

# CompTIA Security + 5.0 Risk Management

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## 5.3 Risk Management Processes and Concepts

- 5.3 Explain risk management processes and concepts.
  - Threat assessment
    - Environmental
      - Climate Control
        - Humidity = High/Low
        - Temperature = High/Low
        - Water Leaks
          - Rain/Flooding
          - Plumbing
    - Manmade
      - Malware (all inclusive)
      - Cyber Attacks
      - Physical security attacks
      - Misconfiguration of systems, apps, ACLs
      - Misuse of passwords, social media, email
    - Internal vs. external
      - Internal
        - Lack of training equates to user error
        - Malicious insider
        - Data Leaks (Unintentional/Intentional)
      - External
        - Hacktivist, nation states, competition, malicious insiders
        - Business data on company devices
        - Reputation-based attacks
          - Social Media
          - Websites
        - Mobile Exploitation
          - Lack of encryption
          - Malware
          - Phishing
          - Social Media
          - Untrusted application sources
          - Developer option(fun but not without risk >>damage >>> consequences)
  - Risk assessment
    - SLE
      - Single Loss Expectancy
      - $(SLE) = \text{Asset Value}(AV) \times \text{Exposure Factor}(EF)$
      - (AV) Asset Value = What is the value of an asset to a company
      - (EF) Exposure Factor = % of damage to an asset
      - What is the maximum value the company will pay for the asset
    - ALE
      - Annual Loss Expectancy
      - The expected monetary(cost) loss for an asset over time
      - $ALE = SLE \times ARO$
    - ARO
      - Annual/Annualized Rate of Occurrence
      - Probability of an annual risk event
      - Or the frequency in which the event happens
    - Risk register
      - List of identified risks. The identified risks are described in as much detail as is reasonable.
      - Risk Log
      - Contains:
        - Description of the risk
        - Impact of the event should it happen
      - List of planned or potential responses.
      - Use case scenario
        - Used in projects
        - Used in programs
        - Used in companies
    - Likelihood of occurrence
      - Probability of a risk event happening
      - This defines the probability of a specific threats to exploit a given vulnerability, based on a subjective analysis

- Might be called Probability of Occurrence
  - Supply chain assessment
  - Impact
    - Consequences including cost, time , performance , functionality
    - Potential effects on the company
  - Assessments
    - Reason
      - Determining what is valuable to the company through QUAL/QUAN Assessments
    - Types
      - Quantitative
        - Assigns cost or monetary value to assets, threats, processes
      - Qualitative
  - Testing
    - Penetration testing authorization
    - Vulnerability testing authorization
  - Risk response techniques(or strategies)
    - Accept Strategy
      - First in the list of objectives
      - Last in the list of response techniques
      - When no other strategy will work
      - Acceptance requires no immediate reaction
    - Transfer Strategy
      - Find another party that is willing to take on the risk, responsibility, management
      - Owned by a party that charges payment
      - Consideration made on cost effectiveness
    - Avoid Strategy
      - remove the cause of the risk
      - not all risks can be avoided
    - Mitigate Strategy
      - Reducing risk to the lowest acceptable level
      - Reduces impact to acceptable levels
      - Minimize risks/impact
- Change management