



# What is Information Security?

## LAYERED PROTECTION

### PHYSICAL SECURITY

Information and the hardware and software that support it are what is protected. The protection comes in multiple layers. The inner most layer is **physical security**. This includes door locks, surveillance cameras, intrusion detection systems, firewalls, and such. See image below.

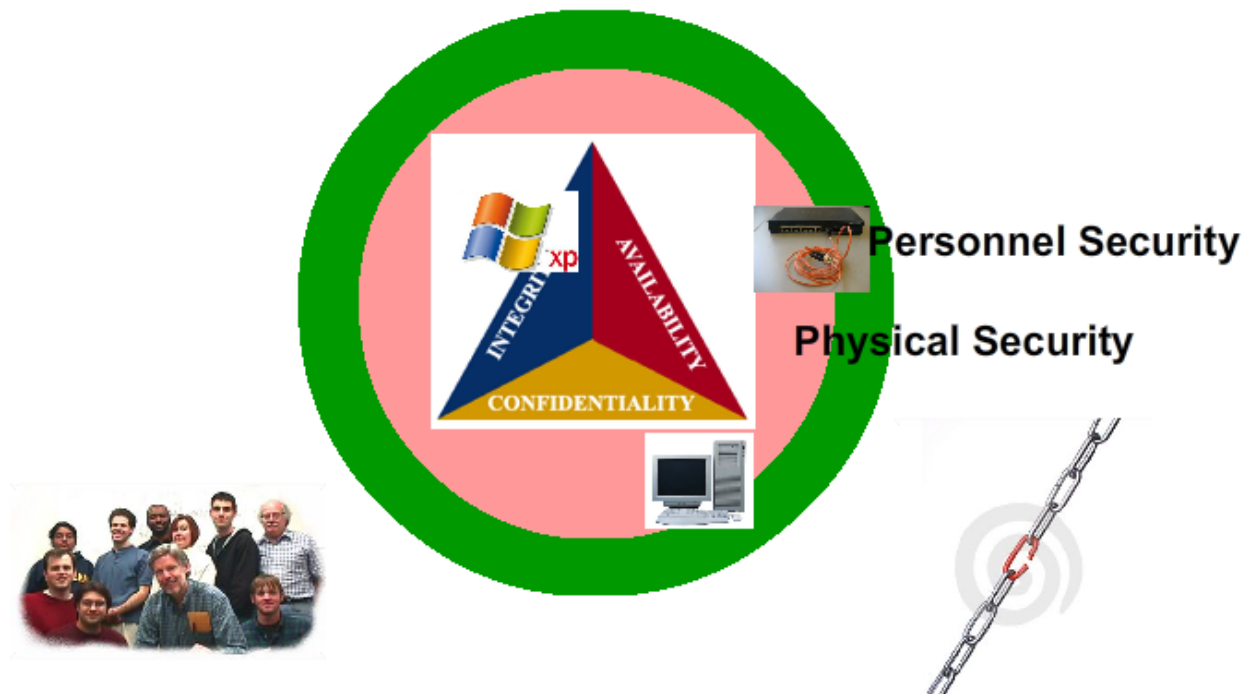


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## PERSONNEL SECURITY

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The next layer is **personnel security** – this of course deals with people. People must use the proper tools and techniques and follow corporate guidelines regarding security; otherwise absolutely NOTHING can be kept secure. It is said time and time again that this layer is the weakest of all the protection layers. See image below.



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## ORGANIZATIONAL LAYER

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The last layer is the **organizational layer** – this is the layer where the policies and procedures are located. This is the layer that essentially guides the personnel security layer, and it is the personnel layer that implements the physical layer. You can see that these are all connected and interact. Securing the center requires that all three layers are implemented consistently and correctly. See image below.

