

Information Security & Privacy

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Overview of ARC



- \$77+ billion settlement last year
- 20,000+ Accredited travel agencies
- 150+ Corporate Travel Department locations
- 170+ Participating global carriers
- 18 System Providers

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- CSO reporting to the President & CEO
- Converged - Information & Physical security, Privacy
- Funding - budget
- Developed new security program and team
- Enterprise Architecture Review Board

- Identify Risks
- Map with Company Strategic Plan
- Initial quantitative analysis - score
- Mitigation (Approval for funding)
- Review resulting Risk scores

- Most companies have to comply with multiple regulations
- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard*
- EU Safe Harbor
- First to be compliant in travel industry
- First in the world to encrypt Teradata
- Internal compliance effort is "Continuous"
- Save money & effort - Combined PCI and Internal Audits
- Proactive and holistic approach (No checklist)

Note: PCI DSS copy rights are owned by PCI Security Standard Council

Secrity is incomplete without "U"

- Mandatory attendance to CSO presentation
- Web based, online class
- Personal safety and Identity Theft
- Awareness Event with fun themes (Jeopardy)
- Brochure with security team cell phone nos.
- Teaser movie - CEO (Mission Impossible), CFO participation
- Fun - CSO - Inspector Clouseau
- CSO briefings at monthly staff meetings

- All PCI requirements – included as baseline
- Raised The Bar (added more controls)
- Reviewed ISO 2700X, and other frameworks

Protect Confidential data



- Discover where the data is, who has access
- Classification
- Retention
- Data going out (Highest risk)
- Data at rest
- PII (Personally Identifiable Information)

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- Encryption - laptops\desktops, email, database, mainframe, backup tapes, and CD
- Log and security event management
- Application Layer Firewall (PCI 6/30/2008)
- Code review
- Agile and Secure coding – OWASP, Payment Application Data Security Standard*
- Data Loss Prevention (Storage, Transit, End Point)
- Virtualization

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Access Control

- User Provisioning - ARC Identity Manager
- Data Steward approval – Justification – Periodic Reviews

Stronger authentication

- Enterprise Directory (LDAP) to support Portal and application integration

- Centralized access control
- Cameras\Digital Video Recorders
- Strict identification and access
- Strong authentication (2 factor – PIN\Biometric)
- Shredding, supervised destruction of media

NOTE: “Social Engineering” attack education

Track & monitor access

- Security Event Monitoring solutions
- Real time blocking and sending alerts
- Database monitoring
- Capture complete user session

Regular testing

- Internal (Dedicated resources)
- External scanning (Approved Scanning Vendor – SaaS)
- IDS/IPS (at multiple levels – Defense In Depth)
- Lead CSIRT meetings, review breaches and incidents

- Develop, Educate, Enforce
- Simplify, Consolidate, Update
- Acknowledgement
- Investigate violations, report to HR for action
- Monthly Review with President & CEO
- Third party compliance, contract review, audit

Positive Results



- Business enabler for critical projects (e.g. Prepaid MasterCard Travel card offered by ARC)
- “Best In Class” – Leader, SANS Security Summit, CSO\CISO forums, Case studies – Aberdeen, PCI Security Standard Council, Hospitality Industry conference
- Competitive Differentiator in RFP
- Final on site audits are easier, BoD, Audit committee
- Winner 2007 CSO magazine Compass Award
- Winner 2008 TDWI “Data Governance”

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Thank you.

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