

# Software Engineering

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## System Dependability and Security

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## Security engineering



## Security engineering

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# Security engineering

Tools, techniques and methods to support the development and maintenance of systems that can resist malicious attacks that are intended to damage a computer-based system or its data

A sub-field of the broader field of computer security



# Security dimensions

## Confidentiality

Information in a system may be disclosed or made accessible to people or programs that are not authorized to have access to that information



# Security dimensions

## Integrity

Information in a system may be damaged or corrupted making it unusual or unreliable

## Availability

Access to a system or its data that is normally available may not be possible

# Security levels

Infrastructure security, which is concerned with maintaining the security of all systems and networks that provide an infrastructure and a set of shared services to the organization

Application security, which is concerned with the security of individual application systems or related groups of systems

Operational security, which is concerned with the secure operation and use of the organization's systems

# System layers where security may be compromised

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Application

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Reusable components and libraries

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Middleware

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Database management

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Generic, shared applications (browsers, e--mail, etc)

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Operating System

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Network

Computer hardware

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# Application/infrastructure security

Application security is a software engineering problem where the system is designed to resist attacks

Infrastructure security is a systems management problem where the infrastructure is configured to resist attacks

The focus of this chapter is application security rather than infrastructure security

# System security management

## User and permission management

Adding and removing users from the system and setting up appropriate permissions for users

## Software deployment and maintenance

Installing application software and middleware and configuring these systems so that vulnerabilities are avoided



# System security management

### Attack monitoring, detection and recovery

Monitoring the system for unauthorized access, design strategies for resisting attacks and develop backup and recovery strategies



# Operational security

Primarily a human and social issue

Concerned with ensuring the people do not take actions that may compromise system security

E.g. Tell others passwords, leave computers logged on

# Operational security

Users sometimes take insecure actions to make it easier for them to do their jobs

There is therefore a trade-off between system security and system effectiveness

# Security engineering

Security is a sociotechnical issue

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# Security

The security of a system is a system property that reflects the system's ability to protect itself from accidental or deliberate external attack

Security is essential as most systems are networked so that external access to the system through the Internet is possible

Security is an essential prerequisite for availability, reliability and safety





# Fundamental security

If a system is a networked system and is insecure then statements about its reliability and its safety are unreliable

These statements depend on the executing system and the developed system being the same. However, intrusion can change the executing system and/or its data

Therefore, the reliability and safety assurance is no longer valid



# Security and dependability

## Security and reliability

If a system is attacked and the system or its data are corrupted as a consequence of that attack, then this may induce system failures that compromise the reliability of the system



# Security and dependability

## Security and availability

A common attack on a web-based system is a denial of service attack, where a web server is flooded with service requests from a range of different sources. The aim of this attack is to make the system unavailable



# Security and dependability

## Security and safety

An attack that corrupts the system or its data means that assumptions about safety may not hold. Safety checks rely on analysing the source code of safety critical software and assume the executing code is a completely accurate translation of that source code. If this is not the case, safety-related failures may be induced and the safety case made for the software is invalid.



# Security and dependability

## Security and resilience

Resilience is a system characteristic that reflects its ability to resist and recover from damaging events. The most probable damaging event on networked software systems is a cyberattack of some kind so most of the work now done in resilience is aimed at deterring, detecting and recovering from such attacks.



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# Security is a business issue

Security is expensive and it is important that security decisions are made in a cost-effective way

There is no point in spending more than the value of an asset to keep that asset secure

Organizations use a risk-based approach to support security decision making and should have a defined security policy based on security risk analysis

Security risk analysis is a business rather than a technical process



# Organizational security policies

Security policies should set out general information access strategies that should apply across the organization

The point of security policies is to inform everyone in an organization about security so these should not be long and detailed technical documents





# Organizational security policies

From a security engineering perspective, the security policy defines, in broad terms, the security goals of the organization

The security engineering process is concerned with implementing these goals



# Security policies

### The assets that must be protected

It is not cost-effective to apply stringent security procedures to all organizational assets. Many assets are not confidential and can be made freely available



# Security policies

**The level of protection that is required for different types of asset**

For sensitive personal information, a high level of security is required; for other information, the consequences of loss may be minor so a lower level of security is adequate



# Security policies

## The responsibilities of individual users, managers and the organization

The security policy should set out what is expected of users e.g. strong passwords, log out of computers, office security, etc.



# Security policies

**Existing security procedures and technologies that should be maintained**

For reasons of practicality and cost, it may be essential to continue to use existing approaches to security even where these have known limitations



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## Security requirements

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# Security specification

Security specification has something in common with safety requirements specification – in both cases, your concern is to avoid something bad happening



# Security specification

### Four major differences

1. Safety problems are accidental – the software is not operating in a hostile environment. In security, you must assume that attackers have knowledge of system weaknesses
2. When safety failures occur, you can look for the root cause or weakness that led to the failure. When failure results from a deliberate attack, the attacker may conceal the cause of the failure





# Security specification

### Four major differences

3. Shutting down a system can avoid a safety-related failure. Causing a shut down may be the aim of an attack.
4. Safety-related events are not generated from an intelligent adversary. An attacker can probe defenses over time to discover weaknesses.



# Types of security requirement

- Identification requirements
- Authentication requirements
- Authorisation requirements
- Immunity requirements
- Integrity requirements
- Intrusion detection requirements
- Non-repudiation requirements
- Privacy requirements
- Security auditing requirements
- System maintenance security requirements



# Security requirement classification

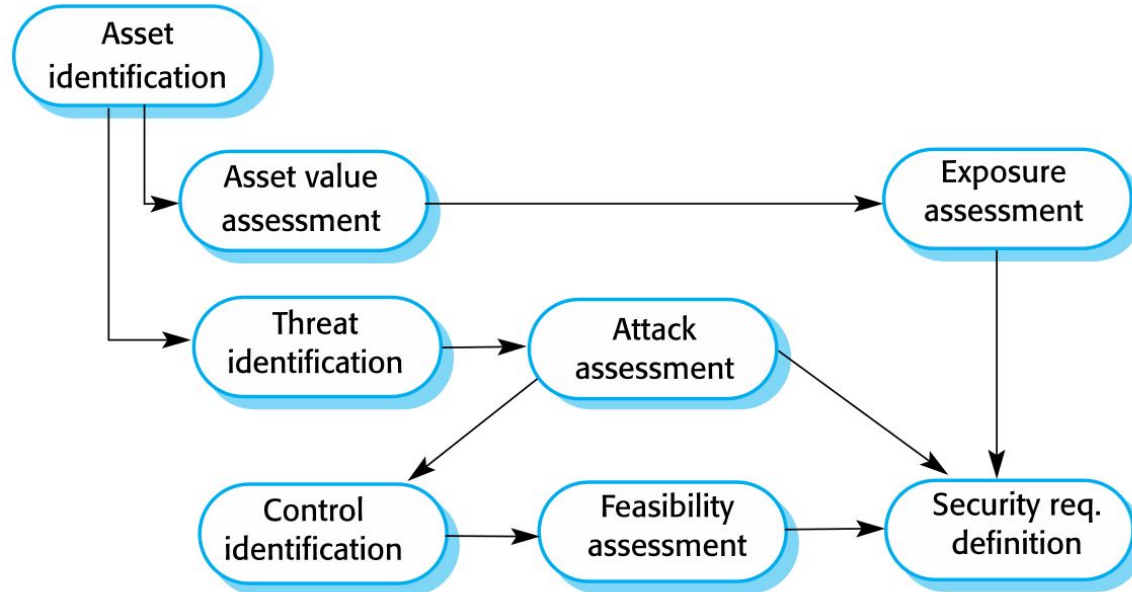
Risk avoidance requirements set out the risks that should be avoided by designing the system so that these risks simply cannot arise

Risk detection requirements define mechanisms that identify the risk if it arises and neutralise the risk before losses occur

Risk mitigation requirements set out how the system should be designed so that it can recover from and restore system assets after some loss has occurred



# The preliminary risk assessment process for Security Requirements



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# Secure systems design

Security should be designed into a system – it is very difficult to make an insecure system secure after it has been designed or implemented

Architectural design

how do architectural design decisions affect the security of a system?

Good practice

what is accepted good practice when designing secure systems?



# Design compromises

Adding security features to a system to enhance its security affects other attributes of the system

## Performance

Additional security checks slow down a system so its response time or throughput may be affected



# Design compromises

Adding security features to a system to enhance its security affects other attributes of the system

## Usability

Security measures may require users to remember information or require additional interactions to complete a transaction. This makes the system less usable and can frustrate system users





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# Security testing

Testing the extent to which the system can protect itself from external attacks



# Security testing

### Problems with security testing

Security requirements are 'shall not' requirements i.e. they specify what should not happen. It is not usually possible to define security requirements as simple constraints that can be checked by the system

The people attacking a system are intelligent and look for vulnerabilities. They can experiment to discover weaknesses and loopholes in the system



# Security validation

## Experience-based testing

The system is reviewed and analysed against the types of attack that are known to the validation team

## Penetration testing

A team is established whose goal is to breach the security of the system by simulating attacks on the system



# Security validation

## Tool-based analysis

Various security tools such as password checkers are used to analyse the system in operation

## Formal verification

The system is verified against a formal security specification



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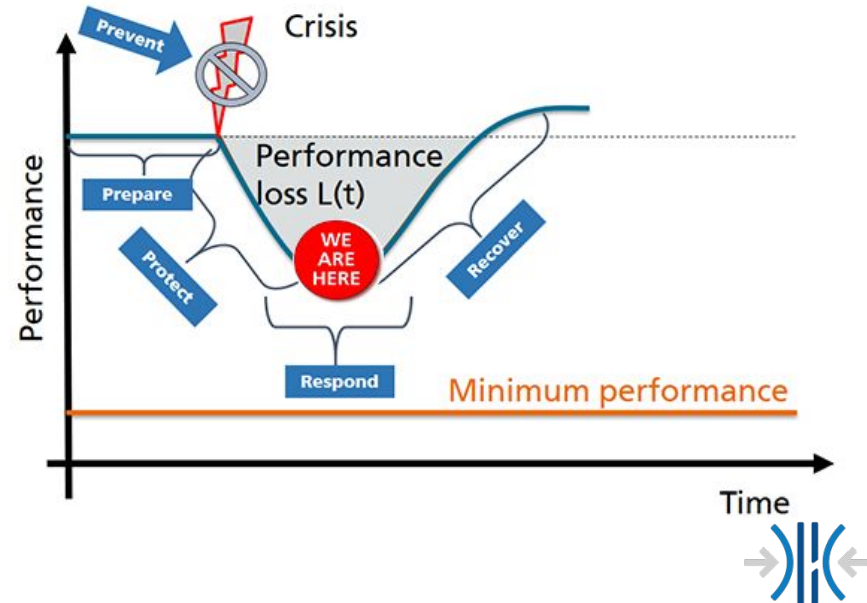
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Infrastructure resilience

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# Resilience engineering

Resilience Engineering

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# Resilience

The resilience of a system is a judgment of how well that system can maintain the continuity of its critical services in the presence of disruptive events, such as equipment failure and cyberattacks

Cyber Attacks by malicious outsiders are perhaps the most serious threat faced by networked systems but resilience is also intended to cope with system failures and other disruptive events



# Essential resilience ideas

The idea that some of the services offered by a system are critical services whose failure could have serious human, social or economic effects

The idea that some events are disruptive and can affect the ability of a system to deliver its critical services



# Essential resilience ideas

The idea that resilience is a judgment – there are no resilience metrics and resilience cannot be measured. The resilience of a system can only be assessed by experts, who can examine the system and its operational processes



# Resilience engineering assumptions

Resilience engineering assumes that it is impossible to avoid system failures and so is concerned with limiting the costs of these failures and recovering from them

Resilience engineering assumes that good reliability engineering practices have been used to minimize the number of technical faults in a system



# Resilience engineering assumptions

It therefore places more emphasis on limiting the number of system failures that arise from external events such as operator errors or cyberattacks



# Resilience activities

## Recognition

The system or its operators should recognise early indications of system failure

## Resistance

If the symptoms of a problem or cyberattack are detected early, then resistance strategies may be used to reduce the probability that the system will fail





# Resilience activities

## Recovery

If a failure occurs, the recovery activity ensures that critical system services are restored quickly so that system users are not badly affected by failure

## Reinstatement

In this final activity, all of the system services are restored and normal system operation can continue



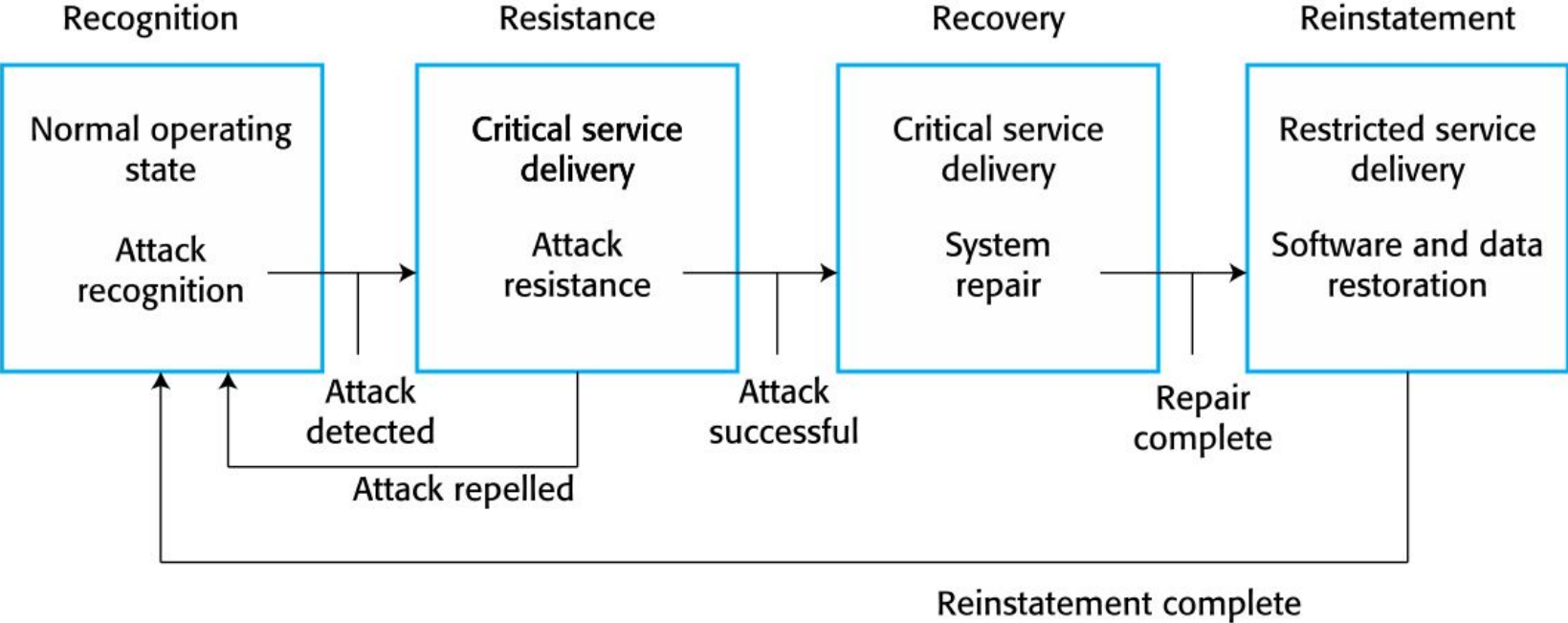
# Resistance

Resistance strategies may focus on isolating critical parts of the system so that they are unaffected by problems elsewhere

Resistance includes proactive resistance where defences are included in a system to trap problems and reactive resistance where actions are taken when a problem is discovered



# Resilience activities



# Resilience engineering

Cyber attacks

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System security

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# Cybersecurity

An introduction to cybersecurity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPxlwsxEW48>



# Cybersecurity

Cybercrime is the illegal use of networked systems and is one of the most serious problems facing our society





# Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is a broader topic than system security engineering  
Cybersecurity is a sociotechnical issue covering all aspects of ensuring the protection of citizens, businesses and critical infrastructures from threats that arise from their use of computers and the Internet

Cybersecurity is concerned with all of an organization's IT assets from networks through to application systems



# Factors contributing to C. S. failure

- organizational ignorance of the seriousness of the problem
- poor design and lax application of security procedures
- human carelessness
- inappropriate trade-offs between usability and security



# Cybersecurity

Improving cybersecurity

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# Socio - technical resilience

Resilience engineering is concerned with adverse external events that can lead to system failure

To design a resilient system, you have to think about sociotechnical systems design and not exclusively focus on software

Dealing with these events is often easier and more effective in the broader socio-technical system



# Organizational resilience

**There are four characteristics that reflect the resilience of an organization**

Responsiveness

Monitoring

Anticipation

Learning



# Organizational resilience

## The ability to respond

Organizations have to be able to adapt their processes and procedures in response to risks. These risks may be anticipated risks or may be detected threats to the organization and its systems



# Organizational resilience

## The ability to monitor

Organizations should monitor both their internal operations and their external environment for threats before they arise





# Organizational resilience

## The ability to anticipate

A resilient organization should not simply focus on its current operations but should anticipate possible future events and changes that may affect its operations and resilience



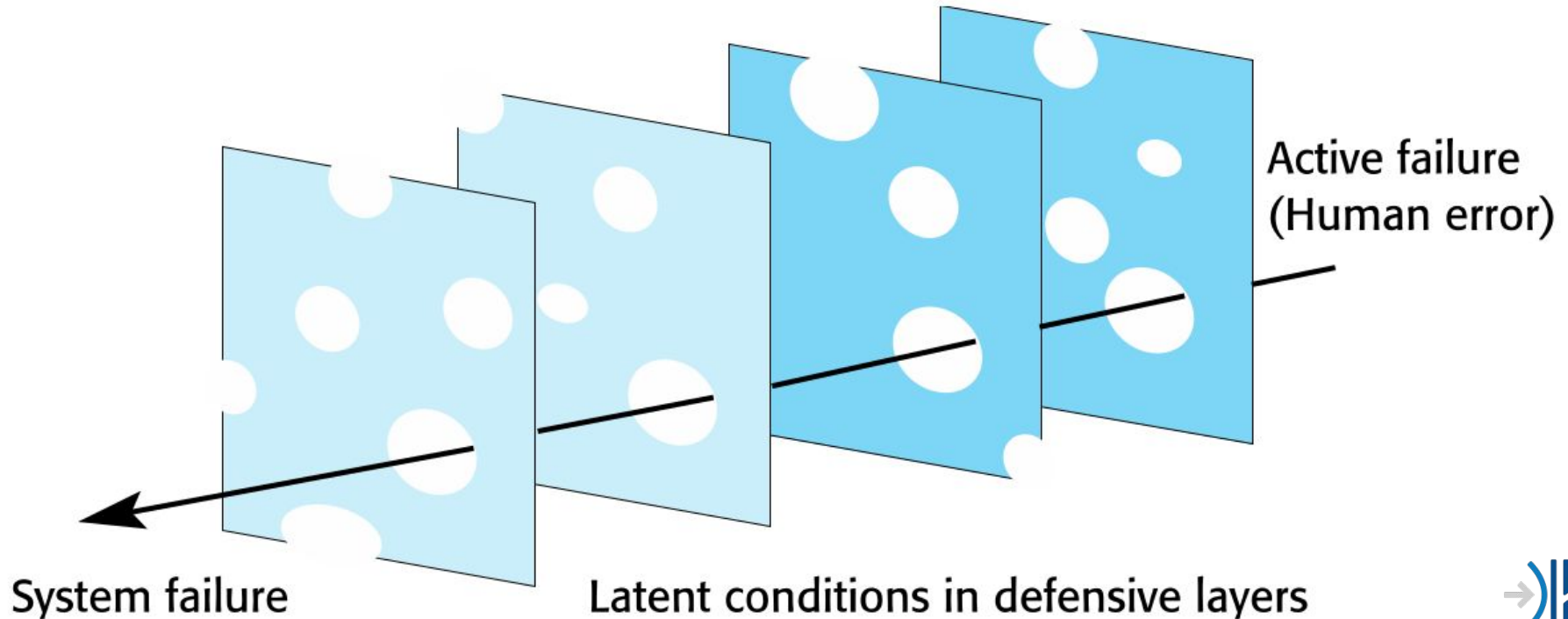
# Organizational resilience

## The ability to learn

Organizational resilience can be improved by learning from experience. It is particularly important to learn from successful responses to adverse events such as the effective resistance of a cyberattack. Learning from success allows



# Reason's Swiss Cheese Model



# Swiss Cheese model

## Defensive layers have vulnerabilities

They are like slices of Swiss cheese with holes in the layer corresponding to these vulnerabilities

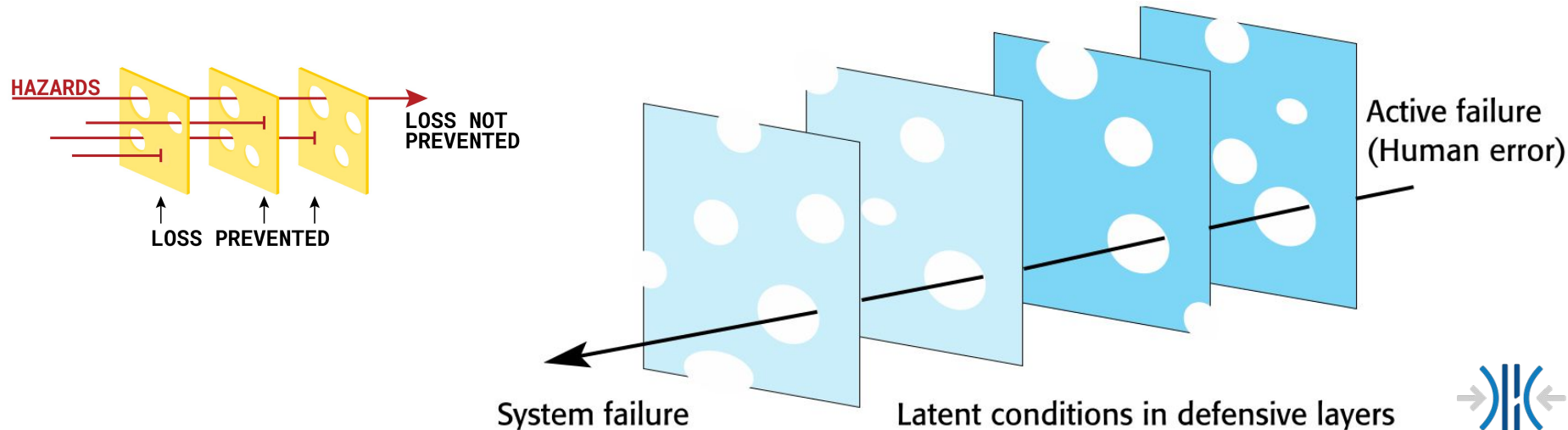
## Vulnerabilities are dynamic

The 'holes' are not always in the same place and the size of the holes may vary depending on the operating conditions



# Swiss Cheese model

System failures occur when the holes line up and all of the defenses fail



# Socio-technical resilience

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# Resilient systems design

## Identifying critical services and assets

Critical services and assets are those elements of the system that allow a system to fulfill its primary purpose. For example, the critical services in a system that handles ambulance dispatch are those concerned with taking calls and dispatching ambulances





# Resilient systems design

**Designing system components that support problem recognition, resistance, recovery and reinstatement**

For example, in an ambulance dispatch system, a watchdog timer may be included to detect if the system is not responding to events



# Survivable systems analysis

## System understanding

For an existing or proposed system, review the goals of the system (sometimes called the mission objectives), the system requirements and the system architecture

## Critical service identification

The services that must always be maintained & components that are required to maintain these services are identified



# Survivable systems analysis

## Attack simulation

Scenarios or use cases for possible attacks are identified along with the system components that would be affected by these attacks



# Survivable systems analysis

## Survivability analysis

Components that are both essential and compromisable by an attack are identified and survivability strategies based on resistance, recognition and recovery are identified



# Resilience engineering

Resilience Engineering 2

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