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# Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem comprises a vast network of interconnected devices, generating and exchanging sensitive data. Ensuring granular and context-aware access control is crucial to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of this data. Fine-grained access control policies enable precise control over who can access what data, under which circumstances, and for what purpose. This policy outlines the principles and mechanisms for implementing fine-grained access control within the organisation's IoT environment.

# Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for implementing and managing fine-grained access control policies for IoT devices and data within the organisation. This policy aims to:

* Restrict access to IoT data and functionalities based on user roles, attributes, and contextual factors.
* Minimise the risk of unauthorised access, data breaches, and misuse of IoT resources.
* Enable flexible and adaptive access control mechanisms to address evolving business needs and security requirements.
* Ensure compliance with relevant data protection regulations and industry standards.

# Scope

This policy applies to all IoT devices, systems, and data within the organisation's network. This includes, but is not limited to:

* Sensors, actuators, and controllers
* Gateways and edge devices
* Industrial control systems (ICS)
* Data storage and processing systems

# Policy Statement

## Least Privilege Principle

* **Minimal Access:** Users and systems shall be granted only the minimum level of access necessary to perform their assigned tasks.
* **Access Reviews:** Access rights shall be periodically reviewed and adjusted to ensure they remain aligned with current roles and responsibilities.

## Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

* **Role Definition:** Roles shall be defined based on job functions and responsibilities within the organisation.
* **Permission Assignment:** Access permissions shall be assigned to roles, granting access to specific IoT data, functionalities, or systems.
* **User Assignment:** Users shall be assigned to roles based on their job functions and responsibilities.

## Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC)

* **Attribute-Based Policies:** In addition to RBAC, ABAC may be implemented to define fine-grained access control policies based on attributes associated with users, devices, resources, and the environment.
* **Policy Decision Point (PDP):** A PDP shall be utilised to evaluate access requests against ABAC policies and render authorisation decisions.

## Access Control Reviews

* **Periodic Reviews:** Access control policies and user access rights shall be reviewed periodically to ensure their continued appropriateness and effectiveness.
* **Trigger-Based Reviews:** Access reviews may also be triggered by events such as changes in user roles, system modifications, or security incidents.

## Exception Management

* **Exception Process:** A formal process shall be established for requesting and approving exceptions to access control policies.
* **Justification and Approval:** Exceptions shall be granted only with proper justification and approval from authorised personnel.
* **Time-Limited:** Exceptions shall be time-limited and subject to review and revocation as necessary.

# Responsibilities

* **Information Security Officer:** Responsible for overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this policy.
* **IT Department:** Responsible for configuring and managing access control systems and mechanisms.
* **Data Owners:** Responsible for defining and managing access control policies for the data they own.
* **System Owners:** Responsible for defining and managing access control policies for the systems they own.

# 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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* Legislative requirements defined by law, where appropriate.

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