



# INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

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## ① POLICY PURPOSE & VERSION SUMMARY

**Policy Title:** Information Security Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to provide a security framework that ensures the protection of corporate and customer Data from unauthorized access, loss or damage. Corporate or customer data may be verbal, digital, and/or hard copy, individually-controlled or shared, standalone or networked, used for administration, research or other purposes. Standards and procedures related to this Information Security Policy will be developed and published separately.

## ② POLICY AUDIENCE & IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS

The Information Security Policy applies to all Syxsense staff, as well as contracting agencies who may be engaged to achieve internal goals or project success. This policy also applies to all other individuals and entities granted access to corporate or customer resources.

## ③ POLICY DEFINITIONS

**Authorization:** The function of establishing an individual's privilege levels to access and/or handle data.

**Availability:** Ensuring that data is ready and suitable for use.

**Confidentiality:** Ensuring that data is kept in strict privacy.

**Integrity:** Ensuring the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of data.

**Unauthorized Access:** Looking up, reviewing, copying, modifying, deleting, analyzing, or handling data without proper authorization and legitimate business need.

**Corporate Data:** Data that Syxsense collects, possesses, or has access to, regardless of its source.

## ④ DATA MAPPING & CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

Syxsense maintains an overall data mapping for both corporate and customer data, however separate unique classification systems for each. This approach allows a more thorough and accurate assessment of data criticality and threat incident likelihood analysis.

Most recently Syxsense has optimized data mapping as part of ongoing efforts aligning IT practices with GDPR requirements for customers with European Union data subjects or sources. Additional information regarding either corporate or customer data classification may be requested by contacting [security@syxsense.com](mailto:security@syxsense.com).

## 5 RESPONSIBILITIES

All Syxsense staff, and others granted access to corporate and/or customer data are expected to:

- Understand the data classification levels defined in Syxsense data mapping and classification guidelines documented outside this primary information security policy.
- As appropriate, classify the data for which one is responsible accordingly.
- Access data only as needed to meet legitimate business needs.
- Not divulge, copy, release, sell, loan, alter or destroy any Syxsense corporate and/or customer data without prior authorization from identified corporate authorities or officers.
- Protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of corporate and/or customer data in a manner consistent with the data's classification level and type.
- Handle data in accordance with all current and future Syxsense information security standards and procedures.
- Safeguard any physical key, ID card, computer account, or network account that allows one to access corporate and/or customer data resources.
- Discard media containing corporate and/or customer data in a manner consistent with the data's classification level, type, and any applicable Syxsense stated retention requirement. This includes data contained in any hard copy document (such as a memo or report) or in any electronic, magnetic or optical storage medium (such as a memory stick, CD, hard disk, magnetic tape, or disk).

## 6 CORPORATE/CUSTOMER DATA RESOURCE ISOLATION

In many organizations there is at minimum a linkage between internal corporate network systems and customer resources. While security is implemented at the highest level to mitigate uncontrolled to customer resources, the risk is ever-present.

Syxsense maintains a strict zero-connection policy between internal corporate systems and customer resources. All customer resources are hosted with Microsoft's Azure, void of internal corporate resources, allowing for complete separation and preventing any uncontrolled access by Syxsense staff to both cloud and customer resources. All access to customer resources hosted within Azure are locked down on several layers outlined throughout this document.

## 7 CORPORATE/CUSTOMER DATA RESOURCE WHITE LISTING

### 7.1 Geographic Restrictions

Following resource isolation, Syxsense adds another layer of security utilizing geographic region white listing. All technical services staff who require any level of access to corporate and/or customer resources are located at of Syxsense's established global offices. This allows a complete denial of access to any region of the world with only a few exceptions, which are strengthened further with specific Office location IP white listing described in the next section.

### 7.2 IP Restrictions

As mentioned above, going beyond only geographic white listing, Syxsense then restricts access to only IP address matching those global offices containing technical services. With this in place, all access to corporate and/or customer resources must occur from an approved office which in turn provides a strong measure of accountability controlling only authorized staff have physical access to the approved office locations.

## ⑧ STRUCTURED TIER-BASED SECURE ACCESS

Access to corporate and customer resources is provided in a traditional structured tiered structure which decreases individual access as the tiers increase.

### 8.1 Multi-Factor Authentication

Syxsense has a mandatory MFA policy in place for all corporate and customer resources which staff are required to perform for access to resources.

### 8.2 Tier 1 - General Support Staff

For general support of internal and customer issues standard technical services personnel do not require and are not granted access to specific data resources. Break/fix issues require only customer-approved temporary application access for resolution. Once an incident is resolved access for the technical resource is removed.

### 8.3 Tier 2 - Escalation Server Resource Team

When the need arises for an issue to be escalated it is once again triaged and determined whether the need resides on a corporate or customer resource which is front facing and void of direct data such as web servers, or in rare case a further escalation is required to resolve corporate or customer data issues.

In the event an issue does reside on non-data related resources, an escalation team on average of six individuals will receive escalated support requests, determine the root cause for resolution report back to Tier 1 staff. Tier 2 technical staff cannot access customer data for higher level data related issues.

### 8.4 Tier 3 - Senior Data & Development Resolution Team

On the rare occasion when direct access to corporate customer data is required for issue resolution, a team of on average three individuals (assigned responsibility/access by local global region) will investigate the escalated issue and if necessarily make corrections to the data anomaly. The result of these efforts is then passed back to Tier 1 technical staff for communication to employee or customer point of contacts.

## ⑨ THIRD PARTY PENETRATION TESTING

Syxsense on a regular basis engages with leading companies for penetration testing services. While this could be performed by internal staff, Syxsense prefers to have the secure state of both resources and product code verified by independent parties.

Areas typically covered during a scheduled penetration test are listed below:

- **Corporate/Product Reconnaissance**  
Passive, Semi-Passive, Active
- **Vulnerability Identification**
- **Platform Exploitation**
- **Malicious Input Testing**
- **Post-Exploitation Testing**
- **Industry Standard Threat Mapping**
- **Application Logic Testing**

## ⑩ INFORMATION SECURITY STRUCTURE SUB POLICIES

To provided structure for all objectives within Syxsense's Information Security Policy, several structure policies based on recommended PCI compliance standards are implemented. These policies cover a number of disciplines.

All sub items listed in this section are brief overview summaries taken from existing supporting full individual policy documents. Full internal policies are not to be shared with external entities to ensure no sensitive security measures are exposed.

### **10.1 Acceptable Use**

Syxsense's employees must protect the company's assets and ensure they are used efficiently and for legitimate business purposes only. Any unauthorized use or distribution of assets is a violation of this policy. Syxsense assets include, but are not limited to, intellectual property; strategic, operational, business, and marketing plans; engineering ideas; designs; salary and other compensation information; and all unpublished financial data of Syxsense.

### **10.2 Access Control**

Access to information systems shall be controlled based on business and security requirements, and shall only be granted to on a need-to-know basis. Appropriate detective controls shall be implemented to prevent unauthorized access to information systems and network sources.

### **10.3 Change Control**

All major changes to information security management system (ISMS) roles and responsibilities shall follow a standard process that requires a change ticket and approval from ISMS leadership. All changes to network devices, production systems and applications shall be tracked and shall follow a standard process of approval. Syxsense may develop a ticket routing system and workflow to ensure that tickets get routed to the appropriate personnel for approval.

### **10.4 Clear Desk & Screen**

Confidential Syxsense information stored on physically removable media, including paper and electronic storage devices, shall be locked away unless otherwise required for business function.

All computers and terminals able to access confidential Syxsense information must be logged off by the user when left unattended. As an additional control, all computers and terminals shall be protected with a screen and keyboard-locking mechanism when left unattended. The computers and terminals must be locked by a password, token, or similar user-authentication mechanism approved by Information Security.

### **10.5 Cryptography**

Syxsense shall use industry-standard encryption technologies in all IT systems that are capable of encryption if those systems are used to process, store or transmit data classified as confidential or privacy data. If Syxsense uses encryption and manages keys, the following policies apply. The use of proprietary encryption algorithms is not allowed for any purpose.

Different parts of the world have different national regulations that limit the import/export of cryptographic controls and the trans-border flow of encrypted data. Be aware that government regulations may restrict the import and export of encryption technologies. Syxsense's legal team shall understand if the regulation of cryptographic controls is applicable. If applicable, encryption shall be used in compliance with all relevant agreements, laws and regulation.

### **10.6 Disposal & Destruction**

Once no longer required for business need, Syxsense Confidential and Privacy Information must be disposed or destroyed in alignment to the acceptable methods defined.

All computer systems, electronic devices and electronic media shall be properly wiped of confidential data before being re-purposed, transferred to another individual, sent out to a vendor for replacement service, or transferred outside of Syxsense.

### **10.7 Human Resources Security**

Employees shall sign a contract upon hire that shall state the user and the organization's responsibilities for information security. Employees shall acknowledge through signature that they have read and understand Syxsense's policies. Syxsense shall ensure that all Syxsense employees attend General Security Awareness Training. This may be accomplished by developing, establishing and maintaining a Security Awareness and Training program.

### **10.8 Information Classification**

Information assets shall be classified to indicate the need, priorities and degree of protection per the information security risks. All major information assets must be accounted for and have a nominated owner. Information systems that store or process data must be assigned the same classification as the highest classification of data it stores or processes. Classification of data shall be consistent in the organization and follow the classification schema presented in this policy.

### **10.9 Network and System Security**

All Syxsense managed network boundary protection devices including, but not limited to fire-walls, routers, network ACLs, and intrusion detection/prevention (IDS/IPS) devices shall provide access to only essential ports, protocols, and/or services to serve Syxsense's business needs and to protect against both external and internal threats.

### **10.10 Operational Security**

All critical network components shall have an audit capability to monitor network operation and substantiate investigations of real or perceived violations of network security policies. All information systems running Syxsense production application systems that transmit, process, or contain confidential data shall include logs which are reviewed on a regular basis and in real-time as situations demand.

### **10.11 Physical Security**

Physical access shall be granted commensurate with the minimum needed to perform job function.

- Define safety and physical security mechanisms to protect Syxsense from natural environmental threats, supply system threats, man-made threats, and politically motivated threats.
- Prevent unauthorized physical access, damage or interference to the Syxsense premises and infrastructure, using controls appropriate to the identified risks and the value of the asset(s) protected.
- Place Syxsense owned assets and/or assets operated by Syxsense that create, process, store, and/or transmit confidential information within a location which minimizes potential damage from physical and environmental hazards and to minimize the opportunity for unauthorized access.

Physical security of locations that store media backups containing confidential information will be reviewed annually.

### **10.12 Third Party Management**

All contract/relationship owners responsible for services which house, share or provide access to customer information are required to ensure that external parties have entered a formal external party agreement under this procedure and that transitions (of information processing facilities, and any other information assets or personnel) are planned and executed without a reduction in the level of security that existed prior to commencement of the transition.

Contract/relationship owners are responsible for ensuring that the security controls, service definitions and delivery levels included in external party agreements are implemented, maintained and operated by the external party. The owners of third-party relationships are responsible for the monitoring and reviewing of the services, reports and records carried out by the third party. The Security & Operations Manager is responsible for ensuring that adequate technical and other resources that might be required are made available to support the relationship owner in the monitoring and management of the relationship.

## ABOUT SYXSENSE

Syxsense is the world's first IT and security-solution provider to offer patch management, vulnerability scans, and Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) capabilities in a single console.

Syxsense has created innovative and intuitive technology that sees—and knows—everything, making it able to secure every endpoint, in every location, everywhere inside and outside the network, as well as in the cloud. Artificial intelligence (AI) helps security teams predict and root out threats before they happen—and to swiftly make them disappear when they do.

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