

Information Security Specialist Relies on Intervalid ISMS Software

Data protection and information security are directly connected. Joachim Dürr Softwareengineering offers its expertise in establishing Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) and Data Protection Management Systems (DPMS), raising employee awareness, and auditing systems, departments, and service providers. Intervalid ISMS supports these activities as an Information Security Management System.

JD engineering provides consulting, training, and coaching for companies developing software according to the latest standards and best practices. This includes advising on suitable strategies, methods, and components, delivering both foundational and expert knowledge, and supporting software development projects.

In addition, Joachim Dürr is a certified Data Protection Officer and Lead Auditor for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) based on ISO 27001, as well as Quality Management Systems (QMS) based on ISO 9001.

When developing software systems, security should be considered from the very beginning. Joachim Dürr supports organisations in defining security parameters and introducing processes that simplify compliance with data protection and information security requirements.

Challenge: The Complexity of an ISMS and New Versions of Standards

“I have been advising clients in the field of information security for many years. Documents originally created in Office formats such as Word and Excel may be sufficient for getting started. However, over time, the complexity of an ISMS increases and handling it becomes increasingly difficult. A simple and clearly structured tool provides enormous relief in this regard. Another challenge is the transition to new versions of standards, which is no longer manageable without a certain level of tool support,” explains Joachim Dürr, CEO of Joachim Dürr Softwareengineering.

Simple Implementation, Agile, Clear and Customisable System

“Through audits and specialised trade fairs such as IT-SA, I have seen a wide variety of ISMS tools. However, most of them stand out because of their complexity in setup and operation. A fellow consultant introduced me to Intervalid and showed me how he used it. When I registered for a trial account with Intervalid, I was surprised at how quickly and smoothly everything was arranged. I also immediately received an approximately one-hour introduction session during which I was able to ask questions about using the tool.

After testing the product for a few weeks, I spoke with my consulting clients to see whether there was any interest. Intervalid was very accommodating here as well and extended my trial access without any issues for demonstration purposes. After receiving positive feedback from the first two clients, I signed the contract with Intervalid,” reports Dürr.

With Intervalid ISMS, companies receive a secure all-in-one solution for implementing the complex topic of information security with ease. The tool supports standards such as ISO 27001/27002, BSI IT-Grundschutz, VdS 10000, TISAX^{®*}, ISIS12/CISIS12, and B3S, while also providing efficient audit preparation for certifications.



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ABOUT INTERVALID ISMS

The Efficient Information Security Management System

Intervalid GmbH has developed software solutions specialising in the implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and information security frameworks such as ISO 27001, BSI IT-Grundschutz, VdS 10000, TISAX[®]*, and B3S.

With Intervalid ISMS, you define the relevant information security standard for your organisation, systematically implement the requirements of the respective framework, and regularly evaluate and optimise the measures. All responsible employees are actively involved in the process. In addition, implementing ISMS with Intervalid prepares organisations for certification.

The software has been designed for SMEs through to international corporations, as well as external service providers. It is therefore multi-tenant capable and offers additional useful features such as automated translations to support collaboration across international branches.

The solution is available both as a SaaS and an on-premises deployment option.

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Standardised templates and examples, as well as predefined workflows and processes, support users in implementing the required standards within their organisations. In addition, an update service for new releases of standards is included, ensuring that the latest requirements of the relevant framework are always available. The risk analysis functionality helps organisations identify vulnerabilities at an early stage, determine the required level of protection, and derive appropriate measures. Through regular internal and external audits, business processes are analysed and, where necessary, optimised, thereby continuously minimising business risks.

“Intervalid as a company responds very agilely. Suggestions for improvement are not simply dismissed but carefully reviewed — and usually implemented as well. The tool is extremely clear and easy to customise according to individual requirements. Changes in configuration can be rolled out across all clients,” continues Dürr.

Intervalid ISMS was developed for SMEs, international corporations, and external service providers alike. All required process steps for complying with the selected standard are mapped for each client within a single system. The respective client environments are separated from one another. Regular monitoring ensures oversight of individual customer projects and supports readiness for certifications.

Key Advantages Compared with “Offline” Documentation

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