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: “Cybersecurity Framework”
- ISACA Risk IT Framework, pp. 9-30

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"

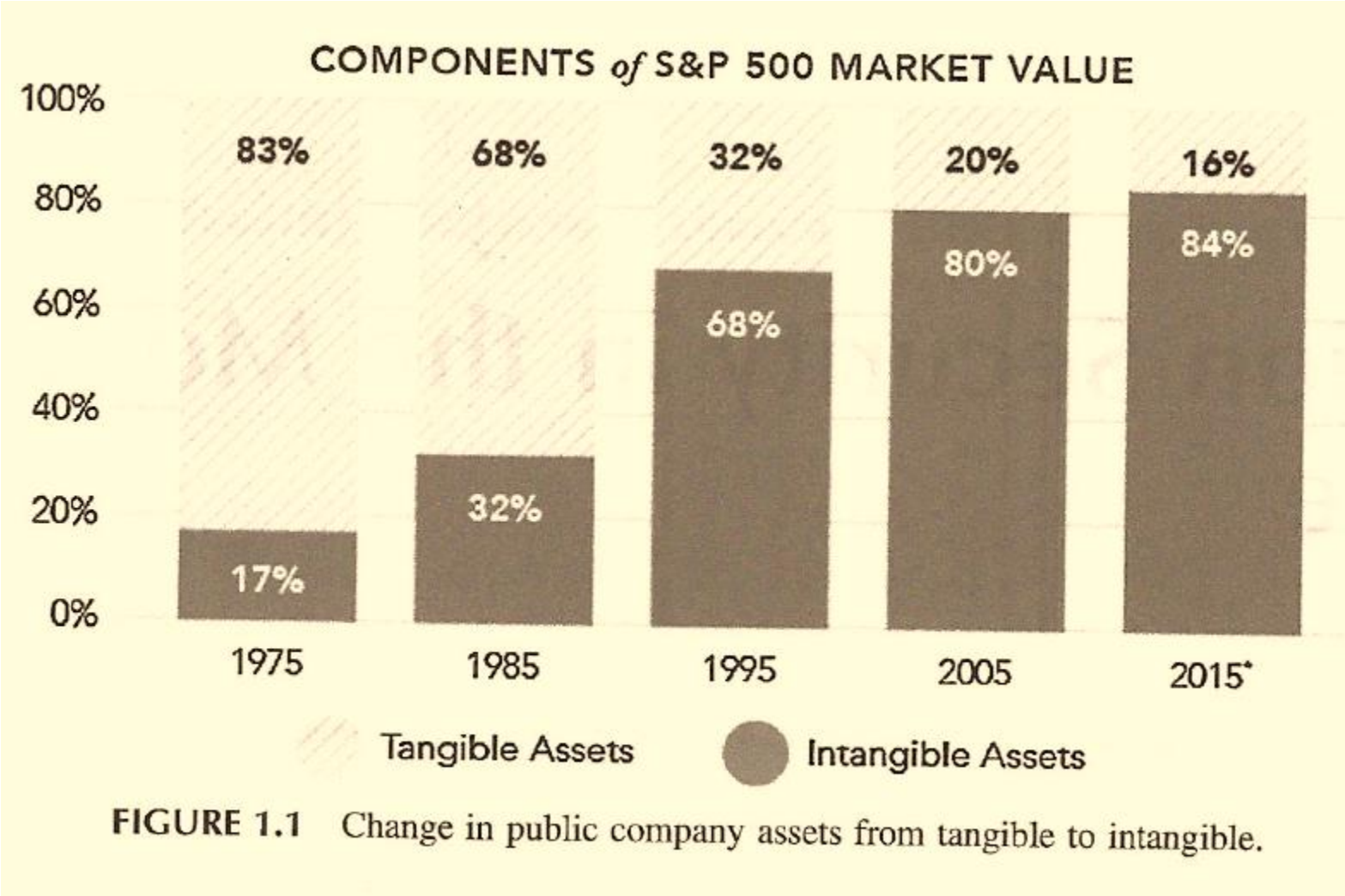

FIGURE 1.1 Change in public company assets from tangible to intangible.

Vacca 3rd Edition, pp. 3-4

Information Security Transformation

1970 data security examples	Today's data security must consider
Guarding the photocopier Watching who went in and out of the front door	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 breaches
- *Unauthorized modification or destruction*
  Integrity breaches
- *Disruption of timely and reliable access to and use of information*
  Availability breaches

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***
- ***Unauthorized modification or destruction***
- ***Disruption of timely reliable access & use of information***

…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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Type of Threat Source	Description	Characteristics

ADVERSARIAL
- Individual
  - Outsider
  - Insider
  - Trusted Insider
  - Privileged Insider
- Group
  - Ad hoc
  - Established
- Organization
  - Competitor
  - Supplier
  - Partner
  - Customer
- Nation-State
	Individuals, groups, organizations, or states that seek to exploit the organization's dependence on cyber resources (i.e., information in electronic form, information and communications technologies, and the communications and information-handling capabilities provided by those technologies).	Capability, Intent, Targeting

ACCIDENTAL - User - Privileged User/Administrator	Erroneous actions taken by individuals in the course of executing their everyday responsibilities.	Range of effects

STRUCTURAL
- Information Technology (IT) Equipment
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  - Processing
  - Communications
  - Display
  - Sensor
  - Controller
- Environmental Controls
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  - Networking
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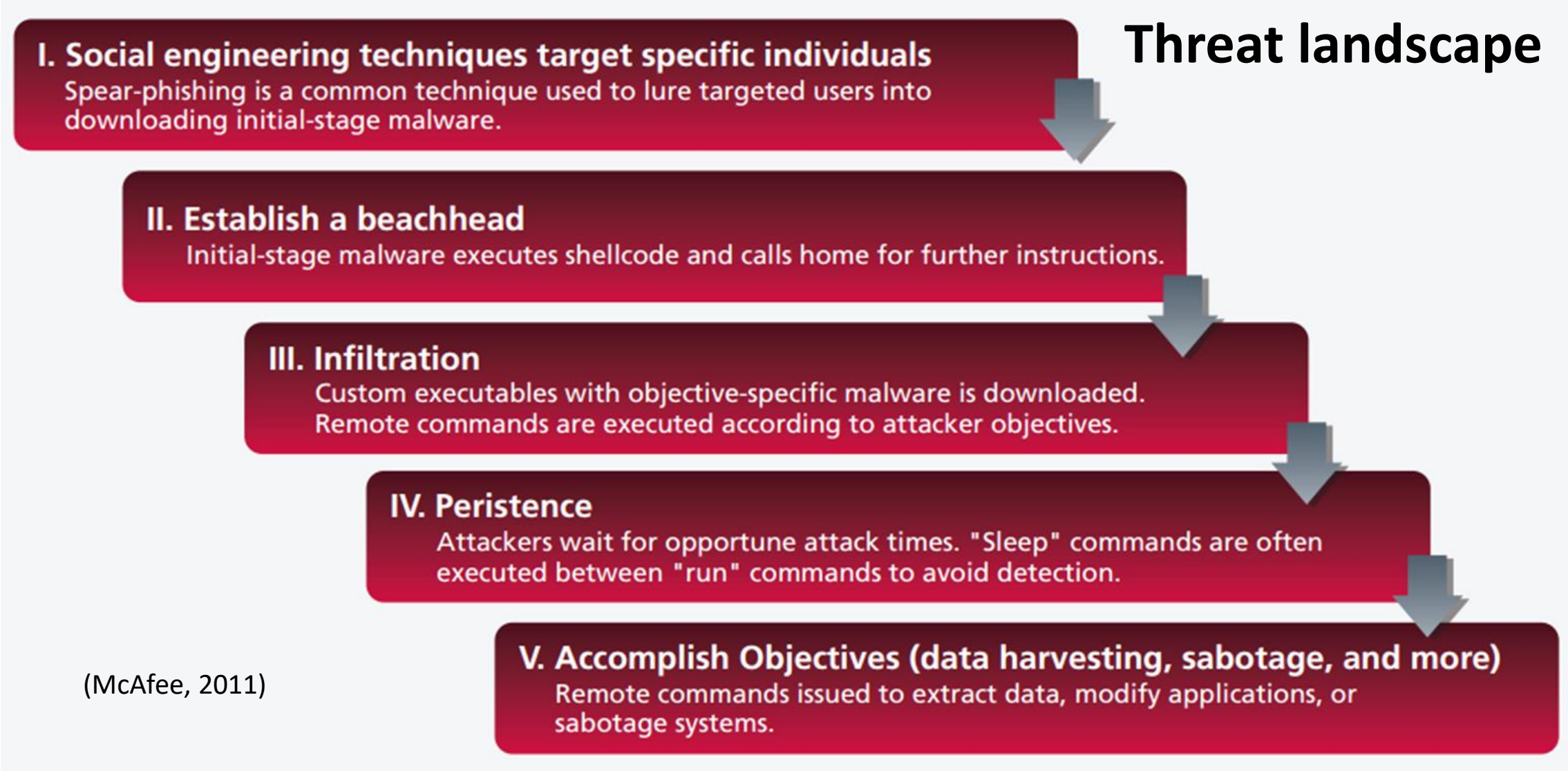

(McAfee, 2011)

Anatomy of an Attack

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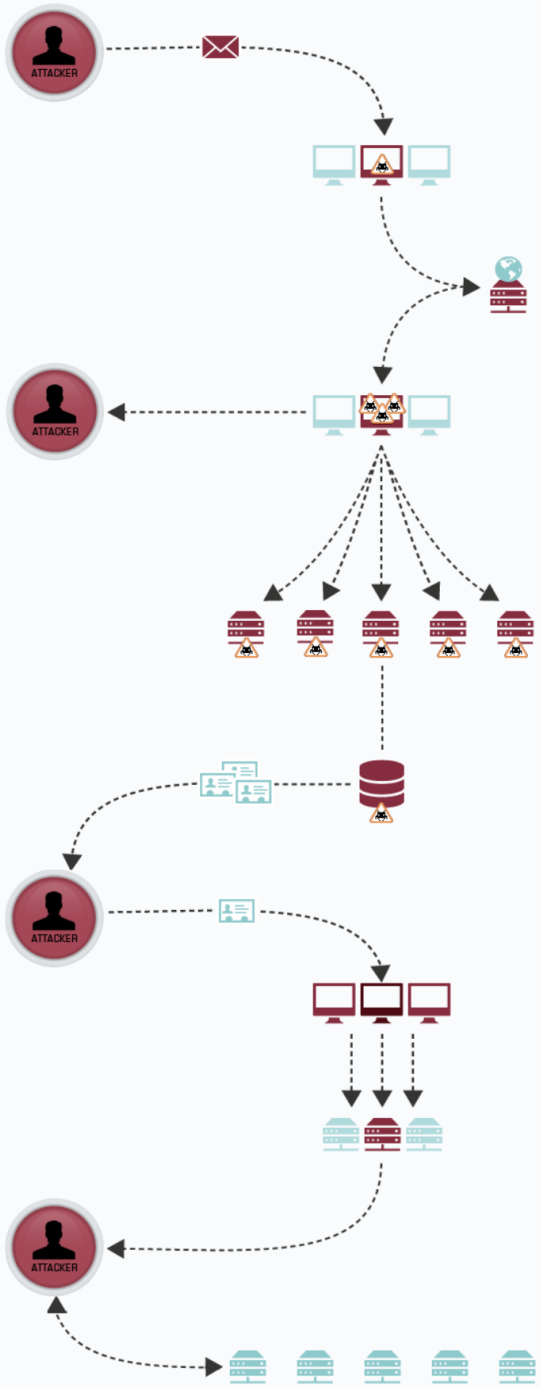


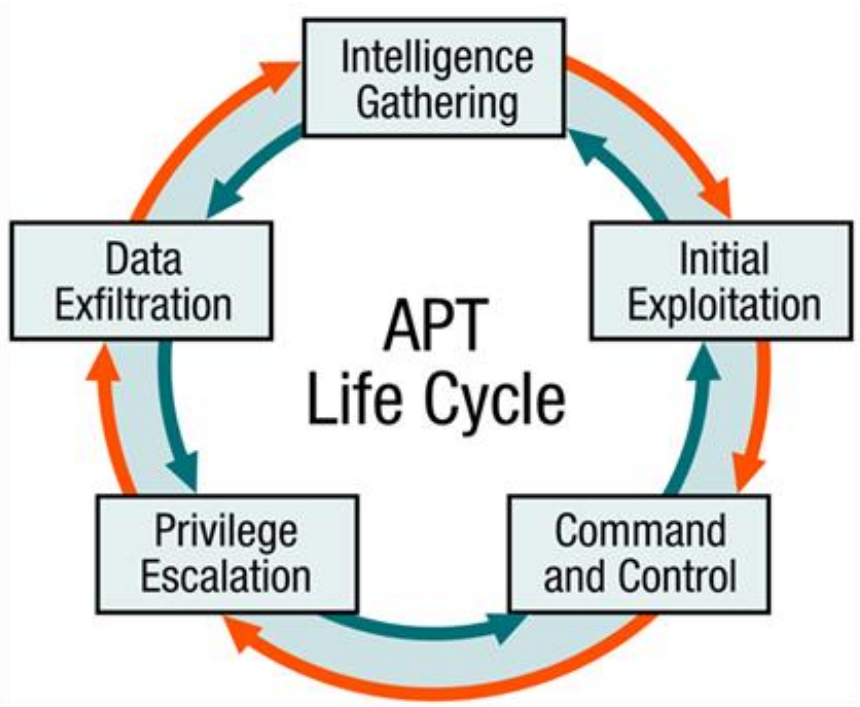
1. Attacker sends spear fishing e-mail
2. Victim opens attachment
   - Custom malware is installed
3. Custom malware communicates to control web site
   - Pulls down additional malware
4. Attacker establishes multiple backdoors
5. Attacker accesses system
   - Dumps account names and passwords from domain 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 tracts
    - Deletes files
    - Can return any time

Threat landscape

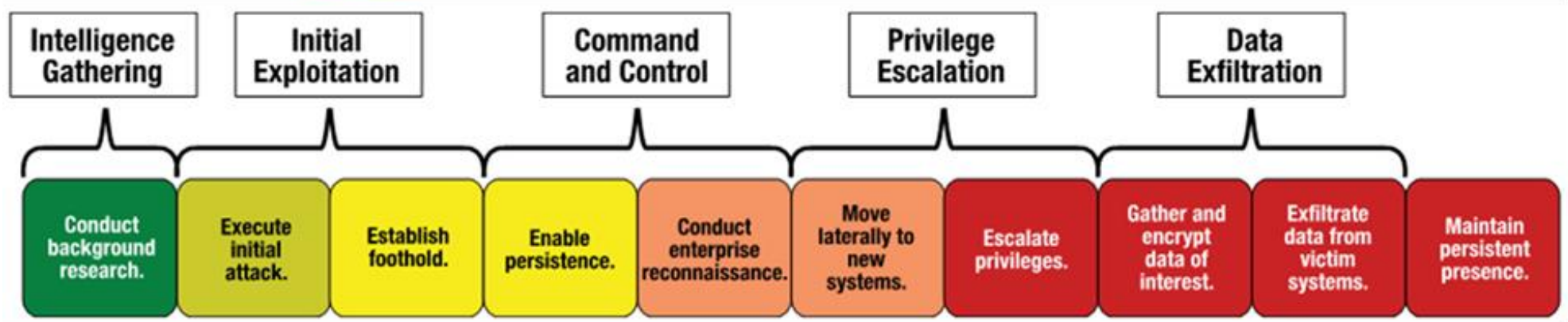
Advanced threats usually maintain remote access to target environments for 6-18 months before being detected (i.e. they are persistent)

Assets

Threat landscape



Anatomy of Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)



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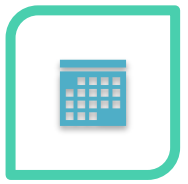
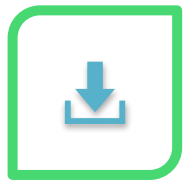
Human non-malicious threat examples and causes

COMPUTER OPERATOR ERRORS



DATA ENTRY (INPUT) ERRORS



UPDATE OF WRONG FILE

PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO DISK

MISPLACED DISK FILES

UNLOCKED TRASH CONTAINERS

TRUSTING MALICIOUS PEOPLE

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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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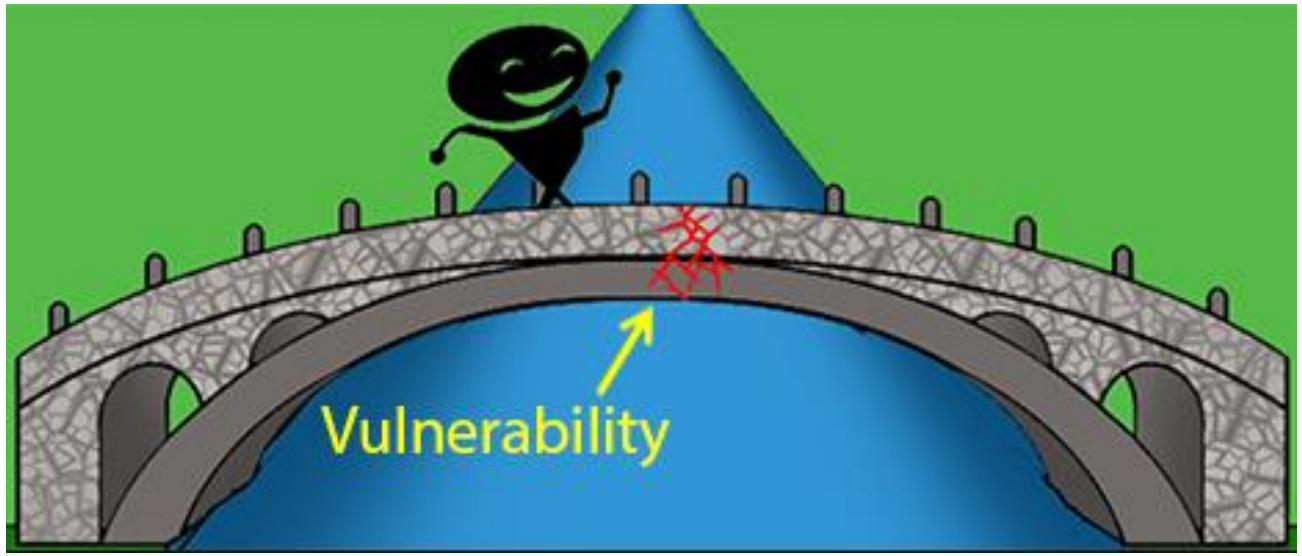

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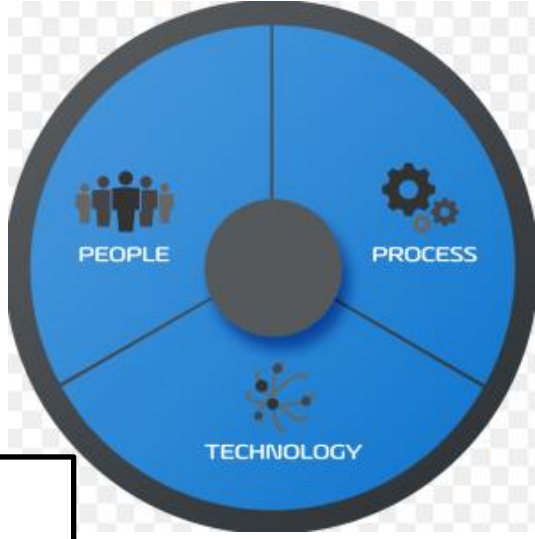
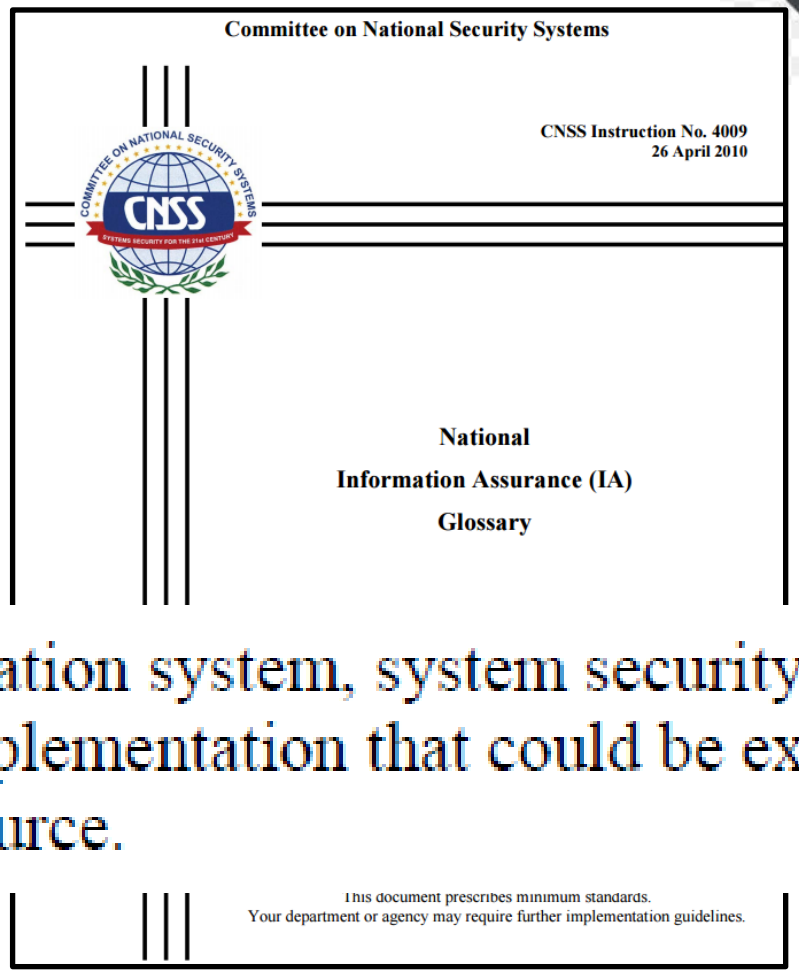


Any unaddressed susceptibility to a Adversarial, Accidental, Structural or Environmental threat is an information security vulnerability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CNSS Instruction No. 4009
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National
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Glossary

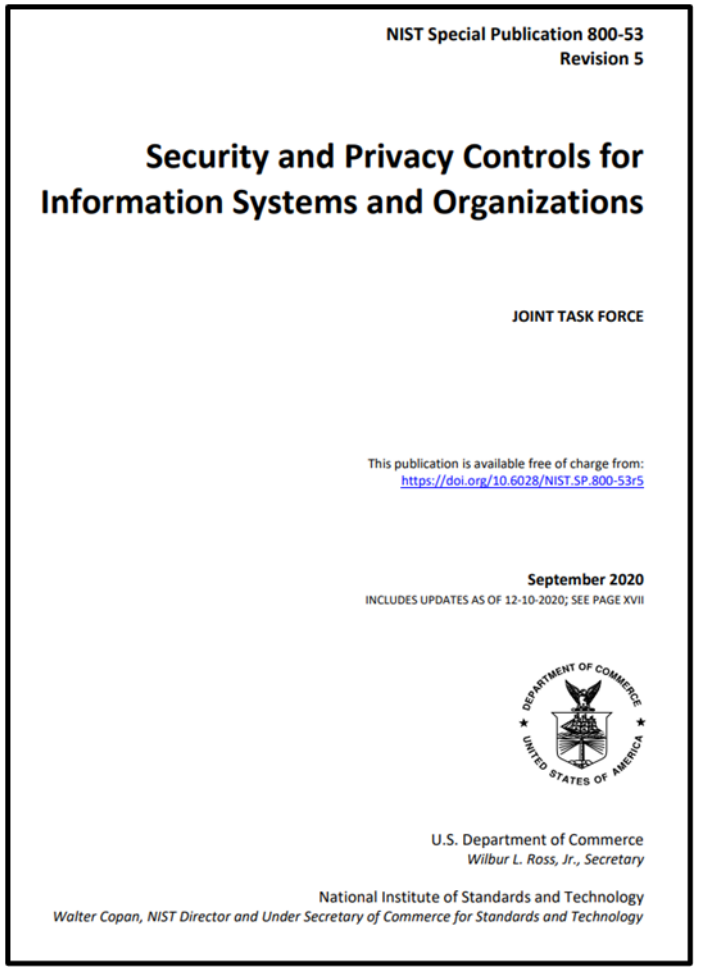
This document prescribes minimum standards.
Your department or agency may require further implementation guidelines.

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



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What is a Risk?

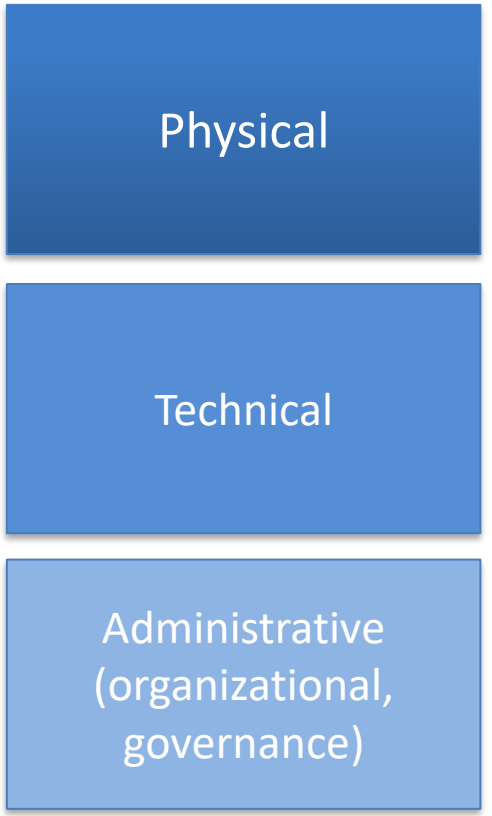
A measure of the potential impact of a threat resulting from an exploitation of a vulnerability

Potential loss resulting from unauthorized:

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

…of an enterprises' information

Can be expresses in quantitative and qualitative terms



Information security risks

Economic impact and financial loss

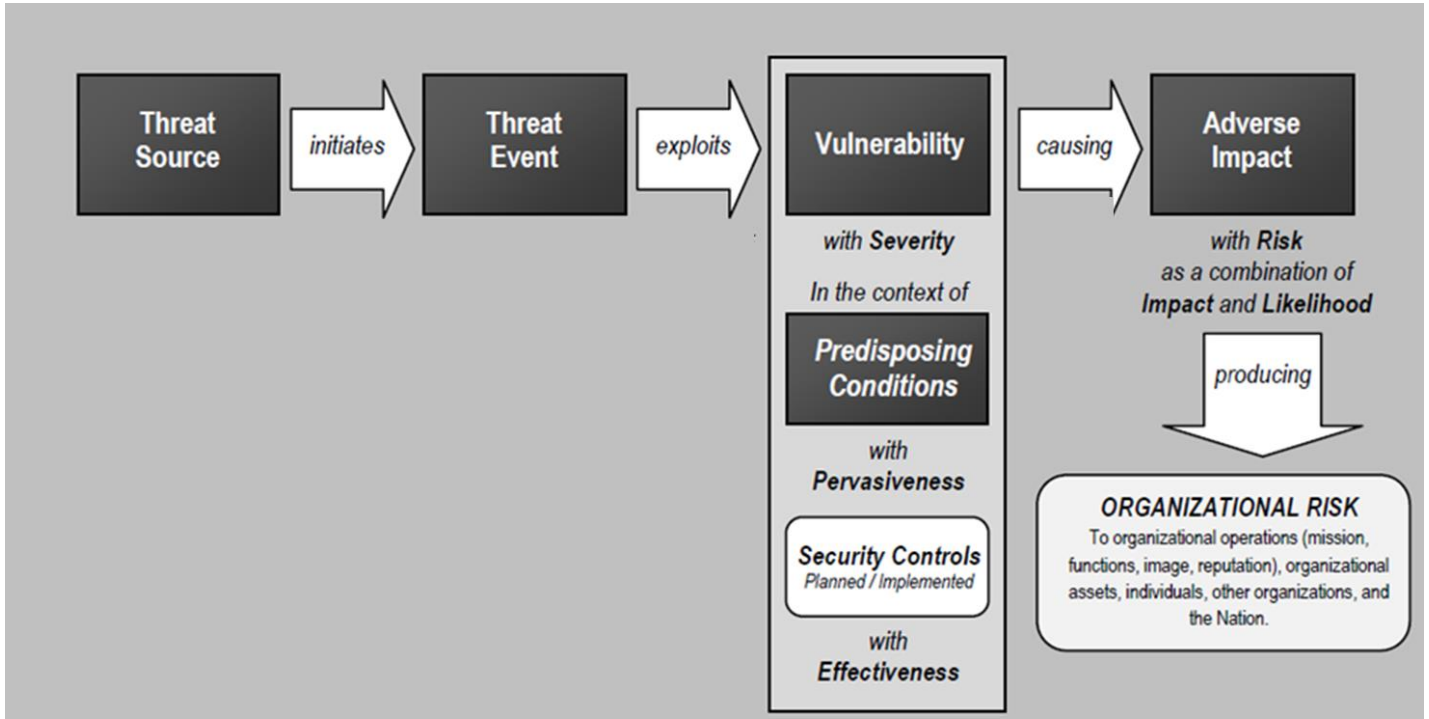
- Replacement costs (software, hardware, other)
- Backup restoration and recovery costs
- Reprocessing, reconstruction costs
- Theft/crime (non-computer, computer)

- 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

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



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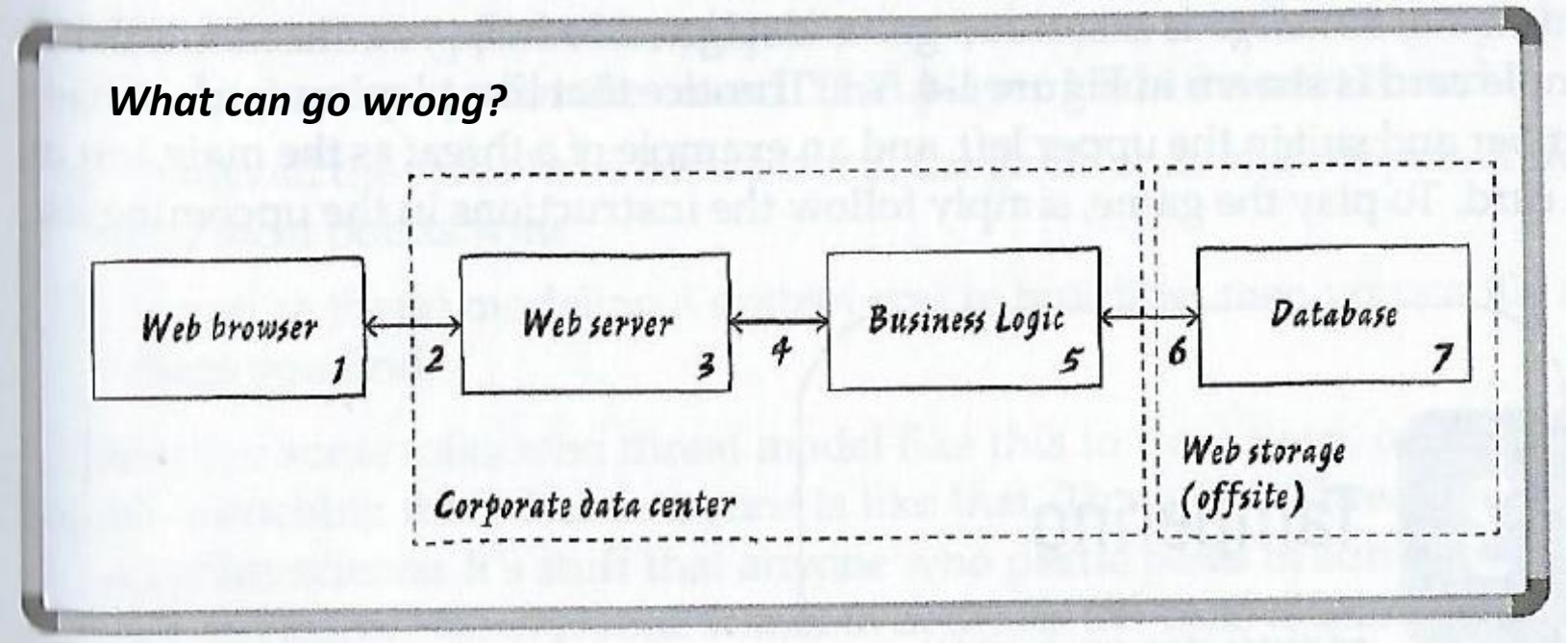
Process for Assessing IT risk



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)

ALE = SLE X 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 ?

- Antivirus software
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- Biometrics (thumbprints, retina scans, voice, face)
- Callback modems
- Canine patrols
- Card-activated locks
- Certificate revocation list
- Code of sanctions against vendors/suppliers/contractors
- 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
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- Redundant data center
- Corporate code of conduct
- Internal audit
- Grounds lighting
- Intrusion detection software
- Locked doors, terminals
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- Firewalls
- Change management
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- Placement of authentication / authorization / database / accounting servers in secure location
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Critical Infrastructure

1996 Presidential Executive Order identified critical infrastructure needing protection…

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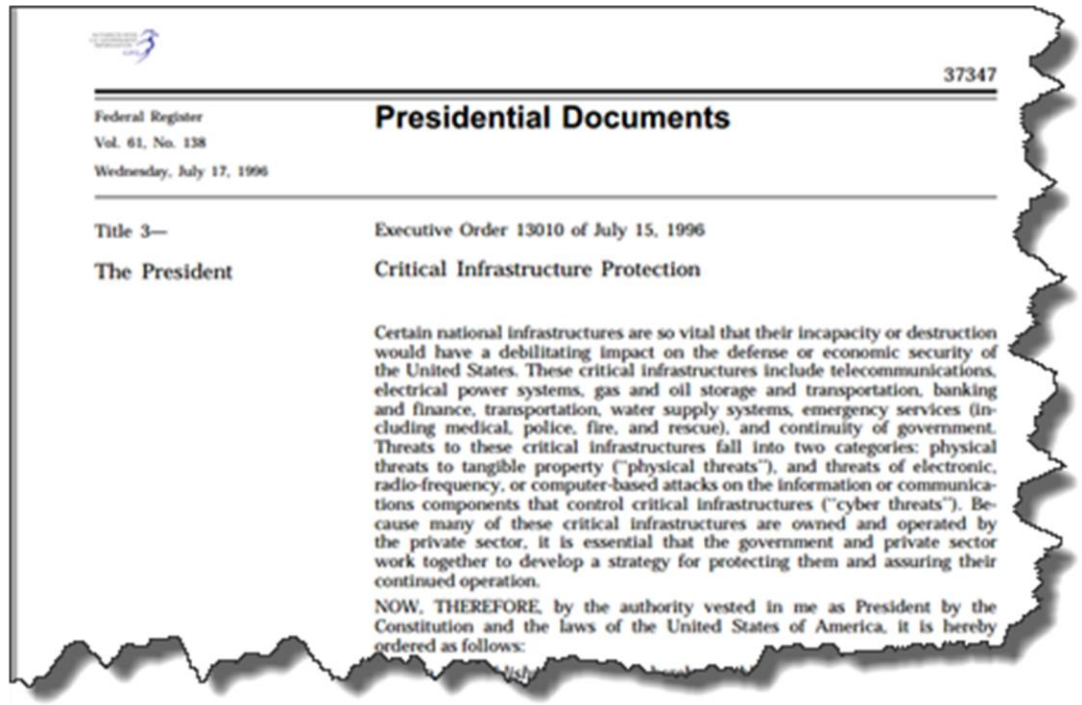
1. ***Water supply systems***
2. ***Transportation***
3. ***Gas and oil storage and transport***
4. ***Telecommunications***
5. ***Electrical power systems***
6. ***Banking and finance***
7. ***Emergency services***
8. ***Continuity of government***



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Critical Infrastructure 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. These critical infrastructures include telecommunications, electrical power systems, gas and oil storage and transportation, banking and finance, transportation, water supply systems, emergency services (including medical, police, fire, and rescue), and continuity of government. Threats to these critical infrastructures fall into two categories: physical threats to tangible property ("physical threats"), and threats of electronic, radio-frequency, or computer-based attacks on the information or communications components that control critical infrastructures ("cyber threats"). Because many of these critical infrastructures are owned and operated by the private sector, it is essential that the government and private sector work together to develop a strategy for protecting them and assuring their continued operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1993 World Trade Center bombing

Part of terrorism in the United States

Underground damage after the bombing

Location	World Trade Center New York City, New York, U.S.
Coordinates	40.711452°N 74.011919°W
Date	February 26, 1993; 26 years ago 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 U.S. support for Israel

(PPD-21)

Presidential Policy Directive on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (PPD-21) issued in 2013 identified…

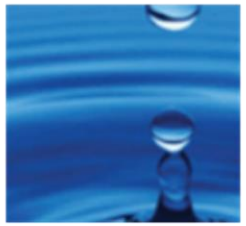
16 U.S. Critical Infrastructure Sectors needing protection

Transportation 

Commercial Facilities 

Energy 

Healthcare and Public Health 

Water and Wastewater Systems 

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste 

Chemical 

Information Technology 

Dams 

Defense Industrial Base 

Government Facilities 

Food and Agriculture 

Emergency Services 

Communications 

Critical Manufacturing 

Financial Services 

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

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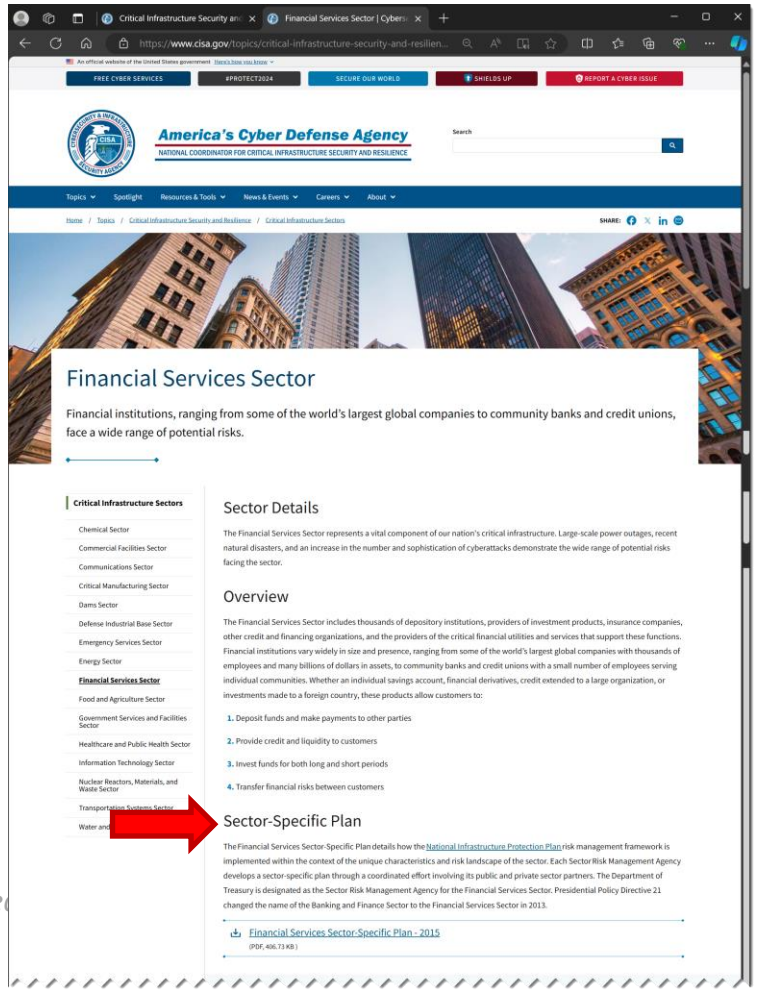
Critical Infrastructure Information –data that can be used in either physical or computer-based attack that directly or indirectly

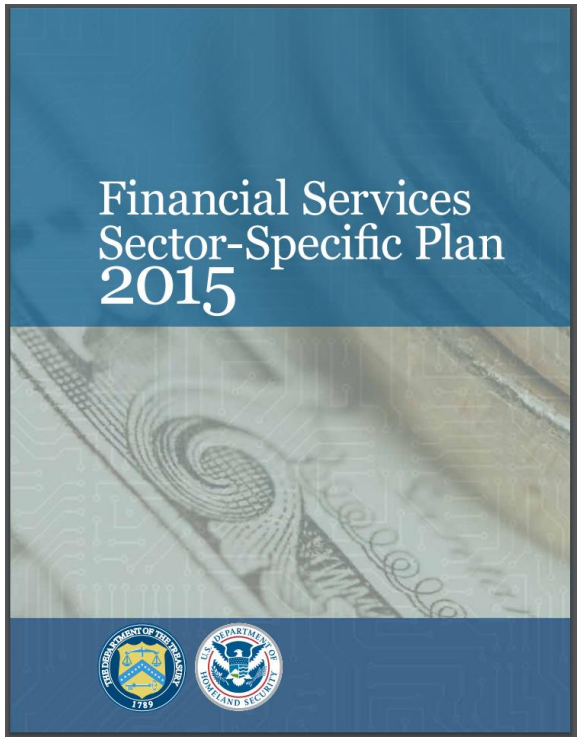
- Affects viability of a facility or critical infrastructure
- Threatens public health or safety
- Harms commerce
- Violates governmental laws

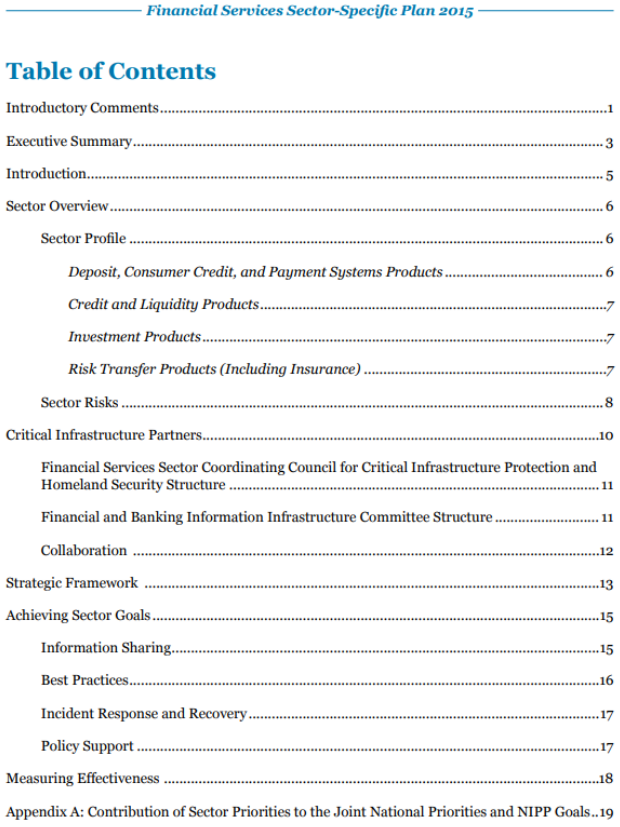
Protected System –any physical or computer-based system, information or data, process or procedure that directly or indirectly affects the viability of a facility or critical infrastructure

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







Financial Services Sector-Specific Plan 2015

Information Sharing	
GOAL 1	*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.*
PRIORITY	1. Improve the timeliness, quality, and reach of threat and trend information shared within the sector, across sectors, and between the sector and government. 2. Address interdependencies by expanding information sharing with other sectors of critical infrastructure and international partners. 3. Accelerate the sharing of information through structured information sharing processes and routines.

Best Practices	
GOAL 2	*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.*
PRIORITY	1. Promote sector-wide usage of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, including among smaller and medium sized institutions. 2. Encourage the development and use of best practices for managing third-party risk.

Incident Response and Recovery	
GOAL 3	*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.*
PRIORITY	1. Streamline, socialize, and enhance the mechanisms and processes for responding to incidents that require a coordinated response. 2. Routinely exercise government and private sector incident response processes.

Policy Support	
GOAL 4	*Discuss policy and regulatory initiatives that advance infrastructure security and resilience priorities through robust coordination between government and industry.*
PRIORITY	1. Identify, prioritize, and support government research and development funding for critical financial infrastructure protection. 2. Identify and support policies that enhance critical financial infrastructure security and resilience, including a more secure and resilient Internet. 3. Encourage close coordination among firms, financial regulators, and executive branch agencies to inform policy development efforts.

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Information Technology 

Food and Agriculture 

Financial Services 

Transportation sector - examples

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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U.S. Department of Transportation
Research and Innovative Technology Administration

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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Critical Infrastructure Sectors

Transportation 

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Energy 

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Critical Manufacturing 

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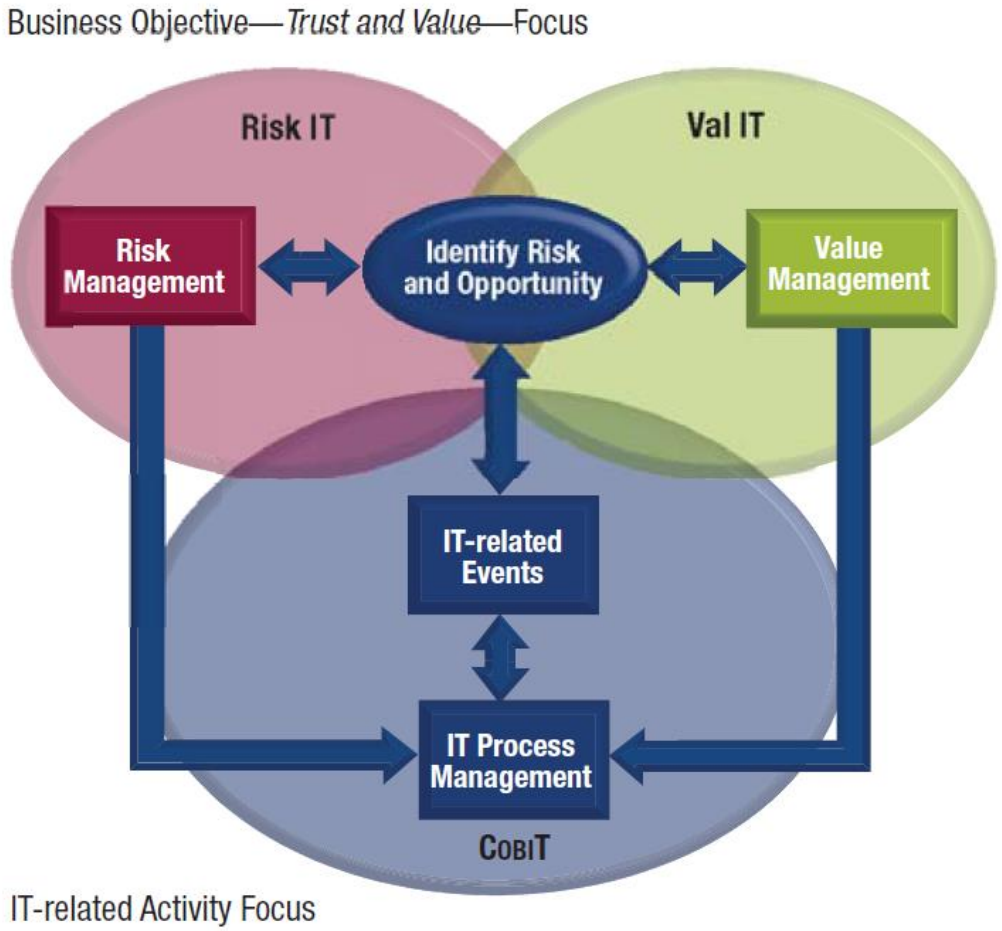
Water/Wastewater sector – Attack example 2001

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**



ISACA's RiskIT Framework

- 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 **I**nformation 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

ISO/IEC 27001 Standard

Considered a leading example of risk management for information security and Privacy Protection

- Created in 2005 and updated in 2013, 2018, and 2022 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*

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

National Institute of Standards and Technology
U.S. Department of Commerce

- 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)

NIST Special Publication 800-39

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Organization, Mission, and Information System View

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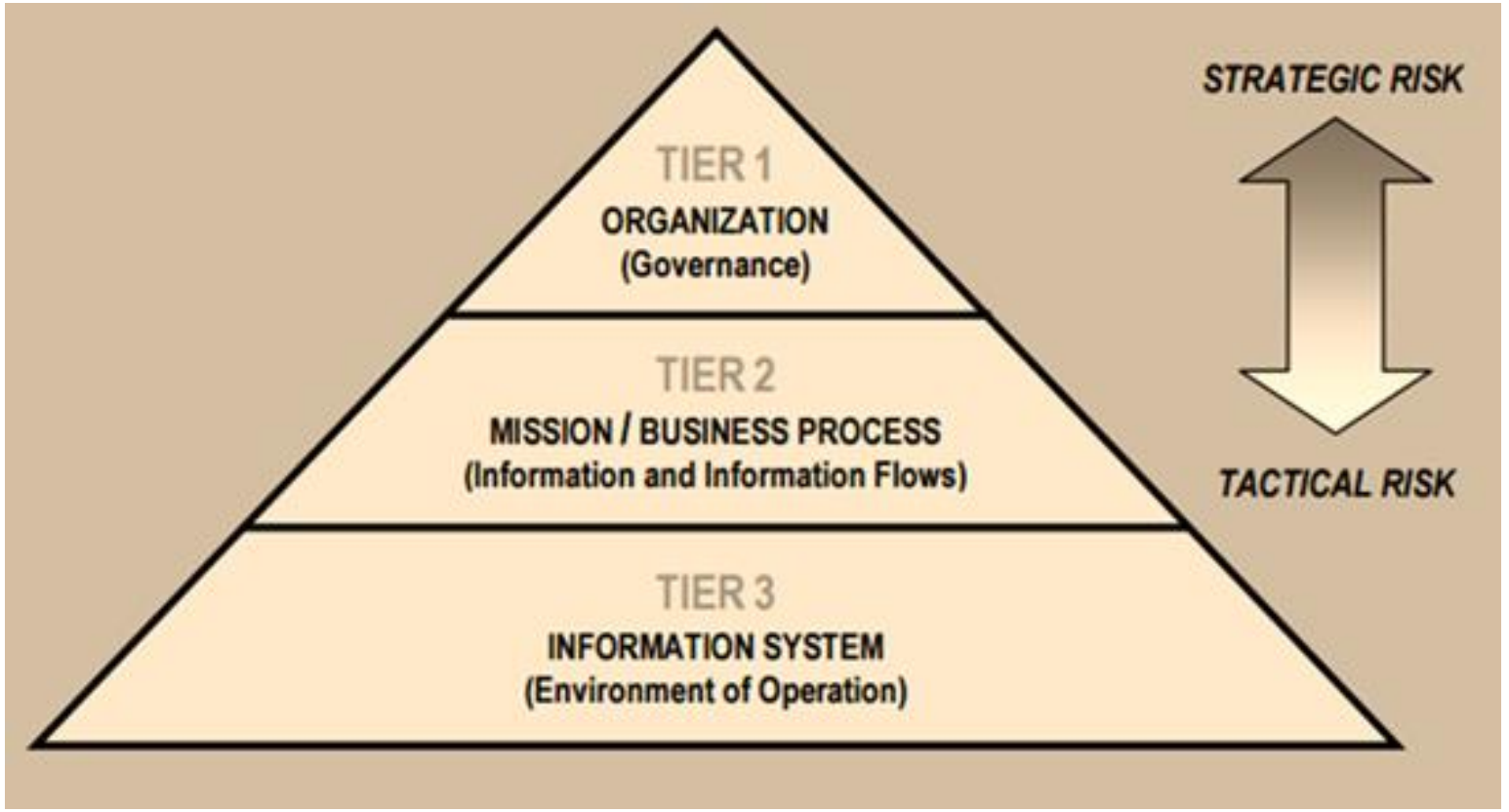


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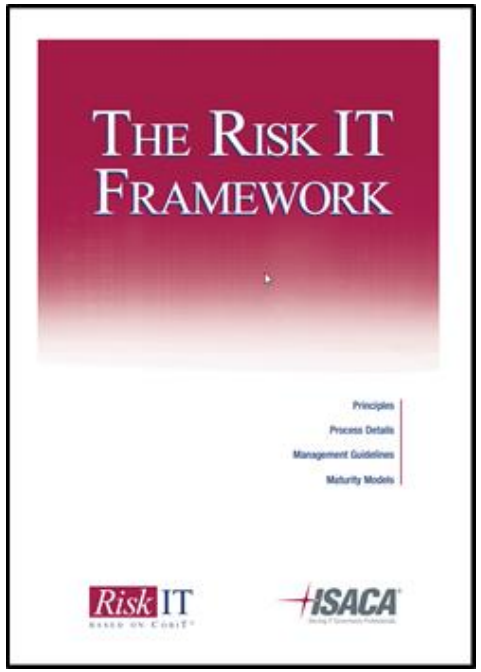
THE RISK IT FRAMEWORK
Principles
Process Details
Management Guidelines
Maturity Models
Risk IT
ISACA


Risk Governance
Ensure that IT risk management practices are embedded in the enterprise, enabling it to secure optimal risk-adjusted return.
Integrate With ERM
Establish and Maintain a Common Risk View
Make Risk-aware Business Decisions
Business Objectives
Communication
Manage Risk
Articulate Risk
React to Events
Risk Response
Ensure that IT-related risk issues, opportunities and events are addressed in a cost-effective manner and in line with business priorities.
Analyse Risk
Collect Data
Maintain Risk Profile
Risk Evaluation
Ensure that IT-related risks and opportunities are identified, analysed and presented in business terms.


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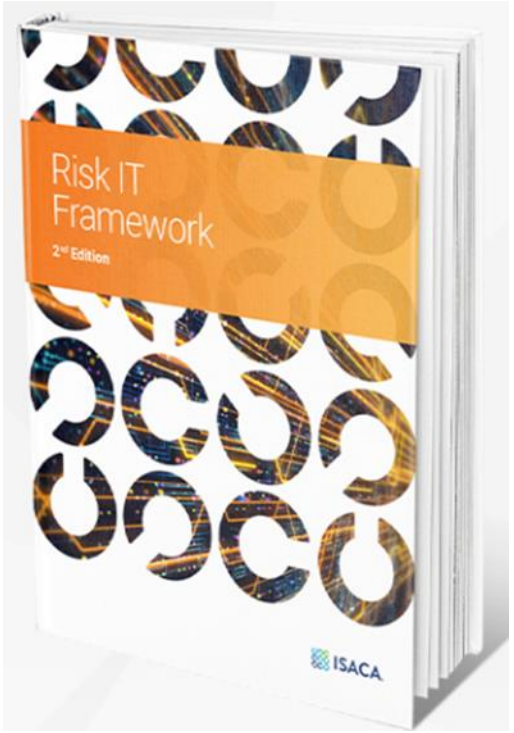
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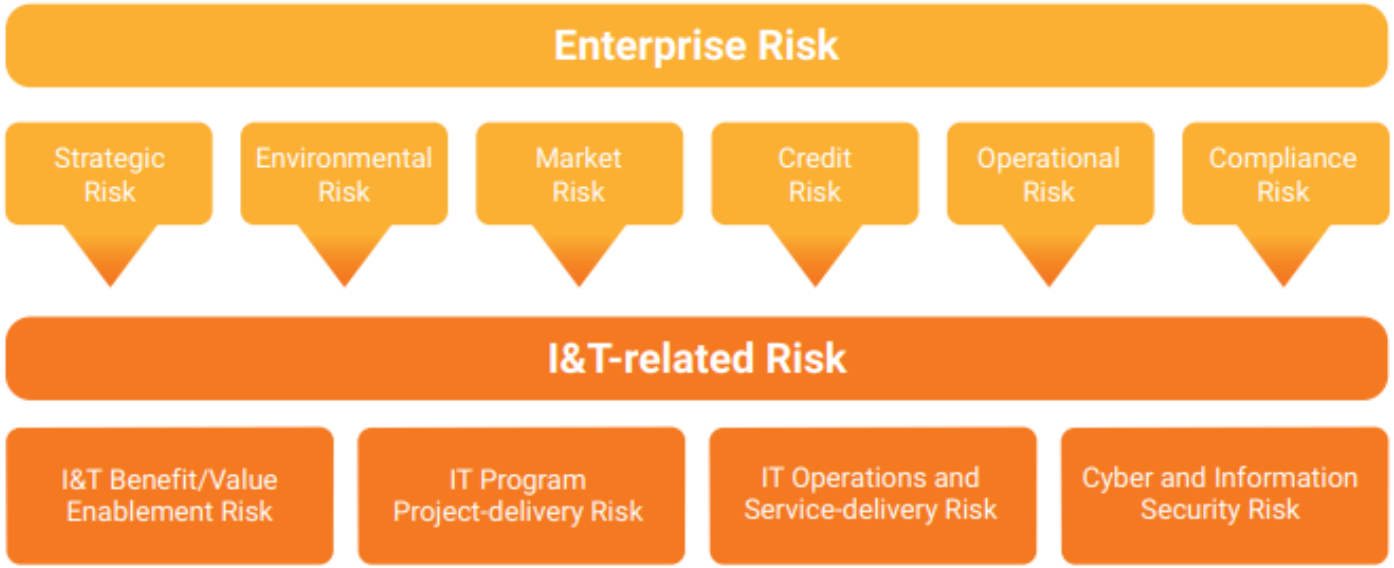
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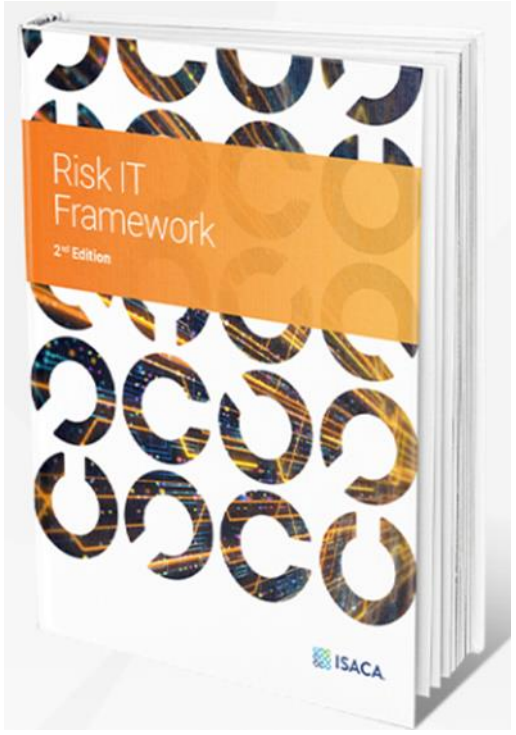
Cyber and Information Security Risk

- **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"



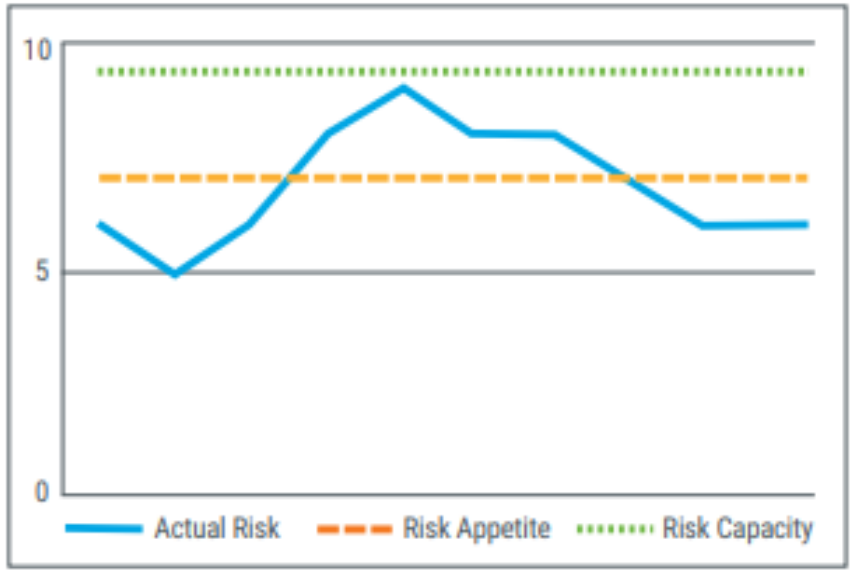


Diagram show a relatively sustainable situation

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

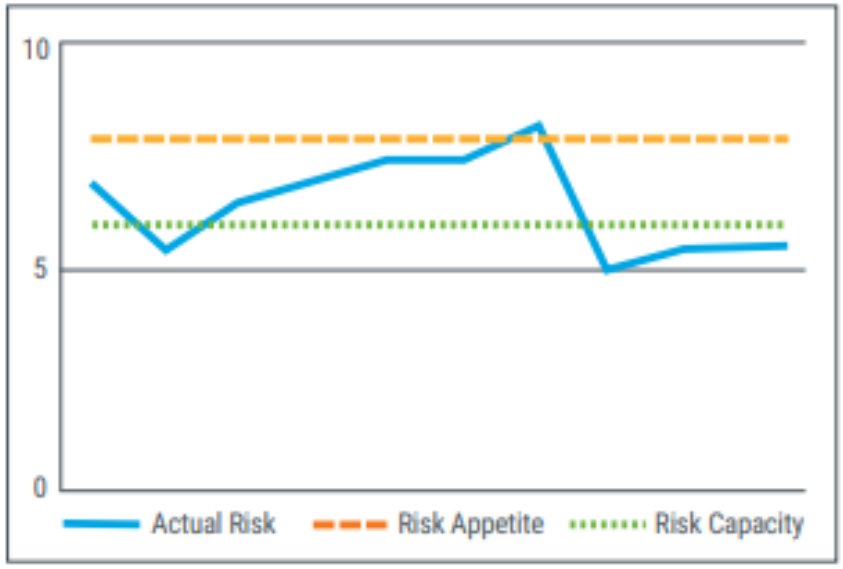
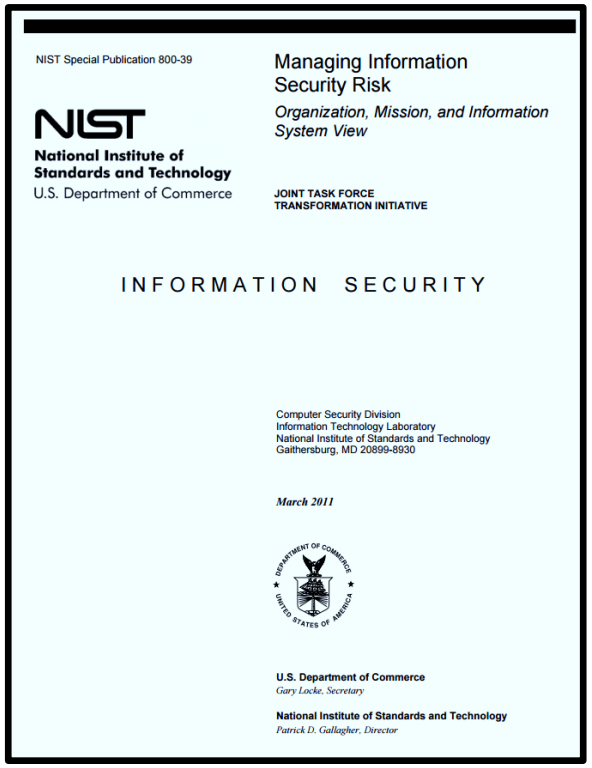


Diagram show an unsustainable situation

- 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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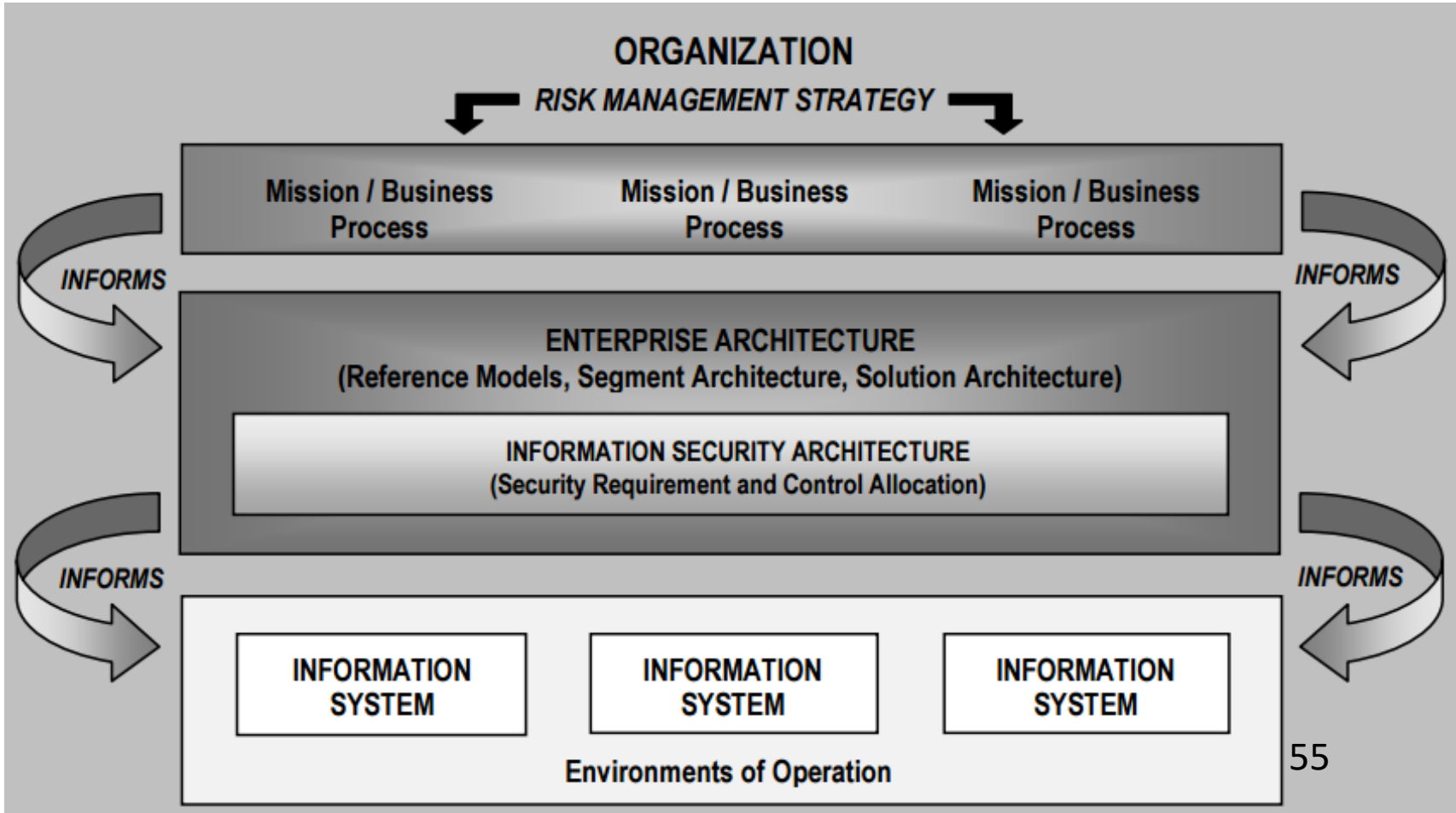

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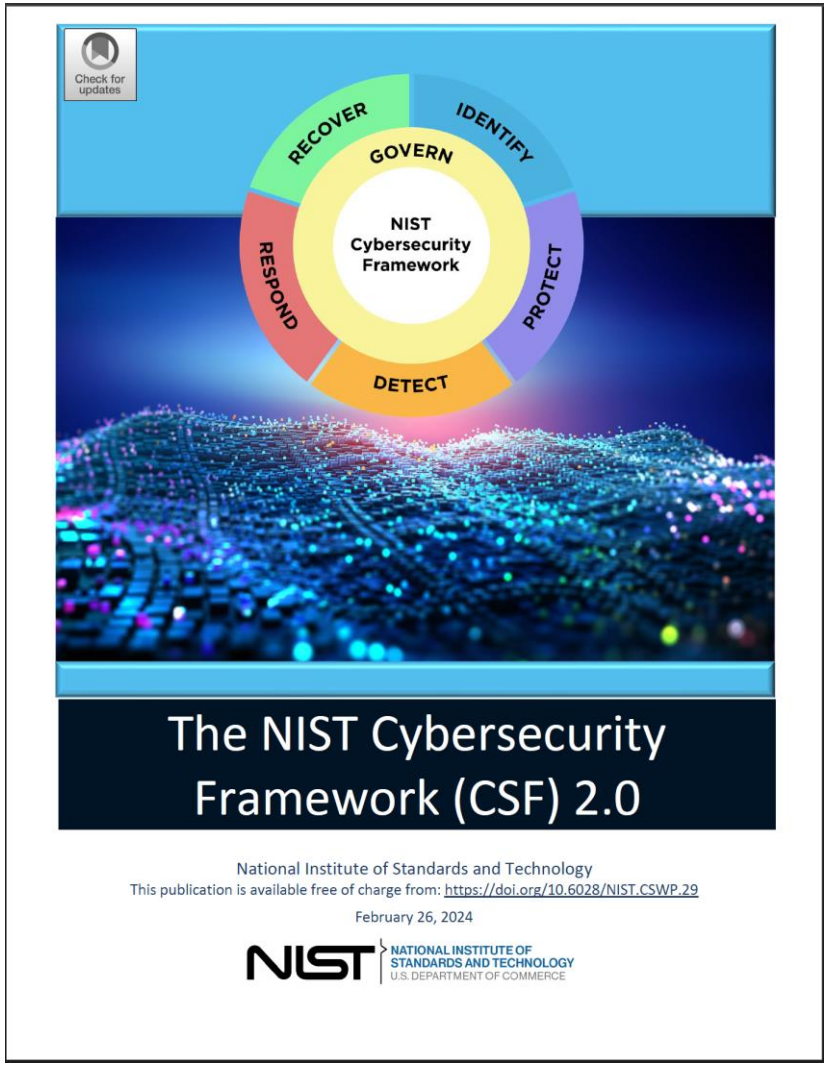
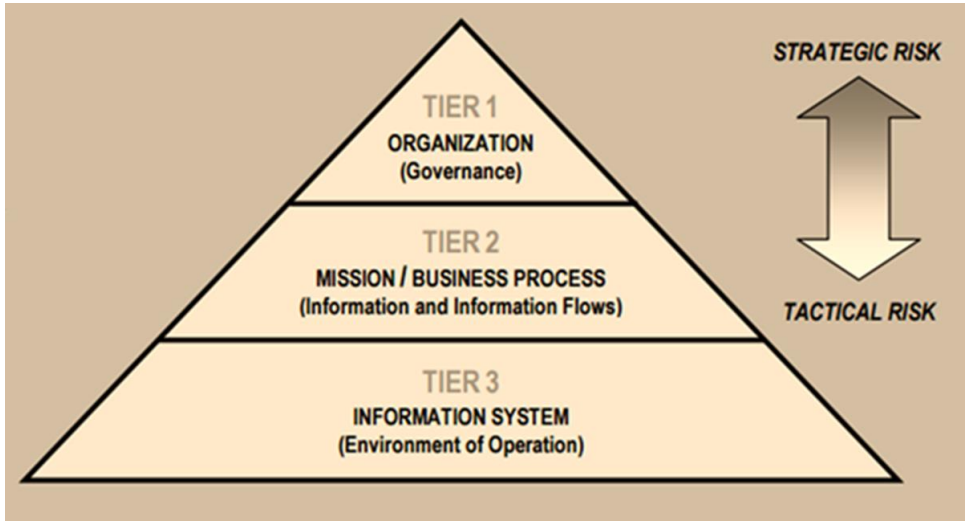


Refers to and builds on many principles of the ISO/IEC 27001 standard (and others)

Goes way beyond IT and physical security environment

…by also including:

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



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What is the organization's cybersecurity risk management strategy, expectations, and policy?

What assets need protection?

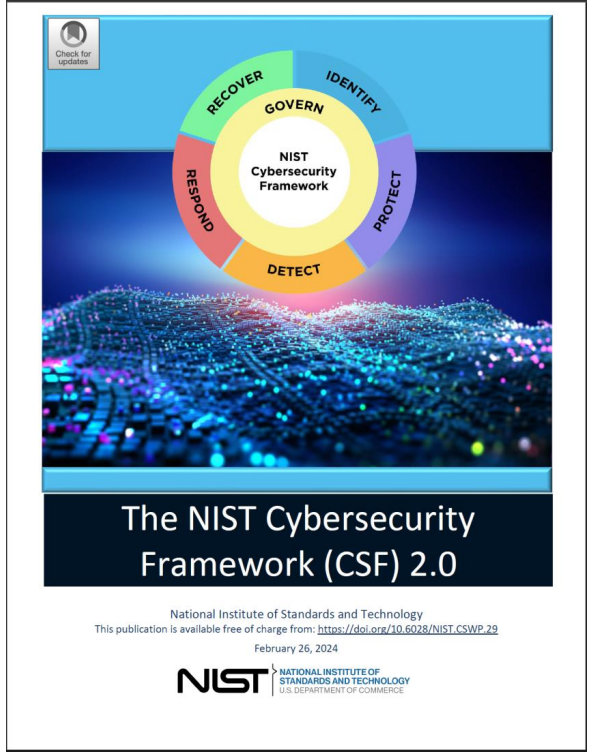
What safeguards are available?

What techniques can detect incidents?

What techniques can contain impacts of incidents?

What techniques can restore capabilities?

Function	Category
Govern (GV)	Organizational Context
	Risk Management Strategy
	Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities
	Policy
	Oversight
	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management
Identify (ID)	Asset Management
	Risk Assessment
	Improvement
Protect (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control
	Awareness and Training
	Data Security
	Platform Security
	Technology Infrastructure Resilience
Detect (DE)	Continuous Monitoring
	Adverse Event Analysis
Respond (RS)	Incident Management
	Incident Analysis
	Incident Response Reporting and Communication
	Incident Mitigation
Recover (RC)	Incident Recovery Plan Execution
	Incident Recovery Communication



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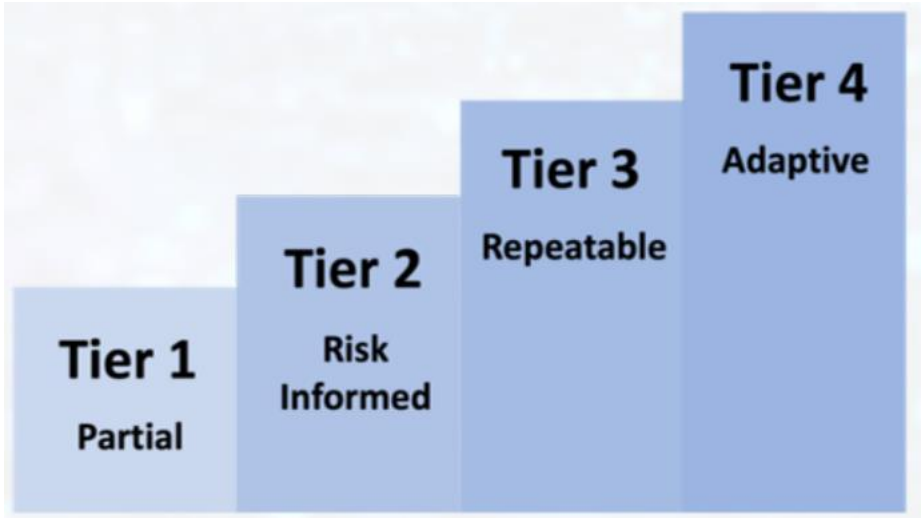
Cybersecurity Framework Tiers



A characterization of the rigor of an organization's cybersecurity risk governance and management practices

Tier 1: Partial

- Organizational cybersecurity risk strategy, prioritization, and management is ad hoc and not based on objectives nor threat environment

Tier 2: Risk Informed

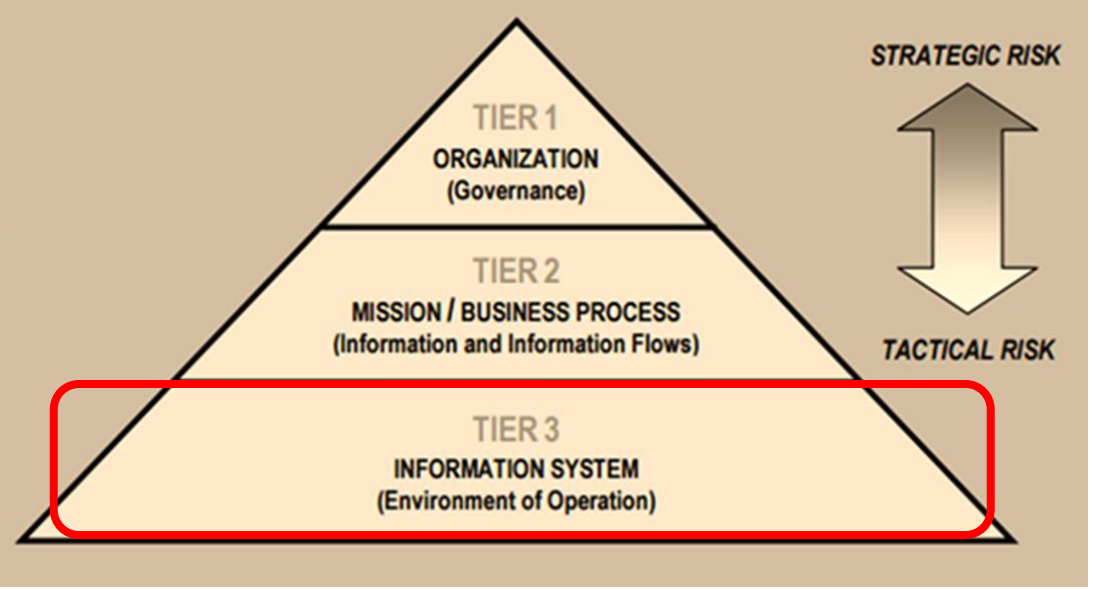
- There is awareness of cybersecurity risks at the organizational level, but an organization-wide approach to managing cybersecurity risks is not established.

Tier 3: Repeatable

- Organization risk management practices are formally expressed as policy and in place to manage cybersecurity risks.

Tier 4: Adaptive

- Cybersecurity risk management is part of the organizational culture. The organization adapts its cybersecurity practices based on experience with previous and current cybersecurity activities, lessons learned, predictive indicators, advances in technology, and changes in the threat environment.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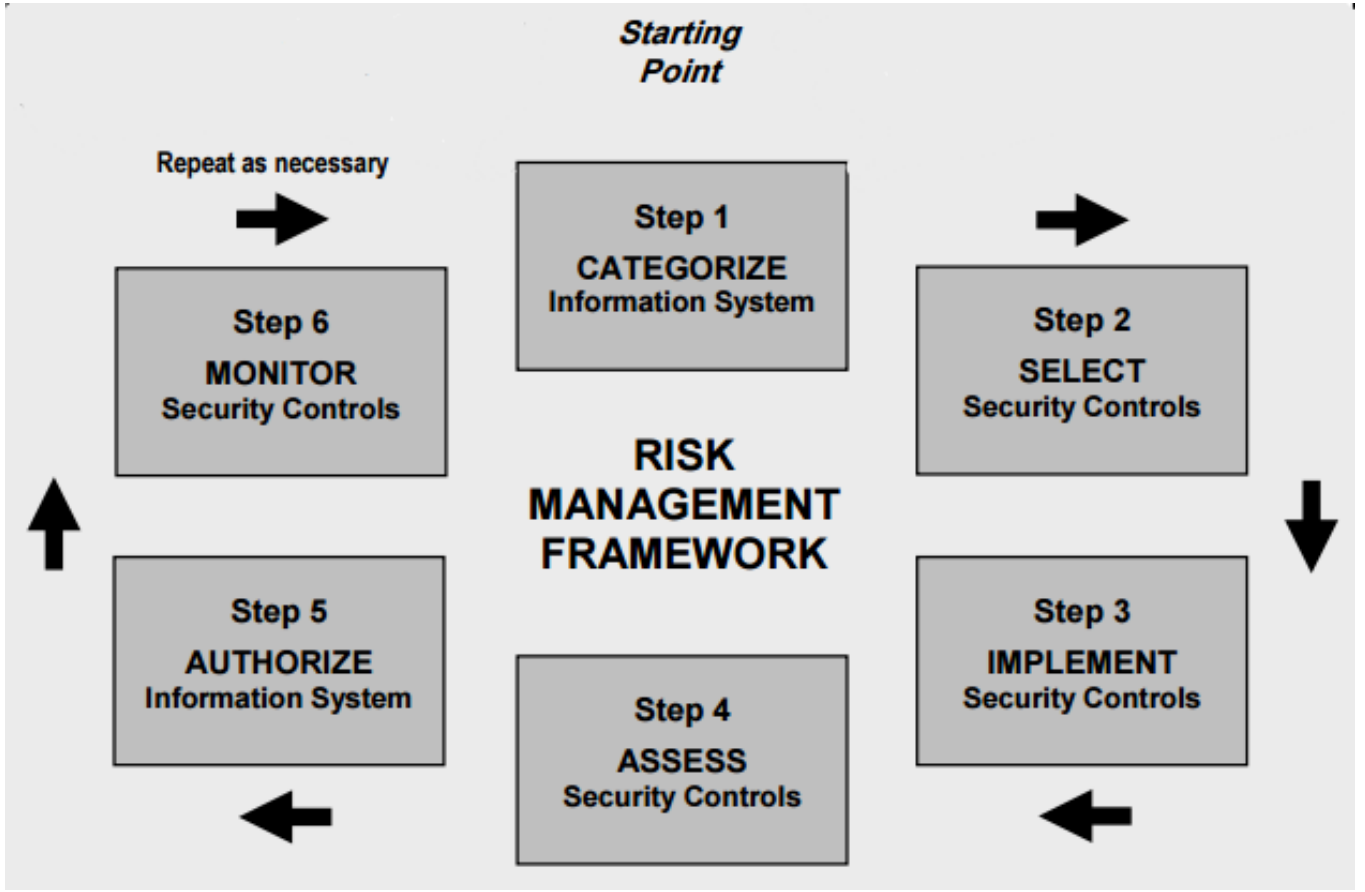
(Environment of Operation)


Starting Point
Repeat as necessary
Step 1
CATEGORIZE
Information System
Step 2
SELECT
Security Controls
Step 3
IMPLEMENT
Security Controls
Step 4
ASSESS
Security Controls
Step 5
AUTHORIZE
Information System
Step 6
MONITOR
Security Controls
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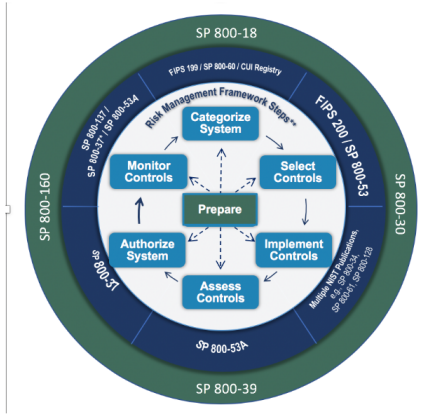
Risk Management

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.

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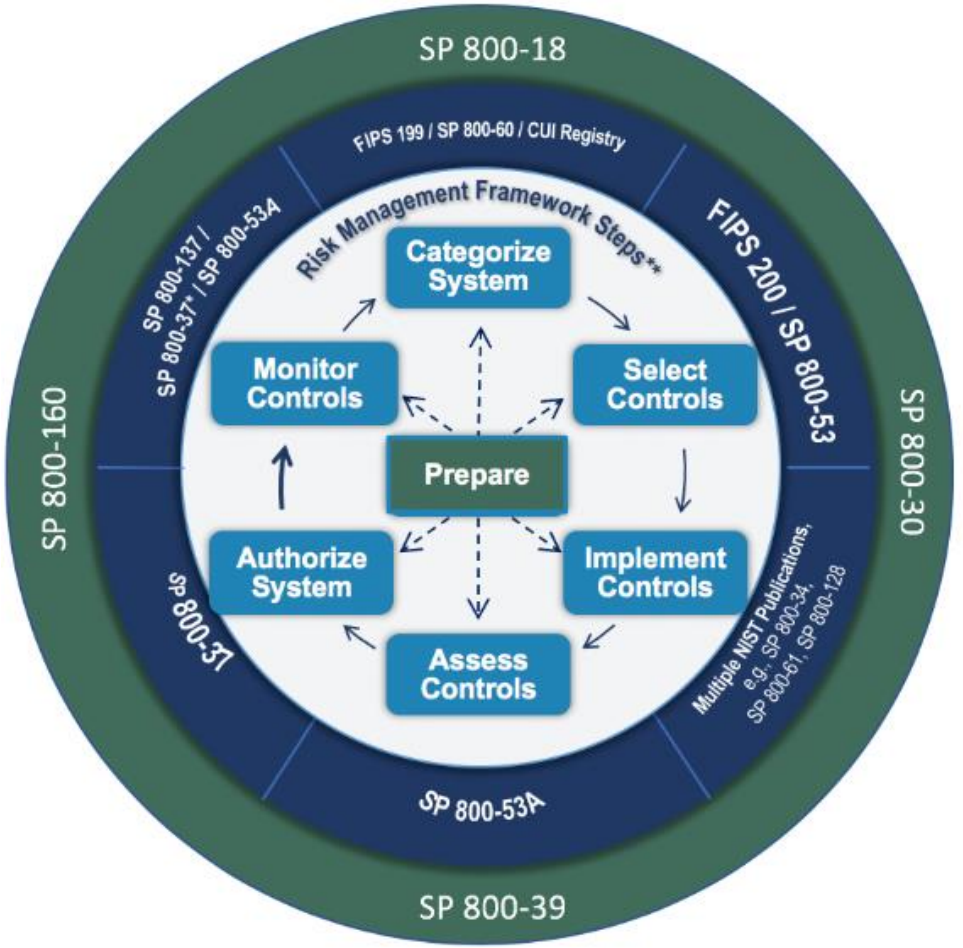

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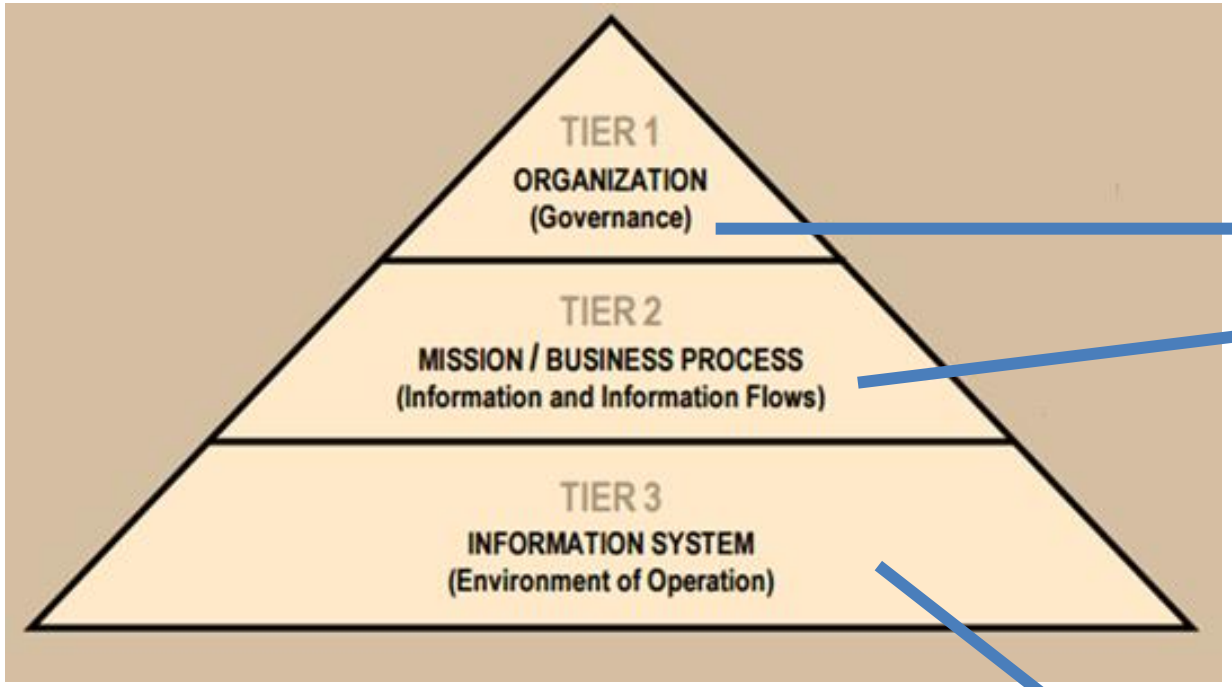

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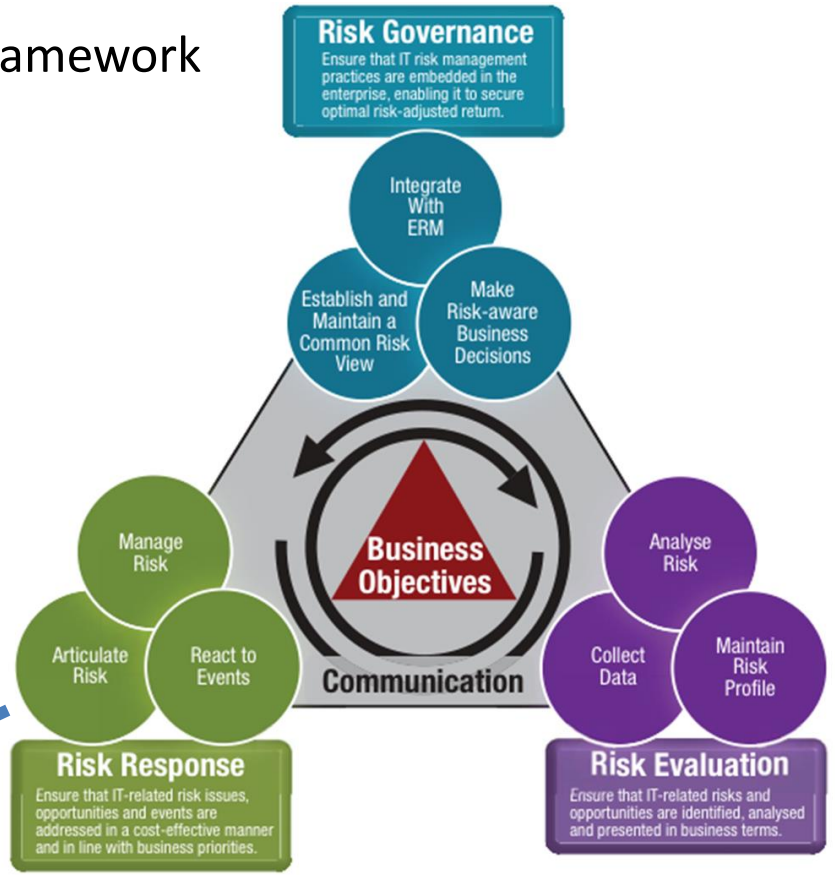

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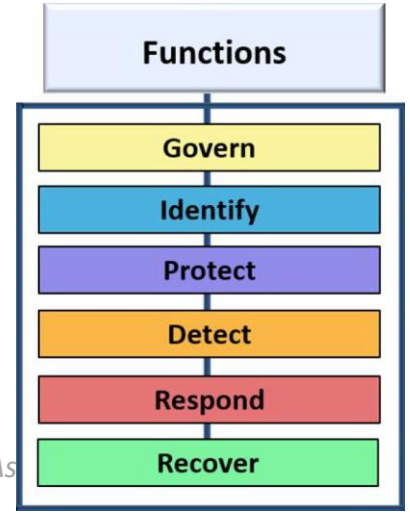

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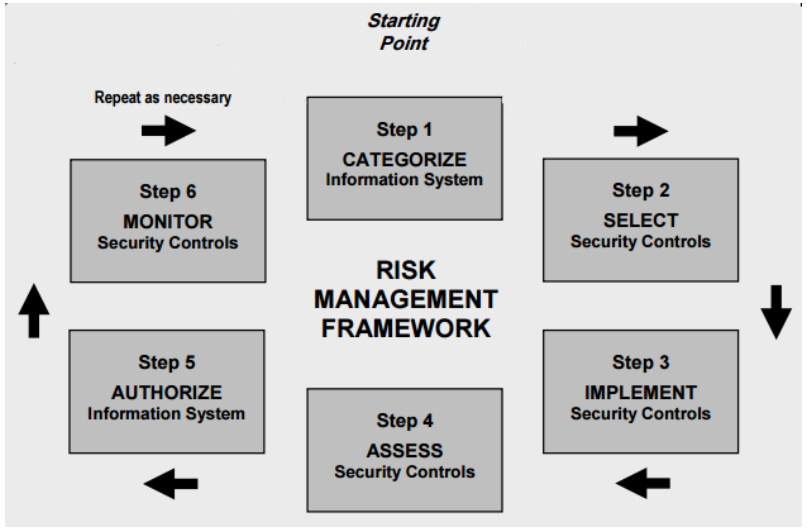

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Case Study #1 “Snowfall and a stolen laptop…”

Data Classification Process and Models

Agenda

- ✓ Business context for data and information security
- ✓ Key concepts
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  - ✓ Threats
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  - ✓ Risks
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