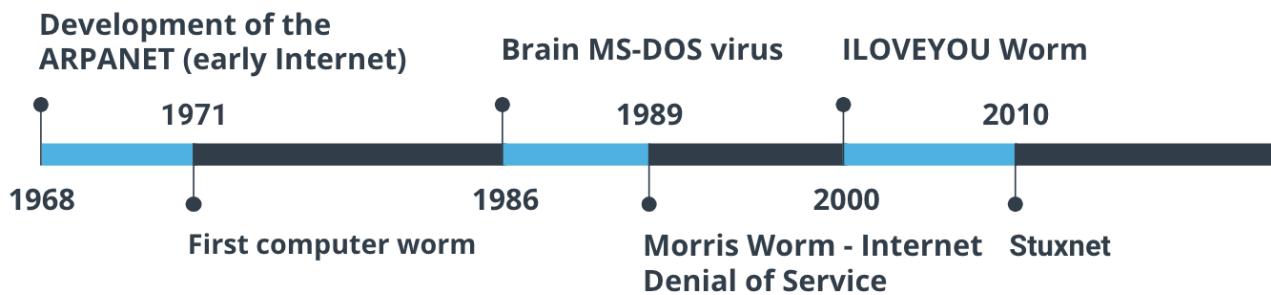


# Cybersecurity

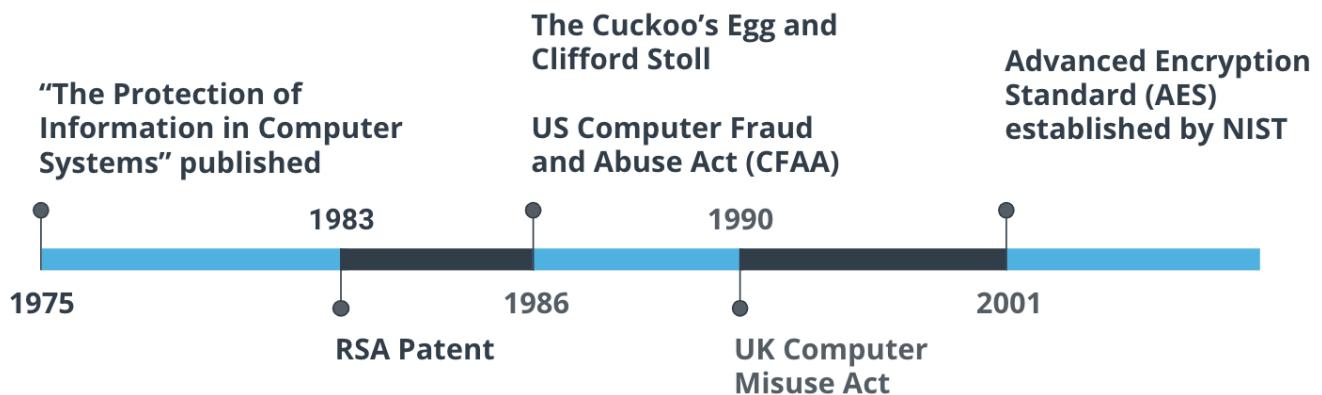
## History of Computer Viruses and Worms



With the start of the Internet in the late 1960s, known then as the ARPANET came a need to secure the data, connections, and computer systems for those using it; mostly research institutions, universities, and governments. Computers in the early days of the Internet often didn't have basic protection and used telephone modems to dial-into the network. Highlights of memorable computer viruses and worms include:

- 1968 - Development of the ARPANET (early Internet)
- 1971 - First reported computer worm - Creeper
  - It didn't affect any computer but it displays message on screen stating, "I am a creeper , catch me if you can"
- 1986 - Brain MS-DOS virus
- 1989 - Morris Worm - Internet Denial of Service
- 2000 - ILOVEYOU Worm ( written in VB script using social engineering infected millions within hour of release)
- 2010 - Stuxnet

## Timeline of Computer Viruses, Mapcon



- 1975 - "The Protection of Information in Computer Systems" published

- 1983 - RSA Patent
- 1986 - The Cuckoo's Egg and Clifford Stoll
- 1986 - US Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)
- 1990 - UK Computer Misuse Act
- 2001 - Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) established by NIST

***In September of 1983 when MIT was granted a patent that introduced the RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) algorithm, which was one of the first public key cryptosystems***

## Security Trends

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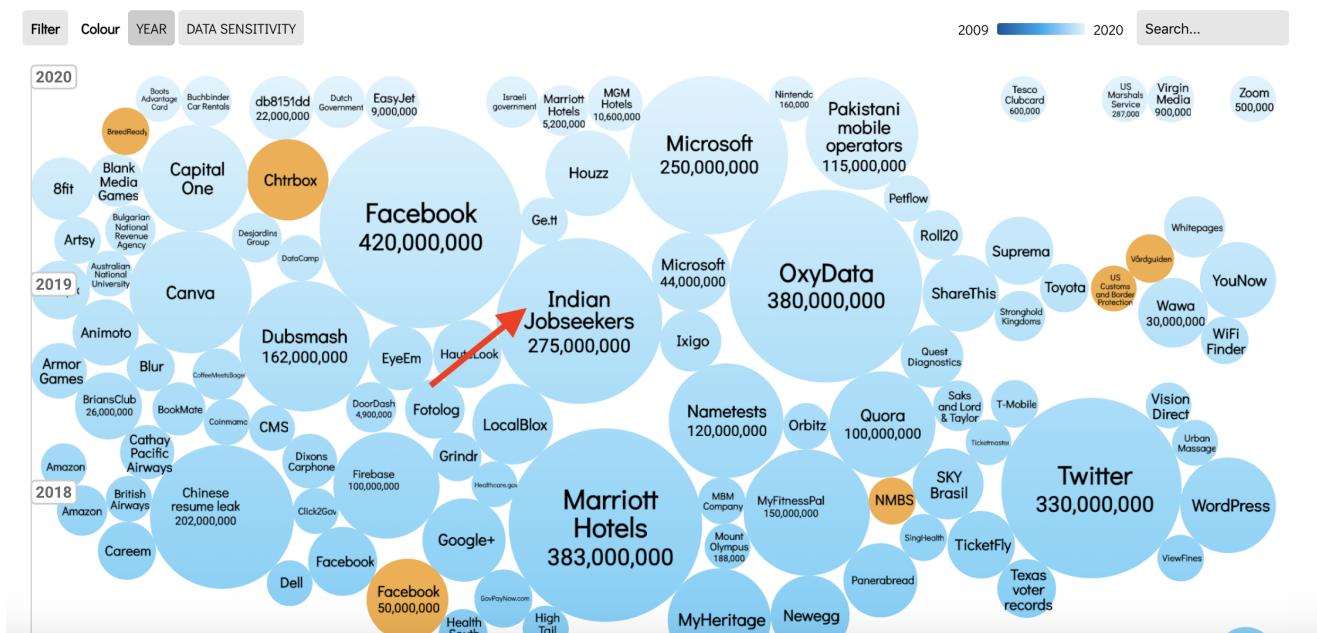
- **Phishing:** A technique for attempting to acquire sensitive data, such as bank account numbers, through a fraudulent solicitation in email or on a web site, in which the perpetrator masquerades as a legitimate business or reputable person.
- **Malware:** Software or firmware intended to perform an unauthorized process that will have an adverse impact on the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of an information system. A virus, worm, Trojan horse, or other code-based entity that infects a host. Spyware and some forms of adware are also examples of malicious code.
- **Ransomware:** A type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.
- **Business Email Compromise:** An exploit in which an attacker obtains access to a business email account and imitates the owner's identity, in order to defraud the company and its employees, customers or partners.
- **Internet of Things:** The interconnection via the Internet of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, enabling them to send and receive data.

# World's Biggest Data Breaches & Hacks



Select losses greater than 30,000 records

Last updated: 20th May 2020



## World Biggest Data breaches visualization

From the 2020 Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report:

- 70% of attacks were perpetrated by outsiders and 34% involved internal actors.
- 45% of breaches featured Hacking, 22% included social attacks, and 17% involved malware. 86% of the breaches were financially motivated
- 72% of victims were large businesses and 28% were small businesses.

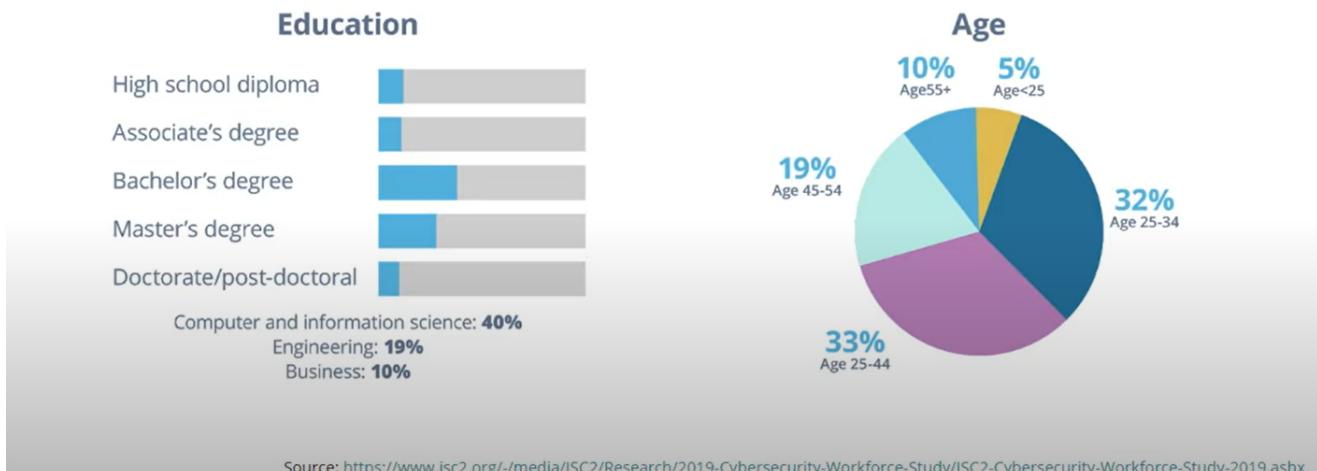
***Even though these values change over time, the general concepts have remained steady. Take time to understand this report as it's used throughout the cybersecurity industry.***

## Cybersecurity Skills Gap

- 66 % say it's difficult to retain cybersecurity talent

# Cybersecurity Skills Gap

What do cybersecurity professionals look like?



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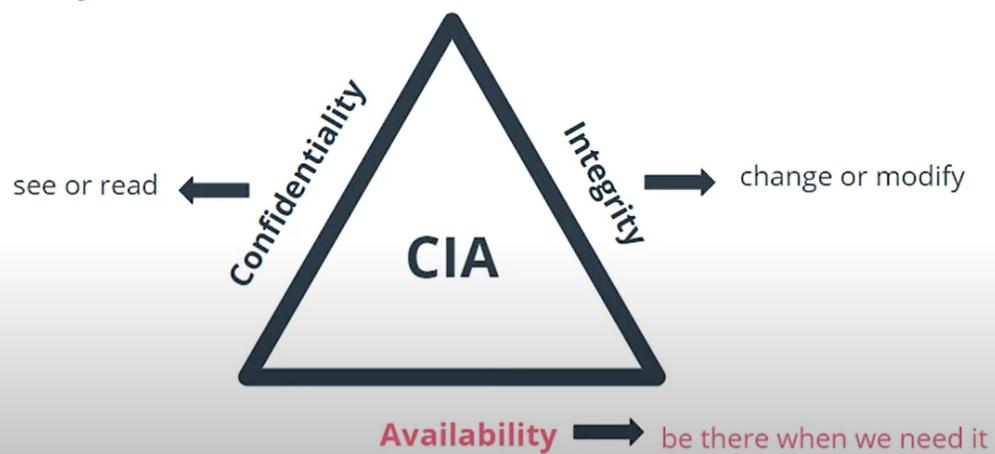
[Cybersecurity pathways](#)

## Security Principles

- Economy of mechanism -> Economy of Mechanism means to keep things small and simple.
- Fail-safe defaults
- Complete mediation
- Open design
- Separation of privilege
- Least privilege
- Least common mechanism
- User-friendly interface

## Confidentiality - Integrity - Availability

The Security CIA



## Rules Governing Cybersecurity

- In the United States, that organization is the National Institute of Standards and Technology, also known as NIST.
- The International Organization for Standards or ISO works with the International Electrotechnical Commission or IEC to set worldwide technology standards.
- There are also governing bodies that set the rules for specific areas. For example, the Payment Card Industry (PCI) has the Data Security Standards that are required for any business accepting or handling credit card data.

## Governance and Compliance

- Governance - A strategic planning responsibility providing organizational oversight that sets policies and establishes practices to enforcement.
- Compliance - Requirement all affected parties follow the same rules.
- Audit - Independent review and examination of records and activities to assess the adequacy of system controls, to ensure compliance with established policies and operational procedures. (NIST Glossary)
- Policies are the bedrock of a security program. Policies are:

- Formal statements, rules or assertions that specify the correct or expected behavior of an entity.
- Example: Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- Enforcement and compliance
- Written and accessible

## Security Frameworks

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### ISO 27000 Series

1. ISO/IEC 27002:2013, The Code of Practice for Information Security Management
2. ISO/IEC 27002:2013, The Code of Practice for Information Security Management
  - 14 security control groups
  - 35 control objectives
  - More than 110 individual controls
3. ISO/IEC 27005:2011, ISMS Risk Management

### Industry-Specific Regulations

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1. HIPAA Security and Privacy rules - Safeguarding Protected Health Information (PHI)
2. Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) - Rules for processing, storing or transmitting Cardholder Data
3. European Union's General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR) - EU's law on data protection and privacy

### NIST Special Publications SP 800 Series

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SP Number	SP Title
SP 800-171	Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations
SP 800-160	Developing Cyber Resilient Systems: A Systems Security Engineering Approach
SP 800-63-3	Digital Identity Guidelines
SP 800-53	Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations
SP 800-61	Computer Security Incident Handling Guide

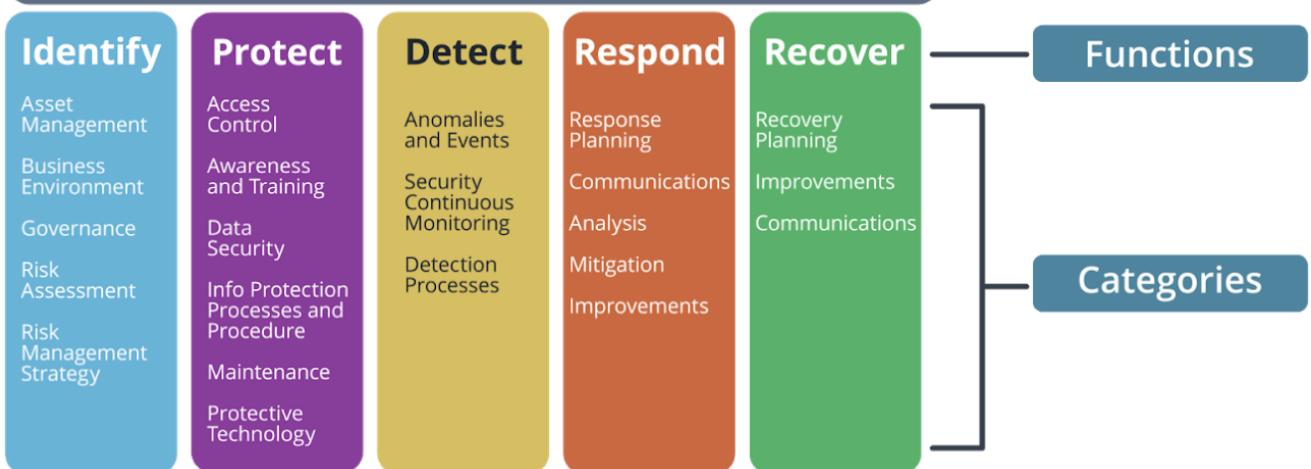
# NIST CSF

The NIST Cybersecurity Framework helps to simplify the process of maturing an organization's cybersecurity program.



**Increase degree of maturity**

## NIST Cyber Security Framework



The CSF Core is a set of cybersecurity activities organized into high-level functions and categories. Using non-technical and straightforward language, it provides a translation layer among multi-disciplinary teams.

***The NIST CSF organizational Profile forms the company's unique alignment of business objectives, threats, risks, and requirements. By comparing the current profile with a target profile, the company can identify the area to improve the cybersecurity.***



## NIST CSF Core - Functions

The NIST CSF five Functions or steps are Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover.

- Identify valuable company assets and data.
- Protect valuable company assets and data from threats.
- Detect when a cyber incident occurs.
- Respond quickly and efficiently to a cyber incident.
- Recover from an incident and get back to business

## NIST CSF NIST CSF Core

### NIST Five Steps / Functions



## CSF Core

### Functions & Categories

ID	Identify	ID.AM ID.BE ID.GV ID.RA ID.RM ID.SC	Asset Management Business Environment Governance Risk Management Risk Management Strategy Supply Chain Risk Management
PR	Protect	PR.AC PR.AT PR.DS PR.IP PR.MA PR.PT	Identity Management & Access Control Awareness and Training Data Security Info Protection Processes & Procedures Maintenance Protective Technology
DE	Detect	DE.AE DE.CM DE.DP	Anomalies and Events Security Continuous Monitoring Detection Process
RS	Respond	RS.RP RS.CO RS.AN RS.MI RS.IM	Response Planning Communications Analysis Mitigation Improvements
RC	Recovery	RC.RP RC.IM RC.CO	Recovery Planning Improvements Communications

## Center for Internet Security Best Practices

Their best practices are made up of two parts:

- The Critical Security Controls, also known as the CIS CSC or CIS Controls which are the top 20 activities for organizational security.
- The CIS Benchmarks™ are guidelines to secure or lockdown operating systems, software, applications and networks

**The CIS Controls™ is separated into three functional areas that the CIS calls Implementation Groups:**

- Basic Controls
- Foundational Controls

- Organizational Controls

## CIS Controls™

### Basic Controls

1. **Inventory** and Control of **Hardware** Assets
2. **Inventory** and Control of **Software** Assets
3. Continuous **Vulnerability Management**
4. Controlled Use of **Administrative Privileges**
5. **Secure Configuration** for Hardware and Software on Mobile Devices, Laptops, Workstations and Servers

## CIS Controls™

### Foundational Controls

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|--|--|
| 7. <b>Email</b> and <b>Web Browser</b> Protections   | 12. <b>Boundary</b> Defense                            |
| 8. <b>Malware Defenses</b>   | 13. <b>Data Protection</b>                             |
| 9. Limitation and Control of Network Ports,<br>Protocols and Services ( <b>Firewall</b> )        | 14. <b>Controlled Access</b> Based on the Need to Know |
| 10. <b>Data Recovery</b> Capabilities  | 15. <b>Wireless</b> Access Control                     |
| 11. Secure Configuration for <b>Network Devices</b> ,<br>such as Firewalls, Routers and Switches | 16. <b>Account Monitoring</b> and Control              |

# CIS Controls™

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## Organizational Controls

17. Implement a **Security Awareness** and Training Program

18. **Application** Software Security

19. **Incident Response** and Management

20. **Penetration Tests** and Red Team Exercises

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## Think like a Hacker

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### Developing Your Intuition - Hacker Process

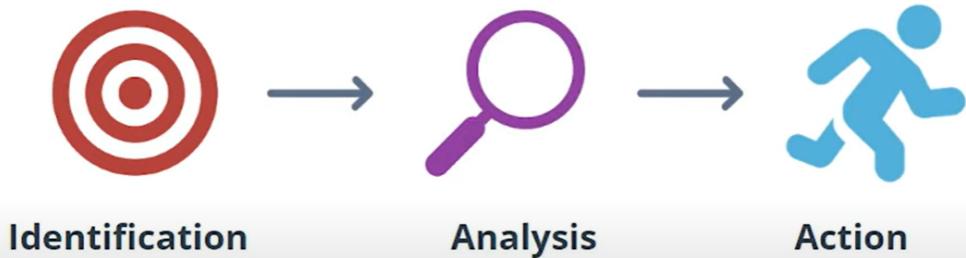


## Vulnerability Management

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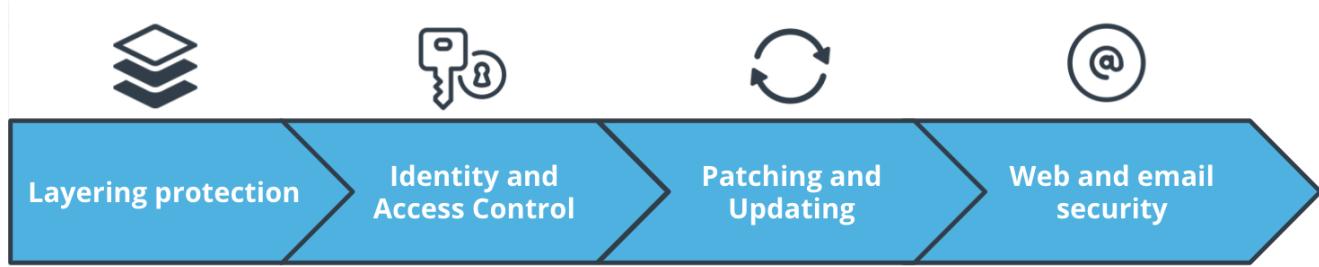
## Glossary

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- **Asset:** A major application, general support system, high impact program, physical plant, mission-critical system, personnel, equipment, or a logically related group of systems.
- **Vulnerability:** Weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat.
- **Threat:** Any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation through an information system via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of information, and/or denial of service.
- **Exploit:** A hardware or software tool designed to take advantage of a flaw in a computer system, typically for malicious purposes such as installing malware.
- **Risk:** A measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, and typically a function of:
  - (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and
  - (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.
- **Attack:** Any kind of malicious activity that attempts to collect, disrupt, deny, degrade, or destroy information system resources or the information itself.
- **Penetration Testing:** A test methodology in which assessors, typically working under specific constraints, attempt to circumvent or defeat the security features of an information system.

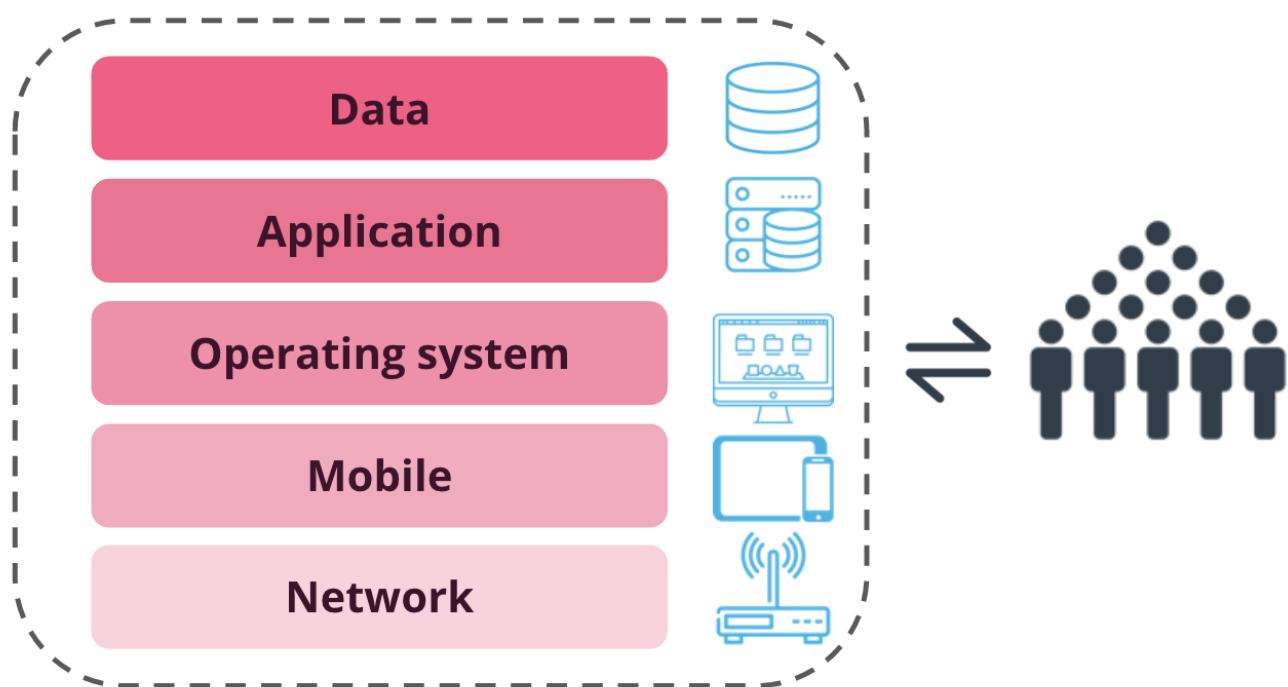
# Security Defenses

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## Layering Protection

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## Multi Factor Auth:

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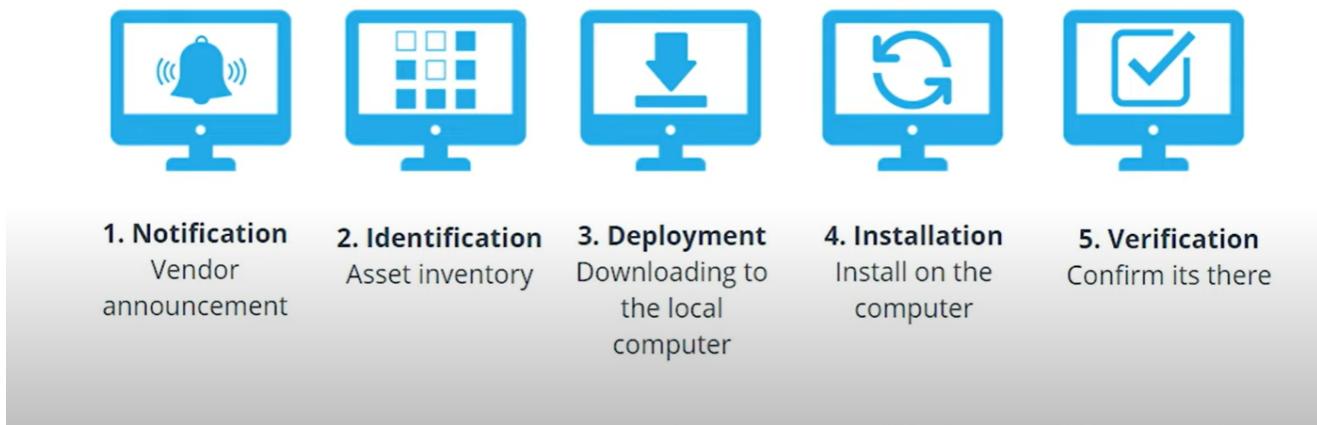
This is **MFA**.

- What you know
- what you are
- what you have

**Patch**: A software or code revision, is used to fix some type of issue, whether it's with functionality, security or to add new features

# Patch Management Process

## NIST 5 Steps

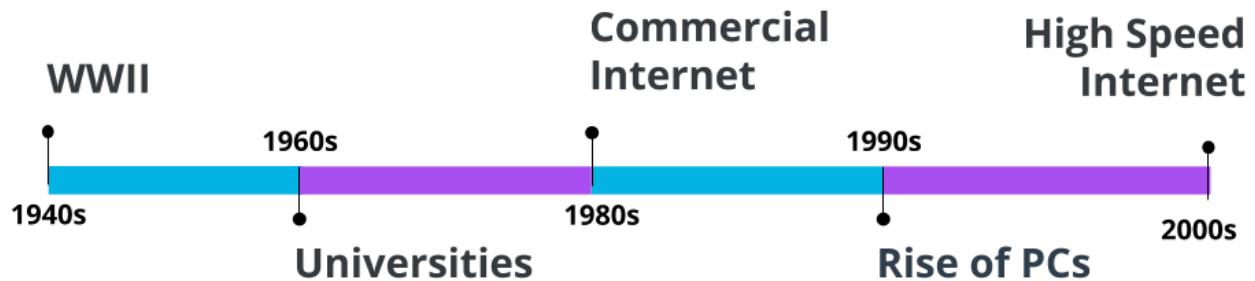


***DKIM adds a digital signature to your outgoing email so that external email servers can confirm that your email is from your domain***

## History of Defending and Securing Systems

- WWII served as the Big Bang for so many areas of technology, from code machines to early computers that were designed to crack those codes.
- 1960s Universities across the country installed computers and students as well as the public (depending on the University) could use the machines.
- ARPANet Also in the 1960s the US Government began networking some of these University computers together, creating the internet.
- 1980s Introduced the rollout of commercial internet and began what we now know as modern networking.
- 1990s is where the industry exploded. The arrival of 'high-speed' internet in businesses and dial-up in homes. Windows 95 and 98 saw a rapid rise in computers at home. Also in the 1990s, the cell phone became commonly available.
- 2000s The first decade of the millennium brought high speed internet into the home and a smart phone in the pocket of millions. The phishing email exploded in prevalence and hacking became an industry.

# History of Defending and Securing Systems



## Defense in Depth

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- Framework: A set of agreed-upon policies, procedures, and processes that define how information is managed.
  - Best Practices: procedures and processes that are widely accepted within an industry as being effective.
  - Vendor Documentation: A combination of requirements and suggestions for the specific security configuration of their product.
- Regulatory Requirements: Laws that you must comply with.



- Defense in Depth is using complementary layers of defenses to protect your organization.

## NIST 800 Framework

- NIST-800: NIST's 800 series presents information of interest to the computer security community. The series comprises guidelines, recommendations, and technical specifications.
- NIST CSF: The Framework is voluntary guidance, based on existing standards, guidelines, and practices for organizations to better manage and reduce cybersecurity risk.

## Stateless vs Stateful firewall

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**Principle of Least Privilege:** is the idea that any user, program, or process should have only the bare minimum privileges necessary to perform its function.

**Note - The Principle of Least Privilege (PoLP) is one of the most important concepts in this course. It applies to nearly every component you will see in cyber security.**

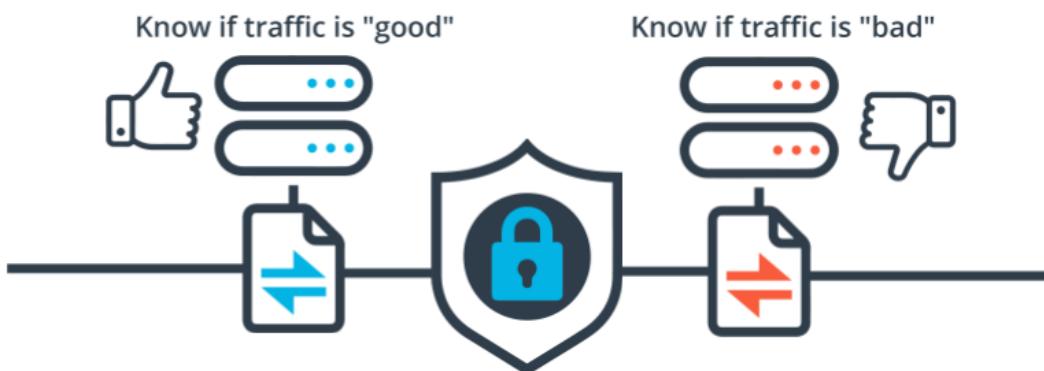
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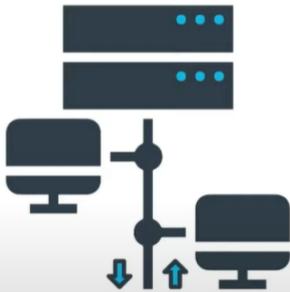
## Firewall

- **Firewall:** is a network device that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing traffic.
- **Intrusion Detection System:** is a device or application that monitors traffic for malicious activity or policy violations.

At its most basic level, a firewall does not:



## Primary types of firewalls:



Network (Hardware) Firewall



Host Based Firewall



Application Firewall

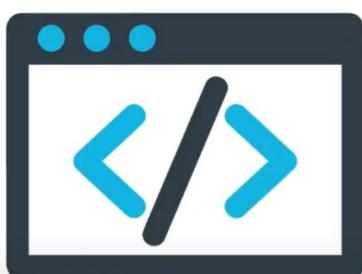
### Host Based Firewall



Host Based Firewall

- Typically only protects the host computer and services
- Does **not** typically protect other machines
- Can often be used as an additional layer of security in conjunction with network firewall.

### Application Based Firewall



Application Firewall

- Operates at the Application layer
- Concerned with protection of Applications vs general network
- Often used in conjunction with network firewalls

# Anatomy of a Firewall Rule



A basic Cisco firewall rule consists of several parts:

- The interface the traffic is traversing
- The action being taken e.g. **permit** or **deny**
- The protocol being used
- The objects involved e.g. **host** or **object groups**
- The service or port involved (https, port 20)



## Firewalls Walkthrough

### Granting Access to a Vendor

- Vendor IP: 123.222.111.2
- Our IP: 10.10.5.3
- Port: TCP-8443

```
name 123.222.111.2 JDS-001
name 10.10.5.3 acme-web
access-list acme-ingress-001 extended permit tcp host jds-001 host acme-web eq 8443
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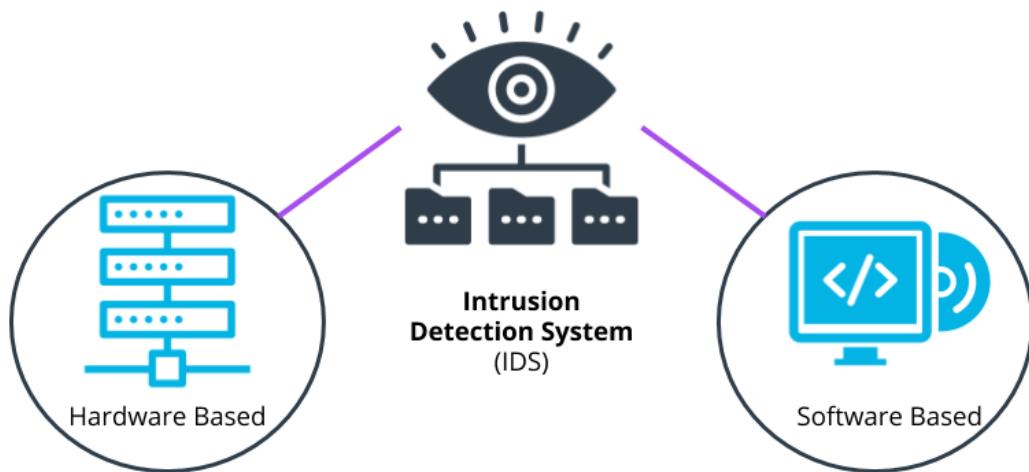
- **Blocklist:** In computing, a denylist or blocklist is a basic access control mechanism that allows through all elements except those explicitly mentioned. Those items on the list are denied access.

- **Automation:** is the application of technology in the form of applications or processes to perform tasks, generally repetitive or time-consuming, with minimal human input.
- **URL:** Uniform Resource Locator or web address.

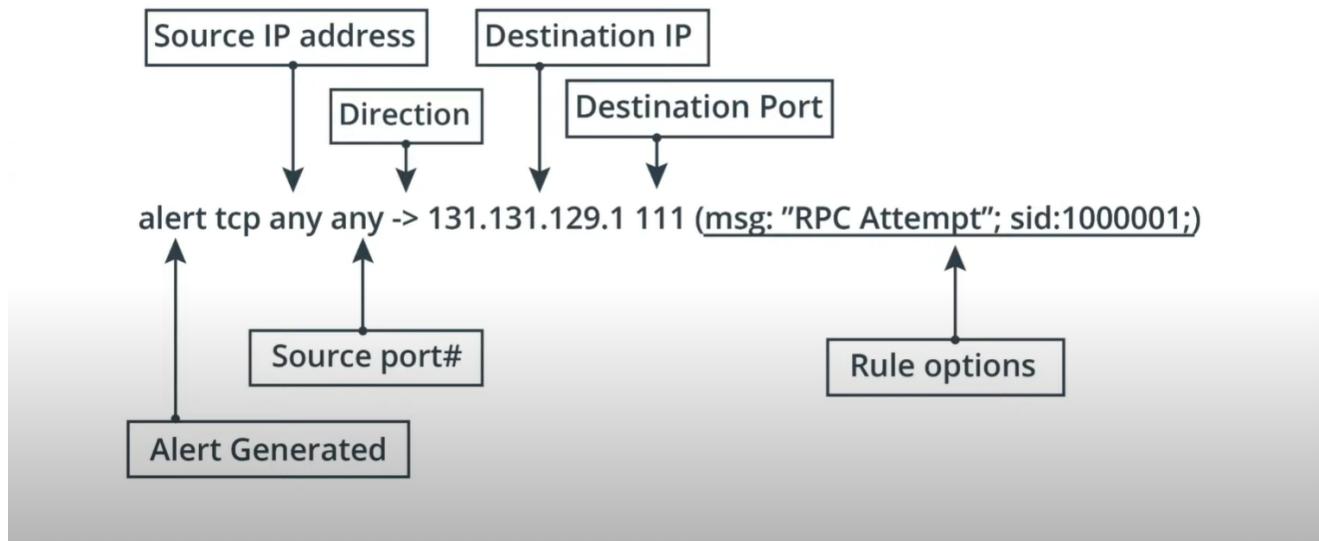
## IDS/IPS Systems

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### What is an IDS?



### Anatomy of an IDS Rule: Alert on RPC traffic to IP address and port 111



## What is an IPS?

- Intrusion Prevention System (**IPS**)
- An IPS is also hardware or software based.
- An IPS operates on rules and heuristics.
- An IPS adds proactive actions.



## Types of Windows Updates



Critical Update



Definition Update



Driver



Feature Pack



Security Update



Service Pack



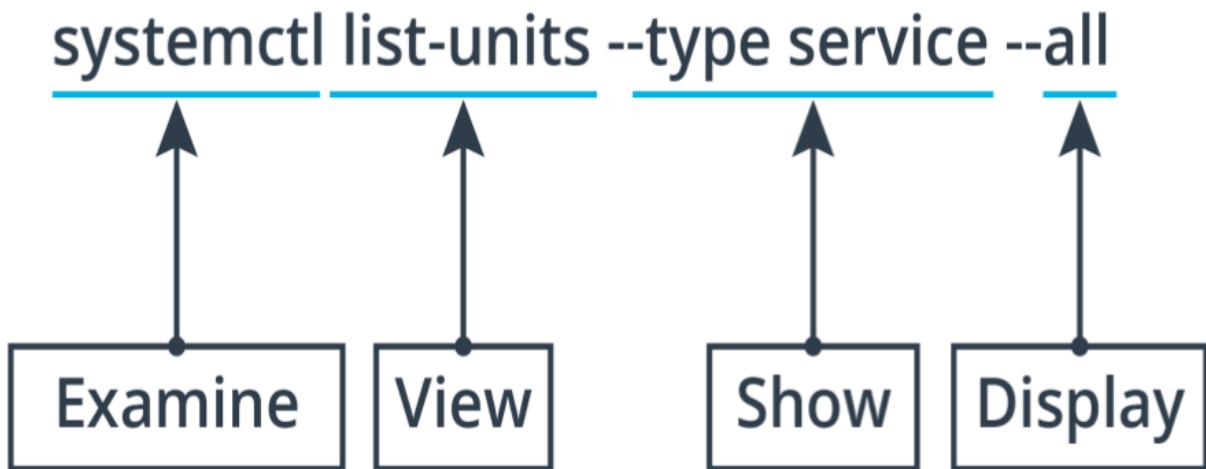
Tool



Update

\* And more..

## Breaking Down the Linux Command



## System Event Logs

### 3 Primary Categories of Event Logs in Windows

- System The System event log is for general system events, Services starting and stopping etc.
- Security The Security event log is for login attempts and permissions events.
- Application The Application log is for events associated specifically with applications. Think Office or Adobe.

## SIEM Framework

SIEM Security Information and Event Management, it is an application that serves as a log aggregator and, more importantly, analyzes the logs to allow alerting, dashboard creation and efficient queries to run.

SIEMs allow you to retain your log data for much longer. In particular, networking equipment do not typically have much storage and logs are overwritten frequently.

Considerations when choosing your SIEM solution:

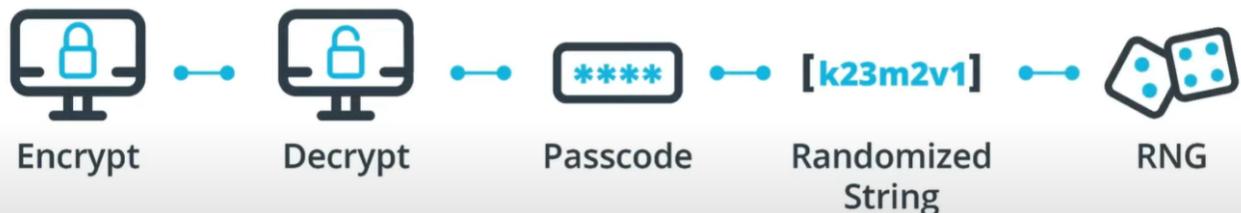
- Licensing what is the licensing model? Is it based on users, nodes or volume of events?
- Scalability should your organization experience rapid growth, can the solution keep up?
- Dashboards What built-in dashboards are included? How difficult is it to customize existing and make new dashboards?
- Alerts Is the solution capable of real-time alerting?
- Query Language From an analyst point of view this may be the most important, how complicated is the query language and is there plentiful documentation available?

# Encryption

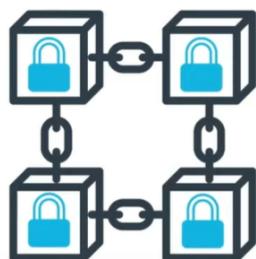
**Encryption:** is the process that converts plaintext, or text that can be read by anyone, into ciphertext and it can only be read by the person who has the secret code, or decryption key.

## Types of Encryption - Symmetric

One Private Key



## Types of Encryption - Symmetric



Block Algorithms

- Set Lengths Encrypted
- Data Held in Memory



Stream Algorithms

- Encrypted Bit by Bit

# Types of Encryption - Asymmetric

Key Pairs



Public Key  
Cryptography



One Encrypts,  
One Decrypts



Public Key  
Infrastructure

## Use Cases for Symmetric and Asymmetric



Symmetric

- Banking Systems
- Data at Rest



Asymmetric

- Digital Certificates
- HTTPS



Use Both!

- VPN
- SSH

## Encryption

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## What is Encryption in Transit?



KeyTerm	Definition
HTTP/TLS	Processing or hosting sensitive data accessible from the internet
SSH	Hosting servers (particularly Linux) to execute commands and process jobs
SFTP or FTPS	Hosting files for others to download (Choice depends on the configuration of the host they reside on)
Encryption at Rest	For additional security, consider using on files that are to be accessed via SSH or SFTP/FTPS

## Choosing the Right Encryption

Type of Data



## Hash

**File Hash:** is the process of using an algorithm for verifying the integrity of a computer file.

**Collision:** is a situation that occurs when two distinct pieces of data have the same hash value.

- It is not encryption. Hashing is a one-way function.

#### **Common Types of Hashes:**

- MD5 Message Digest 5 - mainly retired due to collisions which are the risk of a duplicate hash.  
SHA2 Secure Hashing Algorithm 2. When you think SHA256, this is it.

**While sensitive or restricted data absolutely must be encrypted, regular email traffic generally isn't. However, your organization may be different but personal email traffic remains unencrypted for the most part.**

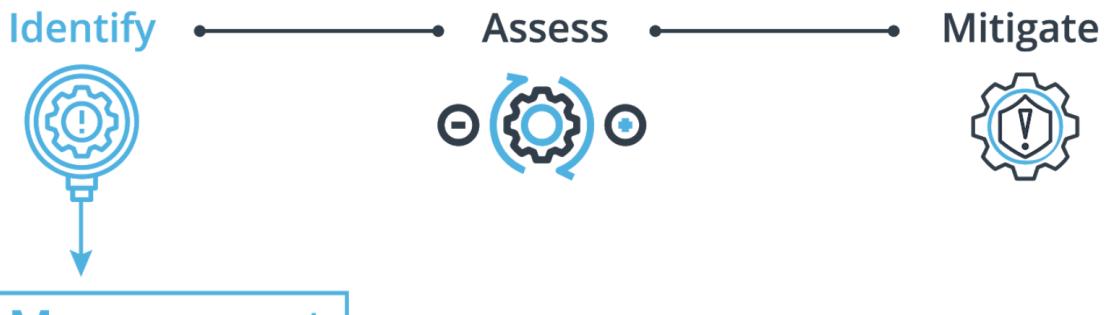
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## Assessing Threats

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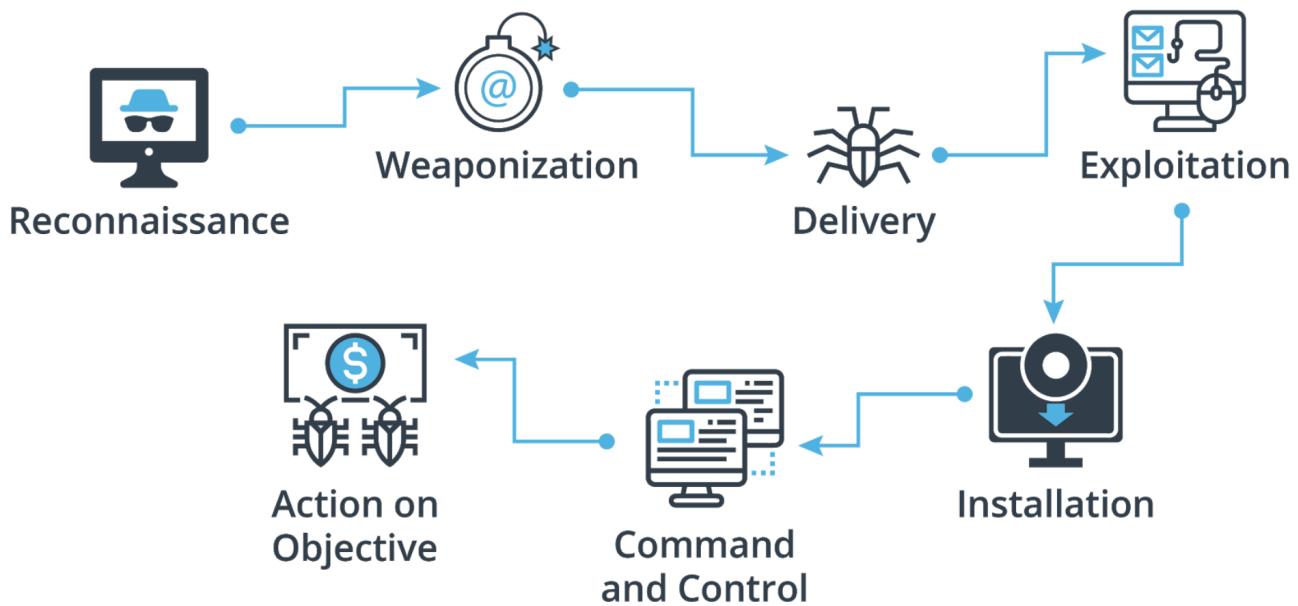
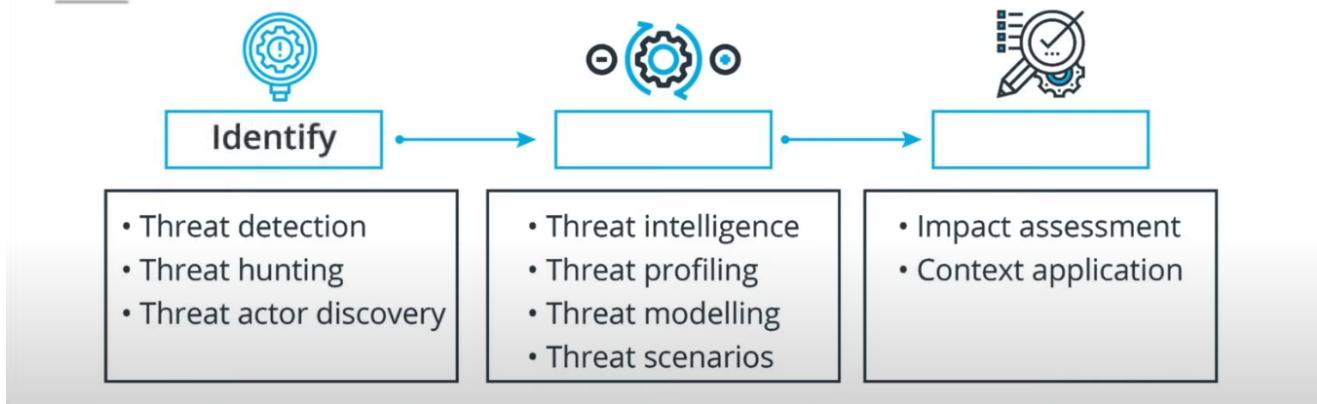
- **Threat:** Any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, or individuals through an information system via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of information, and/or denial of service. Also, the potential for a threat-source to successfully exploit a particular information system vulnerability.
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## Risk Management



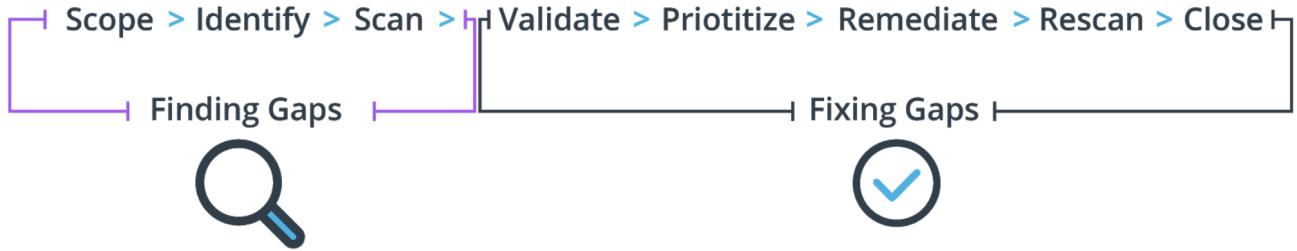
- Identify threats
- Assess threats
- Prioritize threats

# Threat Assessment Lifecycle



There are 7 common steps in the Cyber Attack Process, first articulated by Lockheed Martin as the cyber attack kill chain:

1. Reconnaissance: The threat actor conducts research to find as much information as possible on the targets they want to attack, including vulnerabilities and weaknesses.
2. Weaponization: The threat actor creates or acquires the arsenal for attack, such as malware.
3. Delivery: The weapon is launched against the target and the operation begins.
4. Exploitation: The threat actor must take advantage of vulnerability to gain access.
5. Installation: The threat actor might install a backdoor or create ways to keep their access for the attack.
6. Command and control: The threat actor enables remote control and manipulation of the target.
7. Action on objectives: The threat actor accomplishes their mission and completes the attack goal.



**Penetration testing** is another level of actively trying to see if you can essentially break security. Penetration tests can target networks, hosts, people, and physical assets.

## Penetration Testing 101



**Penetration testing**, also known as **pen** testing, is a method of vulnerability discovery where ethical hackers target a resource to determine whether vulnerabilities can be exploited to compromise and environment or asset. These tests can target all resources from technology devices and networks, to physical offices and even employees via social engineering tests.

### Red Team vs Blue Team

Penetration tests include two sides that are categorized as teams. One side is the offensive team (red team) who are pretending to be the "bad" actors launching attacks. The other is the defensive team (blue team) who is acting as the "good" side trying to prevent attacks.

- **White box testing:** A test methodology that assumes explicit and substantial knowledge of the internal structure and implementation detail of the assessment object.
- **Black box testing:** A test methodology that assumes no knowledge of the internal structure and implementation detail of the assessment object.
- **Gray box testing:** A test methodology that assumes some knowledge of the internal structure and implementation detail of the assessment object.

## Contingency Planning

Contingency Planning is the process of preparing a company to detect, react to, and recover from threats to assets. The main goal is to bring the company back to a state of normal operations following a disruptive event.

There are 3 key parts to contingency planning:

- **Incident Response:** The process of detecting and responding to to limit consequences of a malicious, unintentional, or circumstantial cyber attack against an organization's information systems(s).
- **Business Continuity:** A predetermined process that describes how an organization's mission/business processes will be sustained during and after a significant disruption.
- **Disaster Recovery:** A predetermined process that details how critical applications and processes will be restored to normal operations at the primary business site in the event of a major hardware or software failure or destruction of facilities.



Incident Response



Business Continuity



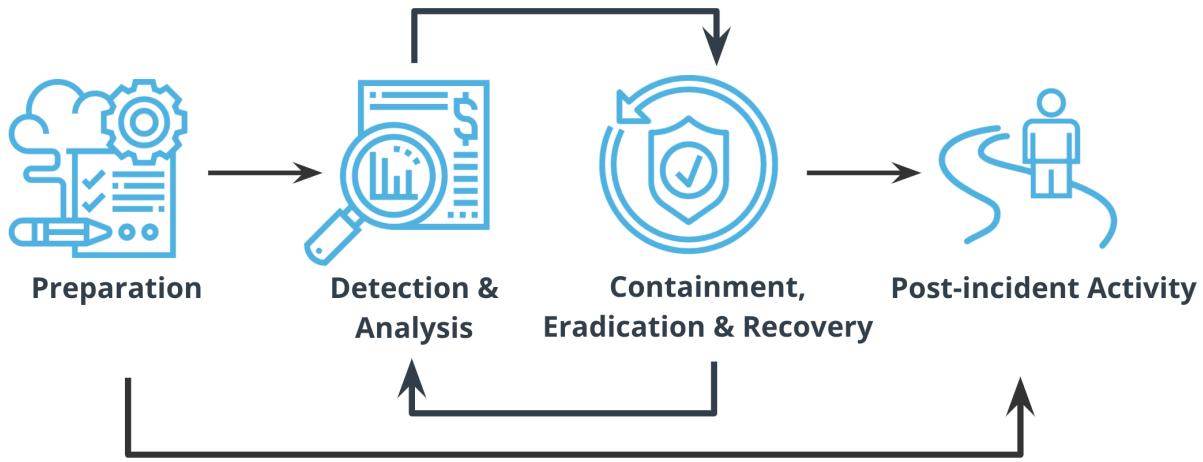
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## Incident Response Life Cycle

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Though the details and nature of incidents may vary, all typically follow a standard response process organized in several phases:

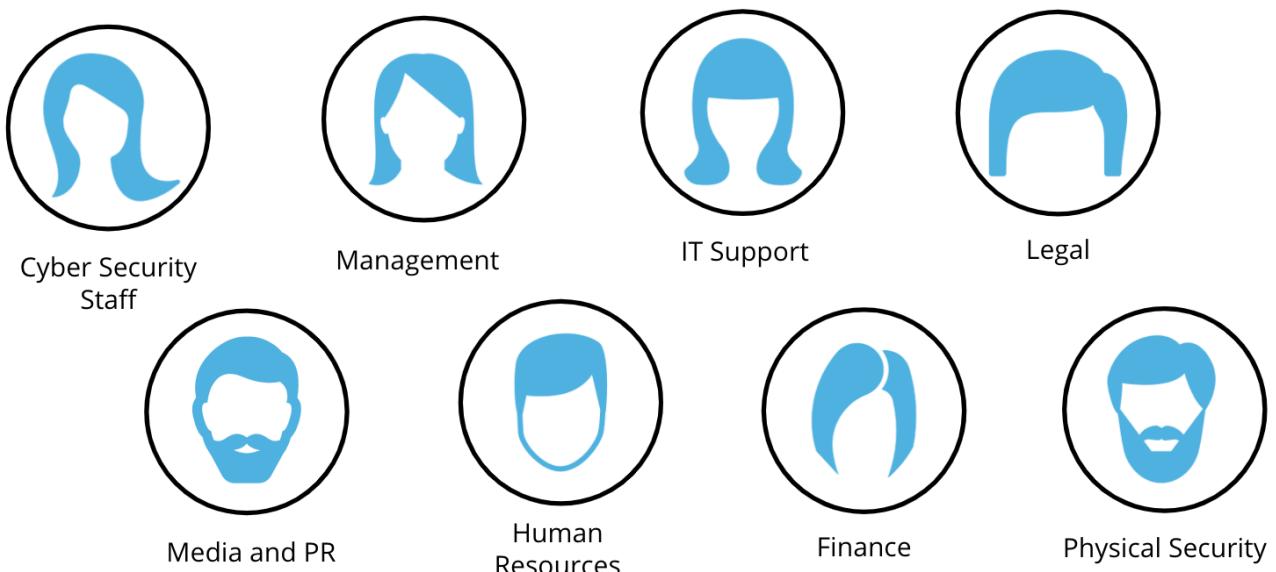
- Preparation
- Detection and analysis
- Containment
- Eradication and recovery
- Post-incident activity



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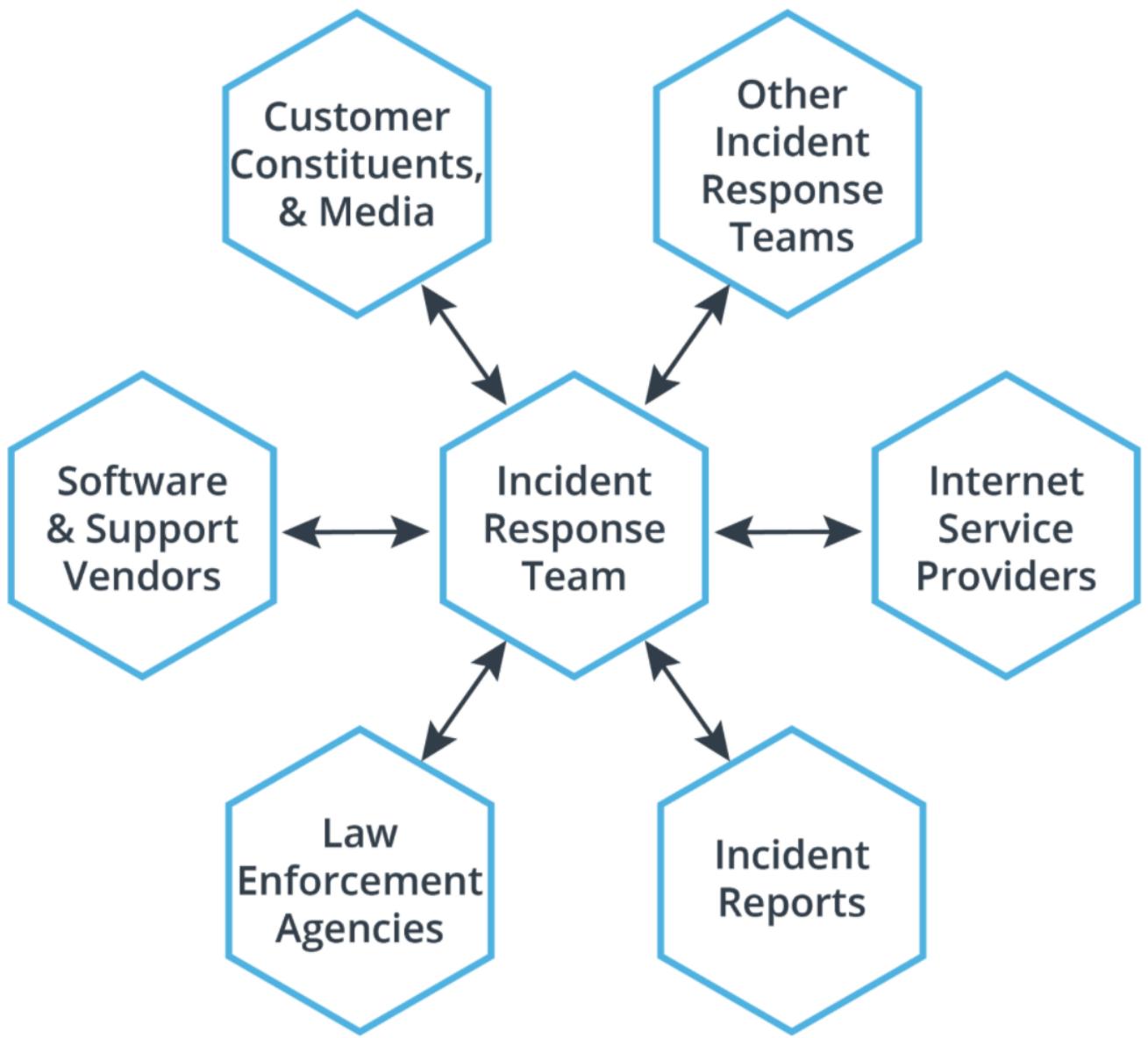
## Internal Incident Response Team

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## External Incident Response Team

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## What is digital forensics?

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Digital forensics is the application of computer science and investigative procedures involving the examination of digital evidence. The process includes collecting, preserving, analyzing, and reporting on evidence.

## Digital Forensics Process

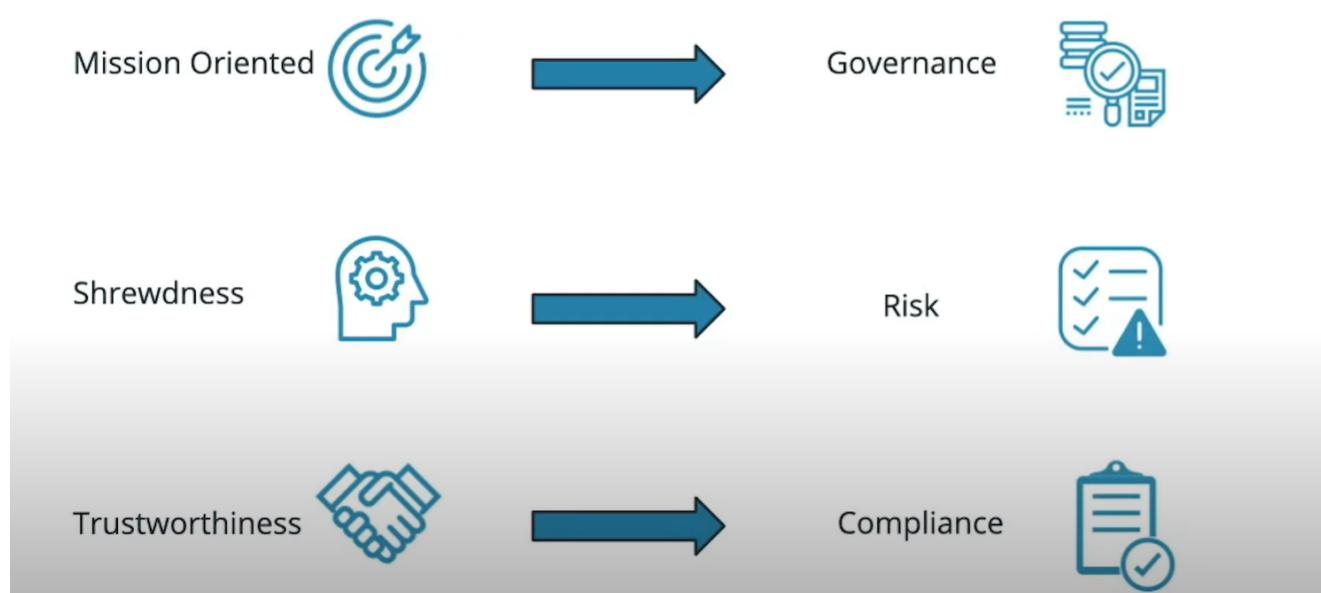
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**Identifying      Preserving      Analyzing      Reporting**



# GRG (Security Governance, Risk, and Compliance)

## Business Goals to GRG Functions



## History of Regulation Following Events



# Historical Context

- Business Operations
- Financial Management
- IT Operations
- Security



## Two GRC

- **Operational GRC**
- **Security GRC** is the integrated collection of capabilities that enable an organization to set and meet strategic goals, address existing and emerging threats, and meet obligations as they relate to security.

Cybersecurity GRC is:

- The integrated collection of capabilities that enable an organization
  - To set and meet strategic goals
  - Address existing and emerging threats; and
  - Meet obligations

**...as they relate to security**

# Security Control Failure



**May 2017** - Booz Allen Hamilton reportedly exposed battlefield imagery and sensitive account information.

[Ars Technica](#)

## Unsecured AWS S3 Bucket



**June 2015** - The US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced it had approximately 21.5 million records stolen.

[OPM](#)

## Social Engineering (e.g. phishing)

## Security Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)



### Governance:

*Ensure security controls are operating effectively*

### Risk:

*Measure security risk*

### Compliance:

*Meet security compliance obligations (control objectives)*

Security controls can be categorized in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Detective
2. Preventive
3. Reactive.

In fact, in larger organizations, there are generally full departments dedicated to each role.

**Governance professionals**, for instance, are responsible for two major tasks:

- They act as a bridge between security and the organization
- They ensure the effectiveness of existing security controls.

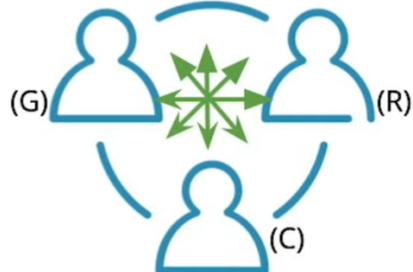
**Risk professionals** are responsible for:

- Identifying security risks to the organization
- Working with stakeholders to treat the risk.

**Compliance professionals** are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the organization is complying with security compliance obligations
- Working with stakeholders to remediate compliance failure

## GRC Roles



Governance	Risk	Compliance
Strategy and effectiveness focused	Risk focused	Obligation focused

## GRC Interrelation



- **Governance**
  - Policies should align with business strategy
  - Policies should align with procedures
  - Procedures should align with controls
- **Risk**
  - Controls should mitigate risk
  - Mitigation should align to organizational risk appetite
  - Risk remediation should align with compliance obligations
- **Compliance**
  - Compliance goals should align with organizational goals

## Governance



Governance

Strategic Thinking

Championing Security

Designing Measurement

Measurement and Reporting

Policy and Procedures

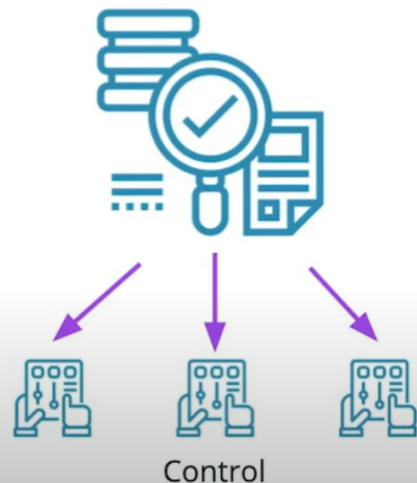
## Measuring Operational Effectiveness

**Governance is *Not* Concerned with:**

- Why
  - Risk management
  - Compliance requirements

**Governance *Is* Concerned with:**

- What
- How



## Security Controls



Detective



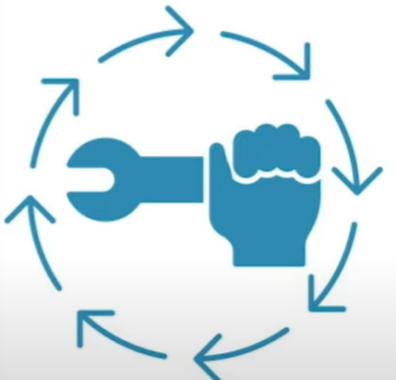
Preventive



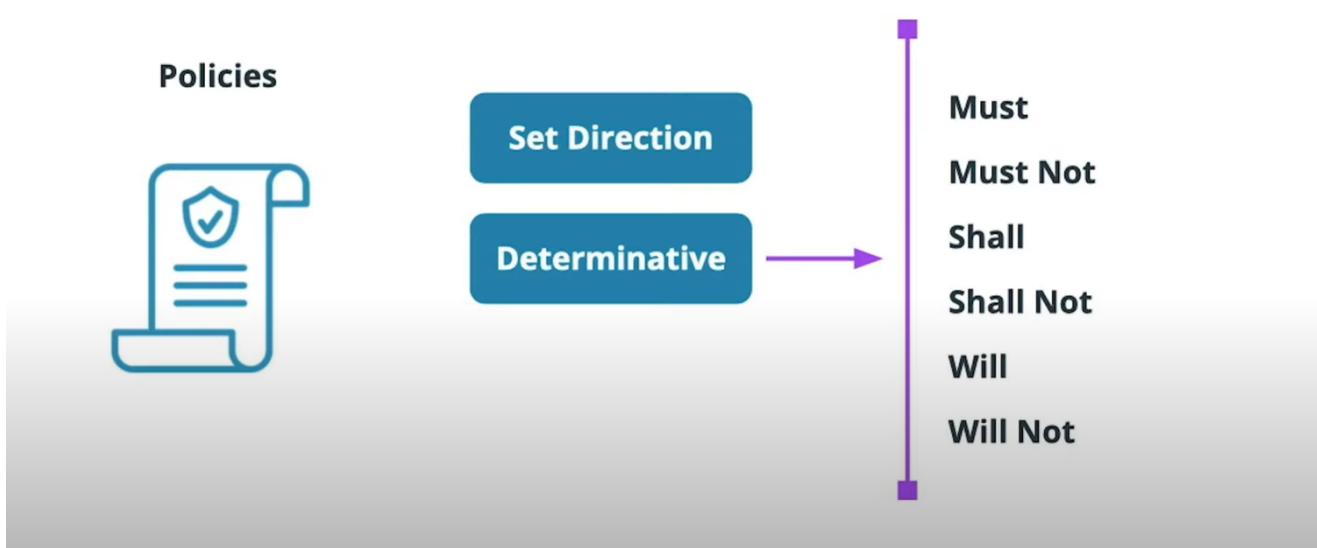
Reactive

# Reporting and Remediation Plans

Control	Test	Result	POAMs
Firewall blocks all ingress except port 443	Review firewall rules 1x every quarter	Fail: Firewall rules show that port 22 is allowed from certain IP addresses	Investigate port 22 traffic to determine if it is necessary and restrict or adjust control expectation
Anti-virus is installed on every computer and server asset	Random sample 10% of computers and servers 1x every quarter	Result: Pass	No action



## Policies and Procedures



## Risk

# Measuring Security Risk

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$$\text{Risk} = \text{Likelihood} \times \text{Impact}$$

Where **Likelihood** = (Critical, High, Medium, or Low)

**AND**

Where **Impact** = (Critical, High, Medium, or Low)

Risk statements should be:

- Concise
- Specific
- And focused on an action that is or is not being performed

# NIST Risk Management Framework

National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST)

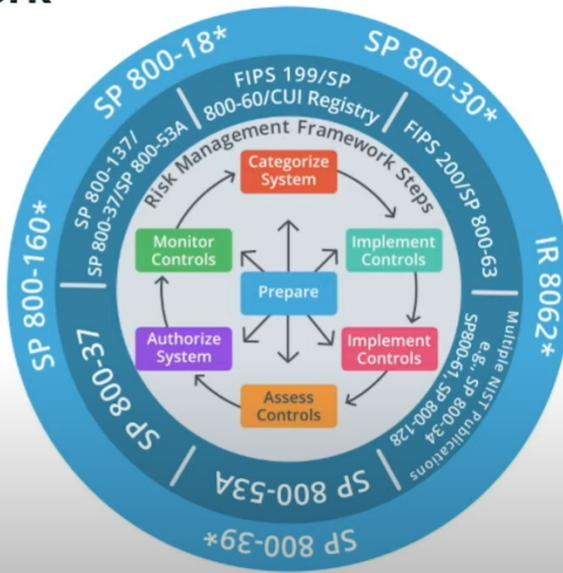
Intended for federal systems

## 6 Steps

1. Categorize System
2. Select Controls
3. Implement Controls
4. Assess Controls
5. Authorize System
6. Monitor Controls

Goes well beyond risk management

Source: [https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/risk-management/risk-management-framework-\(RMF\)-Overview](https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/risk-management/risk-management-framework-(RMF)-Overview)



## System Authorization and Risk Management

Tasks	Outcomes
Task R-1 Authorization Package	An authorization package is developed for submission to the authorizing official.
Task R-2 Risk Analysis and Determination	A risk determination by the authorizing official that reflects the risk management strategy including risk tolerance, is rendered.
Task R-3 Risk Response	Risk responses for determined risks are provided. [Cybersecurity Framework: ID.RA-6]
Task R-4 Authorization Decision	The authorization for the system or the common controls is approved or denied.
Task R-5 Authorization Reporting	Authorization decisions, significant vulnerabilities, and risks are reported to organizational officials.

NIST

NIST SP 800-37

## Step in the NIST RMF

- Step 1: Categorize Information System  
The system owner assigns a security rating to an IT system of data based on mission and business objectives.
- Step 2: Select Security Controls  
Security controls for the data or system are selected and approved by leadership.
- Step 3: Implement Security Controls  
Install, configure, and, etc. the selected security controls.
- Step 4: Assess Security Controls  
Security tools are assessed and any deficiencies are remediated.

- Step 5: Authorize Information System

A risk assessment and risk determination are made about the system and whether it is able to operate given the risk, the system's categorization, and risk level following the implementation of controls.

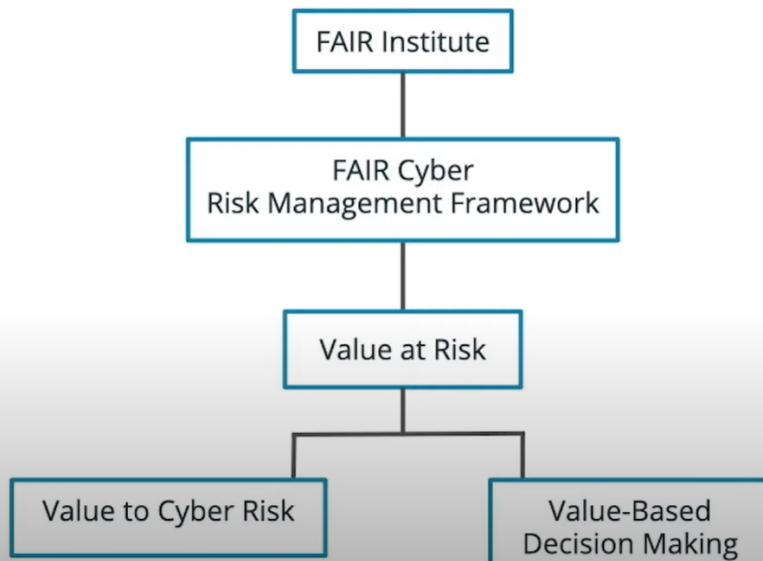
- Step 6: Monitor Security Controls

Security controls are monitored and improved upon continuously.

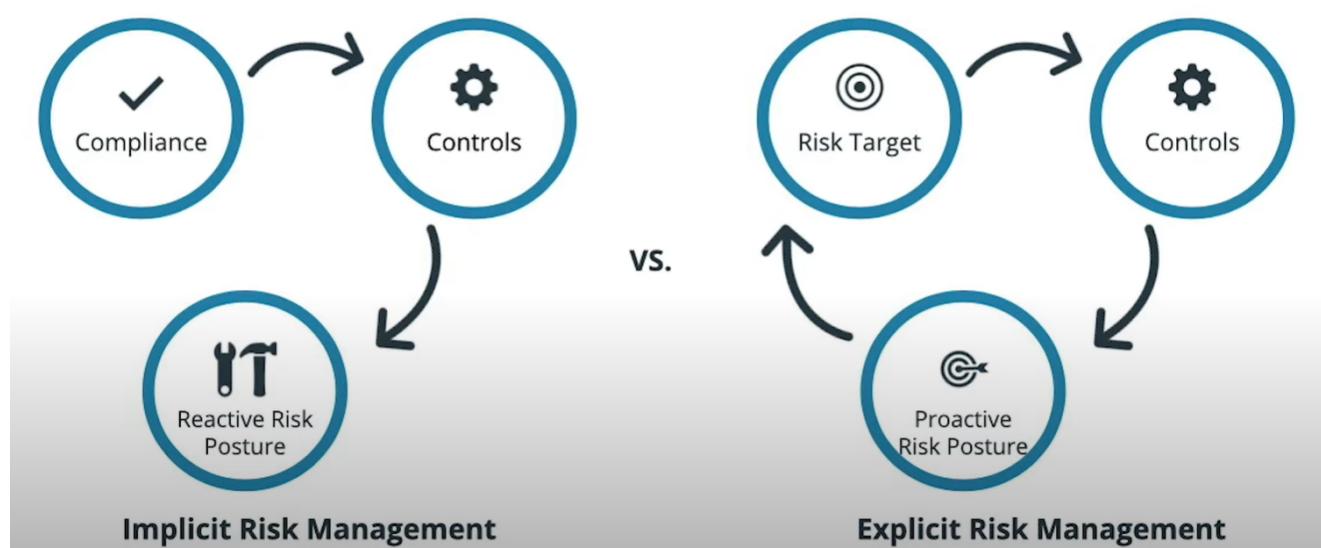
## Another Framework

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### Factor Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR)



### Explicit Risk Management



[Value-At-Risk Models](#)

# Three Lines of Defense



Typically, there are 5 options for risk treatment:

- Accept - Accept the risk without taking any further action.
- Modify - Implement a control that lessens or changes the risk in some way.
- Avoid - Choose to do something altogether different.
- Transfer - In most cases cybersecurity risk transference means insuring against the risk occurring through a cybersecurity insurance policy or creating a shared liability model with a vendor.
- Capitalize – The capitalize option is normally reserved for financial or business risk where there is opportunity to take on additional risk for potential gains

## Risk Register

Risk Statement	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating Controls	Risk	Treatment
Because SSLv3 is supported on all externally facing corporate web servers, bad actors may be able to exploit weak encryption versions supported in order to read sensitive data in plain text?	High	Medium	N/A	Medium	Modify- By disabling support for SSLv3
Users may take sensitive customer information home on company laptops potentially exposing it if lost or stolen.	Medium	High	Laptops are encrypted	Low	Accept

## Compliance

# Compliance Sources

## 3 Major nexus for compliance obligations



## Business Requirements and Adoption

### Business Requirements

- Specific
  - Industry
  - Activity

### Adoption

- Specific
  - Industry
  - Activity
- General
  - Activity

Examples	
PCI (standard)	Credit Card Processing
HIPAA (law)	Processing, Storing, Transferring healthcare information
GDPR (law)	Processing, Storing, Transferring EU PII
NIST-800-53 (standard)	Generally meant for U.S. federal systems
Statement on Operating Controls II (SOC II)(standard)	Generally meant for service providers
ISO27001 (standard)	None specific creation of an ISMS

**Audit:** An evaluation of whether processes and procedures are operating as expected

## Audit Findings

Finding	Risk	Recommendation
SSLv3 is supported on all externally facing corporate web servers, bad actors may be able to exploit weak encryption versions supported in order to read sensitive data in plain text.	Medium	Disable support for SSLv3 and enable support for TLSv1.2 or higher.
The assessment identified that 10% of user laptops are not encrypted	High	Encrypt remaining laptops and establish monitoring program