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# INFRASTRUCTURE CYBER ATTACKS WITH TABLE TOP EXERCISE

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**WHOAMI**

Red Team Engineer in Telecommunication Sector

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# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TARGETS

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## Energy Sector

Power grids, nuclear plants, oil & gas



## Water Systems

Treatment plants, dams, distribution



## Transportation

Railways, airports, traffic control



## Healthcare

Hospitals, medical devices, records



## Financial Systems

Banks, payment networks, markets



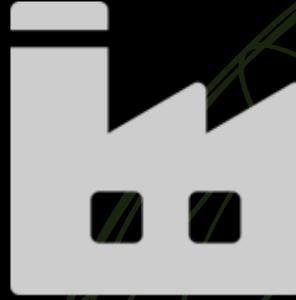
## Telecommunications

Internet, mobile, satellite networks



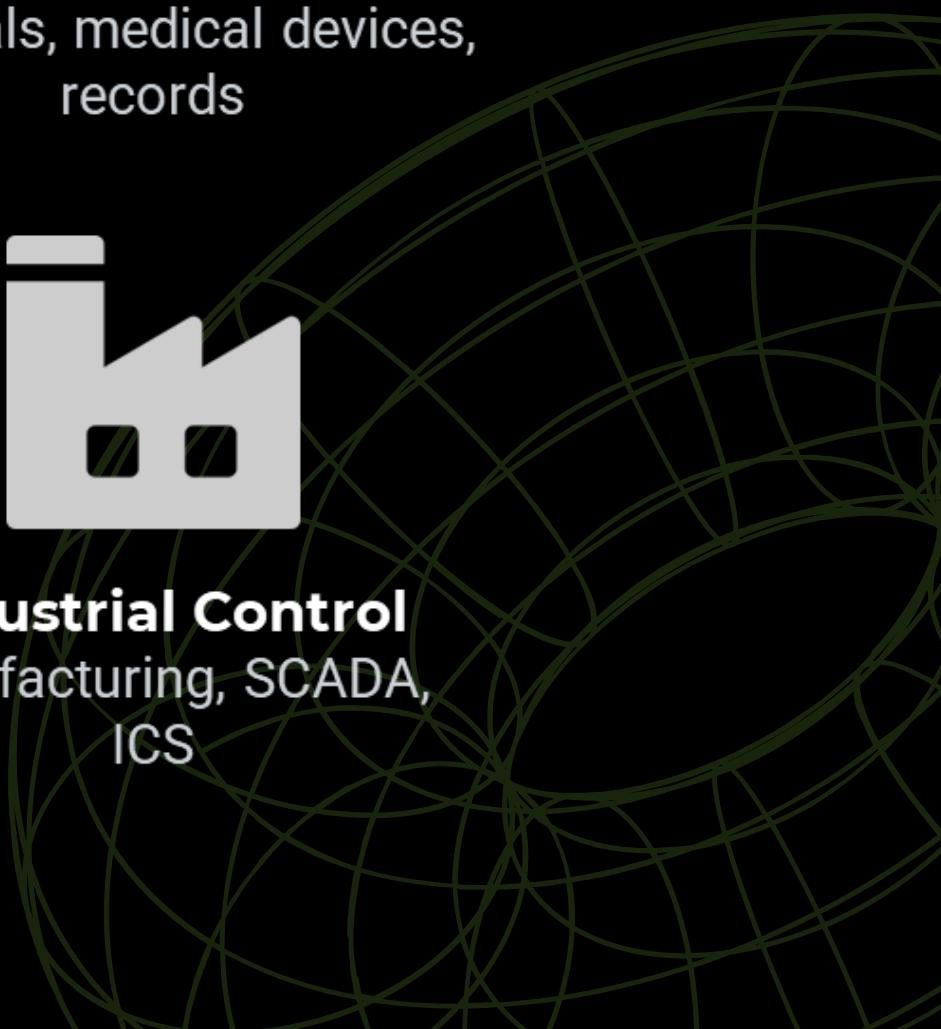
## Government

Defense systems, public services



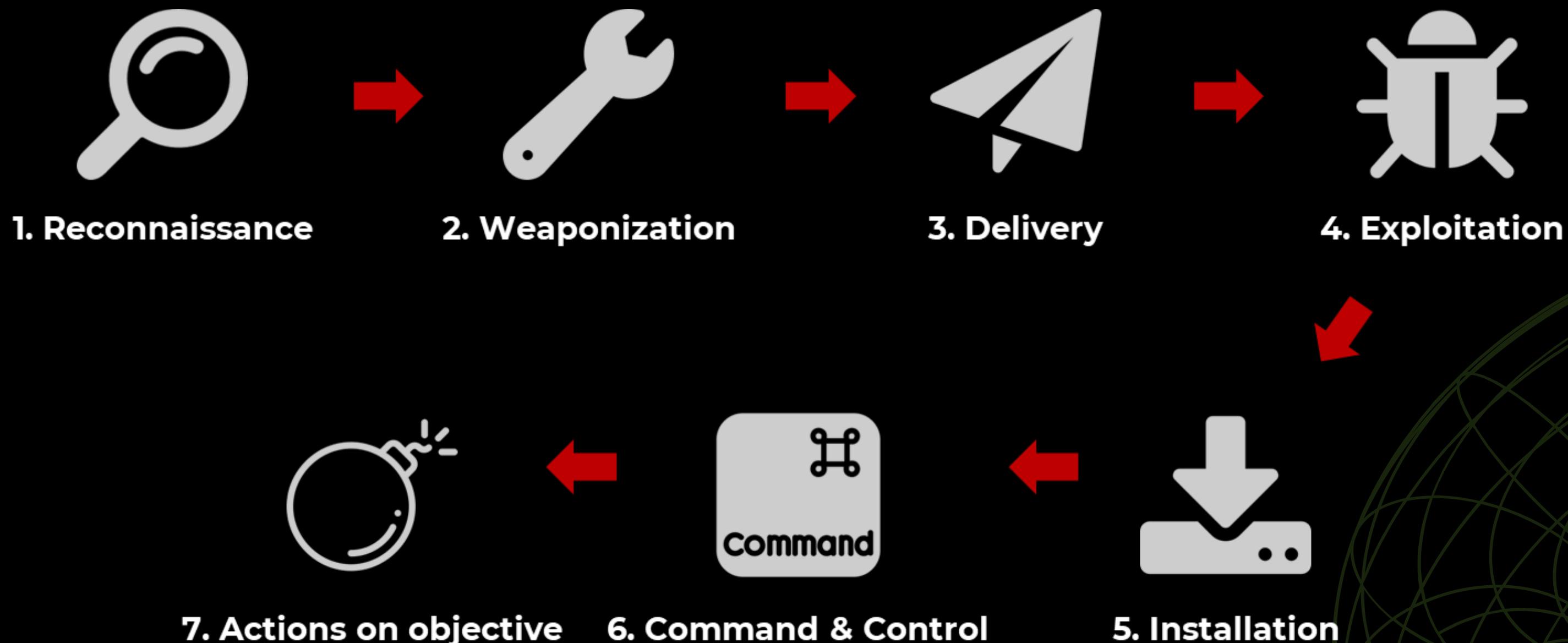
## Industrial Control

Manufacturing, SCADA, ICS



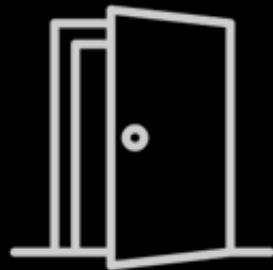
# CYBER KILL CHAIN & ATTACK METHODS

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# ATTACKER'S TTPs

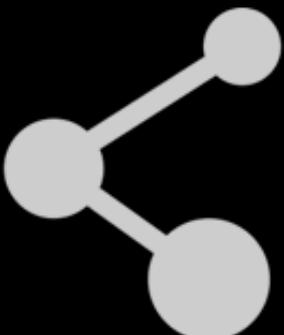
## Tactics, Techniques & Procedures



### Initial Access

Techniques used to gain entry into infrastructure networks

Phishing, Stolen Credentials, Public Facing Applications, Supply Chain Compromises, Hardware Additions



### Lateral Movement

Techniques to move through and explore the network

Remote Services Exploitation, Internal Spearphishing, Pass-The-Hash/Ticket, Taint Shared Content, Lateral Tool Transfer



### Persistence

Methods to maintain access despite system restarts

Backdoor Implants, Boot/Logon Autostarts, Account Manipulation, External Remote Services, Valid Accounts



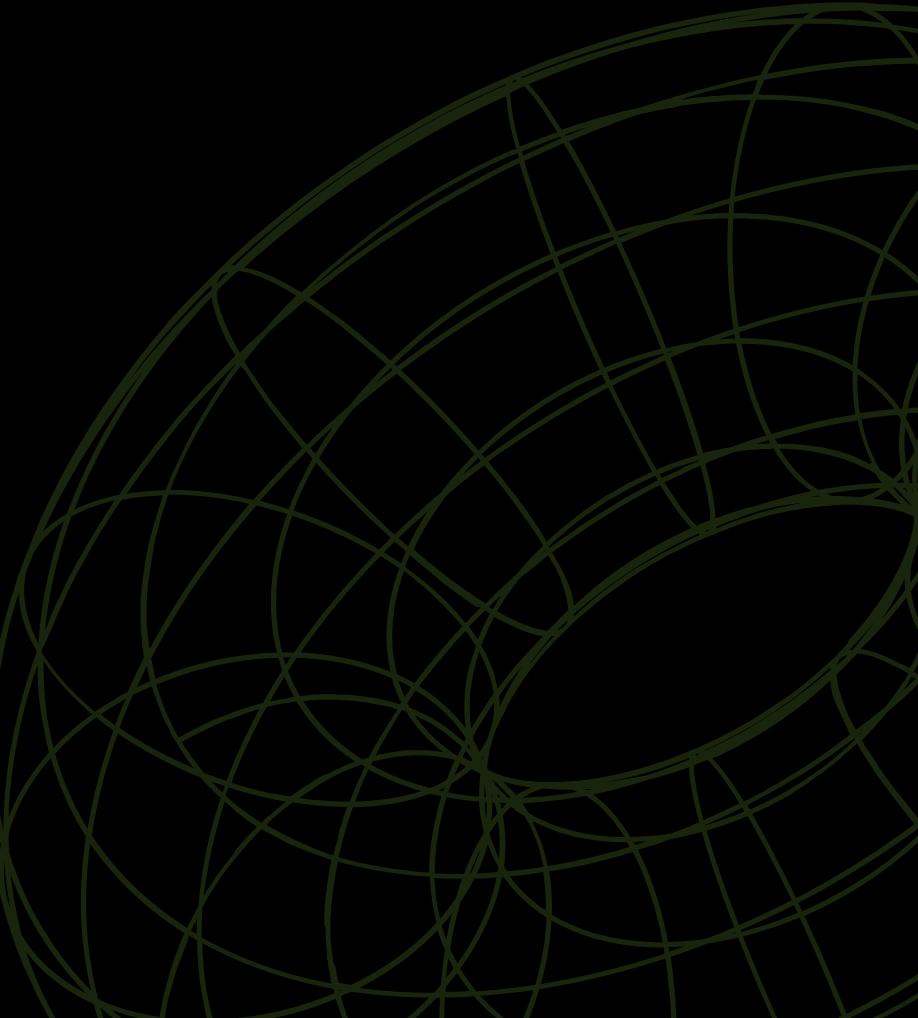
### Impact & Execution

Final objectives and malicious actions executed against targets

Service Interruption, Data Manipulation, Safety System Tampering, Firmware Corruption, Resource Hijacking

# AGENDA

- Security Policy Framework
- Identify
- Protect
- Detect
- Respond
- Recover



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# WHOAMI

Founder of Nitro Security (cybersecurity training for non-technical).



Degree in Geography

Non-technical perspective of cybersecurity

CRTP, PWPA, PNPT, PJPT, eJPT, CySA+, Pentest+

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# SECURITY CONTROLS

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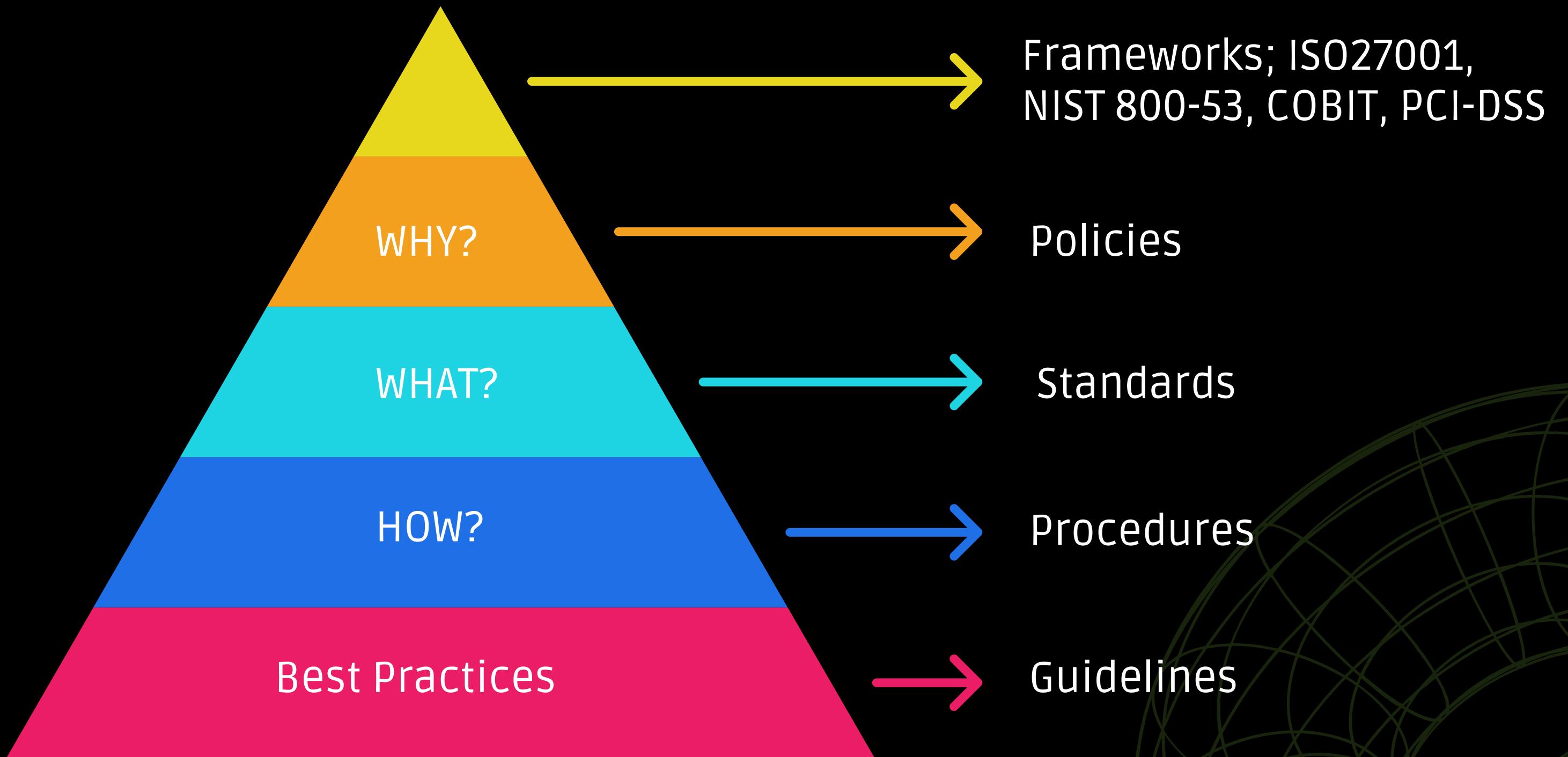
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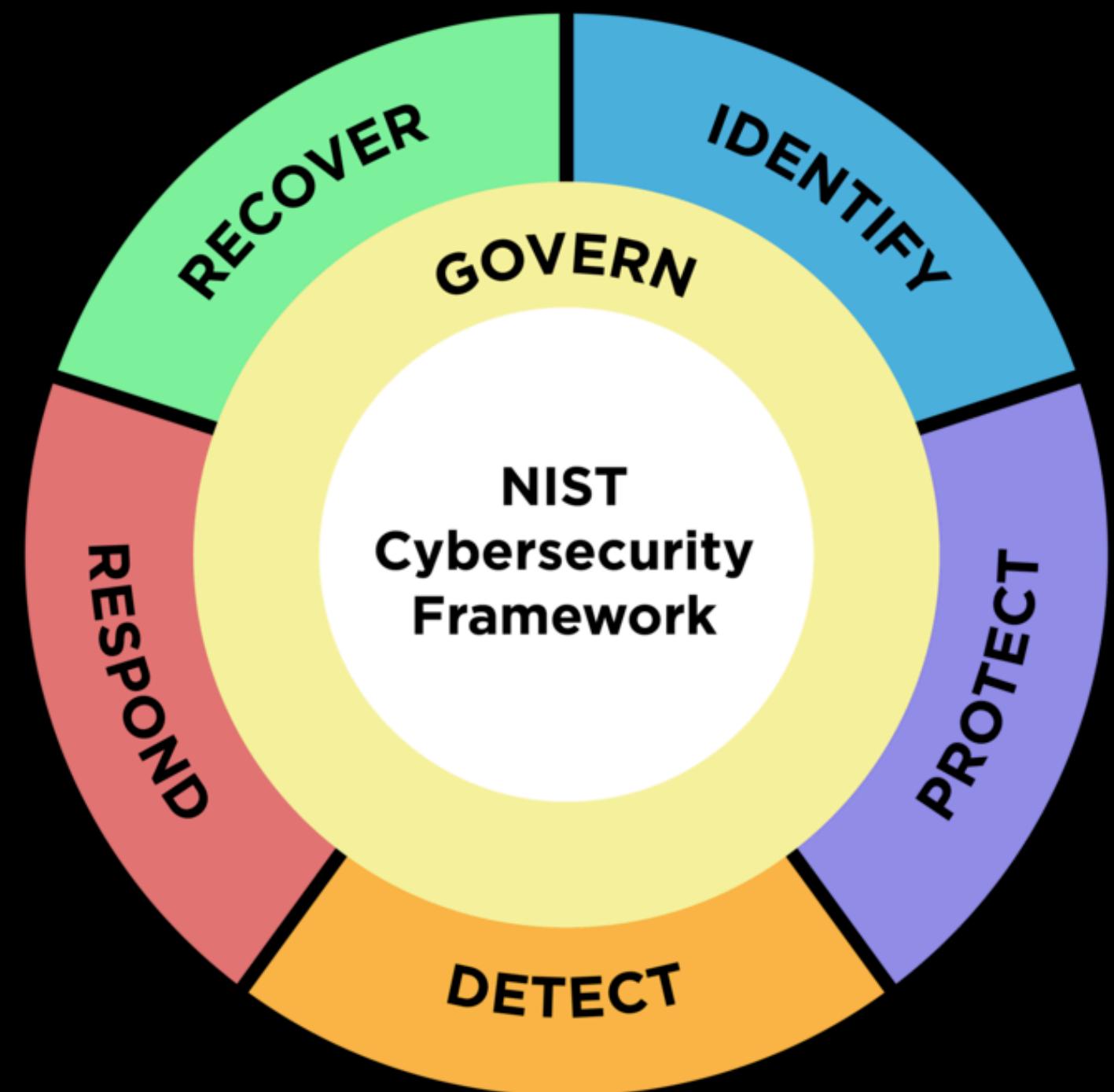
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NIST (National Intitute of Standards & Technology)

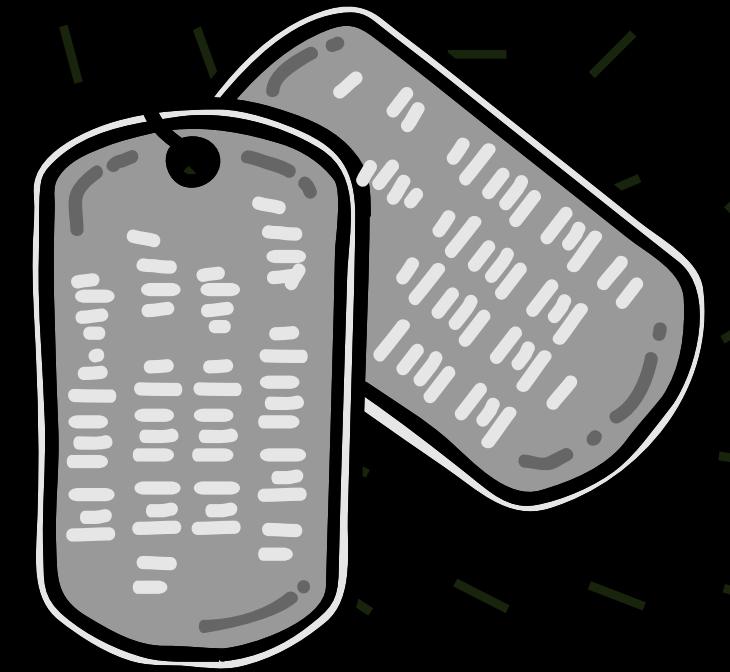
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<https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework>

# identify - “what do I have?” **cyber673**

- Asset tagging, following a naming convention
  - Example:
    - Laptops: cyber673/LP/001, cyber673/LP/002
    - Servers: cyber673/SRV/001, cyber673/SRV/002
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- Inventory:
  - Name, IP Address, OS, Brand, State, Priority, Assigned to who?, etc



When there is a breach, your organization can easily identify & investigate (what, where, when, why, how).

# protect - “am I prepared?”

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- From your inventory, which of those assets:
  - Have software vulnerabilities?
  - Hardware warranty?
  - Maintenance support?
  - Proper patching schedule?
- Access control
  - Privileged access, role-based, discretionary, mandatory

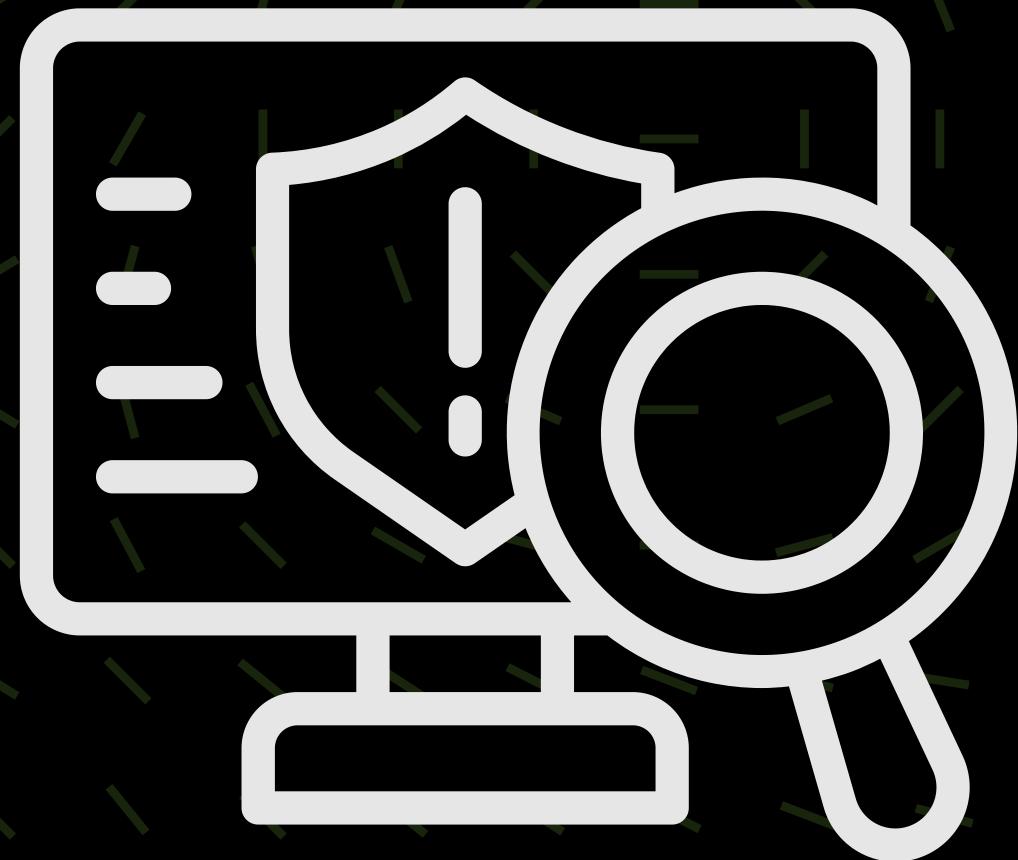


**Attackers will always look for vulnerabilities such as zero day.  
If access control is not in place, anybody can have access.**

# detect - “can i see?”

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- Monitoring tools to detect to the following:
  - Abnormal network traffic
  - Malware installation
  - New vulnerabilities
  - Alert/notify IT Security Team
- Log Analysis:
  - Name, IP Address, OS, Brand, State, Priority, Assigned to who?, Source, destination



When an attack occurs, how are you notified? Attackers can counter this by using different ports, anti-virus evasion techniques

# respond - “stop the bleeding!” **cyber673**

- Incident response, table top exercises, scenario & role-based incident response exercises
- Segmentation, isolating the malware, malware analysis
- Incident communications & reporting

Similar to fire-drill exercises, are people in your organization prepared what to do?



# recover - “healing”

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- Lessons learned
- Recovering files from backups
- Zero Trust Policy

When will it happen again?



# NIST at home

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Identify



Prepare



Recover



Detect



Respond

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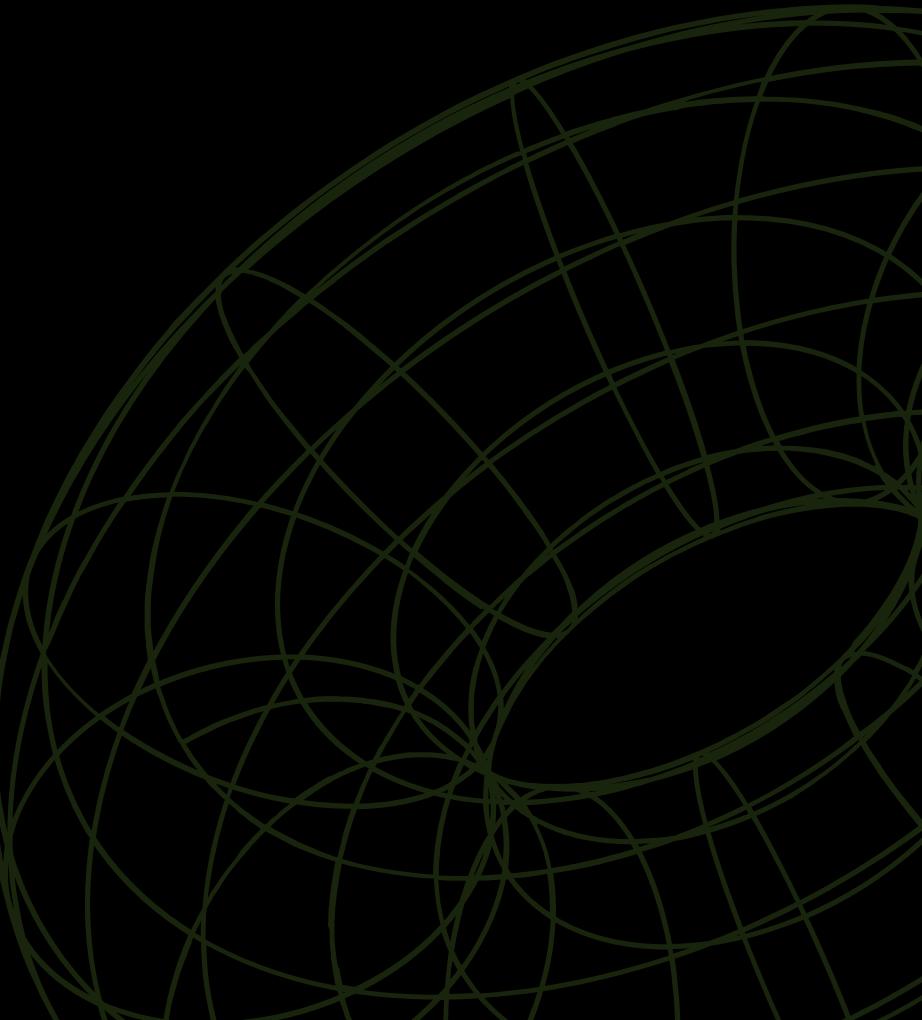
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# WHOAMI

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- Cyber security enthusiast
- MSc in Cyber Security
- 2.5 + years experience in cyber security
- Maybe just here for pizza but also Im on a diet



# Incident Response

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What counts as an security Incident?

- An event
- Has impact
- Org need to respond and potentially recover

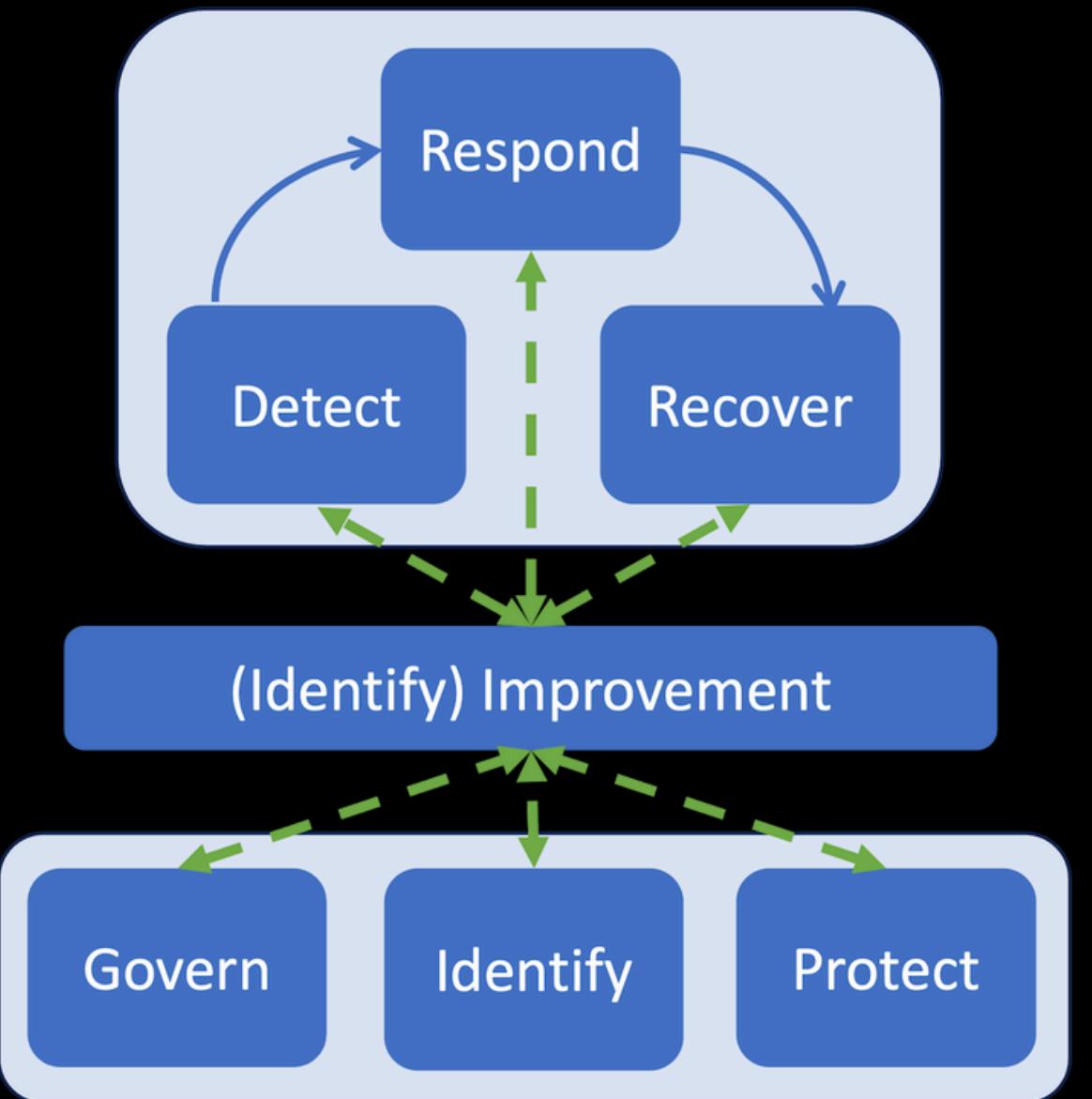
What is Incident response?

- A process for detecting, analyzing, and responding to security incidents
- To mitigate the impact
- To recover from incident

# NIST - Incident Response

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Incident Response ->



Lessons Learned ->

Preparation ->

# Detect

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- Monitoring and analysis activities to find and characterize potentially harmful events.
- Example:
  - Set up monitoring system to check malicious emails coming into your org.
  - Detecting a phishing email from a fake amazon sender.
  - Detecting malicious URLs in the email body content.
  - Detecting malicious PDF files in the email attachment.

# Respond

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- Actions taken after a detected cybersecurity incident.
- Example:
  - Inform email recipient not to open anything (URLs and attachment).
  - Find out why the URLs and attachments were marked as malicious.
  - Block malicious URLs and attachments.
  - Scan user computer (just in case).
  - User reported did not click malicious URL or open pdf, but **LIED**. Now monitoring system is picking up some activities.
  - We have to isolate the device to contain threat and remove account access.
  - Find and remove threat (malware or unauthorised user account).

# NIST - Incident Response - Recover

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- Assets and operations affected by a cybersecurity incident are restored.
- Example:
  - Restore system from backup or install a new system.
  - Make configuration stronger.
  - Patch vulnerabilities.
  - Reset password then grant access back to user.

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