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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO/IEC 27033-4 cancels and replaces ISO/IEC 18028-3:2005, which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 27033 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Security techniques — Network security*:

- *Part 1: Overview and concepts*
- *Part 2: Guidelines for the design and implementation of network security*
- *Part 3: Reference networking scenarios – Threats, design techniques and control issues*
- *Part 4: Securing communications between networks using security gateways*
- *Part 5: Securing communications across networks using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)*
- *Part 6: Securing wireless IP network access*

(Note that there may be other Parts. Examples of possible topics to be covered by Parts include local area networks, wide area networks, broadband networks, web hosting, Internet email, and routed access to third party organizations. The main clauses of all such Parts should be Risks, Design Techniques and Control Issues.)

## Introduction

The majority of both commercial and government organizations have their information systems connected by networks, with the network connections being one or more of the following:

- within the organization.
- between different organizations.
- between the organization and the general public.

Further, with the rapid developments in publicly available network technology (in particular with the Internet) offering significant business opportunities, organizations are increasingly conducting electronic business on a global scale and providing online public services. The opportunities include the provision of lower cost data communications, using the Internet simply as a global connection medium, through to more sophisticated services provided by Internet Service Providers (ISPs). This can mean the use of relatively low cost local attachment points at each end of a circuit to full scale online electronic trading and service delivery systems, using web-based applications and services. Further, the new technology (including the integration of data, voice and video) increases the opportunities for remote working (also known as teleworking or telecommuting). Telecommuters are able to keep in contact through the use of remote facilities to access organization and community networks and related business support information and services.

However, while this environment does facilitate significant business benefits, there are new security threats to be managed. With organizations relying heavily on the use of information and associated networks to conduct their business, the loss of confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and services could have significant adverse impacts on business operations. Thus, there is a major need to properly protect networks and their related information systems and information. In other words, implementing and maintaining adequate network security is critical to the success of any organization's business operations.

In this context, the telecommunications and information technology industries are seeking cost-effective comprehensive security solutions, aimed at protecting networks against malicious attacks and inadvertent incorrect actions, thereby meeting the business requirements for confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and services. Securing a network is also essential to achieve accurate billing for network usage. Security capabilities in products are crucial to overall network security (including applications and services). However, as more products are combined to provide total solutions, the interoperability, or the lack thereof, will define the success of the solution. Security must not only be a thread of concern for each product or service, but must be developed in a manner that promotes the interweaving of security capabilities in the overall security solution.

The purpose of ISO/IEC 27033-4, Securing communications between networks using security gateways, is to provide guidance on how to identify and analyse network security threats associated with security gateways, define the network security requirements for security gateways based on threat analysis, introduce design techniques to achieve a network technical security architecture to address the threats and control aspects associated with typical network scenarios, and address the issues associated with implementing, operating, monitoring and reviewing network security controls with security gateways.

It is emphasized that the ISO/IEC 27033-4 is relevant to all personnel who are involved in the detailed planning, design and implementation of security gateways (for example network architects and designers, network managers, and network security officers).

# Information technology — Security techniques — Network security —

## Part 4: Securing communications between networks using security gateways

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 27033 gives guidance for securing communications between networks using security gateways (firewall, application firewall, Intrusion Protection System, etc.) in accordance with a documented information security policy of the security gateways, including:

- a) identifying and analysing network security threats associated with security gateways;
- b) defining network security requirements for security gateways based on threat analysis;
- c) using techniques for design and implementation to address the threats and control aspects associated with typical network scenarios; and
- d) addressing issues associated with implementing, operating, monitoring and reviewing network security gateway controls.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 27033-1, *Information technology — Security techniques — Network security — Part 1: Overview and concepts*