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# Leveraging Issues Management as a Force Multiplier in Cybersecurity

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## The Problem - Anecdotally

#### **Strategic**

"Where are we taking cyber risk?"

"Do you have a thoughtful approach to understanding cyber risk?"

"I don't understand the quantification of cyber risk"

#### **Operational**

"How much cyber risk is associated with this?"

"I don't know what my Cyber requirements are..."

#### **Tactical**

"Just tell me what I have to do"

"Can you just approve my exception?"

"Employee A said it was ok"

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## Greenfield for Corporate function

- Culture of Accountability
- Purpose built right sized
- Low overhead
- Risk based approach
- Aligned goals and objectives

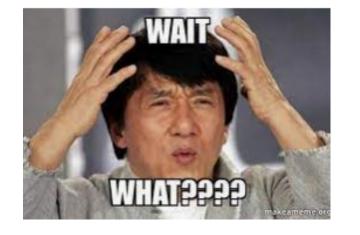




## **Culture Challenge**







## **Culture Change - Vision**



- Enable teams to follow a consistent process
- 2. Empower team members to escalate risks/issues
- 3. Engage with business leaders so they understand the risk
- 4. Enhance the decision-making process to align with business accountability

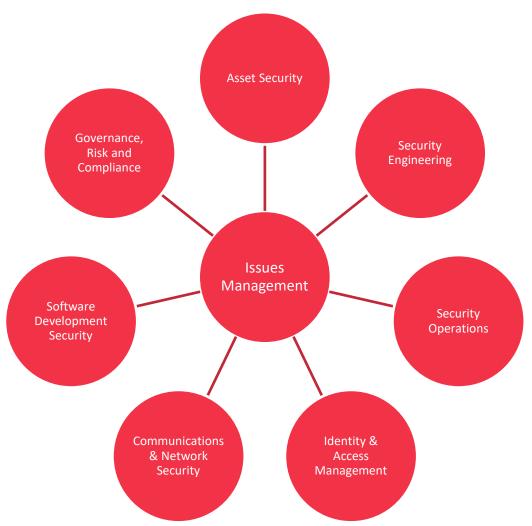
Cyber becomes both custodians of the process and an *input* to decisions

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Issues Management – Nexus for Change

## **Issues Management**

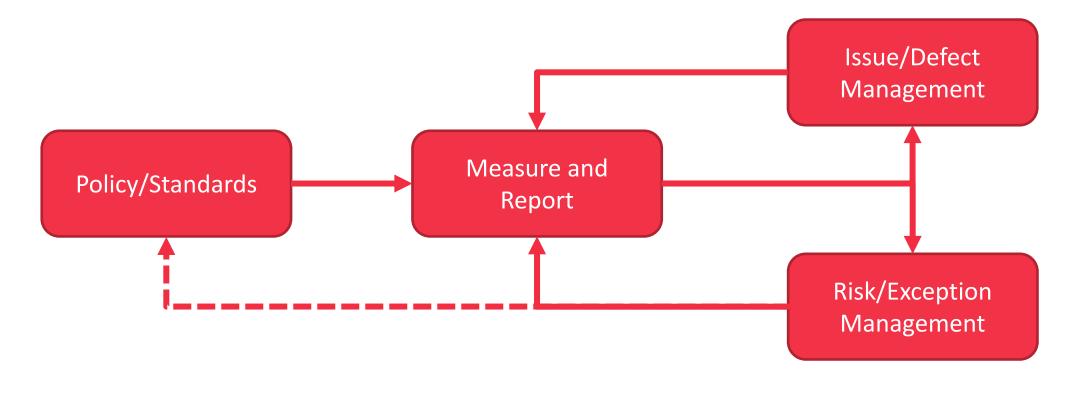
Issues management is integrated with every aspect of cybersecurity



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## **Cyber GRC Operating Model**





AES Risk-based Cybersecurity Controls



- **Key Program Elements for Issues Management**
- Policies, standards, and controls
- **Asset Management**
- Risk/Issue identification process
- Decision making process/forum
- **Analytics capability**
- Metrics/Governance reporting
- Enabling technology
- Team to support the overall model



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## **Policy/Standards**



## Cyber Security Standard

- Everything and the kitchen sink!
- 19 Pages
- Limited enforcement

## Cyber Security Policy

- Aligned with company Cyber Program
- 3 Pages



#### Purpose built:

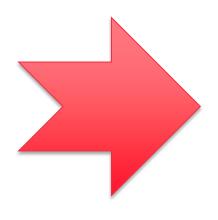
- Scope
- Implementation guidance
- Exceptions process

Policies/Standards are operational, not aspirational

## **Asset Management**

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- Infrastructure
  - Server
  - Laptop/Desktop
  - Cloud
  - Mobile
  - Network
- Applications
  - SaaS
  - Internal development
- OT



Drove our Digital partners to implement a Lifecycle Asset Management Program

## What We Did – Risk/Decision Processes



Collaborated Documented **Awareness** Met with standard and sessions on on key issues stakeholders procedure and solutions new process Defined **Implemented** Review of Updated related integrated Issues process tool to Identified key procedures mange issues process

## **Results – Analytics and Metrics**



Operational Metrics

Increased verifiable cyber tool coverage by 50+ percentage points

Increased vulnerability remediation for Critical/High by 50+ percentage points (compared to the SLA)s

Drive 100% coverage for new efforts in Cloud and OT Security **Escalations and exceptions** follow a standard process

Integrated platform to manage the process

Transparency of priorities and status

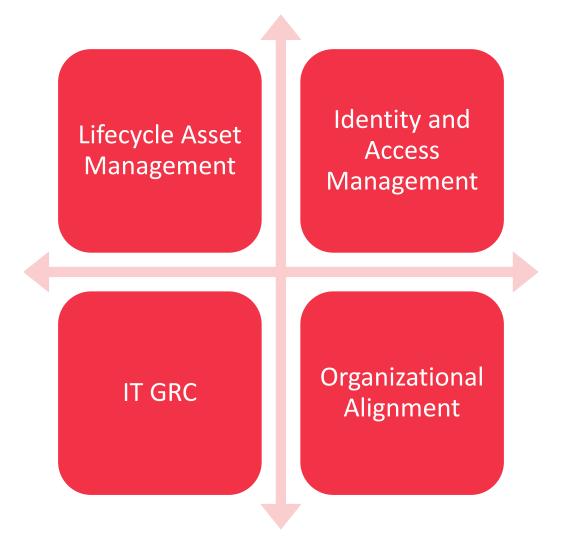
Collaboration on key issues

Operational Friction

## **Results – Transformative Initiatives**

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Influenced the business case for several IT/Digital initiatives



## So, what's changed?

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- Faster escalation of risks
- Fewer Exceptions requested
- Board/Executive level conversations about Cyber Risk



Escalation and awareness of cyber risks



Centralization of data with increased alignment



Visibility of various levels of risks

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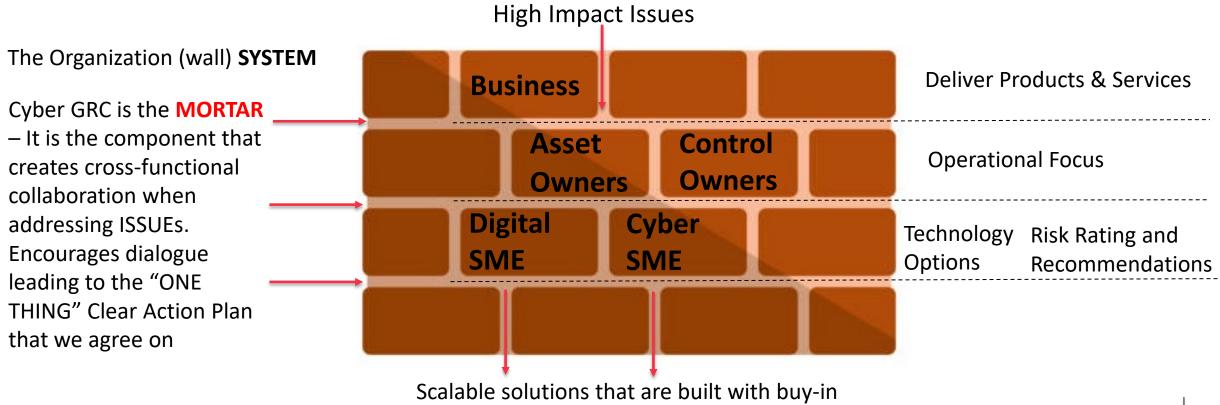
Issues Management – Force Multiplier

**Keys to implementation** 



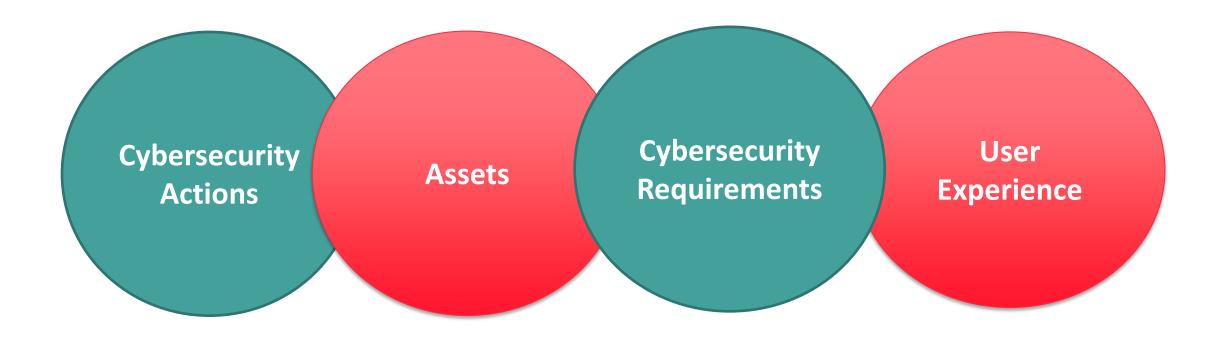
## **Collaboration**

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- Requires open mindset and commitment to collaboration
- Shift to strategic enabler mortar for the business



## Visibility





Issues are cross cutting: providing visibility of \*real-actual\* indicators of our security posture and process improvement opportunities

## **Focus**



- Strategic Enablement of Digital Transformation
- 2. Risk Management
- 3. Communication & Reporting
- 4. Partnership Between Cybersecurity & Digital

## **Lessons Learned**



- Increased collaboration and interactions amongst teams = better issues management
- Discussions increase understanding of business needs and risks
- Ideas for program and process improvement
- Partnership on asset management and project management
- Tackle a problem opportunity to collaborate and co-create great outcomes

# **Apply – Action Plan**



Next Week	Within 3 Months	Within 6 Months
<ul> <li>Identify a high impact issue that requires cross functional collaboration to resolve.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Schedule workshops         with stakeholders from         business, technology         and cybersecurity to         work on the identified         issue</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update standards/controls</li> <li>Update processes and procedures</li> <li>Report on success to organization</li> </ul>