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THE TOP 9 FACTORS FOR EFFECTIVE DATA PROTECTION CONTROLS

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1. **Data protection threats** – long term trends
2. **Data security compliance** – the value of compliance
3. **Security control failures** – what fails, and how?
4. **Control effectiveness** and sustainability
5. **The top 9 factors** for effective data protection controls



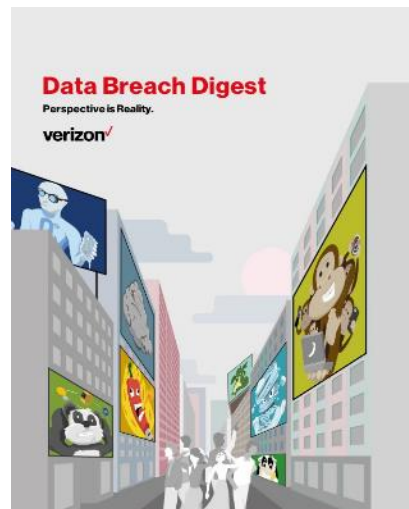
Forensic Data Breach Investigations & Analyses



Threat. Defined as.

Actor: Who did it?
Action: How did they do it?
Asset: What was affected?
Attribute: How was it affected?

Verizon started data breach investigations in **2004** and started reporting on them in **2008**



Data Protection & Compliance Research



Verizon has published five **Payment Security Reports** since 2010 with #6 due this year.

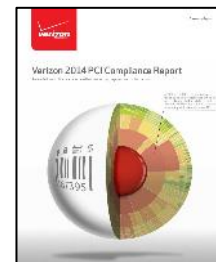
Our Compliance industry analysis goes as far back as 2002.



2010



2011



2014



2015



2017

2018

PCI Data Security Standards



Over 10 years, while objectives and key requirements have not changed, we've seen some increases in total control requirements and significant increase in test procedures.

PCI DSS	Version 1.1	Version 3.2
Year	2006	2016
Number of pages	50	139
Control Objectives	6	6
Key Requirements	12	12
Total Controls	64	78
Total Requirements	206	251
Test Procedures	251	417

Who Is Getting Breached? (PCI)



Question: In what month are payment card data breaches most likely to occur?

Answer: October (14%), followed by March (12%) and January (10%).

Confirmed payment card data breaches by industry:

Retail	41.2%
Hospitality & Travel	38.5%
Financial Services	11.5%
IT Services	2.7%
Other	6.2%

Verizon PFI global caseload 2010 to 2016.

Highest percent of breaches based on organization size (# of employees):

Small	(11 to 100)	42.1%
Medium	(101 to 1000)	20.2%
	(1001 to 10,000)	11.8%

Fourteen Years Of Payment Card Compromises

Investigated by Verizon



Question:

How many organizations were PCI DSS compliant at the time of their data compromise?



Difference Between DSS-validated and Data-compromised Organizations



Organizations experiencing confirmed payment card data breaches consistently demonstrate significantly lower compliance with 11 of the 12 PCI DSS key security requirements.



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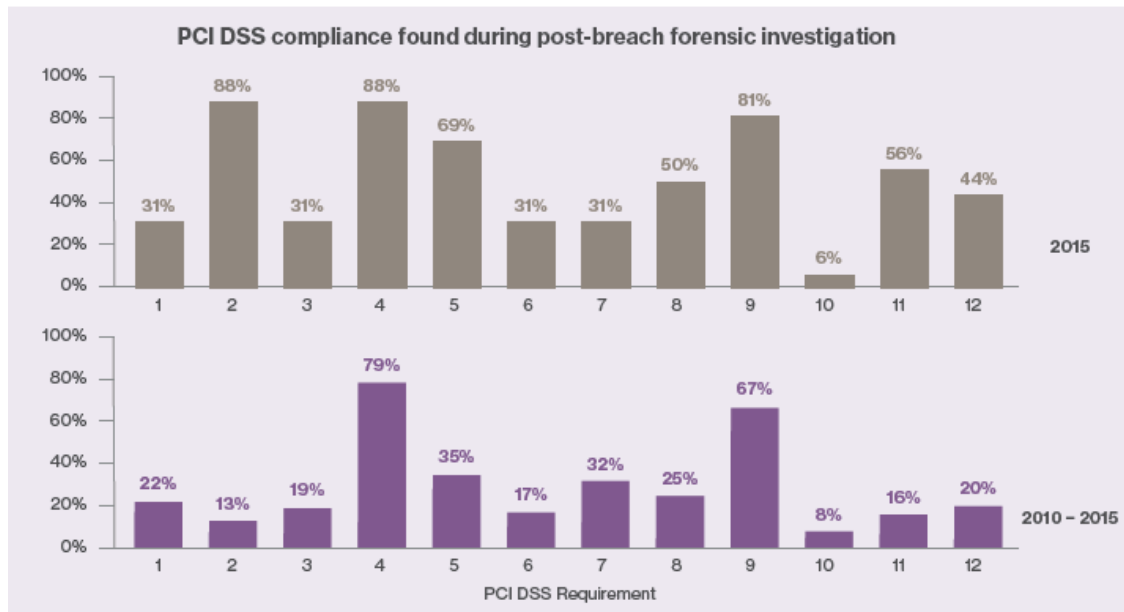
2016: **64p.p** delta

PCI Data Security Standards



Compromised organizations have substantially lower compliance, whether measured over a one-year or six-year period.

% organizations compliant per DSS Key Requirement - at time of breach:



²FI compliance, 2010 - 2015. Data includes "partial yes" responses (not indicative of full compliance with PCI DSS).

Source: Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

Card Compromise and Non-compliance



91% of breached organizations did not provide evidence that they validated PCI DSS compliance and they were determined by the organization to be non-compliant prior to the breach.

63% confirmed PCI DSS compliance non-compliance prior to, and at time of the breach.

28% unknown – no evidence of an operational compliance program and no compliance validation.

Based on 288 confirmed payment card data breach cases investigated between 2010 and 2016.

A familiar discussion

Investigator

“Payment card data was compromised from your systems.”

Client

“We did all we could to protect the data!”

Investigator

“You are PCI DSS compliant right?”

Client

“Yes, sure!”

Investigator

“Did you validate PCI DSS compliance? Do you have a PCI DSS Report on Compliance (RoC) and attestation (AoC)?”

Client

“Well”

QSA Horror Story

Terrifyingly short



Question: How long would you make your password if storing primary account numbers (PANs) in clear text?

During one assessment, a QSA found an admin account with access to 70 million PANs protected by the weakest password we've ever seen - **a single character!**

The operator's defense was that it was a "special character".

#lame_excuse

Control Failure Taxonomy



1. Actions of people

Action, or lack of action, taken by people either deliberately or accidentally that impact cyber security.

2. Systems and technology failures

Failure of hardware, software, and information systems.

3. Failed internal processes

Problems in internal business processes that impact the ability to implement, manage, and sustain cyber security.

4. External events

Issues outside the control of the organization (disasters, legal issues, and service provider dependencies).

Table 1: Taxonomy of Operational Risk

1. Actions of People	2. Systems and Technology Failures	3. Failed Internal Processes	4. External Events
1.1 Inadvertent 1.1.1 Mistakes 1.1.2 Errors 1.1.3 Omissions 1.2 Deliberate 1.2.1 Fraud 1.2.2 Sabotage 1.2.3 Theft 1.2.4 Vandalism 1.3 Inaction 1.3.1 Skills 1.3.2 Knowledge 1.3.3 Guidance 1.3.4 Availability	2.1 Hardware 2.1.1 Capacity 2.1.2 Performance 2.1.3 Maintenance 2.1.4 Obsolescence 2.2 Software 2.2.1 Compatibility 2.2.2 Configuration management 2.2.3 Change control 2.2.4 Security settings 2.2.5 Coding practices 2.2.6 Testing 2.3 Systems 2.3.1 Design 2.3.2 Specifications 2.3.3 Integration 2.3.4 Complexity	3.1 Process design or execution 3.1.1 Process flow 3.1.2 Process documentation 3.1.3 Roles and responsibilities 3.1.4 Notifications and alerts 3.1.5 Information flow 3.1.6 Escalation of issues 3.1.7 Service level agreements 3.1.8 Task hand-off 3.2 Process controls 3.2.1 Status monitoring 3.2.2 Metrics 3.2.3 Periodic review 3.2.4 Process ownership 3.3 Supporting processes 3.3.1 Staffing 3.3.2 Funding 3.3.3 Training and development 3.3.4 Procurement	4.1 Disasters 4.1.1 Weather event 4.1.2 Fire 4.1.3 Flood 4.1.4 Earthquake 4.1.5 Unrest 4.1.6 Pandemic 4.2 Legal issues 4.2.1 Regulatory compliance 4.2.2 Legislation 4.2.3 Litigation 4.3 Business issues 4.3.1 Supplier failure 4.3.2 Market conditions 4.3.3 Economic conditions 4.4 Service dependencies 4.4.1 Utilities 4.4.2 Emergency services 4.4.3 Fuel 4.4.4 Transportation

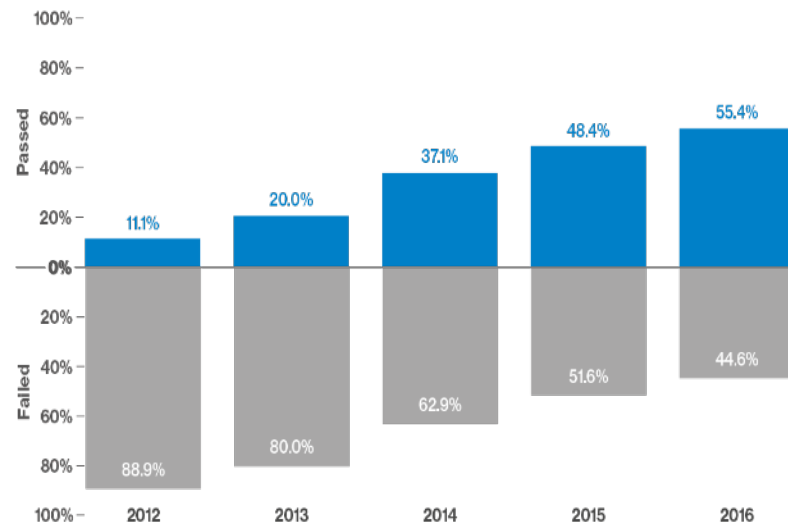
Source: CMU/SEI "A Taxonomy of Operational Cyber Security Risks Version 2"
by James J. Cebula et al. , May 2014.
https://resources.sei.cmu.edu/asset_files/TechnicalNote/2014_004_001_91026.pdf



In 2016, for the first time more than half of companies were compliant at interim PCI DSS assessment.

Since 2012, full compliance has continued an upward progression, but many still fail to maintain compliance.

So where are the problems?



Source: Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

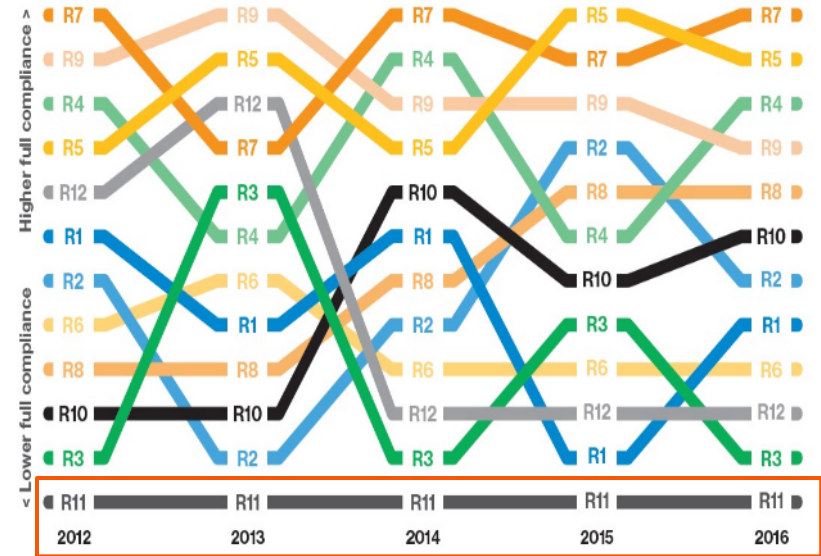
Full Compliance

Trend Analysis by Requirement



Percentage of organizations achieving full compliance improved across all 12 Key Requirements from 2012 to 2016.

Security Testing (R11) retained its traditional place at the bottom of the list in terms of full compliance (71.9%)

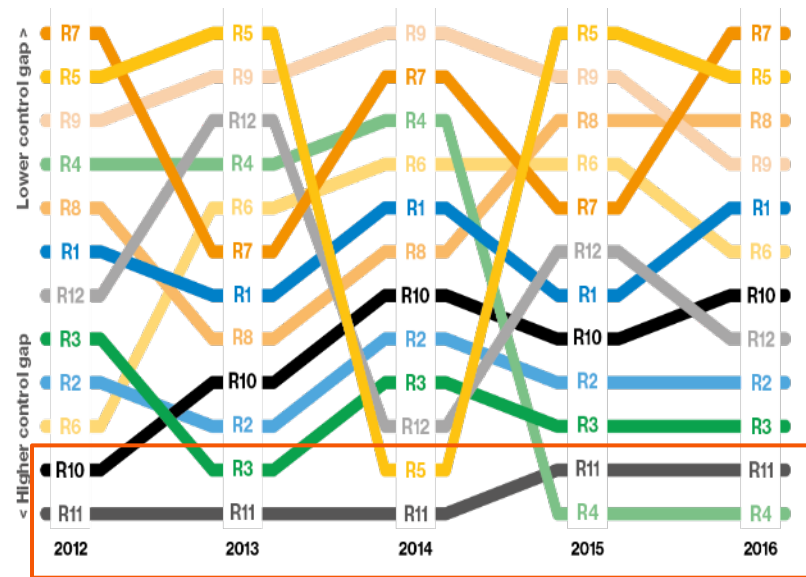


Source: Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

Control Gap Trend Analysis by Requirement



Five out of six of the worst performers are the same now as they were in 2013.



Source: Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

Control Effectiveness

Best Practices for Maintaining PCI DSS



- 1. Standardized control frameworks**
Integrate controls into a larger set.
- 2. Manual control reviews**
- 3. Security control volatility**
How frequently a control is likely to change over time.
- 4. Security control weaknesses**
Controls with identified weaknesses should be monitored more frequently until remedied.
- 5. Identify control failure causes**
- 6. Performance metrics**
Develop metrics to measure success.
- 7. Commitment**
Maintaining compliance.



Source: PCI SSC - Best Practices for Maintaining PCI DSS Compliance
Special Interest Group PCI Security Standards Council - August 2014

Why Do Organizations Get Breached And Data Compromised?



“Security breaches and data compromises occur because one or more controls are missing, not fully operational, or the control was operating as designed, but was knowingly or unknowingly ineffective.”

Source: Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

It's not a knowledge or technology problem.

It's a proficiency problem.



Ask the right questions:

- Which controls are effective? (and not merely “in place”)
- Which controls fail? When and how?
- What is the impact when a control fails?
- How soon do you detect control failure?
- How quickly do you restore failed controls?
- Was the root cause of failure remedied?

Top performers proactively track the failure rate of their security controls.

Mediocre performers follow a “break / fix” model year-after-year.

Low performers wait for an assessor to point out the control failures.



The top nine factors for achieving sustainable control effectiveness

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Nine Factors



1. Design and maintain a control environment
2. Design and integrate security controls
3. Measure the control risk of each control
4. Enhance control robustness
5. Enhance control resilience
6. Maintain control lifecycle management
7. Performance management
8. Maturity measurement
9. Control self-assessment

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F1: Control Environment



An effective control environment is:

“an environment in which **competent** people understand their **responsibilities**, the **limits** of their authority, and are **knowledgeable**, mindful and **committed** to doing what is right and doing it the right way.”

Source: Sanjay Anand “Sarbanes-Oxley Guide for Finance and Information Technology Professionals”, page 49, chapter three “Control Environment”, published by John Wiley & Sons.

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Capacity, Capability, Competence, Commitment



- **Capacity**
Required number of resources; people, process and technology. You cannot measure, manage, and improve that which you do not have.
- **Capability**
Ability to direct and apply resources to perform data protection tasks and the processes to support them.
- **Competence**
Having the skills, knowledge and experience to establish and maintain an operational control environment. This requires a level of maturity in business process management to achieve quality (repeatability and consistency) in each step of the control lifecycle.
- **Commitment**
Assurance that management and employees will consistently adhere to data protection and compliance programs.

**Data protection with
consistency:
doing the right things,
in the right manner and
at the right time.**

F2: Control Design



Documented control profiles:

1. **Objective:** define the control objective
2. **Owner:** assigned ownership and responsibilities
3. **Function:** management, procedural, technical etc.
4. **Purpose:** preventative, detective, corrective, directive
5. **Architecture:** system-specific, common, hybrid
6. **Risk:** control to risk matrix / mapping
7. **Implementation:** specifications, scope, dependencies
8. **Operation:** specifications, scope, processes, dependencies
9. **Maintenance:** specifications, scope, processes
10. **Governance:** related policies, standards and frameworks

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The Control Landscape



Control Architecture Allocations:

- **System-Specific Controls**
Controls that provide a security capability for a **particular information system** only
- **Common Controls**
Controls that provide a security capability for **multiple information systems**
- **Hybrid controls**
Controls that have **both** system-specific and common characteristics



Built-in Effectiveness

Controls should achieve effectiveness by design while operating according to the **limitations of their design and control environment**.

Dependencies

Controls are **supported** by people, processes and technology, and are dependent or **interdependent** upon other controls.

Control Maturity

Newly-introduced security controls are rarely mature in terms of **design and operation**. Design should cater to growth over time.



Control Deficiencies

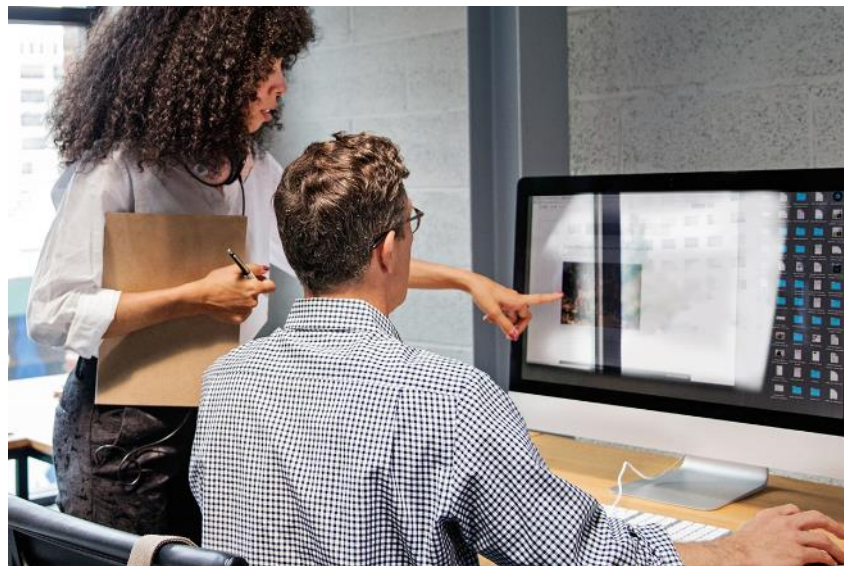


Deficiency in **design** exists when:

- a. a control necessary to meet the control objective is **missing**, or
- b. an existing control is **not properly designed** so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met.

Deficiency in **operation** exists when

- a. a properly designed control **does not operate** as designed, or
- b. when a person performing the control does not possess the **necessary competence** or authority to perform the control effectively.



Source: PCAOB Public Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 5 available online at https://pcaobus.org/Standards/Auditing/Pages/Auditing_Standard_5_Appendix_A.aspx



The likelihood and impact of control failure, due to absence or failure of control design or operation.

- Typically caused by controls losing effectiveness over time.
- Continuously measure and monitor:
 - *Inherent risk x Residual risk x Detection risk*

“Controls are effective only as long as they mitigate risk to an acceptable risk tolerance. They are often sustainable merely by luck—certainly not by design.”

~ Verizon 2017 Payment Security Report

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F4: Control Robustness



Capacity of a control, and/or the control environment, to absorb disturbance and still retain its basic structure and viability without the need for intervention.



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Goals.

- **Anticipate:** Maintain a state of informed preparedness.
- **Withstand:** Continue essential functions despite attacks.
- **Recover:** Restore functions to fullest extent possible.
- **Evolve:** Change functions to minimize future adverse effects.

Source: MITRE, “Cyber Resiliency Basics” by Rosalie McQuaid, November 15, 2013
<https://www.mitre.org/capabilities/cybersecurity/overview/cybersecurity-blog/cyber-resiliency-basics>

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F6: Lifecycle Management



1. Conception
2. Design and Build
3. Testing
4. Introduction and Deployment
5. Operation and Monitoring
6. Growth and Evolution
7. Maintenance and Improvement
8. Maturity
9. Decline and Retirement



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F7: Performance Measurement



1. Establish **performance standards** for each component of the control environment.
2. Maintain performance measurement program on:
 - a. Control environment
 - b. Control design, risk, robustness, resilience
 - c. Control lifecycle management
 - d. Defined metrics
3. Provide ongoing feedback, guidance on corrective actions.

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F8: Maturity Measurement



- 1. Measuring Control Design:**
How well it should work in theory
- 2. Measuring Control Implementation:**
How well it actually performs in practice
- 3. Measuring Control Monitoring:**
How we know that it's still working
- 4. Measuring Control Evaluation:**
How frequently we evaluate effectiveness & efficiency
- 5. Scoring Control Effectiveness :**
DIME Model: "Design, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation"

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Control Effectiveness: Maturity



Control effectiveness	Guide
Fully effective	Nothing more to be done except review and monitor the existing controls.
Substantially effective	Most controls are designed correctly but more work to be done on design, validation.
Partially effective	Some controls are designed correctly and operate effectively, but many need work to ensure they address root causes and/or contributing factors.
Largely ineffective	Significant control gaps exist, or controls do not operate effectively at all.
None or totally ineffective	Management has no confidence that any degree of control is being achieved.

F8: Maturity Measurement



How To - Example:

5. Scoring Control Effectiveness (No Weighting)

Apply DIME:

Design	= 2 (3)
Implementation	= 3 (3)
Monitoring	= 2 (3)
Evaluation	= 1 (3)
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TOTAL	= 8 (12) = 0.75 (75% total effectiveness)

NOTE: If either Design, or Implementation is zero then total score becomes zero

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Source:

John Mitchell - Measuring Control Effectiveness

GRC 2.0 -Breaking Down The Silos, ISACA Ireland Conference –3rd October 2014

available at <http://www.isaca.org/chapters5/Ireland/Documents/2014%20Presentations/easuring%20Control%20Effectiveness%20-%20John%20Mitchell.pdf>

F9: Control Self-Assessment



- Establish self-assessment program.
- Standardize assessment methods.
- Develop and maintain assessment procedures.
- Build internal assessment competency to measure, monitor and **proactively** manage factors.
- Self-assess your Capacity, Capability, Competence, and Commitment.

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Apply What You Have Learned Today



1. Commit to competence!
2. Achieve control environment sustainability by design – not by luck!
3. Map and measure control risk.
4. Manage controls throughout their lifecycle.
5. Develop and maintain a control effectiveness self-evaluation program.

You cannot prevent security breaches and data compromises by maintaining a set of ineffective controls.

Apply What You Have Learned Today



Lessons learned:

- ***Measure twice, cut once.***
You seldom get a 2nd change at preventing data breaches.
- **Develop your in-house proficiency.**
Confidence and predictable outcomes are achieved through knowledge, skill, and experience.
- Do not place mission critical tasks in the hands of unqualified resources.

Books: Security Management

	YEAR	TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	PAGES	ISBN
1	2003	The Information Systems Security Officer's Guide: Establishing and Managing an Information Protection Program	Gerald Kovacich	Butterworth-Heinemann	361	9780750676564
2	2003	Principles and Practice of Information Security	Linda Volonino & Stephen Robinson	Pearson	256	9780131840270
3	2004	A Practical Guide to Managing Information Security	Steve Purser	Artech House	259	9781580537025
4	2004	Executive Guide to Information Security: Threats, Challenges, and Solutions	Mark Egan, Tim Mather	Addison-Wesley	288	9780321304513
5	2008	IT Compliance and Controls: Best Practices for Implementation	James J. DeLuccia	Wiley	274	9780470145012
6	2009	Beautiful Security: Leading Security Experts Explain How They Think	Andy Oram, John Viega	O'Reilly Media	304	9780596527488
7	2013	CISO and Now What?	Michael Oberlaender	Createspace	102	9781480237414
8	2013	Executive's Guide to COSO Internal Controls: Understanding and Implementing the New Framework	Robert Moeller	Wiley	304	9781118626412
9	2015	Internal Control Audit and Compliance: Documentation and Testing Under the New COSO Framework	Lynford Graham	Wiley	416	9781118996218
10	2015	Enterprise Cybersecurity: How to Build a Successful Cyberdefense Program Against Advanced Threats	Scott Donaldson, Stanley Siegel, Chris Williams, Abdu Aslam	Apress	536	9781430260820
11	2016	Security Controls Evaluation, Testing, and Assessment Handbook	Leighton Johnson	Syngress	678	9780128023242
12	2016	Psychology of Information Security: Resolving Conflicts Between Security Compliance and Human Behaviour	Leron Zinatullin	IT Governance Ltd	128	9781849287890
13	2016	CISO Desk Reference Guide: A Practical Guide for CISO's	Bill Bonney, Gary Hayslip, Matt Stamper	CISODRG	366	9780997744118

Books: Risk Management

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2	2001	Information Security Risk Analysis	Thomas R. Peltier	Auerbach	281	9780849308802
3	2002	Managing Information Security Risks: The OCTAVE	Christopher Alberts & Audrey Dorofee	Addison-Wesley	512	9780321118868
4	2005	Security Risk Assessment Handbook: A Complete Guide for Performing Security Risk Assessments, The	Douglas Landoll	Auerbach	473	9780849329982
5	2006	A Practical Guide to Security Assessments	Sudhanshu Kairab	Auerbach	498	9780849317064
6	2009	The Failure of Risk Management: Why It's Broken and How to Fix It	Douglas W. Hubbard	Wiley	281	9780470387955
7	2011	Security Risk Management: Building an Information Security Risk Management Program from the Ground Up	Evan Wheeler	Syngress	340	9781597496155
8	2012	Information Security Risk Assessment Toolkit: Practical Assessments Through Data Collection and Data Analysis	Mark Talabis & Jason Martin	Syngress	258	9781597497350
9	2014	Measuring and Managing Information Risk: A Fair Approach	Jack Freund & Jack Jones	Butterworth-Heinemann	408	9780124202313
10	2016	IT Security Risk Control Management: An Audit Preparation Plan	Raymond Pompon	Apress	311	9781484221396

Books: Security Measurement & Metrics

	YEAR	TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	PAGES	ISBN
1	2005	The Chief Information Security Officer's Toolkit: Security Program Metrics	Fred Cohen	Fred Cohen & Associates	228	9781878109354
2	2007	Security Metrics: Replacing Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt	Andrew Jaquith	Addison-Wesley	336	9780321349989
3	2007	How to Measure Anything: Finding the Value of "Intangibles" in Business	Douglas Hubbard	John Wiley	287	9780470110126
4	2007	Complete Guide to Security and Privacy Metrics - Measuring regulatory compliance, operational resilience, and ROI	Debra S. Herrmann	Auerbach	824	9780849354021
5	2009	Information Security Management Metrics: A Definitive Guide to Effective Security Monitoring and Measurement	W. Krag Brotby	CRC Press	223	9781420052855
6	2011	Security Metrics, a Beginner's Guide	Caroline Wong	McGraw-Hill	397	9780071744003
7	2013	Pragmatic Information Security Metrics	W. Krag Brotby & Gary Hinson	Auerbach	512	9781439881521
8	2014	Measures and Metrics in Corporate Security	George Campbell	Elsevier	145	9780128006887
9	2015	Measuring and Communicating Security's Value: A Compendium of Metrics for Enterprise Protection	George Campbell	Elsevier	226	9780128028414
10	2016	How to Measure Anything in Cybersecurity Risk	Douglas Hubbard, & Richard Seiersen	Wiley	304	9781119085294



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