Risk Assessment
COMPUTER SAFETY FOR JOURNALISTS

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Introduction: As journalists, we’re constantly researching and sharing information. Even as we take steps to ensure the protection of our data, this case reminds us that it is just as important, internally within the media organization, to pay attention to who has access to that information. This is especially important to remember when reporters rely on the Cloud to share files.

Story: A newsroom in Afghanistan was using Dropbox for file sharing. It was a collaborative news project and everyone working on each of the investigative stories had access to all the files and folders, including sensitive information. No one was keeping track of what was in the shared folder, who had access to specific files, and which of the many members could share or had shared which folders with other individuals not connected to the project.

During the course of investigating the story, one of the team members was asked to leave the news organization. As he left, he returned all the hardware (including laptop, camera, and flash drives) that he had in his possession. However, no one remembered to revoke his permission to the Dropbox folder.

The outgoing team member joined another news organization and published an article that used all the information that his former colleagues had so painstakingly collected. In the process, he also revealed the identity of a source that wished to remain anonymous and sensitive information that could be traced to the source.

The source had to be spirited out of the country.
Welcome – Assessing Risks

This Lesson will teach you to

Skills in assessing common risks to your data
Using Risk Matrix
Identifying and protecting sensitive data and equipment
Identifying potential risks

• Work in teams of 3

• Write down the potential risks you see – you have 10 minutes

• Some risks are obvious. Some risks are not.
Risk assessment planning

Risk assessment - a systematic process of:

- Identifying valuable assets (e.g., contact lists, research data, interview notes or audiovisual files).
- Determining what threatens those assets.
- Assessing when and where the threats are likely to hit.
- Weighing the potential consequences.

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Activity – Your Risk Assessment

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