After years of news about disastrous breaches, information security has finally gotten the attention of upper management. Two-thirds of respondents to a survey conducted by CSO, CIO, and Computerworld said senior business executives are focusing more attention on infosec than they were in the past.

**Security Report Card**

How would you grade your organization’s security practices?

- A: 11%
- B: 38%
- C: 40%
- D: 8%
- E: 2%
- F: 1%

**IT in Charge**

IT is leading security efforts most of the time

- A separate in-house infosec group: 54%
- Through a shared services model: 17%
- A dedicated IT and infosec team: 6%
- A mixed IT and infosec team: 8%
- A mixed IT and third-party professionals team: 14%
- A dedicated security team: 3%
- One or more third-party providers: 5%

**Time and Money for Security Efforts Is Scarcе**

How much time and budget is spent by IT on security?

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**Time for a Change?**

IT leaders are split on making any changes to current models for information security management

- YES: 50%
- NO: 50%

Top factors influencing organizations’ decisions about changing their infosec management models

- Concerns about breaches, data loss: 78%
- Technology advancement/upgrades: 53%
- Regulatory compliance: 49%
- Cost: 43%
- Technology consolidation: 22%
- Staffing concerns or changes: 41%
- Board decision: 17%
- Technological capabilities: 11%

Based on the report cards and scant time and money available, a new approach to security makes sense for many organizations. Digital transformation has only raised the stakes higher.

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