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TODAY

Today we will look at Core Security Principles, which includes:

- Overview
- The Attacker
- Risks
- Controls



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CORE SECURITY PRINCIPLES: OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW

- You have been assigned a task of finding a cloud provider who can provide a secure environment for the launch of a new web application.
- **What does secure imply?**

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OVERVIEW

- What is a ***vulnerability***?
- What is a ***threat***?
- What is a ***control***?

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OVERVIEW

- A ***vulnerability*** is a **weakness** in a system
 - Allows a threat to cause harm.
- A ***threat*** is a potential **negative harmful** occurrence
 - Earthquake, worm, virus, hackers.
- A ***control*** (safeguard) is a **protective** measure
 - Reduce risk to protect an asset.

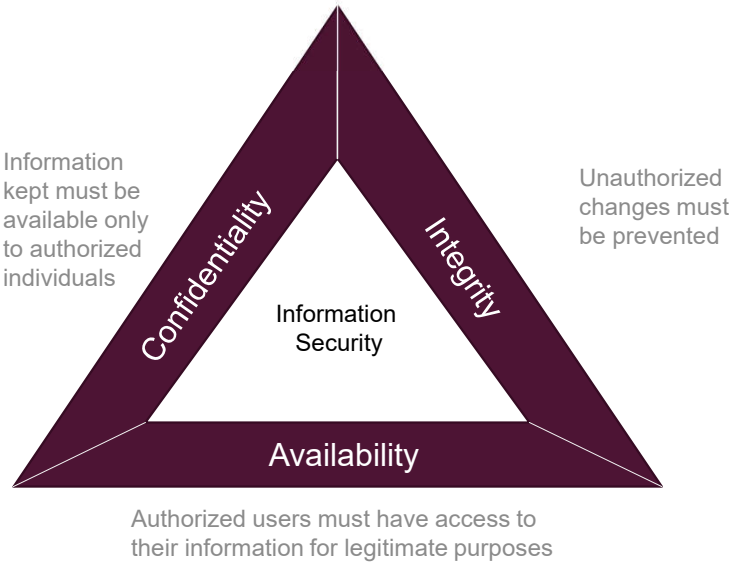
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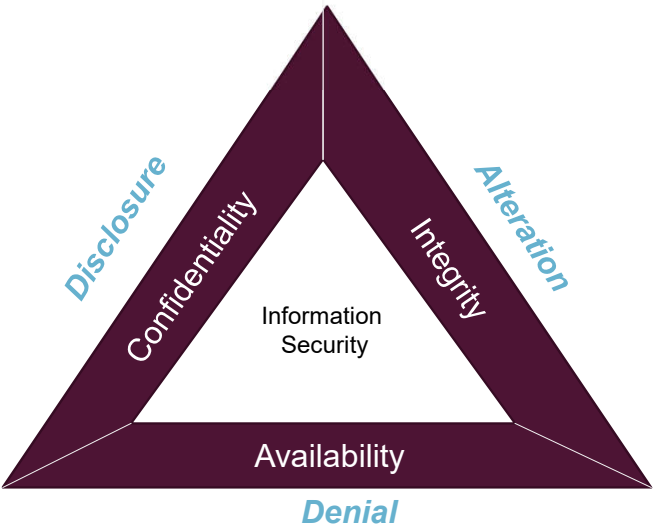
- What are the three goals of Information Security?

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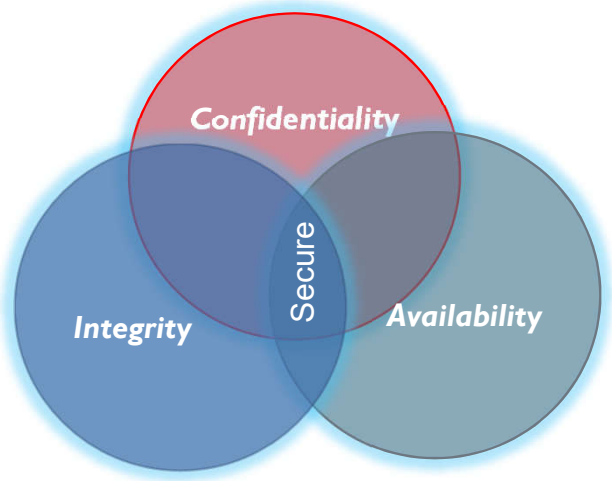
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Threats



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The Relationship Between Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability.

OVERVIEW

■ **Threats**

■ **Interception:** gained access to an asset.

- Wireless network, hacked system, etc.
- Impacts confidentiality.

■ **Interruption**

- Unavailability, reduced availability.

■ **Modification**

- Tamper with data, impacts integrity.

■ **Fabrication**

- Spurious transactions, impacts integrity.

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OVERVIEW

■ **Vulnerabilities (Software)**

■ **Logic Bomb:** employee modification.

■ **Trojan Horse:** Overtly does one thing and another covertly.

■ **Trapdoor:** secret entry points.

■ **Information Leak:** makes information accessible to unauthorized people.

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CORE SECURITY PRINCIPLES: AN ATTACKER'S NEEDS

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AN ATTACKER'S NEEDS

- What 3 things must an attacker have?

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AN ATTACKER'S MUST HAVE

1. Method:

- Skills
- Knowledge
- Tools

- Capability to conduct an attack

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AN ATTACKER'S MUST HAVE

2. Opportunity:

- Time
- Access to accomplish the attack

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AN ATTACKER'S MUST HAVE

3. **Motive:**

- A reason to want to commence the attack.
- A reason to want to sustain the attack

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THE ATTACKER

- ***Computer Criminals***
 - Script Kiddies: Amateurs
 - Crackers/Malicious Hackers: Black Hats
 - Career Criminals: botnets, bank thefts.
 - Terrorists: local and remote.
 - Hacktivists: politically motivated
 - Insiders: employees
 - Phishers/Spear Phishers

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THE ATTACKER

- **Motives**

- **Financial gain:** make money.
- **Competitive advantage:** steal information.
- **Curiosity:** test skills.
- **Political:** achieve a political goal.
- **Cause Harm/damage:** reputation or financial
- **Vendetta/Disgruntled:** fired employees.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

- What are the different ways a company can deal with risk?

HOW TO DEAL WITH RISK

- **Accept it:**
 - Cheaper to leave it unprotected.
- **Mitigate it:**
 - Lowering the risk to an acceptable level e.g. (laptop encryption).
- **Transfer it:**
 - Insurance model.
- **Avoid it:**
 - Sometimes it is better not to do something that creates a great risk.

CONTROLS

- **Encryption:**
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Examples:VPN, SSH, Hashes, data at rest, laptops.
- **Software:**
 - Operating system,
 - Development.

CONTROLS

- **Hardware:**

- Firewall,
- locks,
- IDS,
- 2-factor.

- **Policies and Procedures:**

- Password changes
- Acceptable Usage Policies

CONTROLS

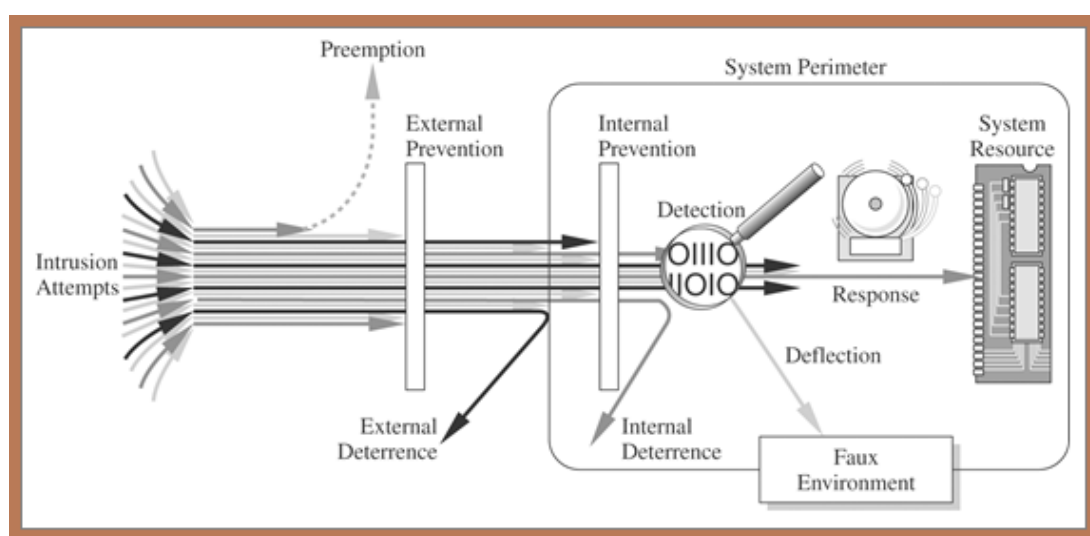
- **Physical:**

- Gates,
- Guards,
- Site planning.



TYPES OF CONTROLS

- **Preventive:** prevent actions.
- **Detective:** notice & alert.
- **Corrective:** correcting a damaged system.
- **Recovery:** restore functionality after incident.
- **Deterrent:** deter users from performing actions.
- **Compensating:** compensate for weakness in another control.



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