public.
- To increase security awareness of the constituents through developing articles, posters, newsletters, or other informational resources.
- To explain security best practices and provide advice and precautions.





**S2**

## Education & Training

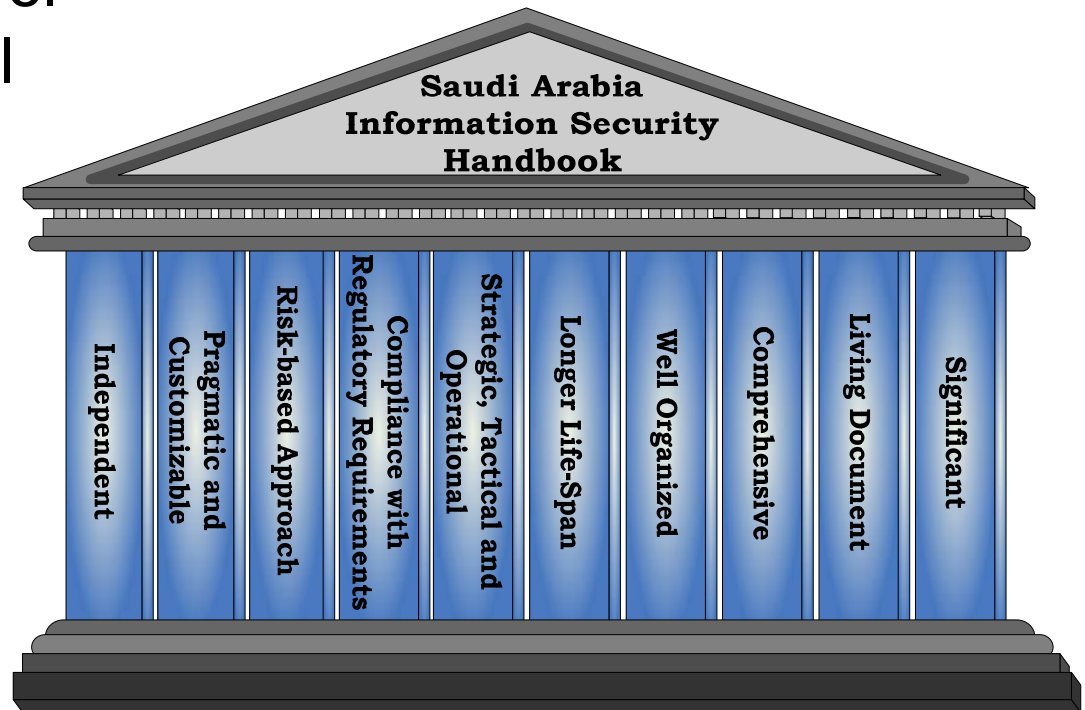
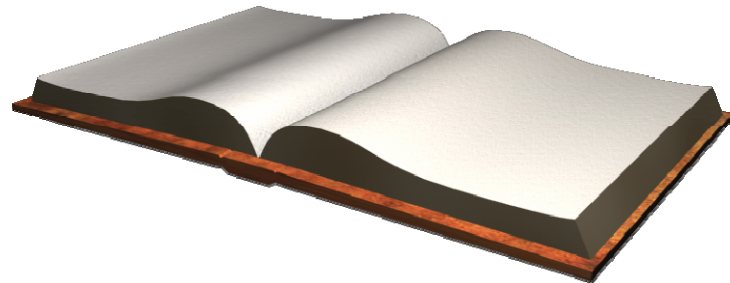
- Make available training/education material/information conducted by the CERT-SA or partners.





# Information Security Handbook

- Is part of the Proactive Security Information Dissemination service
- Overall approach on information security:
  - Management control
  - Operational control
  - Technical control

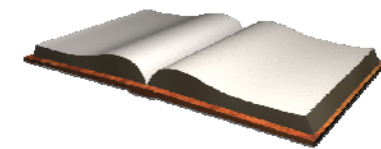






## Information Security Handbook

- Will be available in both Arabic and English.
- In it's final reviews and to be released in early 2008.
- Will be available in both electronic and paper format.





## Information Security handouts

- Developing security handouts in Arabic language
- Topics
  - Wireless security (Published)
  - Email security (Published)
  - Protecting home PC from internet threats (Published)
  - Privacy (under publishing)
  - SPAM (under publishing)
  - Phishing (under publishing)
  - Parental Guide towards Child safety on the internet (under publishing)





## Incident Handling

- Incident handling consultancy services started in Q2, 2007 and gradually improving.
- Remote/onsite constituents' assistance in dealing with security incidents.
- Information on incident response best practices and how to report an incident to the CERT-SA is available on the portal and handouts.





## Reactive Services:

- Incident Response:
  - Incident Analysis
    - Examination of all available information and supporting evidence or artifacts related to an incident or event.
    - Establishment of forensic lab
  - Incident Response Support
    - Assists and guides victim(s) of an attack in recovering from an incident via various range of delivery channels such as phone, email, fax.
  - Incident Response Onsite
    - On-site support to assist constituents in recovering from incidents.





# CERT-SA Infrastructure





## Security Investigation & analysis Lab

- To support CERT-SA with services, such as:
  - Feeding CERT-SA portal with threats and trends analysis.
  - Performing incident response investigation, mitigation and recovery.
  - Performing S/V A and penetration testing.
- Equipped with the necessary tools to deliver the proactive and reactive security services





## Security Operation Center

- The need
  - National Information Security Status
  - Skills shortage.
  - Experts too busy.
  - Complexity of security solutions.
  - Attacks and vulnerabilities increased.
  - Keeping infrastructure up-to-date.
  - Need 24x7 monitoring operations.
  - Establish constituents trust.
- The Solution
  - Develop a solution to provide Security monitoring Service that is based on collecting and analyzing events from security devices (e.g. firewalls, intrusion detection/prevention, .., etc ) to detect possible incidents.
  - SOC (Security Operation Center)
  - Team of experts
  - 24/7 operations
  - Service Level Agreements







## Security Operation Center

- Under implementation to offer monitoring security services by Q1-2008 for certain constituents.
  - CERT-SA will work with the support of CITC to encourage the private sector in investing in MSSP.
- Two main functions
  - Internet Security Surveillance:
    - Monitor, detect, issue early warnings, and respond to any security threats.
  - Vulnerability Management:
    - Minimize cyber threats by detecting and identifying information system weaknesses.





## Security Operation Center

- ISO27001:2005 Certification
  - Scope of certification
    - Certifying SOC services against ISO27001 standard
  - Objectives
    - Gaining constituents trust through applying international standards
    - Planning to expand the certification scope to include other CERT services.





# Conclusion





All centers start small and grow gradually.  
International peers support is what makes CERTs unique.

Your cooperation and ideas are highly appreciated:

- Content to the CERT-SA portal
- Evaluation, additions, and improvements to the Information Security Handbook.
- Speakers to our activities.
- Sharing incidents information.
- Supporting CERT-SA activities in controlling attacks.
- Establishment of world recognition of CERT-SA.



## **Planned activities for 2007**

Establishment of CERT-SA working group

Information Security Seminar

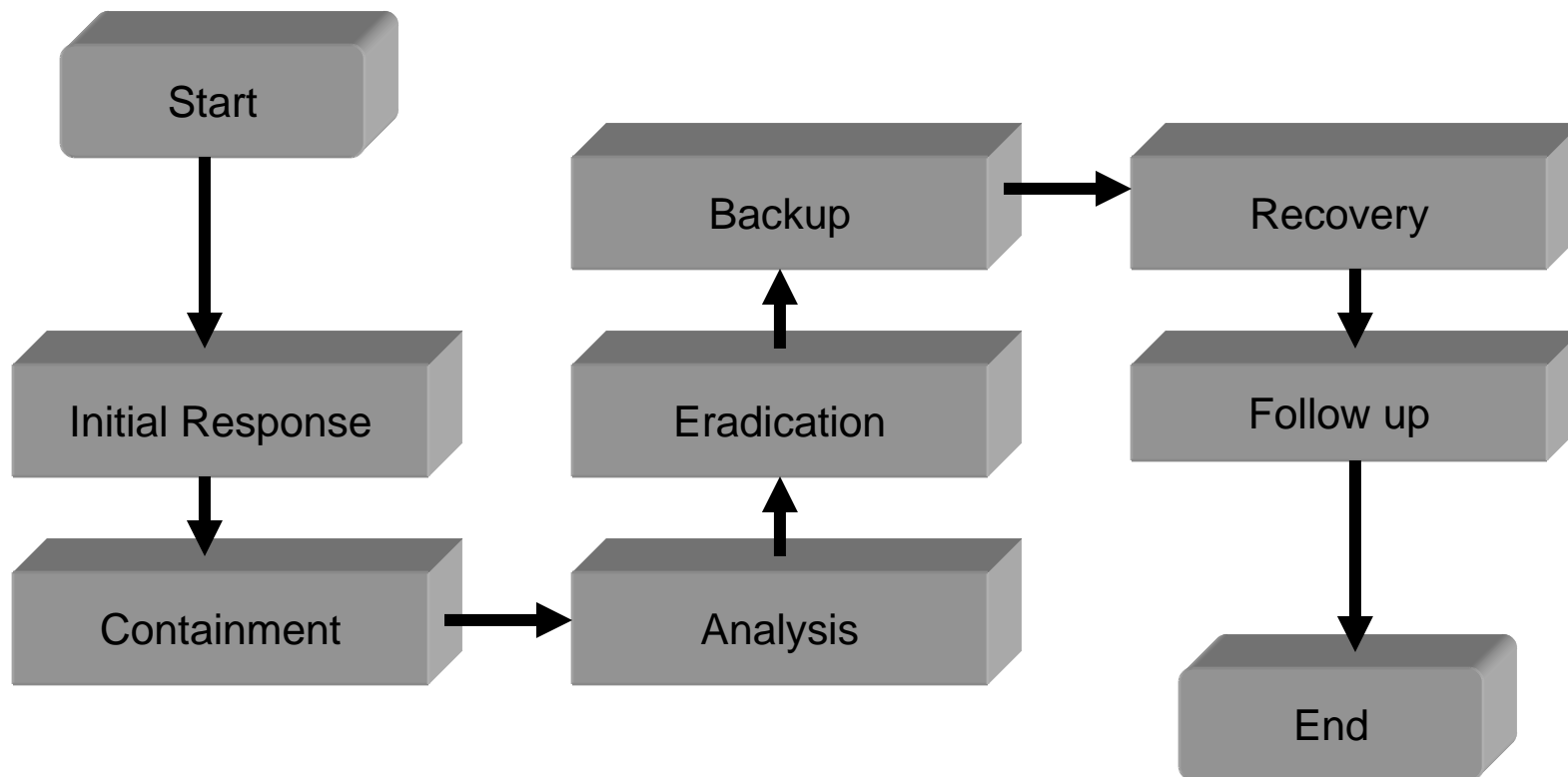
Quarterly knowledge sharing session

Month/Day of Information Security Awareness  
for the Kingdom





## Generic incident response process



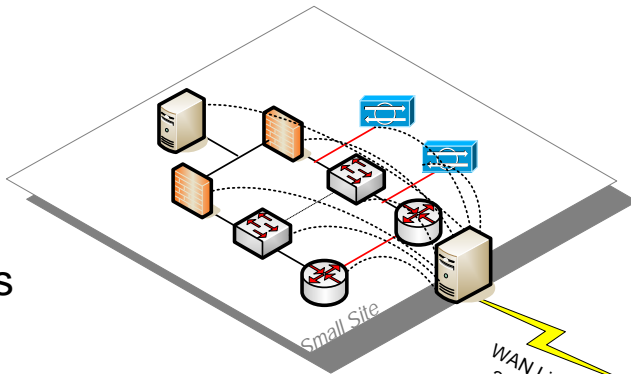


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**Max 7M EPD**

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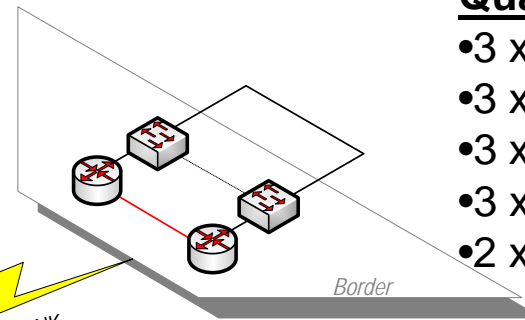
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- 2 x Switch
- 2 x Firewall
- 2 x IDS
- 1 x Antivirus



**7 X Medium Site**  
**Max 18M EPD**

**Quantity:**

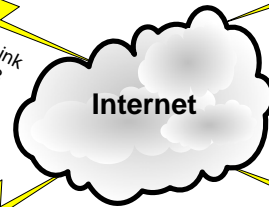
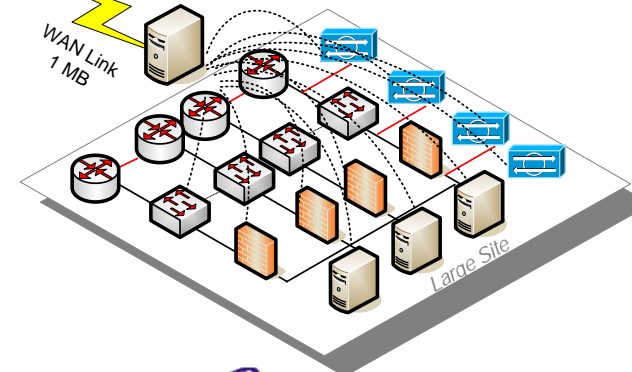
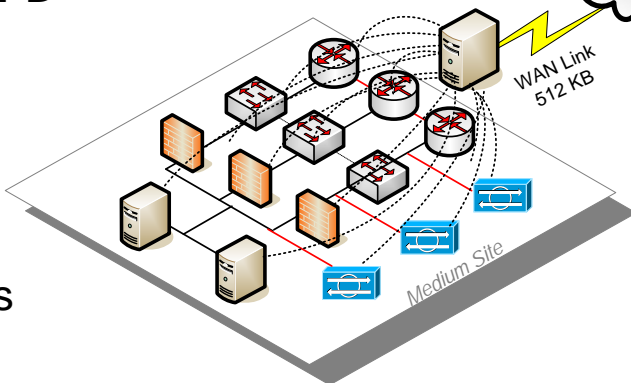
- 3 x Router
- 3 x Switch
- 3 x Firewall
- 3 x IDS
- 2 x Antivirus



**3 X Large Site**  
**Max 40M EPD**

**Quantity:**

- 4 x Router
- 4 x Switch
- 4 x Firewall
- 4 x IDS
- 3 x Antivirus

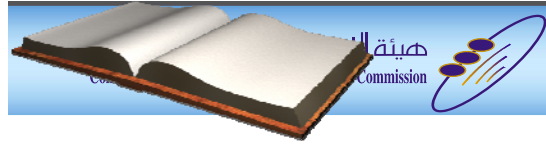


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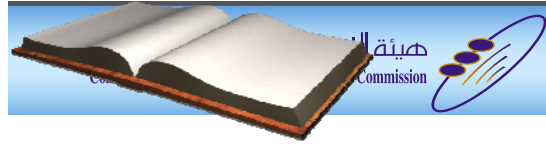
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## Information Security Handbook

### Management Controls

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- Information security risk management
- Information security policy
- Security in application development
- Audit and assurance



## Information Security Handbook

### Operational Controls

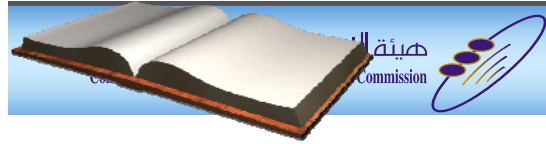
- Human resource security
- Information security awareness, training and education
- Roles and responsibilities
- Security considerations in IT support and operations
- Physical and environmental issues
- Business continuity management
- Incident handling
- Asset management



# Information Security Handbook

## Technical Controls:

- Developing secure IT architecture
- Host-oriented security
- Network-oriented security



## Information Security Handbook

I.S. is not all about security devices and solutions only!

I.S. is a habit, behavior, and attitude.

Overall approach on information security:

- Management control
- Operational control
- Technical control



# Vision and Objectives

