Executive Summary

The Information Security Plan applies to San Diego State University and its auxiliaries’ employees, information, systems, processes, and networks (collectively referred to as the University).

San Diego State University is committed to securing information from unauthorized access or modification and to preventing damage to systems and networks that are vital to achieving the University’s mission of excellence and distinction in teaching, research, and service. As stated by President Weber in his memo to the University on February 26, 2007, “we also have a fiduciary duty to protect the information entrusted to us by our colleagues, our students, our alumni, and others of our campus community.”

The SDSU Information Security Plan provides University policies, standards, and procedures to appropriately secure information, systems, and networks. The objective of the Information Security Plan is to communicate responsibilities, education standards, minimum processes, and software and configuration standards so that they can be implemented by the University to minimize risks to information, systems, and networks.

The Information Security Plan consists of this Executive Summary and an Overview, followed by the four sections and appendices:

Section 1: Security Policies and Operational Policies.
Section 2: IT Security Incident Response Program.
Section 3: Vulnerability Management Program.
Section 4: Security Awareness and Training Program.
1. Samples and additional details for implementing the plan.

Section 1 of the Information Security Plan contains the information security policies, as approved by the SDSU Senate, that provide information and technology security governance to the University.

Sections 2 through 4 of the Information Security Plan represent the minimum University standards and procedures required to implement the information security policies, California State University policies, and state and federal laws. Subsequent to University review, the Information Security Plan is presented to the President’s Cabinet for University adoption.

The Information Security Plan Overview explains, in detail, the University procedures for requesting and reviewing changes to the Information Security Plan policies, standards, and procedures. The Overview also describes the University committees and offices involved in managing, reporting, educating, reviewing, and implementing information and technology security. Words and titles, such as IT manager, manager, must, and should have important implications, which are explained in the Security Plan Overview.

1 Appendix F contains the entire text of President Weber’s memo to the campus on February 26, 2007.
The roadmap for improvements to the Information Security Plan is based on a risk analysis model to be explained within the University’s Strategic Security Plan. The Strategic Security Plan is a high-level document to be developed that will outline the multiyear roadmap to continually and intelligently improve information security. The controls, processes, and awareness contained in the current Information Security Plan represent foundations needed to protect against previously measured incidents of malware infections, social engineering, denial of service attacks, and system breaches. The Strategic Security Plan will evolve these foundations each successive year to further protect against known and projected threats against the University.

The University adoption of this formal Information Security Plan establishes a priority to assess and initiate compliance with the Plan within the next calendar year. Many departments will be impacted by the need to focus resources on achieving compliance with the Information Security Plan within this timeline. The necessary expenditure of resources by the University is testimony to the commitment to protect information, systems, and networks.
Overview

The University President has assigned operational responsibility for Information Security to the Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs, who has delegated that authority to the Chief Information Officer (CIO). The Information Technology Security Office, which reports to the CIO, is responsible for management of the Information Security Plan.

Revisions to the Information Security Plan

The Information Security Plan (ISP) is reviewed on a yearly basis and changes to policies, standards, and procedures are incorporated into the plan. Requests for changes to the operational policies or Sections 2-4 of the Information Security Plan should be submitted to the Information Security Officer of the IT Security Office. Changes to the Information Security Plan can reflect scheduled implementation of the Strategic Security Plan, changes in risk to the campus, and changes in technology.

Revision Review Process

The Information Security Officer drafts revisions to the operational security policies and Sections 2-4 of the Security Plan and follows these steps to receive University feedback regarding the draft document:

1. Internal review by IT Security Office and CIO.
2. Reviews by campus committees, peer groups and University Senate (listed below).
3. Review and approval by President’s Cabinet.

When the document review and update process has completed Step 2, the draft document becomes an interim working document until final review and approval by the President’s Cabinet.

Information Security Committees and Peers

The process of developing, disseminating, and monitoring information security requires collaboration with various organizations, divisions, colleges, and departments across the University. The following University committees meet monthly and include security issues, projects, and education on their agendas:

University Senate: Requests for changes to the Computing Security Policy or Acceptable Use Policy must be submitted to the University Senate Instruction and Information Technology Committee (IIT) for review.

The Senate IIT Committee reviews all Security Policy changes and forwards final recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee for discussion and ultimate recommendation by the University Senate. The University President has final authority over policy approvals.
**Senate Instructional and Information Technology (IIT) Committee:** Chaired by one of its voting members, this committee assists the Director of Instructional Technology Services, the Director of Library Information Technologies and Digital Initiatives, the Academic Affairs Information Technology Coordinator, and other campus instructional/information technology offices with developing long-range master plans and with reviews and recommendations on the missions and services of Instructional Technology Services, the Library, and Academic Affairs on instructional and information technologies. The committee considers any matter referred by the Senate or by the administration of the University and may consider, at its own discretion, other matters relating to instructional and information technologies at the campus and CSU system-wide levels. The committee reviews and provides feedback on campus information technology initiatives as related to instruction, research, and operational needs.

**IT Managers:** Chaired by the University CIO, this is a non-authoritative, collegial group designed to provide collaboration for managers with IT responsibility at the divisional level.

**IT Security Committee:** Chaired by the Technology Security Officer (TSO), this committee focuses exclusively on information security incidents, tools, and education. The chair of the IT Security Committee is also the moderator for the sdsu-cert mailing list. The mailing list is used to communicate with IT managers and support staff between meetings and to send soft copies of documents and links. Since the sdsu-cert list can contain sensitive information about SDSU systems, this is a closed subscription list restricted to SDSU employees. Each year the moderator reminds participants not to repost or otherwise redistribute information from this list elsewhere without permission of the list moderator. Failure to abide by this rule is grounds for removal from the sdsu-cert mailing list.

**The Minimum Workstation and Software Site License Subcommittee (MWSSLS):** Chaired by an IT Managers appointee and working with the campus Site License Coordinator, this subcommittee of the IT Managers is responsible for developing and updating the minimum computer workstation specifications for the campus, coordinating software site licenses and volume purchase agreements for the campus, and discussing technology issues that cross department/college reporting areas. IT Managers also appoints one manager as a dedicated MWSSLS attendee.

**System Administrators Subcommittee:** Chaired by an IT Managers appointee, this subcommittee discusses various operating systems and configurations for solving campus and department issues.

The University relies on members of these campus committees to disseminate security information discussed at the meetings and to solicit feedback from their represented departments or colleges to bring back to the meetings or to share on the mailing list associated with the committee on which they serve.
In addition to collaborating with campus committees, the IT Security Office works with a group of peers to review and refine the Information Security Plan for campus implementation. This Peer Review Group comprises:

- Associate Vice President of Financial Operations.
- Campus CIO.
- Chair of the Senate IIT Subcommittee.
- Technology Security Officer.
- Information Security Officer.
- Information Security Professional.
- Representatives from each auxiliary: Associated Students, SDSU Research Foundation, Campanile Foundation, and Aztec Shops).
- Academic Affairs Information Technology Coordinator.
- Student Affairs Information Security Manager.
- CIO of University Relations and Development.
- Chair of MWSSLS and/or System Administrators Subcommittee.

The IT Security Office may optionally organize forum meetings open to the campus to solicit feedback about the Information Security Plan.

Once the Information Security Plan is adopted, the IT Security Office is responsible for posting, announcing, and educating the University about the plan. The IT Security Office also coordinates with departments and colleges to implement and to assess compliance with the Information Security Plan.

**Importance of Titles and Words**

Throughout the Information Security Plan the titles *IT manager* and *manager* are used as identifiers of employees responsible for authorization and implementation of security plans, controls, and processes. The titles do not specifically refer to staff with MPP classification. Instead the title *manager* is a general term referring to the faculty or staff member who directly manages systems and information.

The verbs *must* and *should* were carefully used throughout the Information Security Plan to direct managers on how much latitude to apply to implementation of the security controls. All deviations from the specific standards in the Information Security Plan require documentation of the exception.

The verb *should* is used to signal that the specific control may not be technically or procedurally possible or not yet fully implemented. When the controls indicated with a *should* are not possible, or are in progress, the manager either should document the exception\(^2\) to the security control, along with the alternate control used to mitigate the risk, or should document the plan for achieving compliance with the standard indicated in the plan.

\(^2\) Documentation for exceptions is required for noncompliance with either *should* or *must* type controls.
The verb *must* is used to signal that very few exceptions to the control or procedure should exist on campus. All such exceptions must either be specified in the Information Security Plan or have an exception on file with the IT Security Office.

All exceptions to the Information Security Plan must be reviewed by managers twice a year to re-evaluate the need to maintain the exception.
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1.0 Introduction to the SDSU Information Security Policies

San Diego State University has adopted the following four information security policies:

- The SDSU Computing Security Policy
- The SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy
- The SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy (Operational Procedures)
- The SDSU Residential Housing Network Acceptable Use Policy.

1.1 The SDSU Computing Security Policy

The mission of San Diego State University (SDSU) is to provide high-quality education for undergraduate and graduate students, and to contribute to the solution of problems through excellence and distinction in teaching, research, and service. Computers and network resources, including the World Wide Web, play an important and essential role in fulfilling the educational mission of the University.\(^3\) In keeping with this mission, the University endeavors to provide a safe and secure computing environment.\(^4\)

Computing resources (hardware, software, and the data) are vital University assets. All users of SDSU computing resources need to be aware of and respect the value of these resources. By using these resources all users are part of a community responsible for ensuring that data is kept confidential, reliable, and available, and that the integrity of SDSU computing resources is not jeopardized.

San Diego State University recognizes that local, state, and federal laws relating to copyrights, security, and other statutes regarding electronic media and intellectual property bind all members of the University. It also recognizes the responsibility of faculty, management, and system administrators to take a leadership role in implementing existing policies.

To ensure that all members of the SDSU community have a clear understanding of the University's policies regarding computing resources, this document, the SDSU Computing Security Policy, was written and its guidelines implemented. It provides a framework for the implementation and enforcement of computer and network security policies at SDSU. The document assists the faculty, staff, and students in understanding the need for and the means of protecting SDSU's computing resources.

Faculty who require or recommend the use of University technology resources in their courses are encouraged to notify students in their course syllabus of this policy and its possible effect on their academic activities.

\(^3\) The term University in this document refers to all colleges, departments, and auxiliaries associated with San Diego State University.
1.1.1 Reasons for a Security Policy

The SDSU Computing Security Policy defines the minimum standards for a common level of security that is to be implemented across all computing and network resources at SDSU. This policy may be supplemented by additional policies and guidelines created by the individual campus units. The supplemental policies will address each unit's specialized security needs with the understanding that they are consistent with the standard defined in the SDSU Computing Security Policy. It is the responsibility of the individual campus units to inform their subset of users regarding any documents specific to their processing environment.

This policy makes an effort to explain the rationale and intent of the policies contained in this document, and where appropriate, provide common examples of forbidden or unauthorized activity. Where examples are provided, they are not intended to be a complete list of authorized or unauthorized activities and are provided only to clarify the intent of the policy. This document also assumes as a condition of use the exercise of common sense, common courtesy, and a respect for the rights or property and privacy of the University and other users.

Issues concerning the "appropriate use" of computing resources, other than those dealing with security or legal issues, are not covered by the SDSU Computing Security Policy

1.1.2 Scope

The SDSU Computing Security Policy applies to all SDSU computing and network resources including computers, software, data, and communication networks controlled, administered, or accessed directly or indirectly by users at SDSU. Privately owned computer systems, when attached to the campus network and/or resources, are subject to the same responsibilities and regulations as pertain to University-owned systems.

The SDSU Computing Security Policy only covers computer security and is not a substitute for other campus policies related to campus computing.

This document addresses five key principles of security and the responsibilities that each individual has:

- Privacy of data
- Data integrity
- Service integrity
- Legal issues
- Authorized use.

1.1.3 Privacy Statement

The University supports each individual's right to privacy when using SDSU computing resources, and will take reasonable steps to ensure security of these resources. However, the University cannot guarantee absolute privacy of electronic communication and computing resources. Each user must recognize that risks exist with regard to the confidentiality of personal
email, data, files and activity logs due to system limitations, software bugs, unauthorized activity, and potential system failures.

Data contained on SDSU computer systems is accessible to authorized personnel. These individuals are responsible for conducting normal system administration activities including diagnosing or correcting problems. Additionally, should suspicious activity become evident and at the request of the appropriate administrative authority, files may be examined by system personnel to determine if a user is acting in violation of the policies defined in the SDSU Computing Security Policy, other University policies, and state or federal statutes. Access to University computer systems and accounts is generally monitored. In addition, systems and accounts may also be more closely inspected or monitored when:

- Activity from a specific account prevents access to computing or networking resources by others
- Usage patterns indicate that an account is responsible for unauthorized or illegal activity
- There are reports of violations of policy or law taking place
- It appears necessary to do so to protect University resources or data or to protect the University from liability
- It is required by and/or consistent with law.

As a public institution, data on SDSU computer systems may also be made available to the public through public record laws. All requests for such data should be immediately forwarded to campus legal counsel.

1.1.4 Authorized Access and Use

Access to University information resources may be granted based on the following: relevant laws and contractual obligations, the requester's need to know, the information's sensitivity, and the risk of damage to or loss by the University. Access may be temporarily or permanently revoked for violation of security policy, other campus policies and CSU policies.

The University reserves the rights to limit, restrict, or extend computing privileges and access to its information resources. Data owners, whether departments, auxiliary units, faculty, students, or staff, may allow individuals other than University faculty, staff, and students access to information for which they are responsible. Methods for such access should not violate any license or contractual agreement, University policy, or any federal, state, county, or local law or ordinance; nor degrade the performance of the University community. Access by non-University members is subject to approval by and at the discretion of the system administrator(s) responsible for the information resource(s) involved.

Every authorized user is responsible for the integrity of these resources. All users of computing systems must respect the rights of other computing users, respect the integrity of the physical facilities and controls, and respect all pertinent license and contractual agreements.
1.1.5 Responsibilities

1.1.5.1 User Responsibilities

A user is one who has authorized access to University computing resources. Everyone on or off-campus who accesses a University computing resource, through whatever authorized (or unauthorized) means, is considered a user and is bound by the user responsibilities stated in this policy.

A) Users are ultimately responsible for the effect(s) of computing activity when using a computer.

B) Accounts created for an individual are for the use of that individual only. Computer accounts, passwords, and other types of authorization are assigned to individual users and must not be shared with others. Users are responsible for any use of their account.

C) Use only those computing resources for which authorization has been issued. Do not attempt to obtain system privileges to which authorization has not been granted or give unauthorized access to others.

D) Do not violate the security policy on any computer or network facility, interfere with the authorized computer use of others, or interfere with the normal running of services on any computer system or network. This includes unauthorized modifications to software or hardware of any computer or network, propagating viruses, or excessive network traffic that interferes with the use of others.

E) Users are responsible for the data and information that they are entrusted with and must not disclose confidential or sensitive information without authorization from the data owner. Confidential data transferred over networks should be encrypted to ensure security.

F) Never attempt to intercept, capture, alter, or interfere in any way with the normal transmission data on any computer or network, without prior authorization from the person or persons responsible for that resource.

G) Observe all applicable policies of external computers or networks when using such resources.

H) Report unauthorized use of computing resources or observed gaps in system or network security to your project director, instructor, supervisor, system administrator, or other appropriate University authority immediately upon discovery. Provide system administrators with information about computing activities when a reasonable request is made.

I) Protect their password so that others cannot gain access to their account. Guidelines for good passwords can be found in the password selection part of the Security Plan section of this document.
1.1.5.2 System/Network Administrator Responsibilities

System/network administrator is a user who has special access to one or more than one University computing resource. This special access includes control over the function of said computing resource(s). Technically, one is a system/network administrator if one exercises direct control over the following on a computing resource:

- Hardware
- Software
- Access level (optional)

System/network administrators are bound by all user responsibilities. In addition, they are bound by the responsibilities enumerated for system/network administrators. System/network administrators may also be bound by other responsibilities and definitions herein as appropriate to their designated tasks.

A) A system administrator manages systems, networks, and servers to provide available software or hardware to users for their University computing. A system administrator, with appropriate supervision and authority from management, is responsible for the security of a system, network, or server and is responsible for enforcing this and other campus policies. Access to system administrator accounts and passwords must be limited and on a "need to know" basis.

B) May take reasonable action as authorized by the provisions of this security policy. In addition, action may be taken based on other campus policies, management, or lawful grounds to inspect, monitor, and/or suspend access privileges determined to be necessary or appropriate in order to maintain the integrity of the computer system, network, or protection of other users.

C) Has special access to information and other special computing privileges and will use such access only in performing official duties. Such access shall not be used to satisfy idle curiosity. Access to users' information shall be governed by relevant University policies and procedures as well as State and Federal laws.

D) Must develop, test, maintain, and document effective computer and network security procedures and take reasonable precautions to guard against corruption of software, damage to hardware or facilities, or unauthorized access. This includes installing system patches, security software, and conducting periodic security audits as appropriate for the resource being managed. They must be aware of network topology issues that affect the security of their systems and data. Systems should be configured to run only necessary system services which limits the potential vulnerability of the system. Appropriate backup procedures and disaster recovery plans must be developed.

E) Shall take reasonable and appropriate steps to see that all the terms of the hardware and software license agreements are faithfully fulfilled on all systems, networks, and servers for which they are responsible.
1.1.5.3 Application Developer Responsibilities

An application developer is a user who has access to a University computing resource for the purpose of developing software for use on that system or for any other system deemed appropriate and permissible. Application Developers may be employed by the University in this capacity and/or other capacities as well. For the purposes of this security policy, an Application Developer is one who does any of the following:

- Writing program code
- Writing HTML, CGI or other World Wide Web-based content
- Writing SQL code or other user interface-related tasks
- Facilitating data transmission routines
- Any user performing any like functions as part of the regular curriculum or their course of study.

Application Developers are additionally bound by all the user responsibilities. They may also be bound by other responsibilities and definitions herein as appropriate to their designated tasks. Application Developers shall:

A) Ensure that applications are written in a method consistent with this and other applicable security policies.

B) Apply data transfer methods that maintain the integrity and security of the data using encryption methods when applicable.

C) Apply security patches and close security holes in applications when they are known.

D) Test applications for common security risks.

E) Document code so that others can maintain it.

F) Document software installations so that others can perform maintenance.

1.1.5.4 Database Administrator Responsibilities

A database administrator is a user who has special access to a University-owned or used dataset. Such special access includes control over access to this data, access to the software functioning to present the data and control over said software. The database administrator is bound by all user responsibilities as well as the responsibilities enumerated for database administrators. Database administrators may also be bound by other responsibilities and definitions herein as appropriate to their designated tasks.

A) A Database Administrator (DBA) must maintain knowledge of the data within their trust and is expected to be familiar with the functions to which the data applies, the structure and functioning of the database management systems in which the data resides, and the methods available for accessing the data.
B) A DBA, with appropriate supervision and authority from management, is responsible for the security of the database and is responsible for enforcing this and other campus policies. Access to DBA accounts and passwords must be limited and on a "need to know" basis.

C) Working with the data owner and/or management, a DBA must define the sensitivity of the information in the database and must develop guidelines and procedures for requesting access to database and information in the database. A DBA has special access to information contained in the database and a DBA's access to such information shall be governed by relevant University policies and procedures as well as State and Federal laws.

D) A DBA must protect the database and the information contained in the database from unauthorized access or modification and must develop, test, maintain, and document effective database security procedures.

1.1.5.5 Management Responsibilities

A Manager/Supervisor is defined, for purposes of this document, as an individual who oversees others in the above defined areas, to wit:

- Users
- System/network administrators
- Database administrators
- Application developers

A) Review access of their users

B) Ensure that users comply with security policies and procedures

C) Monitor use to identify problems

D) Remove access when users leave the department or University

E) Translate policies into operational procedures

F) Provide appropriate funding and resources to implement policies and procedures

G) Promote security awareness and training

1.1.6 Implementation, Enforcement and Appeals

A system administrator, network administrator, application developer or DBA shall take action to temporarily limit access to computing resources for the purpose of maintaining integrity of the resource based on the defined security standards of that resource (system) when he or she:

- Observes a violation of this policy
- Notices an unusual degradation of service or other aberrant behavior on the system, network, or server for which he or she is responsible
- Receives a complaint of computing abuse or degradation of service
- Is alerted by system-monitoring or management software that indicates a potential security intrusion

Depending on the severity of the violation, users may be subject to any or all of the following:

A) Temporary loss of computing and network access

B) Permanent loss of computing and network access

C) University disciplinary actions

D) Civil proceedings

E) Criminal prosecution

The system administrator shall notify the user of any such action as soon as possible and the user will have an opportunity to respond before any restrictions are made permanent. If the violation is non-serious or unintentional, common sense, reason and sensitivity should be used to resolve issues in a constructive and positive manner without escalation.

If the issue cannot be resolved informally, or if, in the opinion of the system administrator or the user, the violation warrants action beyond a system administrator's authority, the case shall be referred to other authorities, such as the University disciplinary body appropriate to the violator's status:

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Such appeals should be handled by the appropriate disciplinary body expeditiously, so as to minimize the disruption of crucial teaching and research tools.

In all cases where enforcement action is taken, the system administrator must keep accurate records and logs and produce them as required by campus disciplinary bodies or law enforcement officials.
1.1.7 Security Resources

1.1.7.1 Security Audits

In an effort to assess the vulnerability of the campus computing and network environment, periodic audits may be necessary. Such audits may be particular to a specific system or the entire campus computing/network environment, and may be conducted by on-campus personnel or an outside vendor.

Except in extreme cases, the system administrator and their supervisor will be involved in the audit of their systems. This includes prior knowledge that their system will be audited and providing a copy of the results of the audit.

1.1.7.1.1 IT Security subcommittee

The IT Security subcommittee is a forum for technical security concerns, issues and problems. Meetings occur on a regular basis and the entire campus community is encouraged to participate.

The IT Security subcommittee is charged with reviewing and revising this document on at least a yearly basis or as needed.

1.1.7.1.2 Security Related Web Pages

- SDSU Security Web Page
- COAST
- CERT

1.1.8 Legal and Policy Issues

All existing laws (Federal and State) as well as University regulations and policies apply, including not only those laws and regulations specific to computers and networks, but also those that may apply generally to personal conduct.

Misuse of computing, networking, or information resources may result in loss of computing privileges. Additionally, misuse can be prosecuted under applicable statutes. Users may be held accountable for their conduct under any applicable University or campus policies, procedures, or collective bargaining agreements. Complaints alleging misuse of SDSU computing resources will be directed to those responsible for taking appropriate disciplinary action.

1.1.8.1 Federal Statutes

- Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974,
- Federal Privacy Act of 1974
- Federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986
- Federal Copyright Law
- Federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986
1.1.8.2 State of California Statutes

- State of California Education Code, Section 67100 et seq.
- State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.)
- State of California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 6250 et seq.)
- State of California Penal Codes, Section 502
- California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 41301, Student Discipline

1.1.8.3 CSU Policies

- 4CNet Acceptable Use Policy
- (4CNet Acceptable Use Policy currently being revised)

1.1.8.4 SDSU Policies

- SDSU Senate Policies
- SDSU Judicial Procedures Regulations
- (Future SDSU AUP)

1.2 The SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy

1.2.1 Acceptable Computing Use

A) Computer users shall be liable for all activities on their accounts. All relevant federal and state laws and all University regulations shall apply. The University shall reserve the right to limit, restrict, or extend computing or communications privileges and access to its information resources.

B) Acceptable Use

- University computing and communications resources shall be used for the University-related activities for which they are assigned
- Proper copyright permissions shall be obtained and sources shall be properly cited
- Users shall not engage in activities that compromise computer security, circumvent controls, disrupt services, or violate computer etiquette.

C) Legality and Enforcement

- University policies shall not supersede federal or state laws. Illegal actions may result in prosecution
- Violations of University computing policies may result in the revocation of access or the discontinuance of an account or the loss of computing privileges.

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5 Approved by the San Diego State University Senate on April 3, 2001; http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup.html.
D) Privacy. Computer files, electronic mail, and computing accounts are not absolutely private and may be subject to access by various authorized persons, as well as to access in compliance with the California Public Records Act.

E) Operational procedures shall be determined by the Instructional Technology committee of the Senate and reviewed on a periodic basis. Current operational procedures are available at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup-operational.html.

1.3 SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy (Operational Procedures)

In accordance with the University Policy File, section VII-A-9 (also available at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup.html, the Instructional Technology Committee is charged with developing and reviewing the operational aspects of the Computing Acceptable Use Policy. Current procedures are below and also at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup-operational.html.

The computing and network resources at San Diego State University are intended to support the mission of teaching, research and day-to-day communications related to service to the community. All users of SDSU computing and communications systems, whether directly or indirectly managed by the campus, must respect the rights of other computing and communications users, respect the integrity of the physical facilities and controls, and respect all pertinent license and contractual agreements.

SDSU Computing users should:

- Keep shared resources, such as network and servers in mind during peak usage times and not unduly overload such resources
- Use University computing and communications resources only for the University-related activities for which they are assigned, and for incidental personal and/or day-to-day communications related to service to the community. (Note: most assigned computer accounts are not intended to be shared. Consult your system administrator before sharing a password, there may be a better way.)

SDSU Computing users should not:

- Use University computing and communications resources for non-University commercial activities without prior written authorization from the University. If the University grants such authorization, the University may assess appropriate charges to recover the costs of providing such services. This applies to all University-owned and University-leased computers, network resources, and computing and communications facilities related to funded research. Substantial use of computing resources for off campus activities (web sites, mass e-mailings, ...) also requires prior written authorization.
- Post material to electronic bulletin boards, news groups, chat rooms, or mail lists which is illegal, inappropriate or otherwise at variance with accepted codes of network etiquette (e.g., Usenet rules published in news.announce.newusers).

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6 Approved by the San Diego State University Senate on February 15, 2000; http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup-operational.html.
SDSU Policies do not supersede federal or state laws. Actions that are illegal and may result in prosecution include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of applicable federal or state laws and campus regulations, including but not limited to the transmission of threats, harassment, defamation, obscenity, and pornography
- Copyright infringement. This includes activities such as making software available for copying on your computer and connecting that computer to the SDSU network.
- Making unauthorized copies of computer data or documentation (CA PC 502(c)(2))
- Using a computer system without permission or authorization (CA PC 502(c)(3))
- Adding, deleting, altering or destroying data or software without authorization (CA PC 502(c)(4))
- Disrupting services or causing a denial or service to a computer system or network without authorization (CA PC 502(c)(5))
- Introducing a contaminant into a computer system or network (CA PC 502(c)(6)).

Violations of SDSU computing policies may result in the disabling of an access/account and/or loss of computing privileges. A student whose access has been disabled or suspended or revoked may appeal the University's action to a review committee (see Computing Disciplinary Action Appeals Procedures). Additionally, violations may subject the user to disciplinary action under University regulations, and criminal prosecution under applicable statutes. SDSU reserves the right to disable or deny access without notice to halt or prevent suspected violations of computing policies. If you are unsure about the permissibility of any behavior or use, send mail to aup@sdsu.edu to request clarification.

1.4 SDSU Residential Housing Network Acceptable Use Policy

1.4.1 Introduction

SDSU provides high-speed Ethernet connections to all campus residential housing complexes including the SDSU Residence Halls, Piedra Del Sol, University Towers, Hardy Apartments, Aztec Apartments, and the Fraternity Complex. This document describes what use is acceptable and appropriate for your residential network connection. By connecting to or using a network connection in your residence, you agree to abide by these policies. We strongly recommend that you review the policies here to fully understand them.

This document is subject to change, and can be referenced at: [http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/housing-aup.html](http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/housing-aup.html).

In addition to this AUP, you must abide by all other campus and CSU policies (including the SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy and the SDSU Computing Security Policy) as well as current State and Federal law.

Comments or questions regarding this policy can be directed to the SDSU Computing Security Officer via email at: security@sdsu.edu or by calling (619) 594-0142.
1.4.2 Network Limitations

All residential housing networks on campus are protected by firewalls as well as packet shaping devices. This ensures that everyone can use their fair share of the network resources and that potential security intrusions from the internet are limited. All network use is logged.

Residential network connections provide bi-directional connectivity to and from the SDSU campus as well as outbound connections to the internet. Inbound connections from the internet to your computer are not permitted by the firewall. Running servers on your computer accessible from the internet is not allowed.

Due to these limitations, some applications may not be available through the firewall. Other applications may be administratively blocked. Peer-to-peer music sharing applications are currently blocked due to copyright and liability concerns. Other applications may be limited if they have adverse affects on the network. A current list of limited applications can be found at: http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/limited-apps.html

1.4.3 User Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of each resident to use SDSU computer and network resources appropriately using common sense, common courtesy, and a respect for the rights or property and privacy of the University and other users. Access is a privilege that can be revoked due to misuse. By connecting to or using a network connection in your residence, you agree to the terms and conditions of this Acceptable Use Policy, other campus computing policies, and current State and Federal law. Furthermore, you agree to accept responsibility for any misuse by other individuals who use your computer or network connection.

Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy will be adjudicated by Judicial Procedures Office, Business Affairs, Academic Affairs, SDSU Human Resources, or law enforcement officials as appropriate. The SDSU Computing Security Officer may temporarily suspend network privileges of any SDSU user while suspected violations are being investigated or adjudicated, even if it affects network services of roommates.

User responsibilities include:

- The University's networks are shared resources. Excessive use of network resources, which inhibits or interferes with the use of these networks by others, is not permitted
- Users may not run any programs that interfere with SDSU computing or network services. In particular, DHCP and proxy servers are expressly forbidden
- Users must follow proper SDSU network registration procedures. Users may not use or spoof any network address not specifically assigned to them by the University
- Any use, receipt, or transfer of software or data must observe copyright laws, license restrictions and University policies
- SDSU may not be used to provide Internet access to anyone not formally affiliated with the University. Connections to your computer from outside the University, either directly or via proxy, are not allowed
SDSU may not be used for commercial or profit-making enterprise. Use of these resources for commercial gain is in opposition to the non-profit status of the University.

SDSU services, equipment, wiring or jacks may not be altered nor extended beyond the location of their intended use.

Users may not use SDSU to attempt to circumvent protection schemes or exercise security loopholes in any computer or network component.

Viewing, copying, altering or destroying any file, or connecting to a host on a network without explicit permission of the owner is a violation of this policy. Unauthorized network sniffers are forbidden and violate Federal wiretap laws.

Users may not share University system passwords, use another person's account, even with permission, or allow use of an established connection by someone other than the registered user.

Users may not forge or otherwise misrepresent another's identity through any form of communication.

University network resources may not be used to defame, harass, intimidate or threaten any other person(s). University harassment policies cover all uses of the SDSU network, including email correspondences and newsgroups.
2.0 Introduction to the IT Security Incident Response Program (SIRP)

The Security Incident Response Program provides governance and risk management to the San Diego State University campus in response to infractions of local, state, or federal information technology computing laws as well as infractions of the SDSU Computing Security Policy. This section will explain:

- How to detect an incident.
- Whom to contact during an incident.
- How to prepare for an incident.
- Steps that must be taken to investigate and respond to the incident.

2.1 Contact Information and Procedure for Reporting Incidents

2.1.1 Contact Information

The Information Technology Security Office (ITSO) consists of the Technology Security Officer (TSO), the Information Security Officer (ISO), and support staff. The IT Security Office must be notified of all campus IT security incidents to protect the security of the network and to assure compliance with laws regarding notification of breaches. Follow the directions below for reporting incidents.

Many sections in this SIRP refer the user to their department/college IT support staff. See http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~facstaff/index.htm for campus IT support staff contact information.

2.1.2 Reporting Incidents

When it is urgent that the IT Security Office be contacted immediately for incident response, please use the following escalation procedures:

1. **Urgent** – Examples of urgent incidents include:
   - Suspicious materials present on server.
   - Malware on a computer with protected information.

   A. Send an e-mail to security@sdsu.edu. This will send an alert to the Technology Security Officer (7 days a week, 24 hours a day). If e-mail is unavailable, call 619-594-0142 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time). If the incident occurs after 4:30 p.m., leave a message.

   B. If no response from the IT Security Office within 24 hours, repeat Step A.

2. **Extremely Urgent** – A computer being actively hacked or clearly breached is an example of an extremely urgent incident.

   In the event of an extremely urgent incident, follow these escalation procedures:
A. Send an e-mail to security@sdsu.edu at any time of day or night. This will send an alert to the Technology Security Officer (7 days a week, 24 hours a day). If e-mail is unavailable, call 619-594-0142 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time).

B. If no response after 30 minutes:

1. During Business Hours: Call 619-594-5901 (Business and Financial Affairs Division, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time) and staff will page the IT Security Office for immediate response. If no response after 10 minutes, repeat this step.

2. After Hours: If the incident occurs after 4:30 p.m. and you have completed Step A and waited 30 minutes with no response, call SDSU Public Safety at 619-594-1991.

For non-emergencies, the Technology Security Officer can be reached at 619-594-4242 and the Information Security Officer at 619-594-4049.

### 2.2 Types of Incidents

This section of the SIRP explains indicators of computer hacking, which must be immediately reported to the IT Security Office.

Table 2-1: Malware Response Table below lists dos and don’ts for users and IT support staff to perform once a hacking incident is suspected.

An intrusion of computer systems via the network is often referred to as hacking.7 There are many ways to detect a hacking incident. Some indicators of hacking on the computer might be unauthorized administrator/root/user accounts, unauthorized use of a valid account, a sudden slow down of a computer, or unknown software installed on the computer. Indicators of hacking from network monitoring might be unauthorized port scanning, password cracking, banner capturing, packet sniffing, or denial of service software running on the computer. Another common sign of uninvited hackers may be the presence of unauthorized copyright material. Hacking software can turn off malware protection so that the hacking software is not scanned and detected.

Hacking attempts may be reflected in logs with numerous failed logons or other failed connection attempts. Users may experience complete loss or serious slow down of a computer if it has hacking software installed on it, if it attempts to attack other computers, or if the computer is being hit with a denial of service attack.

It is critical that these types of hacking symptoms, successful and failed, be reported to the IT Security Office for investigation. Although one computer may deflect an attack, another computer may fall prey to the attack. Successful attack reports must be escalated immediately and the computers cease to be used, including use by IT support staff.

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If a system is suspected of having been compromised, to avoid inadvertently destroying valuable evidence needed to protect other systems and to prove that protected information was not accessed, users and IT support staff must not:

- Install or run any additional services, patches, upgrades, or other fixes.
- Run anti-malware scans or backup software.

The IT Security Office has forensic software to preserve as much of the evidence as possible from a compromised computer. **IT support staff must not investigate the computer.** As necessary, the IT Security Office will sequester the computer for further investigation and provide the appropriate manager with a receipt for the computer and a copy of the forensic process.

Reports of hacking or compromise of a computer do not follow normal department or divisional reporting guidelines. **Hacking reports must be escalated immediately to the IT Security Office** to maximize the protection to other campus systems and networks and to minimize the risk to the University. Users and IT support staff must follow normal management reporting procedures **after** the IT Security Office has been alerted. The IT Security Office will work in cooperation with Public Safety, other appropriate SDSU departments, and law enforcement to investigate the incident.
2.2.1 Malware Response Table

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<td>1. If the computer contains protected information, immediately report</td>
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<td>2. Allow scheduled tasks to continue until advised otherwise by the</td>
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<td>3. Report incident to management.</td>
<td>3. Install upgrades.</td>
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<td>4. Report incident to IT support staff.</td>
<td>4. Reconfigure any services or application settings.</td>
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<td>5. Use the computer as little as possible.</td>
<td>5. Install anti-virus software or upgrades or run an unscheduled scan.</td>
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<td>6. Install spyware software or upgrades or run an unscheduled scan.</td>
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<td>7. Format the disk drive.</td>
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<td>8. Explore or investigate the computer further.</td>
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<td>9. Create an image or copy information.</td>
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<td>10. Disconnect the computer from the network.</td>
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<td>11. Power off the computer.</td>
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<td>12. Look/touch/save/backup a suspected file or protected information.</td>
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2.3 Trojan Horse/Virus/Worm/Key Logger/Spyware Incidents

This section of the SIRP explains different types of infection incidents and the appropriate action to take when these infections are detected.

Another common incident type is a malware infection, which may be:

- A Trojan Horse.
- A virus.
- A worm.
- A key logger.
- Spyware.

Malware can be discovered when it runs scripted attacks on another computer or when it performs other noticeable actions on the network. In these cases, where activity is discovered on the network, the user may initially be contacted by the TSO, or other IT support staff, to investigate the suspicious network traffic.

Alternately, the user may see an alert on his or her computer when running (manually or automatically) a malware detection scan. Users must immediately report alerts to their IT support staff and discontinue use of the computer until the alert is resolved.
Malware may send information back to hackers, allowing unauthorized access to information. The IT Security Office needs to be aware of all findings of Trojan horse/worm/key logger software to determine if information could have been shared and if further actions are needed. Spyware, which might send password or other protected information to a hacker, must be reported to the IT Security Office. **It is very important that the report be escalated immediately** and that the computers cease to be used to avoid contaminating important evidence.

Table 2-1 above lists dos and don’ts for users and IT support staff to perform when a Trojan horse/worm/key logger incident is suspected.

### 2.4 E-mail Incidents

*This section of the SIRP explains different types of e-mail incidents and the appropriate action to take when these incidents occur.*

To facilitate communication among University employees and to direct students and visitors to University resources, the University maintains a directory of employee and departmental e-mail addresses. Unfortunately spammers and other malicious hackers can abuse this openness by gathering the University addresses for inappropriate e-mail messages.

#### 2.4.1 Harassment

An e-mail can be harassing or abusive. Users should save copies of harassing or abusive e-mails and initiate a complaint with the Office of Employee Relations and Compliance at 619-594-6464.

#### 2.4.2 Fraud

The following types of e-mail generally indicate an attempt to defraud an e-mail recipient:

- Quick moneymaking schemes.
- Desperate calls for help.
- Requests to help someone from a foreign country get his or her inheritance.
- Chain letters to benefit a child with cancer.
- Phishing, pharming, or spear phishing attacks.

Phishing involves using e-mails that are allegedly sent from a trusted source (such as a well-known company, bank, or financial institution) directing users to visit a website to update their password, to provide personal or financial information, to validate their information, or to run some type of software. Phishing relies on users clicking on links that look like they will go to a particular website but actually go elsewhere (the web address looks legitimate, but it is also forged). Users who have responded to phishing e-mails should notify security@sdsu.edu immediately.

Spear phishing differs from phishing in that it targets a specific department, division, college, or senior management seeking unauthorized access to protected information and allegedly coming
from IT support staff or other trusted sources familiar to the recipient. As with phishing, the e-mail will attempt to trick users into divulging personal or financial information or credentials.

Pharming hijacks DNS entries so that even the phishing-aware user who explicitly types in the website they want (such as http://www.sdsu.edu) will end up at a different website anyway. Pharming can be caused by something as simple as a malware script exploit turning off the security options or as complex as a malware program actually changing the web browser to function differently. Pharming can be prevented by keeping anti-malware definitions current, using host firewalls, and avoiding installation of toolbars or helpers downloaded from the Internet.

In general, campus IT support staff do not send unsolicited e-mail to users requesting that users follow a web link to install software or change their password. When in doubt, users should confirm the e-mail with the sender or a campus IT support staff (i.e., send a new e-mail asking the sender if the e-mail was legitimate; do not reply to the forged e-mail address to confirm).

Users must be aware that chain letters involving money or valuable items and promising big returns are illegal. Both starting and forwarding moneymaking or for-profit types of chain letters are against the law. Non-moneymaking chain letters violate the SDSU Computing Acceptable Use Policy in that they can impact the performance of the mail server and hinder the delivery of mail on campus.

Users should forward fraudulent e-mail with headers, after removing attachments, to fraud@mail.sdsu.edu. See Section 2.4.5 for a discussion of spam e-mail.

### 2.4.3 Malware warning

Another type of e-mail incident is where a user is advised that they have e-mailed malware to another e-mail address. If uncertain whether or not malware might have been sent, users can contact their IT support staff for assistance. If several malware-warning e-mails are received, users should contact the IT Security Office to report an incident.

### 2.4.4 Attachments

The campus e-mail server utilizes anti-malware scanning software to minimize malicious attachments in e-mail. See http://tns.sdsu.edu/faqs.htm#vir1 for a list of filenames and extensions blocked from receipt by the e-mail server. The anti-malware scanning software relies on signature technology, where the malicious attachments have been researched and signatures identified. However, hackers are constantly designing new attachments unknown to the scanning software. Users must not save or open attachments from unknown senders. When in doubt, contact your campus IT support staff for assistance. E-mails containing suspicious attachments must be deleted. Do not forward e-mail unless directed to do so by IT support staff or the IT Security Office.

### 2.4.5 Spam
Spam, or unsolicited e-mail, is a particular problem with open University e-mail addresses. Spam causes a type of denial of service attack as it is typically sent to multiple e-mail addresses on campus, clogging mail servers and filling up individual mailboxes. The campus mail server, mail.sdsu.edu, utilizes anti-spam software. Some client software allows for threshold settings that users can control to help lower the occurrence of spam. Visit http://ets.sdsu.edu/helpdesk/email.htm#spamoview for information on the spam scanning software, instructions on how users can adjust their individual spam settings and other measures users can take to avoid receiving e-mail spam. Users can forward spam e-mail to the e-mail administrator (for example, forward to spam@mail.sdsu.edu for campus e-mail server).

2.4.6 Sudden High Volumes of E-mail

One sign that a system or server has been compromised is the unexpected e-mailing of large amounts of e-mail (i.e., spamming). IT managers of e-mail systems should have IT support staff utilize automatic warnings to catch this anomaly. IT support staff should first check with the sender to confirm whether or not the mass mailings were intentional. If not, IT support staff should report the incident to the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu. It is very important that the report be escalated immediately and the computers cease to be used to avoid contaminating important evidence.

The current campus enterprise anti-virus solution, McAfee anti-virus, has a built in deterrent to block unauthorized outgoing e-mail connections. IT managers should ensure that IT support staff are checking anti-virus logs to catch this anomaly and are following up.

2.5 Inappropriate Use

This section of the SIRP explains action to take when someone violates the SDSU Computing Security Policy.

The SDSU Computing Security Policy provides policy concerning appropriate use of IT equipment and data. Violations to this policy must be reported to the IT Security Office, which will investigate and coordinate with appropriate departments as needed.

2.5.1 Unauthorized Data Access

This section of the incident program explains the appropriate action to take when unauthorized access to protected or sensitive data occurs.

In a situation where someone has made use of unauthorized access to data, such as sending non-public mail/e-mail to the wrong recipient, changing computer access settings, or other non-hacking incidents, the user/IT support staff or manager must contact the IT Security Office to report the incident. The IT Security Office will investigate to determine whether or not sensitive information was compromised as a result of the access. It is important to remember that while sensitive information may not be directly compromised, the IT Security Office investigation will examine all aspects of the access to determine whether or not sensitive information was compromised indirectly. It is very important that the report be escalated immediately and the computers cease to be used to avoid contaminating important evidence.
2.5.2 Lost/Damaged/Altered/Unauthorized Equipment
This section of the SIRP explains the actions to take when equipment has been lost, damaged, or altered or is unauthorized for use on the network.

2.5.2.1 Unauthorized Network Devices
All firewalls, routers, switches and wireless access points, and other network appliances directly connected to the network must be approved, installed, and maintained by the IT Security Office or Telecommunications and Network Services (TNS) personnel. Suspected rogue network equipment must be immediately reported to the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu.

2.5.2.2 Lost or Missing Equipment
Any stolen, lost or missing computing equipment or storage devices that contain University information (including phones, laptops, desktop computers, external drives, CD-ROMs, DVDs and mobile storage devices) must be reported immediately to Public Safety and the IT Security Office. The IT Security Office will work in cooperation with Public Safety law enforcement to investigate the incident and ensure that no protected information has been compromised. Users and IT support staff must follow normal management reporting procedures after the IT Security Office has been alerted.

2.5.2.3 Unauthorized Physical Access
Restricted access areas must be approved by the manager designated by the President, or associated Vice President, Dean, or Director of the restricted area. Reports of unauthorized physical access to information, computers, or network equipment must be escalated immediately to both Public Safety and the IT Security Office. The IT Security Office will work in cooperation with Public Safety law enforcement to investigate the incident and ensure the viability of the equipment and that no protected information has been compromised. Users and IT support staff must follow normal management reporting procedures after the IT Security Office has been alerted.

2.6 Undefined Incidents
This section of the SIRP explains actions to take for an incident not otherwise defined in this program.

Previous sections of this IT Security Incident Response Program defined common incidents and whom to contact in each case. If an incident occurs involving computers or University information that is not defined in this Program, please contact the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu to report the incident and receive instructions on how to proceed.

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8 Examples of restricted access areas include Student Health Services, Public Safety, Cashier’s Office, Enrollment Services, Human Resources and University Computing Operations.
2.7 **External Incident Inquiries**

*This section of the program explains what to do when entities outside of SDSU report an incident or need information to perform their investigation.*

There may be times when an SDSU employee is contacted by someone outside the campus about an alleged incident. The contact may come from law enforcement or the general public via e-mail, letter, subpoena, warrant, or telephone call.

- Campus inquiries regarding computing activity must be escalated to the IT Security Office before being acted upon.
- Campus inquiries from law enforcement via e-mail, letter, subpoena, warrant, or telephone call must be directed to the Associate Vice President for Administration in Business and Financial Affairs at (619) 594-5901.

The ISO and TSO will work with the inquirer, Public Safety, and other appropriate departments to resolve SDSU involvement in external incidents.

2.8 **Incident Investigation Requirements**

*This section of the SIRP provides measures to take prior to an incident to aid in incident response and investigation. The only situation worse than having a serious incident on campus is not being able to determine the source or vulnerability that caused the incident and whether or not the incident is still in progress.*

Recognizing that absolute security is an impractical goal, after implementing reasonable security prevention mechanisms discussed in the Vulnerability Management Program of this plan, the University must be prepared for inevitable security incidents. Incident preparation helps to provide necessary information and increases the chance that the source of the incident can be detected, prevented, or stopped and that intruders can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

2.8.1 **Sync with Campus Time Authority**

In order to know how an incident occurred, there must be log information stored about the computing environment, and that log information must be time-synced so that all logs reflect correctly the timeline of the incident activity. In order to have all University systems at the same date and time, the campus network timeservers maintain the official time clock for the campus. IT support staff need to time-sync their servers and desktops with ntp1.sdsu.edu and ntp2.sdsu.edu so that all log data used in an incident investigation is time-synced.

2.8.2 **Turn on Logging**

The most important tool during an IT security incident investigation is log information. Logging information should be retained (locally on the computer, on a central authority, or on backup tapes) for one year as incidents may not be detected immediately. Logging can provide details of hacking activity and can confirm whether or not protected information was accessed.
IT support staff must enable operating system and application logging to capture important activities performed on the computer. The choice of what to log is dependent on the system type, the software capabilities, and the type of information stored on the computer.

All systems must store successful and failed login attempts, password changes, and anti-malware results. Servers must also log privileged (root or administrator) user activity. All University critical servers (mail server, web server, database server, DHCP server, etc) should copy their logs to a remote server. Typically desktop logs are not stored centrally, but this is an option to consider for desktops with protected information. With centralized logging, hackers cannot cover their tracks by removing the log data from the server. Centralized logging also provides a single place to retrieve logs if an incident has occurred.

When possible, database applications should log successful and failed login attempts and privileged usage. Copies of database logs from servers with protected information should also be sent to a centralized logger.

IT Managers must ensure that there are written log review procedures that, at minimum, document:

- Log retention.
- Frequency of log reviews (or a tool process to review logs and send alerts).
- Alert process for suspicious events, in particular login/logout times outside of employee work hours or from suspicious sites, attacks initiated by SDSU IP addresses, and other anomalies that might indicate suspicious activity.
- Process for responding to alerts.

### 2.8.3 Computer Information

During an incident response, limited information may be available to the TSO about a compromised computer, such as NetBIOS, IP address, and Ethernet address information. The TSO may know the building a computer resides in but not which department within that building is managing the compromised computer. The TSO may also need to know if a docking station was used. Some docking stations have a built-in Ethernet card, which will have a different MAC address from the laptop itself.

IT support staff should maintain a list of servers, desktops, and laptops, (and should also maintain a list of copiers and printers) in order to be able to locate all computer systems connected to the University network that they support. Section 3.2.1.1 provides a list of information that should be tracked for each computer. With this information, IT support staff will be able to quickly confirm the ownership of systems to the IT Security Office during an incident.

The IT Security Office recommends that each Division on campus identify a standard naming convention for computer name/NetBIOS/user login that can aid in identifying IT support staff and end users during an incident. Sample naming conventions:
Computer name/NetBIOS (15 characters composed of):

- Example 1: calpsemccarthy
  - 3 letter college abbreviation (“cal” for the College of Arts and Letters).
  - 2 letter department abbreviation (“ps” for the Department of Political Science).
  - First initial, last name (up to 9 characters) (“cmccarthy” for Charlie McCarthy).

- Example 2: admsnerd
  - 2 letter building abbreviation (“ad” for Administration).
  - First initial, last name (up to 12 characters) (“msnerd” for Mortimer Snerd).

- Example 3 (hides the user): E000000mh
  - 7 character tag ID.
  - 2 letter building (“mh” for Manchester Hall).

User name standards:

- Example 1 (preferred):
  - E-mail name on file with TNS directory.

- Example 2:
  - First initial.
  - Last name (up to 14 characters).

- Example 3:
  - 5 character abbreviation for course.
  - Numerical number up to 10 digits.

2.8.4 Coordinating with the IT Security Office

At times campus IT support staff may run software to test or audit systems they manage, which may appear to be hacking. To avoid unnecessary incident investigations, IT support staff must e-mail the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu to provide advance notification of port scanning and auditing activity. The IT Security Office will need to know the source and destination IP addresses of the systems to be port scanned. IT support staff must only port scan or attempt to audit systems within their area of responsibility after prior coordination with the IT Security Office and following other applicable division/department procedures.

2.8.5 Member of NCCN Mailing List

The campus Network Configuration Change Notice mailing list is used to announce scheduled changes to the network. IT managers should ensure that IT support staff receives these NCCN notices. If a change is scheduled to occur on a critical date or time, the IT manager can contact the Network Manager to request a reschedule. If the change does result in a loss of service, the IT manager should have a designated IT support staff member coordinate status with TNS and provide an update to their department as appropriate.
2.9 Incident Response

This section of the Security IT Incident Response Program explains the incident investigation process and procedures followed by the IT Security Office, the Security Incident Response Team (SIRT), and appropriate management during and after an incident.

When an incident has been reported, the IT Security Office will open an investigation into the details of the incident. Top priorities for the IT Security Office during an incident are:

- Scoping the incident.
- Containment of the incident.
- Protection of protected information.
- Continuation of mission-critical functionality.

2.9.1 Incident Containment

The TSO and ISO work together to contact IT support staff of systems involved in an incident, giving contact priority to those systems that might contain protected information. If the incident is still in progress, and if there exists a threat to protected servers or critical systems, the IT Security Office may enlist the services of the TNS department to shut down network connections to prevent spread of the incident and to prevent a hacker from removing valuable evidence of the crime. Time permitting; the IT Security Office will contact appropriate management to forewarn of the shutdown procedure. Management will work in conjunction with the IT Security Office to contact IT support staff during the shutdown procedure.

The process of contacting IT support staff can take several days, depending on the configuration of IP address, Ethernet address, and NetBIOS identification information and depending on the scope of the incident and difficulty in locating the administrators or owners. The IT Security Office will post incident information to the IT Security mailing list. IT support staff should convey ongoing incident communication to affected end users.

IT support staff may be required by the IT Security Office to remove systems from the network or to halt all activity on the systems until further advised by the IT Security Office or law enforcement. IT support staff may not receive a call back from the IT Security Office or law enforcement for hours or days, depending on the scope of the incident and the number of systems involved. IT support staff should utilize e-mail as much as possible to contact the IT Security Office for instructions. The ISO will create an incident e-mail contact mailing list to keep IT support staff apprised of incident status as much as possible. If the network is down and the IT Security Office cannot notify the University of an incident, there will be a system status message recorded on the incident hotline, 619-594-5393, for IT support staff to refer to and where they can leave messages.

Compromised systems may be mission-critical systems that, if halted, will result in harmful impact to University operations. End users may also have a critical need to access information stored on a compromised computer. Managers or IT support staff needs to advise the IT Security Office of these critical needs so that the IT Security Office can examine possible alternatives to
removal from the network. The TSO may take forensic images of systems or retain hard drives for investigation. Departments have the responsibility for replacing systems and components to resume production. Only an IT Security Office-authorized designee or law enforcement can take a forensic image of a disk or file of a compromised system under investigation.

2.9.2 Incident Investigation and Response Team

Within one week after a compromised computer incident is scoped and contained, the IT Security Office will convene the Security Incident Response Team (SIRT) to meet and outline further steps in the investigation. The SIRT will be chaired by the Business and Financial Affairs Associate Vice President of Finance. The SIRT comprises the CIO, ISO, and TSO and a designee from Public Safety and University Marketing and Communications.

Additional management and information experts may be requested to provide information to the SIRT, particularly a representative from departments affected by the incident. Legal counsel may be invited as advised by the SIRT.

Appropriate management and the SIRT will ultimately weigh the risk of compromised systems being online, or accessed, against the risk of shutting them down. The IT Security Office may enlist the assistance of Public Safety to confiscate compromised systems as needed to protect the evidence or in response to requests from law enforcement. End users can expect to be without access to compromised or confiscated systems for extended periods of time.

The IT Security Office will work in conjunction with on-campus departments, such as Public Safety, to investigate and resolve incidents. The IT Security Office will also be responsible for coordinating with off-campus entities.

The ISO will be responsible for documenting the incident, including meeting minutes and the incident response report. The IT Security Office will provide meeting minutes and status reports to all members of the SIRT. Each SIRT designee must have the authority to make risk management decisions on behalf of the department or division he/she represents. The Business and Financial Affairs Vice President will be responsible for keeping the President’s Office and the CSU ISO apprised of the incident. Each member of the SIRT and each subject matter expert must be prepared to provide the President and Cabinet with a briefing, if requested. Information regarding the incident and its details will be held protected and on a need-to-know basis until the SIRT decides otherwise.

The IT Security Office will evaluate whether or not a security incident should be reported to the SDSU Public Safety department for further investigation. Once a police report has been filed, the incident becomes a criminal investigation led by appropriate law enforcement. As indicated by the enforcement section of SDSU Computing Security Policy, all University faculty and staff must cooperate fully with a criminal investigation by both providing accurate information and relinquishing data and computer systems to authorities or to the IT Security Office acting on behalf of law enforcement in a timely manner.

9 The process for retaining systems or storage drives is explained at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secokab/docs/Retaining_Sys_or_Drives.pdf.
Any computers that have been confiscated by law enforcement will be returned to the TSO. The TSO will be responsible for releasing compromised computers and data back to the IT manager. The IT manager must confirm in writing, for incident documentation purposes, that the compromised system(s) will be reformatted and rebuilt properly before they will be connected back onto the campus network. As a precaution, the TSO may require that a new computer name and IP address be used for the rebuilt computer to prevent further hacking attempts or denial of service attacks. The TSO will scan rebuilt computers to ensure no vulnerabilities exist before authorizing Internet access to them. If TNS was enlisted to assist with the incident, the TSO will provide authorization to restore network access when confirmation is received that the computer was rebuilt and only clean data copied back onto it and when all users with accounts have changed their passwords. Departments must keep the TSO apprised of any urgent need to return confiscated computers to production.

2.9.3 Notification of Incident

California Civil Code (CCC) 1798.29\(^\text{10}\) (also known as Senate Bill 1386 or the California Database Notification Act) requires that the University follow its notification process immediately to notify all users whose protected information could have been accessed as a result of a computer compromise.

CCC1798 defines confidential information as one of three pieces of information, when associated with the user’s last name and first initial; if the information is not associated with the user’s name information, then the University is not required to follow the notification process:

- Social Security number (or last 4 digits of SSN with date of birth) or Tax ID.
- Driver’s license number or California Identification Card number.
- Account number or credit or debit card number in combination with any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual’s financial account.
- Medical Information
- Health insurance information.

If the last four digits, or more, of the Social Security number, coupled with a date of birth, are stored on the compromised computer, then conditions for the first item listed above (Social Security number) will assumed to have been met, because most financial institutions utilize the last four digits as a means to authenticate transactions coupled with the date of birth. Any other partial elements of the above items will not be deemed enough information to meet the definition, or the intentions, of the law.

According to the law, if either the name information or the confidential information stored on the compromised computer is encrypted, no University notification process is required. Encryption

\(^{10}\) See [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=civ&group=01001-02000&file=1798.25-1798.29](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=civ&group=01001-02000&file=1798.25-1798.29) to view the entire text of California Civil Code 1798.29.
algorithms must meet the minimal campus requirements for security and key management. The security of the algorithm must be validated under fips-140\textsuperscript{11}. The key password must be:

1. Selected and changed according to password standards in section 3.6.
2.Stored securely according to protected level 1 standards.
3. Recoverable if the key is forgotten or lost.

University notification to individuals must take place immediately after law enforcement has determined that the notification will not impede the criminal case. In order to comply with the law, each department involved will make the sending of notifications their highest priority, aside from critical operational duties, and will gather the list of individuals to notify as soon as possible and assign someone to perform the notification process and to coordinate with the ISO.

The ISO should strive to produce notices between two weeks to a month after discovery (depending on the number of files and computers involved in the incident). The University notices will be paid for by the department(s) responsible for managing the breached computer. In the case of shared management of compromised systems, all departments will divide external costs related to notification and inquiry processing. Costs may also include the professional services of a subcontracting company that the IT Security Office may enlist to assist with the incident and per-use charges for an address-locating subscription service. The ISO will document and keep the SIRT apprised of each step of the notification process, including any delays or risks that may develop. If notices have not been mailed within one month of discovery, the ISO will advise the SIRT weekly of reasons for the delay in the notification schedule.

The University’s incident notice consists of sealed notice or letter, printed with official SDSU logo, addressed to the individual at the last recorded address registered with the affected University department, the Registrar, or Center for Human Resources. The University will forward any notices returned with address forwarding information.

The content of the notice will be approved by the SIRT and the President’s Office, with a copy to the Business and Financial Affairs Vice President. The notice will contain minimal information explaining the incident, a contact for incident inquiries, and helpful references to individuals regarding identity theft and fraud. Any SDSU website communication pages provided will be reviewed and approved by the SIRT and the President’s Office. The SIRT will determine if other methods of notice need to be added to an incident, such as a University-wide e-mail, an indexed webpage to the SDSU home page, or a press release to the media as indicated by the guidelines in California Civil Code 1798.29.

For incidents involving name with credit card payment account numbers, in accordance with PCI DSS requirements\textsuperscript{12}, the IT Security Office will notify the affected card payment brands of the breach.\textsuperscript{13} Affected card brands may mandate that a forensic investigation be performed by an external agency, including review of policies and procedures as well as of scanning systems. All

\textsuperscript{11} Additional information on full disk encryption, encryption standards, and key management can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Encryption.pdf.

\textsuperscript{12} PCI DSS web site: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/pci_dss.shtml

\textsuperscript{13} Current card payment brands active on campus are Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
external agency communication and assessments must be coordinated with the IT Security Office. As part of the yearly PCI DSS compliance requirements, the ISO will coordinate a desktop testing of incident response for a credit card breach with all affiliated campus entities.14

2.10 Incident Inquiry Process

Subsequent to an incident, the University can expect several inquiries from notified users, their parents/spouse, security vendors, and law enforcement.15 The SIRT will decide whether or not the ISO should draft an Incident Communication Guideline to be used by SIRT-designated University individuals to respond to any phone calls/e-mails/letters/walk up traffic with inquiries regarding the incident. In general the Incident Communication Guideline will direct employees:

- Not to offer unsolicited information.
- To advise the inquirer that the incident is under investigation (if so).
- To direct the inquirer to a website for incident information (if provided).
- To provide incident website or phone contact to submit additional questions.
- To direct reporters to SDSU Marketing and Communications with no additional comments.

If indicated, the Incident Communication Guideline will be distributed by the ISO, at a minimum, to the President’s Office, campus Telephone Operators, the Business and Financial Affairs Division Office and any campus departments mentioned in the notice, website, campus e-mail, and press releases. Any calls to campus help desks must be directed to the IT Security Office.

The IT Security Office will decide whether their staff can handle inquiries directly or whether this task should be outsourced to a subcontractor. The ISO is responsible for training the team performing incident response whether in-house or outside contractor. All media or journalist inquiries will be directed to the Marketing and Communications SIRT designee at 619-594-2585. Reports of identity theft or fraud related to the incident will be directed to iso@sdsu.edu. Reports of network attacks or other compromised computers will be directed to security@sdsu.edu. Subpoenas for civil action must be served at the Business and Financial Affairs Divisional Office to the Associate Vice President of Administration.

2.11 Legal or Civil Actions

Subsequent to an incident, the University may be reviewed by a governing state or federal agency or a civil action could be brought against the University. The Business and Financial Affairs Division, in coordination with the President’s Office, will represent all complaints and agency inquiries submitted to the University as the result of an IT security incident. Legal counsel will be solicited as needed to respond to complaints or actions. Payment of fines,

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14 Campus entities include SDSU Research Foundation, Aztec Shops, Associated Students, KPBS, College of Extended Studies, Campanile Foundation, University Relations and Development, Student Account Services, Athletics, Procurement and Contracts, and the IT Security Office

15 About 1 to 4 percent of the total number of notified users will contact the University for additional information.
penalties, or retributions levied by agencies or the courts will be the responsibility of the compromised departments.

2.12 Finalizing the Incident

The incident can be closed when the SIRT is confident that sufficient time has elapsed to respond to inquiries, to address any legal or agencies actions, to gather incident costs, and to close the incident action items. Law enforcement actions can delay an incident closure for several years. The incident report will be kept on file in the IT Security Office. Requests for copies of the reports should be made to iso@sdsu.edu.

As appropriate, and as permitted by the SIRT and investigating law enforcement, the IT Security Office will be responsible for reporting the incident and action item progress and final resolution to the campus committees. Incident reporting to the committees will be limited to the details necessary to increase security awareness and the prevention of similar incidents.

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16 The campus committees are detailed in the Overview section of this document
3.0 Introduction to the Vulnerability Management Program

The Vulnerability Management Program (VMP) provides the minimum standards and procedures to be followed by employees to protect University systems from potential exploitation via inherent or newly discovered vulnerabilities. These standards and procedures are in keeping with local, state, and federal information technology and telecommunications laws, as well as with the SDSU Computing Security Policy. The VMP will explain security mechanisms for:

- Information classification.
- Desktops.
- Laptops and mobile devices.
- Servers.
- Configuration management.
- Accounts.
- Applications.
- Remote access.
- Network.
- Physical and environmental.
- Residential halls.
- Visitors.
- Departmental assessments.
- IT Security Office assessments.

The VMP prepares managers and staff to effectively contend with the threats and vulnerabilities to systems, networks, and information entrusted to the University. Some managers have oversight over campus servers, applications, network infrastructure, and datacenters (mail server, PeopleSoft, calendar server, portal, telecommunications, etc.). Other managers are faculty responsible for classroom labs, applications, and systems for teaching coursework or performing research. Still other managers are responsible for technology tools (desktops, printers, faxes, PDAs, etc.). At times the roles of manager and IT support staff may be one and the same (the same person who manages a system is also responsible for applying the appropriate security controls).

Auxiliaries and departments may adopt additional or higher security standards than those listed in the VMP to further increase the security of the resources and information they manage.

This program applies to information in both electronic and non-electronic forms.

3.1 Information Classification Standard

Information is classified according to its sensitivity to loss or harm from disclosure. Information classification is the process of assigning labels to information in order to organize it according to its sensitivity to loss or harm from disclosure.
The CSU Data Classification Standard is based on federal laws, state laws, regulations, CSU executive orders, and University policies that govern the privacy and confidentiality of information.

The CSU Data Classification Standard applies to all information generated or maintained by the CSU (such as student, research, financial, and employee information) except when superseded by grant, contract, or federal copyright law.

### 3.1.1 Protected Information Levels

SDSU has adopted the draft CSU Classification standard as a minimum information classification standard. This standard outlines three levels of classification to which information must be secured. At the end of this section are tables specifying secure methods for handling the information and the University authorities for approving the handling method.

#### 3.1.1.1 Protected Level 1

Protected level 1 information is information primarily protected by statutes, regulation, other legal obligation, or mandate. The CSU has identified standards regarding the disclosure of this type of information to parties outside the University and controls needed to protect the unauthorized access, modification, transmission, storage, or other use. Included in this level are:

- Passwords or credentials.
- PINs (Personal Identification Numbers).
- Private key (digital certificate).
- Name with credit card number.\(^1\)
- Name with credit card number.
- Name with driver’s license number, state identification card, and other forms of national or international identification Name.\(^2\)
- Name with birth date combined with last four digits of SSN.
- Medical records related to an individual (including disability information).
- Psychological counseling records related to an individual.
- Name with bank account or debit card information with any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account.
- Name with personally identifiable information:
  - Mother’s maiden name.
  - Employee net salary.
  - Employment history (including recruiting information).
  - Biometric information.
  - Electronic or digitized signatures.
  - Names of parents or other family member.
  - Birthplace (city, state, country).

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\(^1\) Credit card number with expiration date and/or card verification code is also considered protected information.

\(^2\) Monthly attendance sheets containing SSN must be properly secured per Section 3.1.1.4 when being routed for signature and delivered to the Payroll Department.
• Race and ethnicity.
• Gender.
• Marital status.
• Personal characteristics.
• Physical description.

3.1.1.2 Protected Level 2

Protected level 2 information must be guarded due to proprietary, ethical, or privacy considerations. The final authorities for approving departmental procedures for the use, storage, and dissemination of protected level 2 information are listed in Table 3-2. University standards will indicate the controls needed to protect the unauthorized access, modification, transmission, storage, or other use of:

☑ Student name with personally identifiable educational records:19
  • Birth date (full: mm-dd-yyyy).
  • Birth date (partial: mm-dd only).
  • Courses taken.
  • Schedule.
  • Test scores.
  • Financial aid received.
  • Advising records.
  • Educational services received.
  • Disciplinary actions.
  • Photograph.
  • Most recent educational agency or institution attended.
  • Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
  • Weight and height of members of athletic team.
  • Grades.20
  • SDSU identification number (RedID).20
  • Race and ethnicity.20
  • Transcripts.20
  • E-mail addresses.20

☑ Employee name with personally identifiable employee information:
  • Birth date (full: mm-dd-yyyy).
  • Birth date (partial: mm-dd only).
  • Emergency contact information (name, home address, phone, cell phone, pager).
  • Personal vehicle information.

19 Media for educational records may include written documents (including student advising folders), computer media, microfilm and microfiche, video or audio tapes or CDs, film, or photographs.
20 Considered directory information by FERPA but considered non-directory information by SDSU for SDSU student employees.
• Personal e-mail address.
• Names of parents or other family members.
• Payment history.
• Employee evaluations.
• Background investigations.
• Photograph (voluntary for public display).

☐ Other:
• Legal investigations conducted by the University.
• Sealed bids.
• Trade secrets or intellectual property such as research activities.
• Location of highly sensitive or critical assets (e.g., safes, check stocks, etc.).
• Library circulation information.
• Vulnerability or incident information.

3.1.1.3 Protected Level 3

Protected level 3 information is information that is regarded as publicly available. This information is either explicitly defined as public information (such as state employee salary ranges), intended to be available to individuals both on campus and off campus (such as employee work e-mail addresses), or not specifically classified elsewhere in the protected information classification standard. Publicly available information may still be subject to University review or disclosure procedures to mitigate potential risks of inappropriate disclosure.

☐ Student information designated as Educational Directory Information:
  • Student name.
  • Major field of study.
  • Dates of attendance.
  • Degrees, honors, and awards received.

☐ Student employee information designated as Educational Directory Information:
  • Student employee name.
  • Enrollment status.
  • Employing department.
  • Work telephone number.
  • Work e-mail address.
  • Status as student employee (such as TA, GA, ISA).

☐ Employee information with personally identifiable employee information:
  • Employee title.
  • Employee work e-mail address.
  • Employee work location and telephone number.
  • Employing department.
  • Employee classification.
• Employee gross salary.
• Name (first, middle, and last, except when associated with protected information).
• Signature (non-electronic).
• SDSU identification number (Red ID).

SDSU may disclose Educational Directory Information without prior written consent, unless the student has requested that the information remain confidential using the “Confidential Directory Information” option in the SDSU WebPortal. Students may change their confidentiality status at any time through the SDSU WebPortal.

Non-University (personal) information (both electronic and non-electronic), such as personal credit reports, personal bank statements, or even contact information from a synchronized cell phone should not be stored on University systems as the University does not assume responsibility for securing this information and many systems may not be secured for this information by default. Personal information does not just pertain to first party personal information (yours), but also to any third party personal information (someone else’s).

**3.1.1.4 Procedures for Protected Information**

Figure 3-1 shows the IT manager for each department setting secure procedures for his/her department. The procedures would incorporate the standards within the Information Security Plan, but may also include other departmental, University, and CSU policies and procedures not included in the Information Security Plan. The IT manager for each department is responsible for setting secure procedures for his/her department. SDSU IT Security Officers can be consulted to clarify standards defined within the Information Security Plan, but the appropriate Authority listed in Appendix C is the final approval authority for departmental procedures. The IT manager should state if operational approval is required for every instance in which the procedure is followed or if approval is granted by following the procedure itself.
Table 3-1 on the next page illustrates the minimum security standard for handling protected information. This table summarizes the content listed in other sections of the Information Security Plan in a one-page reference.

Table 3-2 lists the final authorities for approving departmental procedures. Faculty and MPP staff with oversight of information should enlist these authorities when devising secure procedures and processes in their areas. In other words, this chart identifies the final approval authority from Figure 3-1 broken down by specific protected items and organizations.

All protected level 1 and level 2 information handling must be in accordance with approved departmental procedures. Note that access approval to protected level 1 information will also be reviewed by the appropriate Vice President, College Dean, or auxiliary executive in accordance with the Protected Level 1 Authorization Access Approval process (as described in section 3.1.2).
### Table 3-1: Handling Protected Information

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<th>Level 1</th>
<th>Level 2</th>
<th>Level 3</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Transmitted via fax</td>
<td>Must be attended at both ends until completion With approved procedures(^A)</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transmitted outside of SDSU network (includes remote access)</td>
<td>Must be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>Should be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures for aggregate data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transmitted in internal SDSU network(^B)</td>
<td>Must be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures for aggregate data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Included in e-mail content(^C)</td>
<td>Must be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>Should be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures for aggregate data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permanently stored on desktop computer (should be accessed via secure file server)</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stored on personally owned equipment or at personal home</td>
<td>No(^D) With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stored in database</td>
<td>Should be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stored on mobile device</td>
<td>Must be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>Should be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stored on server</td>
<td>Should be encrypted With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left unattended in work area</td>
<td>With approved procedures Physically secured if accessible by unauthorized individuals</td>
<td>With approved procedures</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paper disposal</td>
<td>Shred immediately With approved procedures</td>
<td>Shred With approved procedures</td>
<td>In trash or recycling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic media disposal</td>
<td>Electronically overwritten or destroyed With approved procedures</td>
<td>Electronically overwritten or destroyed With approved procedures</td>
<td>Electronically overwritten or destroyed With approved procedures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Document, container, and media labeling(^F)</td>
<td>Should be labeled “Protected Level 1” Should be physically secure</td>
<td>Should be labeled “Protected Level 2” or “Confidential” Should be physically secure</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Left on voice message</td>
<td>Must have password-protected voice messaging With approved procedures</td>
<td>Must have password-protected voice messaging With approved procedures</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discussed verbally(^G)</td>
<td>In private area</td>
<td>In private area</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sent through campus mail(^H)</td>
<td>In sealed container Not visible outside container Tagged “Confidential”</td>
<td>In sealed container Not visible outside container Tagged “Confidential”</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sent through postal/ common carrier mail</td>
<td>In sealed container Not visible outside container Tagged “Confidential”</td>
<td>In sealed container Not visible outside container Tagged “Confidential”</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**NOTE:** Where several categories apply, use the highest level of security (that is, use level 1 instead of level 2, etc.) or contact the IT Security Office to clarify.

\(^A\) Except for credit card information for payments to the University, which may not be faxed under any conditions.

\(^B\) May be technically infeasible for SQLNet, printers, some file sharing, fax, and copiers.

\(^C\) Received e-mail attachments, even encrypted, must be saved to a secure location and deleted from e-mail.

\(^D\) Cell phones used for authorized University purposes may store, with approval, and must be encrypted.

\(^E\) The name of the individual does not have to be encrypted.

\(^F\) As supported by the application. Documents include forms. Stamps/stickers with “Confidential” labeling are acceptable. Term “container” does not refer to laptops or mobile devices.

\(^G\) In accordance with federal, state, and local laws. Does not refer to e-mail.

\(^H\) When possible, best to hand-deliver protected level 1 and 2 information.
Table 3-2: Approvers for Protected Information Procedures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level</th>
<th>SDSU</th>
<th>The Research Foundation</th>
<th>Aztec Shops</th>
<th>The Campanile Foundation</th>
<th>Associated Students</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
<td>Director of Computing Services</td>
<td>MIS Director</td>
<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
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<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>Director, Finance and Accounting</td>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, Finance and Accounting</td>
<td>Controller</td>
</tr>
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<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Associate VP, Faculty Affairs OR Associate VP, Administration</td>
<td>Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Senior Director, Administrative Services</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Business Services Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Campus or Department Privacy Officer</td>
<td>Campus Privacy Officer</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
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<td>SDSU IT Security Officers</td>
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</tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>SDSU Registrar</td>
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<td>SDSU Registrar</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Associate VP, Faculty Affairs OR Associate VP, Administration</td>
<td>Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Senior Director, Administrative Services</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Business Services Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Associate VP, Administration</td>
<td>Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Senior Director, Management Services</td>
<td>Chief Financial and Information Officer</td>
<td>Associate Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Manager, Contract and Procurement Management</td>
<td>Purchasing Manager OR Director, Facilities Planning and Management</td>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Purchasing Manager</td>
<td>Controller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Director, Research Affairs</td>
<td>Chief, Sponsored Research Services</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, The Technology Transfer Office</td>
<td>Director, The Technology Transfer Office</td>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, The Technology Transfer Office</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
<td>Chief Financial Officer</td>
<td>Controller</td>
<td>Chief Financial and Information Officer</td>
<td>Controller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Dean, Library and Information Access</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
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<td>3</td>
<td>SDSU Registrar</td>
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<td>SDSU Registrar</td>
<td>SDSU Registrar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Director, Center for Human Resources</td>
<td>Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Senior Director, Administrative Services</td>
<td>The Research Foundation, Director, Human Resources and Legal Affairs</td>
<td>Business Services Manager</td>
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<td>Authority listed in Appendix C</td>
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3.1.2 SDSU Protected Level 1 Authorization Access Approval

SDSU has established the following access approval procedures to satisfy the requirements stated in the March 28, 2003, Information Security Clarification memorandum from Chancellor Reed to the CSU Presidents. Campus auxiliaries should also perform an authorization process, at least three times a year, to review authorized access to protected level 1 information and to provide written confirmation of access approval by the executive staff corresponding to the University’s divisional Vice Presidents.

1. Have the President, or Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs, acknowledge approval by Vice President/Dean of all confidential information in the CSU, including current access.

   A. Delegation of approval has been assigned to the Vice Presidents. For the Division of Academic Affairs, the Provost has assigned delegation of approval to the College Deans. The Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs will acknowledge the approval of the other Vice Presidents and of the Deans.

   B. Each Vice President/Dean will gather approvals performed by appropriate managers in their division/college who have oversight of the information and have reviewed the University memo “Determining Access to Confidential Data,” and therefore understand the need to limit access and thereby risk to protected level 1 information. The “appropriate” manager referred to throughout this procedure is the faculty/MPP manager who manages the collection/storage/distribution of the information, not the system administrator who created the account or access.

   For example, many employees have access to SIMS/R protected level 1 information. The manager of SIMS/R will list the faculty and staff he/she authorized to have SIMS/R protected level 1 accounts. The managers of employees (end users) with protected level 1 SIMS/R accounts will not list their employees, because they only requested the accounts; they did not authorize the accounts.

   C. The University will perform the approvals three times per year as approved by the CSU Senior Director of Information Security Management. The dates for ultimate approval by the Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs signature will be March 1, July 1, and November 1.

   D. Delegation of approval to the College Deans will be renewed by the Provost on an annual basis, during the March 1 semester submission.

   E. Protected level 1 information includes all forms of electronic and non-electronic information (including passwords to that information).

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21 A copy of the memorandum can be found in Appendix G.
22 “Determining Access to Confidential Data” can be found in Appendix D.
F. The first cycle of input will include approval of all currently authorized protected level 1 access; each subsequent cycle will be either a full list again of authorized access or a list of just the additions/changes/deletions, whichever is more convenient for the manager granting access to the information.

2. The approval for access must be in a written review that justifies the employee’s need to access as a part of their job duties:

A. The written review can be a memo with a list of employees with similar access or it can be an account request form. The manager must sign the memo/account request form. Scanned electronic memos/forms with signature are acceptable.

B. The memo/account request form must include a brief justification tying the access to the employee’s job. Some memo samples follow (please note that the same statements could be made by a manager on an account request form):

- Submitted February 2007 for College of Education employees with access to Social Security Numbers:
  “These individuals have access to social security numbers and birthdates as they review admission applications to various teacher education programs and to credential applications.
  Doe, John
  Doe, Jessica”

- Submitted March 2007 for College of Education employee access:
  “These individuals have access to social security numbers because they work with students’ scholarship applications when assisting students with eligibility information.
  Doe, Jane
  Doe, Jim
  Doe, Jack”

C. The manager will create a spreadsheet (see Table 3-3 below for an example) with columns containing:

- Employees by last name/first name.
- Red ID for employees.
- Listing of type of information, with enough detail to match to account request or memo.

In the cell for a particular employee row and information column will be a date indicator. The indicator identifies when a written justification was filed with the IT Security Office.
Table 3-3: Sample Spreadsheet of Justified Access

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Red ID Number</th>
<th>Admission Apps w/ SSN</th>
<th>Scholarship Apps w/ SSN</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Doe, Jane</td>
<td>800111222</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doe, John</td>
<td>800222345</td>
<td>Feb 2007</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doe, Jim</td>
<td>800333444</td>
<td></td>
<td>Mar 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doe, Jack</td>
<td>800456789</td>
<td></td>
<td>Mar 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doe, Jessica</td>
<td>811765432</td>
<td>Feb 2007</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

D. Justification memo/account request forms are turned in once, when access is granted, but the spreadsheet will be turned in each time there is an addition/change/deletion to any element in the table.

E. If there are no changes to the spreadsheet the manager can send a memo to the Vice President/Dean indicating that there are no changes. If sent as an e-mail, the e-mail should be printed and be part of the authorization packet for the division/college.

3. All employees with protected level 1 or 2 access must sign a confidentiality document.

A. The Center for Human Resources (CHR) provides a listing of employees on a yearly basis who have not signed a confidentiality statement. Managers must compare the list of employees with access against this CHR list to ensure that everyone with access to level 1 or 2 information has signed the statement. Anyone who has not signed the form must fill out the confidentiality statement found on the CHR website23 and turn it in with memos/account request justifications to the Vice President/Dean. Managers must contact the Information Security Officer if anyone refuses to sign the form.

B. As of 2004, all new employees sign the statement as part of new employee orientations in the CHR.

C. Confidentiality statements are filed separately in the CHR and are retained until the employee separates from the University.

4. Documentation must be filed in the IT Security Office.

A. The designees for the Vice Presidents of University Advancement and of Student Affairs and the College Deans will forward their divisional packets signed by the Vice President/Dean to the Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs three time a year.

B. The Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs will acknowledge the approval of the other division management, approve the Business and Financial Affairs division, and forward all authorization documents to the IT Security Office.

C. The IT Security Office will file the authorization packets by quarter and retain only the past year’s packets as confirmed by the CSU Auditor.

3.1.3 SDSU Protected Level 1 Annual Inventory

Each division and auxiliary must inventory and report the location of electronic and non-electronic storage of protected level 1 information annually to the IT Security Office. This report will be collected in tandem with the March cycle of the Protected Information Authorization Access report.

To assist departments and auxiliaries with reporting protected level 1 information stored on computer systems, two tools are recommended by the University to locate legacy Social Security Number, driver’s license, and credit card information: Find_SSNs and RSA DLP Datacenter.

Both tools require the end user or manager to reconcile the reports and report the steps taken to remediate the storage of protection information. Instructions on how to best mitigate storage of protected level 1 information ranked in order of most secured to least secured can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/PL_1_Storage.pdf.

3.1.3.1 FIND_SSNs Search Tool

Find_SSNs can be executed on desktops running Microsoft Windows, Macintosh, and Unix operating systems. This search tool does not require additional software to be installed or administrative rights. Find_SSNs scans the system hard drive and stores a report on the local desktop listing the files containing potential SSN information, which can then be investigated. Links to the most current program and instructions can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Find_SSN_Prog_and_Doc_Links.pdf.

3.1.3.2 RSA DLP Datacenter

The IT Security Office purchased a search tool, RSA DLP Datacenter, to be shared among IT departments to perform a search scanning multiple systems and locating multiple types of information (including SSN, credit cards, and driver’s license information).

3.2 Desktop Security

This section of the VMP explains desktop security in terms of patch management, anti-virus, and anti-spyware implementation and it documents standard builds and authorized software.

3.2.1 Patch Management

A proactive patch management plan is a cost-effective measure to counteract threats and is required by the SDSU Computing Security Policy (see section 1.1.5.5 Management Responsibilities above). A patch management plan includes all forms of software revisions such as patches, upgrades, hot fixes, and configuration changes. A patch management plan also includes mechanisms for creating, maintaining, and reporting a detailed asset inventory (as

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24 Personal or non-SDSU systems being used on campus should be held to the same standards of desktop security as SDSU systems.

25 Examples of a patch management plan may be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Patch_Manage_Examples.pdf.
outlined in section 3.2.1.1). As this often involves a heterogeneous environment, the patch management plan should include procedures for all operating systems and standard applications.

IT management is responsible for ensuring the implementation of a patch management plan and for ensuring that it stays current. IT management also needs to ensure that a complete inventory is maintained for all systems (desktops and laptops) in order to generate regular compliance reports demonstrating that the patch management plan is working accurately and effectively.

Because of the assessment and reporting features that are required in order to keep track of which desktops have and which have not been patched, along with the sheer volume of information about new vulnerabilities; departments should utilize a centralized patch management solution.

Patch management labor costs may be minimized by utilizing the lowest number of servers to patch the maximum number of University desktops. For example, two departments\textsuperscript{26} with similar operational requirements may find it advantageous to utilize a shared patch management solution.

IT management should have regular meetings with IT support staff to discuss the status of the patch management plan and to evaluate risks. Topics at these meetings may include new vulnerabilities, patch size, network throughput and system limitations, additional tools or assistance, and special requirements or restrictions. These meetings should be scheduled at least monthly, as many patches have a monthly cycle.

3.2.1.1 Patch Planning

IT managers should ensure that IT support staff generates an inventory to be used in the patch management plan. The inventory should include:

- Computer name.
- Computer asset tag (optional).
- System type (such as server, desktop, laptop, etc.).
- Operating system and version (such as Windows XP Professional, SP2).
- Software installed (with version information).
- IP address.
- MAC address (of each interface).
- Domain or workgroup information.
- Physical system location.
- User information.
- System speed, RAM and disk size, and available space.
- Hardware manufacturers (optional but recommended).

With the exception of system type, all of the above inventory items can be dynamically auto-generated by patch management or inventory software tools. This is the preferred method.

\textsuperscript{26} The term “department” is used throughout this document, but may also be used to represent multiple departments, or even a division; depending on the context of use.
IT support staff are responsible for understanding the patch requirements of the various operating systems they administer (such as Macintosh, Windows, UNIX, and Linux). They will also be aware of preset release dates for vendor patches. For instance, Microsoft uses what it calls “Patch Tuesday” (the second Tuesday of every month) to release all security patches that have accumulated over a period of one month. For preset patch releases, IT support staff have a known, anticipated date around which they can schedule patching.

Because installing one patch might inadvertently uninstall or disable another patch, it is the responsibility of IT support staff to research the dependencies between patches and to understand any special installation sequence that may be required.

IT support staff must be members of the SDSU IT Security mailing list. This mailing list forwards security announcements and vulnerability notifications from mailing lists such as bugtraq, US Cert, eEye VICE, and Secunia, as well as other respected security publications such as Chief Security Officer, Network Computing, Computing Magazine, SANS, and InfoWorld.

IT support staff must also join vendor/user operating system and application security mailing lists to be alerted to emerging security and patch bulletins appropriate to the standard software they administer.

Reading the mailing lists should be one of the first tasks performed at the start of the day, continuing every few hours during the day so that IT support staff quickly become aware of vulnerabilities or potentially infected desktops.

Security patches should be deployed:

- Immediately to all systems with remotely exploitable vulnerabilities when an exploit to leverage the vulnerability is known to exist and that exploit is being actively deployed on the University network. Web browsers are particularly vulnerable to rapid attacks from newly released vulnerabilities.
- Within one day of release for systems with remotely exploitable vulnerabilities.
- Within one week for all other security vulnerabilities.

Patch management progress must be reviewed by IT management and obstacles resolved and updates charted on a continuous basis.

### 3.2.1.2 Patch Implementation

In order to facilitate testing of patches before implementation, a multitier deployment is recommended. In a multitier patch deployment, the patch is first tested and then deployed. A minimum of two tiers are required. In the first tier, the patch is installed on a sample group of

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27 For information on how to join mailing lists, see the TNS electronic mail page at [http://ets.sdsu.edu/helpdesk/email.htm](http://ets.sdsu.edu/helpdesk/email.htm).
29 Although a multitier deployment is recommended when time allows, in situations where there is a threat to the University and/or patching is critical, the most expedient method of patching must be employed.
desktops, which are then observed for unexpected or unwanted behaviors. If no such behaviors are observed, the patch is then safe to be deployed to the next tier of the desktops.

In some cases, it may be preferable to conduct the testing of the patch over more than one tier. For instance, IT support staff may want to test it against the operating system first, then against the applications. In which case a third tier can be used. Below is an example of how such a three-tier patch deployment might be performed:

1. The patch is deployed on a sample group of test (non-production) servers and desktops, which are then monitored for adverse reactions. Testing should be performed on a selection of desktops that represent the configuration of the operating system software on the remaining desktops to be patched.

2. When dealing with upgrades or patches, IT support staff should inspect or test the software to determine compatibility with other existing software and to identify any other undesired interactions. If there are no adverse reactions resulting from the first deployment, then the same patch is installed on a larger number of servers and workstations with application software that is representative of the remaining desktops to be patched. IT support staff should install the patch on representative production desktops. Users of these desktops should be notified of the patch deployment and instructed to report any adverse effects to IT support staff.

3. IT support staff must check services after patching to ensure that no services were started that should not be running.

4. If there are no adverse reactions discovered from the second patch deployment, then the patch is deployed to the remainder of the production desktops. For large deployments, care should be taken to throttle the deployment so as to not affect the patch server capabilities.

An important part of the patch process is the system’s capabilities as they relate to the size of the patch. The available desktop space will be known from the asset inventory. IT support staff must determine details of the patch, such as size and other dependencies. This information will enable IT support staff to review the patching issues with IT management and recommend the best course of action regarding deployment. For instance, IT support staff can ensure there is enough space on each system for the new patches or allow for a longer period of time for a very large patch to install on a slow system. Optimal and maximum patch deployment sizes and rates must be agreed upon beforehand to avoid negatively impacting the desktops.

In some cases, it is not possible to deploy a patch to some desktops in a timely manner (such as mobile devices or laptops). In such cases, it is preferable to configure the mobile systems to perform automatic updates. For automatic updates, the desktop, laptop, or mobile system should be set to check for, download, and install patches at least twice a day. Mobile systems should still be scheduled to check in with the patch management software at least twice a month so that the inventory is updated and the IT manager can track patch deployment.

30 If administrative privilege needs to be granted to a laptop user to complete this task, the risks of using a privileged account should be explained to that laptop user by IT support staff.
During and after patch upgrades, IT support staff must review the logs on the patch management server to confirm that installation completed successfully and follow up on any problems.

Depending on the capabilities of the patch management software, a patch rollback capability might be available. IT managers should include a process for returning the software to its previous state if available.

3.2.1.3 Patch Compliance Reporting

IT support staff are responsible for compiling patch management plan reports for IT management. These should include:

- A listing of patches deployed with installation reporting.
- A listing by computer of uninstalled patches.
- Documentation of issues or concerns.
- Patch exceptions.

IT management will use these reports to assess the effectiveness of their patch management plan. Metrics for assessing the effectiveness may depend on such things as homogeneity of environment, resource availability, and so on. After patch testing has been completed and the patches are ready for deployment, all affected systems should be patched within seven days. Extending this interval has the potential of exposing the University computing resources to additional risk.

In situations where systems cannot be patched, IT management must be notified and determine an exception course of action to mitigate the potential vulnerability. Exceptions may arise due to software conflicts or limitations of hardware or software.

Exceptions must be fully documented for periodic review, and the IT manager should consult with the IT Security Office on the mitigation mechanisms.

IT management will need to review patch exceptions every six months. The prime focus of this review process is to examine options and possibilities that may have changed in the ensuing six-month period.

3.2.2 Anti-Virus and Anti-Spyware Management

Anti-virus and anti-spyware software should be running as described below on all systems where users open e-mail, browse the Internet, or receive shared files.\textsuperscript{31}

Anti-virus and anti-spyware are just one control to detect and avoid malware infections. The best control against infections is to avoid opening e-mail and attachments from unknown users and to browse only work-related websites.

\textsuperscript{31} Departments can use software other than McAfee, as long as that software can be centralized and updated twice a day.
3.2.2.1 Anti-Virus (AV)

SDSU has a site license for University and auxiliary use of McAfee anti-virus (AV) and McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator (ePO) console. Among other things, ePO provides for the central logging and management of McAfee AV agents. As such, most systems at the University should have AV and ePO (or similar products) installed as defensive controls to detect and thwart known AV viruses. The McAfee AV product also contains signatures for the top 200 spyware malware.

IT support staff should ensure the following standards are followed when administering AV and ePO (or other centrally managed anti-virus protection software):

- The anti-virus client should be installed with active protection turned on.
- IT support staff should set AV clients to perform daily On-demand scans, preferably at the lowest use time on the desktop to minimize the impact to users.
- The AV clients should be set to search for updates at least twice a day from the ePO console or from the McAfee site directly if the ePO console is unavailable.
- The ePO console should be set to update the virus signature (DAT) files on an hourly basis.
- IT support staff should run an ePO daily report (or a daily report from whichever centrally managed anti-virus system is being used) of infections found in the last 24 hours (or last three days on Monday) from On-demand scans. Any viruses reported from On-demand scans (other than files in the attachment directory) must be reported to the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu. In other words, these viruses may have been installed and running on the desktop before signatures were available to identify them, and the IT Security Office needs to investigate possible repercussions from the infection.
- IT support staff should check log entries to ensure that On-access Scan updates have completed correctly. Correctly completed updates should show log entries of process initiation, process execution, and process termination, without time gaps or unexplained absences of detail.

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32 ePO also includes Rogue Detection settings that can be used to automatically disable the wireless network connection on a laptop when it is plugged into the wired network, thus preventing creating a bridge between networks.

33 Details on criteria and procedures for acquiring free copies of anti-virus software for home use may be found at: http://ets.sdsu.edu/helpdesk/software.htm.

34 Active protection refers to the ability of the anti-virus software to actively scan the contents of the host system’s memory and file system in order to detect and block or delete active viral code before an infection to that host system can occur.

35 The term “On-demand” scans is used by McAfee to refer to user-initiated or user-scheduled scans, whereas “on access” scans refers to real time scans that are continuously running as background processes; other anti-virus and/or anti-spyware vendors may use different terminology for this same functionality.
IT support staff should check regularly for agents with outdated DAT files as this can be an indicator of an infection; typically, the first thing viruses do is shut off the AV. IT support staff should check the ePO report of outdated DATs daily in order to be able to respond to critical systems with unresponsive AV. Many desktops have outdated agents due to vacations, surplus, spares, or traveling laptops. IT support staff should follow up immediately for any systems that are known to be booted and in use but with outdated agent DATs. At a minimum, IT support staff should follow up within five weeks for any desktops with outdated agent DAT files.

In addition to the standards previously described, IT support staff can use the ePO console’s rule creation capability to create a rule that targets a threat or the threat type. This is useful for situations where a virus is spreading and no corresponding DAT file has yet been released.

3.2.2.2 Anti-Spyware (AS)

SDSU has purchased licenses for McAfee AS.

Areas that are deploying McAfee AS also need to include installation of the ePO console to manage both AV as well as McAfee AS. The McAfee AS product contains the extensive list of more than 37,000 known AS signatures. The reporting of AS infections is blended into the AV reporting.

The standards for all AS are very similar to AV, although the definition of spyware is grayer and can unintentionally include authorized software. IT support staff should ensure that the following standards are followed when using McAfee AS with ePO (or with any other centrally managed anti-spyware protection system being used):

- AS clients should be installed with active protection turned on.
- The AS console should be set to update signature files on an hourly basis.
- AS clients should be set to search for updates at least twice a day from the AS console or from the vendor site directly (McAfee) if the AS console is unavailable.
- IT support staff should set AS clients to perform daily scans, preferably at the lowest use time on the system to minimize the impact to users. Unlike AV, some software reported as spyware might be authorized software. If so, IT support staff can set the AS software to bypass these exceptional files. IT support staff should use caution when setting exceptions to AS scanning, as it is better to dismiss daily reports of false spyware than to shut off scanning potential areas of infection (for instance, it would not be appropriate to bypass scanning of Internet Explorer plug-ins to avoid false reports of the files used for Oracle).
- IT support staff should run a daily report of infections found in the last 24 hours (or last three days on Monday) from scans. Any spyware reported from scanning (other than cookies or adware or contained in files in the attachment directory) must be reported to
the IT Security Office at security@sdsu.edu. In other words, this spyware may have been installed and running on the desktop before signatures were available to identify it, and the IT Security Office needs to investigate possible repercussions from the infection.

- IT support staff should check regularly for agents with outdated signature files as this can be an indicator of an infection; typically, the first thing spyware does is shut off the AS. IT support staff should check the report of outdated agents daily in order to be able to respond to critical systems with unresponsive AS. Many desktops are outdated due to vacations, surplus, spares, or traveling laptops. IT support staff should follow up immediately for any systems that are known to be booted and in use but with outdated agents. At a minimum, IT support staff should follow up within five weeks for any desktops with outdated agent DAT files.

In addition to the standards previously described, IT support staff can use the ePO console’s rule creation capability to create a McAfee AS rule that targets a threat or the threat type. This is useful for situations where spyware is identified and no corresponding signature has been released.

### 3.2.3 Standard Hardware and Software Configurations

IT management should ensure standard hardware and software configurations are applied throughout the department, whenever possible. A centralized repository for all system images can be used for ease of access, updating, and documentation, as well as for creating an infrastructure that can grow with the needs of the department. IT support staff should build new systems in an isolated network or off the network until all security patches and configurations installed.

A typical standard build process for a desktop or laptop system might include processes to:

1. Sanitize the hard drive.
2. Load and configure the appropriate operating system modules.
3. Turn off unwanted services.
4. Schedule and load the appropriate service packs and patches.
5. Schedule and update drivers.
6. Configure the network settings.
7. Configure other hardware settings (video, sound, and so on).
8. Test required operating system functionality.
10. Schedule, load, and update patch management and inventory software.
11. Configure security on screen savers and power options.
12. Rename and set passwords for appropriate system accounts.
13. Load and configure the appropriate application software.
14. Test all required application software functionality.

After the build is complete, if the AutoRun function in Windows is used, it should be disabled to prevent infection from malware on CD/DVD/USB devices.
The exact instructions in the standard build for desktop systems will be decided by the specific needs of the department. IT management needs to meet periodically with IT support staff to review and document specific requirements or changes to incorporate into the standard build and deployment process, such as changes to the current operating system or the introduction of new standard applications.

3.2.4 Authorized Software

To be considered authorized, software must meet a number of criteria, including:

- It has to be approved by the IT manager.
- It must perform definitive functions that support the department’s mission and the needs of the University.
- It must be legally licensed for the departments use.

The IT manager should assess the potential risks and benefits of any software before approving its use. Inappropriate software, such as peer-to-peer file sharing (which violates copyright regulations) or personal use software, such as screen savers, games, and utilities that are non-University related, should not be authorized due to security concerns.

IT support staff must not take actions that are contrary to the licensing agreement of the authorized software. For instance, it is generally not permitted to:

- Make copies of the software for use on desktops for which it has not been purchased.
- Put copies of the software on the network unless restricted to authenticated and authorized access.
- Obtain copies of the software from others without paying the appropriate licensing fee.

IT support staff should utilize system security settings to prevent users from loading or executing unauthorized software on their desktops, as this capability increases the chances of infection by malware, of unexpected software interactions, and of the introduction of software that may subvert or bypass security controls.

When dealing with new or custom authorized software, IT support staff should inspect or test the software to:

- Determine compatibility with existing authorized software.
- Discover and disable any system utilities that might be used to compromise the operating system or logical access controls.
- Identify any other unforeseen interactions, such as starting a new insecure service that IT support staff will need to discover how to turn off and keep off.

IT management will ensure that configuration management procedures for authorized software are followed. Configuration management is the process of keeping track of and documenting

36 Sample documentation for Windows XP workstation builds can be found at: http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Workstation_Build_Examples.pdf.
approved changes to the system in order to ensure that they do not unintentionally or unknowingly diminish the security or usability of the system.

3.2.5 Centralized Desktop Management Software

IT management should ensure the use of available centralized management software to create and manage:

- Desktop images and installations.
- User accounts and privileges.
- Desktop system policies and services.

Managing desktops, user accounts, and security policies is critical to the overall success of each department. However, performing these tasks locally on each system is inefficient. In addition, inconsistent local management may introduce errors and lead to an increased number of support calls.

Centralized desktop management helps to reduce operational and support costs and to improve security through consistent standard application. In addition, centralized management affords overall change and configuration control and simplifies many security lockdown processes.

An example of centralized management software is Microsoft’s Active Directory, which provides a hierarchical structure such that IT support staff can delegate and manage the various computer and user accounts in accordance with departmental management guidelines. Delegated administrative support would allow for different departments to share a single Active Directory implementation and yet each be solely responsible for their area or Organizational Unit (OU). In this way, control can be segmented according to areas of support.

IT managers are encouraged to provision the minimal number of centralized management servers necessary to manage their organization (such as at a divisional or college level) in order to leverage the costs and ease of management. Because of the desktops’ dependency on the centralized server, IT managers should ensure a fully automated backup server is deployed to provide dynamic redundancy.

3.3 Laptop and Mobile Device Security

This section of the VMP explains issues specific to laptop and mobile device security in terms of access protection, patch management, and anti-virus/anti-spyware maintenance. Otherwise, all issues discussed in the desktop security section also apply to laptops and mobile devices.

3.3.1 Laptop and Mobile Device Security

IT support staff should configure laptops and mobile devices to automatically download and install patches at least twice a day. While connected via the wired SDSU network, users must disable the wireless connection to prevent bridging the two networks. If the technology allows,
Docking stations should be configured to automatically deactivate the wireless network on the laptop.\(^{37}\)

In addition to the information on the make, model, serial number, and tag number of the laptops or mobile devices, IT support staff should document an inventory of all items described in Section 3.2.1.1.

Storage of protected level 1 information on a laptop must be approved by the employee’s Vice President or Dean and the information must be encrypted. Full disk encryption\(^{38}\) must be used to prevent protected level 1 information or user credentials being accessed in the event of the laptop or hard drive being stolen. IT support staff should configure laptops with a commercially supported version of full disk encryption that uses a FIPS-140 approved encryption algorithm. Key escrow should be utilized to ensure authorized access to the disk contents in the case of an emergency or access after an employee leaves the University, including key password:

1. Selected and changed according to password standards in section 3.6.
2. Stored securely according to protected level 1 standards.
3. Recoverable if the key is forgotten or lost.

Users of laptops and mobile devices that are not considered primary or desktop systems should have IT support staff service them at least once a month to ensure that anti-virus, anti-spyware, and patch management software is working correctly.

Users must not store login instructions (such as passwords, access codes, remote access numbers, or account information) and authentication technology with the laptop or mobile device. When traveling, users must ensure that the laptop or mobile device is locked in a non-visible, secure location.

When the laptop is in use at the office or in a meeting, users must take appropriate measures to prevent the laptop from being stolen. If protected level 1 information is stored on a laptop that is in an unsecured physical environment, the laptop should not be left in standby or hibernation mode, but must be shut down. A laptop that is not completely shut down effectively bypasses the protection of full disk encryption.

Theft recovery software, such as Lo-Jack, is highly effective for laptop recovery and has become very affordable. Managers are encouraged to purchase and install recovery software. If a laptop or mobile device is stolen or missing, contact the issuing department immediately. However, if the device contains protected level 1 information, contact the IT Security Office first, in accordance with the Security Incident Response Program.

\(^{37}\) Users of non-SDSU or personal laptops are held to the same standards as users of SDSU laptops.

\(^{38}\) More information on full disk encryption, encryption standards, and key management can be found at [http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Encryption.pdf](http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Encryption.pdf).
3.3.2 Mobile Data Device Security

Mobile data devices such as flash memory drives, external and micro hard disks, and CD and DVD technologies can pose a security risk. All mobile data devices should be password protected whenever possible. Mobile data devices containing protected level 1 information must have the data encrypted and the device stored in a secure location at the University or at another site approved by IT management (including off-site backup services).

CD-R and DVD-ROM are suitable for containing protected information due to their write-once only capability. Flash memory drives, micro hard disks, and CD-RW should not be used to store protected information due to their reusable nature (which could expose protected information that either was or still is stored on the media).

3.4 Server Security

This section of the VMP explains issues specific to server security in terms of server system builds, patch management, and anti-virus/anti-spyware maintenance. Otherwise, all issues discussed in the desktop security section apply also to servers.

3.4.1 Server System Builds

IT management must ensure that server system build configurations are documented by IT support staff. At minimum, this should include:

- Server name.
- Operating system and version (such as Windows Server 2003, SP2).
- Security patches.
- File system configuration.
- Group policies.
- Local accounts.
- Services running.
- Application software installed (with version information).
- Network settings (including IP address, DNS settings, and so on).
- Domain information.
- Shares with permissions.
- Physical system location.
- User information.
- System model, speed, RAM and disk size, and available space.
- Hardware manufacturers (optional but recommended).
- System image information (for rebuilds).

After the build is complete, if the AutoRun function in Windows is used, it should be disabled to prevent infection from executing malware on CD/DVD/USB devices.

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39 Sample documentation for Windows 2003 Server standard builds can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Serv_Build_Examples.pdf.
IT management must ensure that servers are configured with appropriate redundancies. For example, if necessary, servers should be implemented with a RAID system (either hardware- or software-based) and/or dual power supplies.

IT support staff should monitor server resource usage and notify the IT manager in case of problems of potential resource availability.

Documentation for servers behind an internal network firewall\(^{41}\) needs to be provided to the TSO for review a minimum of two weeks prior to the proposed date of connection to the network.

Plans for virtual machines behind an internal network firewall need to be provided to the TSO for review prior to any implementation to prevent systems with disparate security from being housed together.

### 3.4.2 Patch Management on Servers

Because of the operational nature of some servers, patch management often requires a flexible approach by IT support staff with regard to maintenance schedules. In any case, servers should be updated in a timely manner to reduce both the vulnerability for the individual servers and their impact on other networked devices at the University.

IT managers must ensure that a prearranged patch management schedule exists for each server. This will allow both the server users and IT support staff to effectively schedule their time with regard to the patch management plan.

IT managers must ensure that when servers are replaced, or are no longer used, they are removed immediately from the network.

### 3.4.3 Configuration of Services on Servers

The running of unnecessary services on servers is one of the most common vulnerabilities found during SDSU network assessments. Servers must be installed with the minimum number of services required to perform their intended function.

IT support staff must tailor installs to include only the services needed. Microsoft Windows 2000, most versions of Linux, and the Sun Solaris operating systems are among the operating systems with excessive services in the default installation.

To examine running services:

- On Windows operating systems, the Computer Management console has a link to services. Using the free tool, fport, at [www.foundstone.com](http://www.foundstone.com) under the resources tab, can also help IT support staff to tie open network ports to services running on the system.

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\(^{41}\) This does not refer to host firewalls on systems.
On UNIX, IT support staff can use a combination of ps/netstat/lsof to determine processes running. IT support staff may have to install lsof from a third party if it is not available with the default operating system.

For Mac OS X, most services are turned off in the sharing panel of the system preferences application; otherwise IT support staff may have to modify the startup scripts.

One of the services that IT support staff should utilize is system logging. In addition to retaining a local copy of all logs, copies of key system logs (such as system start-up logs, login authentication logs, application transaction logs, and so on) should also be forwarded to a secure central logging server to avoid unintentional or deliberate tampering.

Documenting all system changes will allow IT support staff to compare annotated recordings with saved copies of log files for forensic investigation by the IT Security Office. On critical servers, integrity software, such as Tripwire, should also be installed to assist in tracking changes to critical files or folders.

Additionally, server log files must be monitored for critical messages such as:

- Changes to critical system files.
- Unusual activity in system logs.
- Security patch installation status.
- Resource thresholds such as disk space and CPU or memory usage.
- Active processes.
- Open ports.
- Active network connections.
- System backup status.
- All root or administrator events.
- New systems file creation.

Much of the above may be automated with scripts. IT support staff should make use of test servers to experiment with system services or scripts, to build familiarity, and to check for new vulnerabilities. Once there is a high degree of confidence regarding the security of a script, it can then be used on production servers in accordance with their change management process.

### 3.4.4 Malware Content in E-mail

IT managers should ensure that servers running e-mail services scan e-mail content before it is delivered to the user’s mailbox to identify viruses and/or spyware and quarantine or delete the malware content from the e-mail before it has been delivered. The user should still receive a notification of the removal of the malware from the e-mail in case there was an error in the identification of the malware content.

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42 The CSU standard for retention of logs is from six months to one year. Some areas, such as financial operations, may require longer periods of time according to regulatory requirements. A good rule of thumb is to keep the system logs the same period of time required for the information stored on the server.
3.5 Change Management

This section of the VMP explains how change management can be used to securely control configuration changes to documentation and information systems.

Change management is the management of changes made to hardware, software, firmware, and/or documentation, from baseline, through the end of the life of that system or document.

3.5.1 Change Management of Documentation

Change management is used to track changes made to documentation. Not all documentation needs to be controlled by a change management process. The use of document change management is most appropriate to documentation that is used by two or more individuals as a guidance mechanism, such as this Information Security Plan. IT managers are responsible for incorporating the correct documentation change management in their departments.

Documentation should incorporate the following minimum configuration:

- Document title.
- Version number (starting with 1.0).
- Page information (such as “Page 3 of 27”).
- Date of the current version.
- Appropriate labeling (such as “draft” or “copy”).
- Appropriate security-level tagging (such as “protected level 1”).

Documentation should also contain a change log (either at the front or back of document), and interim versions should be kept as needed for an audit trail.

Available tracking software should be utilized to assist in the capture and documentation of working changes, until the changes are finalized, such as the Microsoft Office TrackChanges function.

Documents intended for internal department use may have a relatively short review cycle. Once the document is created or changed it should be reviewed by someone (other than the author) who is familiar with the document contents for accuracy before the changes are incorporated into production. The document might also be reviewed by someone who is not familiar with the content for clarity.

Documentation intended for interdepartmental or University use may have a longer review cycle, being critiqued and refined a number of times by different departments before being finalized for production.

3.5.2 Change Management of Information Systems

The goal of a change management process for information systems is to track details of changes made to information systems. The level of detail and number of people involved in the change
management process will depend on factors such as the number of IT support staff and/or IT managers involved in managing the system, the scope of users of the system, and the criticality of the system.

In some cases, the change management process may be very simple. For instance, if a faculty member manages and supports a system used for laboratory assignments and needs to change the configuration or permissions on that system, the change should be documented for future reference by that faculty member or other authorized staff or faculty member.

If a change affects a number of users or a critical system, such as updating firewall rules or server patches, or if access to protected information is involved, then a minimum change management process should include:

- A description of the change and reason.
- Details of who authorized the change.
- The date and time the change was made.
- Details of who made the change.
- A description of how the change was implemented.
- A description of how the change was tested/monitored.

The documentation should provide information to track changes in configuration. It is important to be able to ascertain who did what, when it was done, and what the resulting occurrences were. It is also important to include a rollback process to restore operations if a change has undesired effects.

In cases where IT support staff need approval from an IT manager before making a change:

- The IT support staffs who require a change to be made to an information system should submit a change request to the appropriate IT manager.
- The IT manager must assess the request for potential areas of impact (such as changes to an e-mail server that is also utilized by other departments).
- If multiple potential areas of impact exist, there needs to be a mechanism to communicate the request for consideration by the other parties that may be affected.
- If the change request is denied, the requestor can refine and resubmit the request for future consideration.
- If access to protected information is involved in the change, the IT support staff must verify that the appropriate manager of the directory or server containing the protected information has signed for approval to access the information before any changes are made.

If the proposed changes have the potential to affect multiple departments or campus-wide, then a more involved process may be required to coordinate the changes and impacts. This increased
coordination should be both pro-active and committee led. Preplanning should be utilized at each stage of the process to ensure that the requirements of each department are considered and/or achieved. For instance, if the campus needs to make changes to a server (such as an upgrade to the campus email server or the network) that will make it temporarily unavailable to multiple departmental staff who regularly utilizes its services, then:

- The planned changes should be submitted to a configuration management team.
- Appropriate authorization should be secured.
- An implementation date should be set and the upgrade scheduled.
- The upgrade should be announced prior to implementation.
- Affected staff should have a chance to discuss options.
- A follow-up reminder should be sent just before the upgrade.
- Appropriate precautions (such as backups) should be completed.
- The upgrade should be completed and tested.
- The server should be brought back online and restored access confirmed.
- Users should be notified that the system is available.
- The process should be documented.

### 3.6 Account Management

This section of the VMP explains issues dealing with the creation and maintenance of all types of user accounts, including operating system-based, application-based, local and server-based accounts, as well as secure account usage and password selection for those accounts.

#### 3.6.1 Account Creation and Maintenance

IT management is responsible for ensuring that users have accounts, which enable them to perform the functions of their job. IT support staff are responsible for creating and maintaining these accounts, as approved by IT management. To protect both the personnel and the information involved, the creation and maintenance of accounts must be done according to an account management process, which includes written management authorization. The account management process must cover:

- Creating and assigning accounts.
- Accessing another user’s account(s).
- Reviewing, disabling, reassigning, or deleting accounts.

#### 3.6.1.1 Creating and Assigning Accounts

Three different types of user accounts are discussed in this section: Standard, Privileged, and Generic.

**Standard User Accounts** (those without administrative privileges): Are created and assigned directly to the user, and are uniquely associated with that user. Only the assigned user must know the password to their assigned account. Managers should ensure that users are not requested or coerced to reveal their personal password.
**Privileged User Accounts** (those with administrative privileges, or accounts such as “root” or “Administrator”): Should be assigned to users who are required to perform system administration functions or functions that ordinary user accounts are unable to do.

IT management should ensure that user accounts are assigned only enough privileges and permissions to enable the user to achieve their job functions and responsibilities. For example, some Windows XP users might need to be power users to modify their laptop printer, but they do not need to have administrative authority to enable them to make changes to their operating system.

In some situations users with standard privileges may need elevated access to run specific application software. In these cases IT support staff should adjust the permissions on the specific files or directories associated with the application software for that standard user account. Caution must be exercised because viruses and other malware operating under this user account would also assume this elevated access.

Users who are assigned privileged user accounts should also be assigned a standard user account. The privileged user account should only be used for specific and occasional privileged usage (such as system configuration). The standard user account should be used at all other times (such as for daily logins). If the user needs to run an occasional privileged command from their standard account, they can use the “run as” for Windows or “sudo” for UNIX to temporarily elevate their processing privilege for a specific task.

For Windows administrators who are unable to use their desktop in user mode and use the “run as” command, another option would be to run the operating system in administrator mode and run selected applications (such as email and web browsing) in user mode. Newer operating systems, such as Vista and Windows 7 also have a User Account Control (UAC) to alert the user of changes to the operating system.

Both the standard user account and privileged user accounts should be associated with a single user. Exceptions to this may be necessary in specific instances when application installation and operation require generic-named accounts (for example, “Oracle”). Care should be exercised when establishing, and assigning, generic accounts because of the reduced ability to appropriately attribute actions to a particular individual. Rather than allowing shared use of a named user account, IT staff should create additional named accounts or a shared generic account, even on a temporary basis.

Privileged accounts must be reviewed and re-approved annually.43

**Generic Accounts**: Are pre-created user accounts (such as User1, User2, User3, and so on), and are the responsibility of the IT manager to which they are assigned. As required, the IT manager can reassign a generic account to an individual user. Once the account is assigned, the user must then choose his or her unique password, so that the account can then be uniquely attributable to that user. When the user is finished with the account, it must then be reassigned back to the

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responsible IT manager. The assignment and reassignment of a generic account must be documented by the IT manager with the date, time, and name of the user.

Some shared generic accounts are read-only, and often assigned to a group, such as “Customer Support,” and may be used for looking up public information in a kiosk or in another services-type environment. Because shared generic accounts have limited access, and are assigned to a group, they can be configured to have a longer expiration time, such as six months or by semester. Shared accounts must be reviewed and re-approved annually.44

All generic accounts require a justification approved by the IT manager, who should document the request.

3.6.1.2 Accessing Another User’s Account or Information

At times there may be a need for one University user’s account, or files, to be accessed by another University user. Authorization for granting access to account information must come from the appropriate MPP manager of the user whose files are to be accessed. Managers need to ensure that a written process exists to grant operational access to and/or control of a terminated or otherwise indisposed employee’s information/account to the employee’s supervisor (or another employee). This process must include a request to change the password of the account being accessed, so that the employee to whom the account belongs will know that it has been accessed. The Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs (for faculty employees) and the Associate Vice President for Administration (for non-faculty employees) can approve operational procedures for access to employee accounts and files, for University business, without notification to the employee (see Table 3-2).45

On occasion the University conducts investigations for infractions of University policy or unlawful activity that require a nonoperational need to access accounts or files. This nonoperational need to access employee accounts and files must be approved by the Associate Vice President for Administration (see Table 3-2).

3.6.1.3 Reviewing, Disabling, Reassigning, or Deleting Accounts

Access requesting managers are responsible for tracking and documenting the utilization of user accounts in their charge and must ensure that accounts are disabled or deleted when an employee transfers or is terminated. Access requesting managers are also responsible for tracking the expiration dates on generic, shared generic, or temporary user accounts.

Access approving managers should be notified whenever an employee is terminated and should periodically review access to detect unauthorized access or user access which exceeds their current job responsibilities. Access to critical information assets or assets containing protected level 1 or 2 data (such as CMS, Portal, Financial Aid, ARJISnet) must be reviewed annually and

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45 Public Request Acts for access to information must be submitted to the Associate Vice President for Administration.
the review must be documented. Account access can be reviewed by providing a list of active accounts to approving managers for confirmation that employees are still using them, or by expiring accounts and requiring an updated access request. The review process can be performed electronically or on paper.

IT support staff are responsible for disabling or deleting the accounts as instructed by IT management and for generating a list of active accounts quarterly or once-a-semester for review by IT management.

3.6.2 Secure Account Usage

Using Any User Accounts: All users are responsible for keeping their passwords confidential. Users must not share account access information with another user, embed passwords into programs, or write down and leave unattended account information.

Users should schedule resource-intensive operations such as transferring large files, mass e-mailing, and large print jobs at off-peak times to ensure sufficient resources are available for other users.

User accounts should only be used for University-related activities. Only software that has been authorized by the IT manager for University use should be installed on systems. Inappropriate software, such as peer-to-peer file sharing, and personal use software (such as screen savers, games, and utilities) should not be authorized due to security concerns.

Instant messaging (IM) is an increasingly popular method for communicating over the Internet. As with any technology that has information security risks, IM should only be used for University business. IM is a real-time supplement to and, as regarded by some, replacement for e-mail. However, IM also has inherent security issues that IT managers and IT support staff need to understand:

- Instant messaging networks provide the ability not only to transfer text messages but also to transfer files. Consequently, instant messengers can transfer worms and other malware.
- Instant messengers can also provide an access point for backdoor Trojan horses.
- Hackers can use instant messaging to gain backdoor access to computers without opening a listening port, effectively bypassing desktop and perimeter firewall implementations.
- Finding victims does not require scanning unknown IP addresses, selecting them instead from an updated directory of buddy lists.
- In addition to client-initiated file transfers, all the major instant messaging networks support peer-to-peer file sharing where one can share a directory or drive. This means that all the files on a computer can be shared using the instant messaging client, leading

46 Accounts with access to level 3 are not required to adhere to this standard.
to the spread of files that are infected with a virus or other malware, or unauthorized access to protected information.

- Information being communicated with IM is vulnerable to unauthorized viewing.

Users should log out or lock workstations if they will be left unattended for more than a few minutes. As an added measure of security, user accounts should automatically password lock the desktops after no more than 15 minutes of inactivity.

**Using Privileged Accounts:** Users with privileged accounts (such as IT support staff) should be especially vigilant regarding the heightened capabilities that their accounts allow.

In addition to ensuring that their desktop systems are patched with security patches, anti-virus, and anti-spyware as soon as possible (for instance, within two days of the patch being released), users should be cautious about the installation of unauthorized software onto their desktop systems and be careful about browsing untrusted websites; users should use secure protocols (such as SSL or SSH) when connecting to servers from their desktop systems using their privileged user accounts.

There are some special privileged accounts (or roles) that are built into the system by default, such as “root” (or super user) in UNIX and Linux, “Administrator” (or Power User) in Windows, “enable” in Cisco, and “oracle” in Oracle. These special privileged accounts require special consideration:

- IT support staff should avoid using “root” or “Administrator” for direct logins.

- The passwords for privileged accounts should be changed every three to six months; or immediately when a system administrator departs or is transferred. This applies especially to accounts that use shorter passwords and those associated with devices without access control lists.

- Privileged accounts should not be configured to automatically lock out the account for console login (either through inactivity or unsuccessful login attempts) but should be configured to lock out the accounts from remote access or network login. This is to prevent self-induced denial of service when an incorrect password is used.

- The accounts must be reviewed and re-approved annually.\(^{47}\)

Unused default accounts that are built into the system (such as the “Guest” account in Windows) should be left disabled or, if needed, should have the password changed and/or direct login disallowed.

\(^{47}\) ICSUAM 8060 Policy Section 200
3.6.3 Passphrase Selection

Passphrases should be used whenever the technology allows (Windows 2000 and 2003 systems will allow the use of passphrases; some UNIX systems will not). A passphrase:

- Serves the same function as a password.
- Is generally longer than a password and may include whole words.
- Is easier to remember because it is based on a phrase that mean something to the user.
  For example: “Only 3 more weeks until vacation time!”

Systems using passphrases should be configured to use passphrases of 17 characters or more.

Wherever possible, passphrases should be used instead of passwords. Not only is a multiword passphrase harder to crack than single-word password but the complexity may extend the period of time required between selecting new passphrases.

3.6.4 Password Selection

The key to good password selection is a password that is hard for an attacker to guess or crack and yet a user is able to remember without having to write it down.

Choosing a Good Password: Passwords should be a minimum of eight characters in length and should contain at least three of the following four classes of character types:

- Uppercase alphabetic characters.
- Lowercase alphabetic characters.
- Numeric digits.
- Symbols (such as “!,” “@,” “#,” “$,” “%”).

Additionally, passwords should not contain:

- Any sequences of more than three character types in a row (so “abc” would be an acceptable part of the password, but “abcd,” “5416,” or “**!#” would not).
- Hacker language (such as P@$w0rd).
- Words from any dictionary in any language.
- Words from any dictionary in any language spelled backward.

Other ideas for strengthening passwords include the use of the Unicode character set (for example, ALT+128 is the character “Ç,” while ALT+0128 is the character “€”). When using symbols in a password, users should be aware of any special functions that the application they are logging into uses. For instance, when logging into Oracle, the “!” character cannot be used in a password.

Examples of poor passwords choices that should never be used include:

- Family member or pet names (such as Jimmy or Rex).
Birthdays.
Phone numbers.
Addresses lived at (current or previous).
Model of car (such as Ford or Toyota).
License plates (such as “JBC1998” or “MRMOOSE”).
Words people associate with you (such as “Keep Smiling” or “Have a Good Day”).
Hobbies (such as “DivingSanDiego” or “Kayak”).

**Supporting Good User Password Selection:** In order to ensure that users follow good password procedure for both standard and privileged accounts, IT support staff should ensure that they:

- Configure passwords to expire every 90 days or once a semester. The system should be configured to provide advanced warning of password expiration.
- Configure the password history to the highest setting that the technology will allow to prevent users from ever reusing their old passwords.
- Enable technology that prevents brute force attacks and configure the system to lock or delay after 15 minutes (or less) of inactivity or after 15 unsuccessful login attempts.
- For accounts without access to protected information, the user account may automatically unlock after a period of ten minutes or so. For accounts that have access to protected information, IT support staff should manually unlock the user account (in order to protect against automated or scripted brute force attacks).
- Configure the settings of both applications and operating systems to use the strongest level of encryption for passwords.

Other ideas for supporting good password selection may include utilizing existing technology to prevent users from bypassing limited history controls by changing their passwords repeatedly.

Additionally, IT support staff should test user account password strength on a quarterly or once-a-semester basis (by running password cracking programs on the password file for one day to two weeks), and generate a list of accounts that are beneath the standard password strength threshold for follow up by the IT manager.

If a user reports being locked out of their account but has not attempted to login 15 times unsuccessfully; IT support staff should investigate server logs to ensure that a hacking attempt has not occurred.

IT managers should develop a process by which IT support staff can appropriately identify users before resetting their passwords.

If a password is generated or reset by IT support staff, it should be set to a temporary, strong password. The user should be forced to change the password the next time the user logs into the system or application.
3.7 Application Security

This section of the VMP outlines methodologies by which the security of applications can be tested and vulnerabilities mitigated.

The realm of application security covers the growing myriad of SDSU web browsers, web servers, front-end application servers, back-end application servers, and database servers, all connected with protocols such as HTTP, HTTPS, or SQL.

There has been a marked shift in Internet attacks away from the network layer and toward the application layer (such as exploiting PHP vulnerabilities, cross site scripting, and so on).

Web services are typically used to present public interfaces and, as such, are employed as building blocks by many web applications, which in turn interface them with databases, and so on. However, there has been a distinct increase in attacks aimed at the application layer, with web applications becoming one of the most focused upon areas for potential intruders:

> The statistics are alarming: Gartner estimates 75 percent of attacks against Web sites take place at the application layer. Most of the vulnerabilities documented by Symantec in the second half of 2005 were found in Web application technologies. And a majority of the 20 most severe vulnerabilities in the US-CERT database are Web application flaws.48

Because of the extensive use of web-based services at the University, IT support staff need to understand the security implications behind this use of the web. For example, a typical web services application might consist of a web browser and a web server. A security control in the browser (such as a JavaScript) can be set up that prohibits the user from entering a specific text string (such as the word “centralization”) into an input screen that gets sent to the web server. However, if a hacker places a proxy server between the web browser and web server, the information can be intercepted after it is sent from the browser, modified to include the word “centralization,” and forwarded to the web server. This example illustrates that security controls on the client side alone are not sufficient and that there need to be security controls verifying the input and output on the server side as well.

Any application that includes the storage, transmission or processing of name with credit card payment account number must be approved by the appropriate Finance Office prior to purchase or development to ensure that the University maintains PCI DSS compliance.49

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48 “Web Application Break-In,” Information Security Magazine, August 2006, 
http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/magazineFeature/0,296894,sid14_gci1257082_mem1,00.html.
49 Specifically the campus Controller, Associated Students Controller, SDSU Research Foundation Director of Finance & Accounting, Aztec Shops Controller, Campanile Foundation CFO.
3.7.1 Application Security in the System Development Cycle

The most effective time to address application security is during the development of the application. IT programmers and developers need to understand how application security can be built into the system development cycle, by testing for and mitigating vulnerabilities at each stage of the cycle. For applications containing protected level 1 or mission-critical information, managers must ensure that the software development process is documented and approved before implementation.

Regardless of the development methodology, security-based techniques need to be incorporated at each phase of the development cycle in order to ensure resistance to attack in the final product. Broad principles rather than specifics are outlined in this section, so that IT support staff can understand the principles involved in building security into the five phases of the development life cycle: requirements analysis, design, implementation, testing and deployment, and maintenance.50

Requirements Analysis: Security vulnerabilities not addressed during this phase will be compounded in later phases. IT support staff need to be able to state not only what the system should do but also what it should not do. For each use case (what the system should do) that is written, a misuse or abuse case needs also be created to describe how a malicious user might interact with the system. Specific security objectives need to be defined and translated into concrete requirements.

Design: The priority in the translation of requirements to application functionality is to ensure the incorporation of security principles such as secure access, storage, and processing within the application design. Designing security into the processing aspects of an application means setting boundaries and defining reactions to undesired events. During this phase, issues to be addressed will include such things as:

- FIPS-140 approved algorithm
- Password key strength for encryption processes selected and changed according to section 3.6.
- Key escrow including secure storage and recovery if key is lost or forgotten
- Use of secure protocols (such as IPSec, SSL, or Secure RPC).
- Mechanisms for authentication and access control.
- Mechanisms for implementing the rules for all forms of information input and interaction.
- Mechanisms for memory separation and isolation of sensitive information.

Implementation: A focus on security in the requirements and design phase will set the stage for writing secure code. However, mistakes occur, and controls need to be in place to catch improper implementation procedures. Such controls include processes such as coding standards, code review (manual or automatic), unit testing, and defect management.

Creating proper error handling, avoiding dangerous code constructs, implementing input validation, implementing encryption, and ensuring secure endpoint communications is all part of secure code writing.

Secure code writing is in turn dependent on rigid secure code standards. The coding standards need to be meticulously maintained, up-to-date, and available for reference by all IT support staff. The coding standards will handle such things as the safe handling of string and integer results, methods of input information validation, the handling of temporary files, authentication of code libraries, use of unconstrained methods, proper error handling, and code review criteria.

Cross-checking techniques need to be used for code review and unit testing. Security defects uncovered by this process need to be prioritized and then assigned to be repaired and retested within a specified period of time.

**Testing and Deployment:** Security tests need to be focused on what should not happen, so testing needs to be used during the integration and system testing phases to uncover previously unknown problems. This testing involves special attention to the software’s operating environment (network connections, configuration, and customized set up) as well as the functional testing of security components. IT support staff need to be looking for functionality that should not be there, such as unintentional side effects and behaviors that are not specified in the design or implementation test plans.

Even an otherwise secure application can be left exposed by a misconfiguration or error during the setup process. During the deployment process, IT support staff needs to use security checklists to review configuration files, to review enabled services and open ports, to review access to sensitive files and directories, and to ensure that logging is enabled for forensics and incident response.51

**Maintenance:** A special emphasis on understanding the existing security infrastructure of the application is required for proper maintenance; much of this understanding should have been gained by IT support staff during the previous stages of the development process. IT support staff needs to review proposed changes in terms of risks that they impose on the overall security of the system, and they need to maintain documentation tracing back to the appropriate configuration management process. Any changes that are required to be made during this stage will have to go through the Implementation and Testing and Deployment cycles again for validation and verification. The change management procedures outlined in Section 3.5 can be used to track and document changes in this phase.

Whenever code has been created by non-University consultants, managers should consider hiring an additional consulting company to perform code checks for potential vulnerabilities.

51 CSU Chico has some great detail on tools in their application development standard: http://www.csuchico.edu/ires/security/documents/Application%20Code%20Development%20Standardv7.pdf
**3.7.2 Application Security in Commercial or Legacy Systems**

The rationale for buying commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) software is that doing so will eliminate development time by taking advantage of existing, market-proven, vendor-supported products, thereby reducing overall system development costs.

IT managers need to ensure that IT support staff investigate security issues with implementation of COTS software prior to procurement. IT managers need to discuss with IT support staff who will have access to the system and in what capacity, how the system will be used, if the system will contain protected information, and what the potential threats to the system or system information are.

IT support staff need to research security implementation of the COTS software based on the criteria discussed with IT management. IT support staff need to understand the standard hardening procedures and vendor-recommended security configurations. These procedures might involve such things as not using default passwords, securely configuring file and access permissions, or shutting down unneeded services.

The IT manager needs to analyze the results of the security investigation and make a decision regarding any controls and countermeasures that may be required to lower risks. The IT manager should contact the TSO if the assessment involves protected level 1 information. The IT manager needs to ensure that the final controls and configurations are appropriately documented in the system/application build documentation.

Lists of the more common application attacks that IT support staff need to be aware of, along with the countermeasures aimed at preventing them are available at [http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/App_Attacks_and_Countermeasures.pdf](http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/App_Attacks_and_Countermeasures.pdf). This list is not intended to be exhaustive; rather it is intended to give IT support staff a starting point from which they may start protecting SDSU applications by testing and mitigating flaws in:

- The application dependencies on the host operating system and other applications.
- The application-user interface (front end).
- The application server (back end).

**3.8 Remote Access Security**

*This section of the VMP explains issues dealing with Remote Access Security in terms of the responsibilities of staff and faculty when accessing the SDSU computing resources from an off-site location.*

Remote access connectivity introduces a number of security challenges, such as ensuring that:

- Connections to the SDSU network are secure.
- Only authorized users connect to the network.

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- CSU and/or SDSU protected information and/or licensed information is stored only on SDSU-issued laptops and desktops and not on unauthorized personally owned computers.
- Protected information is protected in transit against eavesdropping.
- The SDSU network is protected against security problems on remote computers that may pose a risk to SDSU computing resources.
- Only software licensed for SDSU use is used.

### 3.8.1 Securing the Remote Computer

When accessing critical systems or those containing protected level 1 information, faculty, staff and students must ensure that their remote computers meet the same protection standards of encryption, anti-virus, anti-spyware, patching, and host firewall outlined in Section 3.2 of the Information Security Plan before connecting to SDSU systems and accounts.

In addition, remote computers must prevent access by unauthorized individuals (spouses, children, roommates, etc.) to SDSU information and systems. Technologies such as unique user accounts and password-protected screen savers that lock within 15 minutes or less of non-use must be applied to remote systems to prevent unauthorized use of the remote connection to SDSU.

Remote computers must be installed with operating systems that provide for adequate network security. Operating systems such as Windows 98, ME, and NT do not have sufficient network security built into them.

Employee remote access to systems and networks containing name and credit card payment account numbers must be from an SDSU issued and maintained computer in order to ensure PCI DSS compliance.

### 3.8.2 Remote Access to Secure Web and Messaging Applications

When connecting to campus e-mail and calendar systems using client software applications, the applications must be configured to use secure settings with protocols such as POPS, IMAPS, and SSL.

Campus e-mail and calendar software utilize secure protocols at these links:

- E-mail: [https://mail.sdsu.edu](https://mail.sdsu.edu)
- Calendar: [https://calendar.sdsu.edu](https://calendar.sdsu.edu)

### 3.8.3 Remote Programmatic, Management, and File Transfer Access to Computing Resources

When remote access to development and administrative services and server-based applications is necessary, the risk level to SDSU computing resources is higher because whole systems could be

53 Transmission of protected level 1 and level 2 within the SDSU network must also be encrypted according to approved policies.
affected by allowing access from the Internet. In these cases, secure session protocols such as SSH and SFTP must be used.

Similarly, when remote desktop control is necessary, it should be over Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology. Remote access through non-secure methods such as FTP, AFP, and remote desktop should only be used when no other alternatives, such as anonymous FTP, are available. Furthermore, if insecure protocols are necessary, no protected information (such as SSN, educational records, or medical records) should be viewed or transferred using these insecure protocols to ensure that the information cannot be accessed by unauthorized users.

Encrypted remote connection desktop software, such as RDP, pcAnywhere, or VNC, should be used within a VPN connection to ensure that the connection from the remote desktop to the SDSU network is properly secured.

IT managers should document the justification and authorization to use VPN accounts along with a signed agreement from the employee to properly secure the remote computer and connections. Included in the agreement should be:

- The type of remote network connection (such as wireless or dial-up modem).
- The applications the remote computer will be running within the VPN connection specific to SDSU computing resources.
- The authorized tasks (such as applying patches, verifying backups, or troubleshooting errors) for the remote connection.
- Confirmation that the remote system follows SDSU desktop standards for unique accounts, patch management, anti-virus, and anti-spyware and that the remote host has a hardware/host firewall.
- The statement that no SDSU protected level 1 information should be stored on the remote system.

### 3.8.4 Network Access to Level 1 Information or Critical Systems

Faculty and staff who require network access to networks containing protected information (such as HR, SIMS/R, and SHS) or critical systems (such as the campus e-mail and web servers, calendar server, and Physical Plant control systems) via a remote connection are considered to be operating at the highest risk level. IT managers should use discretion in requesting/granting remote access to protected level 1 information. However, when it has been deemed necessary, this type of connection necessitates a privileged VPN connection and requires a documented authorization process including the TSO.

IT managers should provide an SDSU-managed laptop to employees needing network access to SDSU systems, and/or use of non-web applications, to access protected level 1 information and/or critical systems via their privileged VPN remote connection. The managed laptop should be used only for University-related activities and not for personal use.
3.9 Information Security

This section of the VMP explains issues dealing with information security in terms of defining limitations on the storage of protected information, the backing up of information, the preparation of equipment for surplus, the secure retention of information, and the use of encryption.

3.9.1 Storing Protected Information on SDSU Systems

SDSU protected level 1 information should not be stored on SDSU laptops or desktops. Protected level 1 information should be stored on secured databases or file servers or on off-line media, such as CD and DVD storage. Off-line media should be encrypted and must be stored in a secure location at the University or another site approved by management (including off-site backup services).

Storage, processing or transmission of name with credit card payment application number (PAN) requires compliance with the PCI DSS standard. Managers must ensure that they have approval from the appropriate Finance Office prior to storing PAN information on SDSU systems. Unauthorized storage of credit card PAN could result in steep fines to the University.

Users who need to have exceptions to these standards for storing protected level 1 information on laptops must have Dean, Vice-President, or executive level signed approval.

3.9.2 Sending Protected Information Within and Outside of SDSU

Sending SDSU protected level 1 and level 2 information, both within and outside of the University, must follow approved procedures, which will include:

- When using either campus mail or an outside carrier, the protected information must be sealed, not visible from outside, and marked “Confidential.”
- When using voice messaging, the recipient messaging system must be password protected.

3.9.3 Use of Fax equipment

When faxing SDSU protected level 1 information, the fax must be attended, with someone physically present at each fax machine waiting to send and remove the fax upon completion. IT managers must create approved procedures to be followed when faxing SDSU protected level 1 information.

When faxing SDSU protected level 2 information, the fax does not need to be attended, but approved procedures should be followed.

54 Exceptions must be documented and registered with the IT Security Office.
55 More information on encryption and encryption standards can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Encryption.pdf.
56 Specifically the campus Controller’s office, Associated Students Controller, SDSU Research Foundation Director of Finance & Accounting, Aztec Shops Controller, Campanile Foundation CFO.
3.9.4 Use of Personal Equipment

Personal equipment may include devices such as personal laptops, personal desktops, personal digital assistants (PDAs), iPods, and cell phones (such as BlackBerry, Treo, or iPhone). SDSU protected level 1 information must not be stored on any personal equipment. Additionally, users must not send or forward e-mails containing protected level 1 information to personal e-mail accounts. Employees are permitted to store voluntarily submitted protected level 2 information on personal equipment. Final approval authority for storing protected information on personal equipment is listed in Table 3-2.

Personal systems being used at the University must not be connected to the network behind an internal firewall without authorization.

Users should adopt the same anti-virus, anti-spyware, and patch management standards for personal equipment as exist for University systems. In addition, users should utilize host firewall software on their personal equipment.

3.9.5 Use of File Servers

IT managers are responsible for ensuring that access to information stored on file servers is limited to authorized users. Access to information should be granted according to required job duties. Protected level 1 information that is stored on file servers should be encrypted.

3.9.6 Use of Databases

IT managers are responsible for ensuring that access to protected information in databases is approved according to required job duties. Access control should include a combination of file read/write privileges and access control lists on the database data objects. Databases should be configured to encrypt protected level 1 elements.

3.9.7 Backups

Backups are an integral part of ensuring the security of systems information and data. A backup plan must address the following scenarios:

- Recovery of files accidentally deleted.
- Hardware failure.
- Incident response investigation.
- Disaster recovery.

IT managers are responsible for ensuring that an appropriate backup plan is developed and that IT support staff implement the plan. The backup plan should include items such as the schedule for the backups, encryption of protected information, daily checking of the backup logs, regular verification of backed up information (excluding the quarantine directory), and regular testing of the restoration from backup media.
The frequency of backups may depend upon how often information changes, how important those changes are, and the speed of the backup resources. There are three main types of backup strategies that IT managers should be aware of: full, incremental and differential. IT managers should work with IT support staff to determine which backup strategy, or combination of strategies, works best with which frequency in order to be able to restore information in a timely manner.

### 3.9.7.1 Storing and Retrieving Backups

Multiple backup media should be used in the backup process. Corruption or loss of information may occur if multiple backups are stored on one media. For example, if all daily backups are stored on one tape and that tape is corrupted, all those backups would be unavailable.

For recent backups that may need to be retrieved quickly, the off-site location could be in a fireproof safe or locked storage container in another building at the University with adequate environmental protections. In the case of longer term and archive backups, the storage location should be off the SDSU campus. The off-site vendor should specialize in information storage, and an agreement should be established with the vendor that gives authorized IT support staff 7/24 access to the information and includes chain of custody processes.

For critical information, two backups are recommended in case the media of the initial backup becomes corrupt. If, for any reason, a backup should fail, IT support staff should notify IT management.57

A common cause of failed backups is faulty or overused media. The backup plan should address renewing backup media regularly and include a retention schedule specifying how long archived backups will need to be kept and the correct procedures for backup media disposal. Failed media containing protected information should be sent to the Material Management Office for destruction.

IT management should ensure that restores are scheduled to ensure that the backup information can be restored and that the media is functioning. Depending on the number of backup media and the volume of information being backed up, scripts can be used to automate the test restoration process. A typical script might select sample information to be restored from the beginning, middle, and end of a backup.

For more information on backups and backup strategies, see http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Backup_Strategies.pdf.

### 3.9.8 Disposal of IT Resources

The Material Management Office auctions surplus computers and disk drives to the public and destroys media that are not reusable. IT support staff are responsible for ensuring that all

57 IT managers should review the list of authorized IT support staff in their business continuity and disaster recovery plan.
information, operating systems, and other software (including all media) have been removed (sanitized) from the equipment before it is sent to surplus. Management needs to ensure that proper documentation for all items for surplus is provided to the Materials Management Office when systems/media are picked up. Documentation of surplus items is vital to the campus inventory reconciliation process.

The IT Security Office recommends writing over the hard drive once to sanitize any remnants of information or software. Writing over the hard drive in this manner still leaves the drive usable.

Using the built-in ATA ANSI standard Secure Erase\textsuperscript{58} command for newer ATA drives (more recent than 2001) larger than 15GB can result in an acceptable level of sanitization without compromising the usability of the drive.

Media (hard drives, tapes, etc.), whether operable or inoperable, must be removed from systems and labeled for destruction so that Material Management can shred them to prevent access to information or licensed software. Visit the Material Management website for instructions on surplus equipment: \url{http://bfa.sdsu.edu/busserv/MaterialManagement.html}.

Degaussing is another popular sanitization technique. Because the operational requirements to execute degaussing effectively could result in serious bodily harm to individuals, the IT Security Office does not recommend degaussing as a sanitization option for any electronic media.

Managers should ensure that CD-ROMs and DVDs that are no longer required are shredded (especially those containing protected information), either by Material Management or within their own department. Media containing protected information that cannot be shredded immediately should be secured until they can be disposed of according to approved procedures. Material Management will ensure proper vendor documentation of shredded hard drives.

### 3.9.9 Retention of IT Resources

Retention applies to the correct storage and disposal of both computer hardware containing electronic information and of media containing information records. The data authorities responsible for creating and implementing campus retention schedules and procedures include:

- The Registrar for educational student records.
- The Director of the Center for Human Resources for employment information.
- The Campus Privacy Officer for medical information.
- The Controller for financial information.
- The Associate Director for Associated Students.
- The Chief Executive Officer for the Research Foundation.
- The Chief Executive Officer for Aztec Shops.
- The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Information Officer for the Campanile Foundation.

\textsuperscript{58} \textit{Guidelines for Media Sanitization}, NIST Special Publication 800-88, \url{http://www.nist.org}.
Managers are responsible for creating retention schedules for information not covered by these campus data authorities. This should include, but not be limited to, a retention schedule for email.

The retention schedules should document:

- Compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning information and records retention and applicable guidelines established in the CSU Office of General Counsel Records Access Manual publication.
- The period of time during which specific information and records have operational, legal, fiscal, or historical value.
- The period of time during which information and records must be stored in their primary storage location and the point in time when the records can be reasonably transferred to a secondary storage facility, destroyed, or transferred to historical archives.
- Methods and procedures of information and records storage, retrieval, disposition, and disposal to ensure compliance with information classification, legal, and operational requirements.

Management should ensure that a process is created to provide physical and environmental protection and accountability for information retained on hard drives, DVDs, CDs, tapes, thumb drives, diskettes, printouts, and other media.

IT support staff should physically label all controlled media (media containing protected information), media containers, and documents. Special markings or colored labels may be used in order to identify special handling instructions, storage locations, and access authorization and to include enough information to return a lost item to its owner.

IT support staff should log and secure all controlled media for reasons of accountability and traceability. Logs may track information such as control numbers, the times and dates of transfers, the names and signatures of individuals involved, and so on. IT managers should conduct periodic spot checks to confirm that all controlled items are accounted for and that all items are in the custody of individuals named in the control logs.

Physical access controls such as locked doors, desks, file cabinets, or safes should be used for protection against stolen, lost, destroyed, or replaced media. Physical access to and handling of protected information, in particular, must be in accordance with approved procedures.

IT management will ensure that a process for secure information disposal is set up. This disposal process will include sanitization techniques such as overwriting (using a program to write 1’s, 0’s, or a combination onto the media) and destruction (shredding or burning of media).
### 3.9.10 “Red Flag” Rules

In 2007, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a regulation known as the Red Flag Rule. The rule requires financial institutions and creditors holding covered accounts to develop and implement a written identity theft prevention program designed to identify, detect and respond to “Red Flags.” The rules apply to any institution that provides goods or services that are not fully paid for in advance (e.g., if tuition, room and board, etc. are not due in full prior to the start or a semester, or if installment payments are permitted on tuition, etc.).

#### 3.9.10.1 Administration

The University Red Flag Program is established and centrally administered by the campus CIO in conjunction with individual departments and programs which may manage applications and accounts that could reasonably be used to orchestrate identity theft schemes. The larger administration of the program, annual review and legal determination of applicability is established by the CSU Board of Trustees. The University Red Flag Program is reviewed on a continual basis and updated as appropriate.

Types of accounts that must adhere to the Red Flag Rules:

- Financial Aid.
- Employee loans.
- Installment payments and short term loans.
- Accounts that are created for ongoing services and allow students to reimburse the University when billed over a period of time.
- Any type of collection account.

#### 3.9.10.2 Red Flag Identification and Response

University departments with applicable accounts monitor a number of variables and indicators which are described in the California State University Identity Theft Prevention (“Red Flags Rule”) Implementation Plan section 4.3.1. Additional flags that may need investigating are:

- Requests to change mailing address
- Request to change password or a execution of a password reset
- Changes of forwarding e-mail address
- Change of account names
- Change of bank account
- Reports to security@sdsu.edu
- Reports to the campus ISO
- Reports to Public Safety

Response to Red Flag items are detailed in University incident response procedures and internal department procedures.
3.9.10.3 Related Programs

- SDSUCard is covered under two Red Flag Programs, that of the University and the bank that utilizes the card. Individuals may receive multiple notifications under both the University Red Flag plan and that of the card issuing bank.

3.9.10.4 Individual Responsibility

Identity theft and phishing continue to be a threat. Although the University’s Red Flag Program is aimed at helping individuals become aware of changes that might be a prelude to identity theft, the individual mechanisms and system cannot detect all forms of identity theft and still requires vigilance by individuals to monitor their credit files at least twice a year and review account statements.\(^{59}\)

Individuals should report suspected identity theft involving University accounts to Public Safety immediately.

3.10 Network Security

This section of the VMP explains issues dealing with protecting the security of the SDSU network.

IT managers are responsible for maintaining a record of all firewall rule requests for systems that they manage.

Firewall rules are reviewed periodically as part of network security assessments. IT managers must provide the current ruleset to the TSO for the review process.

3.10.1 Border Firewall

The SDSU border firewall provides SDSU protection by allowing only necessary network traffic into the University network while deflecting unauthorized communications. By default, all incoming traffic from the Internet is blocked unless an approved border exemption has been implemented.

IT managers who wish to request access through the border firewall should submit a request to the Border Firewall Registration System. The Border Firewall Registration System is a web-based interface with explanations of the information required. The registration system provides an output file of the request for the IT manager’s records.

All border firewall requests must be approved by appropriate management and the IT Security Office. In some cases, requests may be provisionally approved until a more secure solution can be found. In addition, all servers allowed a border exemption must be properly maintained and secured according to SDSU security standards. The IT Security Office will periodically do a security scan of servers with border exemptions to help ensure that security standards are being

maintained. Any serious security problems must be mitigated or servers may lose their border firewall exemptions.

For details on requesting a border firewall exemption, please see: http://security.sdsu.edu/services/firewall/border.html.

3.10.2 New Internal Firewalls

While the border firewall protects campus systems from outside threats, internal firewalls further protect critical resources from internal and external threats. Internal firewalls should be implemented for systems and networks that contain protected information or have privileged access to protected information. Firewalling internal systems and networks often requires extensive planning and network redesign that can take several months to complete.

For details on implementing an internal firewall, please see: http://security.sdsu.edu/services/firewall/internal.html.

3.10.3 Requesting Access through an Existing Internal Firewall

Access to systems protected by internal firewalls is controlled by rules restricting inbound and outbound network access. Inbound rules help protect the system from unauthorized access and attack while outbound rules help protect other campus systems from attack should the firewalled system become compromised. A complete ruleset and system documentation must be in place, with IT Manager approval, before servers are placed into firewall zones.

All IT staff requesting firewall rules must have change management documentation in place to document requested firewall rules. This documentation will be used to periodically audit the firewall ruleset.

For details on requesting access though an existing internal firewall, please see: http://security.sdsu.edu/services/firewall/rulesets.html.

3.10.4 Firewall Logs

All network traffic entering and exiting the SDSU network is logged at the firewalls. The TSO may use the contents of the firewall logs to confirm, scope, and/or follow up on an incident. IT management who wish to review the firewall logs for acceptable use issues or employee investigations should contact the Center for Human Resources. The contents of the logs are strictly controlled for reasons of privacy.

3.10.5 Wireless Network

Wireless network access is available throughout the University. Wireless network access is intended for community use, similar to connections from home. Wireless network access should not be used for University business. All University systems should be connected via the wired network. Laptops connected via the wired network must have the wireless connection disabled.
Utilizing the wireless network access requires a registration process for the first time of use, after which access is automatic. All University acceptable use policies apply to the wireless network, as well as to the wired network. IT managers should contact the TSO for evaluation of any systems needing wireless connections.

3.10.6 Domain Name Service (DNS)

The TSO is responsible for the authoritative DNS servers for the University.

IT support staff who require DNS changes to be made or who seek to implement an internal DNS can submit their request via the Domain Name Service link.\(^60\)

3.10.7 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is available on most campus networks to provide dynamic IP addresses and other networking information. Because DHCP IP addresses can change, if static IP addresses are required for a server or desktop, please contact your departmental IT coordinator or TNS for assistance.

3.10.8 Mitigation of Network Risks

During an active or imminent network attack, the TSO will review the vulnerability status of systems/devices connected to the SDSU network and, as time allows, attempt to contact IT management and support staff of the vulnerable systems, either individually or via the SDSU security mailing list, to convey the need to patch/fix vulnerable systems/devices immediately.

Vulnerable systems and devices that remain connected to the SDSU network can be subject to loss of network or selected service access, depending upon the vulnerability, number of users, impact to the University, and information contents. Blocking systems at the SDSU border firewall or completely removing systems/devices from the network is a drastic measure taken as a last resort to protect SDSU from network downtime, unlawful access to information, or other liability.

The following guidelines will be used by the IT Security Office to categorize systems/devices that pose a serious threat and therefore must be taken off the network or have services filtered in order to protect the network or information:

1. A system/device may be taken off the network immediately if it is determined to have an infection/breach or if the system/device has a vulnerability that is remotely exploitable, an exploit exists that leverages this vulnerability, and the exploit is currently being used on the SDSU network.

\(^60\) [http://security.sdsu.edu/services/dns/](http://security.sdsu.edu/services/dns/)
2. A system/device may be taken off the network within one work day if it is determined to have a vulnerability that is remotely exploitable and an exploit exists that leverages this vulnerability, but the exploit is not yet present on the SDSU network.

3. A system/device may be taken off the network within one calendar week if it is determined to have a vulnerability that is remotely exploitable, but no exploit is currently known that leverages this vulnerability.

4. A system/device may be taken off the network within one calendar month if it is determined to have a vulnerability that is locally exploitable and that could result in unauthorized access to the system/device or unauthorized access to confidential/sensitive information.

Systems that are taken off the network should then follow the steps outlined in the SDSU Security Incident Response Program Malware Table 2-1.

Network risks are further mitigated by the border firewall that blocks unauthorized sessions initiated outside the firewall. The following guidelines will be used by the IT Security Office as a baseline set of requirements for systems accessible behind the border firewall:

- Dangerous protocols—such as NetBios and MySQL—will continue to be blocked.
- Mail server access will not be expanded.
- Exemptions for clear text authentication—such as telnet, POP3, IMAP, and ftp—will not be granted.
- Other protocols—such as smtp, http, and remote access—may be temporarily allowed pending mitigation.
- All systems applying for an exemption will be subject to a security scan to check for vulnerabilities. IT management should ensure that system patches are up-to-date.

3.11 Physical and Environmental Security

This section of the VMP explains issues dealing with physical and environmental security from the perspective of the measures taken to protect systems, buildings, and related supporting infrastructure against threats associated with the physical environment.

University physical and environmental security focus involves rooms where servers are housed and data centers. All of the security controls that apply to server rooms also apply to data centers. Data centers have additional security controls, since they contain most of the University critical servers. This section of the document outlines the controls that apply to server rooms. The additional controls that are appropriate for data centers can be found in Appendix E.

3.11.1 Physical Access to Offices and Buildings

Managers should ensure that all protected information within their area of responsibility is locked away at the end of each day. Documents that contain protected information and are no longer required must be shredded. If documents that contain protected information cannot be shredded immediately, they should be locked away in secure storage spaces or bins until they can...
be shredded. If the volume of protected information to be shredded becomes too great, locked shredder bins are an option to store protected information until it can be shredded in bulk.

On a yearly basis, managers should request reports from Public Safety that detail key and card access listings for each of their employees and access reports by doors and buildings. Managers should take immediate action to revoke unnecessary access. If keys and/or access cards to areas containing protected information or critical resources are lost, the access cards should be disabled immediately and/or the lock should be rekeyed and new keys issued.

Locked offices are not sufficient protection for expensive computing equipment. Some suggestions for lowering the risk of thefts are:

- Etch the equipment to lower the resale value. Some brands of computers can be purchased pre-etched from the vendor.
- Attach an audible alarm to the computer. Alarms, such as Sonic Shock, are good deterrents for theft. The key to disable the alarm must be registered with Public Safety. If multiple alarms are used, it is best to configure a single master for use in the department or college.
- Attach an inaudible alarm to the computer. Contact the Access Control Coordinator in Public Safety for information on the campus approved silent alarm monitored by Dispatch.
- Lock the device inside a cabinet or file cabinet. Contact the ISO at iso@sdsu.edu for examples of secure cabinets.
- Install recovery software on the computer. This software is activated by Public Safety to send information to law enforcement. Contact the ISO at iso@sdsu.edu for current prices and software recommendations.

Managers must report to Physical Plant Work Control x44754 any problems physically securing exterior doors or classrooms or when doors/windows are left unlocked.

### 3.11.2 Physical Access in Server Rooms

**Server Room:** Departments should make every effort to minimize the number of server rooms needed. Because most areas cannot afford true physical security (true walls to the ceiling, dropped floors, power redundancy, fire suppression, etc.), individual department server rooms are at high risk. If a server room must be built, or redesigned, it is preferable to have card access to the room rather than key access because:

- It is easier to track entry.
- It is easier to disable access (the card does not need to be returned).
- No rekeying is needed when a card is lost.
- It allows for scheduling of access.

Server rooms must be locked and accessible only by authorized key access. Visitors (such as service personnel or contractors) should be escorted at all times. Server rooms should not be used for functions that require uncontrolled access (such as storing office supplies).
Doors: Doors must be locked. If card access is used, there should be manual key access as backup. Doors should be constructed using material with a one-hour fire rating and be resistant to being forced open. During a power interruption, the doors should fail-safe, requiring key access for entry and allowing any exit. Doors should be self-closing with no hold-open feature. With card access, an alarm should trigger if a door is forcibly opened or held open for an extended period of time.

Windows: Ideally, a server room should not contain windows. If windows are present, they should be small enough to prevent access into the server room. Blinds or reflective film should be used to limit visibility into the server room. Depending on the server room contents, the windows should have additional bars to prevent theft of critical equipment or protected information.

3.11.3 Fire Safety

Fires have the potential to completely destroy all systems housed within a given building. IT management should ensure that controls exist to properly manage the sources and factors that can lead to fires.

Typical ignition sources include faulty electric devices and wiring and unattended heating devices. IT managers should ensure that no heating devices are used in the server room and that combustible materials (such as chemicals and liquids) are not stored in the server room.

IT managers should ensure that fire extinguishing systems are located in the server room. Fire extinguishing systems can range from hand-held portable devices to large-scale automatic discharge systems. IT managers should ensure that the correct type of extinguisher is housed in the appropriate location.

3.11.4 Electrical Systems

Electrical power is particularly critical in terms of both quality and quantity. IT managers should ensure that appropriate precautions are taken to control the availability and supply of electrical power. These precautions may include:

- Using configurable Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) for both power supply conditioning and redundancy.
- Monitoring the amount of power being drawn if multiple machines are plugged into a single power strip.
- Using antistatic carpeting to protect against static electricity.
- Using line conditioners or surge protectors to protect desktop systems.
- Ensuring that there is a readily available emergency power off switch to shut down the power quickly if required, preferably a single switch for all systems, near an exit, and covered to protect against accidental activation.
- Ensuring automatic generator backup.
IT managers should request a review of power use and electrical system controls by Physical Plant when there are significant changes in the equipment used.

3.11.5 Plumbing and Cooling System (HVAC) Leaks

IT management should consider all options when deciding on the placement of facilities. For instance, critical servers should never be placed directly below water pipelines or air conditioner condensers, in case of leaks.

IT management should ensure that IT support staff know the location of all relevant shutoff valves and understand the procedure that should be followed in the event of a water line failure.

IT managers should request a review of plumbing and cooling system use and controls by Physical Plant when there are significant changes in the building architecture.

3.11.6 Temperature and Humidity Ranges

Often a system will crash or shut down because of high temperatures and/or excessively low humidity levels. IT managers should ensure that temperature and humidity ranges are within acceptable levels and monitored. An automated alert system should be configured to notify the IT manager when temperature and humidity ranges are outside acceptable levels for all critical systems.

3.12 Residential Halls

This section of the VMP explains the procedures used by residential halls to connect student computers to the network and addresses Acceptable Use Policy violations incidents and unauthorized network devices.

Residents moving into residential halls will work with their RezCon Assistant (RCA) in order to gain access to the residential halls network and Internet. Before access is granted, all operating system patches, anti-virus, and anti-spyware definitions need to be updated. Additionally, residents will need to read and accept the RezCon Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Once access has been granted, residents will use a combination of their Red ID and a unique registration code to authenticate. Failure to adhere to the AUP will result in residential halls network and Internet access being disconnected.

3.13 Visitor Security

This section of the VMP addresses proper processes and protections from risk of non-CSU equipment accessing the campus networks, systems, and information.

3.13.1 Vendors/Consultants

SDSU is not liable for vendor property (such as personal or company laptops). Vendors should take precautions to protect their property (such as locking them in cabinets when not in use).
All SDSU software and information must be removed from vendor computers at contract termination. Vendor computers containing CSU protected information must have proper encryption, FIPS-140 approved, with key escrow and management.\footnote{Additional information on full disk encryption, encryption standards, and key management can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Encryption.pdf.}

The reporting IT manager is responsible for ensuring that the vendor has appropriate account access. The vendor’s responsibilities must be clearly outlined in the appropriate contract or service level agreement. The establishment of accounts should be controlled on a need-to-know basis. Accounts should be limited to work-hour access, and from authorized sources only, such as only from SDSU assigned computers or other specified computers. Accounts should be set to expire at contract end or every six months (whichever is less) unless renewed by the reporting IT manager.

The reporting IT manager is responsible for ensuring that all information security requirements pertaining to desktop/laptop security, application security, and account management outlined in this document are adhered to by vendors. Questions involving information and accounts should be addressed to the ISO.

All vendors accessing CSU information should sign a confidentiality agreement and a nondisclosure agreement and agree to abide by all federal and state laws, including notification of vendor-owned computer security breaches containing personal protected information, in coordination with the ISO.

Retention of information by vendors must be authorized by the reporting IT manager. The retention period should only be as long as necessary and adhere to the appropriate data authority guidelines.

The reporting IT manager is responsible for checking with Key Issue to confirm that all card access/keys are turned in at the end of the contract.

**3.13.2 Visiting CSU Staff/Faculty**

Visiting staff/faculty will be held to the same standards as SDSU staff/faculty.

**3.14 Personnel Security**

*This section of the VMP addresses personnel security processes.*

**3.14.1 Background Verification Checks**

Reporting managers should ensure that background verification checks are performed on all candidates for employment and on vendors. The level of detail required in the background checks will depend on factors such as required access to protected or mission-critical information or be proportional to business requirements, and be in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.
Background verification checks may include:

- Business references.
- Personal or character references.
- Academic credentials.
- Professional credentials.
- Employment records.
- Criminal records.
- Financial/credit records.
- Personal identity.

The Center for Human Resources (CHR) is in the process of formalizing the background check verification process. Managers should consult with CHR for implementation.

### 3.14.2 Termination Procedures

All departing SDSU employees must undergo the CHR employee Separation & Clearance process. The CHR process provides an employee separation handout and an online separation and clearance process for managers[^62].

The CHR process ensures that SDSU equipment and software are returned and reminds employees of their continuing obligations and responsibilities, including:

- Ongoing legal responsibilities pertaining to any confidentiality agreements.
- Responsibilities and duties in effect after the termination of employment.

### 3.15 Procurement and Contracts Information Security

This section of the VMP addresses implementing security controls and standards during the procurement of products and services.

#### 3.15.1 PCI DSS Compliance[^63]

In order to maintain campus PCI compliance and identify responsibilities, contracts and procurement buyers, IT managers, and finance officers must include several elements in the contract process whenever credit card payment account numbers (PAN) are processed, stored or transmitted on a vendor managed system or payment application. The University must ensure our vendors appropriately protect the data and assume responsibility if any incidents occur with their managed system or payment software.

Managers must, prior to contracting with a new vendor, ensure that:

[^62]: [http://bfa.sdsu.edu/~person/payroll/separationclearproc.htm](http://bfa.sdsu.edu/~person/payroll/separationclearproc.htm)

[^63]: Refer to the PCI DSS web page for additional information: [https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/index.shtml](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/index.shtml)
The vendor provides the Procurement and Contracts Office with a letter of current PCI DSS compliance from a Qualified Security Assessor or from the credit card issuing company. They coordinate the project with the appropriate finance office to gather documentation, create an appropriately named merchant account, and understand the current standards for credit card processing.64

Procurement and contracts buyers must ensure that contract language includes requirements for vendor to:

- Remain in PCI DSS compliance during the life of the contract. If the original letter of PCI compliance expires during the life of the contract, the vendor must provide an updated letter, prior to expiration, in order for the contract to remain in effect.
- Assume liability for fines, forensic investigations, and damages should a breach of cardholder PAN occur on a vendor managed system or as a result of using the vendor’s payment application.
- Cooperate with campus investigations to determine cause and or scope of an incident (such as providing logs or reviewing code).
- Notify security@sdsu.edu of any breach of managed systems or developed software.

Finance officers must:

- Review the project before it is approved to ensure it meets current PCI and campus standards and documentation (i.e. PCI spreadsheet, system diagram, specific merchant name, encryption, storage of data, current terminal or point of sale hardware, etc.)
- Engage the ISO in the project review if the cardholder PAN is stored on or viewed by any campus systems or networks for both PCI standards review and encryption algorithm and key management approval.

3.15.2 IT Contract

Procurement Buyers will ensure that contracts which involve access to University systems, network, or protected data will be reviewed by the Information Security Office. Any vendors gaining access to protected information will be required to complete the CSU Security Awareness training.

3.98 Self-Assessments

IT management is responsible for ensuring that they and the IT support staff are familiar with the principles outlined in this Information Security Plan and that the controls detailed within the program are appropriately implemented within their operation.

IT management is responsible for completing and signing the Self-Assessment Form on the next page each quarter or semester. Additionally, IT managers should attach to the form a written

64 The Campus Controller will coordinate with the CSU System Wide Office in accordance with ICSUAM 3101.04
plan of improvements they intend to make in areas of their operation where security controls are weak.

The Self-Assessment Form is intended to be a tool for the use of the IT managers. It is not intended to be reported to the IT Security Office. Completion of the assessment form ensures that a periodic and minimal assessment of security practices is performed by IT managers.
### 3.98.1 Self-Assessment Form

#### Figure 3-2: Self-Assessment Form

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*Administrator Signature* | Date |
*At Associate Dean, Director, or higher administrator level

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65 An electronic copy of this form can be found at [http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/Self_Assessment-3.3.xls](http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/Self_Assessment-3.3.xls).
3.99 IT Security Office Assessments

The purpose of the Vulnerability Management Program is to assist the IT Security Office in creating an awareness of the types of threats and vulnerabilities that SDSU faces on a daily basis and to provide remediation of these dangers.

The IT Security Office has several roles. The IT Security Office is responsible for ensuring the information technology security of campus systems and information. In consultation with management as appropriate, the IT Security Office may take steps to remediate security vulnerabilities that are out of compliance with SDSU security standards. Additionally, the IT Security Office will assist and advise IT management and support staff in the implementation of the principles outlined in this program.

The IT Security Office will work with IT management and IT support staff to review the results of the departmental assessments.

Additionally, as part of its University responsibilities, the IT Security Office will conduct security assessments of departmental operations, which may include, but are not limited to, review of:

- Departmental assessment results.
- Data center security.
- Network security\(^66\).
- Desktop security.
- Information security.
- Protected information retention and disposal.
- Surplus security.
- Departmental assumed risks and exceptions.
- Escalation criteria and activations.

Some assessments may be unannounced; others may involve prescheduled coordination with appropriate IT management or IT support staff. Prescheduled assessments that involve coordination will be conducted so as not to seriously impact the schedules of IT management or IT support staff.

All vulnerabilities identified during the assessment will be documented by the IT Security Office for review with the applicable IT manager and IT support staff. Vulnerabilities will be classified as critical, serious, moderate, or low (see Glossary in Appendix B for explanations of these classifications.

IT managers will be responsible for:

- Remediating any critical vulnerability immediately.

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\(^{66}\) Including a review of the documented process for transmitting data over the campus network ICSUAM 300.
- Creating mitigation plans and estimated completion dates for all serious vulnerabilities within two weeks of the review meeting.
- Indicating "assumed risk" for vulnerabilities that cannot be mitigated but that must remain in production.
- Notifying users when there is a security conflict with the system use.
4.0 Introduction to the Security Awareness and Training Program

The Security Awareness and Training Program (SA&T) outline the minimal and optional training and awareness in information security to be provided for faculty, staff, students, and consultants.

This SA&T Program provides details for the following:

- Security awareness training for faculty, staff, and consultants.
- Protected information security awareness for faculty, staff, and consultants.
- Security awareness for residential students.
- Security training for technical support staff and IT management.
- Optional security events for faculty, staff, and students.

The IT Security Office is responsible for understanding campus security needs and for recommending or presenting appropriate materials in a variety of learning settings, including the following:

- Handouts (copies of articles or slide shows and links to websites).
- Staff and faculty communications (new hire letters, payroll letters, etc).
- Meetings (IT Security meetings, department meetings, etc).
- Presentations (video, DVD, web-based, instructor-led, etc).
- University publications (staff/faculty handbooks, SDSUiverse, etc).
- University distribution outlets (portal, kiosk, booklet information, etc).
- Electronic distribution (memos, Wiki/Blackboard, direct e-mails, mailing lists, etc).
- Re-enforcement “freebies” (placards, mouse pads, etc).
- External vendor and association meetings (local chapter meetings, conferences, etc).

IT managers are responsible for preparing and presenting training budget requests for setting aside time for security awareness and training, and for ensuring that the training is implemented.

4.1 Security Awareness Training

The California State University (CSU) system provides a web-based Security Awareness Orientation course, consisting of approximately forty minutes of information and user interaction.

The course was delivered initially in the spring of 2009, and will be refreshed annually. All faculty and staff with access to protected level 1 and student records on Portal, including auxiliary staff and student employees, must complete the initial awareness orientation and refresh every three years.

The awareness training describes CSU and campus information security policies and procedures, focusing on teaching employees who come into contact with CSU assets and systems the risks associated with insecure activities and their responsibilities to comply with CSU policies and procedures. All employees must understand their respective information security responsibilities.
and properly use and protect the information and resources entrusted to them. Completion of the Security Awareness Orientation is required for access to protected information.

Announcements of the awareness training are delivered to each individual trainee through e-mail. IT managers of email servers must ensure the email server does not block training emails from being delivered. Employees need to review their junk or spam folders for email directing them to their required training. The web-based training automatically sends an email reminder to each trainee of an incomplete course every two weeks until completion. In addition, the ISO will send each division representative a list of trainees who have not completed training for follow up each semester.

### 4.2 Protected Information Security Awareness

The Protected Information Security Awareness course will be developed by SDSU and will consist of material that is supplemental to the CSU Security Awareness Training. The course will be specifically designed for employees who have access to large amounts of protected information (such as SSN, driver’s license number, credit card numbers, student records, medical records, etc.).

The course will be delivered each year, and the content will consist of specialized practices and controls for protecting information in accordance with the SDSU Security Plan, incident trends, and new policies and procedures regarding protected information.

Delivery methods for this program may include meetings, web-based presentations, slide presentations, memos, e-mails, newsletters, webcasts, or Wiki/Blackboard presentations.

Announcements of the course may be delivered through e-mail, department meetings, payroll letters, SDSUniverse, or portal announcements.

### 4.3 Residential Student Security Course

The Residential Student Security course will be tailored to meet the requirements of SDSU residential students. The computing environment for residential students is different from other SDSU users in that the campus is their home and their use of the network is for both study and personal use.

The course is provided each fall semester for all incoming residential students. The course is provided prior to granting general network connectivity. The content includes policies and procedures pertaining to the Residence Halls environment and copyright infringement and an explanation of the minimum computer security standards that they will be required to maintain. The emphasis is to teach the residential students prevention of incidents and consideration of the shared computing environment.

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67 See security.sdsu.edu/sa for additional details about the training emails
Delivery methods for this program may include lectures, web-based presentations, video or DVD presentations, slide presentations, or kiosk and booklet information.

Announcements of the course may be delivered through e-mail, during student orientations, or when the residential student signs his/her lease.

4.4 Security Training for IT Management and Technical Support

This security training will be provided or recommended on an ongoing basis by SDSU and consists of material supplemental to the CSU Security Awareness Training. The training is designed for technical and managerial faculty and staff, and the content will consist of technical training in security trends, technologies, and procedures. Table 4-1 illustrates the different types of training needed depending on responsibilities. The target audience for individual security training events will vary depending on the duties and responsibilities of the faculty or staff.

4.4.1 Strategic Managers

Strategic managers provide high-level governance of information and technology functions and dictate the priorities and resources for implementing information security at SDSU. Examples of strategic managers are the University President, Vice Presidents, Associate Vice Presidents, College Deans, Auxiliary Directors, Principal Investigators on projects, and other Directors with operational manager reports.

Strategic managers need understanding of conceptual security risks, controls, incidents, and trends. The strategic manager may not have an IT or information security background, but is responsible for staffing, budgeting, and prioritizing information security for their division, college, auxiliary, or project.

In addition to the CSU Security Awareness Training, strategic manager training can include security leadership workshops and seminars, security articles contained in executive publications, campus security articles, and security discussions with reporting operational managers or campus security officers. Strategic managers should also request and review departmental security assessments periodically from operational managers to ensure that appropriate priority, resources, and training is directed for items out of compliance.

4.4.2 IT Security Officers

The IT Security Office is responsible for a wide range of computing security services to the campus community including:

- Incident response and serve as the primary contact point for SDSU computing security issues.
- Firewall management services.
- Network and host-based security auditing and consulting.
- Intrusion detection services (IDS).
- Secure remote access services (VPN).
- Security awareness and training.
- Security assessments.
- Coordination of the SDSU IT Security Plan.

IT Security Officers are expected to have expert-level knowledge on security services provided and on security issues that affect the University. In addition to the CSU Security Awareness Training, typical security training for security officers will encompass general and specialized understanding of security trends and emerging threats and security technologies and strategic training focused on the implementation of security policies and procedures at both the CSU and SDSU level.
### Table 4-1: IT Managers and Technical Support Training Needs

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<td>Faculty/managers who provide high-level governance that drives priorities and budget for security</td>
<td>Campus Information Security Officers who provide strategic and operational direction to the University</td>
<td>Faculty/managers who direct technical support staff reports or who provide primary technical support of information resources</td>
<td>Faculty/managers/staff who administer technology, including security practices</td>
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<td><strong>Examples</strong></td>
<td>President Vice Presidents Directors of auxiliaries Principle Investigators Directors with Operational Manager reportees</td>
<td>Information Security Officer (ISO) Technical Security Officer (TSO)</td>
<td>Associate Deans Data Center Managers Managers of technical support staff Network Managers Help Desk Managers Desktop Managers</td>
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<td>Conceptual understanding of security risks, controls, incidents, and trends</td>
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Typical sources for IT security officer training are local security organizations, CSU Information Security Advisory Committee (ISAC) meetings, security conferences, security seminars, security workshops and/or webcasts, security mailing lists, and security publications.

The IT Security Office is responsible for recommending appropriate training for the campus and auxiliary faculty and staff. Examples of security awareness and training venues can be found in [http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Sources_Sec_Train.pdf](http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/secplan/docs/Sources_Sec_Train.pdf).
4.4.3 Operational Managers

Operational managers have direct oversight of daily information and technology. Examples of operational managers are College Associate Deans, Data Center Managers, Network Managers, Help Desk Managers, Desktop Managers, and other campus/project/auxiliary faculty and staff responsible for direct management of technical support staff and systems.

A detailed understanding of security risks, controls, trends, and implementations scoped to their area(s) of responsibility is needed in order for operational managers to provide appropriately for secure account management, application security, access control, server and desktop security, change management, physical security, and business continuity and disaster recovery.

Examples of operational management security awareness and training:

- Ensuring that all reporting employees (faculty, students, and staff) and consultants have completed CSU Security Awareness Training.
- Ensuring that reporting technical support staff are also members of the SDSU IT Security mailing list.
- Escalating and reporting department/college progress on security issues and requirements for strategic management for planning and prioritizing.
- Planning for security training when systems are refreshed with new operating systems, hardware, or major applications.\(^{68}\)
- Attending regular IT Security and Academic Affairs IT Coordinator meetings.\(^{69}\)
- Reviewing monthly IT Security/AA IT Coordinator meeting content with staff.
- Reviewing IT Manager/Senate IIT meeting content with designated attendee (or providing status to peers and strategic manager if acting as designee).
- Reviewing security assessment(s), approving plan(s) to close security gaps, and identifying additional security training or consultation needed.
- Perusing trade magazines (Educause, CSO, Network Security, etc. as appropriate to position) for security articles.
- Following up on SDSU IT Security mailing list postings of infected/vulnerable systems, security training, or implementations.
- Reporting applicable security policy or procedural changes from areas of expertise to IT Managers/Senate IIT/AA IT Coordinator or IT Security Office directly (IRB, Financial protections, NTA, WACUBO, etc.).
- Attending general and topic-specific security conferences/workshops/webcasts training courses.

\(^{68}\) May decide to send multiple employees to operational training but only one representative to security training.

\(^{69}\) For Associate Dean operational managers.
Subsequent to employees participating in training or reading training materials, the operational manager needs to ensure that the training is applied by having the employee present a report or presentation either one-on-one with the operational manager or with other employees to provide cross-training and initiate team discussions and planning of applicable security implementations. The operational manager should evaluate the training report and provide feedback at an IT Manager’s meeting or to the IT Security Office so that other departments on campus benefit from avoiding or participating in similar training.

The operational manager should evaluate and budget what training needs to be integrated into their area of responsibility (changes to procedures, consideration of tools, or further training). Most important, the operational manager needs to ensure that other technical support staff are appropriately cross-trained in the materials or are scheduled for attending the course in the future. Depending on the course content, skill level of the individual, and/or the complexity of the material, employees might attend the same training several times in successive years or receive an update less often.

In addition to overseeing SDSU security training and awareness, operational managers may also be liaisons to CSU or other collaborative groups that provide security implementation and information. It is important that operational managers disseminate appropriate information from these meetings to reporting staff and peers on campus.

4.4.4 Technical Support

Technical support staff is responsible for administering information technology. Examples of technical support staff are Database Administrators, Analyst/Programmers, Data Center Operators, Desktop and Server Administrators, Security Analysts and Administrators, and Network Technicians. In addition to the CSU Security Awareness Training, technical support staff needs a detailed understanding of security implementations, incidents, and trends scoped to their area of responsibility.

SDSU provides for technical support training in a number of ways:

- Attendance at/review of monthly IT Security meetings.
- SDSU IT Security mailing list articles, incident information, and training courses.
- Security articles.
- Meetings with operational manager regarding implementation, planning, and trends.
- Security conferences/workshops/webcasts scoped to area of responsibility.
- Security publications scoped to area of responsibility.

Security training can be expensive not only in cost of the course but also in time taken away from the performance of other duties. Technical support selected for security training need to share the results of the training with their operational managers and department/college peers to maximize the value of the training. Any deficiencies or issues with the training should be

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70 These duties and the training may apply to faculty, staff, or student employees.
71 Each department/college sends at least one liaison to the monthly IT Security meetings.
reported to the IT Security Office directly or through the operational manager to assist with identification of effective training venues.

As with operational managers, technical support may also be liaisons to CSU or other collaborative groups that provide security implementation and information. It is important that technical support disseminate information from these meetings to reporting managers and peers on campus through their operational manager and IT security meetings.

4.5 **Additional Security Activities**

From time to time other ad hoc events may be provided that would highlight security trends (such as an increase in types and number of incidents or incidents involving new technologies) or promote special security actions (such as Security Awareness month or new legislative security laws or CSU directives).

Additional security events may include lectures, webcasts, web-based presentations, class announcements, information in student newspapers and portal, walkway events, handouts (CDs, booklets, etc), panels and forums, demonstrations, seminars, questionnaires, games (such as jigsaw puzzles, word searches, scavenger hunts, and so on), campus TV and/or radio programs, Wiki/Blackboard and kiosk presentations, and campus-wide promotions of Homeland Security Awareness month.

Announcements of special events may be delivered through the web portal, class announcements, posters, SDSUniverse, *The Daily Aztec*, SDSU events calendar, or campus e-mail.
# Appendix A: Acronyms

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<td>Apple Filing Protocol</td>
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<td>ANSI</td>
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<td>AS</td>
<td>Anti-spyware</td>
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<td>CHR</td>
<td>Center for Human Resources</td>
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<td>CIO</td>
<td>Chief Information Officer</td>
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<td>COTS</td>
<td>Commercial-off-the-shelf</td>
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<td>CPU</td>
<td>Central Processing Unit</td>
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<td>CSU</td>
<td>The California State University</td>
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<td>CVS</td>
<td>Concurrent Versions System</td>
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<td>Digital Signature Algorithm</td>
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<td>DVD</td>
<td>Digital Versatile Disk (formerly Digital Video Disk)</td>
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<td>Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm</td>
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POPS
RAID
RAM
RCA
RDP
Red ID
RPC
RSA
SA&T
SDSU
Senate IIT
SFTP
SHA
SHS
SIMS/R
SIRP
SIRT
SQL
SSH
SSL
SSN
TA
Tax ID
TCP
TNS
TSO
UCO
UDP

Internet protocol
Institutional Review Board
Intern Student Assistant
Information Security Advisory Committee
Information Security Officer
Information Systems Security Association
Information Technology
Information Technology Security Office
Minimum Workstation and Software Site License Subcommittee
Network basic input/output system
Network interface card
Operating system
Organizational Unit
Open Web Application Security Project
Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
Personal Digital Assistant
PHP Hypertext Preprocessor
Public Key Infrastructure
Post Office Protocol over SSL
Redundant Array of Independent Disks
Random Access Memory
RezCon Assistant
Remote Desktop Protocol
SDSU Identification Number
Remote Procedure Call
Rivest Shamir Adleman
Security and Awareness Training
San Diego State University
Senate Instructional and Informational Technology
Secure File Transfer Protocol
Secure Hash Algorithm
Student Health Services
Student Information Management Systems/Relational
Security Incident Response Program
Security Incident Response Team
Structured Query Language
Secure Shell
Secure Sockets Layer
Social Security number
Teacher Assistant
Tax Identification Number
Transmission Control Protocol
Telecommunications and Network Services
Technology Security Officer
University Computing Operations
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Appendix B: Glossary

**Active Protection**: Active Protection is a service that runs on a designated system and can monitor both for attempts to change specific security configuration settings and for attempts to install spyware. If it detects a change it responds by immediately by changing the setting back to the original value, protecting the machine from the effects of the spyware. The Active Protection service also enables the system to automatically perform scans and remediation on a continuous or scheduled basis.

**Aggregate Data**: is a collection of data that are gathered together to form a total quantity of data.

**Attended Fax**: Someone physically present at each end of the fax machine--one waiting to send and the other waiting to remove the fax upon completion.

**Computer Account**: The combination of a user number, username, or user ID with a password that allows an individual access to a computer or network.

**Computer Forensics**: Computer forensics is the analysis of data processing equipment—typically a home computer, laptop, server, or office workstation—to determine if the equipment has been used for illegal, unauthorized, or unusual activities. It can also include monitoring a network for the same purpose.

**Computer Resources**: In the context of these guidelines, this phrase refers to the computers, network, software, and hardware that make electronic data or information available to users.

**Container**: Box, envelope, folder, or other object that holds objects. Does not include electronic mobile devices such as cell phones, flash drives, and so on.

**Data, Confidential**: Data requiring a high level of protection due to the risk and magnitude of loss or harm that could result from disclosure, alteration, or destruction of the data. This includes records about individuals requiring protection as well as information the improper use or disclosure of which could adversely affect the ability of the University to accomplish its mission.

**Data, Public**: Information that can be made generally available both within and beyond the University.

**Data, Sensitive**: Information that requires some level of protection because its unauthorized disclosure, alteration, or destruction would cause perceivable damage to the University.

**Data Owner**: The individual or department that can authorize access to information, data, or software and that is responsible for the integrity and accuracy of that information, data, or software. The data owner can be the author of the information, data, or software or can be the individual or department that has negotiated a license for the University’s use of the information, data, or software.
**Denial of Service:** Action(s) that prevent any part of an information system from functioning in accordance with its intended purpose. Usually this comes in the form of flooding a system with so much bogus information it is prevented from servicing normal and legitimate requests.

**Dial-up:** A temporary connection between machines established with modems over a standard phone line.

**Discussed Verbally:** Includes communication through sign language as well as spoken communication in any language.

**Firewall:** Standard security measure composed of a system or combination of systems that enforce borders between two or more networks. A firewall regulates access between these networks based on security policies. To enable information to travel in and out of a protected network, holes or “ports” must be opened in the firewall.

**Forensic Image:** If data are stored in a computer or similar device, any printout or other output readable by sight, shown to reflect the data accurately, is an “original.”

**Hacker:** (1) According to *The New Hacker’s Dictionary*, a hacker is a clever computer programmer, who does not necessarily engage in illegal activities. (2) In the media, a Hacker refers to a person who illegally breaks in or attempts to break into a computer system.

**IT Manager:** Although this term includes positions such as Executive Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Assistant Vice Presidents, Divisional Managers, and Departmental Managers; an IT manager is not necessarily a member of the Management Personnel Plan. Some IT managers have oversight over campus servers, network infrastructure, and datacenters (mail server, calendar server, campus portal, telecommunications, etc.). Other IT managers are faculty responsible for classroom labs, applications, and systems for teaching coursework or performing research. Still other IT managers are responsible for technology tools (desktops, printers, faxes, PDAs, etc.). At times the roles of IT manager and IT support staff may be carried out by the same person (e.g., the same person who manages a system is responsible for applying the appropriate security controls). All IT managers are responsible for ensuring that IT support staff apply the minimum protections described in the SDSU Information Security Plan and for ensuring that the minimum procedures for protecting information are followed.

**IT Support Staff:** Includes Analyst/Programmers, Equipment System Specialists, Information Technology Consultants, Instructional Support Assistants and Technicians, Network Analysts, Operations Specialists, and Operating System Analysts. Primary responsibilities include the installation, configuration, and maintenance of computerized systems and network devices.

**Key Encryption:** A private (or secret) key is an encryption/decryption key known only to the party or parties that exchange secret messages. In traditional secret key cryptography, a key would be shared by the communicators so that each could encrypt and decrypt messages. The risk in this system is that if either party loses the key or it is stolen, the system is broken.
A public key is a value provided by some designated authority as an encryption key that, combined with a private key derived from the public key, can be used to effectively encrypt messages and digital signatures. In public key encryption, a message encrypted with a recipient’s public key cannot be decrypted by anyone except the recipient possessing the corresponding private key. This is used to ensure confidentiality.

Asymmetric (or public key) encryption is a form of cryptography in which a user has a pair of cryptographic keys: a public key and a private key. The private key is kept secret, while the public key may be widely distributed. The keys are related mathematically, but the private key cannot be practically derived from the public key. A message encrypted with the public key can be decrypted only with the corresponding private key.

Symmetric (or secret key) encryption uses a single private or secret key for both encryption and decryption.

**Key Logger**: A program that runs invisibly in the background, recording all keystrokes, usually saving the results to a log file.

**Network**: A group of computers and peripherals that share information electronically, typically connected with each other by either cable or modem or wirelessly.

**Normal Resource Limits**: The amount of disk space, memory, printing, and so forth allocated to your computer account by that computer’s system administrator.

**Password Protected Voice Messaging**: Requires a unique password to access voice messages.

**Pharming**: Similar in nature to e-mail phishing, pharming seeks to obtain personal or private (usually financially related) information through domain spoofing. Rather than being spammed with malicious and mischievous e-mail requests for you to visit spoof websites that appear legitimate, pharming “poisons” a DNS server by infusing false information into the DNS server, resulting in a user’s request being redirected elsewhere. Your browser, however, will show that you are at the correct website, which makes pharming a bit more serious and more difficult to detect. Phishing attempts to scam people one at a time with an e-mail while pharming allows the scammers to target large groups of people at one time through domain spoofing.

**Phishing**: The act of sending e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft. The e-mail directs the user to visit a website where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and credit card, social security, and bank account numbers, that the legitimate organization already has. The website, however, is bogus and set up only to steal the user’s information.

**Physically Secured**: Requiring a key or combination to access (can be locked built-in overheads, a file cabinet, heavy bin, or a vault).
Port Scanning: Sending queries to servers on the Internet in order to obtain information about their services and level of security. On Internet hosts (TCP/IP hosts), there are standard port numbers for each type of service. Port scanning is also widely used to find out if a network can be compromised.

Private Area: This is an area within the working environment in which reasonable safeguards have been taken to keep verbal discussions of protected information from being overhead by unauthorized individuals. This may include cordoned off areas in an open space or an enclosed office. Public areas such as stairwells, elevators, and restrooms are not considered private.

Protected Information: Protected level 1 information is information primarily protected by statutes, regulation, other legal obligation, or mandate. The CSU has identified specific guidelines regarding the disclosure of this information to parties outside the University and the controls needed to protect the unauthorized access, modification, transmission, storage, or other use.

Protected level 2 information is information that must be guarded due to proprietary, ethical, or privacy considerations. Campus guidelines will indicate the controls needed to protect the unauthorized access, modification, transmission, storage, or other use.

Protected level 3 information is information that is regarded as publicly available. These information values are either explicitly defined as public information (such as state employee salary ranges), intended to be available to individuals both on campus and off campus (such as an employee’s work e-mail address), or not specifically classified elsewhere in the protected information classification standard. Publicly available information may still be subject to appropriate SDSU campus review or disclosure procedures to mitigate potential risks of inappropriate disclosure.

Root Kit: A collection of tools that allows a hacker to provide a backdoor into a system, collect information on other systems on the network, capture passwords and message traffic to and from a computer, mask the fact that the system is compromised, etc.

Security Level Tagging: Involves applying a descriptor or tag to a documentation item that explains the relative level of security that should be applied to that item. For instance, protected level 1, protected level 2, and protected level 3 are descriptors or tags used in this document to describe the relative level of security given to protected information.

Server: A server is defined as an application or device that has the ability to perform services for more than one connected client as part of a client-server architecture.

Shredder: Should be an electronic cross-cut shredding machine.

Spam: Unsolicited (usually commercial) e-mail sent to a large number of addresses.

Spear Phishing: A type of phishing attack that focuses on a single user or department within an organization addressed from someone within the company in a position of trust and requesting
information such as login IDs and passwords. Spear phishing scams will often appear to be from a company’s own human resources or technical support division and may ask employees to update their username and passwords. Once hackers get this data they can gain entry into secured networks. Another type of spear phishing attack will ask users to click on a link, which deploys spyware that can thieve data.

**Spyware**: On the Internet, “spyware is programming that is put in someone’s computer to secretly gather information about the user and relay it to advertisers or other interested parties.”

As such, spyware is cause for public concern about privacy on the Internet.

**Sync**: Synchronization. Two devices are said to be in sync when they are locked together with respect to time, so that the events generated by each of them will always fall into predicable time relationships.

**Trojan Horse**: A malicious program that disguises itself as a beneficial or entertaining program but that actually damages a computer or installs code that can counteract security measures (perhaps by collecting passwords) or perform other tasks (such as launching a distributed denial of service attack). Unlike a computer virus, a Trojan horse does not replicate itself.

**Unattended in Work Area**: Someone with authorization to the information is not present to physically prevent unauthorized access.

**University**: This term is used not only to apply to the main SDSU campus but also to its auxiliary organizations and all other SDSU locations, such as satellite campuses locations and research stations.

**Virtual Private Network (VPN)**: A VPN is a way to provide remote access to an organization’s network via the Internet. VPNs send data over the public Internet through secure “tunnels.”

**Virus**: A small, self-replicating, malicious program that attaches itself to an executable file or vulnerable application and delivers a payload that ranges from annoying to extremely destructive. A file virus executes when an infected file is accessed. A macro virus infects the executable code embedded in Microsoft Office programs that allow users to generate macros.

**Vulnerabilities**: Critical level vulnerabilities are those that need to be escalated to the IT manager for immediate remediation:

- Serious level vulnerabilities are those for which remediation action needs to begin immediately, with a target remediation completion date of one week or less.
- Moderate level vulnerabilities are those that need to have a target remediation completion date of one month or less.
- Low level vulnerabilities are those that need to be reported to the IT security office, but for which remediation may be discretionary based on risk.

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**Worm:** A computer program that replicates itself and is self-propagating. Worms, as opposed to viruses, are meant to spawn in network environments.
Appendix C: Final Authorities

The data authorities responsible for creating and implementing campus retention schedules and procedures include:

- The Registrar for Educational Student Records.
- The Associate Vice President for Administration.
- The Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs.
- The Campus Privacy Officer for Medical Information.
- The Controller for Financial Information.
- The Associate Director for Associated Students.
- The Chief Executive Officer for the Research Foundation.
- The Chief Executive Officer for Aztec Shops.
- The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Information Officer for the Campanile Foundation.
Appendix D: Determining Access to Protected Information

When considering a new account for an employee it is important that the manager weigh the risks of providing and maintaining the account against the critical need for the employee to have the account to complete their day-to-day work.

The risks for confidential information accounts are many:

- Firewall rules need be opened to allow access to the secure data by the employee. Every opened firewall rule decreases the security of all the computers protected by the firewall, not just the particular computer the employee needs to access.

- If the employee’s desktop were to be compromised, the firewall would not block access to an intruder attempting to compromise the confidential data. Desktop compromises occur regularly on the SDSU network because of the openness of our network, software being susceptible to human error (such as malicious e-mail attachments or web links), poor desktop security, and compromised malicious websites visited by employees.

- Computer compromises can also originate from employees. Statistically, insider threats can be equal if not greater than outsider threats. The more employees with access, the greater the chance of an insider compromise. Although auditing should be in place at the network and desktop level to monitor malicious employee activities, auditing does not stop the compromise; it only detects it after it has occurred.

- Confidential data compromises not only cost the University time and money to manage the incident and secure the data, they present a risk to our users’ personal data if accessed for the purposes of identity theft or fraud, which, because of the California Database Notification Act, can also cost thousands of dollars in notification costs whether the data is misused or not. Each department must pay for all costs incurred as a result of a computer compromise.

Before requesting an account with access to confidential data, managers need to ask themselves, “Is there another way the work can be completed without this employee having a new account?” Security needs should be compared to operational needs. If access to confidential data is needed infrequently (i.e., student records are looked up by the employee a few times a week), then it is best to enlist another employee, who already accesses student record data more frequently, to provide the service, rather than request an additional employee account.

All confidential accounts should be approved by a Data Custodian, a manager responsible for securing the data and limiting access. When in doubt of the need for an account, managers should contact the Data Custodian and discuss alternatives. Exercising discernment and limiting confidential data access is the most cost-effective and operationally simple means of effecting security for all University management.
**Appendix E: Data Center Physical Security**

This appendix outlines additional physical and environmental security controls, which would be excessive for most server rooms but which are appropriate for data centers. All physical and environmental security controls listed in Section 3.11 apply as baseline requirements for data centers; the following controls should be used to augment this baseline set of controls.

**E.1 Physical Access to the Data Center**

Physical access to the data center should be controlled, starting outside the entrance. The area around the data center should be considered a restricted access area. IT managers should ensure that personnel who are authorized to access a restricted access area should carry easily recognizable identifiers, such as badges. Visiting personnel (such as service personnel or contractors) should be escorted at all times and should sign-in and sign-out in a secure log.

The data center walls and ceilings should be constructed using material with an appropriate fire rating. Walls should be reinforced in areas around doors and windows and should extend from the floor to the structural ceiling leaving no space for an intruder to climb over a partition. The ceiling should be sufficiently waterproof to prevent leakage from an upper floor. The data center floor should be raised and should be constructed using material with a two-hour fire rating. The floor should be electrically grounded and be made up of a non-conducting material.

For mission-critical servers, a sign-in/sign-out key access log may be used. Power outlets, UPSs, keyboards and mice, console screens, KVM switches, and so on should also be protected within the lockable cage. Additionally, on mission-critical servers, floppy/CD/DVD/USB drives should be disabled, removed, or require authentication for use.

Perimeter security should include the use of cameras for monitoring and heat-sensitive alarms for alerts when temperatures are unsafe for computers.

**E.2 Electrical Systems**

Because of the high requirements for electrical use, data centers should install power line monitors to detect changes in frequency and voltage amplitude and electrical line filters to filter voltage spikes. Proper grounding for all electrical devices is necessary to protect against short circuits and static electricity. IT managers are responsible for ensuring that an appropriate load is assigned to each power outlet (if in doubt, Physical Plant should be consulted). Additionally, a backup power source or generator should be used to protect against long duration power failures.
Appendix F: Memorandum from President Weber

February 26, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: SDSU Faculty and Staff

FROM: Stephen L. Weber, President

Re: Computing Resources

I am writing to ensure that we all have a clear understanding of the obligation we and San Diego State University have to protect our computing resources, including confidential information. Let me summarize the activities that have been and will be undertaken to meet those obligations, and the consequences should an individual or department fail to meet those obligations.

Multiple federal and state laws, as well as policies of the California State University, require that confidential or personal information be protected. The definition of what is information to be protected varies by the particular law or policy, but this generally includes records that pertain to personal identity, financial or health information, and/or student grades and similar data. Examples include: Social Security numbers, grades, dates of birth, patient medical records, and driver's license and credit card information. In addition to imposed legal and policy obligations, we also have a fiduciary duty to protect the information entrusted to us by our colleagues, our students, our alumni, and others of our campus community. Most of all, it is the right thing to do.

There is no single technology that can protect information. The only effective approach involves multiple layers of protective action, aided by technology. Security practices are being incorporated into a comprehensive campus information security plan.

As university employees, we all share in the responsibility to be familiar with, and abide by, existing campus policies and procedures concerning information security. These can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/. References to applicable federal and state laws can be found at the same site, including appropriate use of state resources.

We are each responsible to securely manage and use technology, including desktop or portable computers, servers, wireless devices, or portable storage media such as flash drives. Secure management means availing ourselves of the technical direction of departmental IT staff to ensure that machines are always secured with the latest patches and protective software. Secure use of technology requires that employees are aware of risks inherent with computing in a shared environment, including Internet browsing and email communications. Adherence to SDUS's Computing Acceptable Use Policy http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/aup.html reduces exposure to these risks.
In furtherance of our continuing efforts to maximize good security practices, a number of actions are underway:

- Completion of the detailed campus information security plan, which is a manual for management and technical IT support staff across campus. The first completed section of the plan, concentrating on how to respond to a security incident, can be found at http://security.sdsu.edu/policy/SIRP.pdf. Other sections include the Vulnerability Management Program, the Security Awareness and Training Program, and the Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Program, which we expect to complete by July 2007.

- Completion of the network infrastructure build-out, scheduled for April 2007. Concurrent with this build-out, unauthorized routers and hubs will be removed from the network while providing improved service to our campus community.

- Enhancement of our network protection system that will only allow pre-approved traffic to access our computing resources. This will greatly reduce the possibility of unauthorized access to our systems, reducing the risk of possible damage to our resources or access to valuable and confidential information. The first phase will be the installation of additional network firewalls in February 2007. This will be followed in the spring with additional hardware and software systems in support of the California State University Chancellor’s Office security improvement project.

- An increase in network and system scans, surveys, and other activities to assess the campus’s vulnerability to security attacks and to identify mitigating measures.

It is essential that each of us cooperate with the Information Technology Security Office and other University IT staff assigned to manage and secure the network, systems, and information. Because we all share the same network, violations of policy and good practice by one individual endanger all of us, including those individuals whose confidential information is entrusted to us. Failure to follow policies and/or violation of applicable laws involves consequences that range from loss of connection to the campus network and disciplinary proceedings, to possible criminal or civil actions and the requirement for the relevant campus department and division to bear the costs associated with security breach.

In summary, no part of our fast-changing world is moving more quickly than information technology. To give you a sense of the realities we face, we are now averaging over one million attempts per hour to probe and attack our systems. We each share the same professional responsibility in managing our students' information as well as in caring for our own information.

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Appendix G: CSU Information Security Clarification Memorandum

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

March 28, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: CSU Presidents

FROM: Charles B. Reed
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Information Security Clarification

This is to clarify the extent to which we need to ensure the security of confidential information of our students, faculty, and staff. While my March 26, 2003 memo focused on confidential information contained in our new CMS system, the protection we need to provide extends to all of our computer systems—both old and new.

Therefore, let me reiterate our policy:

- No CSU employee will be granted access to confidential information in the CSU without review and written approval by the campus President or Vice President for Administration. Such approval will only be granted in cases where the access is required for the employee to perform a critical university function that is part of the employee's job duties.

- CSU employees who currently have such access to confidential information must undergo this review and written approval process in order to continue their access capability. This re-approval of employees with confidential information access must be completed immediately or such access will be revoked.

- Employees approved for security access must sign a confidentiality document.

- A current list of employees with copies of their written access approval document and confidentiality agreement must be kept on file in the campus human resource department.

- Periodic electronic audits may be conducted at any time to track employee access to confidential information.

Once again, I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

cc. Vice Presidents, Administration and Finance

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## Appendix Z: Version Review Log

### Table Z-1: Information Security Plan Version Review Log

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