



# Asset Inventory

#1 on the charts, #1 in our ❤️s

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```
$ finger
```

```
Login: jhall
```

```
Directory: /home/jhall
```

```
Name: Justin Hall
```

```
Shell: /bin/bash
```

```
No Mail.
```

```
Sr Manager, Research @ Tenable
```

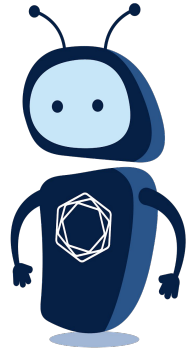
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27 years in IT
```

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18 years in infosec
```

```
Husband, dad, Jesus follower, nerd
```

**Let's go back to**  
**2005**

**When good guys run a bad  
asset inventory, it is a good  
thing for bad guys.**





**Rob Joyce**

@NSA\_CSDirector

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Attackers will work to know your network better than you do. They will find shadow IT, misconfigurations, weak authentication and unpatched devices containing n-days. Discover and fix it before them.

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# Your Asset Inventory is **Critical**.



## Control #1

Inventory & Control of Enterprise Assets



## Function #1: Identify

Category #1: ID.AM – Asset Management



Australian Government  
Australian Signals Directorate





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# WHY?



IS Controls

## Control #1

Inventory & Control of Enterprise Assets

**NIST**  
Cybersecurity Framework

Function #1: Identify

Category #1: ID.A Asset Management



**CCM**<sup>TM</sup>  
Cloud Controls Matrix



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**ACSC**  
Australian  
Cyber Security  
Centre

**NIST**  
800-171  
800-53

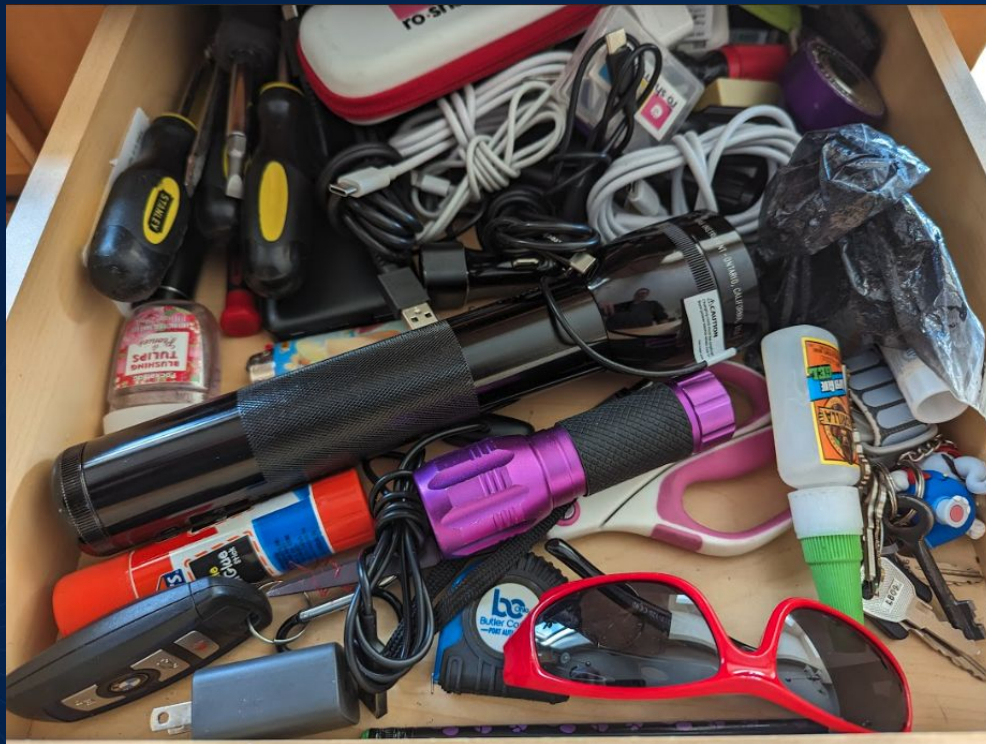


You can't **protect** what you  
can't **manage**, and you can't  
manage what you can't **see**.





# Bad Asset Inventories are like junk drawers.



# So how do we get there?



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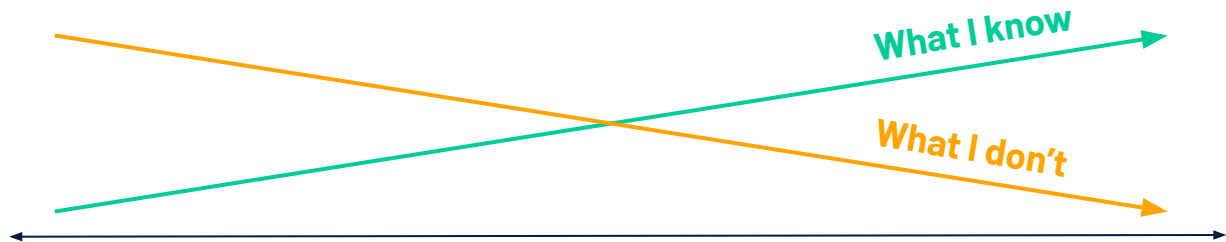
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**1** **Don't** just buy a product and  
assume it'll organize  
everything for you.

# 2

Start small.  
Aim for **progress**.



3

Get the **devices**, and then  
get the details.



# 3

Get the devices, and then  
get the details.

**What details?**

**What do you need to know  
in an investigation?**

# Interesting asset data

## Hardware

Make  
Model  
Serial  
Device class

## Network

IP  
Subnet  
Static/Dynamic?  
Interface  
Hostname/FQDN  
Open ports

## Software

Software inventory  
CPEs  
Services/daemons

## Data

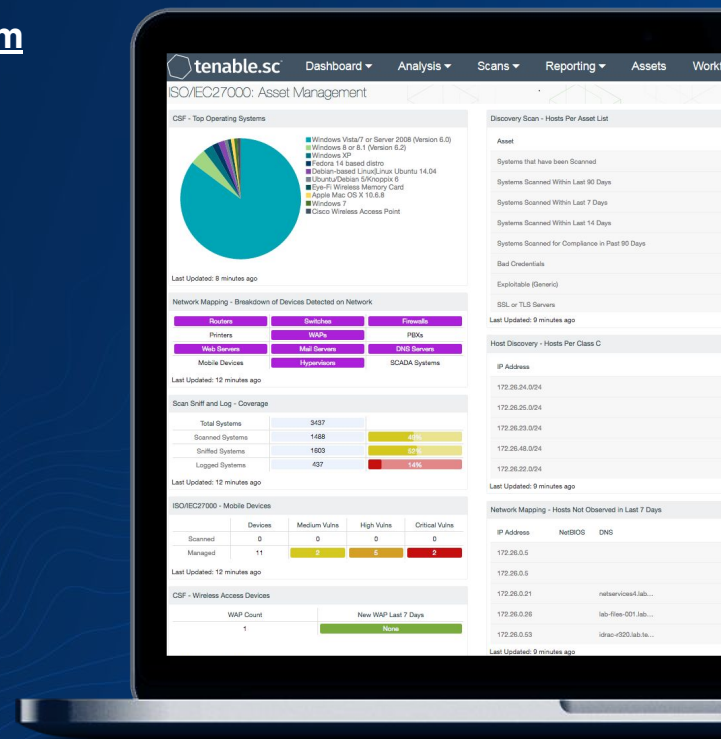
Is there sensitive data?  
Data categories  
Classification level  
Regulatory relevance

## Operating System

Release version  
Patchlevel  
Last reboot

## Identity

Asset owner  
Contact info  
Username  
Domain  
Auth source  
MFA info  
Geolocation



**4** Make sure your data  
sources are **trustworthy**.

5

**Be careful who gets **access**  
to your inventory.**

6

**Aim for automation. Don't  
make this someone's job.**



## More Resources

NIST SP 1800-5, IT Asset  
Management



Tenable One Cyber Asset  
Management



**Thanks for attending!**

Q&A