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Business Information Risk Management

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Business Information

All the information flowing throughout the organisation,
between people and applications,
being stored or transmitted and received or retrieved.

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The Problem – Business Information Risk

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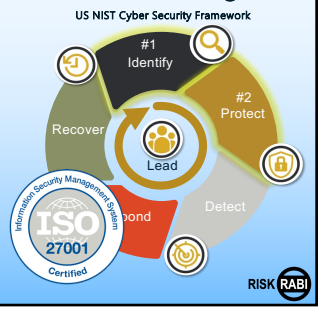
The Solution – Business Information Risk Management

1. Identify business information risks
   - Confidentiality
   - Integrity
   - Availability
2. Protect the business information

ISO/IEC 27001
Information Security Management Systems



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- Analysing Business Info Flows and Applications
- Analytics, Insights, and Actions
- Summary and Q&A

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Dr Ashley Aitken

- PhD UNSW (CS/SE/AI)
- Creating Business Value with IT
- Enterprise Software Developer
- Corporate Innovation
- Academic
- Startups

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1. Business Analysis, IS, & IT
   - Creating Business Value with IT
2. Full-Stack Enterprise Software
   - Java, .Net, Akka, CQRS,...
3. Professional Training

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Business Information Risk Management?

Why? Business Information Risk

- Business information risk puts the organisation at risk!

How? Business Information Risk Management

- Identify **inherent vulnerabilities and risks** in business information flows and applications.
- Protect the business information flows and applications

What? Collect Data, Analyse, and Act

- **Build a model of all business information flowing through systems, analyse, and act**

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WHY Business Information Risk Management?

- Unknown business information information flows & applications?
- Risks with legacy and current application / systems?
- Before modernisation or digital transformation
- Operational risk associated with
  - Confidential Information
  - Critical Information

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HOW Business Information Risk Management?

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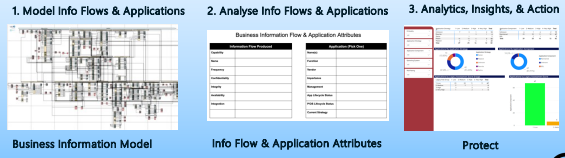
WHAT Business Information Risk Management?

1. Model Business Information Flows and Applications
2. Analyse Business Information Flows and Applications
3. Analytics, Insights, and Actions



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Business Information Model (BIM)

A high-level model of:

– All the types of information that flows through the organisation, from external sources, internally, and to external sources

including

– Various business and security-related attributes of the information flows and the systems / applications associated with them

that we can analyse to assess business vulnerabilities and risks.

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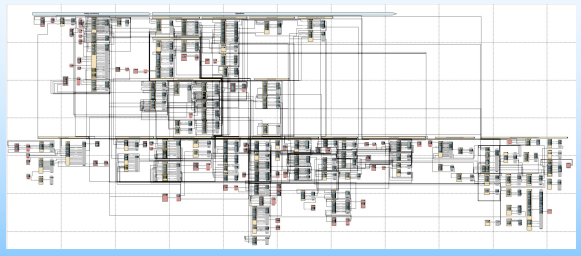

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High-Level Model

WHAT, NOT WHO, WHERE, HOW

Examples
- Training
  - NOT ~~Regional~~ Training ~~Metro~~ Training
- Diagnosis
  - NOT ~~Cancer~~ Diagnosis ~~Infection~~ Diagnosis
- Project Management
  - NOT ~~ABC~~ Project, ~~DEF~~ Project, ~~GHI~~ Project ...
- Advice & Feedback
  - NOT ~~Government~~ Advice & Feedback, ~~Agency~~ Advice & Feedback, ...

TYPES OF INFO FLOWS

Examples
- Financial Report
  - Not P&L Statement, Balance Sheet,...
- Court Document
  - Not Affidavit, VRO,...
- Relevant Document
  - NOT Legislation, Policy, ...

But not too high level...
- NOT just Info, Data, Document

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Manual as well as Software Applications

Software Applications & Systems

- Desktop Applications
- Enterprise Applications
- SaaS / Web Applications

Manual "Applications"

- Pen & Paper / Printed
- Face-to-Face
- ...

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Use Business Capabilities to segment the Organisation

A "business capability" defines an organisation's capacity to successfully perform a unique business activity.

- Model business information flows in each business capability, NOT in each department or function
- Helps minimalise modelling of the same information flow types in different department or functions...

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Core and Support Business Capabilities

Core Business Capabilities

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...
6. ... depends on the organisation!

Support Business Capabilities

1. General Management
2. Sales & Marketing Management
3. Human Resource Management
4. Information & Technology Management
5. Contract & Procurement Management
6. Corporate Comms & Rel. Management
7. Corporate Governance Management
8. Development Management
9. Research Management
10. Financial Management
11. Asset Management

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Business Capabilities at a Hospital?

Core Business Capabilities

1. Diagnosis
2. Treatment Planning
3. Treatment
4. After-Treatment Care
5. Patient Administration

Support Business Capabilities

1. General Management
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Modelling Business Information Flows and Applications

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Four Key Questions

1. What **business capability** is being modelled ?
2. What **information flows are produced**?
3. What **information flows are required** to (produce the info flows above)?
4. What are the **applications** (software and manual) used by the info flows?

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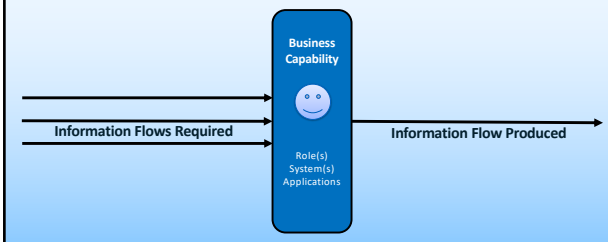
Information Flows Produced and Required by a Business Capability



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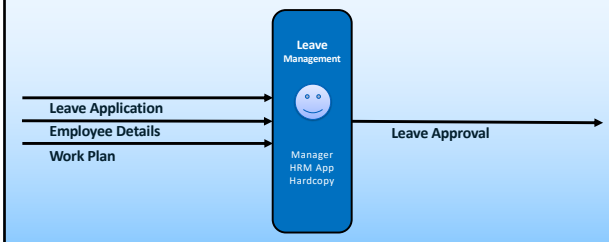
Sample Information Flows Produced and Required by a Business Capability



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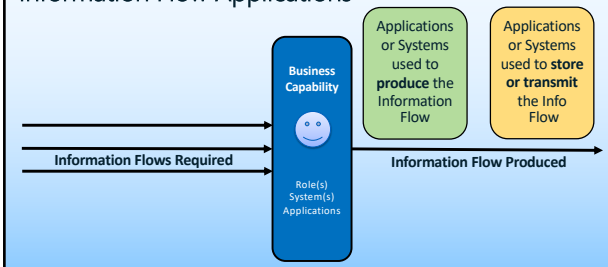
Information Flow Applications



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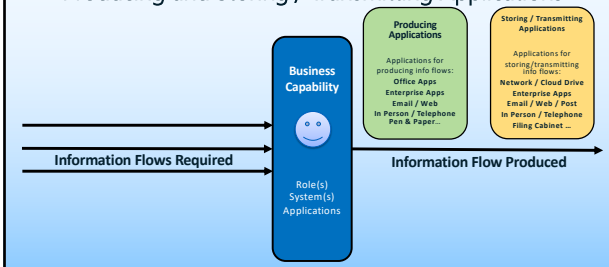
Producing and Storing / Transmitting Applications



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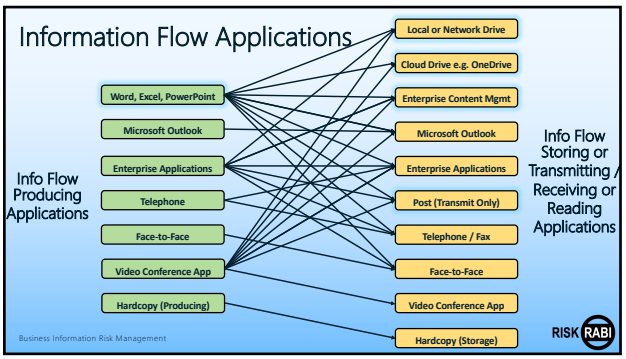

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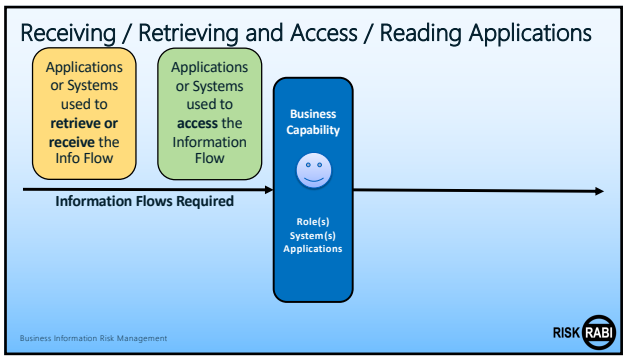

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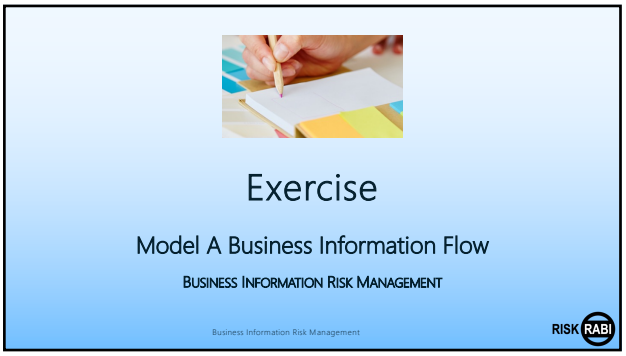

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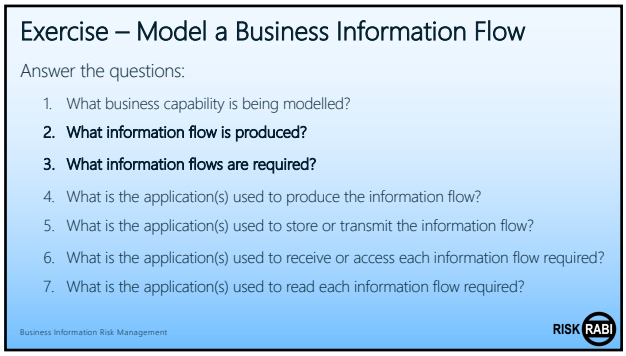

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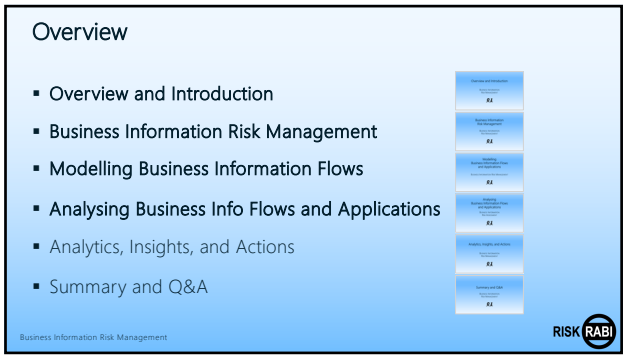

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Analysing Business Information Flows and Applications

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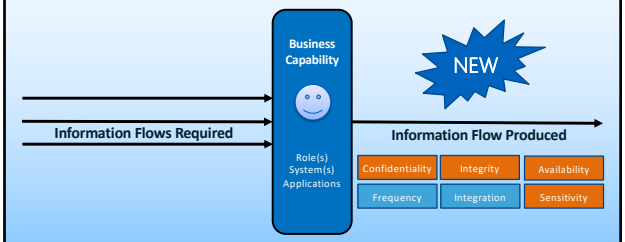
Business and Security Information Flow Attributes



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Business Information Flow Attributes

1. **Business-Related Attributes**
   1. **Frequency** – How often on average is information flow?
   2. **Integration** – How is the info flows required integrated to make info flow produced?
2. **Security-Related Attributes**
   1. **Confidentiality** – How confidential is the information flow?
   2. **Integrity** – How important is it to control who changes the information flow?
   3. **Availability** – How important is it to the business that the Info flow is available?
   4. Government Security / Sensitivity Classification (Optional)

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Business-Related Information Flow Attributes

1. **Frequency – How often (on average) is information flow produced?**
   1. Minutely
   2. Hourly
   3. Daily
   4. Weekly
   5. Monthly
   6. Yearly
2. **Integration – How are the info flows required integrated to create the info flow produced?**
   1. **Manual** – you create the data, information, document
   2. **Automatic - Single** – the data, information, document is created automatically internal to a single application
   3. **Automatic - Multiple** – the data, information, document is created automatically by integrating multiple applications

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Confidentiality (Security Attribute)

How important *to the business* is it to protect visibility of the information?

Notes
- Use the highest value that may apply to the information flow of this type, e.g. if most information flows are Medium but some are Very High, use Very High

Possible **impact on business** of wrong person **viewing** the info flow is:
- **Low** – **little** or no impact
- **Medium** – **limited** adverse impact
- **High** – **serious** adverse impact
- **Very High** – **severe** or catastrophic
- **Extreme** – **very severe** or catastrophic

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Integrity (Security Attribute)

How important *to the business* is it to protect who can change the information flow?

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Availability (Security Attribute)

How important *to the business* is it to be able to access the information flow?

Possible **impact on business** of info flow **not being available** is:

- **Low** – **little** or no impact
- **Medium** – **limited** adverse impact
- **High** – **serious** adverse impact
- **Very High** – **severe** or catastrophic

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Information Flows – CIA Security Classification

The impacts shown below are based on the affect of the unauthorised disclosure, modification or destruction, or availability of information on the organisation.

Security Levels / Security Objective	Low Little or no adverse effect	Medium Limited adverse effect	High Serious adverse effect	Very High Severe or catastrophic adverse effect	Extreme Very severe or catastrophic adverse effect
Confidentiality Preserving authorised restrictions on information access and disclosure. This includes means for protecting.	**Low (Official)** • Data that is available to the public with minimal sensitivity *E.g. Public websites, press releases, no sensitive content*	**Medium (Restricted)** • Data that requires a low safeguard with low verification *E.g. Emails & documents with no sensitive data, passwords are required*	**High (Sensitive)** • Data that requires a high safeguard with high verification *E.g. Financial Records, Authentication data, Intellectual Property, Employee Personal Details*	**Very High (Classified)** • Data that requires a very high safeguard with very high authentication (2 step verification) *E.g. Govt & State Critical Path rollouts, Cabinet related matters, Agency classified documentation*	**Extreme (Top Secret)** • Classified information a Government body deems to be extremely sensitive that must be highly protected • Formal Security Clearance required *E.g. Law Enforcement operations, Military Operations*
Integrity Guarding against improper information modification or destruction.	**Low (Unverifiable)** • Low data accuracy • Low safeguarding against inappropriate or unauthorised changes *E.g. Inaccurate stock available*	**Medium (Verifiable)** • Medium data accuracy • Some safeguarding against inappropriate or unauthorised changes *E.g. Some accuracy around important stock availability*	**High (Protected)** • High data accuracy • Higher safeguarding against inappropriate or unauthorised change *E.g. Accurate critical stock available*	**Very High (Undisputable)** • Very high data timely accuracy • Higher safeguarding against inappropriate or unauthorised change *E.g. Live updates to systems to update extremely critical stock available live (System Integration)*	
Availability Ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information. These are determined by the business needs.	**Low (Transient)** • Low data availability impact based on the businesses needs • Data may not be recoverable *E.g. Minimal controls around to make sure the*	**Medium (Recoverable)** • Medium data availability impact based on the businesses needs • Data is recoverable *E.g. Controls around to make sure the allocated person is contacted*	**High (Reliable)** • High data availability impact based on the businesses needs • Data should always be available *E.g. Additional Controls around to make sure the allocated*	**Very High (Continuous)** • Very high data availability Impact based on the businesses needs • Unavailability of data could be severe or catastrophic *E.g. Cause damage to the operational effectiveness or*	

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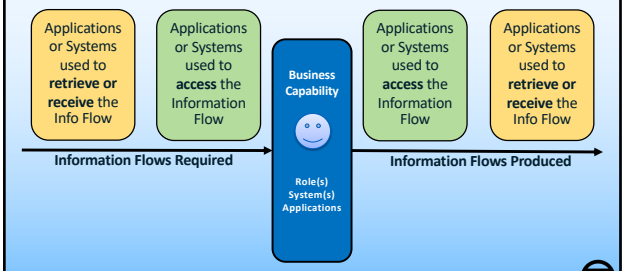
Business Flow Application Attributes



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Application Attributes

We also need to collect the following attributes for all applications:

1. Name = Formal and Internal Name(s)
2. Developer / Provider = Vendor or Responsible Party
3. Importance / Criticality of Application = Low, Medium, High, Very High, Extreme
4. Management of Application = Custom, Internal, External, SaaS, NA
5. Application Lifecycle Status = Maintained, End-of-Life, End-of-Support, Unknown, NA
6. Operating System / Platform Lifecycle Status – Maintained, EoL, EoS, Unknown, NA
7. Application Strategy = Retain, Replace, Rewrite, Retire, Retired

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Criticality of the Application

How critical is the application / system to business operations?

Possible values:

1. Low
2. Medium
3. High
4. Very High

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Management of the Application

Who manages (e.g. releases of) the application?

Possible values:

1. Custom (e.g. in-house development)
2. Managed Internal (e.g. COTS)
3. Managed External (e.g. COTS)
4. SaaS (Software as a Service)

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Current Application / System Lifecycle Status

What is the current lifecycle status of the application / system?

Possible values:

1. Maintained
2. End-Of-Life (EOL)
3. End-Of-Support (EOS)
4. Unknown
5. N/A

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Current Operating System / Platform Lifecycle Status

What is the current lifecycle status of the operating system / platform on which the application runs?

Possible values:

1. Maintained
2. End-Of-Life (EOL)
3. End-Of-Support (EOS)
4. Unknown
5. N/A

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Current Application / System Strategy

What is the current strategy with respect to the application / system going forward?

Possible values:

1. Unknown
2. Replace
3. Retain
4. Retire
5. Rewrite
6. Retired

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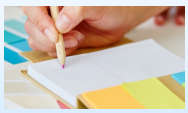

Exercise

Analyse a Business Information Flow & Application

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Business Information Flow & Application Attributes

INFORMATION FLOW ATTRIBUTES	APPLICATION ATTRIBUTES
1. Capability	1. Name(s)
2. Name	2. Vendor
3. Frequency	3. Importance / Criticality
4. Confidentiality	4. Management
5. Integrity	5. Application Lifecycle Status
6. Availability	6. Platform/OS Lifecycle Status
7. Integration	7. Current Strategy

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Analytics, Insights, and Actions

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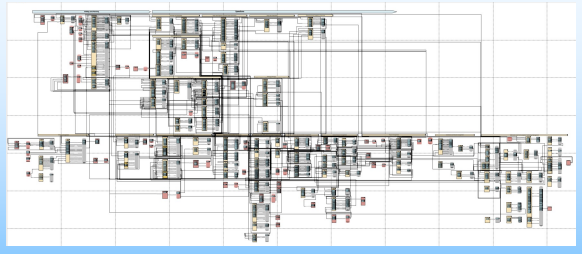

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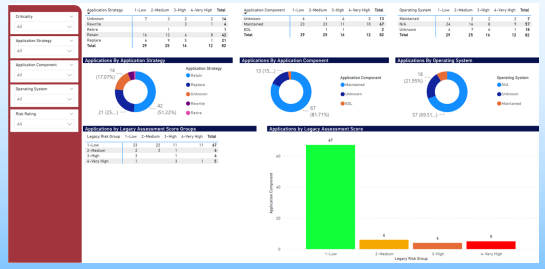
Business Information Analytics



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Analytics from Business Information Model

Information Flows

- Risk Ranking of Information Flow integration against:
  - Confidentiality
  - Integrity
  - Availability
- Integration mechanism by Business Capability

Applications

- Application Risk Ratings
- Risk Ranking of Applications against:
  - Application Importance
  - Application Strategy
  - Application Lifecycle Status
  - Platform/OS Lifecycle Status

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Benefits of Business Information Risk Management

1. Improved risk management,
2. Better guarantees of CIA,
3. Better understanding of organisation,
4. Significantly improved decision-making, and
5. Significantly improved mitigation or elimination.

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Bonus Benefit

—Trace information flows – from end to end!

—Highlight redundancies / duplicates and use of SaaS

—Quantitative data to support:

- Digital transformation
- Modernisation
- Business cases

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Summary and Q&A

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Summary

- Business Information & Applications (software and manual)
- Business Information Risk – Confidentiality • Integrity • Availability
- Build a Business Information Model (BIM) for the Organisation
- Analyse all Business Information Flows and Applications
- Analytics, Insights, and Actions

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Jobs To Be Done – Business Information Risk Management

1. Document and understand...,
2. Identify and track risks & vulnerabilities...,
3. Guarantee the CIA...,
4. Make analytics available..., and
5. Increase controls to mitigate or eliminate business information vulnerabilities and risks.

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