

## Information Security in **visualmetrics**

### Statement of Applicability

**visualmetrics** acknowledge the need for an ISP (Information Security Policy) as a critical component of company policy, employee responsibility, and a fundamental aspect of the client and supplier relationship. The government has initiated ISO 27001 as the standard for ISP, and **visualmetrics** recognise the need for consistent best practices in policies and procedures for ISP. However, **visualmetrics** are not planning to wholly implement ISO 27001, which is over engineered for an organisation of both our size and nature.

### Risk Assessment

The **visualmetrics** risk assessment identified a number of potential risks associated with copies of clients' data files, which are often supplied to **visualmetrics** in the course of our project work. Therefore, the emphasis of the **visualmetrics** ISP is concerned with the protection of those data-files, wherever they may be physically held or transmitted by **visualmetrics**.

### Principles & Policy

**visualmetrics'** management are wholly committed to providing a robust Information Security Management System (ISMS), and a key component of that system involves the encryption of clients' data-files when held by **visualmetrics**. The policy which **visualmetrics** will be implementing is both influenced by, and conforms with, ISO 27001, adhering to all of its fundamental principles.

### Risk Treatment Plan

Whilst our ISMS is being fully implemented across all of our historical operations, we can assure and demonstrate to our customers that as of today, any data-files provided to **visualmetrics** will be stored either on consultants' encrypted laptops, and/or in encrypted volumes on other storage devices as required – removable hard drives, flash-drives, etcetera.

It is worth mentioning that all of our machines are protected with best-of-breed antivirus and malware protection software and, along with our wireless access points and computer logins, require encrypted key access. As a longstanding member of **FAST** (The Federation Against Software Theft) **visualmetrics** has actively sought to encourage the adoption of best-practices and policies concerning client information confidentiality and security, and intellectual property protection within the IT industry.

We are confident that **visualmetrics'** ISMS and ISP will both provide our clients with the necessary reassurance that their data-files are securely guarded, and enable them to fulfil their legal and contractual obligations.