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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee IT-012, Information Systems, Security and Identification Technology.

The objective of this Standard is to provide IT professionals and general line management with detailed guidance on securing communications across networks using virtual private networks.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO/IEC 18028-5:2006, *Information technology—Security techniques—IT network security,* Part 5: *Securing communications across networks using virtual private networks*.

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18028-3	Part 3: Securing communications between networks using security gateways	18028.3	Part 3: Securing communications between networks using security gateways
18028-4	Part 4: Securing remote access	18028.4	Part 4: Securing remote access

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The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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INTRODUCTION

The telecommunications and information technology industries are seeking cost-effective comprehensive security solutions. A secure network should be protected against malicious and inadvertent attacks, and should meet the business requirements for confidentiality, integrity, availability, non-repudiation, accountability, authenticity and reliability of information and services. Securing a network is also essential for maintaining the accuracy of billing or usage information as appropriate. Security capabilities in products are crucial to overall network security (including applications and services). However, as more products are combined to provide total solutions, the interoperability, or the lack thereof, will define the success of the solution. Security must not only be a thread of concern for each product or service, but must be developed in a manner that promotes the interweaving of security capabilities in the overall end-to-end security solution. Thus, the purpose of ISO/IEC 18028 is to provide detailed guidance on the security aspects of the management, operation and use of information system networks, and their inter-connections. Those individuals within an organization that are responsible for information security in general, and network security in particular, should be able to adapt the material in ISO/IEC 18028 to meet their specific requirements. Its main objectives are as follows:

— in ISO/IEC 18028-1, to define and describe the concepts associated with, and provide management guidance on, network security – including on how to identify and analyze the communications related factors to be taken into account to establish network security requirements, with an introduction to the possible control areas and the specific technical areas (dealt with in subsequent parts of ISO/IEC 18028);

— in ISO/IEC 18028-2, to define a standard security architecture, which describes a consistent framework to support the planning, design and implementation of network security;

— in ISO/IEC 18028-3, to define techniques for securing information flows between networks using security gateways;

— in ISO/IEC 18028-4, to define techniques for securing remote access;

— in ISO/IEC 18028-5, to define techniques for securing inter-network connections that are established using virtual private networks (VPNs).

ISO/IEC 18028-1 is relevant to anyone involved in owning, operating or using a network. This includes senior managers and other non-technical managers or users, in addition to managers and administrators who have specific responsibilities for information security and/or network security, network operation, or who are responsible for an organization's overall security program and security policy development.

ISO/IEC 18028-2 is relevant to all personnel who are involved in the planning, design and implementation of the architectural aspects of network security (for example network managers, administrators, engineers, and network security officers).

ISO/IEC 18028-3 is relevant to all personnel who are involved in the detailed planning, design and implementation of security gateways (for example network managers, administrators, engineers and network security officers).

ISO/IEC 18028-4 is relevant to all personnel who are involved in the detailed planning, design and implementation of remote access security (for example network managers, administrators, engineers, and network security officers).

ISO/IEC 18028-5 is relevant to all personnel who are involved in the detailed planning, design and implementation of VPN security (for example network managers, administrators, engineers, and network security officers).

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 18028 provides detailed direction with respect to the security aspects of using Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections to inter-connect networks, and also to connect remote users to networks. It builds upon the network management direction provided in ISO/IEC 18028-1.

It is aimed at those individuals responsible for the selection and implementation of the technical controls necessary to provide network security when using VPN connections, and for the subsequent network monitoring of VPN security thereafter.

This part of ISO/IEC 18028 provides an overview of VPNs, presents VPN security objectives, and summarizes VPN security requirements. It gives guidance on the selection of secure VPNs, on the implementation of secure VPNs, and on the network monitoring of VPN security. It also provides information on typical technologies and protocols used by VPNs.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7498 (all parts), *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model*

ISO/IEC 13335-1:2004, *Information technology — Security techniques — Management of information and communications technology security — Part 1: Concepts and models for information and communications technology security management*

ISO/IEC 17799:2005, *Information technology — Security techniques — Code of practice for information security management*

ISO/IEC 18028-1:2006, *Information technology — Security techniques — IT network security — Part 1: Network security management*

ISO/IEC 18028-2:2006, *Information technology — Security techniques — IT network security — Part 2: Network security architecture*

ISO/IEC 18028-3:2005, *Information technology — Security techniques — IT network security — Part 3: Securing communications between networks using security gateways*