

## Chapter 11

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# Exploring Security Policies

**Security policies** - written docs that  
lay out sec plan in company

admin control

brief, high-level, statements that  
id goals based on org's overall  
beliefs and principles

plans and procedures support  
policies

policy implement

## Personnel Policies

personnel behavior, expectations, consequences

## Acceptable Use Policy

purpose of net, how users can  
use net

purpose of pc/net, how user can access, responsibilities of users

may notify that org monitors

usage

also what pc activities user can consider private

privacy policy - clarifies expectation of privacy when using org's pc

require to sign AUP + sec training

## Mandatory Vacations

help detect when employees are involved in malicious activity

ex: embezzlement or fiscal activity  
need to be present to manipulate records and respond to inquiries

different

## vi. Separation of Duties

principle that prevents any single person from being able to do all functions of critical activity

principle of least privilege + account audits

## Least Privilege

grant only privileges needed to perform assigned tasks or functions

services should have user accounts

## Job Rotation

has employees rotate through diff jobs to learn processes and procedures in each job

prevent or expose dangerous shortcuts or fraud

w/ only separation of duties, people ... other

w/ only separate  
can collide w/ each other  
job rotation prevents this

### Clean Desk Space

keep desk free of papers

ensure protect of sensitive data  
data theft

### Background Check

investigate employee's history

criminal activity + driving records

check online activity

financial history

### Onboarding

granting individuals access to  
org's competitive resources after  
being hired

being hired

principle of least privilege

## Offboarding

remove access when leave org

- disable / delete user acc
- collect equip

remove access during exit interview

## Non-disclosure Agreement

**NDA** - between 2 entities to ensure proprietary data is not disclosed

## Social Media Analysis

may monitor during employment as well

and rules specify what can't

AUP usually specify what emp  
can/cant share on social media

can search for org to monitor  
or search based on specific  
employee

## Third-Party Risk Management

3rd party often introduce risks  
to be managed

## Supply Chain and vendors

best to limit access to vendors  
have to internal net or data

## Vendor management system

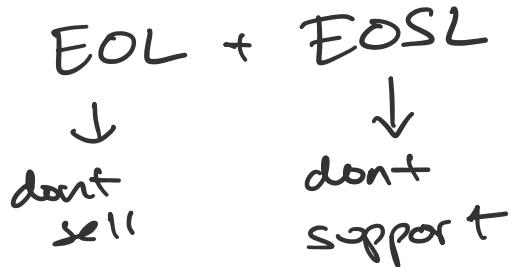
feedback from vendors such as  
order status best from web  
app w/ credit

app w/ credits

Vendor diversity

Vendor management includes

- limit system integration
- when vendor support stops



## Third-Party Agreements

Service level agreement SLA - agree  
between 2 orgs that stipulates  
performance expectations

min/max downtime

ex: ISP w/ org

monetary penalty if 3rd party doesn't  
provide

MOU

provide

memorandum of understanding MOU

or of agreement MOA

express understanding between 2 orgs  
indicating intention to work  
together for common goal

less formal than SLA

Business partners Agreement BPA

details relationship between  
business partners

- shares of profits/losses
- responsibilities to each other
- what to do if partner leaves

helps settle conflicts

Terms of Agreement

period that an agreement will be  
in effect

Management Systems Analysis

## Measurement Systems Analysis

MSA - evaluates processes and tools used to make measurements

id variations in measurement process  
that can result in invalid results

ex: org takes avg temp when walking in

MSA evaluates acc of thermometer by verifying consistent results

## Incident Response Policies

IR policies help identify and respond to incidents

security incident - adverse event or series of events that can negatively affect CIA of data or sys

incident

or sys

**data breach** - security incident  
where unauthorized entities access  
data

## Incident Response Plan

formal, coord, plan that personnel  
can use when responding to  
incident

## Common elements

- **Definitions of incident types**  
id diff between event and  
incident  
group into cat's like
  - attacks
  - malware
  - data breach
- **incident response team**  
team of exp from different areas  
of exp
- **incident response team CIRT**

## computer incident response team CIRT

or SIRT

- how to validate incident
- collect evidence
- protect evidence

### roles and responsibilities

id specific roles for IR team  
and their responsibilities

## Communication Plan

part of IR plan

provides direction on how to comm  
issues related to incident

## common elements

### first responders

ex: help-desk tech

know when to inform IR  
entities of incident and  
who to contact

- **internal communication**  
know where to inform senior personnel of incident
- **reporting requirements**  
need to report to law or other external entities  
notify consumers if data exposed
- **external communication**  
who can talk to external entities like media
- **law enforcement**  
can provide help after an incident  
increase chance of public notice
- **customer communication**  
when org must notify customers

## Data Breach Responses

..... data loss result .....

## Data Breach Response

IP or customer data loss result  
in significant monetary loss

most likely that all data breaches  
are reported to C-level

need to id extent of loss

## Stakeholder Management

(creating and maintaining  
positive relation w/ stakeholders)

## Incident Response Process

common phases of IR process

### Preparation

guidance on how to respond to  
an incident

establish/maintain IR plan/process

ex: implement sec controls

### Identification

- incidents vs false +

- **Identification**  
verify incidents vs false +
- **Containment**  
isolate or contain  
protect crit sys while maintain ops  
quarantine or remove device  
modify ACL to isolate net
- **Eradication**  
remove components of attack
- **Recovery**  
return all affected sys to normal  
of
- **Lessons learned**  
valuable lessons used to modify  
procedures

**Understanding SOTR**  
use to respond to low-level sec  
events, auto  
... activity

event

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Detect + respond to sus activity

use playbooks and runbooks

## Playbooks

document formal procedures to  
follow for well known incidents  
steps to take in response to  
action

## Runbooks

implement guidelines documented  
in playbooks using tools in org

auto respond to incidents  
or at least assign to adrian to  
investigate

## Understanding Digital Forensics

collect info after incident

collect / analyze evidence to  
- time

collect / analyze evidence  
prosecute crime

make sure evidence is controlled  
and not modified during  
collection or analysis of data

**Computer forensics** - analyse evidence  
from pc to gather details of  
computer incidents

**key aspects of Digital Forensics**  
important if any evidence collected  
**Admissibility of Documentation and Evidence**

follow specific procedures to ensure  
evidence is admissible in court  
of law

maintain unaltered original copy  
of evidence

unbiased - proof individuals were

non-ref - proof individuals involved

## Tags

after item is id as possible evidence,  
needs to be tagged

formal doc or sticker

date, time, and name of person  
placing tag on item

control # for chain of custody

## Chain of custody

process that provides assurance that  
evidence has been controlled and  
appropriately handled after collection

chain of custody form - record  
of every person who was in  
possession of physical asset  
- alone

possession or if  
who had custody + where

## Legal Hold

court order to maintain diff  
type of data as evidence

ex: make org maintain digital phys  
docs related to case for  
the last — years

need to direct data custodians  
to preserve data

data retention policies are valid

ex: delete emails longer than

1 year

if this is in writing, then  
org is safe

but if they didn't follow  
policy then this data  
is to be preserved

policy then  
will need to be preserved

## Video

surveillance used as definitive  
control during investigation

ex: attacker stealing data

## Interviews

interview witnesses

## Event Logs

recreate events before/during incident  
what/where happened + account used

## Sequence of Events

logs are primary source  
- timestamps

## Reports

develop report after analyze all  
evidence

document TTP used in attack

- findings & recs
- forensic tools used
- evidence
- findings from evidence
- recs based on findings

## On-Premises Versus Cloud Concerns

Cloud resources add risk

org rarely knows exactly where  
data stored

## Right to Audit Clauses

allows customer to hire auditors  
and review CSP records

included in contracts

check security and controls

## Regulatory Jurisdiction

where data is stored

must comply with location's laws  
... in laws

must comply

## Data Breach Notification Laws

require orgs to notify customers  
about a data breach

depends on where stored

notification if org believes another  
entity acquired unencrypted PCI

may be able to delay if can enforce  
says noti can impede investigation

include timeframe and possibly

alert state attorney gen if

high # of people affected

GDPR requires within 72 hours

## Acquisition and Preservation

follow procedures to ensure data is  
not modified for forensics

## Order of Volatility

order in which you should collect evidence

most volatile  $\rightarrow$  least

Data in RAM is lost when PC is off  
don't turn off respect PC

## order of volatility

- Cache  
removed as new data used
- RAM
- Swap or pagefile  
on system disk drive  
extension of RAM stored on  
hard drive  
rebuilt on reboot
- Disk
- Attached  
USB drives...

## Network

servers / shared folders  
typically have robust backups

## Data acquisition

Snapshots - capture data for forensic analysis

artifacts - pieces of data on device that reg users are unaware of but forensics can extract

- web history
- recycle bin
- Windows error reporting

- remote desktop protocol RDP cache

good for when attacker moves laterally

OS forensics - collect data from OS like cache, RAM, swap file, artifacts

**firmware forensics** - extract firmware code and reverse engineer to id exploits

## Forensic Tools

acquire, preserve, and analyze evidence  
ensure data not changed while  
analyzing

## Capturing Data

**forensic image** - collect data w/out  
mod

after saving image, create copy and  
analyze copy

**dd** - command to create images  
"data duplicator"

Kali Linux has **Volatility Framework** -  
capture and extract mem contents  
. initial artifacts

capture raw -  
and digital artifacts

**mandump** - dump any addressable  
mem space to terminal or  
redirect to file

**WinHex** - hex editor used for evidence  
gather, data anal, edit, recovery

**FTK imager** - forensic toolkit FTK  
captures image of disk as single/mult  
files

can do of individual files as well

**Autopsy** - GUI digiforensics

## Verifying Integrity

hashes and checksums

use to verify forensic images

**provenance** - tracing something back  
to origin

- lot still

to orgu-

MDS not used in crypto but still  
used in forensics

## Bandwidth Monitors

Network traffic capture tools can  
be used as bandwidth monitors  
keep packet captures to help determine  
points of attack

## Electronic Discovery

eDiscovery - id and collection of  
electronically stored info

vital to preserve metadata related  
to all files

## meta data

### · File

when/who created  
mod/accessible dates

- . **Email**  
header, who sent, when
- . **Web**  
header, title, char set
- . **Mobile**  
user location, phone calls, messages,  
web history ...

## Data Recovery

restoring lost data

from backups or even deleted  
data

can unformat drive

**Strategic Intelligence and Counterintelligence**

**Digital forensics intel** - knowledge/info  
valuable to investigation from  
forensics

**Strategic intelligence** - collecting, processing  
to create long

Strategic intelligence - analyzing info to create long term plans/goals

digital forensics strategic intel  
collect process, anal digital data  
for long term sec goals

observe TPs of attackers

counterintelligence - prevent or thwart spying

## Protecting Data

data policies - assist in protection of data and help prevent data leakage

## Classifying Data Types

help understand value of data

U.S. gov

## U.S. gov

- Top secret  
could cause grave damage
- Secret  
could cause serious damage
- Confidential  
could cause damage

sensitive data - any data not made public

## Private companies

- Public data
- Private data  
info about person

PII / PHI

- Confidential data  
info that org keeps w/ only certain groups of people

- **proprietary data**  
owned by individual, group, org  
patents, trade secrets, algos,  
designs...
- **financial information**  
any data related to monetary  
transactions
- **employee data**  
all args collected employee  
data  
name, addr, birth day,  
performance, payroll
- **customer data**  
info collected about customers  
email, username, password, credit  
card, phone, addr

## PII and Health Information

id someone

typically need 2+ pieces of info  
to fix it to be PII

company is liable to compromise  
of PII

## Impact Assessment

helps org understand value of data  
by consider impact if lost/stolen

## Data Governance

processes org use to manage, process,  
protect data

attempt to store data consistently

## Laws and Regulations

Health insurance portability and  
accountability act HIPAA

orgs protect health info

1. health

orgs protect health  
health of individual, health  
plans for emp, ...

- Gramm-Leach Bliley Act GLBA  
requires financial institutions  
to provide consumers w/  
notice explaining info  
they collect and how used

- Sarbanes-Oxley Act SOX  
requires executives to take  
individual responsibility  
for acc of financial reports  
specs for auditing

- General Data Protection Regulation  
GDPR  
mandates protection of  
privacy data for individuals  
who live in EU  
... so what

Who are  
**privacy notices** - explains what info is being collected, how it's being collected, what used for, why,

**critical data** - data critical to success of mission

## Privacy Enhancing Technologies

**data minimization** - requiring orgs to limit info they collect or use

## Data Masking

modify data to hide of content

## Anonymization

Modifies data to protect privacy by removing PII

goal is to be permanent

+ sometimes can undo

you  
but sometimes can make

## Pseudo Anonymization

replaces PII and other data with  
pseudonyms or artificial id

ex: name = Z1

separate data set is "key"

used when org wants to undo action

## Tokenization

replaces sens data w/ token - sub  
value

token system can convert token back  
to org value

## Data Retention Policies

id how long data is retained  
and sometimes where stored

## Data Sanitization

ensure data is removed or destroyed  
before disposing

ensure data from devices before disposing

hard drives pose greatest risk

(common methods)

- **File shredding** - overwrite space w/ 1/0
- **Wiping** - writes diff patterns of 1/0 to ensure unreadable
- **Erasing and overwriting**  
SSDs use flash memory  
may just need to destroy
- **Paper shredding**
- **Boxing**
- **Pulping**  
reduces shreds to mush
- **Pulverizing**  
physically destroying media
- **Degaussing**  
... powerful magnet

very powerful magnet  
readers type or disk unreadable

· **third party solutions**

UPS can shred

## Training Users

train personnel on sec policies and  
keep up to date w/ tech and  
threats

### Computer-based Training

training through app

### Phishing campaigns

inform users of current phishing  
campaigns

### Phishing Simulations

send fake phishing to employees

### Gamification

- ... elements into user

## Gamification

game design elements into user training methods

## Capture the Flag

CTF - several challenges for players to solve

based on real-world rules

## Role-based Awareness Training

target personnel based on role

## Roles

- **data owner**  
ensure data class correctly, labelled  
adequate controls

- **data controller**  
why/how personal data is processed  
may be same as owner

may be ...

- **data processor**  
uses/manip data on behalf of  
data controller
- **data custodian/steward**  
routine tasks like back up,  
storage of data, implement  
business roles

ex: db admin

- **data protection officer**  
id in GDPR  
ensure org comply with laws

### Assessment Notes

1. AUP - understand roles of behavior  
when access org sys
2. Mandatory vacations prevent  
emps from colluding

easy from com - J

3. Least privilege = only enough perms as needed
4. Job rotation = switch roles
5. Preparation = take steps to prevent damage in future
6. Lessons learned = analyze previous incidents
7. Confiscation of physical asset  
didn't mention that it is a disk drive --  
maintain chain of custody
8. Didn't see logs for given timestamp = didn't check time offset

offset

9. RAM and cache most volatile  
and need to turn off

you can take image of disk  
after power off

10. Forensic Analyst given drives  
to analyze

"assume" that chain of custody  
is already done

so creating hashes is correct

11. Masking = hide PII  
anonymization same

tokenization does not protect

- id
- 12. Anonymization = remove PII
  - 13. Bancification to increase user engagement w/ learning
  - 14. Data owners = classify and label data; make sure controls in place
  - 15. Data protection officer = GDPR position for compliance and advocate proper care of customer info