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# Introduction

The proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices has led to an increasingly heterogeneous and complex network environment. Ensuring seamless communication, data exchange, and interoperability between devices and systems from different vendors is crucial for realizing the full potential of the IoT ecosystem. This policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for selecting, implementing, and managing interoperability protocols for IoT devices within the organisation.

# Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for promoting interoperability and seamless data exchange within the organisation's IoT environment. This policy aims to:

* Enable efficient and reliable communication between IoT devices and systems, regardless of their manufacturer or underlying technology.
* Facilitate the integration of new IoT devices and systems into the existing infrastructure.
* Support data sharing and collaboration across different IoT platforms and applications.
* Enhance the overall functionality and value of the IoT ecosystem.

# Scope

This policy applies to all IoT devices, systems, and applications within the organisation that require communication and data exchange with other devices or systems.

# Policy Statement

## Adoption of Standardised Protocols

* **Preference for Standards:** The organisation shall prioritise the use of widely adopted and recognised industry standards for IoT interoperability protocols. Examples include:
  + OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA)
  + Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT)
  + Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)
* **Open Standards:** Open standards shall be preferred over proprietary protocols to promote interoperability and avoid vendor lock-in.

## Protocol Selection and Evaluation

* **Suitability Assessment:** The selection of interoperability protocols shall be based on a thorough assessment of their suitability for the specific IoT use case, considering factors such as:
  + Data type and volume
  + Bandwidth and latency requirements
  + Security and privacy considerations
  + Power consumption and resource constraints of IoT devices
  + Compatibility with existing systems and infrastructure

## Secure Configuration and Implementation

* **Secure Defaults:** Protocols shall be configured with secure default settings, disabling any unnecessary features or services.
* **Encryption and Authentication:** Strong encryption and authentication mechanisms shall be employed to protect the confidentiality and integrity of data transmitted over the network.
* **Access Control:** Access to IoT devices and systems shall be restricted based on defined roles and responsibilities, utilizing appropriate access control mechanisms.

## Interoperability and Compatibility

* **Testing and Validation:** The interoperability and compatibility of IoT devices and systems utilizing standardised protocols shall be thoroughly tested and validated before deployment.
* **Version Control:** The use of specific protocol versions shall be managed and controlled to ensure compatibility and avoid potential security issues.

# Responsibilities

* **Information Security Officer:** Responsible for overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this policy.
* **IT Department:** Responsible for selecting, evaluating, and implementing standardised communication protocols for IoT devices.
* **Network Administrators:** Responsible for configuring and managing network infrastructure to support the use of standardised protocols.
* **Device Owners:** Responsible for ensuring that their IoT devices utilise approved communication protocols and are configured in compliance with this policy.

# Breaches of Policy

Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or contractual relationships.

# Document Management

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This document is reviewed periodically and at least annually to ensure compliance with the following prescribed criteria.

* Compliant with the Internet of Things (IoT) Security Framework for Industry 4.0.
* Legislative requirements defined by law, where appropriate.

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