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Managing Information Security

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Abstract:

Given the importance of information, how do we know that the information we receive have not been tampered with, that confidential information we send to another organisation will be kept confidential, and that the information we need are available when we need it?

In many organisations within higher education, the IT departments are de facto responsible for these issues, and the solutions have evolved from an exclusively technical point of view. Unfortunately, the IT departments are not necessarily aware of the relative importance of the information, and may not be familiar with special requirements that the owners of the information have placed on it. Many organisations do not have a conscious relationship to the security of their information. They have neither a clear strategy nor specific goals for how to deal with information security. The lack of involvement and commitment from the upper management in the enterprise risk management, have lead to the implementation of arbitrary security measures in some organisations.

Since 2008, UNINETT has worked very closely with the management of many higher education institutions in Norway in order to develop and establish an information security policy. The process and the awareness it has achieved have been just as important as the final policy.