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Uncovering Infinity Stones in Cyber Security

Powers & Abilities

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What are our Powers and Abilities?

What is Power?

- Outside-in : Granted to a person by someone
- Inside-out: Ability of individual to cultivate by themselves
- By choices someone makes, actions they take
- Real Power is CLARITY





Do we have this clarity in the cyber world?

14,717,618,286Since 2013

3,353,172,7081st half of 2018



6,204,729

258,204

4,303

72



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Is this the clarity we wish to have?

Clarity allows the security team to know which asset is the most critical, most vulnerable, and most accessible to attackers.

New villains keep emerging

63.59%

Breach by Identity Theft







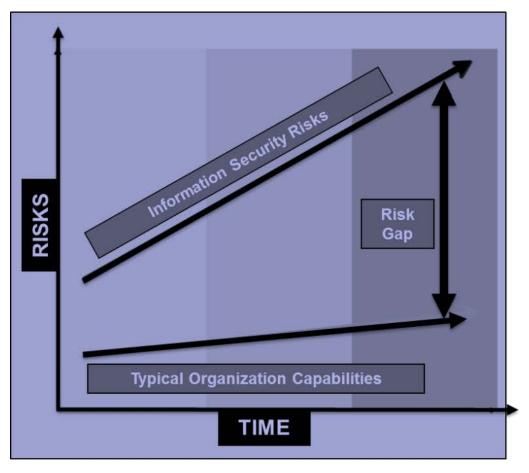


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Do we have this clarity in cyber world?

there is no 100% security in the digital world

Steady increase in Risk Gap



Trends in the market

Proliferation of data through the use of mobile devices

Excessive access rights and management of privileged accounts

Externalization and sharing of data with individuals, organizations, etc.

Move to cloud-based solutions (salesforce.com; Workday)

Advanced persistent threats and other advanced cyber attacks (hacking as a business; cyber espionage)

Attacks via social networks

Shortened product development lifecycles and rush to market

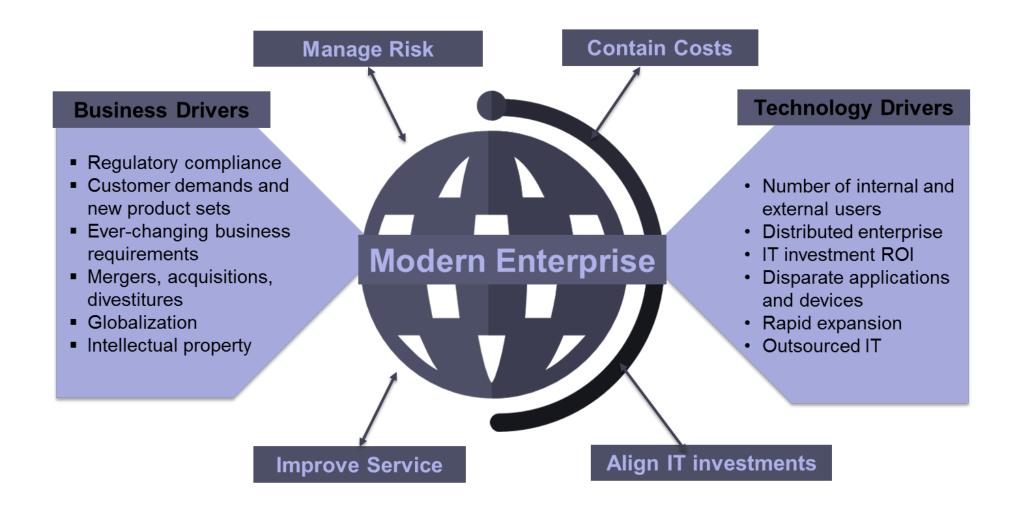
Difficult global economic environment

Source: Deloitte, 2012: Think. Transform. Integrated Identity Management and its Impact on Governance, Audit, and Security



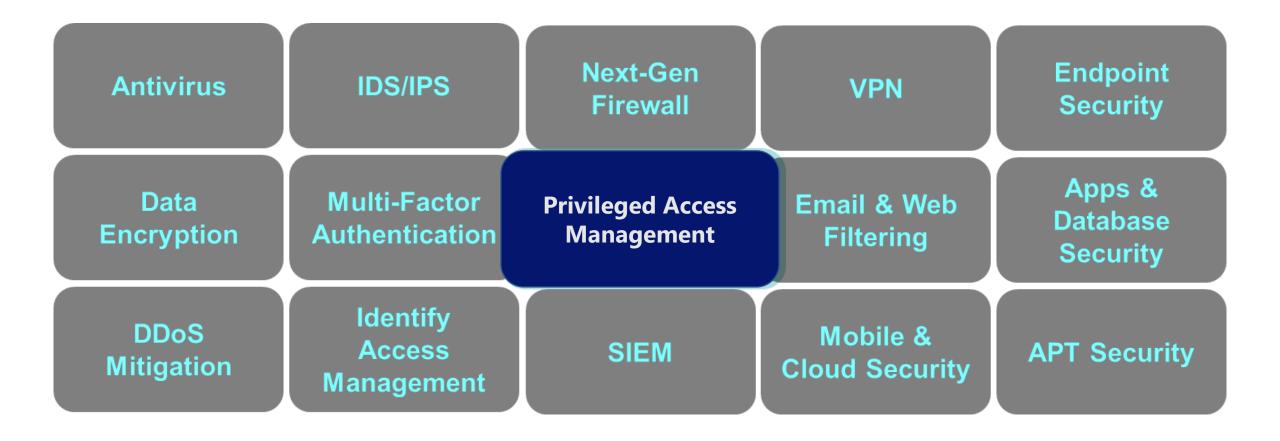


A shift towards enabling technology to address the unknowns





Security is getting complex





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PRIVILEGE ACCESS MANAGEMENT
Infinity Stones

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"Even with the most technologically advanced and capable cyber defence system in place, the **weakest** link will still be the **human** element"

User Education

Training should be continuous, incremental and hard-coded





Cyber Security certifications



Well-conducted cyber response drill



End user Training

User Education



Where to begin?

- Exposure, Exposure, more exposure
- Review Post breach investigation studies
- Participate in Security Events
- Networking

"We discovered in our research that insider threats are not viewed as seriously as external threats, like a cyberattack.

But when companies had an insider threat, in general, they were much more costly than external incidents.

This was largely because the insider that is smart has the skills to hide the crime, for **months**, **sometimes**, **forever**"

- Dr. Larry Ponemon, SecureWorld Boston

Auto Discovery

Helps organisations to identify all available infrastructure assets





Auto Discovery



Where to begin?

- Catalogue each resource in your IT environment, and update it every 3 months
- Perform a spot check on the inventory from time to time to ensure it is up to date
- From our experience, most customers have lists that only covers 80% of their resources

"Treat your password like toothbrush. Don't let anybody else use it and get a new one every six months"

- Clifford Stoll

Password Management

Storing and managing passwords in an efficient manner to secure and prevent unauthorised access







Password Management



Where to begin?

- Enforce dual control policy
- Enforce scheduled password change one can do this manually if they do not have a PAM product

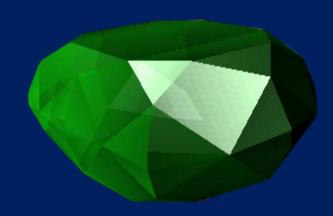
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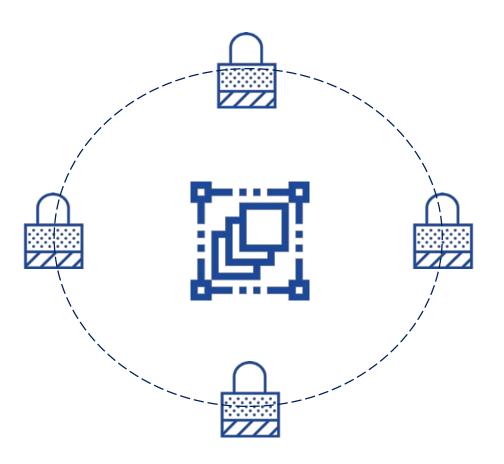
"True cybersecurity is preparing for what is next, not what was last."

Neil Rerup, Cyber Security Expert

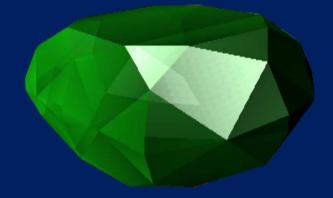
Access Control

Access control provides fine grained control over what a user can access





Access Control



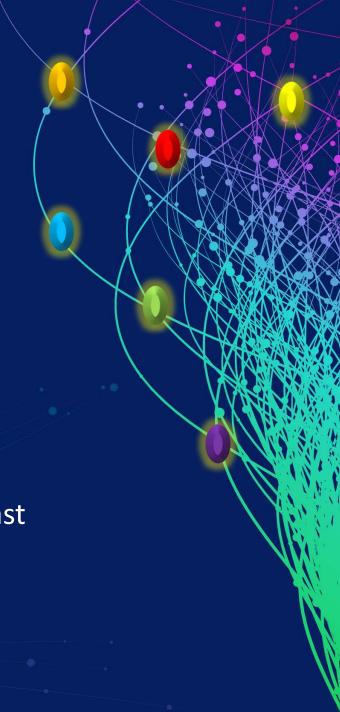
Where to begin?

- Begin with your employees, team members, their resources
- Define clearly the access control each person should have on each resource
- Ensure this is done periodically
- As CIO/CISO one should have this information with him all the time

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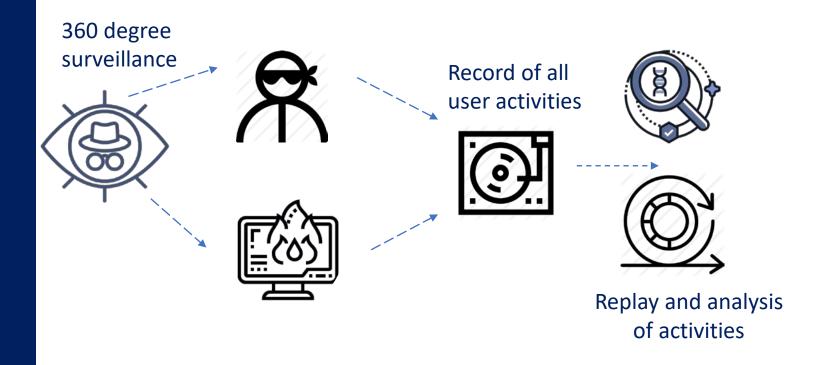
"You can't fight what you can't see"

- Cyber Security Enthusiast



Surveillance

Monitoring and recording of user activities for audit and forensic



Surveillance



Where to begin?

- Ensure you have adequate surveillance
- Could be in the form of CCTV, PAM software, or manual surveillance by having an internal staff to escort and monitor what the vendors do

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"Cyber threats don't happen in a vacuum. Nor should investigations"

- Cyber Security Enthusiast

Audit Compliance

Manual or systematic measurable technical assessment of a system of application





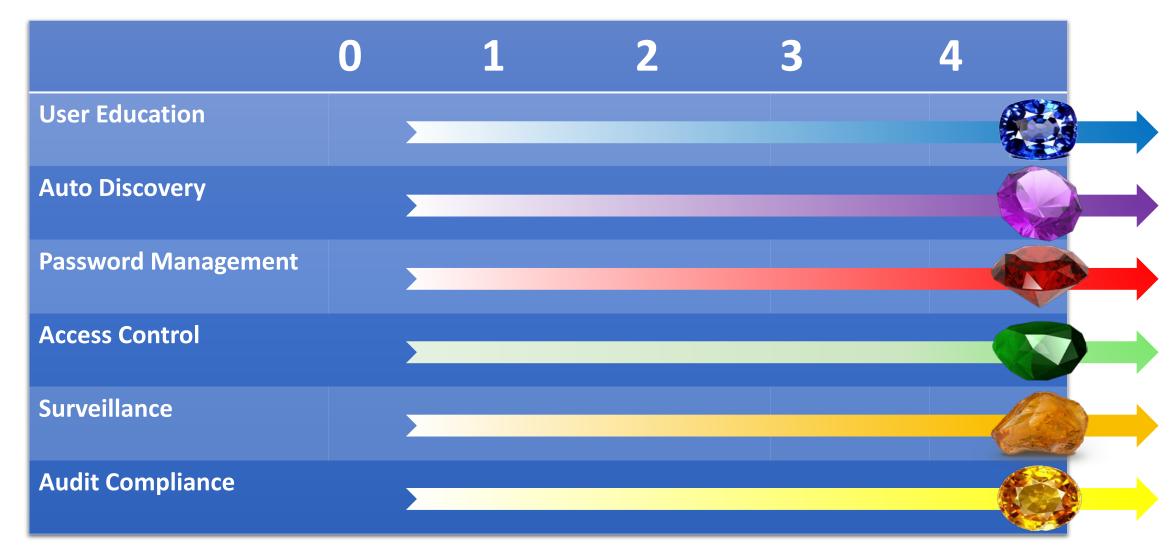
Audit Compliance



Where to begin?

Set up internal teams to perform audit of all security related infrastructure

Make a **small** step in the journey



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User Education	Read	Learn	Teach
Auto Discovery	Identify	Detect	Control
Password Management	List	Secure	Change
Access Control	Rights	Matrix	Refine
Surveillance	Record	Review	Alert
Audit Compliance	Study	Apply	Comply

Cybersecurity is **not the task of single department in an organisation.**

It only requires a weak link to undermine all the investments and effort by every other person in the organisation.

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"This is the fight of our lives. We are going to win. Whatever it takes"

Steve Rogers