

# Opening Pandora's Box

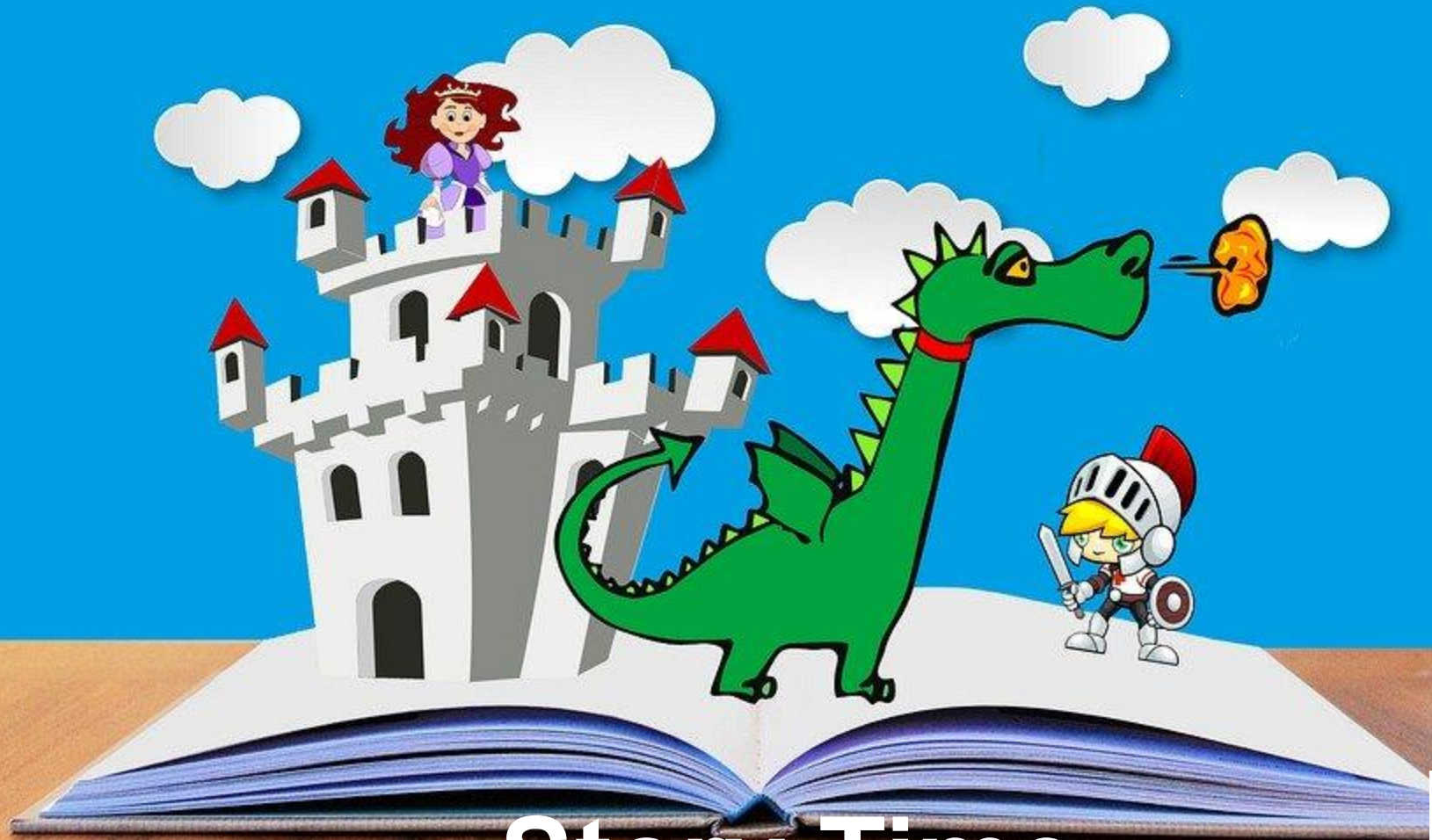
## RISK, FAIR, ATT&CK, SOAR

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# Agenda (In Hacker Green Of Course)

- Story Time
- What is RISK? No seriously, What is RISK?
- FAIR Overview
- Mitre ATT&CK
- SOAR at a glance
- Modeling a scenario RISK + ATT&CK + SOAR
- Questions



Story Time





What **4** Simple  
Questions Did I Ask?

#1

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What is the largest cyber security **RISK** to your organization?

#2

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What are the **ASSETS**  
that hold the most value in  
your organization?

#3

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If            was breached,  
how do you **RESPOND**  
today?

#4

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If [REDACTED] was breached,  
what is the financial or  
reputational **LOSS** that  
could occur?





How did they **RESPOND**?

Over 40% →



Only 1  
Great  
Answer



“We know exactly what percentage and where the financial losses come from, they come from **Fraud** Events”

What is **RISK**?



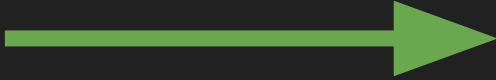
**RISK** = Loss Exposure

In business that generally  
means financial loss...

When thinking  
in terms of **RISK**...  
is this password  
an **Asset** or a **Control**?



If the password  
opens a door to  
this



Then in terms of  
**RISK** it is probably  
not an **Asset**





But if the password opened a door to an energy plant or shut it down...then someone, somewhere would definitely consider the password to be an **Asset!**



If a password is an asset, from a RISK perspective....

Are you concerned about the passwords?

Or the places, data, and applications, the passwords provide access to?

**Or about the effects or loss that could occur?**

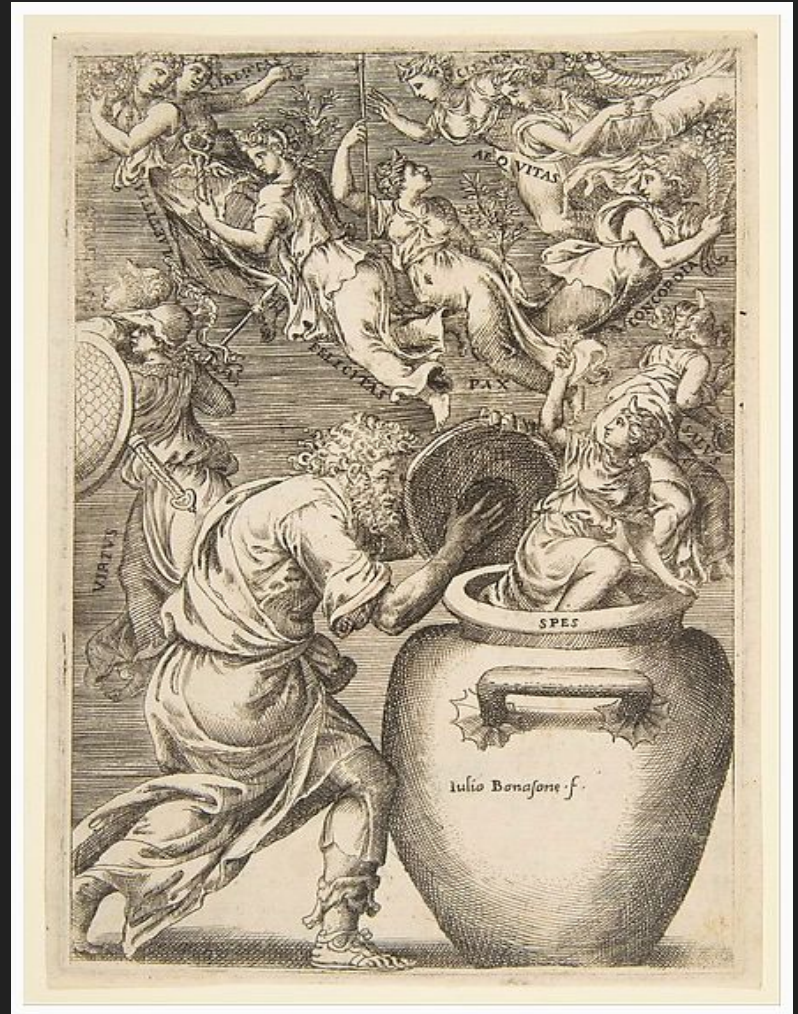
When you think about **RISK**, you must be crystal clear on what you consider a real **Asset**.



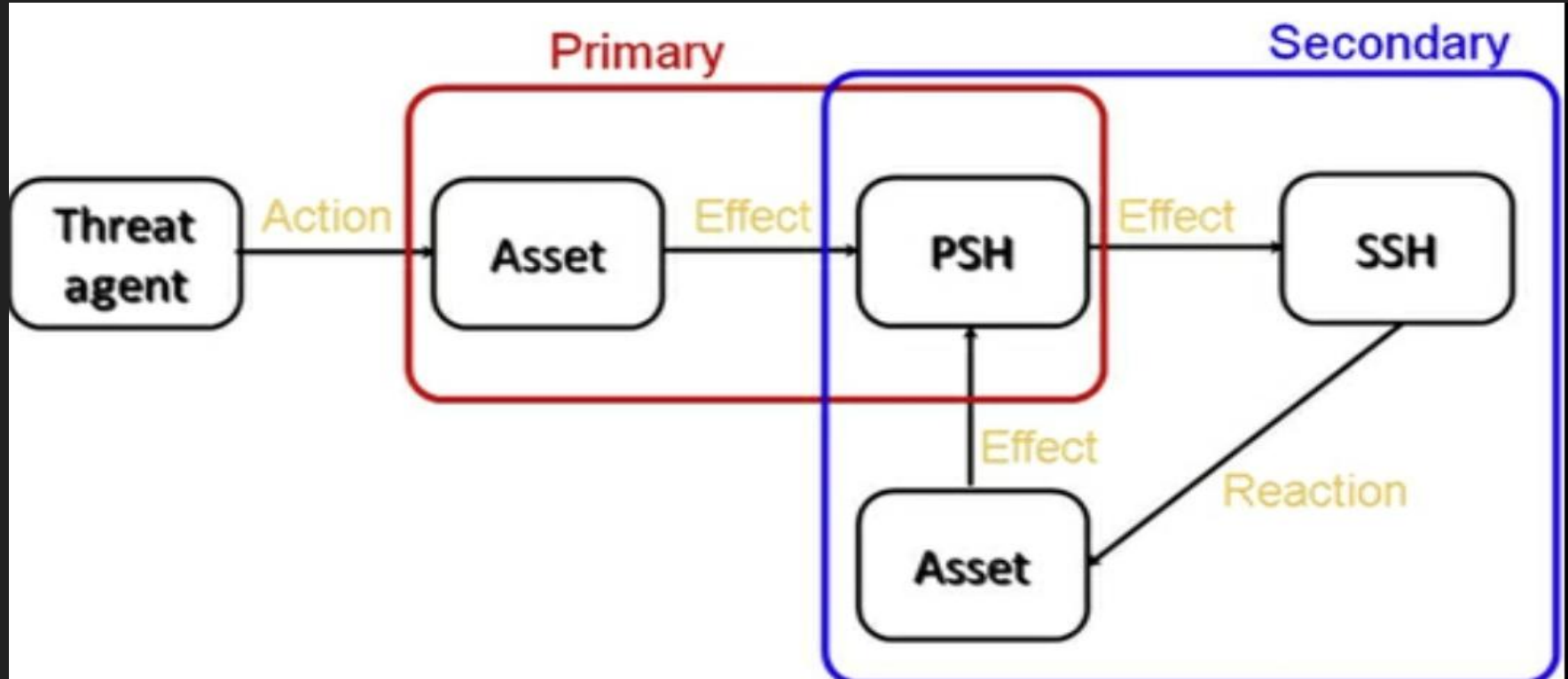
**Without being crystal clear on  
what we consider an **Asset**...**

**We can not think or calculate  
the potential or probability of  
**Loss** Exposure!**

When Zeus created  
pandora's box as a gift  
and the gift was opened  
evil poured out...almost  
like lava burning and  
covering everything in its  
path



# That's Kind Of How Loss Flow Works



# What Types Of Loss Flows Are There?

**In RISK frameworks like FAIR, Loss for both primary and secondary stakeholders include:**

- **Loss in productivity**
- **Response costs**
- **Replacement costs**
- **Competitive advantage**
- **Fines and judgments**
- **Reputational Damage**

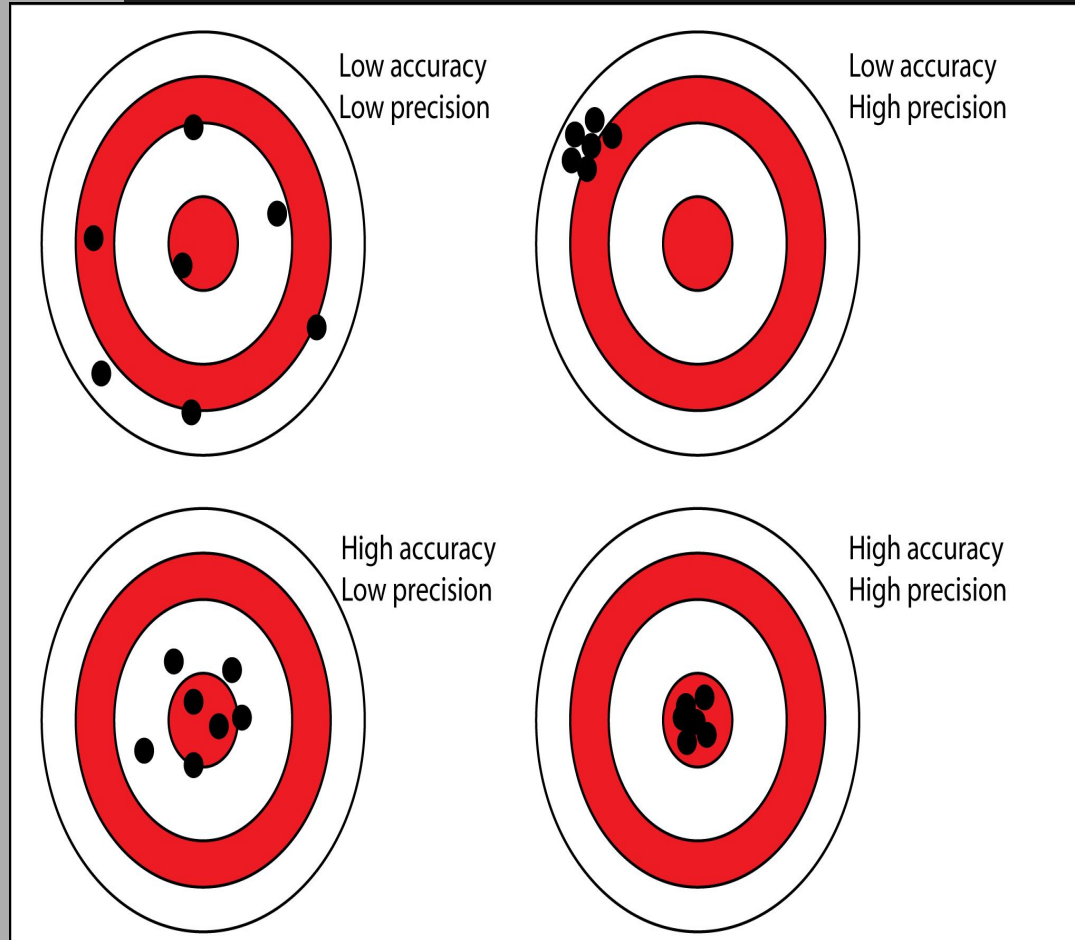
# What Is FAIR?

## Factor Analysis of Information Risk





In FAIR,  
Accuracy is better  
than Precision



# FAIR - Its A Way Of Measuring Risk

Explained as a recipe

**1 pt Ontology / Taxonomy**

**1 pt Risk Terminology (TE, TEF, LE, LEF, CF, POA.....)**

**1 pt Data Gathering**

**1 pt Probability, Normalized Distributions**

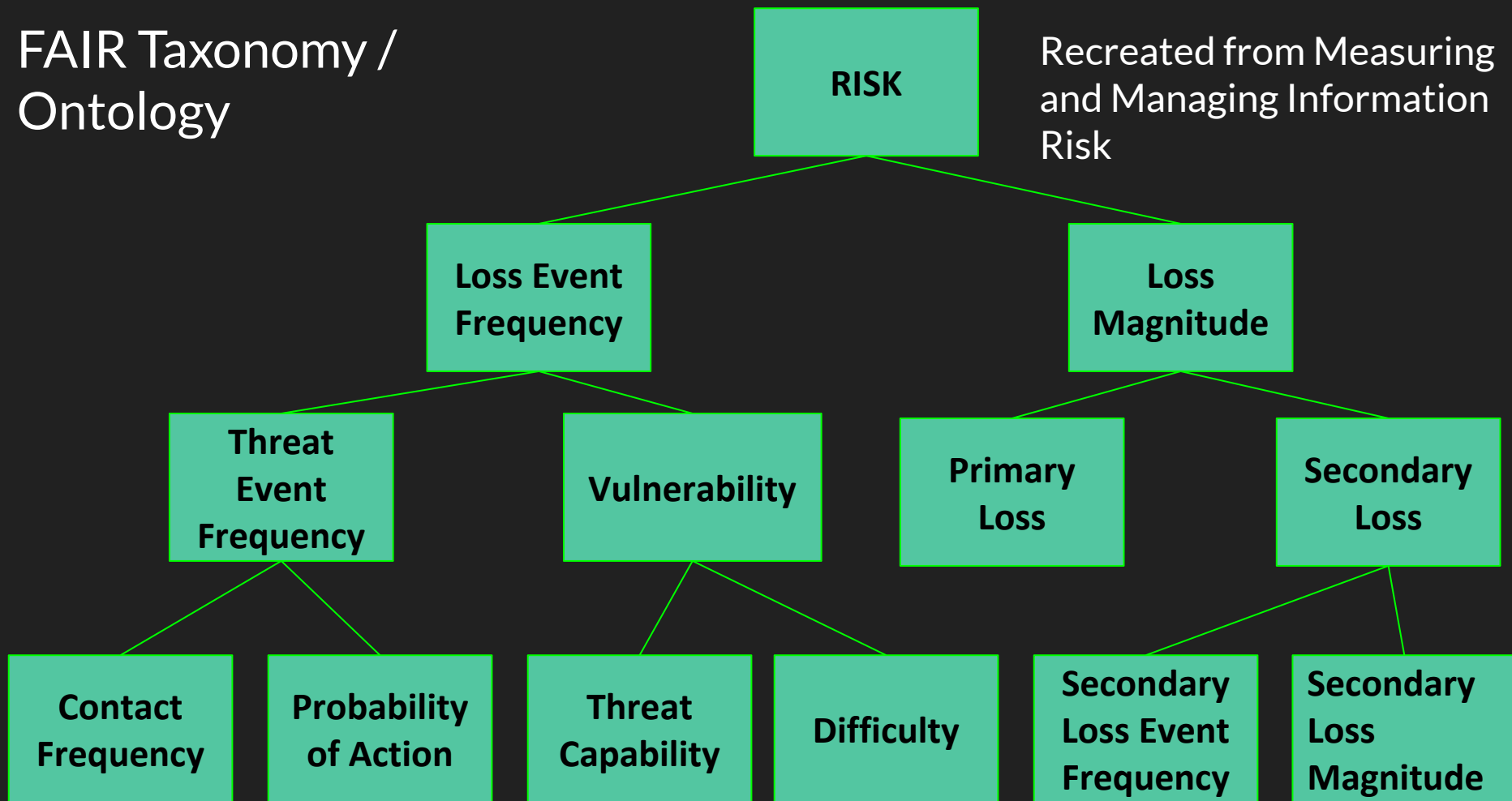
**$\frac{1}{2}$  pt PERT Formula using 3 point estimates**

**(spread between minimum, most likely, to least likely)**

**$\frac{1}{2}$  pt Monte Carlo Simulation**

# FAIR Taxonomy / Ontology

Recreated from Measuring  
and Managing Information  
Risk



# Slimmed Down Version (Not Full Process)

- **Identify Scenario**
    - **Asset**
    - **Threat Community**
  - **Evaluate Loss Event Frequency (LEF)**
    - **Estimate Threat Event Frequency (TEF)**
    - **Estimate Threat Capabilities (TCAP)**
    - **Estimate Difficulty**
    - **Determine Vulnerability**
    - **Determine Primary Loss Event Frequency (PLEF)**
    - **Determine Secondary Loss Event Frequency (SLEF)**
  - **Estimate Probability Loss Magnitude (PLM)**
  - **Estimate Probability Secondary Loss Magnitude (SLM)**
  - **Determine Primary and Secondary Risk**
  - **Determine overall RISK**
- Credit: Measuring and Managing Information Risk

# FAIR - Stick All Of This In The FAIR Blender

LEF Min	LEF Most Likely	LEF Max	Data Gathering Confidence
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0.3 once every 3 years

0.5 once every 2 years

3 three times a year

Low

TEF Min

TEF Most Likely

TEF Max

Data Gathering Confidence

0.015

0.05

0.6

Low

LOSS MAGNITUDE

MIN RESPONSE COST

MIN REPLACEMENT

Data Gathering Confidence

PRIMARY

\$500,000

\$2900

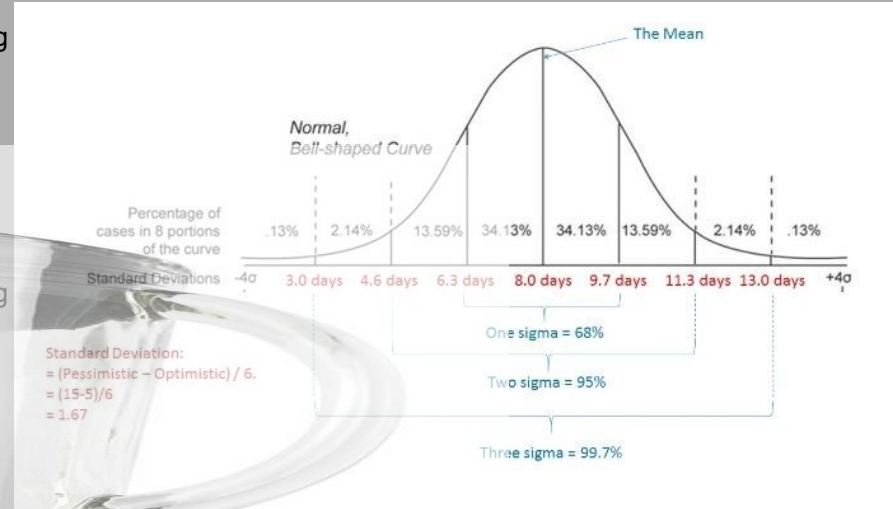
Low

SECONDARY

\$1,300,00

\$30,600,000

Medium



To summarize, Monte Carlo approximation (which is one of the MC methods) is a technique to approximate the expectation of random variables, using samples. It can be defined mathematically with the following formula:

$$E(X) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n.$$

The mathematical sign  $\approx$  means that the formula on the right inside of this sign only gives an "approximation" of what the random variable X expectation  $E(X)$  actually is. Note that in a way, it's nothing else than an average of random values (the  $x_n$ s).

# Stop... This All Seems Too Complicated...



Basically FAIR allows us  
to **COMMUNICATE** in  
the terms of **RISK** and  
understand potential  
financial loss...

To  
**BUSINESS PEOPLE!**



What is Mitre Att&CK

Pew Pew Pew.....

**MITRE ATT&CK™**

# Mitre Att&CK

## Book Definition....

MITRE ATT&CK™ is a globally-accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations. The ATT&CK knowledge base is used as a foundation for the development of specific threat models and methodologies in the private sector, in government, and in the cybersecurity product and service community.

## Recipe

**Attacker/ threat  
taxonomy/ontology:**  
**1pt Tactics**  
**1pt Techniques**  
**1pt Procedures**  
**Mix in numbers, with  
a coverage matrix**



# The Grid (Reminds me of the movie Tron)

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command And Control
10 Items	31 Items	56 Items	28 Items	59 Items	20 Items	19 Items	17 Items	13 Items	9 Items	21 Items
Drive-by Compromise	AppleScript	.bash_profile and .bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Hardware Additions	Command-Line Interface	AppCert DLLs	AppCert DLLs	BITS Jobs	Brute Force	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Replication Through Removable Media	Control Panel Items	AppInit DLLs	AppInit DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	File and Directory Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Information	Data Transfer Size	
Spearphishing Attachment	Dynamic Data Exchange	Application Shimming	Application Shimming	Clear Command History	Credentials in Files	Network Service Scanning	Logon Scripts			
Spearphishing Link	Execution through API	Authentication Package	Bypass User Account Control	Code Signing	Credentials in Registry	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Hash			
Spearphishing via Service	Execution through Module Load	BITS Jobs	Component Firmware Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking	Forced Authentication	Password Policy Discovery	Pass the Ticket			
Supply Chain Compromise	Exploitation for Client Execution	Bootkit	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Control Panel Items	Hooking	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol			
Trusted Relationship	Graphical User Interface	Change Default File Association	Dylib Hijacking	DCShadow	Input Capture	Permission Groups Discovery	Remote File Copy			
Valid Accounts	InstallUtil	Component Firmware	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Input Prompt	Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media			
	Launchctl	Component Object Model Hijacking	Extra Window Memory Injection	Disabling Security Tools	Kerberoasting	Query Registry	Shared Webroot			
	LSASS Driver	Create Account	File System		Keychain	Remote System Discovery	SSH Hijacking			
					R/NBT-NS	Security Software Discovery	Taint Shared Content			
					ark Sniffing	System Information Discovery	Third-party Software			
					ord Filter DLL	System Network Configuration Discovery	Windows Admin Shares			
					e Keys	System Network Connections Discovery	Windows Remote Management			
					ation Through	System Owner/User Discovery				
					vable Media	System Service Discovery				
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*The Grid, An attackers frontier, they tried to picture clusters of attacks as they move through the computer, what did they look like, ships, motorcycles, were the circuits like freeways, they kept dreaming of a world, they would never see, and then, one day, they got in...*



# Quick Example

ID: T1192

Tactic: Initial Access

Platform: Windows, macOS, Linux

Data Sources: Packet capture, Web proxy, Email gateway, Detonation chamber, SSL/TLS inspection, DNS records, Mail server

CAPEC ID: [CAPEC-163](#)

Version: 1.0

## Detection

URL inspection within email (including expanding shortened links) can help detect links leading to known malicious sites. Detonation chambers can be used to detect these links and either automatically go to these sites to determine if they're potentially malicious, or wait and capture the content if a user visits them.

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[User Executio](#)

## Mitigations

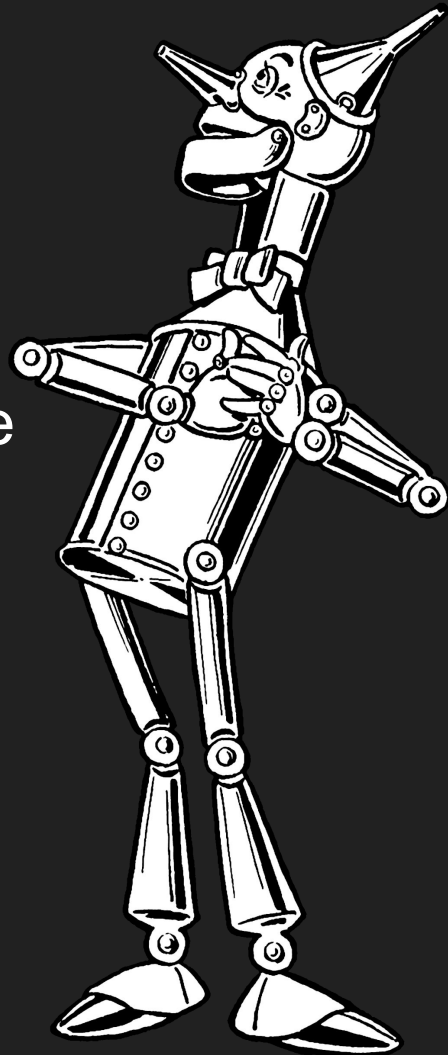
Mitigation	Description
<a href="#">Restrict Web-Based Content</a>	Determine if certain websites that can be used for spearphishing are necessary for business operations and consider blocking access if activity cannot be monitored well or if it poses a significant risk.

## Procedure Examples

Name	Description
<a href="#">APT28</a>	<a href="#">APT28</a> sent spearphishing emails which used a URL-shortener service to masquerade as a legitimate service and to redirect targets to credential harvesting sites. <a href="#">[11]</a> <a href="#">[12]</a>

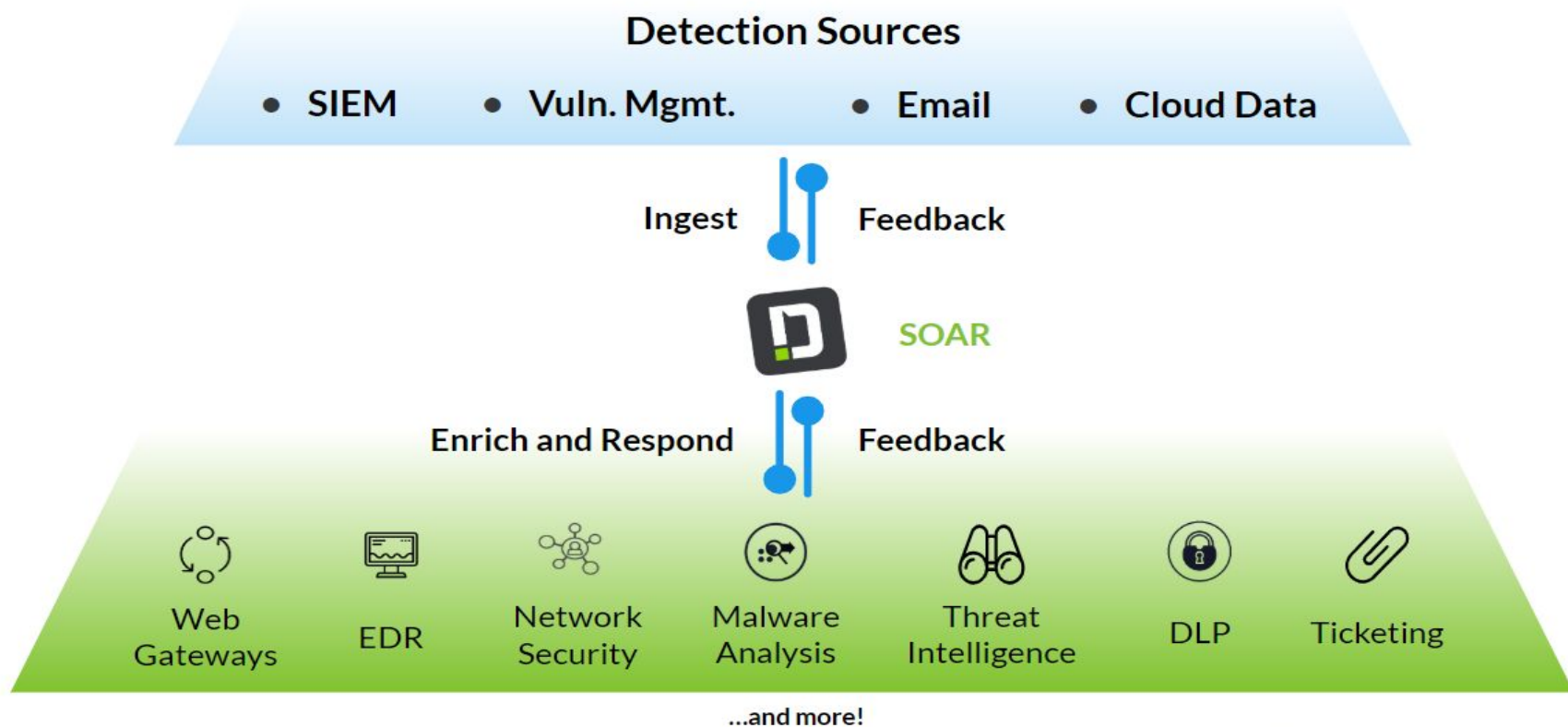
# What is SOAR?

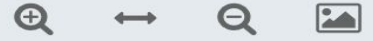
Security Orchestration Automation & Response



# Security Orchestration Automation & Response

## How SOAR works





Notify and involve appropriate personnel

#2



Was the incident reported by a person?

#3



NO

YES

Display full details for the alert



Was this person the owner of the device?

#5

NO

# Modeling a RISK Scenario with FAIR + ATT&CK + SOAR



# Model a Scenario

- Determine Asset
- Threat Community
- Threat Type / Capability
- Effect? Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
- Apply FAIR (TE, TEF, LE, LEF, CF, POA.....)
- Assoc. Mitre Att&CK TTPs
- Determine Priority For Responses

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Employee Or Corporate Laptop/Endpoints</b>
<b>Threat Community</b>	<b>Cyber Criminals</b>
<b>Threat Type</b>	<b>Malicious Activity</b>
<b>Effect</b>	<b>Confidentiality</b>
<b>Assoc. TTPS</b>	<b>T1192....</b>

# FAIR & ATT&CK - Dirty Example

Malware detected on internal systems	
Week 1	15
Week 2	13
Week 3	21
Week 4	17
Week 5	31
Week 6	15

Malware Vulnerability					
	Perimeter Data	Internal Detections	Total TEF	Loss Events	Vulnerability
Week 1	1000	15	1015	2	0.20%
Week 2	950	13	963	3	0.31%
Week 3	1113	21	1134	1	0.09%
Week 4	1022	17	1039	2	0.19%
Week 5	1013	31	1044	5	0.48%
Week 6	1054	15	1069	2	0.19%

Summary: Malware vulnerability (per week)		
Minimum	Most Likely	Maximum
0.09%	0.19%	0.48%

Summary: Malware detected on internal systems (per week)		
Minimum	Most Likely	Maximum
13	15	31



# Dirty Example

Manual Intervention Costs				
	Event	Person Hour Costs	Forensics Costs	Total Costs
Week 1	Event 1	\$100	\$0	\$100
	Event 2	\$100	\$0	\$100
Week 2	Event 1	\$250	\$0	\$250
	Event 2	\$200	\$0	\$200
	Event 3	\$500	\$5,500	\$6000
Week 3	Event 1	\$100	\$0	\$100
Week 4	Event 1	\$150	\$0	\$150
	Event 2	\$150	\$0	\$150
Week 5	Event 1	\$350	\$7,000	\$7350
	Event 2	\$100	\$0	\$100
	Event 3	\$100	\$0	\$100
	Event 4	\$250	\$0	\$250
	Event 5	\$400	\$2500	\$2900
Week 6	Event 1	\$200	\$0	\$200
	Event 2	\$150	\$0	\$150

Summary: Manual Intervention costs (per event)		
Minimum	Most Likely	Maximum
\$100	\$100	\$7,500

Depending on results for the minimum, most likely, and maximum costs, the ATT&CK TTP's associated and coverage of TTP's we can then **PRIORITIZE** the response accordingly.

# SOAR Activity

- **Design/Develop**
  - Use cases by aligning TTP's and RISK (Loss Exposure)
- **Prevention/Detection**
  - Align detection and automated actions
  - Patch / Automate blocking
- **Post breach**
  - Measure and Automate what costs the most...
    - Time
    - Resources
    - Manual Intervention
  - Automate Evidence Collection

# Dirty Example

#7804 Phishing Demo

Summary

Task Details

Expand

DBot 12:18 PM

Task Result

Task #27: Check URL Reputation

Command: `url url="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/2004/12/...`

Result

VirusTotal URL Reputation for:  
<http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/2004/12/omml>

Last scan date: 2017-09-05 16:48:19

Scan ID: `f4050c121bc3f4672448ded6ad4412cc64255d9626a3dbb970292bfbdb55ada15-1504630099`

Total scans: 65

Positive scans: 0

VT Link: <http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/2004/12/omml>

DBot 12:18 PM

Task Result

Task #27: Check URL Reputation

Command: `url url="http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40/sampleS...`

Result

VirusTotal URL Reputation for:  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40>

Last scan date: 2017-09-05 16:48:19

Scan ID: `dda4ea99c4387388cc248e9e58683e02072f3138ac754cf7b10c82b37b2a097f-1504630099`

Total scans: 65

Phishing Demisto

Process Email

#28

Auto-respond to phishing email

#1

from Incident

#24

Collect IPs from incident

#24

Collect URLs from Incident

#2

(MD5s)

#22

IPs found?

#22

URLs found?

#26

Check IP Reputation

#25

Check URL Reputation

#27

Malicious Indicators found?

#25

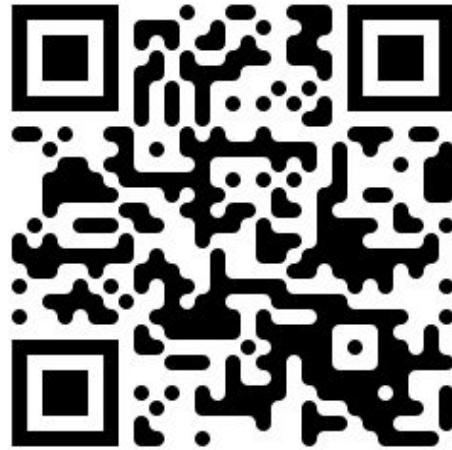
# In Summary

By applying FAIR + Att&CK + SOAR we can ask questions like

- Raise or Lower priority of Use Case?
- Measure Automate Or Manual Intervention?
- What response metrics are req?
- Does the responses align with the TTP's and the FAIR estimates?
- Is the Att&CK and SOAR coverage we have for this RISK enough to reduce the RISK / Loss Exposure, or Financial Loss that could occur?
- Finally....



# Thank You!



Resources:

Measuring and  
Managing  
Information Risk A  
Fair Approach

By Jack Freund and  
Jack Jones