

Email Labelling for CoCo 4.1



Introduction

The aim of the Code of Connection (CoCo) is to develop the trust required both within and between communities to allow effective use of shared systems and services. The CoCo provides a minimum set of security standards that organisations must adhere to when joining the GSi (Government Secure Intranet).

Security labels

CoCo Version 4.1 introduces several new areas of guidance including requirements for labelling e-mails with protective markings. Control 23.1 requires the mail client or user to add security labels to each email that carries a protective marking of PROTECT or higher.

SAFEmail ICS Edition

Boldon James SAFEmail ICS Edition makes it simple for a user to classify emails and provide additional visual indicators that will highlight the protective marking to recipients of protected mail, encouraging better recognition and awareness. Once users have marked the mail appropriately, the administrator created rules then ensure that only authorised recipients may be sent a protectively marked mail.

Preventing inadvertent disclosure

If a document is protectively marked and this marking is higher than that of the email it is attached to, then SAFEmail can recognise the markings, notify the user and if policy dictates, force the user to upgrade the classification of the email. This provides an easily-adopted safety net which prevents the accidental release of protectively marked material due to 'auto-complete' type errors when addressing mail or other inadvertent disclosure.

Clearance checking

SAFEmail's ability to check that email recipients are authorised to

receive protectively marked information is also an important part of compliance with the existing CoCo 3.2 guidance. The Guidance Notes specify that users: "Will not send Protectively Marked information over public networks such as the Internet; and will always check that the recipients of e-mail messages are correct so that potentially sensitive or protectively marked information is not accidentally released into the public domain."

Enhance other security technologies

Boldon James SAFEmail and SAFEoffice software integrates seamlessly into Outlook and MSOffice to enforce accurate marking of mail and documents. Having gained consistency in your data classification, you can then get the most from other technologies such as content management, archiving and encryption. The message/document metadata we produce can be used to predictably and reliably trigger a further product's rule-set for automated action.

About Boldon James

For over 20 years we have helped organisations with the most demanding and complex communication requirements manage sensitive information securely and in compliance with legislation and standards. Our solutions extend the capabilities of Microsoft core infrastructure products to allow secure information exchange and in 2006 we were elevated to Microsoft Global Go-To-Market Partner. Boldon James is a wholly-owned subsidiary of QinetiQ, with offices in the UK, US, Australia and Europe, and channel partners worldwide.

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