

Section 19: Managing Risk

149. What is Risk Management?

Overview Ideas:

How to plan:

- Secure infrastructure from threats
- Security policies incorporate practices required by laws and standards (NIST - National Institute of Standards and Technology)
- Security policies incorporate industry standard best practices
- Security policies are printed or electronic documents (Overview statements)
- Security controls (In more depth how to handle a policy) are generated from security policies
- Security controls detail specifics and lead to procedures
- Procedures detail how to implement controls on systems (How do we do the security control)

Review:

*Security policies are documents with broad overview statements

*Security controls provide more details

*Procedures discuss specific implementation of policies

150. Security Policies

*A statement that an organization makes that defines the goals and motivations of that organization in terms of security policy

*Security policies are usually written documents

For the exam remember these security policies:

1. Acceptable Use Policy
 - a. Defines ownership (e.g. the smart phone you have belongs to the company)
 - b. Defines website access (e.g. Not allowed to go to facebook)
 - c. Defines time (e.g. Not allowed to go to facebook before 5pm)
2. Remote Access Policy
 - a. VPN (All connections to our network remotely requires a VPN)
 - b. Authentication
3. Password Policy
 - a. Complexity
 - b. Age
 - c. Lockout policy
4. IT Safety Policy
 - a. Lifting equipment

- b. Equipment Handling
- c. Spills

More terms on the exam:

1. NDA (non-disclosure agreement)
 2. License Restrictions
 - a. Usage
 - b. Transfer
 - c. Renewal
 3. International Export Control
 - a. Military information
 - b. Nuclear Information
 - c. License Keys
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151. Change Mangement

Change management team: (Manage Changes, Meet on a regular basis)

- Business analyst
- Marketing
- Operations
- Management

Strategic Change vs. Infrastructure Change

Strategic Change - a massive change that will substancially effect the business of the infrastructure itself. (e.g. Replacing all the computers, moving to a new country). The Change management committee does not make these changes.

Infrastructure Change - Makes changes, but does not make massive changes (this is what the change managment team is for)

Change Request Document:

1. Type of change
2. Configuration Procedures
3. Rollback process
4. Potential Impact
5. Notification

Change request is submitted to the committee and they make a decision.

Once the change request is accepted the change committee is still involved with implementation

Documentation is the last step in the change management Process

Review:

NET+ will test on these

*The change management team handles infrastructure-level changes

*The change process includes requests, types of changes, configuration procedures, rollback and more

*The end game is documentation of all the changes made

152. User Training

Areas that a good user training program covers:

- Acceptable use policy read and signed
- Users should get training on password policies
- Users need training on systems
- Teach users about social engineering
- Train users to avoid malware

Review:

*Network techs get called on for user training

*Train users on acceptable use and password policies

*users should recognize social engineering and avoid malware

153. Standard Business Documentation

Net+ covers 4 types:

1. Service Level Agreement (SLA)
 - a. Between a customer and service
 - b. Scope, quality and terms of service to be provided
 - Definition of service provided
 - Equipment
 - Technical support
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - a. Defines an agreement between two parties
 - b. Used where a legally binding contract is inappropriate
 - Definition of agreed duties
 - Time Frame
 - Could define lots of things depending on the type of MOU
3. Multi-Source Agreement (MSA)
 - a. Companies make these between each other and stick to them and make the right kind of parts for each other
4. Statement of Work (SOW)
 - a. Legal contract between two parties (Vendor and customer)
 - Defines the services to be performed/supplied

- Defines time frame/deliverables
- Defines milestones/defines progress

Review

- Standard business documentation is common in networking
 - Standards on the exam include SLA, MOU, MSA, SOW
 - These are real-world standards
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154.Mitigating Network Threats

Four big areas:

1. Training and Awareness
2. Patch Management
3. Policies and Procedures
4. Incident Response

Review:

- *Remember these four for the exam
 - *Implement proper mitigation techniques to protect a network
 - *Start with training and awareness, as well as patch management
 - *Finish by including policies, procedures, and incident response
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155. High Availability

"To keep some form of service up and running despite any reason" or "Maintaining up-time" Or "things we can do to make sure we never go down"

High availability:

1. Redundancy
 2. Fault tolerance
- NIC teaming (Two ports functioning for one Server if one goes down the other will keep running)
 - Clustering (Multiple servers in their own network that will act together as a single device and if one goes down the other function just fine)

For the exam remember Redundancy and fault tolerance

Review:

- *High availability is supported with fault tolerance and redundancy
 - *High availability means that services aren't lost, not how fast they are recovered
 - *Raid array, redundant power supply, UPS, clustering, and failover systems are high availability methods
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QUIZ

1. Which of the following is not an element of risk management?
 - a. Secure infrastructure from threats**
 - b. Security policies
 - c. Security controls
 - d. Security Procedures
2. Which choice is not found in a change request?
 - a. Type of change
 - b. Configuration procedures
 - c. Rollback process
 - d. cost of implementation**
3. Which area does not require user training?
 - a. Acceptable use policies
 - b. Recycle Policies**
 - b. Password policies
 - c. System and workplace security
 - d. Social engineering
 - e. Malware avoidance
4. Which choice is not a standard business document?
 - a. SLA
 - b. MOU
 - c. MSA
 - d. WPA**
 - e. SOW
5. Which of the following is not a good approach to mitigating network threats?
 - a. Training and awareness
 - b. Patch management
 - c. Policies and Procedures
 - d. Documenting Chain of custody**
 - e. Incident response