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# Should Standards be Mandated?

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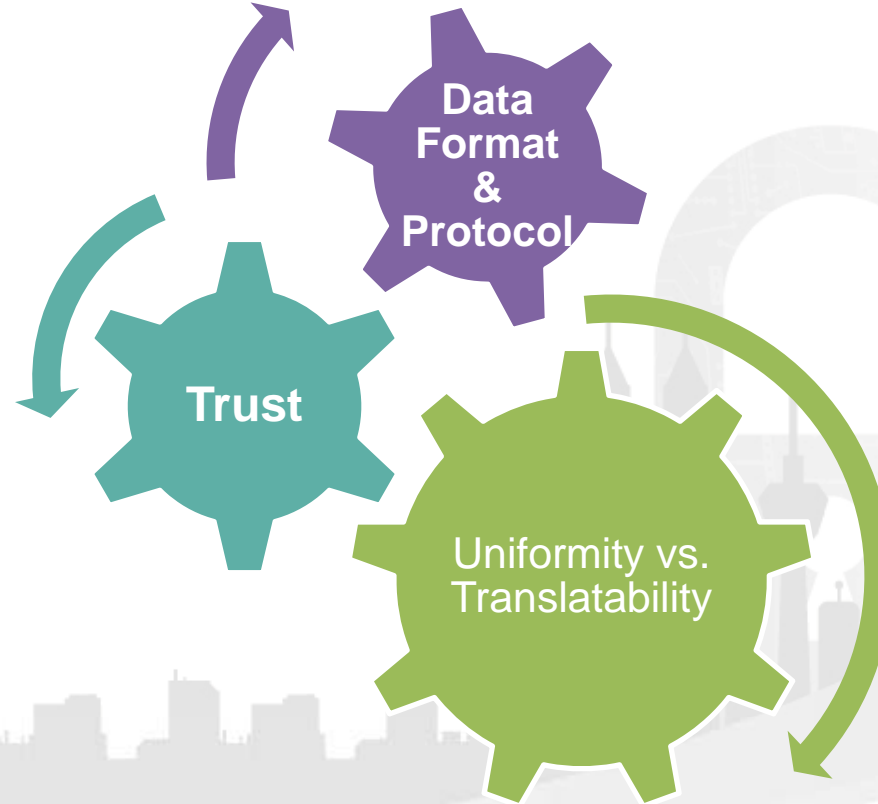


# About cyber security Standards

- ❖ assist organizations to practice safe security techniques to minimize attacks in Cyber space.
- ❖ used as guard against identity theft, trade secrets, proprietary information, and personally identifiable information (PII) of customers or employees

# What Standards can do

## Interoperability



# Baseline

Raise the bar

Eliminate Known  
issues

Narrow or close  
communication gaps

Ease testing &  
updating

# Content of a good Standard

- **Plan-Do-Check-Act approach.**
- **Mature and stable.**
- **Not contradicting or in conflict with corporate or international standards.**
- **Clear and easy to understand.**
- **Systematic.**
- **Realistic and practical.**
- **Solves all parts of the problem.**
- **Well structured and organized. Measurable.**
- **Has a clear accreditation and certification process.**
- **Widely followed and adapted.**

## Some standards

- Widely recognized security standard is International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission [ISO/IEC 27002], consists of two basic parts i.e. BS 7799 part 1 and BS 7799 part 2.
- Both of these parts were created by British Standards Institute (BSI).
- Part 1 provides an outline or good practice guide for cyber security management
- Part 2 provides a framework for certification

# Cont.

- ISO/IEC JTC 1 Subcommittee 27 Cybersecurity
- ISO/IEC 27017 – Guidelines on information security controls for the use of cloud computing services based on ISO/IEC 27002

# Pros and Cons of Having Standard

- Ease automation, facilitate better protection e.g. security updates
- Eliminate known security weaknesses
- Consistent practices ease recognition of expectation
  
- Mass deployment of weak or vulnerable security mechanisms
- Create false sense of security
- Slow to change
- Overlapping and intersection between standards.
- Overlapping and varying abbreviations and definitions.





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