

Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI)

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- IT Baseline Protection Manual

<http://www.bsi.bund.de/gshb/english/menue.htm>



The BSI's IT Baseline Protection Manual has established itself as a standard for the development of IT security concepts. This manual presents a series of standard security measures aimed at achieving adequate security for IT systems and applications requiring a normal level of protection and covering the areas of infrastructure, organisation, personnel and technology. IT baseline protection also provides a suitable basis for IT security concepts for IT applications where a high level of security is required. The document, which is available online in both German and English, is updated twice a year in line with users' requirements and is undergoing continuous development.

- E-Government Manual

http://www.bsi.bund.de/fachthem/egov/3_en.htm



The BSI plays a central role in the implementation of the Federal Governments "BundOnline 2005 initiative", whose objective is the "online provision of all federal administration services that are internet-capable by the year 2005". Here the BSI has been tasked with integrating the security of electronic services into the procedures and safeguarding them in the long-term for both the public providers and the communicating members of the public and companies. This range of services is spelt out in the E-Government Manual, which was prepared for

E-Government co-ordinators in federal government, state and municipal agencies, and also entails advisory support for pilot projects at the government level, such as E-procurement, the "bund.de" portal and the online pensions system. The E-Government Manual, which is available online in both German and English, is updated and expanded on an ongoing basis as required.

- Technology study

<http://www.bsi.bund.de/literat/studien/trend2010/index.htm>



The technology study titled "Kommunikations- und Informationstechnik 2010+3: neue Trends und Entwicklungen in Technologie, Anwendungen und Sicherheit" (Communications and information technology 2010+3: new trends and developments of technology, applications and security), presented at the 8th BSI congress May 2003, analyses the IT trends of the next ten years.

It is the result of an extensive literature search as well as an intensive multi-level expert questioning. 220 selected experts of different fields were asked for their estimation to these technologies. More than 18,000 single answers were collected. Therefore these results are a strong statement on a wide basis with high reliability. Having in mind the tight R&D budgets and the fear to lose ground in the international technology competition an increasing number of countries deal with the problem of the technology forecast. They expect to identify the technologies crucial for priority-setting in their future research and technological policy. On the basis of these expertise it is possible to recognise technological developments and estimate their security risks as starting point for strategic decisions.

The Document is available in German language only.

Via link to BSI's web site www.bsi.bund.de additional content such as

- security recommendations,
- computer virus warnings,
- information for both consumer and manufacture about certification of IT systems and
- access to BSI's information security awareness campaign

www.bsi-fuer-buerger.de, which addresses, in German only, the general public

can be made available.



