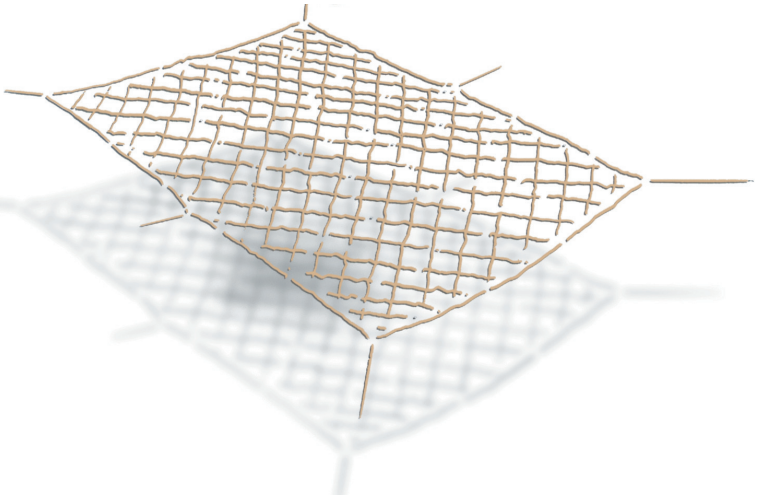


# Active Loss Prevention Initiative



The vision of the Active Loss Prevention initiative is to create an environment where business can flourish despite the risks inherent with using the Internet and other open communications.

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## The Boundaryless Organization

In e-business it has become increasingly difficult to identify boundaries of responsibility, especially due to the complexity of systems and the range of risks that go with the inter-connections within enterprises. Not all the risks are technical, though many information security vendors will argue “they have the technical solution for all needs.” The approach to understanding the threats and vulnerabilities now needs to become commercially driven and multi-disciplinary.

## Active Loss Prevention Concepts

Increasingly, businesses must be concerned with the liability issues related to e-business. Businesses need the right risk management tools to deal these risks, from legal, audit, insurance and government points of view. There must be a way to give business the tools to manage and control the liabilities of information systems.

A risk-mitigation infrastructure for information systems needs to be established and implemented in order to reduce exposure for the enterprise, its trading partners and its stakeholders.

**Active Loss Prevention** is the proactive management of information systems risk. The Open Group is inviting industry collaboration to develop the initiative, allowing for a multidisciplinary coalition including IT, legal, audit, financial, insurance and business professionals. They will share a common interest in protecting the physical, technical and information assets of the extended enterprise and mitigating the impact of inevitable losses.

In a connected and *boundaryless world*  
we need to do all we can to  
*prevent unauthorized activity.*

## Strategic Goals

Active Loss Prevention will reduce the incidence and impact of loss that occurs as a result of unauthorized activity within information systems and protect both industry and governments from attack.

Active Loss Prevention can begin this process by:

- Bringing together not only the views of IT suppliers and buyers, but also the business, insurance and legal perspectives
- Providing the global leadership for industry and government to work together to address the risks both to the critical infrastructures of their respective nations and to the increasingly integrated infrastructures upon which commerce depends.

## Early Projects

*For Legal, Audit and Insurance Professionals:*

- **Vocabulary** - A set of terms that can be used to accurately communicate risk information
- **Liability** - Defining boundaries of liability with standard contract terms, model law, model regulation, standard business terms, etc.
- **Actuarial Data** - Enabling businesses to assess risk, cost, frequency of events, severity, etc.

*For IT Professionals:*

### • Trust Services

To identify and understand the services that business will require to maintain current levels of trust and deliver standards-based solutions in an internet-enabled environment

## Participation

There are a number of ways for participants to be actively involved in the Active Loss Prevention initiative:

- Monthly workshop meetings – to progress work on specific issues
- Regular teleconferences to manage the projects and progress smaller work items
- A minimum of 4 meetings in 2002, twice each in the US & Europe, with expert panels to review work and set direction
- Access web-based resources on all Active Loss Prevention work and information

For more information on the Active Loss Prevention initiative, please visit [www.opengroup.org/alp](http://www.opengroup.org/alp) or email [ALP@opengroup.org](mailto:ALP@opengroup.org)

## About The Open Group

The Open Group, a vendor-neutral and technology-neutral consortium, has a vision of Boundaryless Information Flow achieved through global interoperability in a secure, reliable and timely manner.

The Open Group's mission is to drive the creation of Boundaryless Information Flow by

- Working with customers to capture, understand and address current and emerging requirements, establish policies, and share best practices
- Working with suppliers, consortia and standards bodies to develop consensus and facilitate interoperability, to evolve and integrate specifications and open source technologies
- Offering a comprehensive set of services to enhance the operational efficiency of consortia
- Developing and operating the industry's premier certification service and encouraging procurement of certified products.

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