

MIS 5206  
Protection of  
Information Assets  
Unit/Class #1b

Understanding an  
Organization's Risk  
Environment



# Readings

- Vacca Chapter 1 “Information Security in the Modern Enterprise”
- Vacca Chapter 2 ” Building a Secure Organization”
- NIST Reading 1: “Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity”
- ISACA Risk IT Framework, pp. 1-42 1a

# Agenda

- Business context for data and information security
- Key concepts
  - Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
  - Threats
  - Vulnerabilities
  - Risks
  - Risk mitigations
- Critical infrastructure
- Risk management standards and frameworks
- Next class

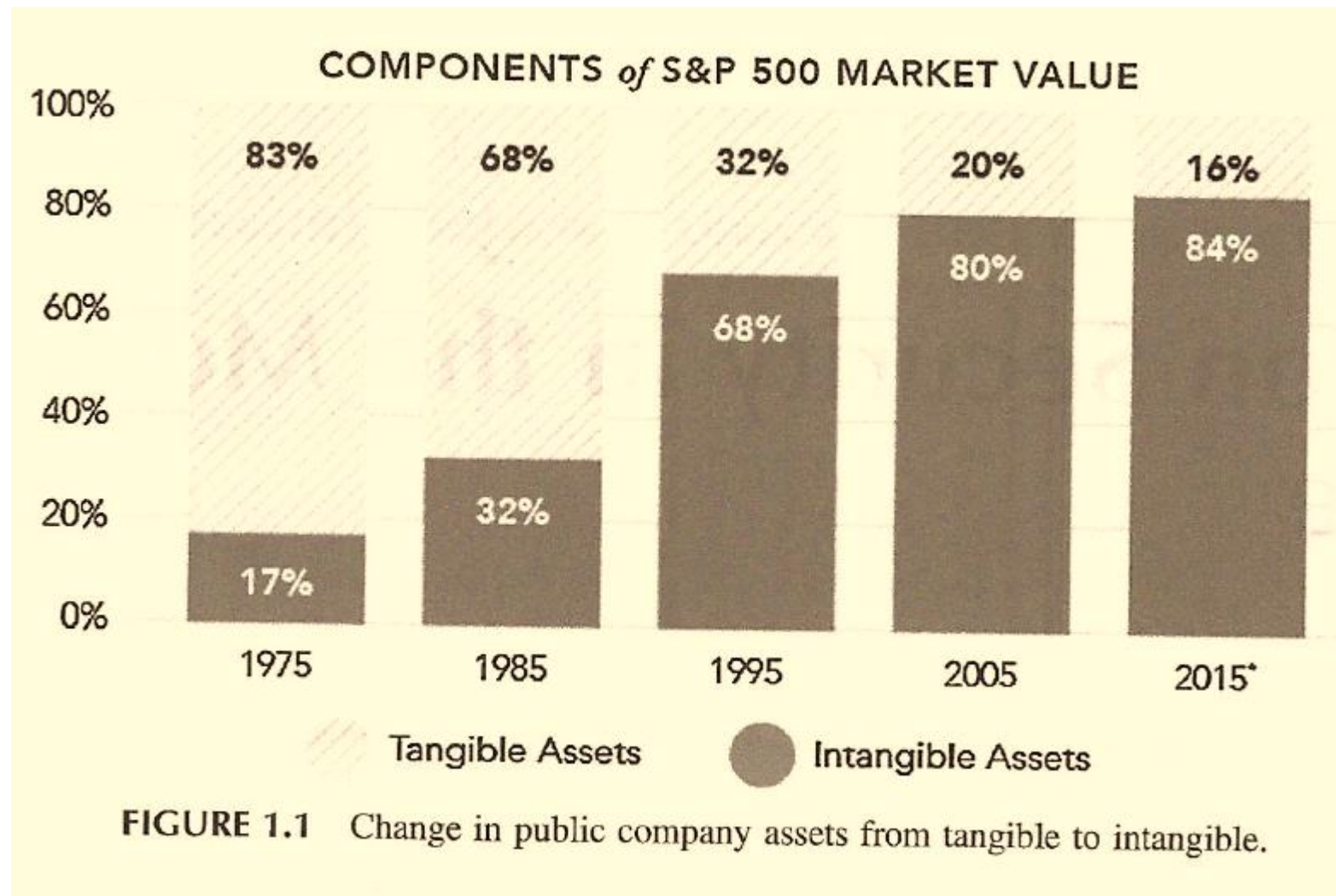
# The value of business' data is at a peak

“A generation ago the asset base of US public companies was more than 80% tangible property” (e.g. raw materials, real estate, railroad cars...)

“Today... intangibles... account for more than 80% of listed company value”

Vacca 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, pp. 3-4

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# Information Security Transformation


## 1970 data security examples

Guarding the photocopier  
Watching who went in and  
out of the front door

## Today's data security must consider

Devices able to grab  
gigabytes of data and move  
them anywhere in the world  
in an instant

Laptops, tablets and  
smartphones with direct  
connection to company data  
are endpoints in a global  
network, creating thousands  
to millions of "front doors"  
leaving industry at its most  
vulnerable



What about information  
security has not  
changed over the years?



One thing has not  
changed over the years...

*Human beings remain the primary vector  
for loss of corporate value*

*AND*

*Humans also control the processes and  
technologies central to information security  
function that preserves corporate value*

# Key concepts

*Information security means protecting information and information systems from:*

- *Unauthorized access, use, disclosure*  
**Confidentiality**
- *Unauthorized modification*  
**Integrity**
- *Disruption and destruction*  
**Availability**





# Key concepts

***Threat***



Potential for the occurrence of a harmful event such as a cyber attack

***Vulnerability***



Weakness that makes targets susceptible to an attack

***Risk***



Potential of loss from an attack

**Risk Mitigation**

Strategy for dealing with risk



# What is a threat?

*Any thing that has the potential to lead to:*

- ***Unauthorized access, use, disclosure***
- ***Modification***
- ***Disruption or Destruction***

*...of an enterprises' information  
and information systems*

Physical

Technical

Administrative

# What is a threat...

Threats to information and information systems include:

- Purposeful attacks (*“Human malicious”*)
- Human errors (*“Human ignoramus”*)
- Structural Failures
- Environmental disruptions



# Taxonomy of threat sources

1. Adversarial
2. Accidental
3. Structural
4. Environmental

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page 66

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# Anatomy of an Attack

## Threat landscape

### I. Social engineering techniques target specific individuals

Spear-phishing is a common technique used to lure targeted users into downloading initial-stage malware.

### II. Establish a beachhead

Initial-stage malware executes shellcode and calls home for further instructions.

### III. Infiltration

Custom executables with objective-specific malware is downloaded. Remote commands are executed according to attacker objectives.

### IV. Persistence

Attackers wait for opportune attack times. "Sleep" commands are often executed between "run" commands to avoid detection.

### V. Accomplish Objectives (data harvesting, sabotage, and more)

Remote commands issued to extract data, modify applications, or sabotage systems.

(McAfee, 2011)

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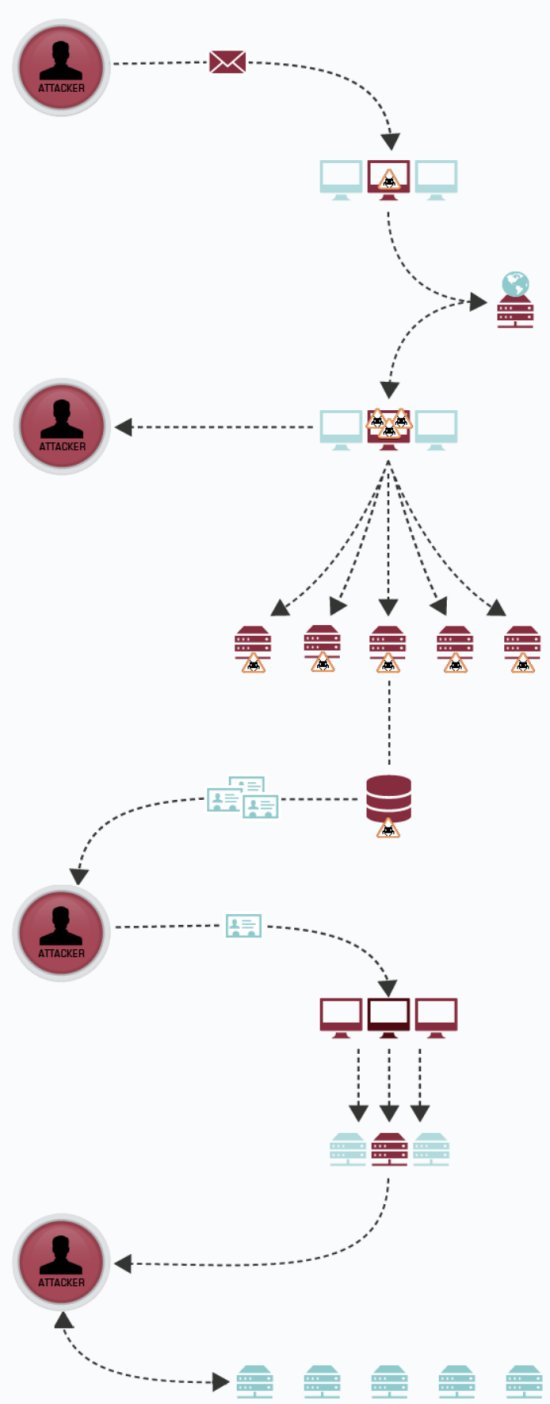
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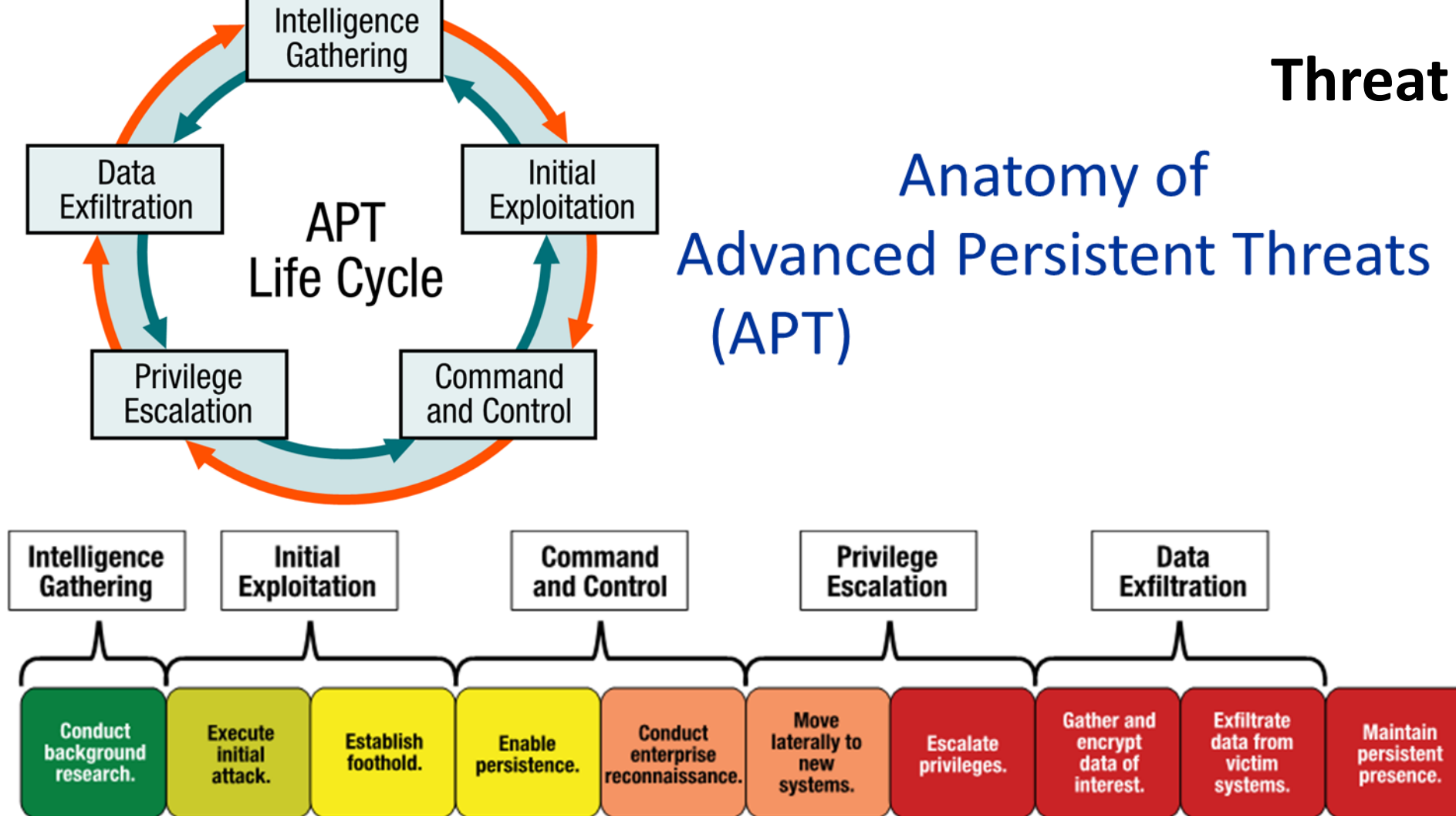
1. Attacker sends spear fishing e-mail
  - Custom malware is installed
2. Victim opens attachment
  - Custom malware communicates to control web site
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  - Pulls down additional malware
4. Attacker establishes multiple backdoors
5. Attacker accesses system
  - Dumps account names and passwords from domain controller
6. Attacker cracks passwords
  - Has legitimate user accounts to continue attack undetected
7. Attacker reconnaissance
  - Identifies and gathers data
8. Data collected on staging server
9. Data exfiltrated
10. Attacker covers tracks
  - Deletes files
  - Can return any time

Assets

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## Anatomy of Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)



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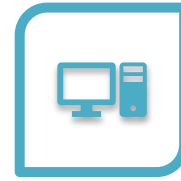
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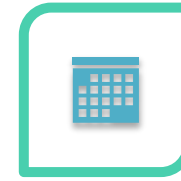
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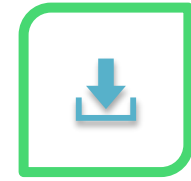
# Human non-malicious threat examples and causes



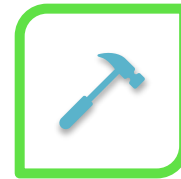
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DATA ENTRY  
(INPUT) ERRORS



UPDATE OF  
WRONG FILE



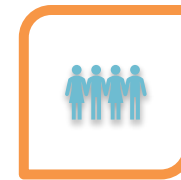
PHYSICAL  
DAMAGE TO DISK



MISPLACED DISK  
FILES



UNLOCKED  
TRASH  
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# Structural Threat Examples

- Air conditioning failure
- Building collapse
- Water and sewer pipe breaks
- Failure of computer hardware
- Failure of fire alarms or smoke detectors
- Gas line explosions
- Power outages (brownouts, blackouts, transients, spikes, sags and power surges)
- ...

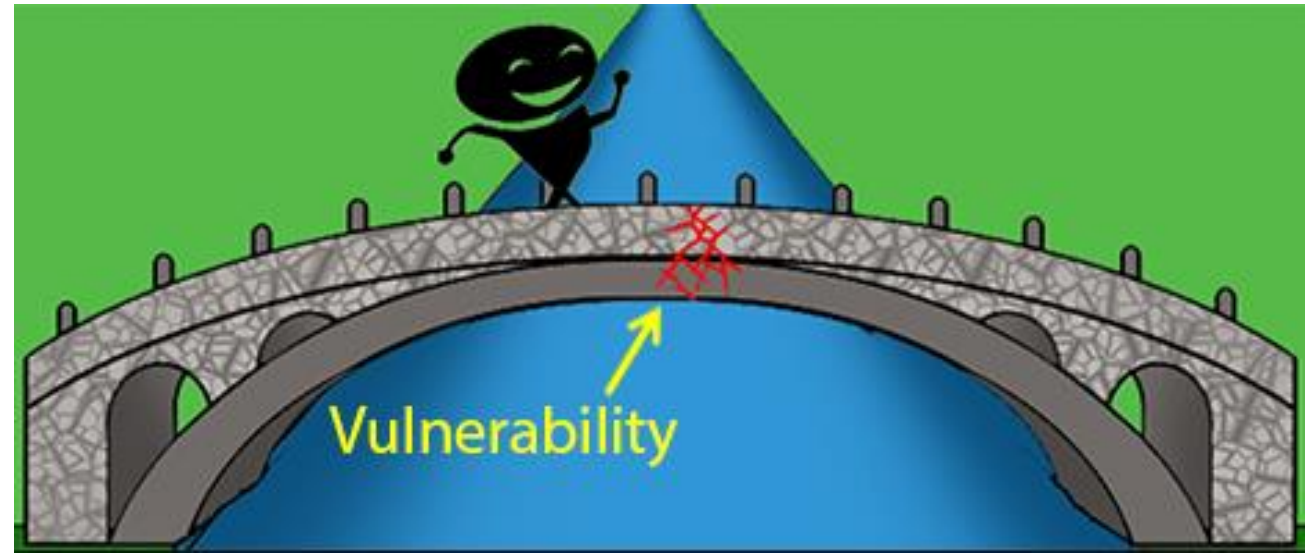
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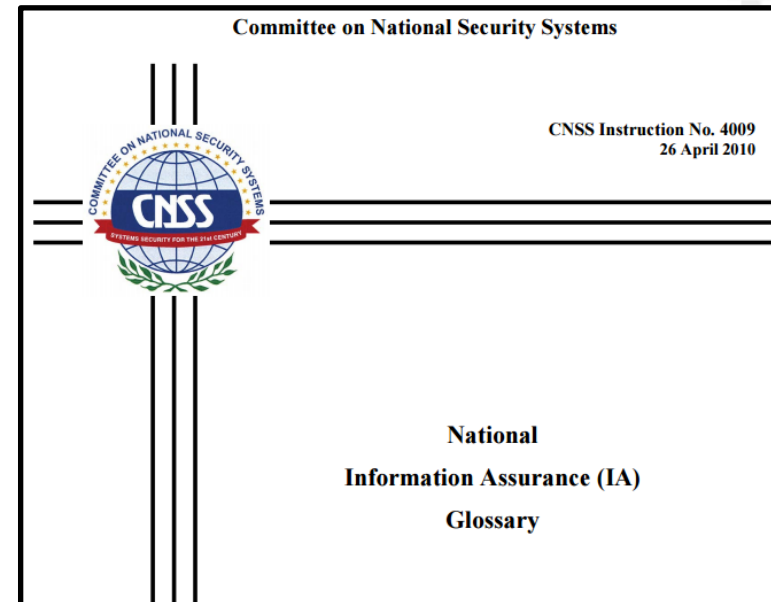
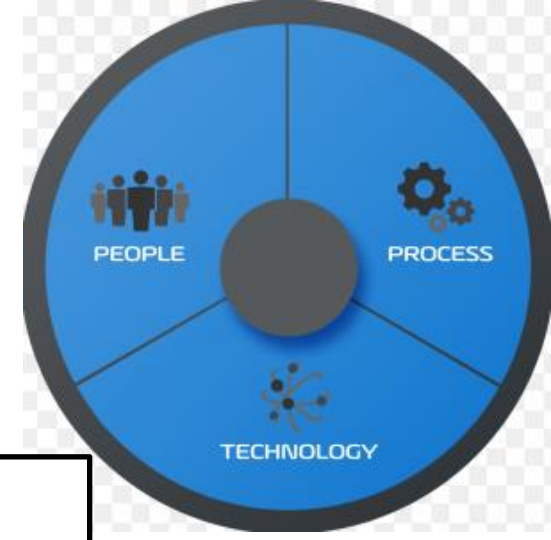


# What is a Vulnerability?



# What is a Vulnerability?

*Any unaddressed susceptibility to a Adversarial, Accidental, Structural or Environmental threat is an information security vulnerability*



**Weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat source.**

# Vulnerabilities

Inadequacies in any of these areas:

| ID                        | FAMILY                                    | ID                        | FAMILY                                |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>AC</u></a> | Access Control                            | <a href="#"><u>PE</u></a> | Physical and Environmental Protection |
| <a href="#"><u>AT</u></a> | Awareness and Training                    | <a href="#"><u>PL</u></a> | Planning                              |
| <a href="#"><u>AU</u></a> | Audit and Accountability                  | <a href="#"><u>PM</u></a> | Program Management                    |
| <a href="#"><u>CA</u></a> | Assessment, Authorization, and Monitoring | <a href="#"><u>PS</u></a> | Personnel Security                    |
| <a href="#"><u>CM</u></a> | Configuration Management                  | <a href="#"><u>PT</u></a> | PII Processing and Transparency       |
| <a href="#"><u>CP</u></a> | Contingency Planning                      | <a href="#"><u>RA</u></a> | Risk Assessment                       |
| <a href="#"><u>IA</u></a> | Identification and Authentication         | <a href="#"><u>SA</u></a> | System and Services Acquisition       |
| <a href="#"><u>IR</u></a> | Incident Response                         | <a href="#"><u>SC</u></a> | System and Communications Protection  |
| <a href="#"><u>MA</u></a> | Maintenance                               | <a href="#"><u>SI</u></a> | System and Information Integrity      |
| <a href="#"><u>MP</u></a> | Media Protection                          | <a href="#"><u>SR</u></a> | Supply Chain Risk Management          |


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# What is a Risk?

***A measure of the potential impact of a threat resulting from an exploitation of a vulnerability***

*Potential loss resulting from unauthorized:*

- *Access, use, disclosure*
- *Modification*
- *Disruption or destruction*

*...of an enterprises' information*

*Can be expressed in quantitative and qualitative terms*

Physical

Technical

Administrative  
(organizational,  
governance)

# Information security risks

## Economic impact and financial loss

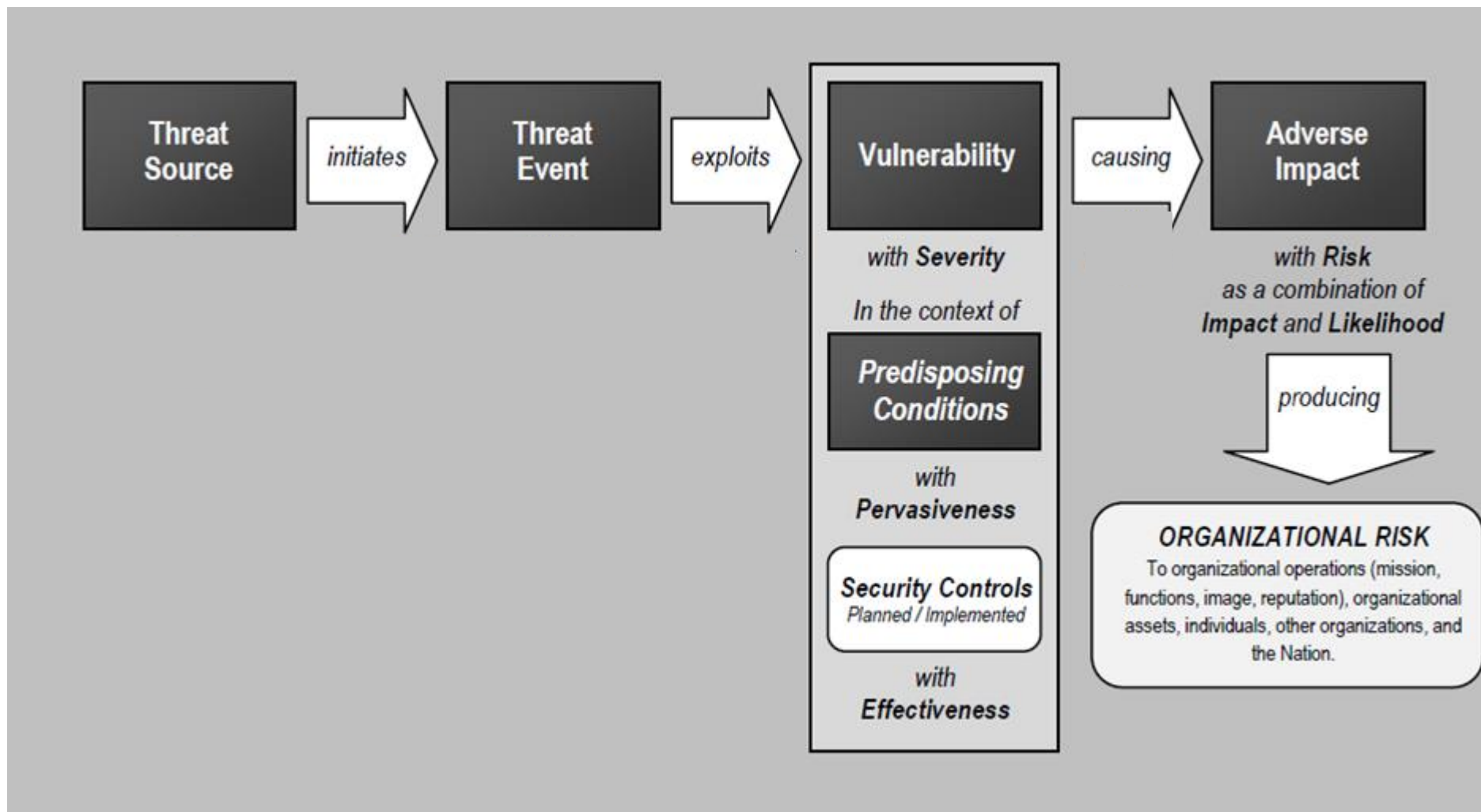
- Replacement costs (software, hardware, other)
- Backup restoration and recovery costs
- Reprocessing, reconstruction costs
- Theft/crime (non-computer, computer)



- Loss of life
- Losses due to fraud, theft, larceny, bribery
- Impact of
  - lost competitive edge
  - lost data
  - lost time
  - lost productivity
  - lost business

- Bankruptcy
- Business interruption
- Frustration
- Ill will
- Injury
- Impacts of inaccurate data

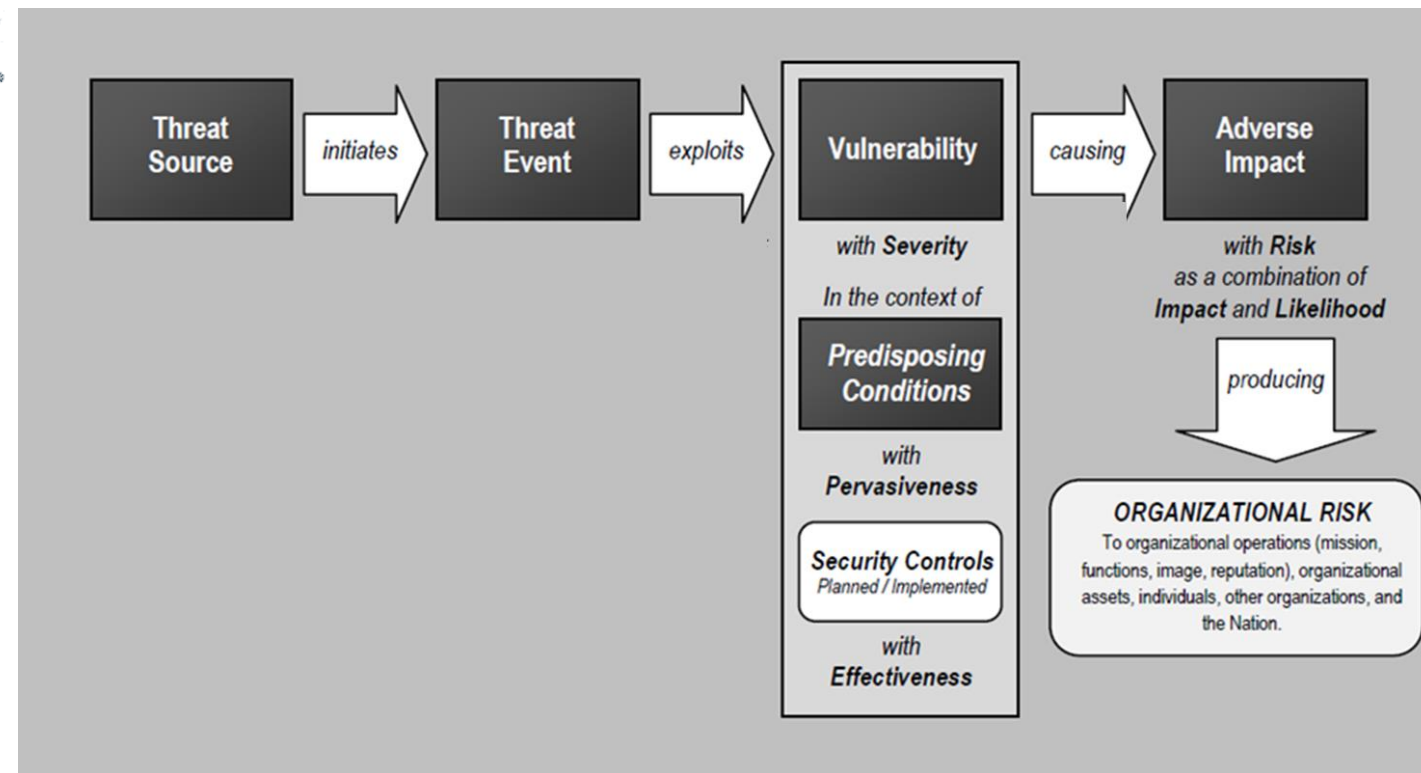
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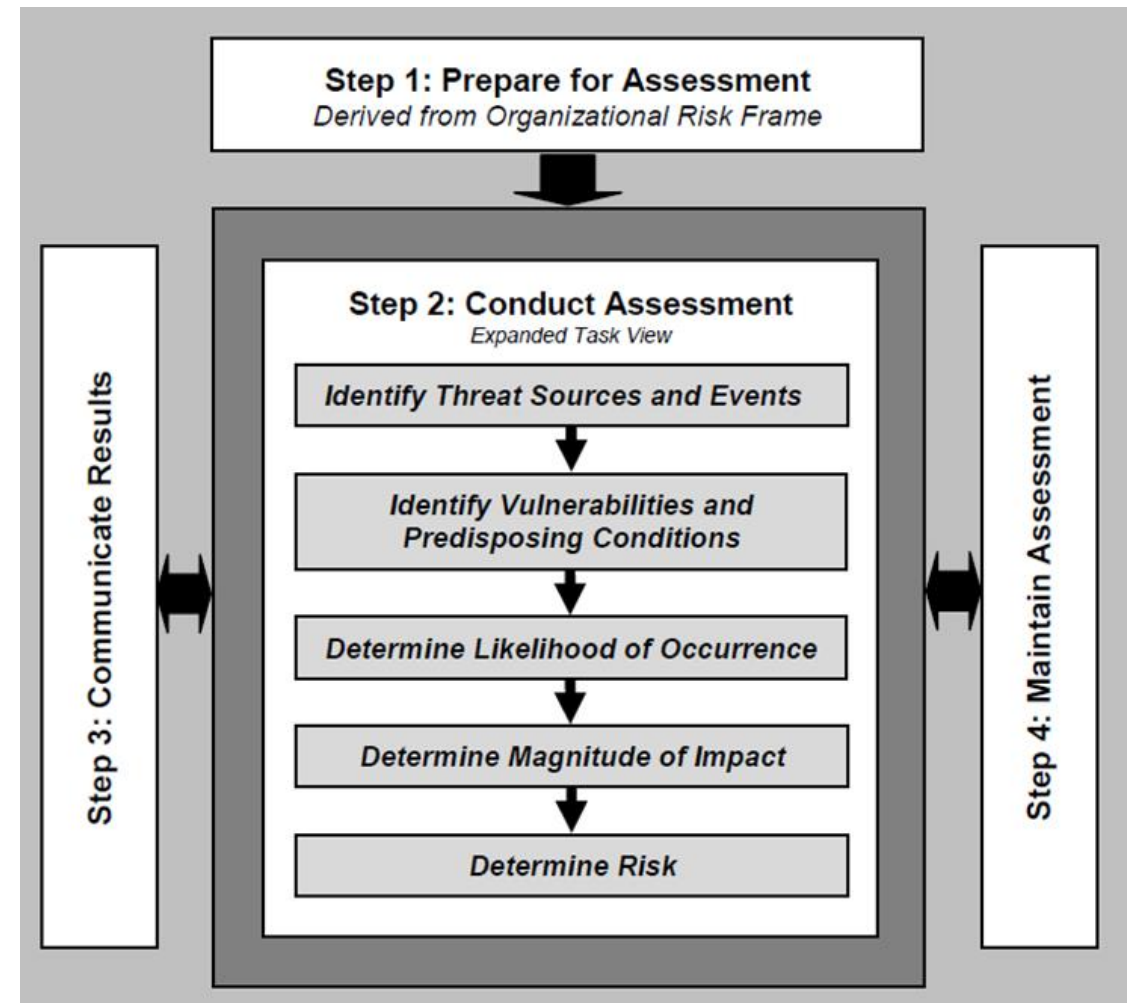
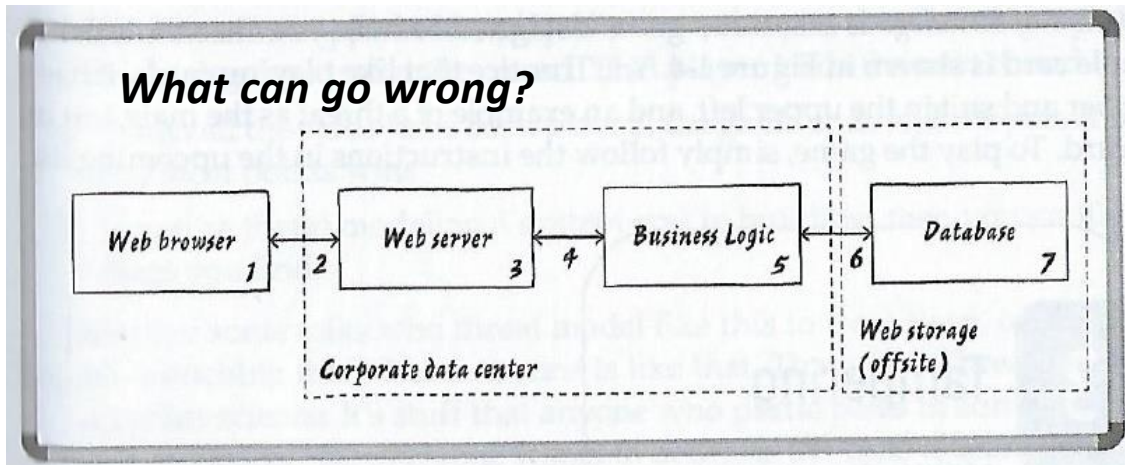
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# Risk analysis with an IT risk model

| Type           | Threat Agent | Can exploit this vulnerability           | Resulting in this impact                                    |
|----------------|--------------|--|---|
| Physical       | Fire         | Lack of fire extinguishers               | Facility and computer damage, and possible loss of life     |
| Physical       | Intruder     | Lack of security guard                   | Broken windows and stolen computers and devices             |
| Technical      | Contractor   | Lax access control mechanisms            | Stolen trade secrets  |
| Technical      | Malware      | Lack of antivirus software               | Virus infection...  |
| Technical      | Hacker       | Unprotected services running on a server | Unauthorized access to confidential information             |
| Administrative | Employee     | Lack of training                         | Unauthorized distribution of sensitive information          |
| Administrative | Employee     | Lack of auditing                         | Uncontrolled invalid modifications to decision support data |



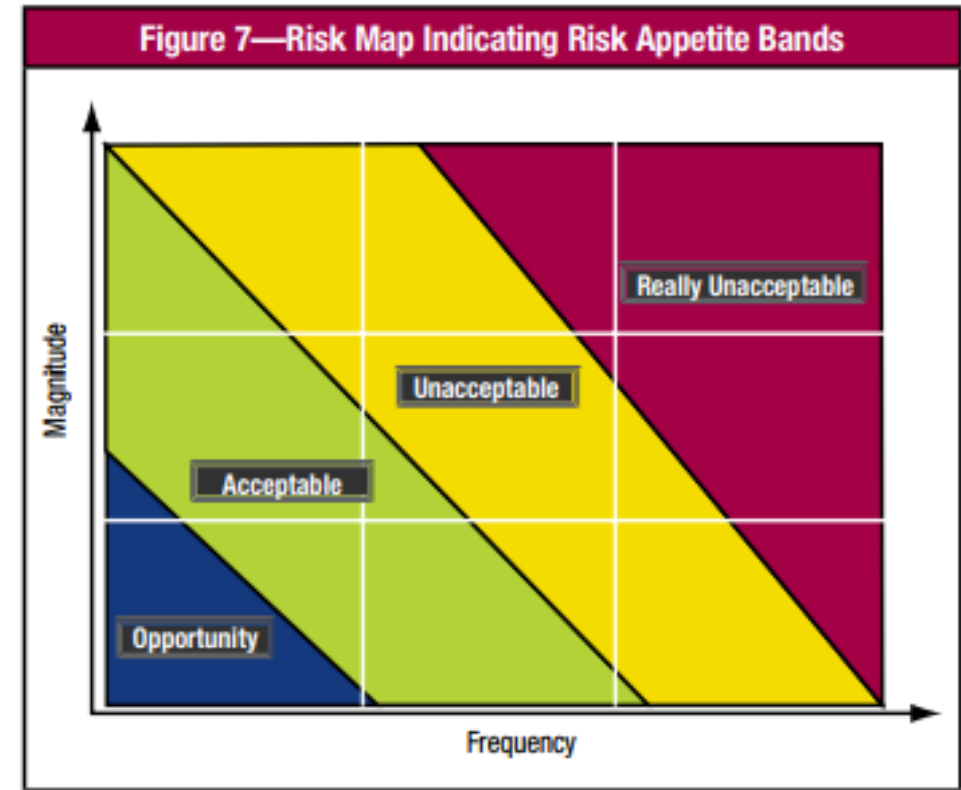
# Process for Assessing IT risk



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# How to determine if risk is acceptable?

Likelihood x Impact



# Quantitative definition of risk

*financial method*

Risk = Impact × Probability

– Risk is an “expected value”, which is a quantitative measure of impact a threat event would have on the organization times the probability that it might happen

***Annualize Loss Expectancy (ALE) = Single Loss Expectancy (SLE) X Annualized Rate of Occurrence (ARO)***

$$\mathbf{ALE = SLE \times ARO}$$

**Single Loss Expectancy (SLE) = Asset value X Exposure factor**

- Calculations of SLE consider such things as:
  - replacement cost of the asset
  - opportunity cost of delays because asset is no longer available
  - cost for purchasing credit monitoring for customers
  - fines and other economic impacts of the loss of confidentiality, integrity and availability of the information or information system
- Exposure factor is the % damage that a realized threat would have on the asset

**Annual Rate of Occurrence (ARO)** is a probability indicating how many times this is expected in one year?

# Risk Management Techniques

Once threats and risks are identified, each risk can be managed by:

1. Avoidance
2. Acceptance
3. Transfer
4. Mitigation (“Controls”)

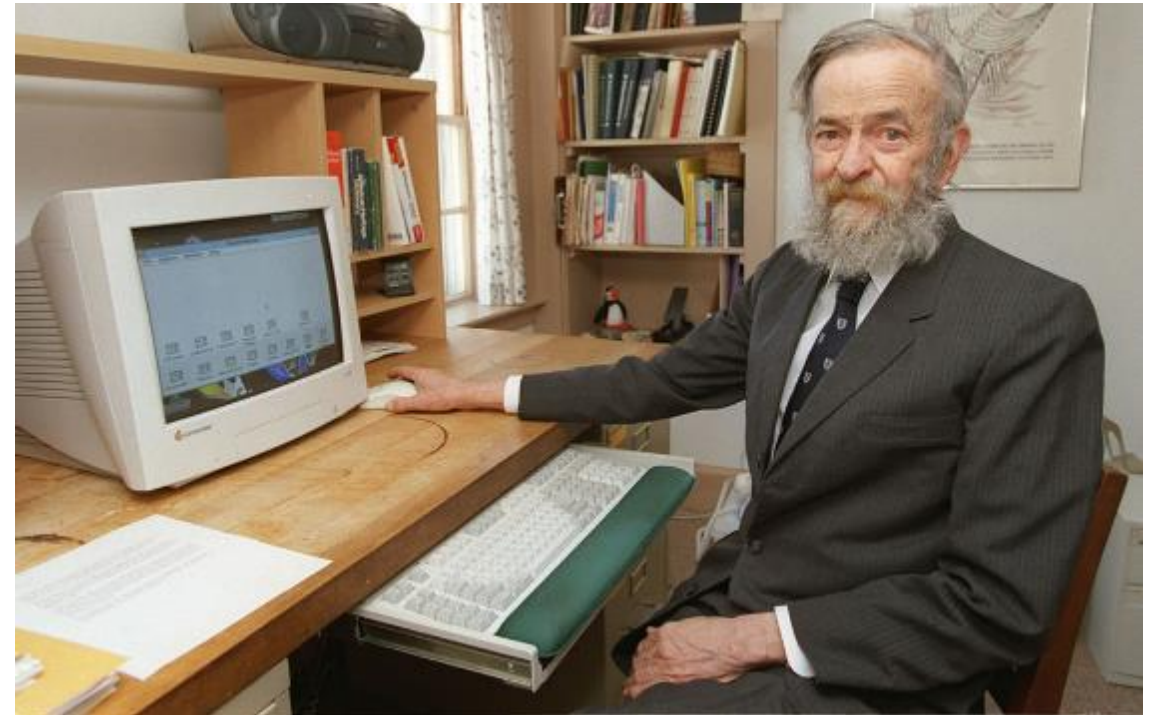


# How can we make a computer 100% secure?

## 3 Golden Rules to ensure computer security:

1. Do not own a computer
2. Do not power it on
3. Do not use it

Cryptographer who helped develop the Unix computer operating system, which controls many of the world's computers and touches almost every aspect of modern life



**Robert Morris**

Chief Scientist, National Security Agency's (NSA) National Computer Security Center, 1986-1994

# Risk mitigations – Which are physical, technical and administrative controls ?

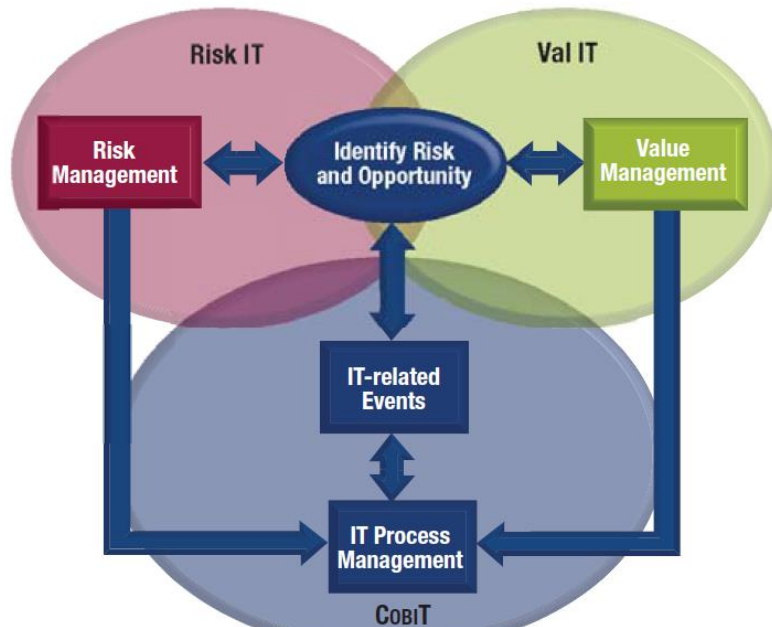
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- Color-coded ID badges
- Content scanners
- Electronic scanning devices
- Encoded data (cryptography; public key infrastructure, private key infrastructure)
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- Role-based access control
- Segregation of duties
- Redundant data center
- Corporate code of conduct
- Internal audit
- Grounds lighting
- Intrusion detection software
- Locked doors, terminals
- Motion-detection devices
- Firewalls
- Change management
- Penetration testing
- Placement of authentication / authorization / database / accounting servers in secure location
- Receptionists
- Residue controls - disintegrator / shredders
- Secure file wipes
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# ISACA's RiskIT Framework

Business Objective—Trust and Value—Focus



IT-related Activity Focus

- ISACA's Risk IT Framework is useful to guide an organization's approach to trading IT Risk for IT value
- Also guides implementing IT governance in enterprises adopting COBIT as their IT governance framework for risk management and control
- COBIT  
Control **OB**jectives for Information and related **T**echnologies
  - IT governance framework and supporting toolset enabling managers to bridge the gap between business risks, risk control requirements, and technical issues

# The RiskIT Framework

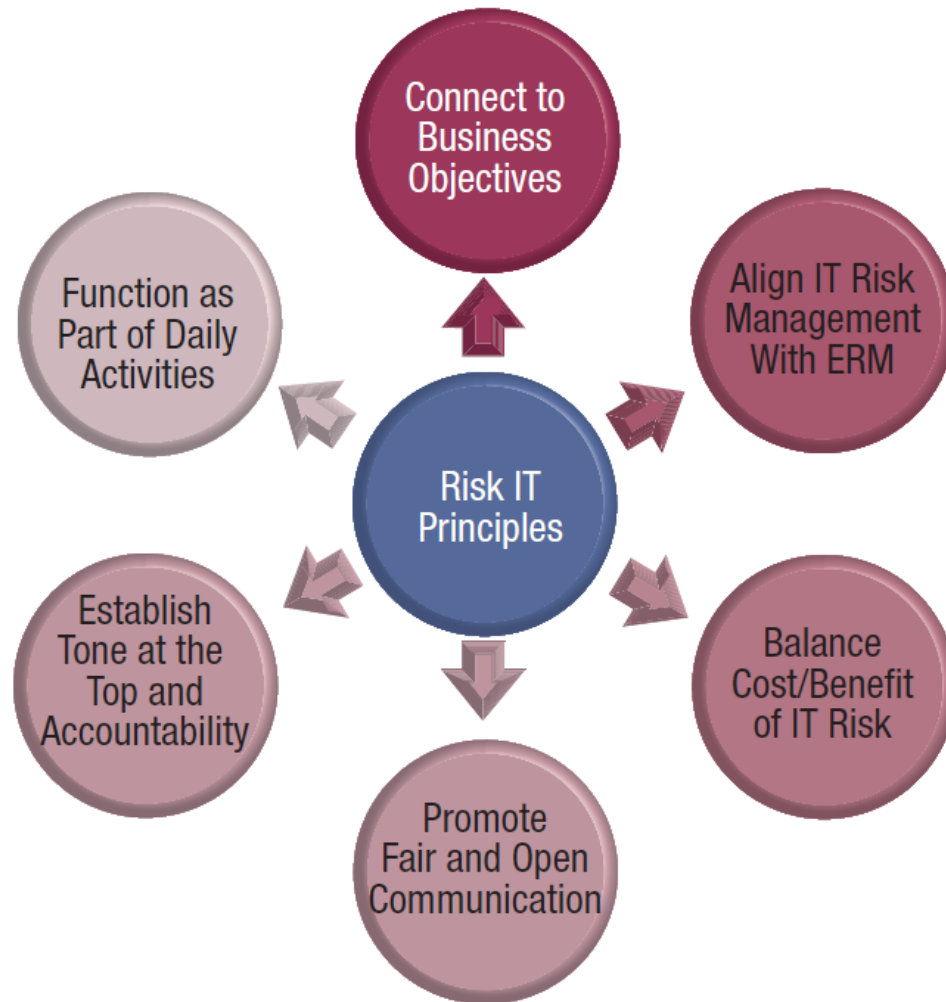
Groups key activities into three domains

Provides guidance on:

- Key activities within each process,
- Responsibilities for the process, information flows between processes
- Performance management of the process



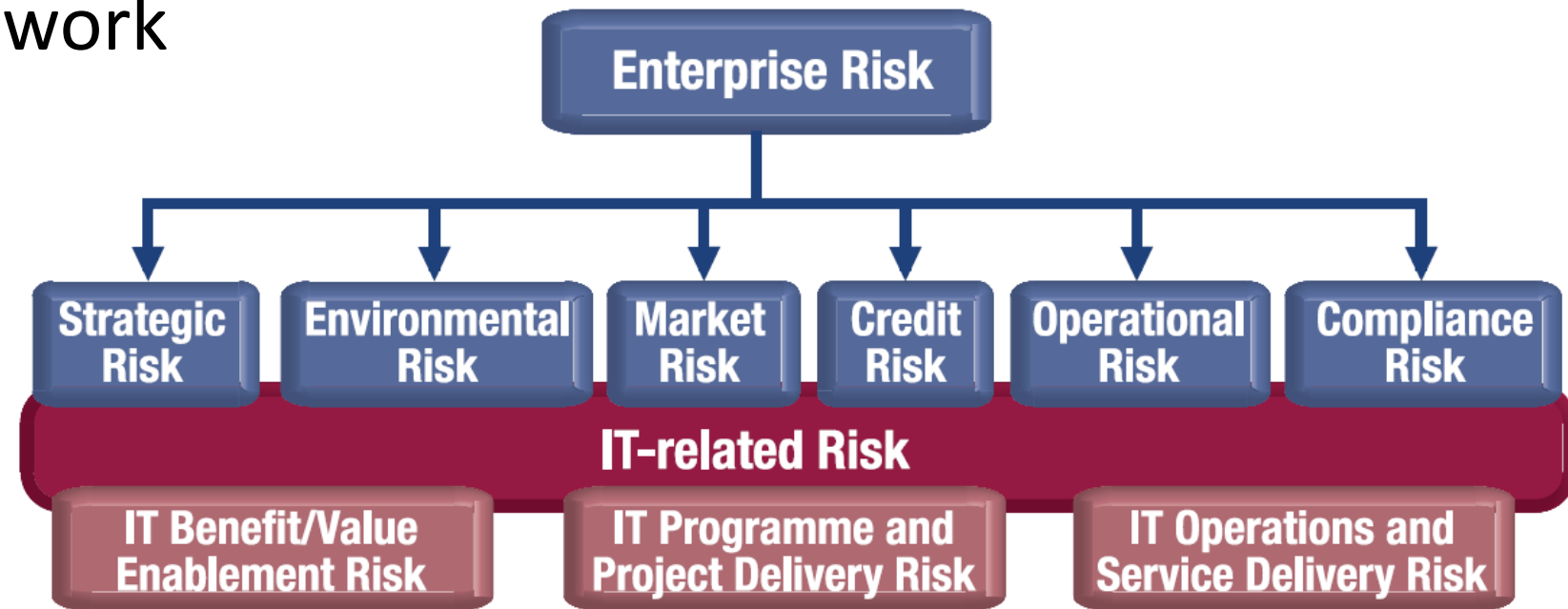
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The Risk IT framework is about trading off IT value with IT risk—in other words... business risk related to the use of IT

- The connection to business is founded in the principles on which the framework is built, i.e., effective enterprise governance and management of IT risk

# The RiskIT Framework



## IT risk is business risk

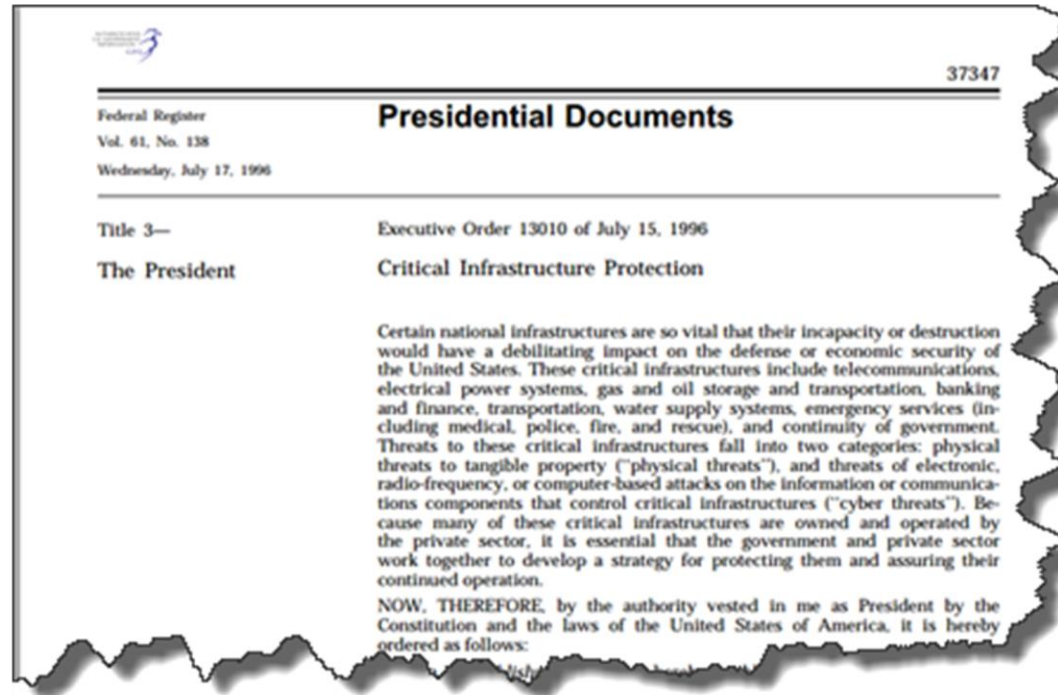
- ..and is associated with the use, ownership, operation, involvement, influence and adoption of IT solutions for the business
- Consists of IT-related events and conditions that could potentially impact the business
  - *Can occur with both uncertain frequency and magnitude*
  - *Create challenges in meeting strategic goals and objectives*

# Critical Infrastructure

1996 Presidential Executive Order identified critical infrastructure needing protection...

*“Certain national infrastructures are so vital that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact on the defense or economic security of the United States”*

1. Water supply systems
2. Transportation
3. Gas and oil storage and transport
4. Telecommunications
5. Electrical power systems
6. Banking and finance
7. Emergency services
8. Continuity of government



## 1993 World Trade Center bombing

Part of terrorism in the United States



Underground damage after the bombing

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Location     | World Trade Center<br>New York City, New York, U.S.          |
| Coordinates  | 40.711452°N 74.011919°W                                      |
| Date         | February 26, 1993; 26 years ago<br>12:17:37 p.m. (UTC-05:00) |
| Target       | World Trade Center   |
| Attack type  | Truck bombing, mass murder                                   |
| Deaths       | 6  |
| Injured      | 1,042  |
| Perpetrators | Ramzi Yousef, Eyad Ismoil, and co-conspirators               |
| Motive       | American foreign policy<br>U.S. support for Israel           |



**Presidential Policy Directive on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience ([PPD-21](#)) issued in 2013 identified...**

## 16 U.S. Critical Infrastructure Sectors needing protection

Transportation



Commercial  
Facilities



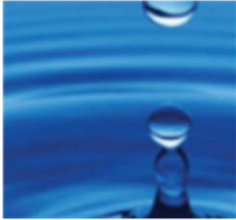
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<https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>

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**Critical Infrastructure Information** –data that can be used in either physical or computer-based attack that directly or indirectly

- Affects viability of a facility or critical infrastructure
- Threatens public health or safety
- Harms commerce
- Violates governmental laws

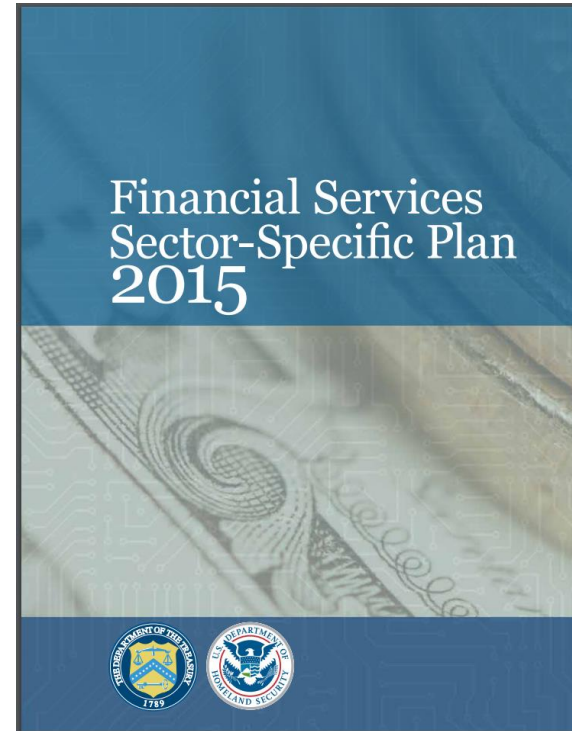
**Protected System** –any physical or computer-based system, information or data, process or procedure that directly or indirectly affects the viability of a facility or critical infrastructure



# Critical Infrastructure Sector-Specific Plan

Each sector has a sector-specific plan that details how the National Infrastructure Protection Plan is implemented through government and private sector partnerships to work together to manage risks and achieve security and resilience outcomes

The screenshot shows the CISA website interface. At the top left is the CISA logo. To its right is a search bar and two buttons: 'COVID Questions' and 'Report Cyber Issue'. Below the header is a navigation menu with icons for Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Security, Emergency Communications, National Risk Management, About CISA, and Media. The main content area is titled 'National Infrastructure Protection Plan' and includes a brief description of the plan's purpose. A left sidebar contains a 'Supporting Policy and Doctrine' section with a dropdown menu for 'National Infrastructure Protection Plan'. Below this is a 'National Infrastructure Protection Plan' section with a link to 'NIPP Security and Resilience Challenge'. The 'Sector-Specific Plans' link in the sidebar is highlighted with a red arrow.



*Financial Services Sector-Specific Plan 2015*

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# Financial Services Sector-Specific Plan 2015

| <i>Information Sharing</i> |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>GOAL 1</b>              | <i>Implement and maintain structured routines for sharing timely and actionable information related to cybersecurity and physical threats and vulnerabilities among firms, across sectors of industry, and between the private sector and government.</i>  |
| <b>PRIORITY</b>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the timeliness, quality, and reach of threat and trend information shared within the sector, across sectors, and between the sector and government.</li> <li>2. Address interdependencies by expanding information sharing with other sectors of critical infrastructure and international partners.</li> <li>3. Accelerate the sharing of information through structured information sharing processes and routines.</li> </ol> |

| <i>Best Practices</i> |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>GOAL 2</b>         | <i>Improve risk management capabilities and the security posture of firms across the Financial Services Sector and the service providers they rely on by encouraging the development and use of common approaches and best practices.</i>                                 |
| <b>PRIORITY</b>       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote sector-wide usage of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, including among smaller and medium sized institutions.</li> <li>2. Encourage the development and use of best practices for managing third-party risk.</li> </ol> |

| <i>Incident Response and Recovery</i> |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>GOAL 3</b>                         | <i>Collaborate with the homeland security, law enforcement, and intelligence communities; financial regulatory authorities; other sectors of industry; and international partners to respond to and recover from significant incidents.</i>                                     |
| <b>PRIORITY</b>                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Streamline, socialize, and enhance the mechanisms and processes for responding to incidents that require a coordinated response.</li> <li>2. Routinely exercise government and private sector incident response processes.</li> </ol> |

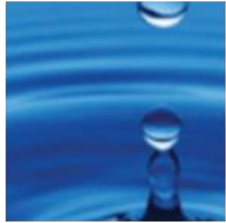
| <i>Policy Support</i> |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>GOAL 4</b>         | <i>Discuss policy and regulatory initiatives that advance infrastructure security and resilience priorities through robust coordination between government and industry.</i>   |
| <b>PRIORITY</b>       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify, prioritize, and support government research and development funding for critical financial infrastructure protection.</li> <li>2. Identify and support policies that enhance critical financial infrastructure security and resilience, including a more secure and resilient Internet.</li> <li>3. Encourage close coordination among firms, financial regulators, and executive branch agencies to inform policy development efforts.</li> </ol> |

# Critical Infrastructure Sectors

Transportation



Water and  
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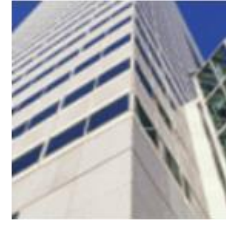
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# Transportation sector - examples

## Frequent Hacks Into Highway Dynamic Message Signs



# Even “Isolated” Legacy Systems Are Vulnerable

## 14 Year Old Boy Derails Polish Trams, January 2008



- 4 light rail trains derailed, 12 people hurt
- Used modified television remote controller
- Locks disabling switch when vehicle present not installed

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## Cyber Security is One of the Most Serious Potential Risks in Transportation

- Increasing dependence on information systems and networks
- Risks are significant and growing
- Need a comprehensive approach
- Need a culture/ecosystem of cyber security (like fire safety)
- Cyber security is necessary for transportation mobility and safety!





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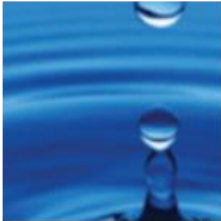
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# Water/Wastewater sector – Attack example 2001

Vitek Boden worked for Hunter Watertech, an Australian firm that installed SCADA radio-controlled sewage equipment for the Maroochy Shire Council in Queensland, Australia (a rural area of great natural beauty and a tourist destination )

- Applied for a job with the Maroochy Shire Council
- Walked away from a “strained relationship” with Hunter Watertech
- The Council decided not to hire him
- Boden decided to get even with both the Council and his former employer
- *Maroochy Shire Council had no existing information security policies, procedures, nor cyber security defenses*
- On at least 46 occasions Boden issued radio commands to the sewage equipment
  - Caused 800,000 liters of raw sewage to spill out into local parks, rivers, and the grounds of a Hyatt Regency hotel
  - Marine life died, the creek water turned black, the stench was unbearable for residents



# ISO/IEC 27001 Standard



Considered a leading example of risk management for information security

- Created in 2005 and updated in 2013 by agreement between
  - International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
  - International Electro-technical Commission (IEC)
- Specific requirements for security management systems and controls
- Firms can apply to be audited and certified as ISO/IEC 27001 compliant

# Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002

## Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) of 2014

**Recognize importance of information security to the economy and national security**

- **Require each government agency to provide information security**
  - **For information and information systems supporting their operations and assets**
    - *Including those provided or managed by another agency, contractors, or other source*



|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Other short titles</b>    | Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002   |
| <b>Long title</b>            | An Act to strengthen Federal Government information security, including through the requirement for the development of mandatory information security risk management standards. |
| <b>Acronyms (colloquial)</b> | FISMA  |
| <b>Nicknames</b>             | E-Government Act of 2002   |

<https://www.dhs.gov/fisma>

# FISMA - Federal Information Security Management Act defines



*“Information security” as protection of...*

- Confidentiality, integrity, and availability (“CIA”) of data and information
- Data, information and information systems from unauthorized...
  - Access, use, disclosure = **Confidentiality**
  - Modification = **Integrity**
  - Disruption or destruction = **Availability**

# What is NIST?



- Non-regulatory agency of the United States Department of Commerce
- Measurement standards laboratory

**Mission:** *Promote innovation and industrial competitiveness*

- NIST's activities organized as laboratory programs:
  - Nanoscale Science and Technology, Engineering, Neutron Research, Material Measurement, Physical Measurement...
  - **Information Technology**

***FISMA made NIST is responsible for developing standards, guidelines, and associated methods and techniques for providing adequate information security for all agency operations and assets (excluding national security systems)***

# Managing Information Security Risk

*Organization, Mission, and Information System View*



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JOINT TASK FORCE  
TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

## INFORMATION SECURITY

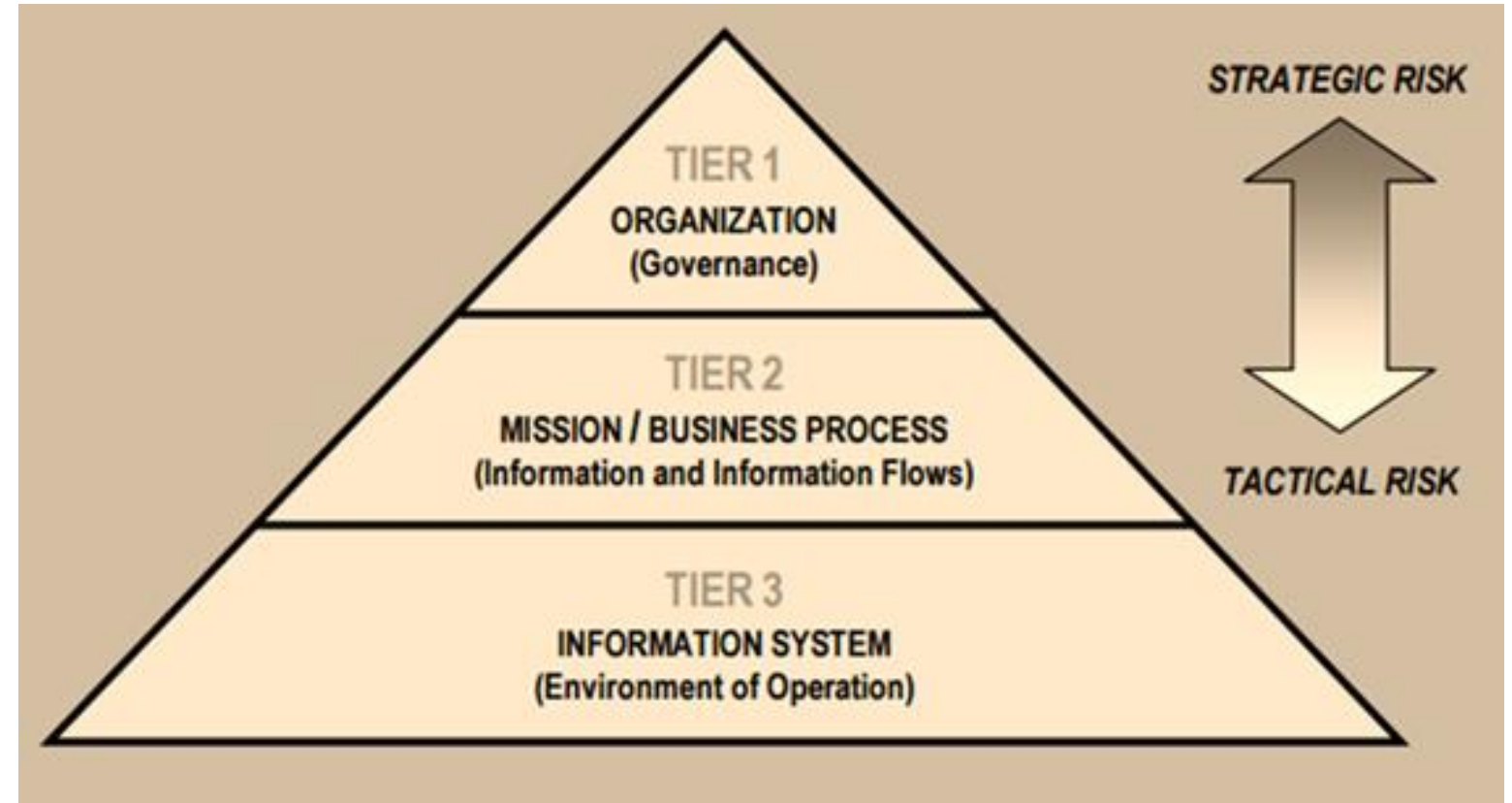
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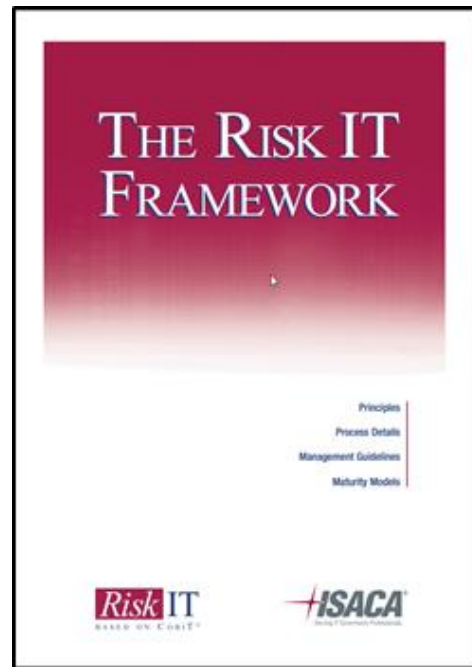
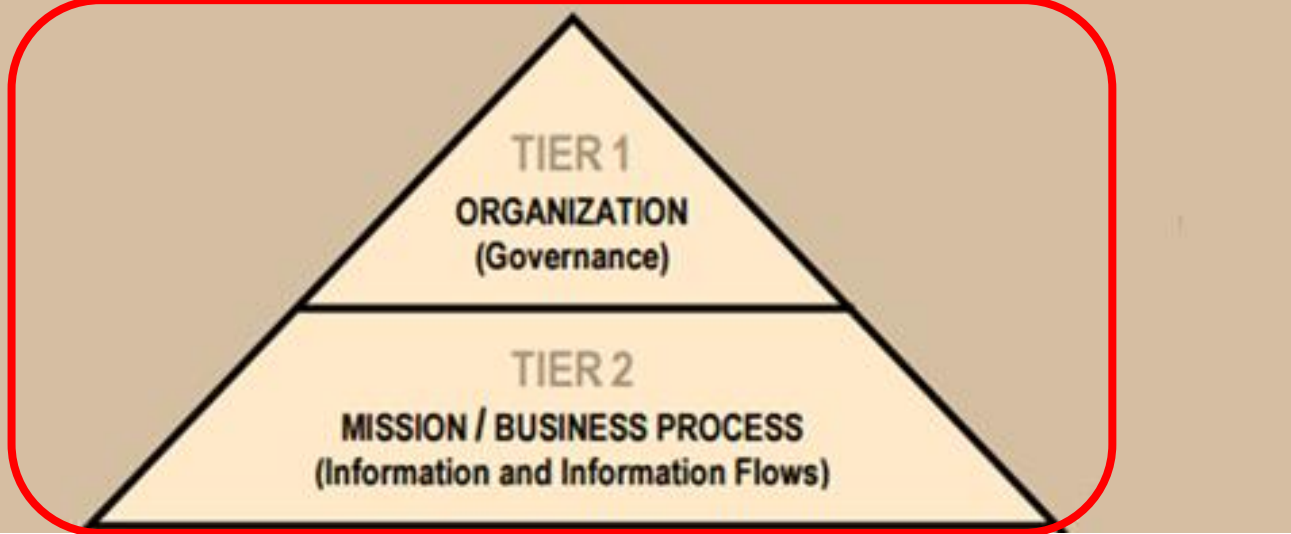
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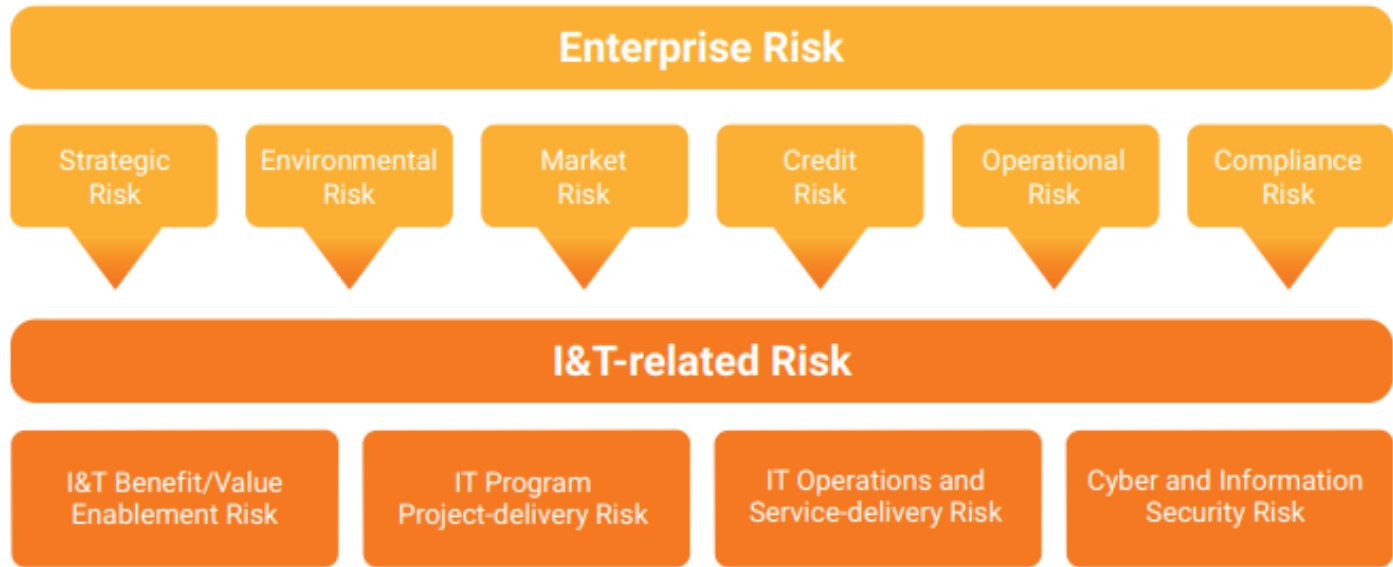
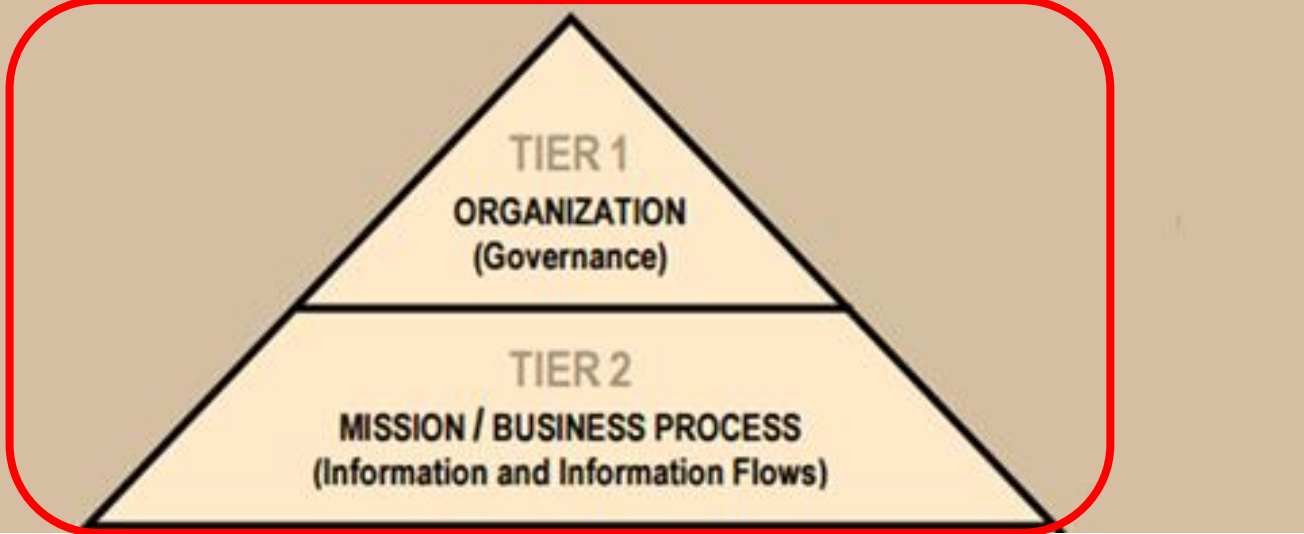
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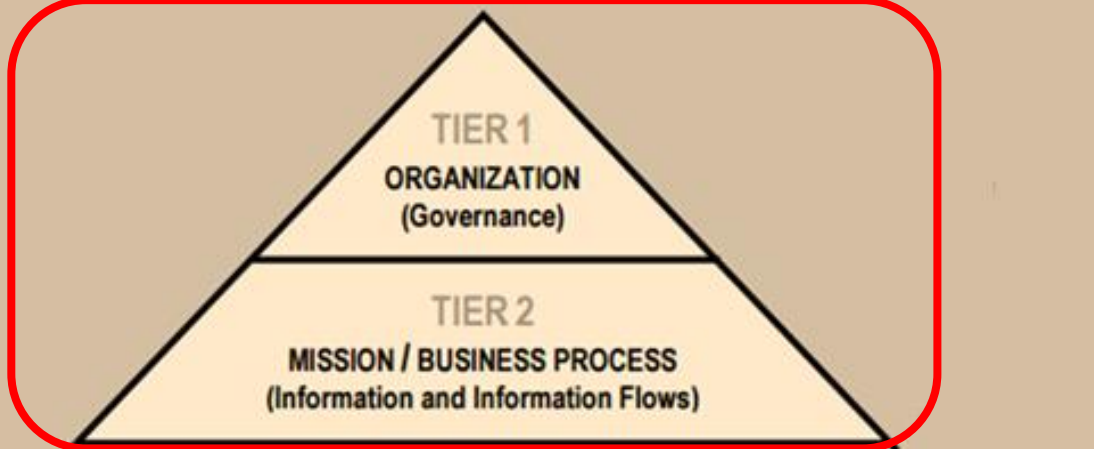
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- **Risk Capacity** = “objective magnitude or amount of loss than an enterprise can tolerate without risking its continued existence”
- **Risk Appetite** “generally reflects a board or management decision regarding how much risk is desirable”

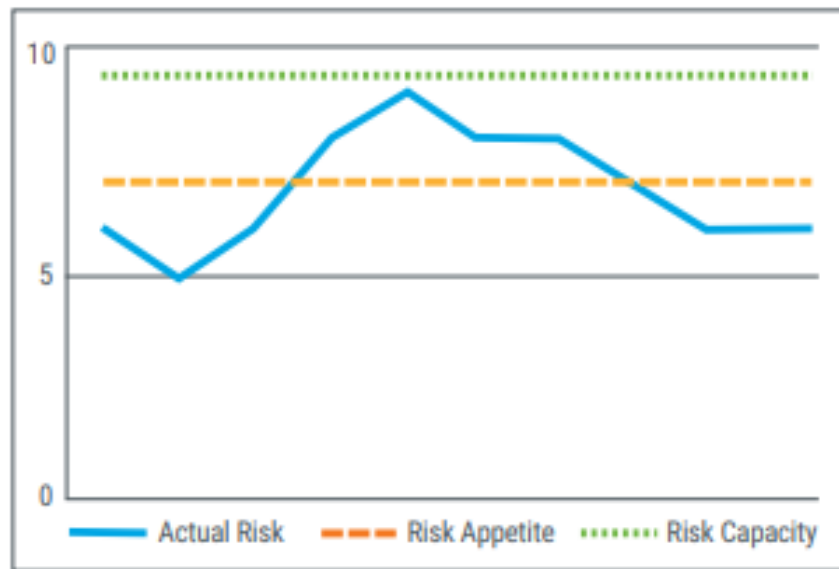


Diagram show a relatively sustainable situation

- Risk appetite is lower than risk capacity
- Actual risk exceeds risk appetite, but remains below risk capacity

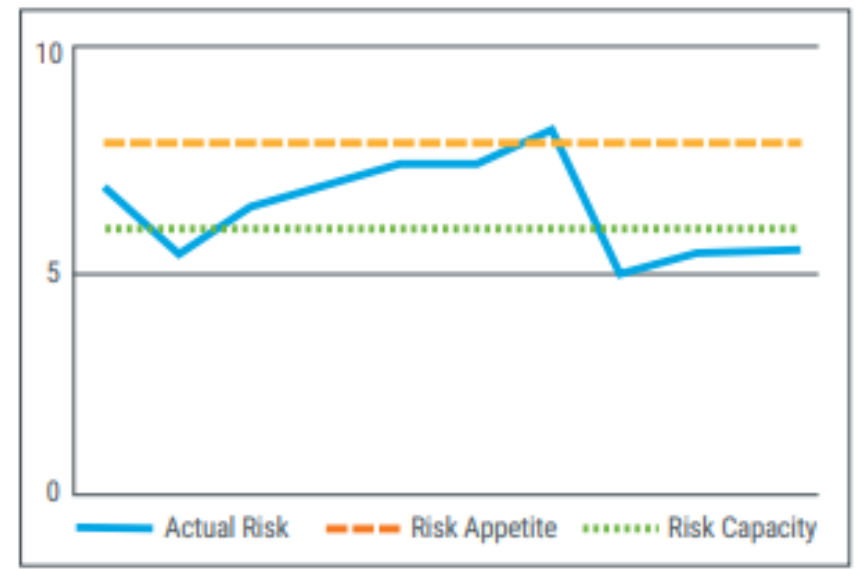
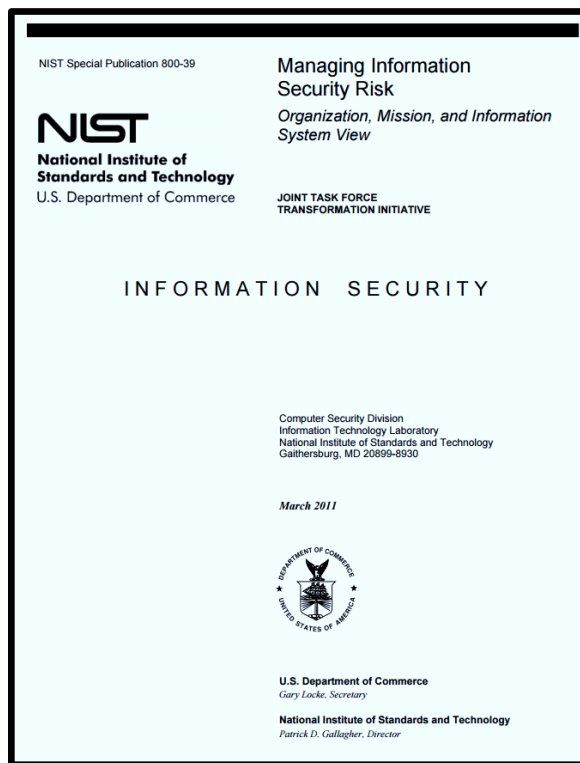
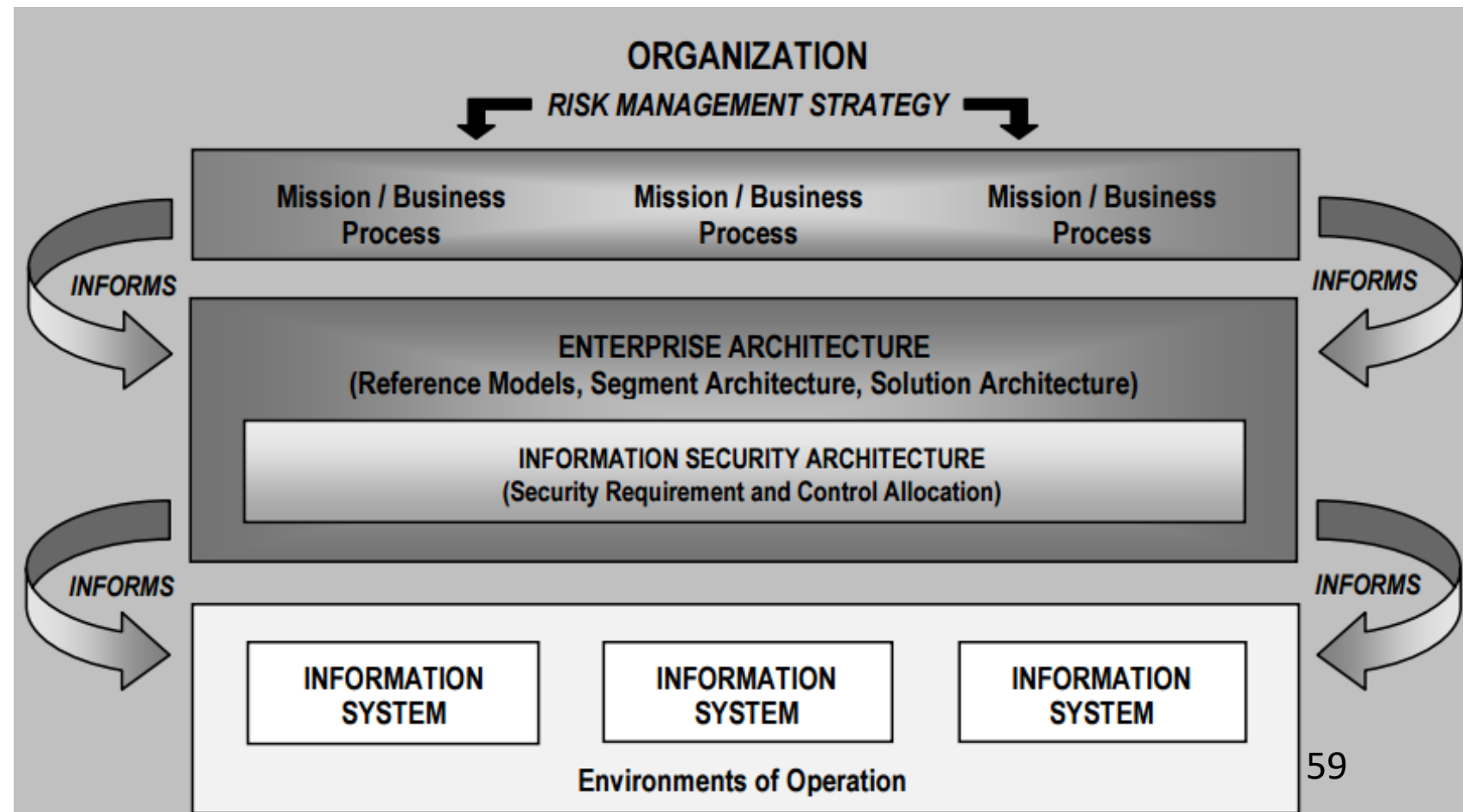


Diagram show an unsustainable situation

- Risk appetite is defined by management as a level beyond risk capacity (i.e. management is OK to accept risk and absorb loss)
- Actual risk routinely exceeds risk capacity, despite remaining below risk appetite level most of the time



MIS 5206 Protecting Information Assets



# NIST Cybersecurity Framework

## Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Version 1.1

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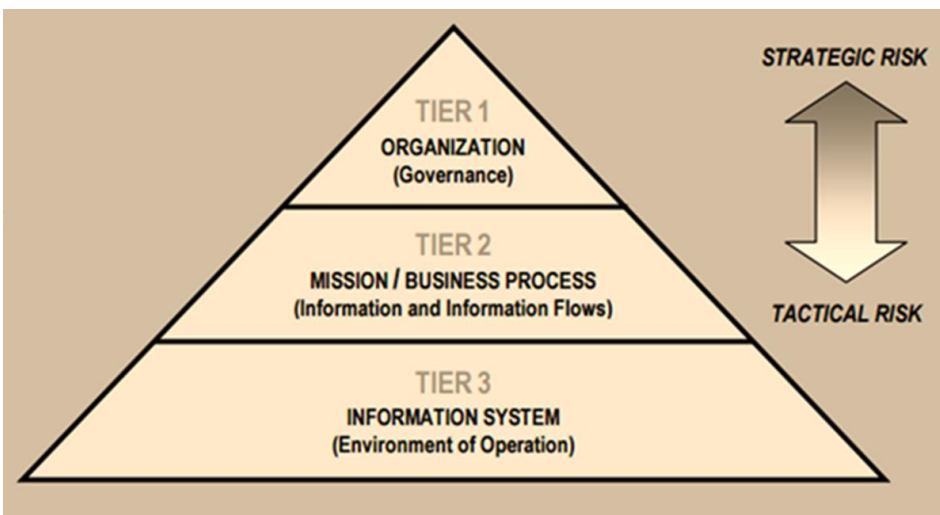
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Refers to and builds on many principles of the ISO/IEC 27001 standard (and others)

Goes way beyond IT and physical security environment

...by also including:

- Governance and management
- Staff policies and procedures
- Training
- Supply chain management



| Functions | Categories |
|-----------|------------|
| IDENTIFY  |            |
| PROTECT   |            |
| DETECT    |            |
| RESPOND   |            |
| RECOVER   |            |
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## Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) levels

| Function Unique Identifier | Function | Category Unique Identifier | Category  |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| ID                         | Identify | ID.AM                      | Asset Management                                |
|                            |          | ID.BE                      | Business Environment                            |
|                            |          | ID.GV                      | Governance                                      |
|                            |          | ID.RA                      | Risk Assessment                                 |
|                            |          | ID.RM                      | Risk Management Strategy                        |
|                            |          | ID.SC                      | Supply Chain Risk Management                    |
| PR                         | Protect  | PR.AC                      | Identity Management and Access Control          |
|                            |          | PR.AT                      | Awareness and Training                          |
|                            |          | PR.DS                      | Data Security                                   |
|                            |          | PR.IP                      | Information Protection Processes and Procedures |
|                            |          | PR.MA                      | Maintenance                                     |
|                            |          | PR.PT                      | Protective Technology                           |
| DE                         | Detect   | DE.AE                      | Anomalies and Events                            |
|                            |          | DE.CM                      | Security Continuous Monitoring                  |
|                            |          | DE.DP                      | Detection Processes                             |
| RS                         | Respond  | RS.RP                      | Response Planning                               |
|                            |          | RS.CO                      | Communications                                  |
|                            |          | RS.AN                      | Analysis  |
|                            |          | RS.MI                      | Mitigation                                      |
|                            |          | RS.IM                      | Improvements                                    |
| RC                         | Recover  | RC.RP                      | Recovery Planning                               |
|                            |          | RC.IM                      | Improvements                                    |
|                            |          | RC.CO                      | Communications                                  |

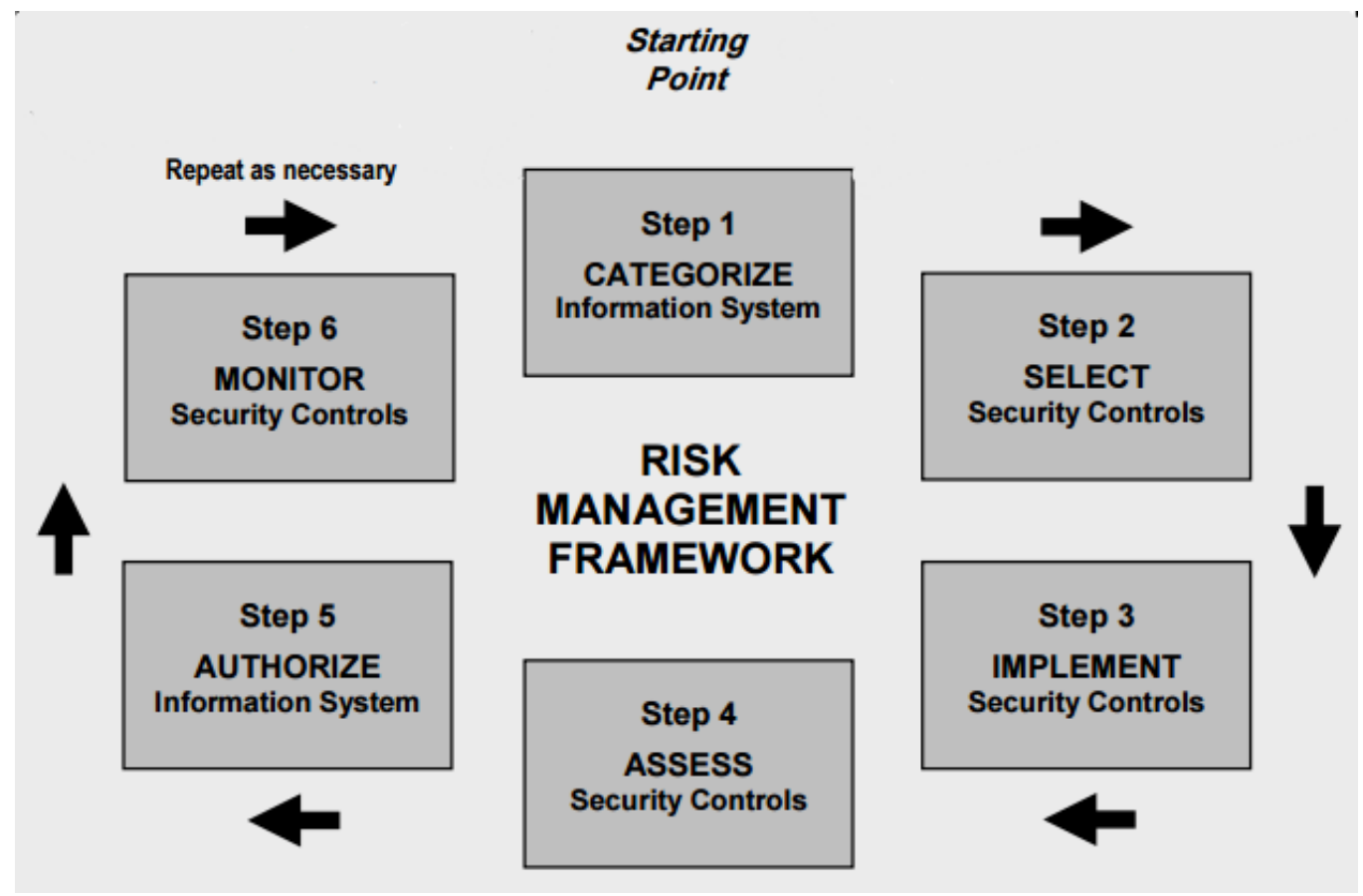
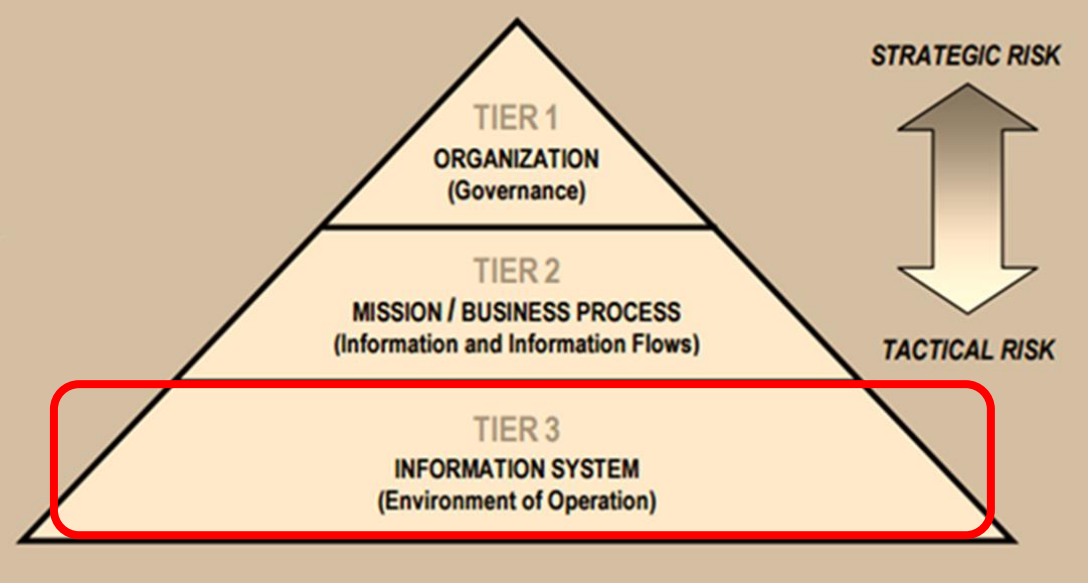


*Is used to assess an organization's cybersecurity capability maturity level, and recommend steps for improvement*

# NIST Cybersecurity Framework's Core Functions

|   | Functions           | Categories  | Subcategories | Informative References |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|
| What assets need protection?                      | FRAMEWORK FUNCTIONS | IDENTIFY ID | CATEGORIES    | INFORMATIVE REFERENCES |
| What safeguards are available?                    |                     | PROTECT PR  | CATEGORIES    | INFORMATIVE REFERENCES |
| What techniques can identify incidents?           |                     | DETECT DE   | CATEGORIES    | INFORMATIVE REFERENCES |
| What techniques can contain impacts of incidents? |                     | RESPOND RS  | CATEGORIES    | INFORMATIVE REFERENCES |
| What techniques can restore capabilities?         |                     | RECOVER RC  | CATEGORIES    | INFORMATIVE REFERENCES |

Figure 1: Framework Core Structure





## Risk Management

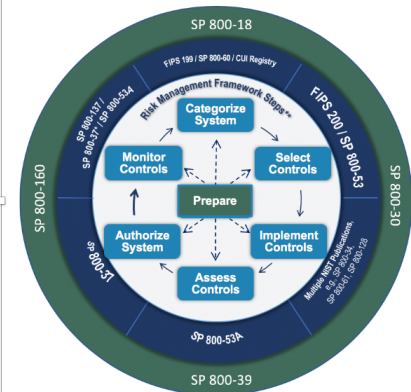


### Risk Management Framework: Quick Start Guides

The Risk Management Framework (RMF) provides a structured, yet flexible approach for managing the portion of risk resulting from the incorporation of systems into the mission and business processes of the organization.

The Quick Start Guides build on the NIST standards and guidance, consolidate information from various NIST publications, and provide sample ways to implement the standards and guidelines.

The figure below can be used to link to the relevant FIPS, SPs, and additional resources for the RMF steps.



The links below point to supporting materials for each RMF Step including *Frequently Asked Questions*, *Roles and Responsibilities Charts*, *Tips and Techniques (Organization and System)*, and *Perspectives (Management, Organization, and System)*.

- Prepare Step
- Categorize Step
- Select Step
- Implement Step
- Assess Step
- Authorize Step
- Monitor Step

The Quick Start Guides provide implementation guidance and examples on how to plan for, conduct, and document the results. While the guides provide examples and sample documentation, they are not mandatory nor do they prescribe required formats. Additional templates are available from other sources.

#### PROJECT LINKS

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Authorization and Monitoring  
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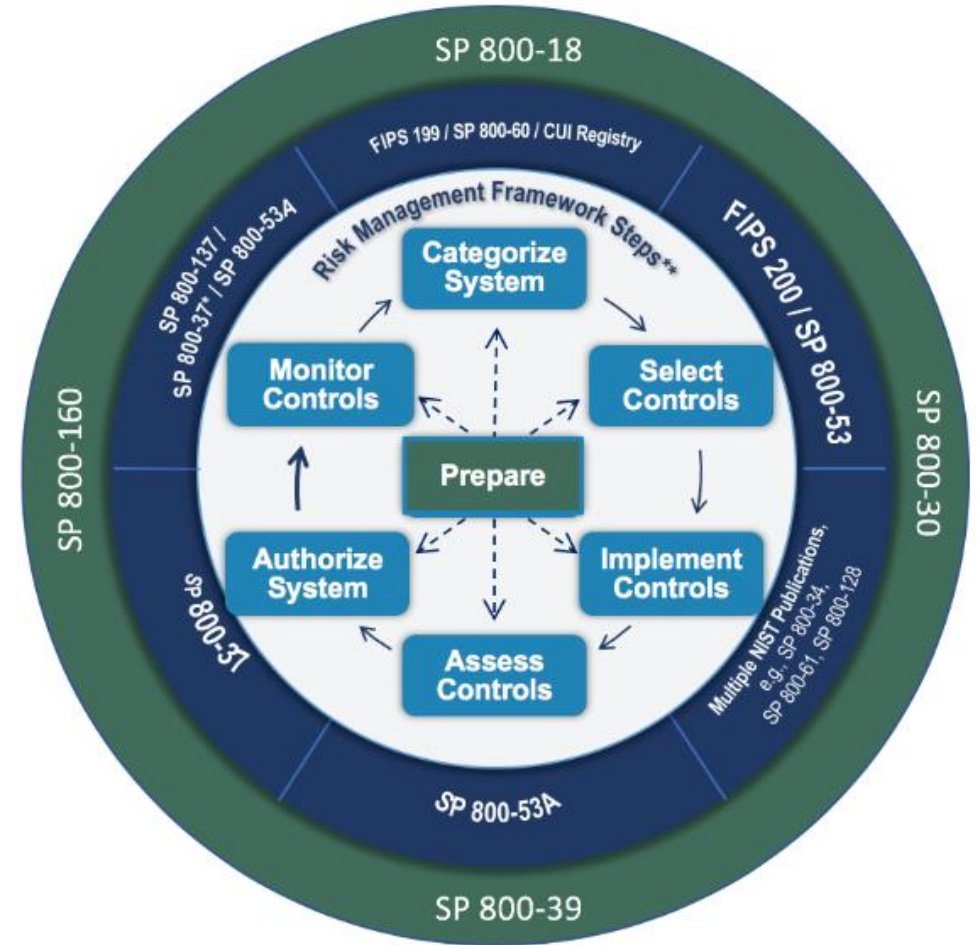
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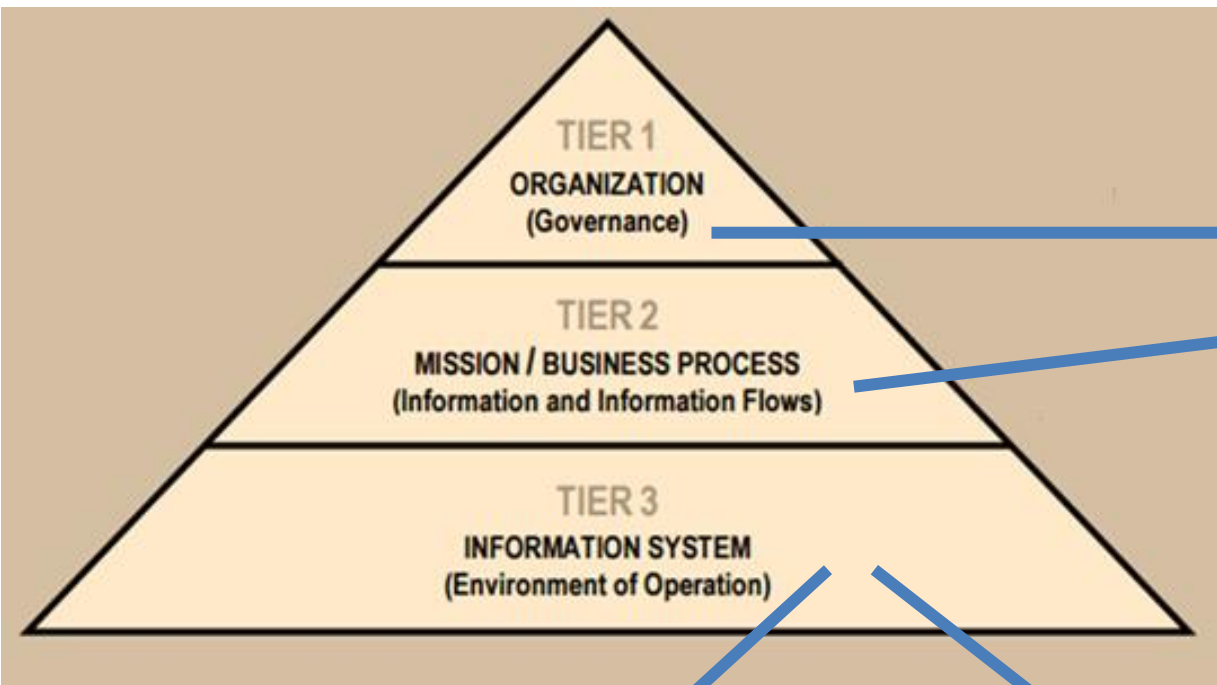
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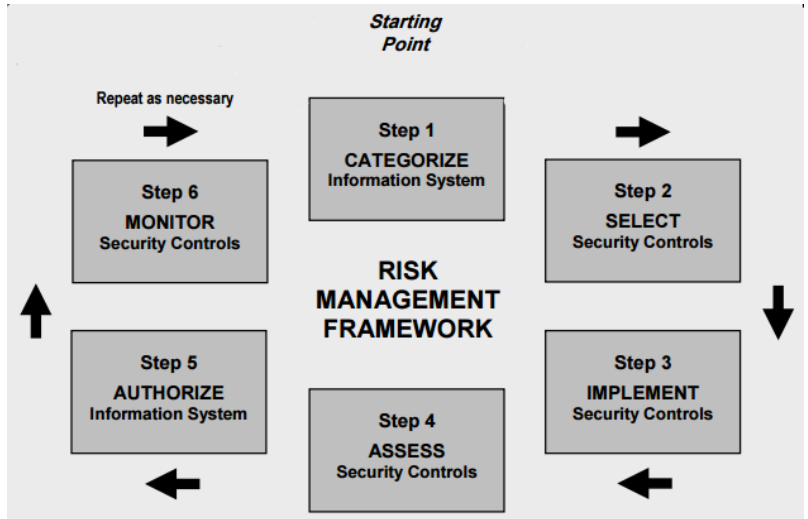
# In summary...

# The RiskIT Framework



NIST Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security Framework

NIST Risk Management Framework





## Next time: Case Study #1

“Snowfall and a stolen laptop...”



Ashok Rao

# Agenda

- ✓ Business context for data and information security
- ✓ Key concepts
  - ✓ Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
  - ✓ Threats
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  - ✓ Risks
  - ✓ Risk mitigations
- ✓ Critical infrastructure
- ✓ Risk management standards and frameworks
- ✓ Next class

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