

# Companies can learn from Government when it comes to protecting data, says BeCrypt

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Mindset of 'Facebook Generation' expecting easy access to and sharing of data in organisations must change as security risks of data are highlighted in high profile cases

BeCrypt, a leading supplier of data security solutions to the public and private sector, states that companies need to learn from government if they are to protect confidential and sensitive data from theft or loss. In his recently published article<sup>1</sup>, Dr Bernard Parsons, CEO of BeCrypt, claims that today's technology has placed similar demands on the private and public sector, whether it be to protect national secrets, intellectual property or personal information. The UK government's response to recent high profile public sector data breaches in 2008 has resulted with a published framework that accompanies the existing data classification requirements. Such a framework of 'culture change' can also be adopted by organisations in the private sector to implement policies that protect information.

Dr. Bernard Parsons, CEO at BeCrypt said; "The established systems and processes of protectively marking - or classifying – data that have worked well for the Government for decades have failed to meet today's demands. The critical mass of data breaches publicised last year have also brought other previously unnoticed examples to light that have created a catalyst for change.

"The Government's response has been to shift the focus to measure data loss in terms of risk, associated with loss of confidentiality, integrity or availability and the impact to the organisation. Companies can learn from this framework to manage their own data security, however, a 'sea change' to a risk management culture is required. There are also technological solutions available today that provide the security assurance to government graded levels and that can be deployed across the organisation to manage the access, flow and safeguarding of data.

The Government Security Policy Framework and the Information Assurance Maturity Model have been published and provide a practical framework for IA compliance. They contain effective guidelines that are open to review by all, the lessons for Corporations are there to be learnt and adopted."

BeCrypt provides a range of security solutions from disk encryption, media encryption, data protection and remote access products that can be configured to the individual needs of an organisation. Its data security products protect the data and information on desktops, laptops, PDAs, USB sticks, mobile devices and removable media such as CDs. Its encryption products are certified by the leading government security assurance schemes, including CESSG Assisted Products Scheme (CAPS), CCT Mark, Defence INFOSEC Procurement Co-Operation Group (DIPCOG)

<sup>1</sup>For a copy of the article: 'Classified Information...Can companies learn from Government?' by Dr Bernard Parsons, CEO of Becrypt Ltd., please contact: Andreina West, on 01491 639500 or via email: [andreina@pra-ltd.co.uk](mailto:andreina@pra-ltd.co.uk).

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## About BeCrypt

BeCrypt Limited was formed in 2001 to meet the growing demand for high-level computer encryption products in the international government and corporate marketplace. BeCrypt products protect customers in key UK government areas including: central and local government, the defence sector, law enforcement and transportation.

The company now also provides a range of flexible security products tailored to meet the requirements of the commercial sector. BeCrypt has customers in financial services, pharmaceutical, insurance and banking sectors.

BeCrypt's DISK Protect Baseline and DISK Protect Enhanced products have been designed to meet stringent government security standards and have been approved by the UK Government.

BeCrypt data security products are packaged and sold by a number of high profile organisations under OEM licence.

BeCrypt has won an award from the Department of Trade and Industry for innovative technology and has patents pending on a number of unique security technologies.

BeCrypt is a privately owned company based in London with additional offices in Washington, DC.

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