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Welcome to INF30020 Module 2, S2, 2022

Information Security & risks I:  
Defining risks and understanding risk management

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## Summary, schedule and assessment

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Week	Week Beginning	Weekly Teaching and Learning	Assessment and Learning activities
1	01 August	Introduction and Overview: IS risk and security	Class activity & reading (TBA)
2	08 August	Information Security & risks I	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit CLA #1, Friday 12 August
3	15 August	Information Security & risks II	Class activity & reading (TBA)
4	22 August	Assessing security and establishing Internal Control	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit CLA #2, Friday 26 August
5	29 August	Mitigation, treatment & control I	Class activity & reading (TBA)
6	05 September	Mitigation, treatment & control II	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit Online Quiz #1, Friday 09 September
Mid Semester Break – 12 September to 18 September. ISRS Report Part A, due Friday 16 September.			
7	19 September	Information Security & Information Governance	Group Warm-up (TBA); Submit in class, Wednesday 21 September
8	26 September	Business Continuity Management	Class activity & reading (TBA);
9	03 October	Contingency Planning	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit CLA #3, Friday 07 October
10	10 October	Cybersecurity and Business Continuity Management	Class activity & reading (TBA);
11	17 October	Fraud and forensic auditing: Fraud, cybercrime, forensic auditing and continuous monitoring	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit Report Part B, Friday 21 October
12	24 October	Information Security ethics & compliance and pre-quiz revision	Class activity & reading (TBA); Submit Online Quiz #2, Friday 28 October

**Classe**

- 1 x 2hr F2F Workshops across the semester, Weds 8:30, 10:30
- Week 1, M001 completed, week 2 M002 available

**Assessments**

- CLA#1, due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August
- Individual & group (major) assignment expected release dates at end of week 2 and week 6
- 2 Class quizzes

**News**

- Guest presentations
  - Program to be confirmed
- ISACA student group
- All parts of unit of study are relevant to your learning and assessment

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## This week's learning plan



Develop an understanding of importance of *managing information risks*, with a focus on identifying and describing risks

Review: organisational data breach

1. Understanding risks, develop your understanding of related concepts in information security & risk management
  - What is a risk?
  - Assets, threats and vulnerabilities
  - Internal control (*wk 3 & 4*)
2. Risk management
  - Major categories of organisational risks including information risks)
3. Risk assessment (*next week*)

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## Preparing for coming week



Recommended introductory reading  
Texts:

**Whitman, Chapter 6 Assessing Risks**

OR

Gibson, D - **Chapters 4-6 Planning for risk assessments**

**Target data breach case materials in M002**

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## Week 1 review



### Data breach

A data breach is (a threat event)

- a security incident in which sensitive, protected or confidential data is copied, transmitted, viewed, stolen or used by a person/s unauthorised to do so.

*may involve financial information such as credit card or bank details, personal health information, other personally identifiable information (including the loss of privacy) trade secrets of corporations or intellectual property.*

- A **risk** is **likelihood** that a **threat** will exploit a **vulnerability** of an **asset** or group of assets and thereby cause harm to the organisation.

ISO/IEC 27000 family - Information security management systems

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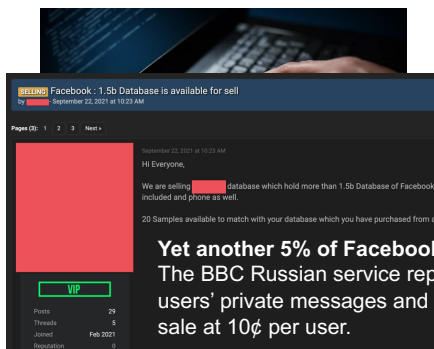
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## Data breaches affect everyone



Hacked Facebook, Gmail and Instagram accounts, banking information and even driver licences are being bought and sold on the dark web for as little as \$21, with experts warning identity theft may have life-long consequences for victims.

Released last week, the US Privacy Affairs Dark Web Price Index shows the average price of a hacked Facebook account is \$106, a hacked Instagram account is \$80 and access to a Twitter account costs \$70. Access to a hacked Gmail account is being sold for \$220 on average, the report showed.



**Facebook ,  
18 known  
breaches since  
2007 , with  
most recent 530  
million  
accounts  
confirmed  
Breached in  
2021**

**In 2022,  
LinkedIn more 5  
million  
accounts,  
Twitter – July -  
\$5.4 million  
accounts for  
\$30K USD**  
[Target data  
breach link](#)

**Yet another 5% of Facebook's data leaks!**  
The BBC Russian service reports 120,000,000 users' private messages and other details for sale at 10¢ per user.

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Data scrapers are selling sensitive personal data on between 530 million Facebook users. Data contains users': name, email, phone number, location, gender, and user ID. Data appears to be authentic. Personal data obtained through web scraping.

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### Categories of threats

**Table 6-3** Threats to InfoSec

Threat	Examples
Compromises to intellectual property	Software piracy or other copyright infringement
Deviations in quality of service from service providers	Fluctuations in power, data, and other services
Espionage or trespass	Unauthorized access and/or data collection
Forces of nature	Fire, flood, earthquake, lightning, etc.
Human error or failure	Accidents, employee mistakes, failure to follow policy
Information extortion	Blackmail threat of information disclosure
Sabotage or vandalism	Damage to or destruction of systems or information
Software attacks	Malware: viruses, worms, macros, denial-of-services, or script injections
Technical hardware failures or errors	Hardware equipment failure
Technical software failures or errors	Bugs, code problems, loopholes, back doors
Technological obsolescence	Antiquated or outdated technologies
Theft	Illegal confiscation of equipment or information

Source: CACM.

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### Not a data breach! Not DDOS .. Just load

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#### MyGov website crashes as thousands seek Centrelink help amid coronavirus pandemic, Government backflips on claims cyber attack to blame

Posted Mon 23 Mar 2020 at 10:55am, updated Tue 24 Mar 2020 at 1:02am



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### Categories of threats

- Each organisation must prioritise the threats it faces based on their particular security situation
- Each threat presents a unique challenge to information security and must be handled with specific controls that designed to address that threat
- Threat assessment becomes a critical part of the overall assessment of information security risks

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## 1. Understanding risk



### What is risk?

- ....risks are the price of doing business, they are the chances (**probability or likelihood**) of negative outcomes
- **A risk is the potential to compromise the use or value of organisational asset**

*The potential that a **threat** will exploit a **vulnerability** of an **asset** or group of assets and thereby cause harm to the organisation (ISO/IEC 27000 = ISM suite)*

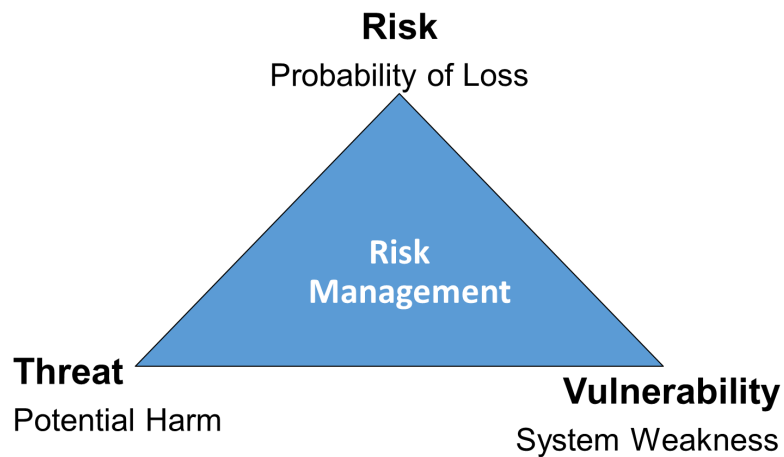
- In this sense: Information security is an exercise in risk management, it involves the protection of information assets (whether in storage, processing, or transit) and systems from damage, misuse or attack; resulting in information being stable, reliable, and free of failure (thus considered confidentiality, integrity and availability)

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*Risk Management, is about dealing with the probability of a loss*



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### What is risk? AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018

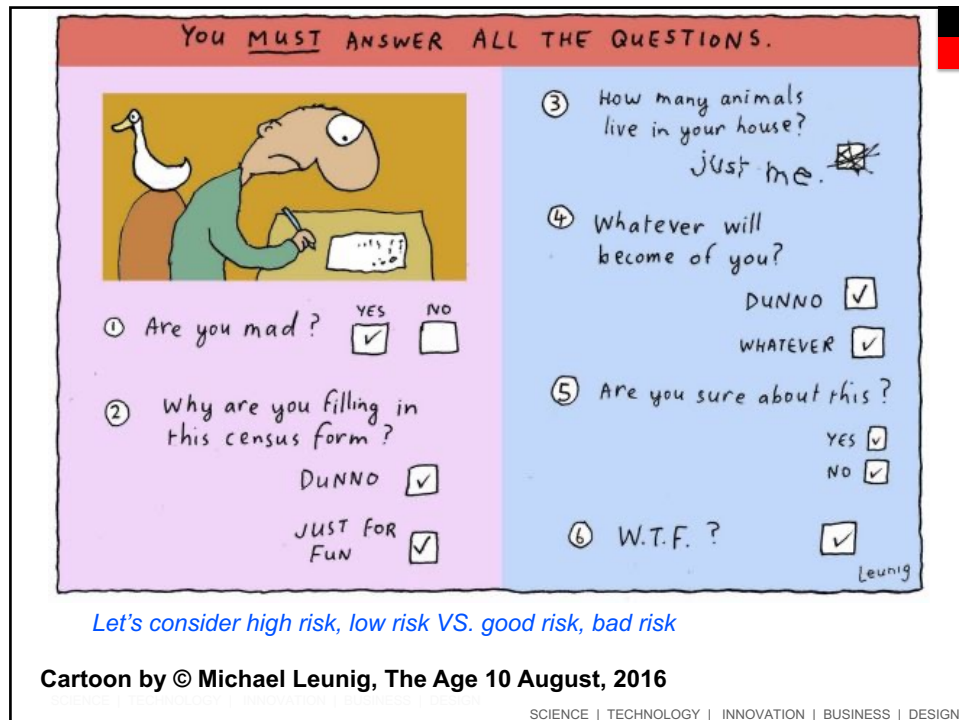
- **The chance of something happening that will have an impact on objectives. A risk is the effect of uncertainty on objectives**
- Note 1: Its often expressed in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. It is a deviation from the expected
- Note 2: Risk is measured in terms of a combination of the consequences of an event and their likelihood (more on this next week)

*\*AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 is a recommended standard for your assignments*


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## The ABS attack, August 2016

**Not a data breach! ....NOT DDOS! ... just load!**

- **The chance of something happening that will have an impact on objectives**
- Note 1: A risk is often expressed in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it.
- 4<sup>th</sup> "attack" most damaging, via a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (suggest more than a simple and direct denial of service). **Was it just citizen load?**
- A malicious external attack, perhaps international –will it be persistent?
- Preparation, load testing, possibly alternative live servers
- Implications/ Impacts
  - It will be seen as (and is) an IS security failing #censusfail
  - Angry citizenry
  - Vindicated privacy advocates
  - Cost of compromised trust
  - Cost of a prolonged and potentially inaccurate survey
  - Government enquiry
  - ABS blamed IBM blamed Nextgen, ABS claimed 30 million & settled out of court
- None of this is new for the ABS, 14 data breaches since 2013, Kammy & Hill sentenced in 2015

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## The ABS attack

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### Kammay & Hill

**2015**, 26 year old Lukas Kamay (7 yrs) and ex Australian Bureau of Statistics worker, Christopher Hill (3 yrs), 25yrs old commit over \$7million in illegal foreign exchange trades

2013, met at Fitzroy Pub and planned for Hill to send Kamay (confidential) sensitive unpublished stats on economic indicators that he obtained as a Commonwealth employee,

Shared info via mobile phones, Kamay would use that information to conduct trades on the foreign exchange (FX) derivatives market using the information that was not generally available to the wider public, which would have a material effect on the price or value of the foreign exchange derivative contracts.

The pairs plan was to make around \$200,000 profit from market sensitive information but Kammay made \$7 million in profits through 45 trades over eight months with a starting trade of \$1,000, he paid Hill \$20,000

**2007 -2011**, Met at Monash University, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Economics

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***Risk management aims to accept risks that make sense to take and reduce unacceptable risks***

Just a few examples

- Strategic – new business
  - Operational – changed business process
  - Project – outcomes outweighs risk
1. Risk management is about resolving obstacles, not about closing up shop!
  2. Risk is the uncertainty that something of value could be damaged or lost

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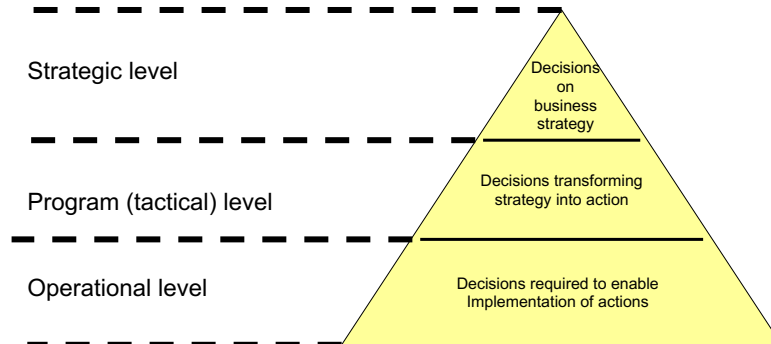


## 1. Understanding Risk – risk assessment



### What is risk assessment

Risk assessment is the **identification** and **analysis and prioritisation** of risks to support the **achievement of business objectives**. It is the process of applying risk management to the specific risks an organisation faces. It forms a basis for determining how risks should be managed.



[Source: IT Governance Institute. 2005 Information risks: Whose business are they? Page 12]

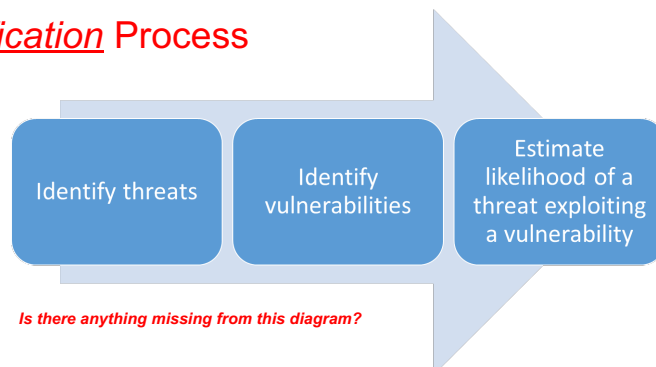
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## 1. Understanding Risk – risk assessment



### Risk Identification Process



Risk assessment is the **identification** and **analysis and prioritisation** of risks that might jeopardise our **achievement of business objectives**.

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## 1. Understanding Risk – risk assessment



### Some definitions

- **Threat:** Any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact organisational operations, assets, individuals or the Nation (through an information system) via unauthorised access, destruction, disclosure, or modification information, and/or denial of service.
- **Vulnerability:** Weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited by a threat source.

*NIST SP800-30, (2012) Guide for conducting risk assessments*

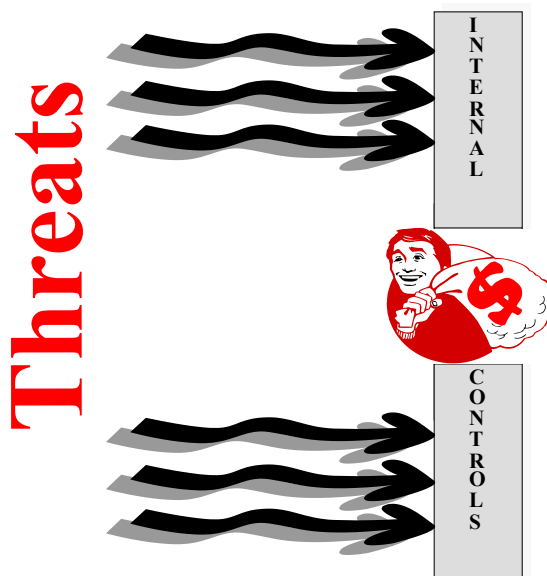
- **Asset:** any information resource valued by the organisation as such; e.g. data, device or component of the information environment; information and related resources – funds to support it, people, equipment, technology – *can be subject to intentional attacks, unintentional errors and mistakes*

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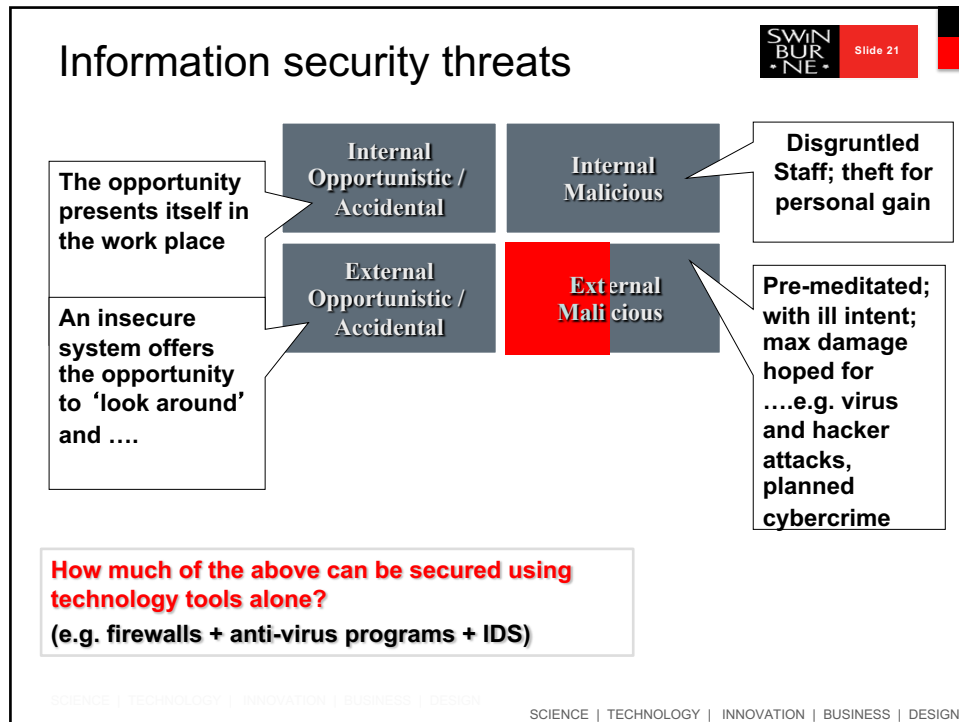
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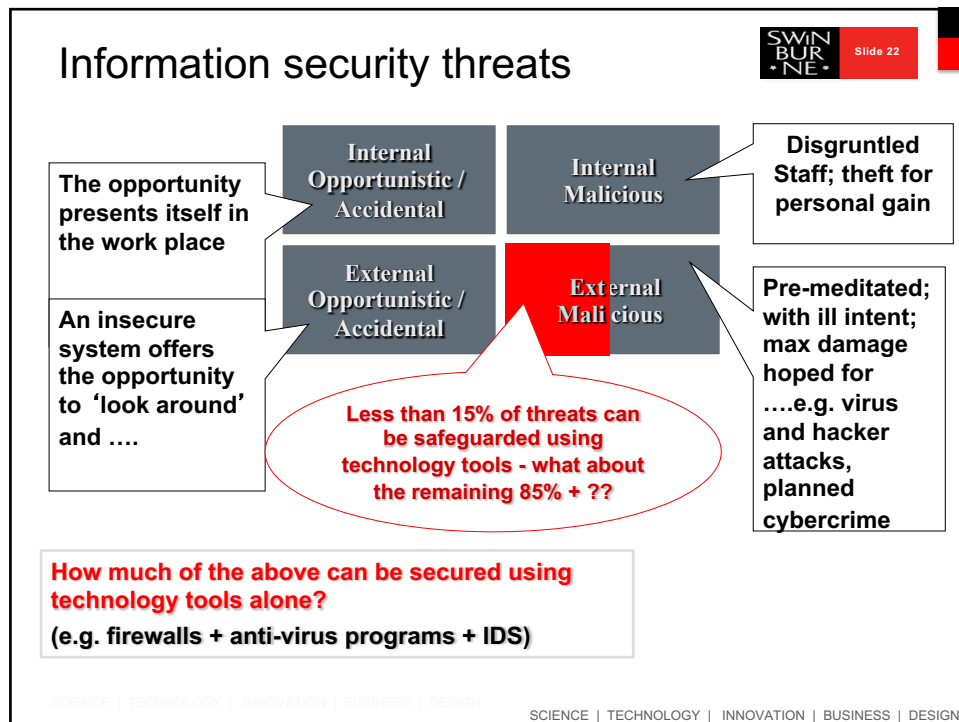
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## Information security threats



- One of the biggest threats to organisations remains us: our use of information systems puts the information at risk (i.e. there is a chance of a loss or reduced value of an organisational asset)
- Any member of an organisation (e.g. an employee) who
  - Views, collects, modifies, processes, enhances, stores or deletes information; carries a USB stick, operates hard drive, answers emails, undertakes data entry, surfs the web,
  - The majority of incidents occur by accident and possibly without senior management's awareness due to a lack of knowledge ...
  - Without policies in place, about how information *that may be at risk* should be managed; without procedures, processes or systematic approaches in place to guide policy implementation,
    - i. incidents will continue to occur (sometimes without anyone being aware)
    - ii. We will have little sense of which threats present the greatest risks

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## Responses to threats



- Need to remove or minimise the security Vs usability standoff
- Must not leave out the user!
- Account for all agents within user scenarios
  - The attacker
  - The IT team
  - The operator
  - The end user
    - The client / customer
    - The citizen / consumer
  - The Executive
- Design security with use of information assets (usability) in mind This requires a change in attitude from *Dr No to Dr Know*
- *It is a community response*

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## 1. Understanding Risk – risk assessment



### Identifying risks

- Unlimited number of threats that may be of concern to an organisation
- Elements of threats
  - The agent - the catalyst that performs the threat - human, machine or nature
  - The motive - cause an agent to act (accidental or intentional)
  - The results - outcome of the applied threat, eg. unauthorised access, destruction of the information asset

**1. Focus on the organisations information assets and the user!**

**2. The value creation activities and their protection**

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## 2. Risk management



### What is risk management?

- *Coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to the management of their risks (enterprise or portfolio view)*
- According to the **COSO ERM framework**, every risk management decision either increases, decreases or erodes value :
  - Aligning risk appetite
  - Reducing operational surprises
  - Enhancing risk response
  - Identifying and managing multiple and cross-enterprise risks
  - Seizing opportunities
  - Improving deployment of capital

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## COSO Treadway Commission, 1985



*Due to questionable corporate political campaign finance practices and foreign corrupt practices in the mid-1970s,*

the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the U.S. Congress enacted campaign finance law reforms and the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) which criminalized transnational bribery and **required companies to implement internal control programs.**

In response, the Treadway Commission, a private-sector initiative, was formed in 1985 to inspect, analyze, and make recommendations on fraudulent corporate financial reporting.

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## 2. Risk management



### Establishing the context

Enterprise Risk Management is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel, applied in strategy setting and across an enterprise, designed to identify potential events that may effect an entity, and manage risks to be within its risk appetite, to provide reasonable assurance regarding achievement of entity objectives

COSO, ERM framework 2004

- Governance of risk, identifying, assessment, acceptance, communication & treatment
- Control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information & communication and monitoring

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## Looking ahead



### Controlling for risk?

- We can manage for risk by establishing **controls**
- Information *security* management is about establishing controls within and around organisations - for business (controls are approaches to managing for risk)
- The absence or weakness of a control is called an **exposure to risk**
- A weakness in the **internal controls** that an organisation puts in place can expose the business to:
  1. Destruction of assets (physical & information)
  2. Theft of assets (physical & information)
  3. Corruption of information or the information systems
  4. Disruption of information communication and the information system

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## Looking ahead



### Internal controls (safeguards) are about context

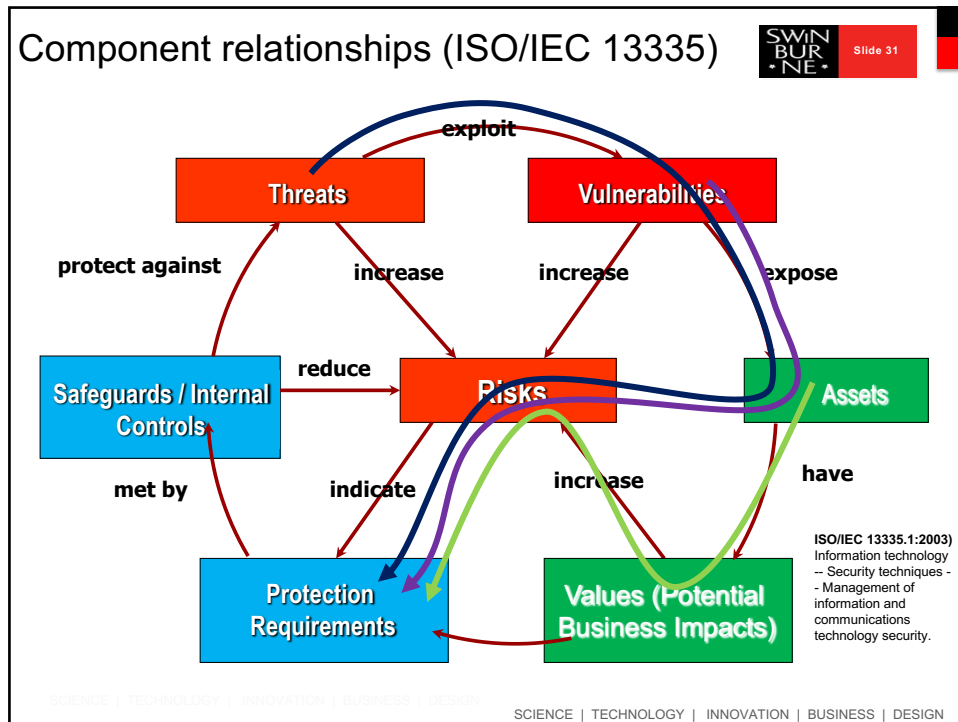
Comprises management's philosophy and operating style, **and all the policies, practices and procedures** employed by the organisation to achieve the organisation's objectives, broadly consisting of:

- Safeguarding assets of the firm (e.g. firewalls, IDS, zero tolerance ID)
- Ensuring the accuracy and reliability of records and information (e.g. procedures for validating invoices)
- Promoting efficiency in the firm's operations (e.g. automated secure procedures for real time processing of credit cards)
- Measuring compliance with prescribed policies, procedures, laws and regulations (e.g. Australian Privacy Principles)

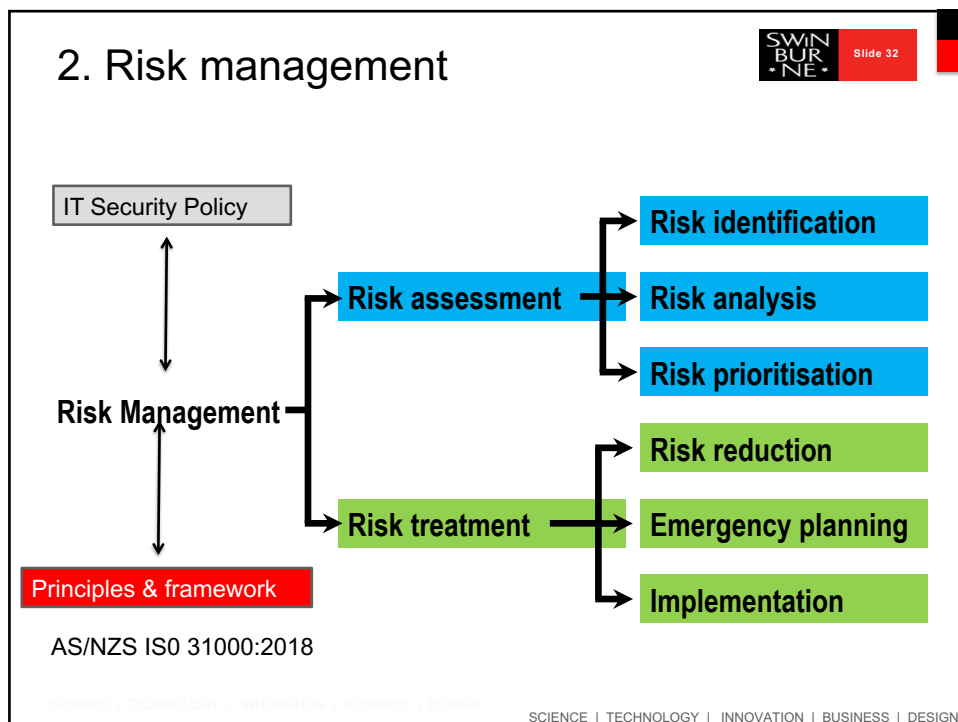
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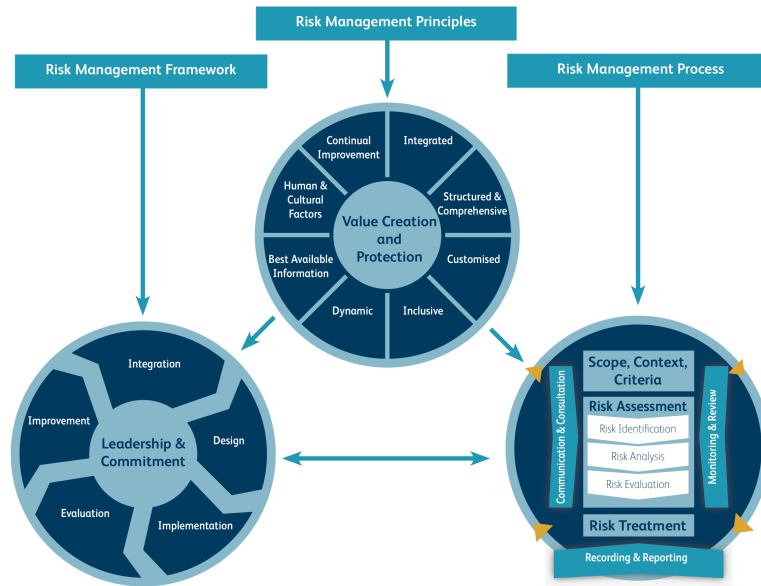
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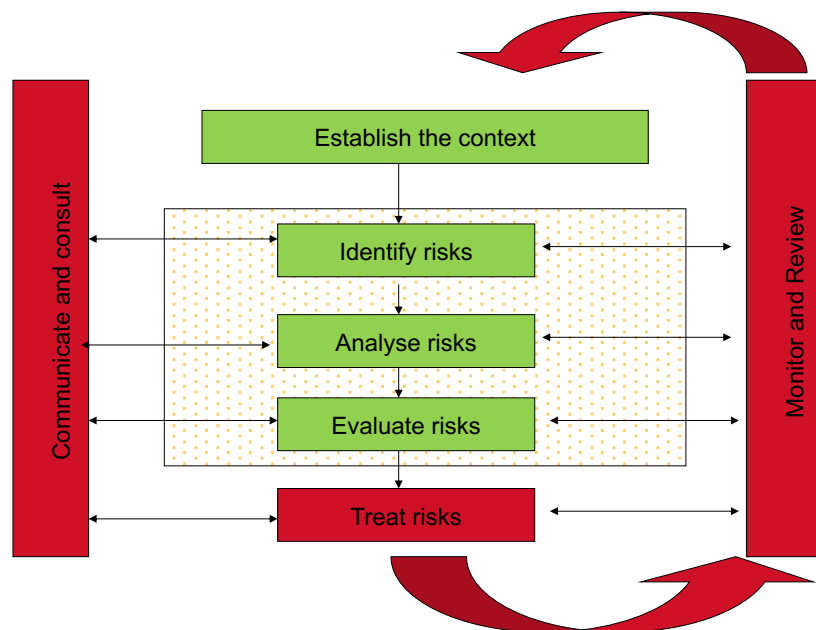
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Thank you

*Your questions*

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- Information Asset
- Asset, Threat & Vulnerability
- Risk Management

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