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Bernd Kowalski obtained degree in electrical and communications engineering at the university „Rheinisch Westfälische Hochschule (RWTH) in Aachen“. In 1982 he joined the Deutsche Bundespost and worked first in the area of data communication networks and applications in Darmstadt. Since 1985 he has been involved in information security at the Deutsche Bundespost, has been active in various security projects and several standardisation groups like, for example, the ITU work on X.509 Authentication Framework.

After the Deutsche Bundespost changed to Deutsche Telekom in 1990, he took over the task to set up the Product Center Telesec in Siegen that offers secure communication products and services, e.g. Certificate and Smartcard Services for public Digital Signature and corporate Solutions.

In 2002 he changed to the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) and took over a department that is responsible for Certification, Approval and Conformity Testing and New Technologies.