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# SECURITY OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION



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# [ The Waterfall Model

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Requirement Gathering and Analysis

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System Design

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Implementation

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Integration and testing

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Deployment of system

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Maintenance

# [ Benefits and Drawbacks

- **Benefits**

- Ease of use and management
- Broad scope
- Detailed specificity of systems documentation

- **Drawback**

- Assumes a static set of requirements captured before design and coding phases begin

# [ Requirements Definition

Functional and nonfunctional requirements are documented

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Security requirements may be incorporated within the nonfunctional requirements specification

# [ System Design

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**Design may first be laid out in a general design document**

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**Design walkthroughs are often held to review the design before construction**

# [ Implementation

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**Software programming is completed in this phase**

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**Functional design specifications are translated into executable processes using one or more programming languages**

# [ Integration

**Integration occurs when multiple functional units of code or modules that form the application are compiled and run together**

# [ Testing

- Testing is not a separate phase of waterfall development projects
- Different types of testing and debugging occur from construction to installation and beyond
  - Unit testing
  - Integration testing
  - System testing



# [ Deployment of System

- When the application has been system tested, it is installed into a controlled environment for quality assurance and user acceptance testing
- At this stage, the application is considered to be in its final form

UAT



How the customer explained it



How the project leader understood it



How the engineer designed it



How the programmer wrote it



How the sales executive described it



How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed



How the helpdesk supported it



What the customer really needed

# [ Maintenance

**Changes in business needs and practices, newly discovered bugs and vulnerabilities, and changes in the technical environment all necessitate changes to production applications**

# Additional Application Development Methods

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**Spiral model**

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**Extreme Programming and Rapid Application Development**

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**Agile Development**

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**Component Development and Reuse**

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# [ Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Top Ten

**The OWASP provides a freely available listing of the top vulnerabilities found in web applications**

# [ Guidelines for Developers

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Authentication

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Authorization

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Session management

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Encryption of sensitive data

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Input validation

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← Fuzzing

Disallow dynamic queries

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Out-of-band confirmation

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Avoid exposing system information

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Error handling

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# [ Device Management

Hardware Asset  
Management  
(HWAM)

Software  
Inventory  
Management  
(SWAM)

Configuration  
Setting  
Management  
(CSM)

Vulnerability  
(Patch)  
Management  
(VUL)

# [ The SSCP's Challenge

**Many companies consider  
Hardware Asset Management  
(HAM)/Software Asset  
Management (SAM) to be an  
unnecessary expense**





# [ Secure Information Storage

- **File/folder encryption is simpler and faster to implement**
  - Presents exposures if the operating system or user of the machine writes data to an unencrypted location
- **Full disk encryption protects the entire contents of a laptop's hard drive**

*BitLocker*

# [ Database Encryption

**Database size**

**Performance**

**Application  
compatibility**

# [ Data Scrubbing

- Wholesale replication of data from production to test is a common practice
- Wholesale replication of security controls from production to test is not
- The goal of data sanitization is to obfuscate sensitive data

# [ Data Deduplication

**Deduplication is a process that scans the entire collection of information looking for similar chunks of data that can be consolidated**

# [ Managing Encryption Keys

- Key management refers to the set of systems and procedures used to securely generate, store, distribute, use, archive, revoke, and delete keys
- Key management policy identifies roles, responsibilities, and security requirements

# [ Considerations

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**Roles and responsibilities**

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**Key generation and storage**

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**Distribution**

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**Expiration**

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**Revocation and destruction**

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**Audit and tracking**

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**Emergency management**

# [ Information Rights Management (IRM)

**IRM functions to assign specific properties to an object such as how long the object may exist, what users or systems may access it, and if any notifications need to occur when the file is opened, modified, or printed**



# [ Data Retention and Disposal

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**Record retention policy and schedule**

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**Handling procedures**

# [ Shredders

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**Strip-cut shredders**

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**Cross-cut shredders**

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**Particle-cut shredders**

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**Hammermills**

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**Granulators**

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# [ Destruction of Magnetic Media

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Methods of destroying data contained on magnetic media include various techniques for clearing or sanitizing data

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Cloud service providers should support eradication of data when deleted

# [ Disclosure Controls: Data Leakage Prevention

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Data discovery

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Labeling

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Policy creation

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Content detection/monitoring

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Prevention or blocking

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Reporting

# [ Technical Controls

- **Technical controls are security controls that the computer system executes**
- **The controls can:**
  - Provide automated protection from unauthorized access or misuse
  - Facilitate detection of security violations
  - Support security requirements for applications and data

# [ Operational Controls

- Operational Control policies address process-based security controls implemented and executed by people
- Two types of operational security problems:
  - Accidental misconfigurations
  - Deliberate misconfigurations



# [ Operational Solutions

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Operational security policy

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Change management process

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Access control

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Authorization

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Dual control

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Secure and verify

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Automation



"WE COULDN'T HIRE THE CYBERSECURITY CANDIDATE YOU SENT US. HE WAS SAYING TOO MANY SCARY THINGS ABOUT OUR COMPUTERS."



# [ Subject-Specific Security Policies

Subject-specific security policies typically address a limited area of risk related to a particular class of assets, type of technology, or business function

*standards*

E-Mail and  
Internet Usage  
Policies

Antivirus  
Policy

Remote  
Access Policy

Information  
Classification  
Policy

Encryption  
Policies

Document  
Format Policy

# [ Components of a Security Policy

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**State the objective**

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**Draft the policy specifics**

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**Identify methods for measurement and enforcement**

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**Compliance with policy expectations**

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**Communication**

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**Periodic review**

# [ Standards and Guidelines

- **Standard**

- A formal, documented requirement that sets uniform criteria for a specific technology, configuration, nomenclature, or method

- **Guidelines**

- Recommended practices to be followed to achieve a desired result
- Not mandatory

# [ Procedures

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**Procedures are step-by-step instructions for performing a specific task or set of tasks**

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**Ensure consistent and repeatable results**

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**Provide instruction to those who are unfamiliar with how to perform a specific process**

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**Provide assurance to management and auditors that policies are being enforced in practice**

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# [ Release Management Policy

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**The conditions that must be met for an application or component to be released to production**

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**Roles and responsibilities for packaging, approving, moving, and testing code releases**

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**Approval and documentation requirements**

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# [ Release Management

- Controls the release of applications, updates, and patches to the production environment
- Goal:
  - To provide assurance that only tested and approved application code is promoted to production or distributed for use



# [ Release Manager

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**Responsible for planning, coordination, implementation, and communication of all application releases**

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**Assures that all documentation and communication regarding the release are prepared and distributed**



# [ Release Management Process

- The release management process actually begins with the QA testing environment
- Once user acceptance testing is complete, the application is packaged for deployment to the production or preproduction environment and the final package is verified

# [ Release Management Tools

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**Role-based access control**

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**Approval checking and rejection of unapproved packages**

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**Component verification tools**

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**Rollback and demotion facilities**

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**Auditing and reporting tools**

# [ Configuration Management (CM)

**Manage configuration changes so that they are appropriately approved and documented, so that:**

- The integrity of the security state is maintained
- Disruptions to performance and availability are minimized

# [ CM System Goals

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**Baseline hardware, software, and firmware configurations**

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**Design, installation, and operational documentation**

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**Changes to the system since the last baseline**

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**Software test plans and results**

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# Automated Configuration Management Tools

**Most development platforms include:**

- Source code comparators
- Comment generators
- Version checkers
- Check in/check out functions

# [ Hardware Inventory

Make

Model

MAC addresses

Serial number

Operating  
system or  
firmware  
version

Location

BIOS and other  
hardware-  
related  
passwords

Assigned IP  
address if  
applicable

Organizational  
property  
management  
label

Owner

# [ Software Inventory

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**Software name**

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**Software vendor**

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**Keys or activation codes**

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**Type of license and for what version**

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**Number of licenses**

# [ Software Inventory

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License expiration

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License portability

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Organizational software librarian or asset manager

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Organizational contact for installed software

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Upgrade, full or limited license



# [ Configuration Lists

A configuration list for each device should be maintained

Devices such as firewalls, routers, and switches can have hundreds or thousands of configuration possibilities

# Configuration Management for Operating Systems

- Operating systems and applications also require configuration management
- Organizations should have configuration guides and standards for each operating system and application implementation

# [Control

## Control mechanisms govern:

- Change requests
- Approvals
- Change propagation
- Impact analysis
- Bug tracking
- Propagation of changes

# [ Auditing

**Auditing is a process of logging, reviewing, and validating the state of CIs in the CMDB, ensuring that:**

- All changes are appropriately documented
- A clear history of changes is retained
- Compares CMDB with the actual system configuration

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# [ Security Impact Assessment

**The analysis conducted by qualified staff within an organization to determine the extent to which changes to the information system affect the security posture of the system**

# [ System Architecture/ Interoperability of Systems

- **Interoperability:**
  - The extent to which systems and devices can exchange data and interpret that shared data
- **For two systems to be interoperable, they must be able to exchange data and subsequently present that data such that a user can understand it**

# [ Patch Management Process

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Acquisition

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Testing

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Approval

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Packaging

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Deployment

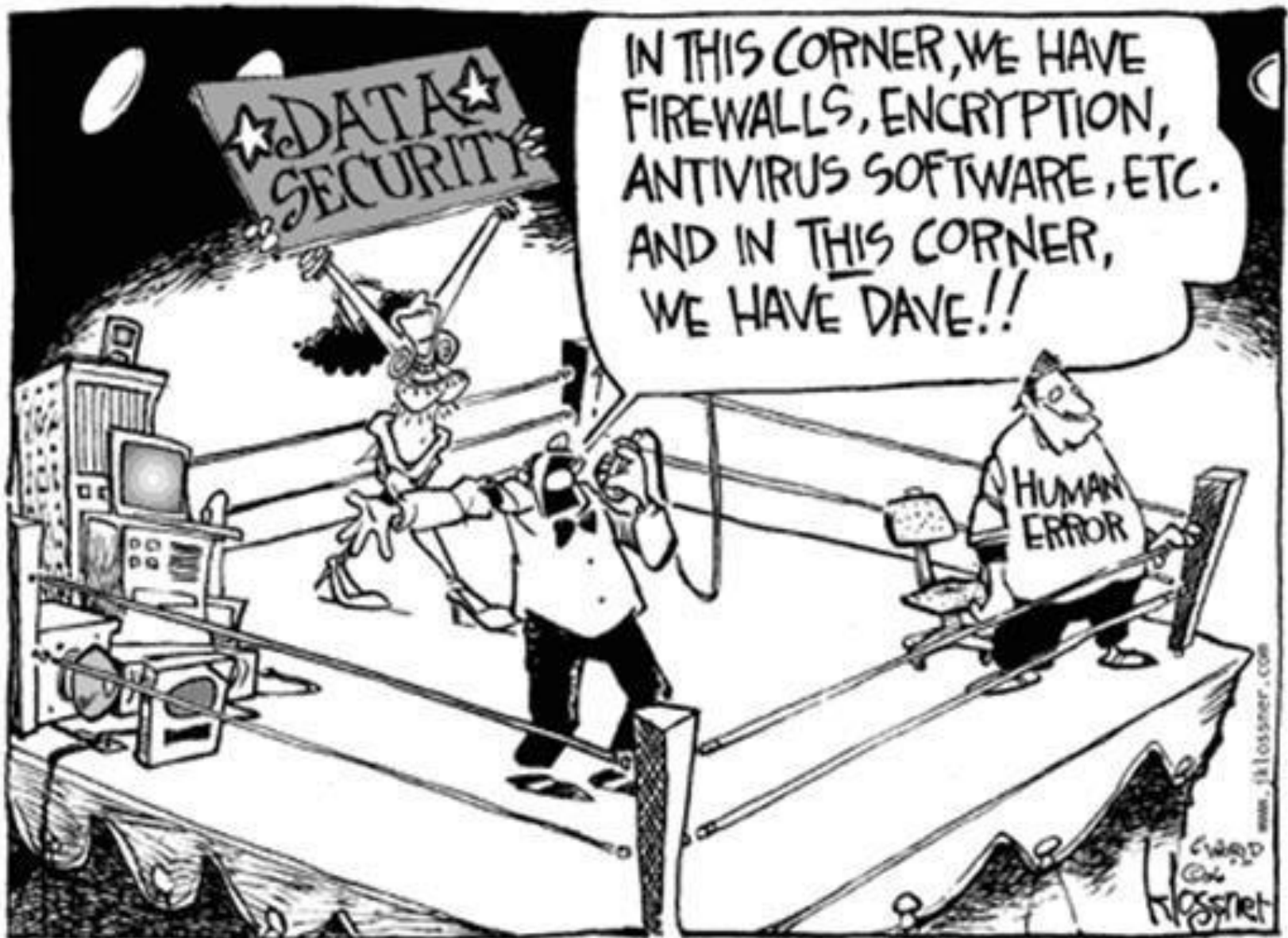
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Verification



# [ Security Awareness Training

**Security awareness  
seeks to reduce the risk  
related to human error**



# [ Critical Success Factors

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Senior management support

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Cultural awareness

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Set communication goals and build a strategy to meet these goals

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Taking a change management approach

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Measurement

# [ Potential Training Topics

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**Labeling and handling of sensitive information**

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**Appropriate use policies for e-mail, Internet, and other services**

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**Customer privacy laws, policies, and procedures**

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**Detecting and reporting security incidents**

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**Protecting intellectual property and copyright**