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## THE EVOLVING THREAT LANDSCAPE: FINDINGS FROM THE FRONT LINES

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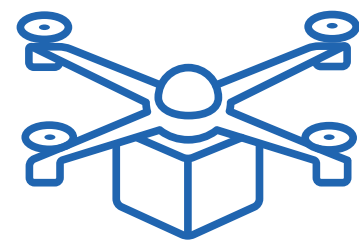
# AGENDA

- **Cyber-Attack Trends 2017/2018 (Hardware & CPU)**
- **Threat & Vulnerability Management (TVM)**
- **Risk Management (RM) & Threat Modeling**
- **Protective Measures**
- **Key Takeaways**

# TOP MALWARE FAMILIES IN 2017/2018

- |    |                                       |
|----|---------------------------------------|
| 01 | Hijacker                              |
| 02 | Adware/Malvertising                   |
| 03 | Backdoor/APT's                        |
| 04 | IOT/DDoS Attacks                      |
| 05 | Ransomware                            |
| 06 | Spyware                               |
| 07 | Cryptocurrency & Drive-By Mining      |
| 08 | DDoS as Service/Ransomware as Service |
| 09 | Hardware Design Attack Vectors        |

# COMPROMISED IOT DEVICES



**Smart Cars**  
**Drones**



**Cameras**  
**Video Recorders**  
**Security Cameras**  
**DVR's**



**Televisions**



**Gaming Platforms**



**HVAC Systems**  
**Refrigerators**  
**Electric Meters**



**Smart Phones**  
**Watches**

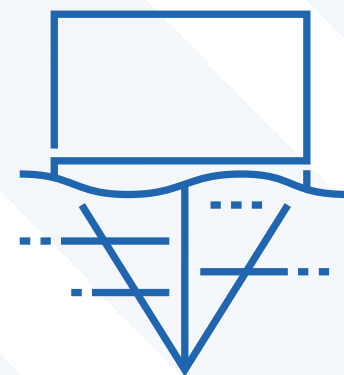


**Pace Makers**  
**Defibrillators**  
**Insulin Pumps**

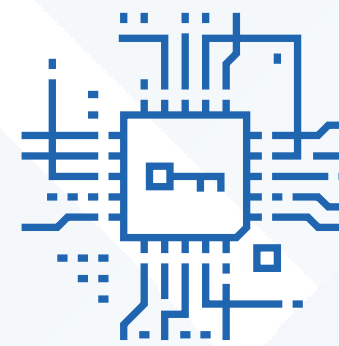
# HARDWARE ATTACKS



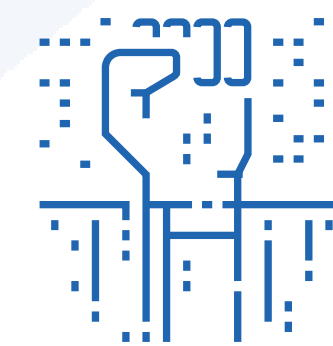
**Eavesdropping**



**Inducing  
Disruptions**



**Hardware  
Modification**



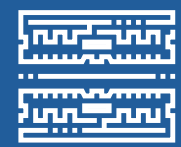
**Backdoor  
Creation**



**Counterfeiting  
Product Assets**



# SPECTRE & MELTDOWN



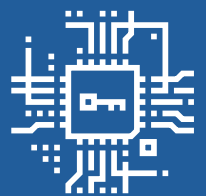
Permits access to “secured” kernel memory



Windows, Linux, macOS, iOS, Android



Spectre - Affects nearly all processors (AMD, Intel, ARM)

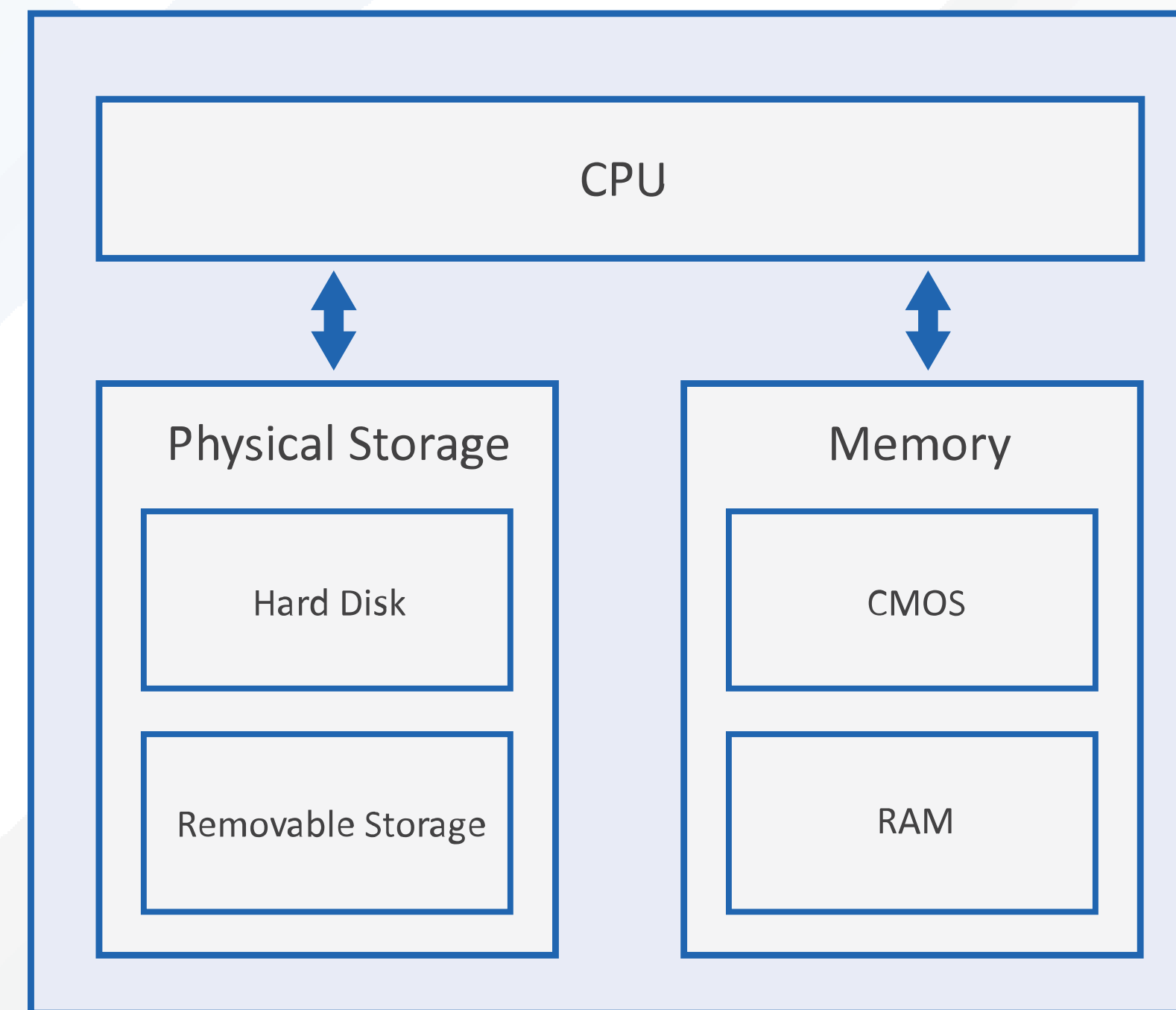
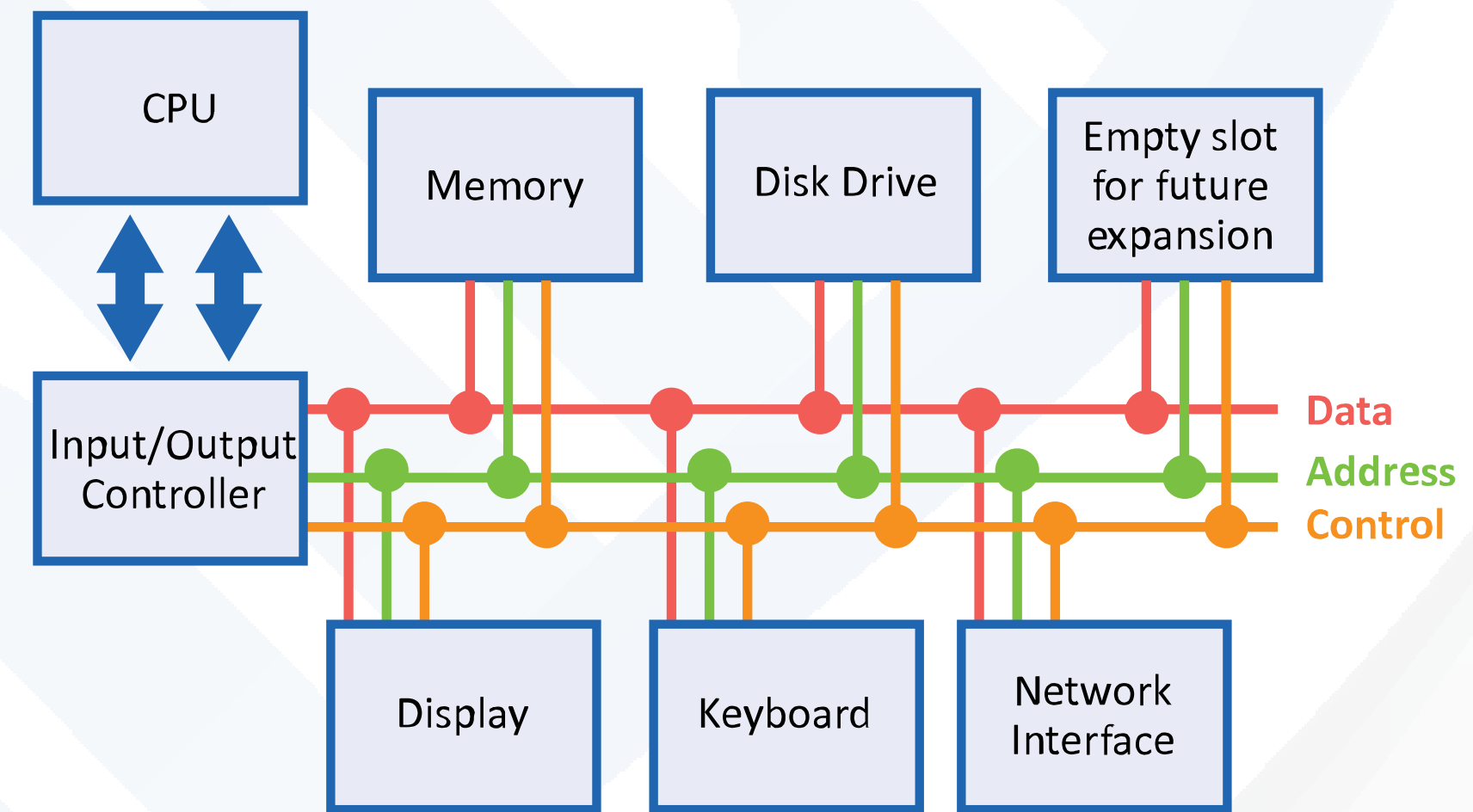


Meltdown - Affects primarily Intel processors



# SPECULATIVE EXECUTION

- Optimization technique used to determine where code is likely to go next to improve speed of asset.



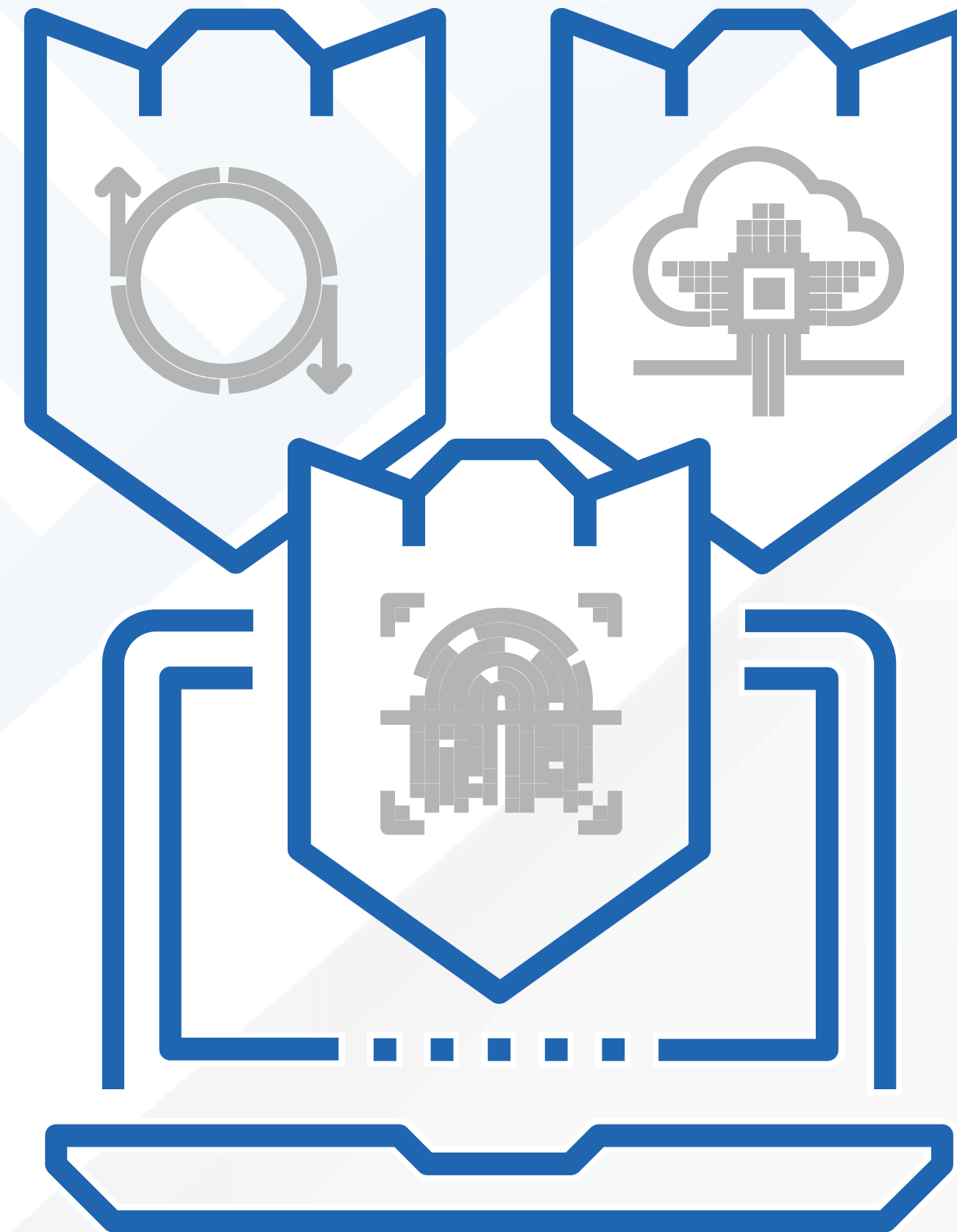
# MEANS & MOTIVATIONS

- Disrupting services
- Imitating user authentication and elevation of privileges
- Data leakage
- Unlocking devices to gain access to kernel processing
- Unlocking hidden features



# HARDWARE VULNERABILITY PROTECTION

- Keep computer applications/firmware updated
- Vendor specific patches have been released and others are still in development
- May need complete re-development of the CPU architecture



# **THREAT & VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT (TVM)**



# THREAT & VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT PROCESS

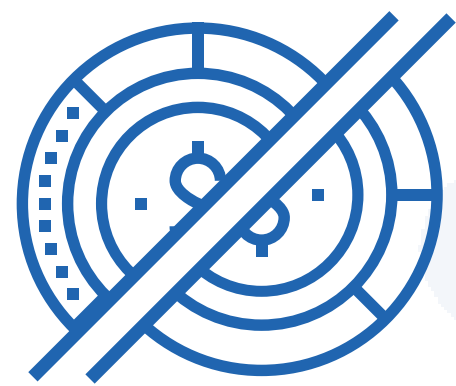


# REASONS ORGANIZATIONS DON'T HAVE A TVM PROGRAM

- Lack of information security department or qualified personnel to apply patches
- No official enforcement or management of TVM program
- Testing/sandbox infrastructures are non-existent for patch review
- Formal approval needed for scanning delays process
- No budget



# CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING A TVM PROGRAM



**Disrupted  
Business Process**



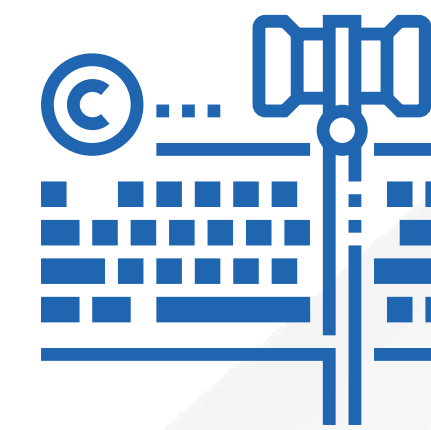
**Reputation &  
Branding Impact**



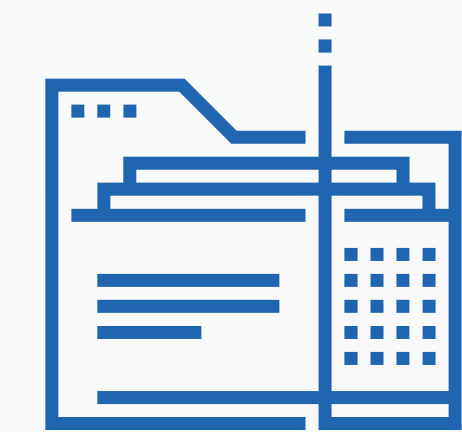
**Lost Operational  
Man-hours**



**Legal Penalties/  
Enforcement Cost**



**Regulatory Risk**  
HIPAA  
SOX  
PCI



**Theft of Data**

# WHAT HAPPENS IF A PATCH DOESN'T EXIST

- Scans still need to be conducted to identify vulnerable assets
- Evaluate risk and apply a RM matrix for mitigation purposes
- Determine if the compromised asset will disrupt customer/business processes

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TVM is a crucial part  
of security protection  
to any organization



# REQUIRED TRIAGE PRACTICES



**RISK  
MANAGEMENT  
(RM)**

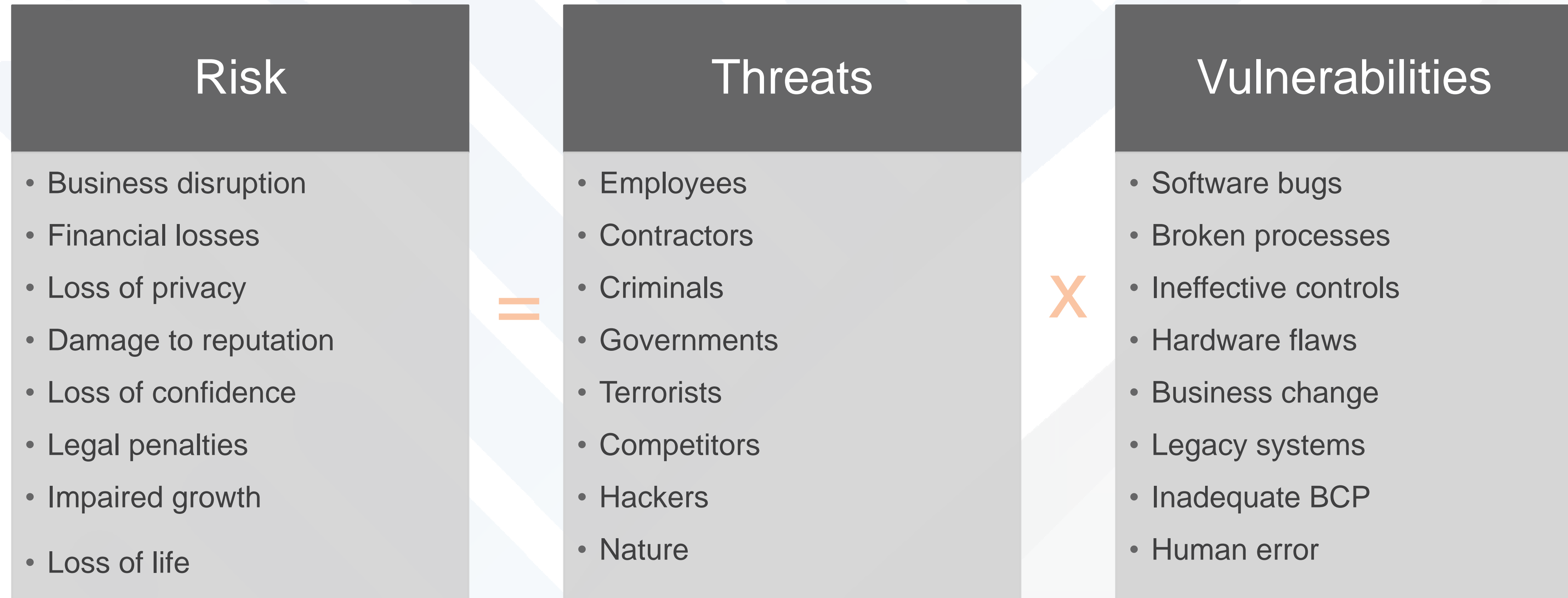
**THREAT  
MODELING**



# RISK MANAGEMENT PRINCIPALS



# RISK EQUATION & THREAT MODELING



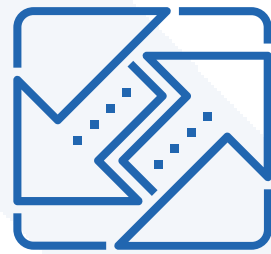
# RISK MATRIX & THREAT MODELING

		CONSEQUENCES				
		MARGINAL	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	SEVERE
LIKELIHOOD	ALMOST CERTAIN	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	CRITICAL	CRITICAL
	LIKELY	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	CRITICAL
	POSSIBLE	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	UNLIKELY	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	RARE	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH

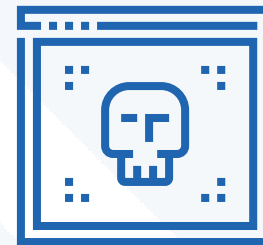
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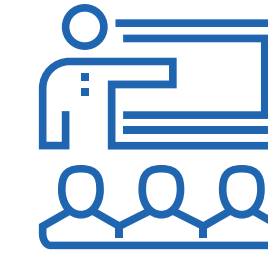
# BASIC SECURITY PRACTICES



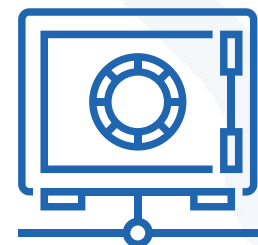
**Change/Configuration  
Management**



**Ransomware**



**Training/User Awareness**



**Network Security**



**Threat & Vulnerability  
Management**



**Security Solutions**



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Hardware attack-vectors are the next greatest threat surpassing that of any software vulnerability
- A TVM & RM program should be employed w/ threat modeling & risk matrix
- Basic security practices should be enforced to help facilitate protection







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