

atsec Helps Vodafone TeleCommerce Receive a BS7799 Certificate for Information Security Management from British Standards Institution

Vodafone TeleCommerce selected atsec information security GmbH to assist the company in defining a security policy, performing a risk analysis, defining security controls, setting up an Information Security Management System, the Statement of Applicability, and managing the BS7799 audit and certification process.

The high tech data center of Vodafone TeleCommerce became the first organization in Germany to be certified for the BS7799 standard by the British Standards Institution (BSI). This standard describes the requirements for an Information Security Management System and was adopted by the ISO as IS17799 in the fall of 2000. At CeBIT in Hannover, on the 22nd of March, Nick Moy, managing director of BSI Global Quality Services handed officially the BS7799 certificate over to Dr. Siegfried Zschauer, Head of the Billing and IT Solution Division of Vodafone TeleCommerce.



BSI BS7799-2 Certificate

“Information Security becomes one of the most important factors for Application Service Providers. We view a BS7799 certified Information Security Management System as one of the quality factors that distinguish us from our competitors. With the BS7799 certificate Vodafone TeleCommerce demonstrates that the company is dedicated to quality and security for the services provided to our customers. We have chosen atsec to assist us in this process because of the long-term experience and the high level of competence the people there have in the field of information security and risk management. Another factor for selecting atsec was their independence from any product vendor,” said Dr. Zschauer from Vodafone TeleCommerce.

“Information Security Management as part of an overall risk management process will become more and more important for large companies. Only a security management system integrated with a company’s organizational structure and quality management system can provide a consistent level of security in a rapidly changing IT world. Such a system enables an organization to react fast to new vulnerabilities and address the specifics of new systems and applications to maintain a consistent level of security. BS7799 (IS 17799) is the only internationally accepted standard in the field of information security management, and the project with Vodafone TeleCommerce has shown that it can be applied to such a highly complex system as the data center of Vodafone TeleCommerce with several hundred servers,” said Helmut Kurth, Chief Scientist of atsec.

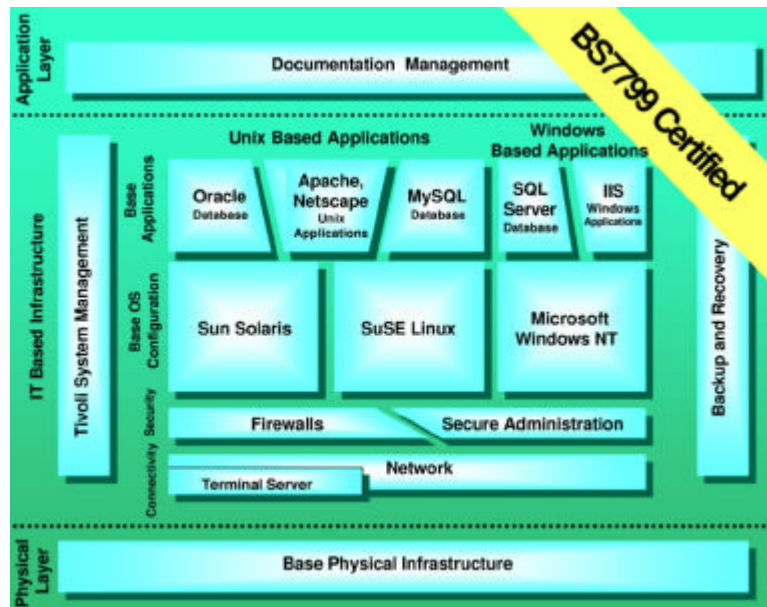
“Vodafone TeleCommerce was well aware of information security. Together we defined and installed an information security management system that is integrated with the existing quality management system and organizational structure of the company. The employees of Vodafone TeleCommerce identified what helps them and the company maintain a consistent level of security. It is a pleasure to see how the security awareness of Vodafone TeleCommerce employees has increased significantly. They have not only accepted the procedures and security controls but also helped to improve them while they were being defined and tested,” said Salvatore la Pietra, Managing Director of atsec.



Dr. Zschauer and Nick Moy

The British Standards Institution is the owner of BS7799. Its audit and certification scheme has been approved by the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS) for compliance with the European standards and regulations for the audit of information management systems. For more information see: www.bsi-global.com.

The high tech data center of Vodafone TeleCommerce operates several hundred server systems and provides the infrastructure to operate those systems securely. For more information see www.vodafone-telecommerce.de.



Structure of the IT Based Infrastructure BS7799 Certified

atsec information security was set up by a group of internationally respected IT security professionals as an independent consultancy company specializing in information security. atsec does not produce or sell any products. This ensures the independence necessary for consulting in such a sensitive area as information security.

Employees of atsec have on average 10 years of experience in the field of information security and have been involved in the design and implementation of information security management systems of large organizations. On the basis of its long-term experience in product evaluation, penetration testing, and design of secure systems, atsec, with its 4 office in Europe, provides a wide range of consultancy services for information security. For more information see www.atsec.com.

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