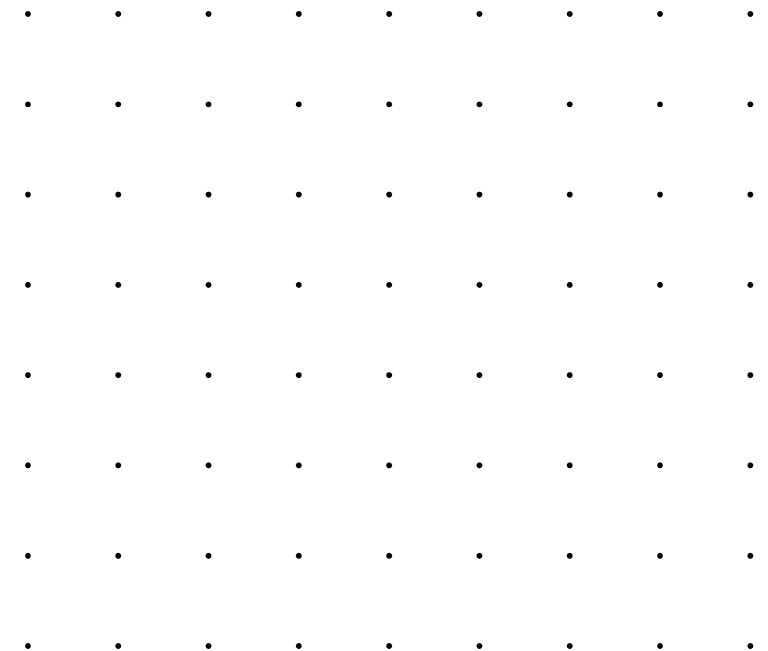


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We also acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures, and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

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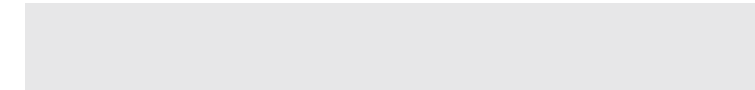


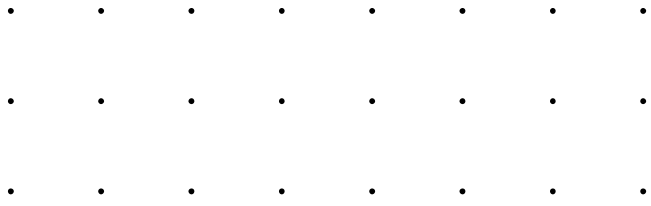
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Operating Systems
Host-based Detection
Access Controls, Authentication,
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Operating Systems



Operating Systems

System software which manages hardware, software, provides and enables resources to services/programs

A collection of software that manages computer hardware resources and provides common services for computer programs

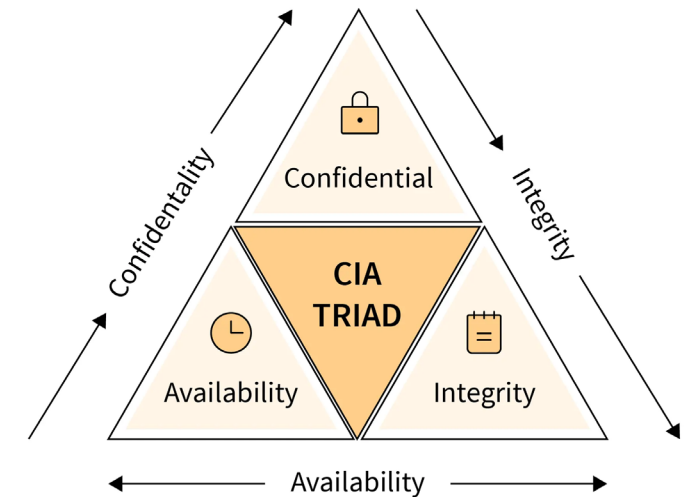
- Operating Systems provide some key functions to users, hardware, software
 - Provide, manage and isolate memory required for software
- An operating system manages the ways applications access the resources in a computer, including its disk drives, CPU, main memory, input devices, output devices, and network interfaces, user interface
 - Processes
 - An instance of a program currently running
 - Operating Systems are not secured by default typically
 - Require additional configuration for security
 - Where the computer exists plays an important role
- Kernel
 - Schedules time and resources to a process
- File system
 - Provides a framework to specify the handling of files and folders, permissions (RWX) for users and groups
- Memory management

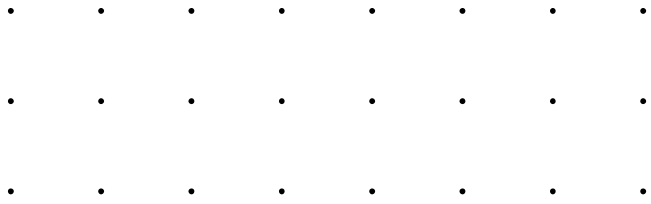
Security

Provide CIA to the computer system

Typical measures in which this can be achieved

- User or group permissions
 - Specifying who and a collection of users have access too
 - Antivirus, Endpoint detection and response
 - Match known signatures, signatures, rules, behaviour, policy
 - Policy
 - Specify setting which can be allowed or blocked
 - Firewall
 - Block or allow connections incoming or outgoing connections
 - Authentication
 - Method to whom can access system
- Access control
 - Fine grain settings
 - Monitoring
 - Ability to log what is occurring
 - Security software
 - Installation and running of additional programs to aid security (e.g., app locker)





Host-based Detection



Host-based Detection

A range of tools required to detect and prevent threats for Operating Systems. While signatures are a staple, a behavioural approach behaviour must also be considered

Signature vs Behaviour

- Host may include workstations and servers
- Signature
 - Compare digital signature (hash)
 - Security vendors update known hash signatures
 - Good: Quick, direct match
 - Bad: Only knows what has been observed before
- Behaviour
 - Anomaly focused
 - Detect behaviour and code
 - Good: Detect what hasn't been observed before
 - Bad: Chance for false positives

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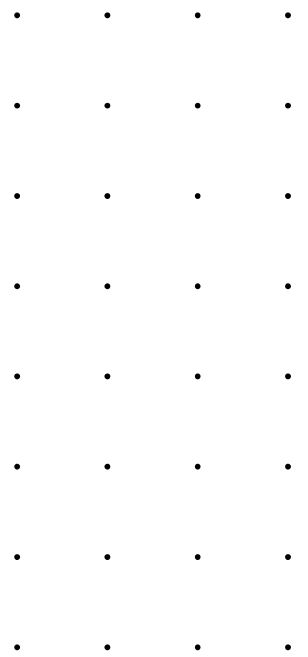
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Discretionary access control (DAC)

Allows the owner of a resource to control access to that resource and what level of access they are granted

- Access control list (ACL) is a
 - List of users or groups who have been granted access to the resource and their corresponding level of access
 - Examples ACLs in Windows, Linux: Assumes everyone who has permission exercises it responsibly
 - Advantage :
- simplicity , flexibility
- Limitations
 - not provide any protection against users who abuse their access privileges
 - difficult to manage ACL for large systems with many resources and users



Mandatory access control (MAC)

Access to resources is determined by a security policy that is enforced by the operating system or security software

Every resource (files, folders, and devices) is assigned a security label or classification that indicates the sensitivity or importance of the resource

- The security policy defines the rules for how access is granted based on the labels assigned to resources and users
- Example – SE Linux
 - Assumes no-one who has access can be trusted to exercise it responsibly
- Even root can have no authority
- Advantages:
 - provides a higher level of protection against unauthorised access
 - reduces the risk of accidental data leaks or breaches
- Limitations
 - more complex and difficult to manage than DAC
 - security policy must be carefully designed and maintained

Role-based access control (RBAC)

Provides access based on the roles and responsibilities of users within an organisation

Users can be assigned to multiple roles, each with a different set of permissions

- Users can be assigned to multiple roles, each with a different set of permissions
- These roles are based on the user's job function, responsibilities, and level of authority within the organisation
- Advantages:
 - simplifies the management of access control (central control)
 - more secure?



Attribute-based access control (ABAC)

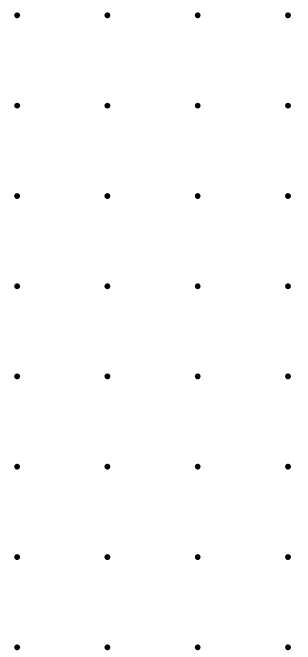
Grants access to resources based on a set of attributes associated with users, resources, and the environment

Attributes associated with a user or resource can include a wide range of factors such as time of day, location, device type , sensitivity of the data

- Advantages:
 - flexible
 - granular

based policy and a system for collecting and managing the attributes associated with users and resources

- Limitations
 - more complex to manage than other access control models
 - it requires a well-defined attribute-



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Authentication

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Authentication

Verifying the identity of a user, process, or device, often as required to allow access to systems, resources in an information system

Maintain confidentiality

- Authentication is critical in preventing unauthorised access to:
 - Data
 - Systems
 - Resources
 - Applications
- Can lead to system impact, data breaches, financial loss, and reputational damage if breached
- Authentication requires
 - Identity
 - Secret
- User identity and secret is shared to system to authenticate to
 - **Password-based authentication** is the predominate method for authentication
- Identity and password are passed, password is looked up in table for authenticate*
- Users re-use passwords
- Obtain the password list, adversaries can look up or try to match the password hash

Assuming a hash-based scheme is employed

See top 10000 passwords: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:10,000_most_common_passwords

Word List & Rainbow Tables

An adversary only needs to guess or compare exposed password hashes

Two key methods

- Word list
- A list of words to pass with identity to guess password
- Rainbow table
- Table of hashed passwords to look up
- Considering MITRE TTPs at a very high and non-exhaustive level, multiple types of password-based attacks
- See Credential Access
- The adversary is trying to steal account names and passwords
- <https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/TA0006/>

IMAGE SOURCE: <https://www.thesecurityblogger.com/understanding-rainbow-tables/>

<https://latesthackingnews.com/amp/2016/10/30/generate-truly-random-yet-easy-remember-passw>

TECHNIQUES

Brute Force

Password

Guessing

Password

Cracking

Password Spraying

Credential Stuffing

Credentials from
Password Stores

Keychain

Securityd Memory

Credentials from
Web Browsers

Windows
Credential
Manager

Password
Managers

11111	a	21111	cliche	31111	gee	41111	loom	51111	qu	61111	thea
11112	a&p	21112	click	31112	geese	41112	loon	51112	qua	61112	thee
11113	a's	21113	cliff	31113	geigy	41113	loop	51113	quack	61113	theft
11114	aa	21114	climb	31114	gel	41114	loose	51114	quad	61114	their
11115	aaa	21115	clime	31115	geld	41115	loot	51115	quaff	61115	them
11116	aaaa	21116	cling	31116	gem	41116	lop	51116	quail	61116	theme
11121	aaron	21121	clink	31121	gemma	41121	lope	51121	quake	61121	then
11122	ab	21122	clint	31122	gene	41122	logg	51122	qualm	61122	there
11123	aba	21123	clio	31123	genie	41123	lord	51123	quark	61123	these
11124	ababa	21124	clip	31124	genii	41124	lore	51124	quarry	61124	theta
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11141	abbott	21141	closet	31141	get	41141	lotus	51141	query	61141	third
11142	abc	21142	clot	31142	getty	41142	lou	51142	quest	61142	this
11143	abe	21143	cloth	31143	gf	41143	loud	51143	queue	61143	thong
11144	abed	21144	cloud	31144	gg	41144	louis	51144	quick	61144	thor
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11165	abrade	21165	cm	31165	gibby	41165	lg	51165	quiz	61165	thug
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11215	ac	21215	coat	31215	gila	41215	lu	51215	qx	61215	thyme
11216	acadia	21216	coax	31216	gild	41216	lucas	51216	qx	61216	ti

User	Password	User	Password Hash
Stephen	auhsoJ	Stephen	39e717cd3f5c4be78d97090c69f4e655
Lisa	hsifdrowS	Lisa	f567c40623df407ba980bfad6dff5982
James	1010NO1Z	James	711f1f88006a48859616c3a5cbcc0377
Harry	sinocarD tupaC	Harry	fb74376102a049b9a7c5529784763c53
Sarah	auhsoJ	Sarah	39e717cd3f5c4be78d97090c69f4e655

User	Random Salt	Password Hash
Stephen	06917d7ed65c466fa180a6fb62313ab9	b65578786e544b6da70c3a9856cdb750
Lisa	51f2e43105164729bb46e7f20091adf8	2964e639aa7d457c8ec0358756cbffd9
James	fea659115b7541479c1f956a59f7ad2f	dd9e4cd20f134dda87f6ac771c48616f
Harry	30ebf72072134f1bb40faa8949db6e85	204767673a8d4fa9a7542ebc3ecec3a2
Sarah	711f51082ea84d949f6e3efecf29f270	e3afb27d59a34782b6b4baa0c37e2958

Password Attacks

Brute Force: T1110

Just a single technique and sub-techniques

Technique	Name	Details
T1110.001	Password Guessing	Guess password in attempt to login into account
T1110.002	Password Cracking	Try to crack or recover passwords, when pass the hash is not applicable*
T1110.003	Password Spraying	Single or small list of passwords across a range of accounts
T1110.003	Credential Stuffing	Using credentials obtained from data breach

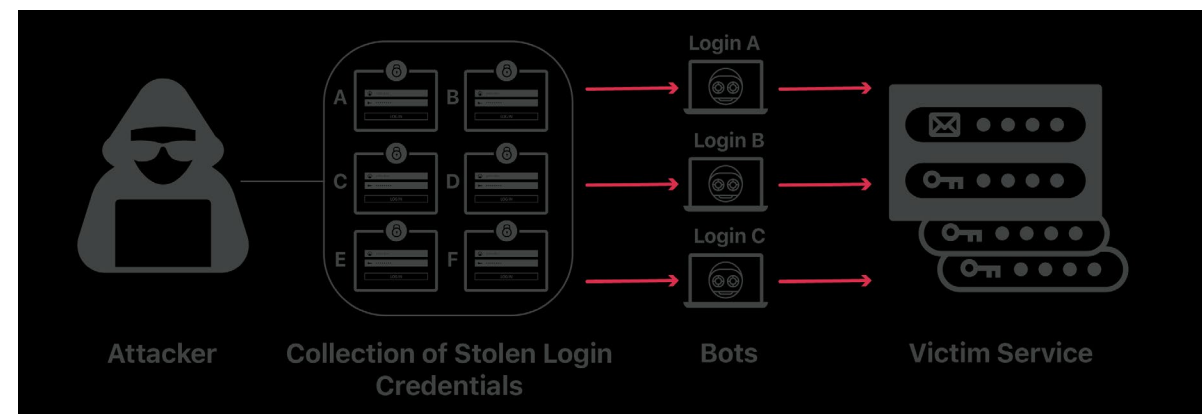
Credential hashes are passed to authenticate

IMAGE SOURCE:

<https://medium.com/@cmcorrales3/password-hashes-how-they-work-how-theyre-hacked-and-how-to-maximize-security-e04b15ed98d>

<https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/bots/what-is-credential-stuffing/>

Fox	cryptographic hash function	DFCD 3454 BBEA 788A 751A 696C 24D9 7009 CA99 2D17
The red fox jumps over the blue dog	cryptographic hash function	0086 46BB FB7D CBE2 823C ACC7 6CD1 90B1 EE6E 3ABC
The red fox jumps over the blue dog	cryptographic hash function	8FD8 7558 7851 4F32 D1C6 76B1 79A9 0DA4 AEFE 4819
The red fox jumps over the blue dog	cryptographic hash function	FCDD 7FDB 5AF2 C6FF 915F D401 C0A9 7D9A 46AF FB45
The red fox jumps over the blue dog	cryptographic hash function	8ACA D682 D588 4C75 4BF4 1799 7D88 BCF8 92B9 6A6C



Other Authentication Methods

Non-Exhaustive List

Other methods and factors

- Certificate-based authentication
- Biometric authentication: e.g., fingerprint
- Token-based authentication: time-based one-time PIN (TOTP), reset every n seconds
- One-time password: generated for a specific login
- Push notification: approve or deny request
- Voice authentication
- Multifactor authentication
 - Something you know
 - Something you have
 - Something you are

Which are secure?



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Security Policy

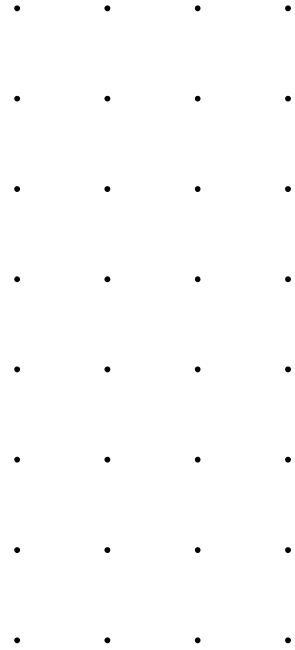
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Policy

Organisation intent, processes and objectives

Policy document outlines these in the management of risk

- Organisations will have a range of policy, outlining:
 - Technology
 - Information assets
 - Associated rules and objectives, controls
- It outlines things like
 - Acceptable use
 - Specification
 - Process
 - Delegation
- Policy is an excellent tool to “enforce” standards, requirements, specification, processes



Policy Types

Scope for policy is broad

There are many moving parts to an organisation

- Aim: employees clear on their role, what is to be done, what is acceptable
- Acceptable use policy
- Digital signature policy
- Email retention, or logging policy in general
- Removable media policy
- Too many policies can become an issue



USB & External Media Policy Case Study

Many organisations and government ban (through policy and technology)

Policy defines, technology implements

- Initial Ban in 2008:
- Date: November 20, 2008
- The DoD implemented a complete ban on USB thumb drives and other removable media devices. This decision came after a worm infiltrated Army networks, highlighting the security risks associated with these devices
- Restrictions: All units were prohibited from using any USB mass storage devices, including hard drives, cameras, and printers

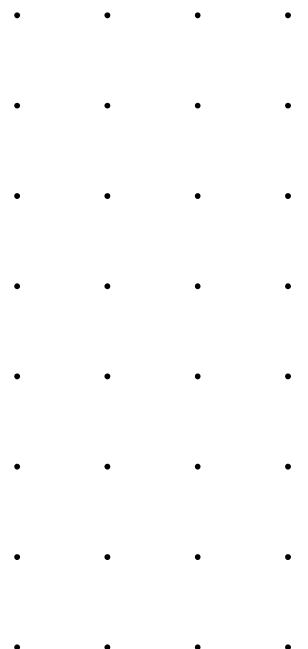


USB & External Media Policy Case Study (cont.)

Many organisations and government ban (through policy and technology)

Policy defines, technology implements

- Partial Lift of the Ban in 2010:
 - Date: February 19, 2010
 - Gen. Kevin Chilton, commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, partially lifted the ban on removable devices. However, this was only allowed as a “last resort” when necessary for mission-critical tasks and when no other means of data transfer were available
- Current usage:
 - Use only removable media approved by your organisation
 - Do not use personally owned/non-organisational removable media on your organisation’s systems
 - Never plug unauthorised devices into a government system

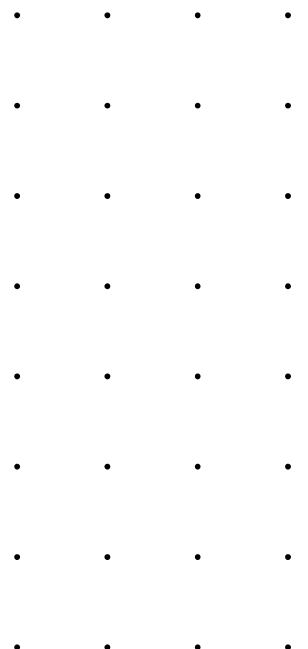


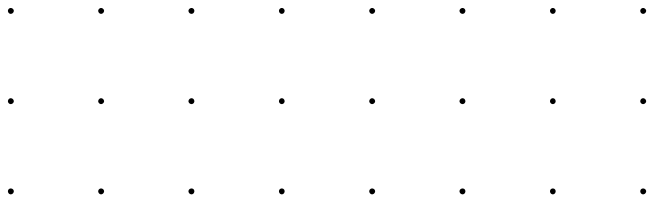
Authorisation

While you might be able to authentication, you might not have authorisation to the request

Compare the pair

- As discussed, authentication allows a user to confirm who they are
- When authenticating, they might not be authorised to access
- The user may or may not have the permission





Monitoring

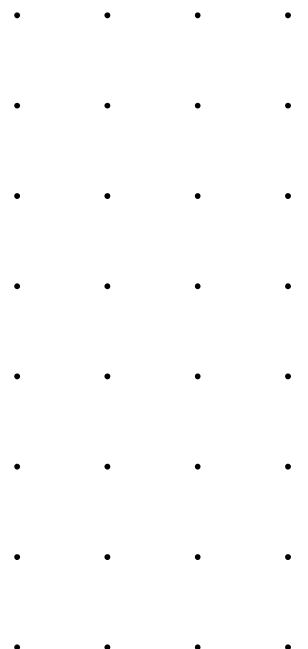


System Monitoring

How are systems events handled

Broadly between Unix-based (let's just say Linux) and Windows

- Events occur within a system
- Event logs capture:
 - Date, time
 - Device
 - Description
 - Level
 - Associated application/process
 - Specific event type
 - Characteristic
 - Networking information in relevant
- Typically, Operating system event logs relate to
- System events from the operating system itself
- E.g., Syslog/Auth (Linux), Sysmon (Windows)
- Applications
 - Security events
 - Application logging may include
 - Request type
 - Status
 - Message
 - Networking
 - Event type
- Log structures are standardised, structured
- Logs should be centralised for monitoring
- Not everything is logged from install

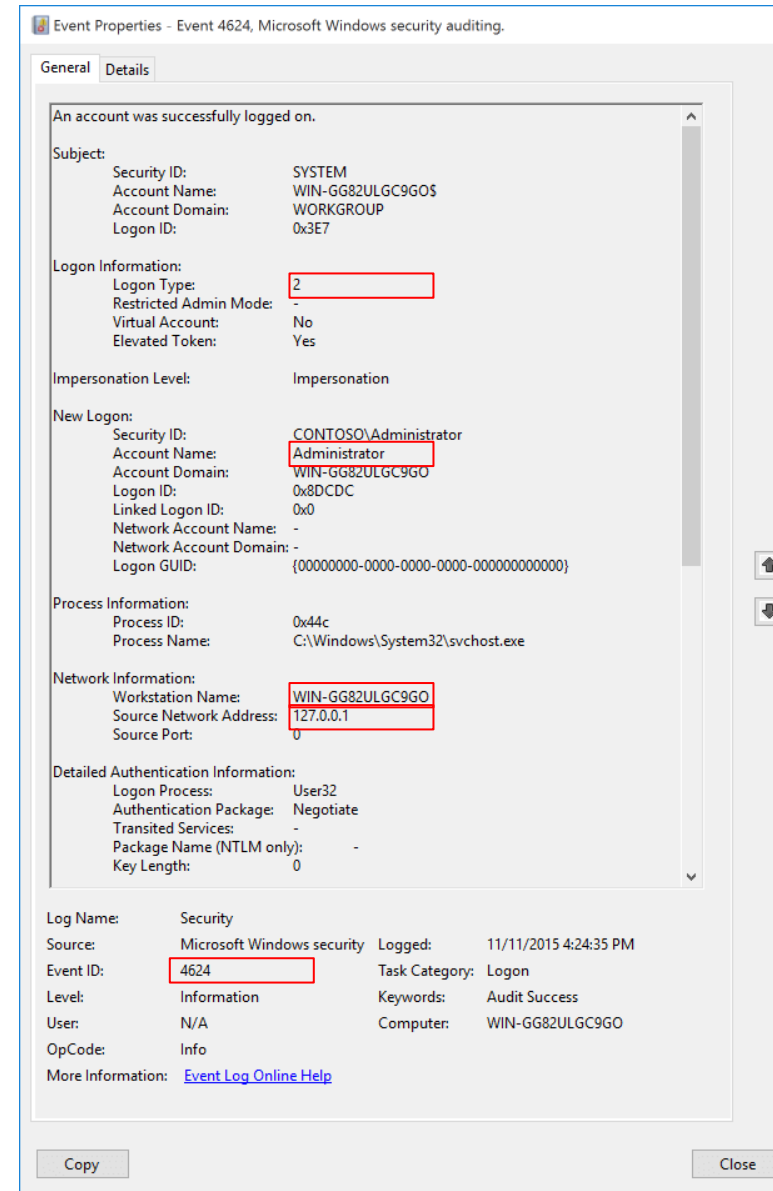


An Example

Windows System Monitor Log: Event Type 4624

4624(S): An account was successfully logged on

- Administrator account logged on
- Logon type is 2, interactive
- Workstation name: WINGG82ULGC9GO
- Source network address is 127.0.0.1



Key Windows Events

Logon, Privilege Use, Defender

Key events

– Logon

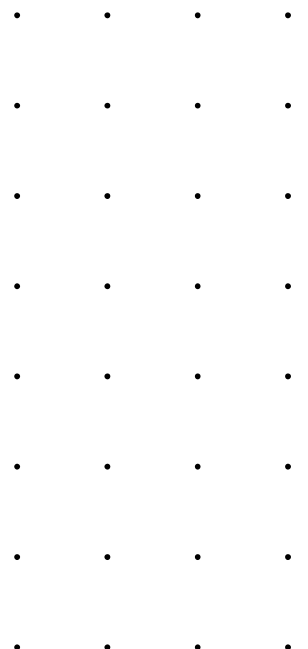
- 4624: User successfully logged on to a computer
- 4625: Attempt made to logon with unknown user name or bad password and failed
- 4822: NTLM authentication failed because the account was a member of the Protected User group

– Privilege Use

- 4660: Object deleted
- 4698: A scheduled task was created
- 4699: A scheduled task was deleted

– Defender

- 1002: malware scan stopped before completing scan
- 1015: suspicious behaviour detected



Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)

Centralise Logs

Event logs from all devices

- Ship logs to a SIEM
- Correlate events
- Investigate trends

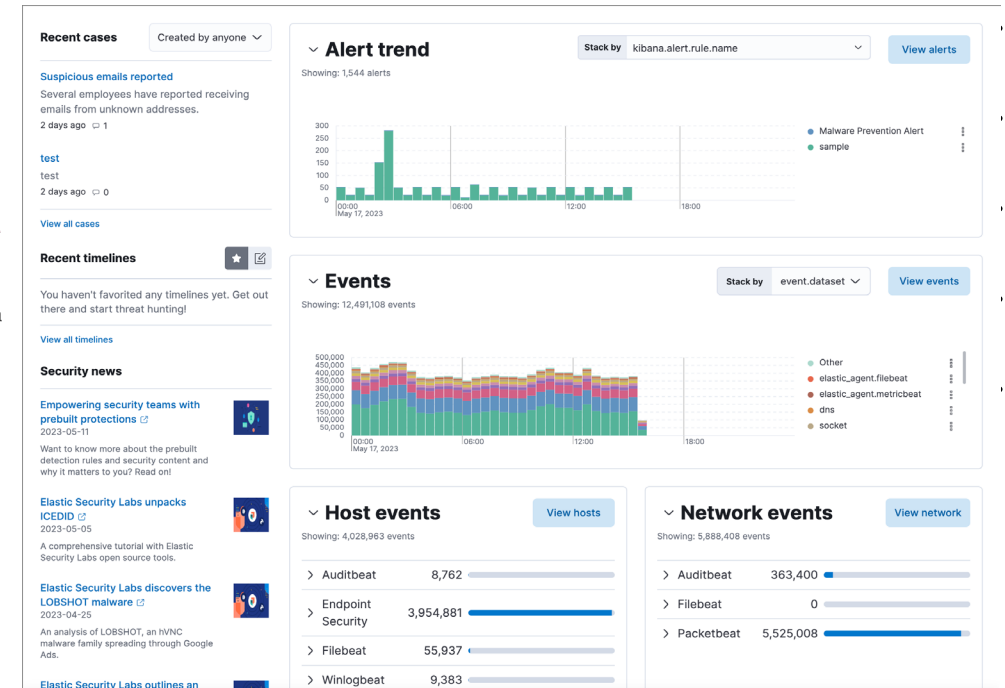
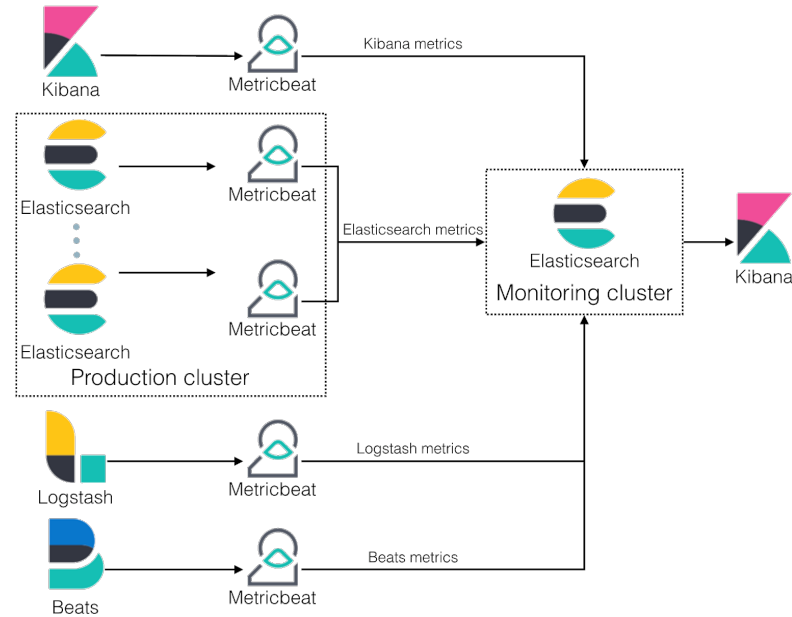
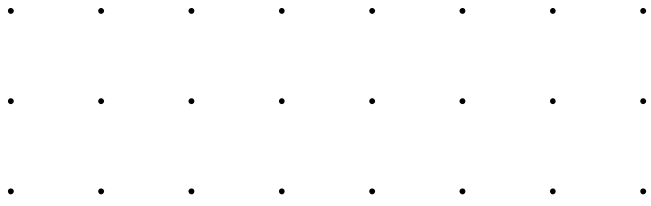
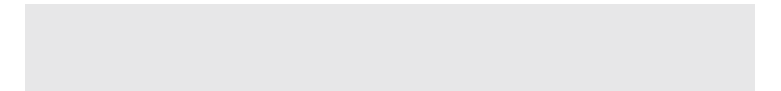


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<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/security/current/overview-dashboard.html>



System Hardening



System Hardening

Reduce the attack surface for a given system

A Windows example, Operating System focused

- Operating System Hardening
 - Operating System selection (secure-by-design and secure-by-default)
 - Operating environment (e.g., Internet facing DMZ, server LAN, user LAN, OT)
 - Hardening operating system configurations
 - Application management
 - Application control
 - Command & PowerShell
 - Host-based Intrusion Prevention System
 - Software Firewall
 - Antivirus
 - Device access control software (external media)
 - Operating system event logging
- But also:
 - User Application Hardening
 - Server Application Hardening
 - Authentication Hardening
 - Virtualisation Hardening

See for resources: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/resources-business-and-government/maintaining-devices-and-systems/system-hardening-and-administration/system-hardening>

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Semi-Automated Hardening

CENTER for INTERNET SECURITY

CIS Benchmarks

Benchmarks provided to harden a range of areas and maturity levels

- Cloud
- Desktop Software
- DevSecOps Tools
- Mobile Devices
- Multi Function Print Devices
- Network Devices
- Operating Systems
- Server Software

CIS Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise Release 21H1 Benchmark v1.11.0

Level 1 (L1) - Corporate/Enterprise Environment (general use)

Summary

Description	Tests					Scoring		
	Pass	Fail	Error	Unkn.	Man.	Score	Max	Percent
1 Account Policies	3	5	0	2	0	3.0	10.0	30%
1.1 Password Policy	1	4	0	2	0	1.0	7.0	14%
1.2 Account Lockout Policy	2	1	0	0	0	2.0	3.0	67%
2 Local Policies	76	21	0	1	1	76.0	98.0	78%
2.1 Audit Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
2.2 User Rights Assignment	32	5	0	0	0	32.0	37.0	86%
2.3 Security Options	44	16	0	1	1	44.0	61.0	72%
2.3.1 Accounts	6	0	0	0	0	6.0	6.0	100%
2.3.2 Audit	2	0	0	0	0	2.0	2.0	100%
19.7.42 Windows Hello for Business (formerly Microsoft Passport for Work)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
19.7.43 Windows Installer	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	1.0	100%
19.7.44 Windows Logon Options	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
19.7.45 Windows Mail	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
19.7.46 Windows Media Center	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
19.7.47 Windows Media Player	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
19.7.47.1 Networking	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0%
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Physical and Converged Security

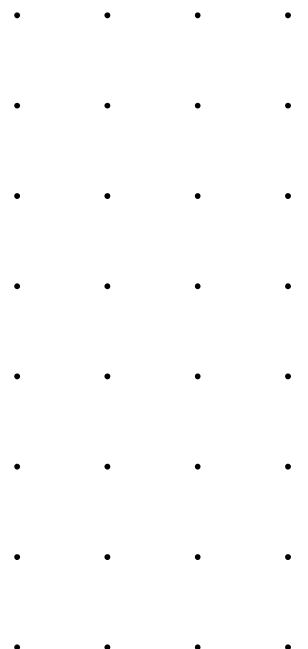
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Physical Security

Physical security refers to the measures taken to protect physical assets, such as people, property, and resources, from unauthorised access, theft, damage, or harm

Physical security is as much as cyber risk as information security

- Physical security framework is made up of three main components:
 - Access Control
 - Surveillance
 - Testing
- Protection of people, space/dwelling, equipment, inventory, or information
- The success of an organisation's physical security program can often be attributed to how well each of these components is implemented, improved, and maintained



Physical Security Importance

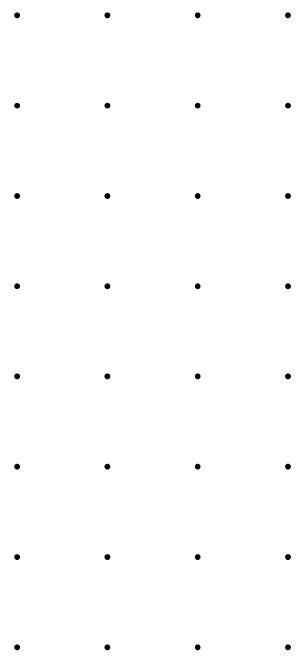
Expected protection

Many similarities to cyber security considerations

- **Reputation management:** protect a company's reputation by preventing incidents that could damage its image
- **Compliance with regulations:** banks and financial institutions are required to have certain security measures in place to protect customer information
- **Perimeter Barriers:** Physical barriers such as walls, fences, and gates can be used to prevent unauthorised access to a facility or area. They can also be used to control the flow of people and vehicles entering and exiting a site.
- **Security Personnel:** Security personnel such as guards, patrols or on-site officers can provide a physical presence to deter potential

intruders, respond to security incidents, and monitor activity in and around a facility

- **Alarm Systems:** Alarm systems can be used to detect and alert security personnel to potential security breaches. These can include burglar alarms, fire alarms, and motion sensors
- **Regular audits:** All security checks should be regularly audited to ensure that everything is working as expected.
- **Incident Response:** The organisation should be prepared to handle incidents to ensure a rapid, organised and effective response



Physical Security Measures

Access Control, Surveillance, Testing

Protection of people, space/dwelling, equipment, inventory, or information

- **Access Control**

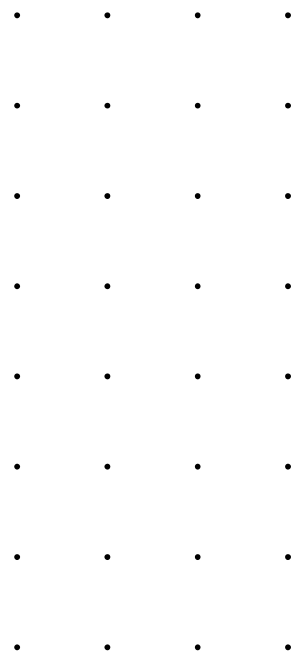
- limit access to certain assets to authorised personnel only
- ID Cards, Card Readers, Biometric Readers, Locks
- Potentially electronic logging

- **Surveillance**

- Monitoring, CCTV, personal to monitor physical assets

- **Testing**

- Audit, review, exercise

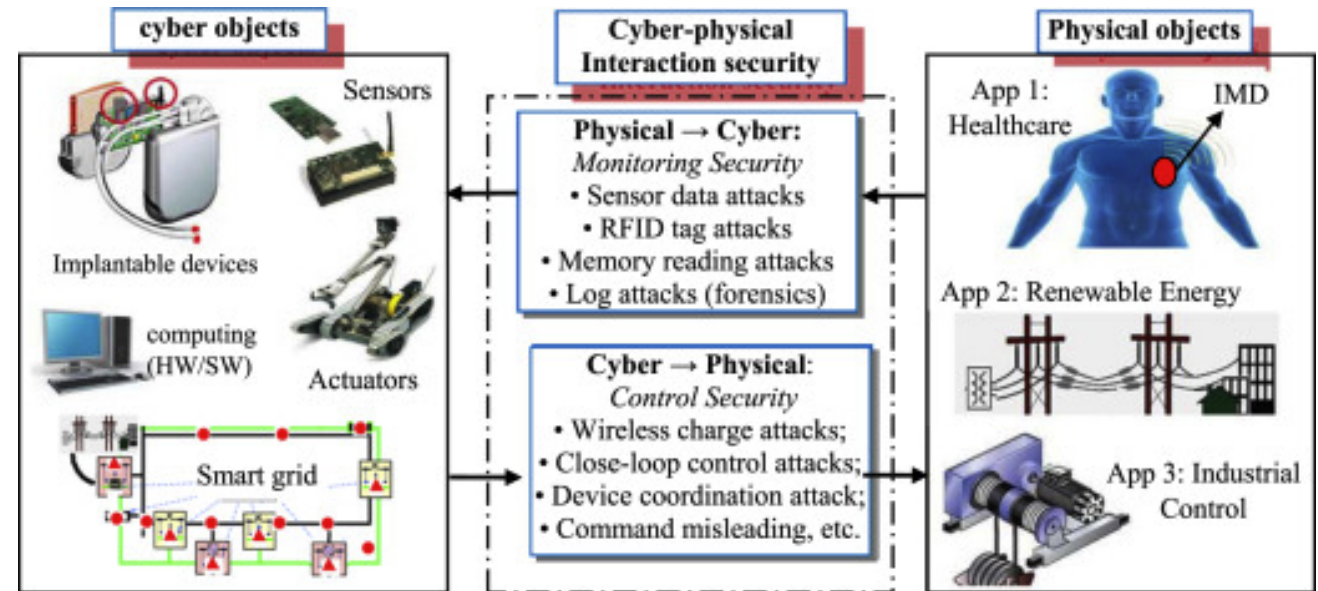


Physical Meets Cyber

Cyber Physical Systems (CPS)

Given the interconnection between domains

- Integration of physical and computing components
- Physical process, resources or assets
- Computing algorithms, sensors, networking
- Physical objects become relevant in a digital space
- Cyber tactics applicable in real world physical objects
- A gap in control anomaly detection allows a cyber attack to halt energy production, resulting in loss of power, potential physical loss of life (medical, transport), theft (security systems)
- A gap in access controls allows a commercial printing services allows attackers to compromise kiosk and access to internal networks



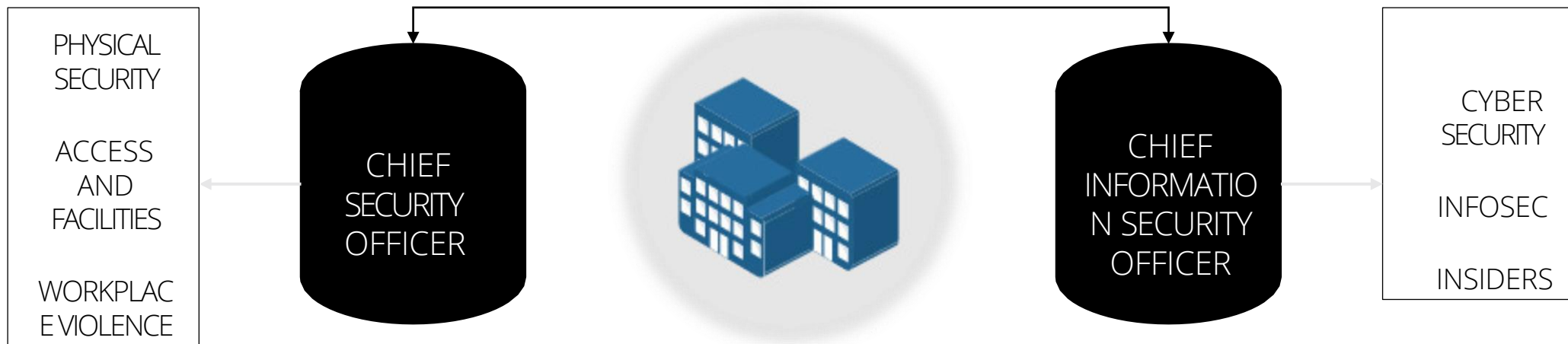
Converged Security

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- Security functions operating separately
Management lack visibility and oversight
- Possible counterproductive decision making
- Decision making alerting process potentially interrupted

Enterprise Security



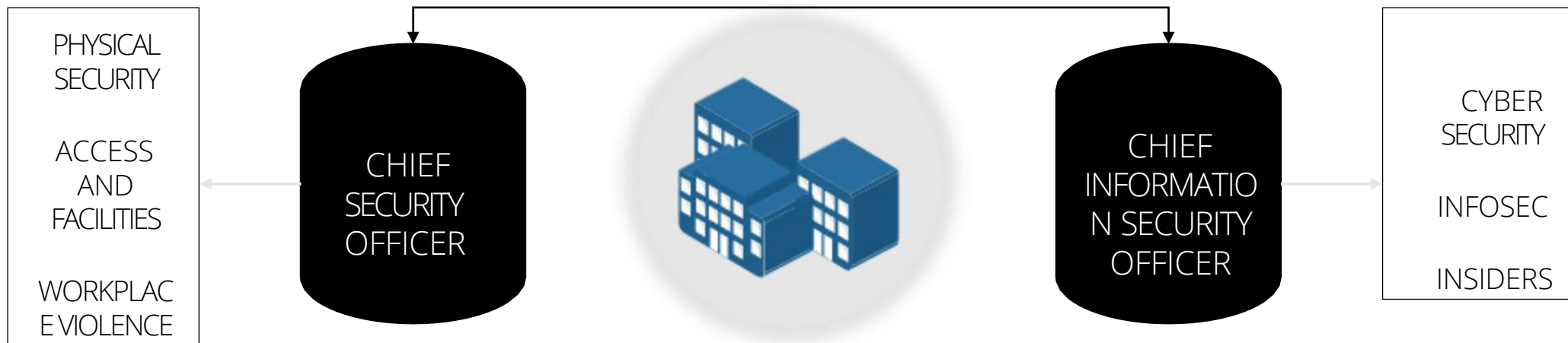
Converged Security

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Management lack visibility and oversight
- Possible counterproductive decision making
- Decision making alerting process potentially interrupted
- Blend of controls to better maintain assets, people and processes

Enterprise Security



Converged Security

Case Study

How to rob a casino

- Has anyone ever walked in the front door and gotten away with it?
- Occasionally yes, these things do happen, possibly a breakdown between physical and cyber systems?
- Why go in through the front door, why not through the fish tank?



IMAGE SOURCE: <https://filmthreat.com/features/ranking-the-oceans-movies-from-worst-to-best/>
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