Get ready for GDPR

Gareth Turner, our Head of Data and Security Propositions, answered some key questions around GDPR at our recent next generation working event at the BT Tower. Here's what he had to say:

How is security evolving as the way that we work changes?

When we talk about security, I think businesses now need to stop looking at it as security of the network. They need to start focusing on the security of the business and its data as a whole. The whole way that a business operates has changed. From the traditional model of having one network keeping all of your data there and shoving a really good firewall in front of it. Now businesses need to be looking at multiple layers of security for the different applications that they're using and for the different ways in which their people are working.

What is GDPR trying to achieve?

GDPR is about making sure that companies have good governance around their security. It's about making sure that they have assessed how people in their business use data, where it is being stored and that the processes in place are adequate.

Why is it so important for businesses to fully understand the GDPR regulations?

The GDPR regulations are going to mean that businesses need to be even more careful about how they manage the personal data of their customers and their employees. In 6 months' time, data breaches are going to become even more serious for businesses. There will be big fines in place for businesses that haven't put the right processes in place, not to mention the potential damage to their reputation that these breaches cause.

How can BT help?

Securing personal and other confidential data at all levels in an organisation's infrastructure is a complicated task. The new data protection approach requires different expertise from the organisational, business and IT perspective.

The services we can provide include:

• Business and technical related security consulting as well as architectural services.

• Support for choosing the right technology for your organisation.

• Planning and implementing security measures both from an organisational and a technical perspective.

• Expertise to develop the most efficient way of integrating solutions into your organisation.

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