

# EXTERNAL ATTACK SURFACE MANAGEMENT

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# AGENDA

WHY

WHAT



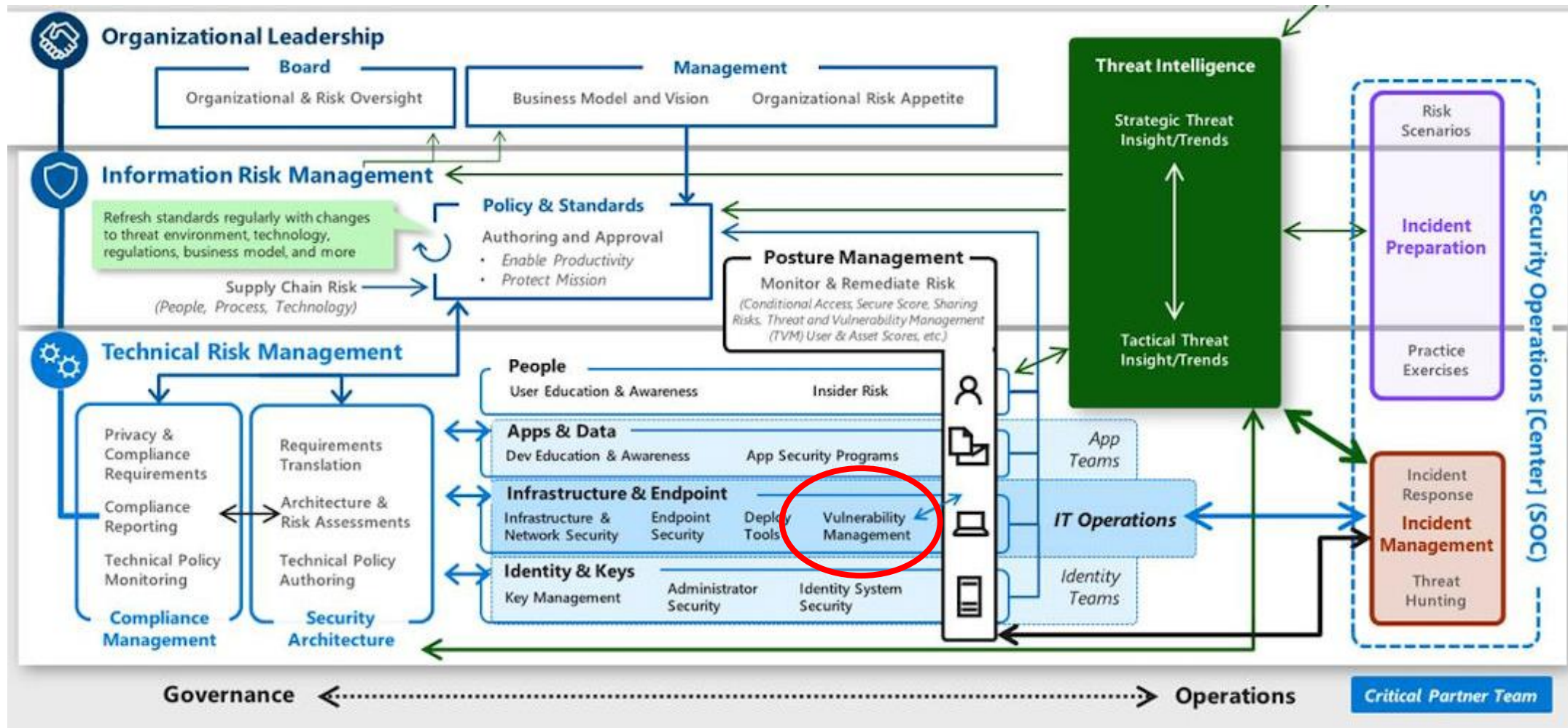
HOW

TIPS & TRICKS

BENIFITS



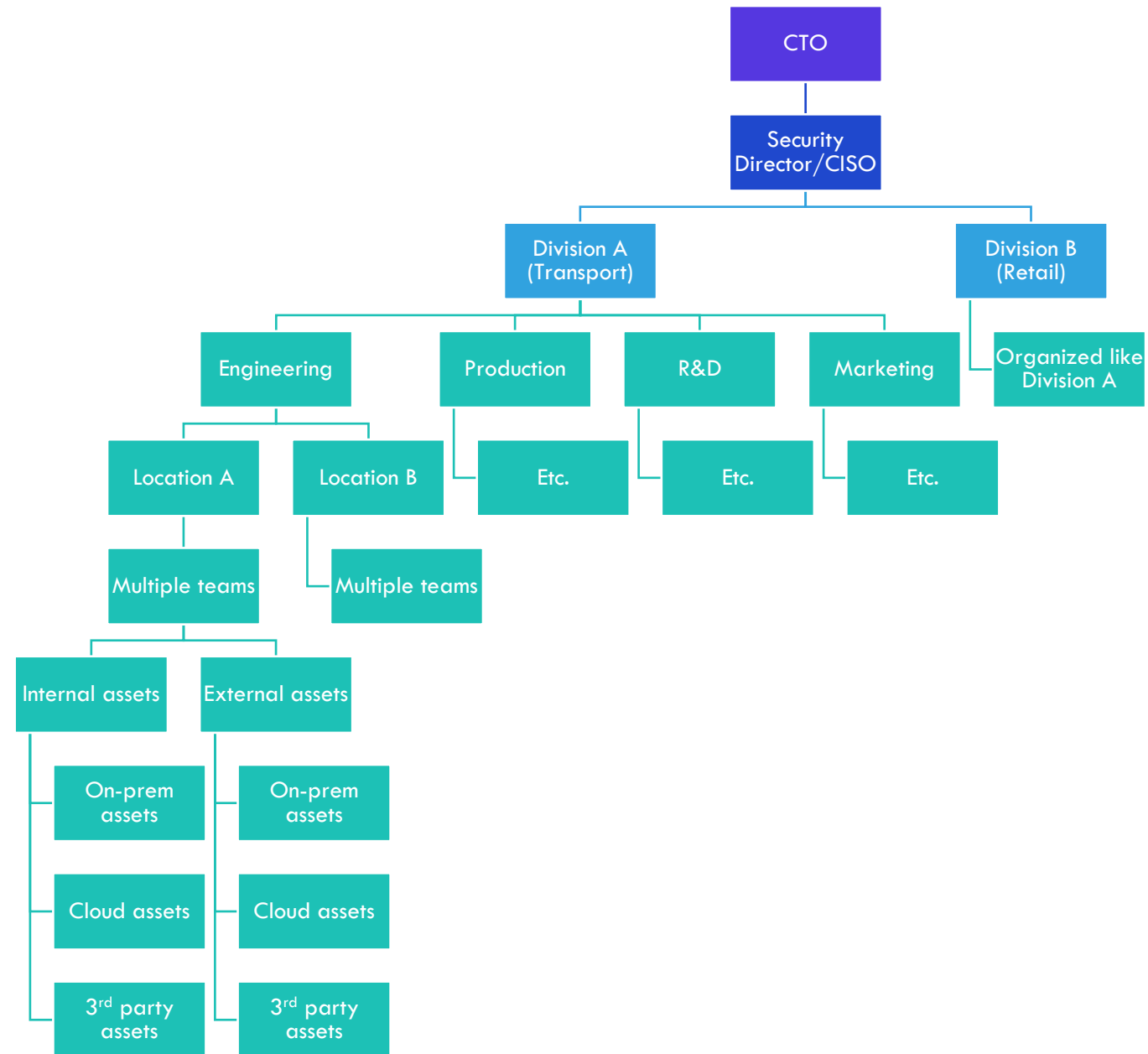
# WHERE DOES IT FIT INTO CYBER LANDSCAPE



<https://www.microsoft.com/security/blog/2020/08/06/organize-security-team-evolution-cybersecurity-roles-responsibilities/>

# WHAT

- E-Corp. Large Enterprise's External Assets



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- E-Corp. Large Enterprise's External Assets
  - Knowns
  - Unknowns (Focus Area)



# WHY

- **Knowns**

- Known Risk
- Managed
- Automated
- Remediated

- **Unknowns**

- No clue at all



- **Why Unknowns**

- No asset inventory
- No external to Internal mapping & vice versa
- Subsidiaries & Third-parties
- Multiple regions across the world
- No centralised IS policies or compliance in place

Multiple reasons...

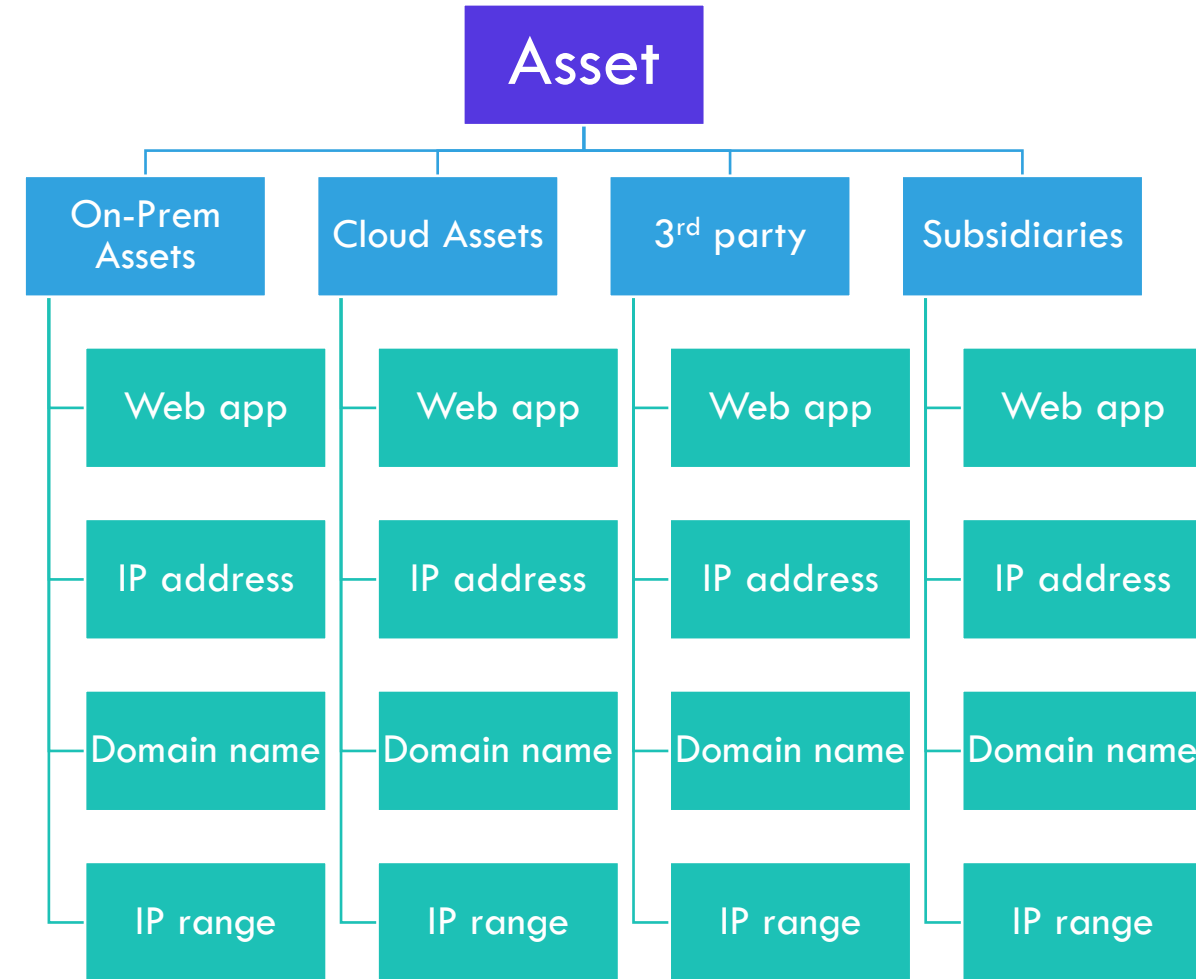
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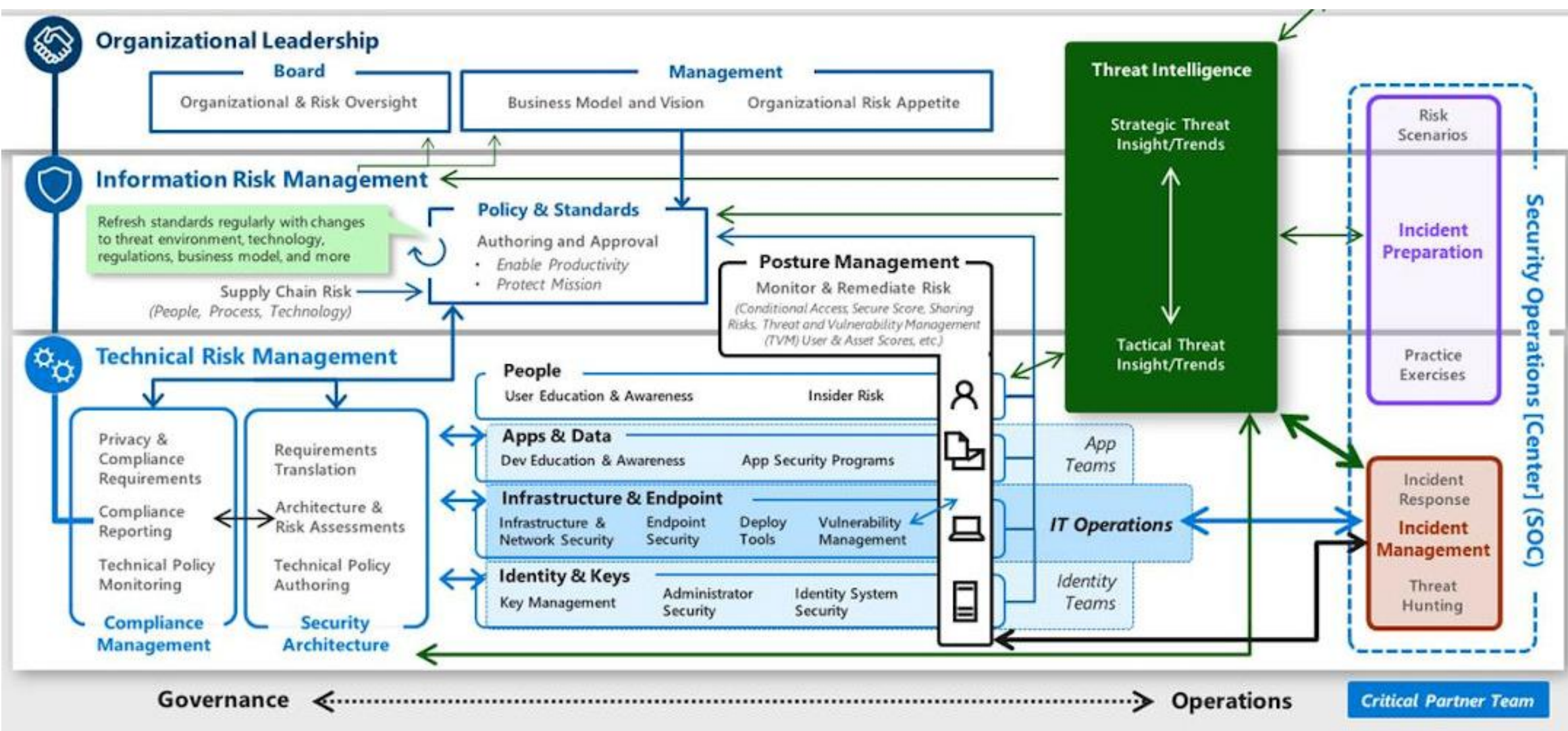
## 1. Find Unknown Assets

- **How to find external unknown assets:**

- Use an existing asset inventory as starting point
- Utilize open-source tools (Amaas, Subfinder, Sublist3r, Findomain, Dnscan, Crt.sh, WHOIS, Dnsdumpster, etc.)
- Utilize existing security scanners' inventory from Vulnerability Management team (Qualys, Tenable, Nexpose, Netsparker, Acunetix, etc.)
- Use DNS and domain registrar companies your organization use
- Commercial solutions
- Automation frequency
- Intelligence automation for finding  $\Delta$
- Utilize threat intelligence solutions from your organization







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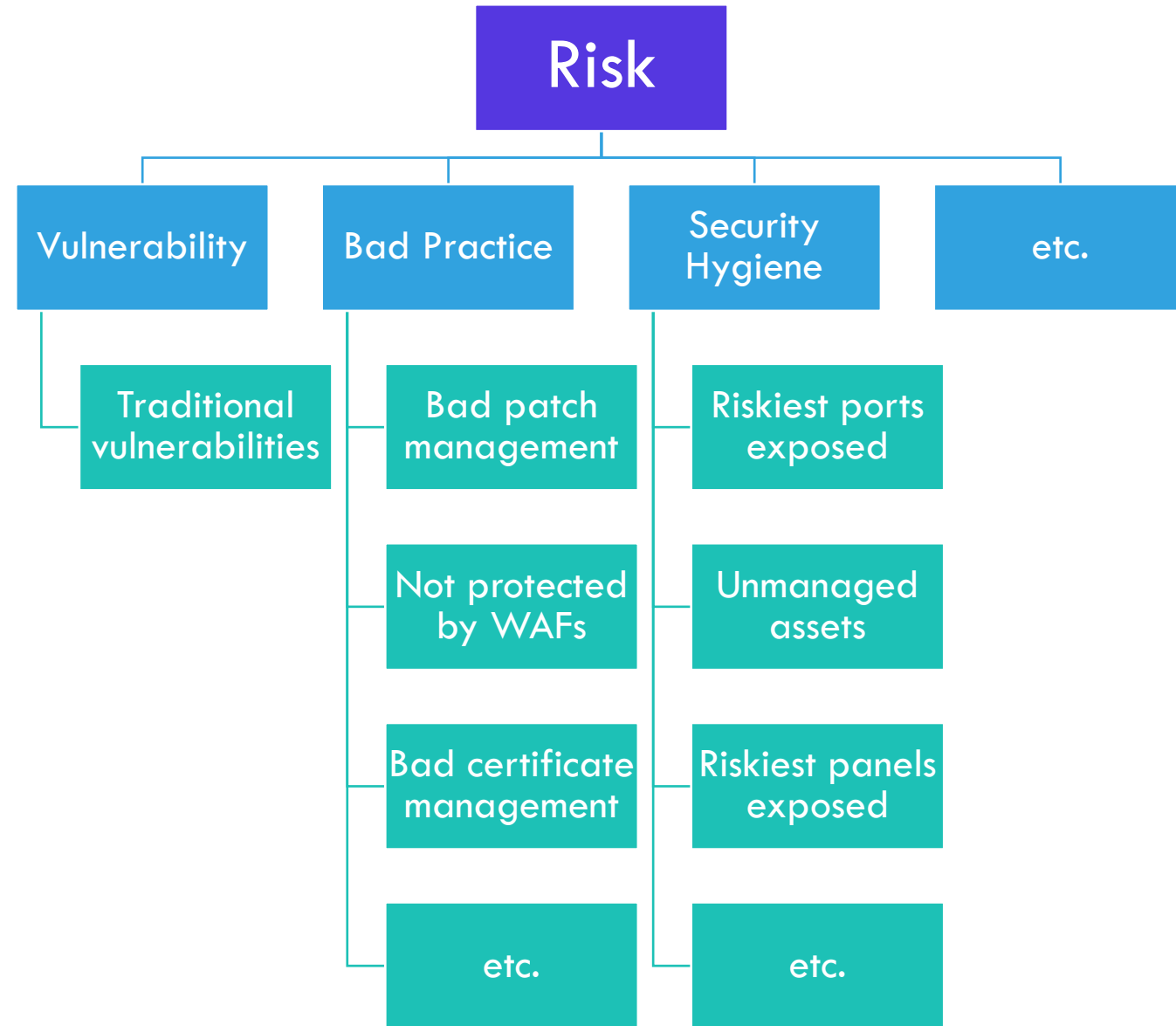
2. **Assess Risks**



- **How to assess risk**

- Questions to ask yourself:

- How would you see this asset from an attacker's viewpoint? (Point of interest or not?)
    - What critical data it could store or connect to in the backend?
    - Does it need to be on the Internet?
    - Is this colleague facing application or public facing application?



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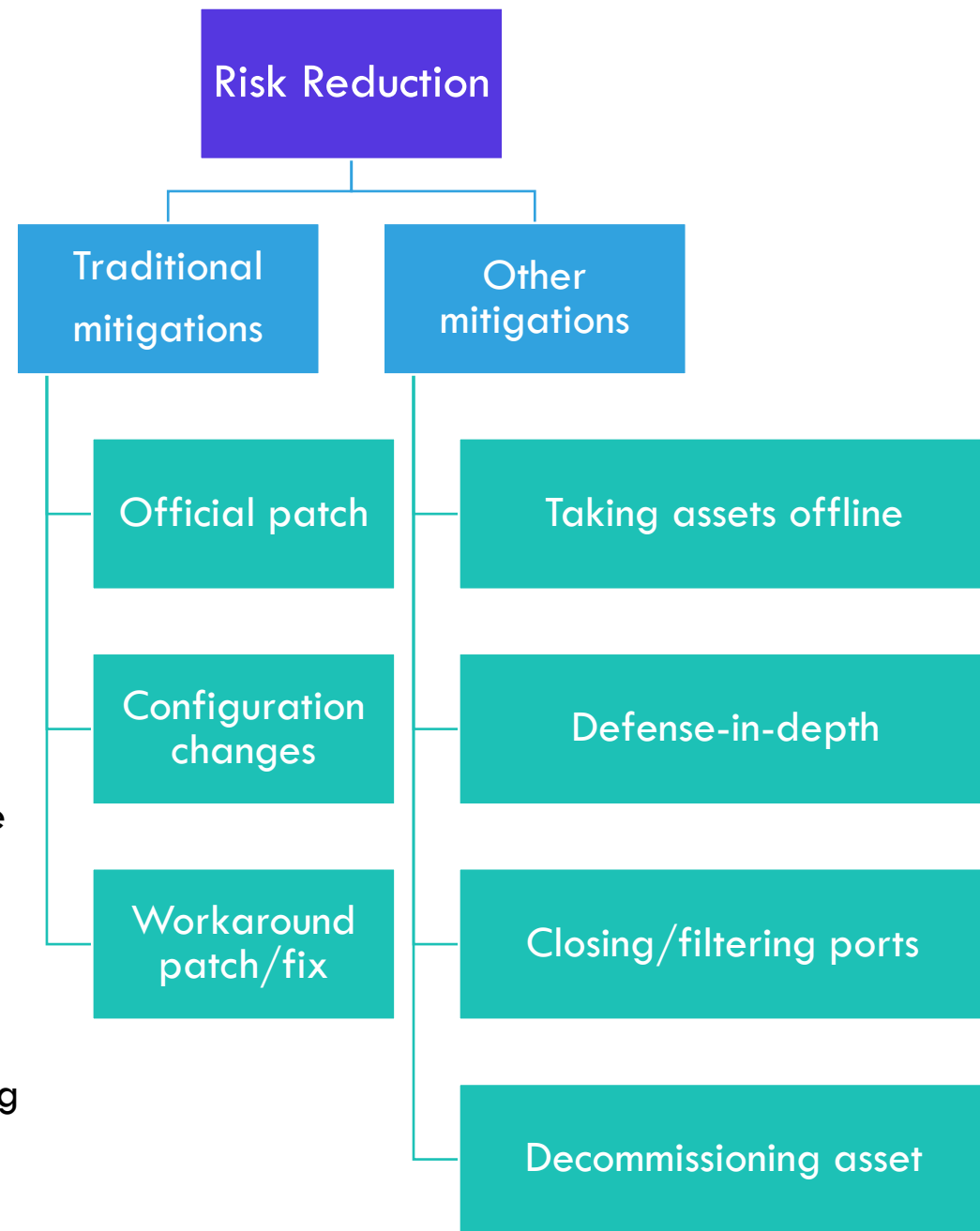
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3. **Reduce Risks**



- **How to assess risk**

- Questions to ask yourself:
  - Does this port need to be on the Internet?
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  - Should I close/filter port or update software package installed on it? Both? Priority?
  - Can fix be pushed from central management for all assets?
  - Root cause analysis – Talk to Central Team for defining policies and standards for common bad practices



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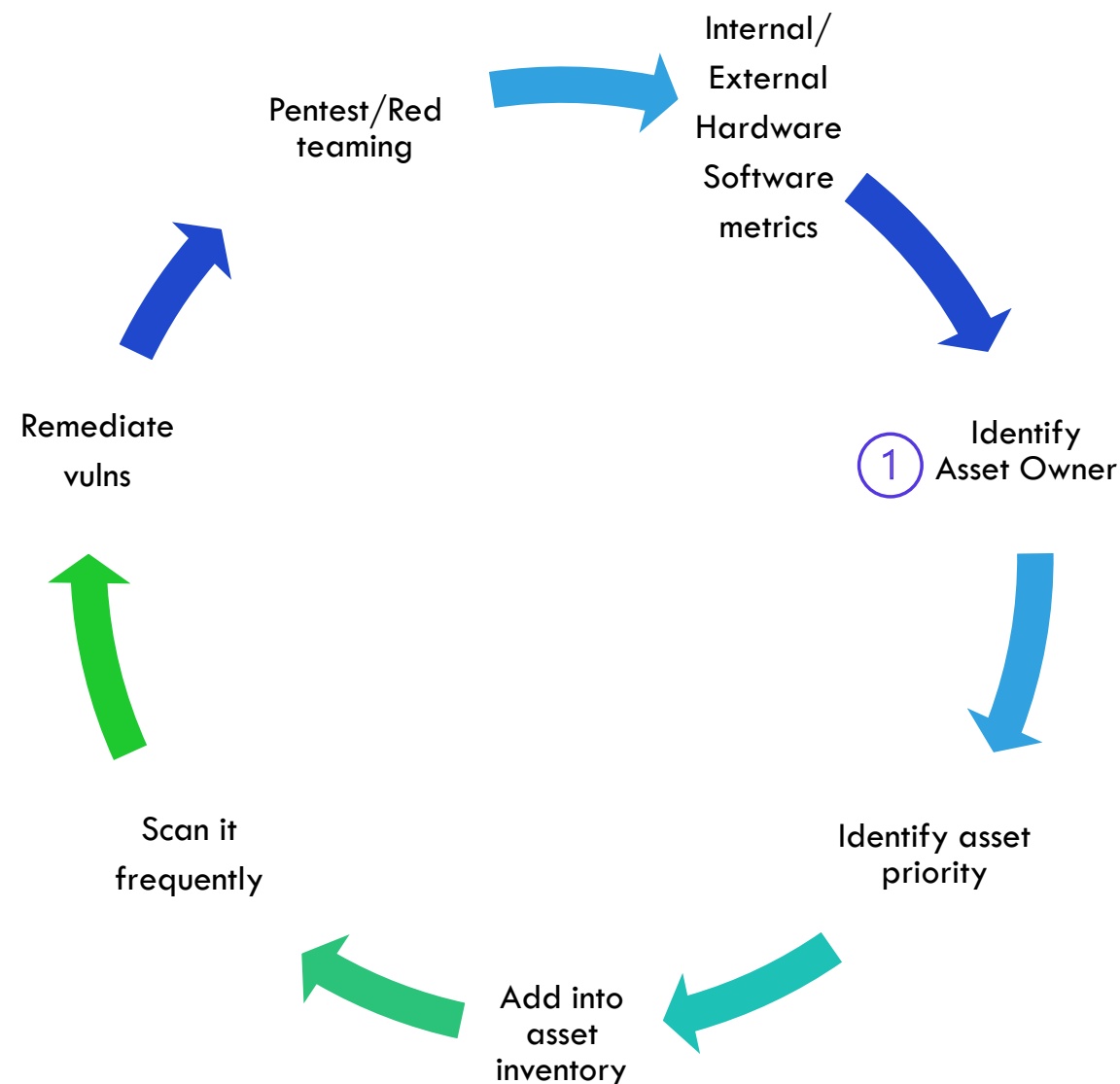
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4. **Manage in future**

- **How to manage newly found unknown asset in future:**

- Define asset priority with data classification methodology
- Add into asset inventory with all the details
- Schedule scan using standard scanners (Auth-Non auth, scan profile, scan frequency, things to be ignored, etc.)
- Remediate issues (multiple ways)



# BENEFITS

Legacy  
assets

Exposed  
services

EOL/OOD  
Software

Unnecessary  
Internet  
facing assets

Rogue  
Deployments

Disclosed  
Sensitive  
Data

Sensitive  
App  
Discovery

Rogue APIs

Continuous visibility of attack surface

THANK YOU  
& QUESTIONS?

