



Security Assessment & Risk Mitigation



A Security Assessment is an objective, business-focused activity that is carefully designed to **identify risks** that could impact your business.

VantagePoint Security™ has developed an assessment methodology that focuses on three key business elements: people, practices, and technology. Our certified information security specialists closely examine these key business elements.

Your assessment results are presented in a format that provides a high-level, consolidated view in a clear, visual representation and that includes detailed risk reporting and recommendations for guiding the mitigation process.

The initial Security Assessment establishes a baseline for tracking future improvement.

Focus Areas

- | People | Practices | Technology |
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| ✓ Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Security Policy▪ Privacy Policy | ✓ Vulnerability Mgmt <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Patch Mgmt | ✓ Perimeter Defense <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Firewalls▪ Intrusion Detection▪ Intrusion Prevention▪ Anti-Spam |
| ✓ HR <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Termination▪ Background Checks | ✓ Disaster Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Business Continuity▪ Disaster Recovery▪ Incident Response | ✓ Network Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ VPN▪ PKI |
| ✓ Roles & Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Asset Ownership▪ Authority & Approval | ✓ Data Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ID Mgmt▪ Single Sign-On▪ Access Control | ✓ Desktop Computers <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Antivirus |
| ✓ Training & Awareness | ✓ Change Management | ✓ Servers |
| ✓ Strategy & Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Outsourcing | ✓ SW Lifecycle | ✓ Administration |
| ✓ Culture | ✓ Security Operations | ✓ Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Web Applications |

Methodology

VantagePoint Security has developed an assessment methodology that provides consistent, objective security assessments. We start with customer interviews, follow with examinations of processes and procedures, inspect information systems, and conclude with an objective analysis and overall security rating.

Results

Assessment results are presented in a unique format that provides a clear visual representation of your security position. This visual depiction of your security position is known as the VPS Rating™. Through the use of numeric scoring, color-coding, and meaningful diagrams, areas of risk to your critical business functions are clearly identified.

Additionally, your VPS Rating is a benchmark. The results from subsequent assessments can be compared to earlier results in order to gauge changes over time.

Risk Mitigation

identify risks →
develop risk mitigation strategy →
create detailed plan →
implement

VantagePoint Security delivers professional services to mitigate risks identified through our Security Assessment services. We tailor our services to incorporate your business plans and maximize your existing security investments.

We view Risk Mitigation as a three-step process. The first step is to jointly **develop** a **risk mitigation strategy**. An ideal security strategy balances your information security requirements with the objectives of your business — allowing your business to perform in an environment of acceptable risk. Incorporating your business plans in the security strategy helps reduce future information security investment costs, and helps establish a security program that supports business processes and objectives.

The second step is to **create** a **detailed plan** that identifies tasks, owners and establishes timelines. A detailed project plan helps control costs and keeps the objective of the security strategy in sight.

The final step is to **implement** your security strategy. VantagePoint Security offers a flexible approach with a range of delivery options designed to meet your unique staffing situation. We understand the value of the knowledge transfer that takes place when your staff participate, and encourage their involvement.

Next Steps

Our Business Security Strategy, Managed Risk, and Awareness Programs all provide natural next steps toward minimizing potential business interruptions.

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