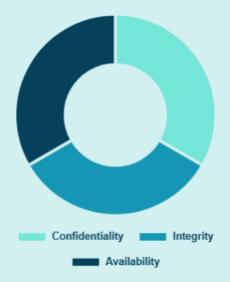
# **The CIA Triad**

The foundational model for information security, representing the three core principles that must be upheld to protect data in any system.

### **An Interactive Overview**

The principles of Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability are interconnected and equally crucial for a robust security posture. Click on a segment of the donut chart below to navigate directly to that principle's section.



### Confidentiality

This principle is about keeping information secret and preventing unauthorized access. Think of it as a lock on a diary—only authorized people should be able to read it.

#### **Encryption**

The process of converting data into a coded format to prevent unauthorized access.

#### **Least Privilege**

Giving users only the minimum access they need to do their job, no more.

#### **Access Control**

Restricting who can view or access data based on their identity and permissions.

### Integrity

This principle ensures that data is accurate and trustworthy. It's about preventing unauthorized changes to information.

#### Hashing

A one-way function that creates a unique "fingerprint" for data. If the data is changed, the fingerprint changes, alerting you to the modification.

#### **Digital Signatures**

Cryptographic mechanisms that verify the authenticity and integrity of a message or document.

#### **Data Validation**

Checking data as it's entered or processed to ensure it meets certain rules and constraints.

## Availability

This ensures that systems and data are accessible to authorized users when needed.

#### Redundancy

Having backup systems or data to ensure services can continue if one component fails.

#### Disaster Recovery Planning

A formal plan to recover IT systems and data after a major disruption.

#### **Backup & Recovery**

Regularly creating copies of data and having a tested process to restore them.