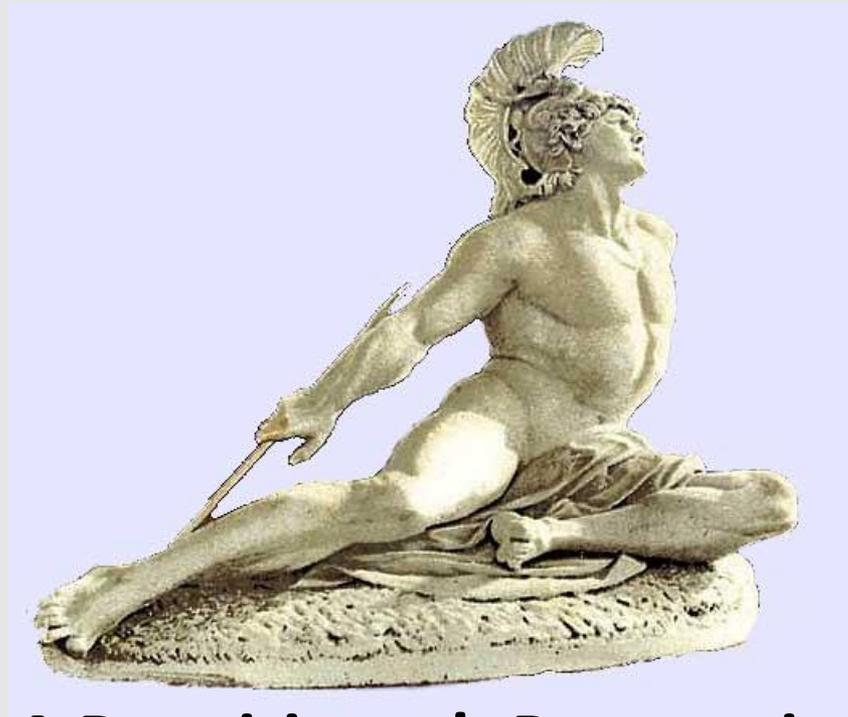


Vulnerability Management



A Practitioner's Perspective

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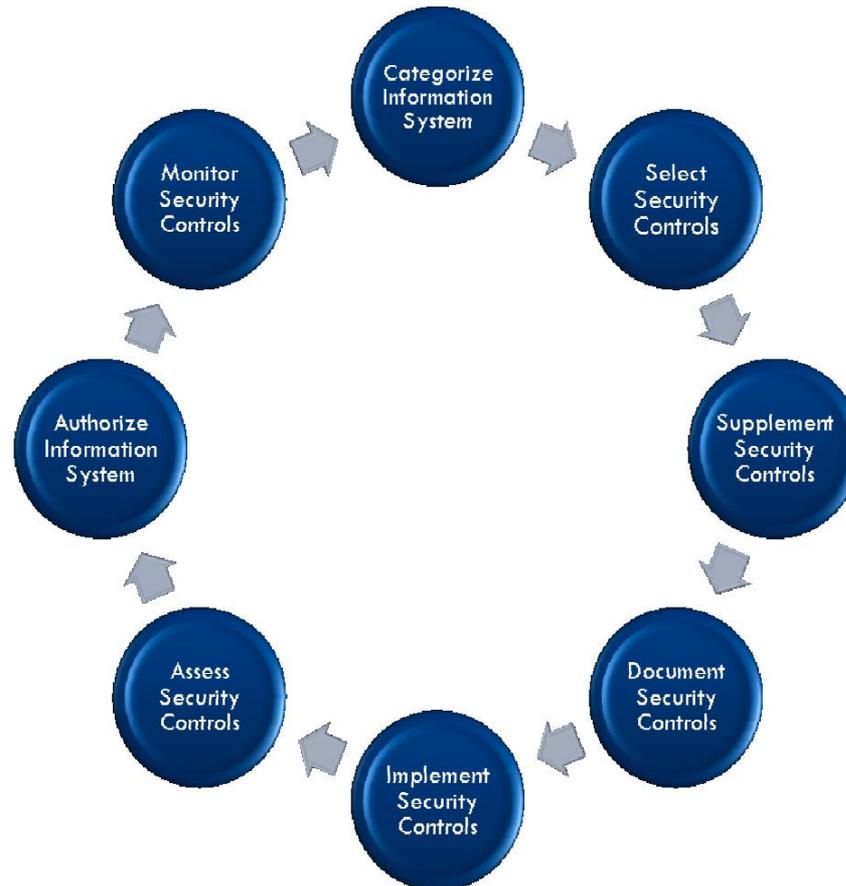
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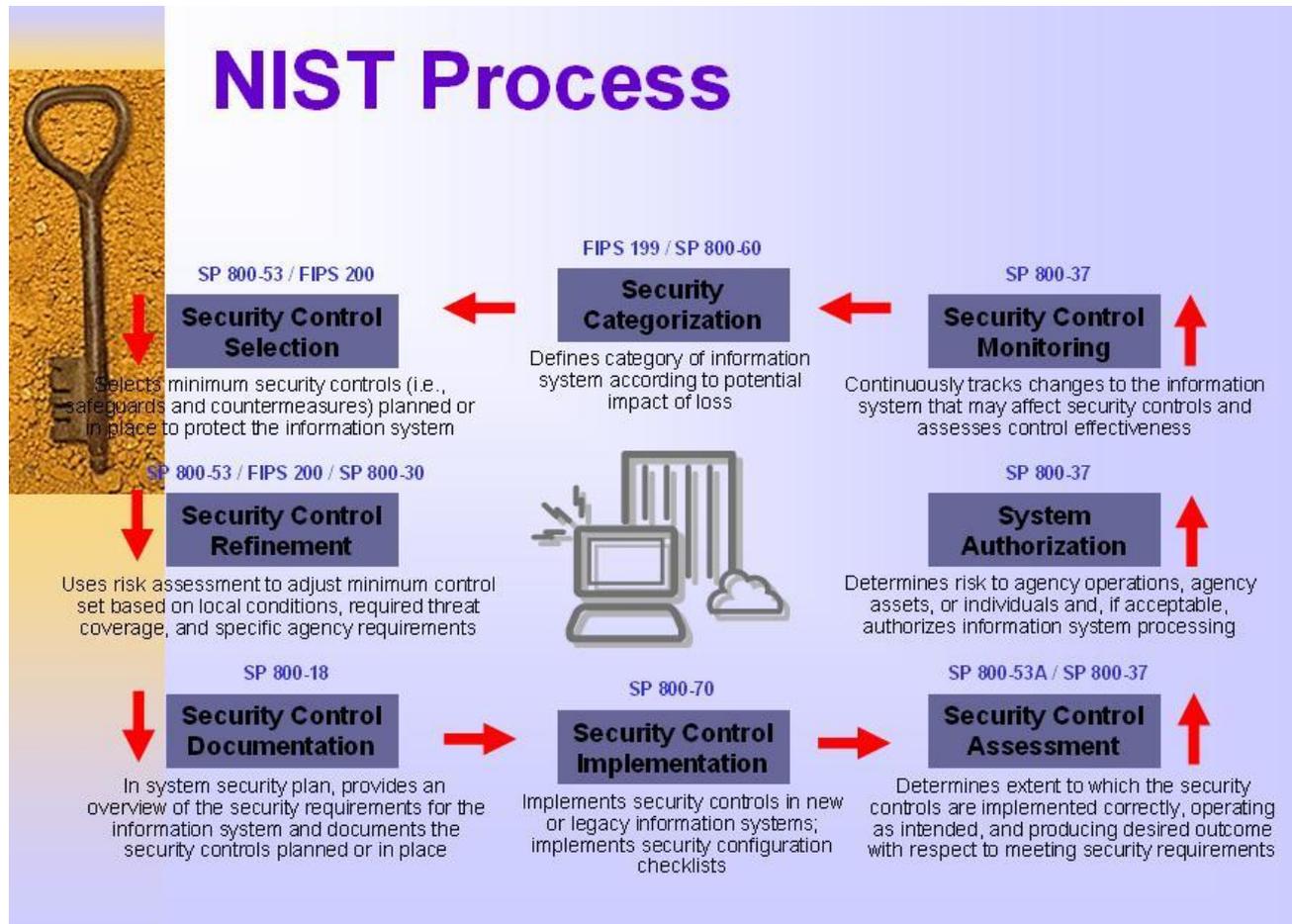
Introduction

- Vulnerability Management
 - Is an essential part of any modern Security Management Program
 - Is required now by all Security Frameworks
 - Requires careful planning, rigor, and discipline
 - Requires Diplomacy
 - Requires Strong Management Support
 - Is required to keep you out of lawsuits
 - Is required to help protect your organization from deadly attacks and data breaches

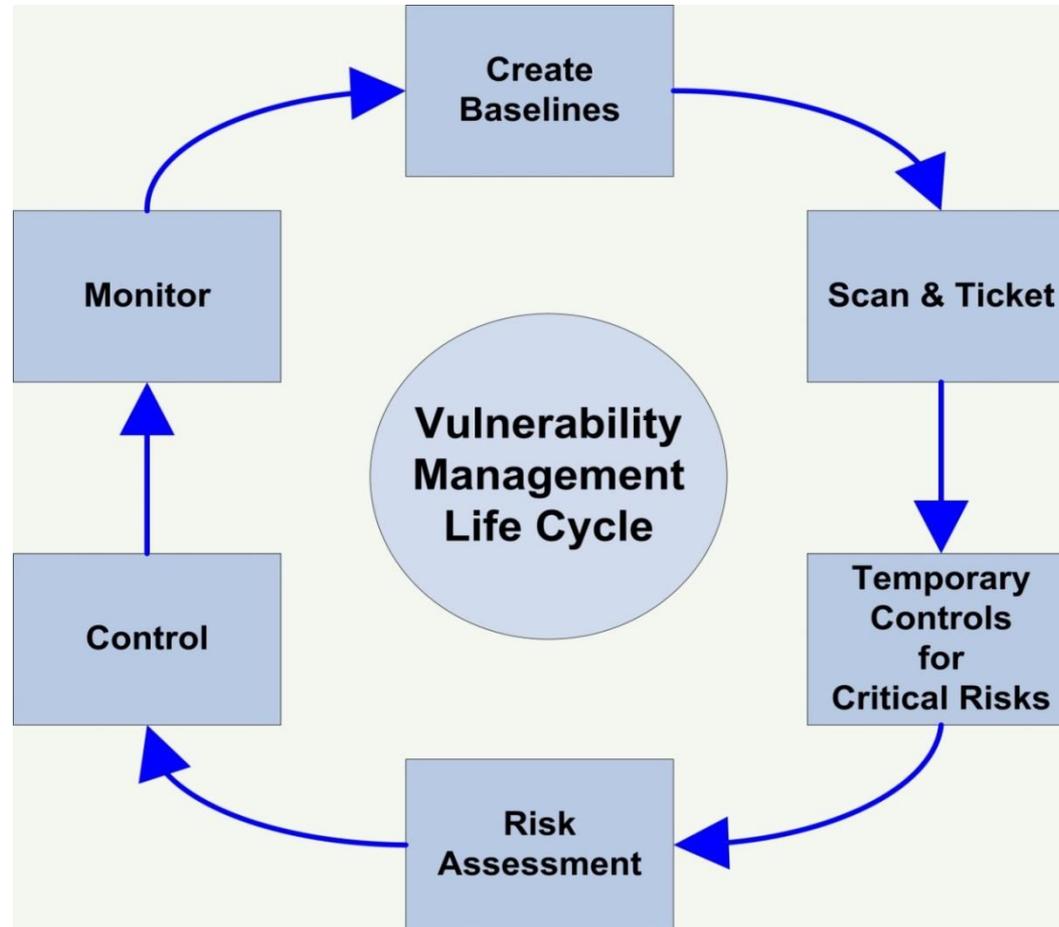
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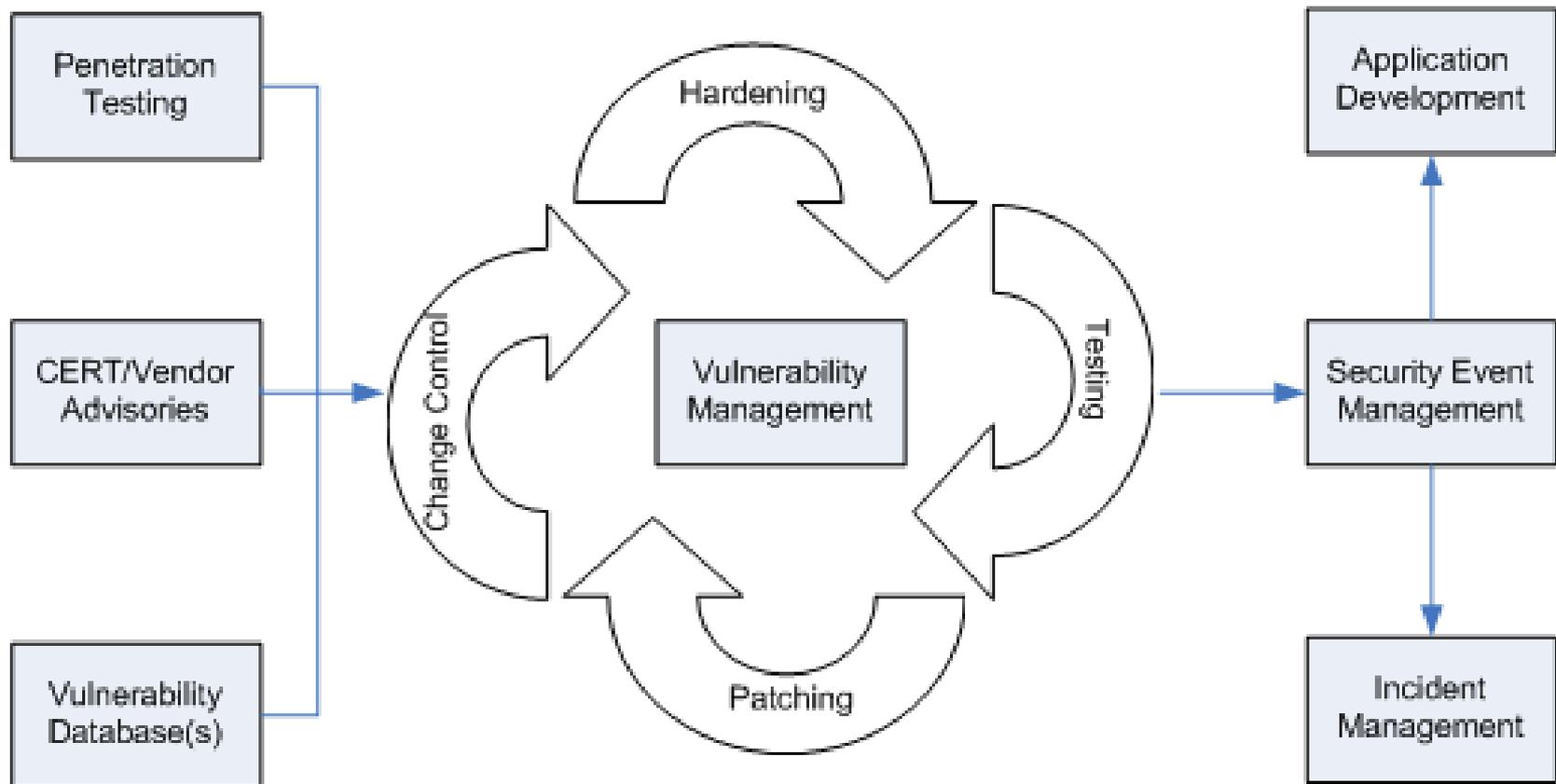
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Vulnerability Management Life Cycle



Vulnerability Management Security Management



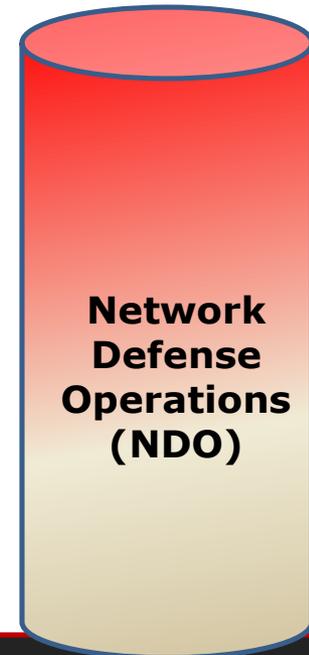
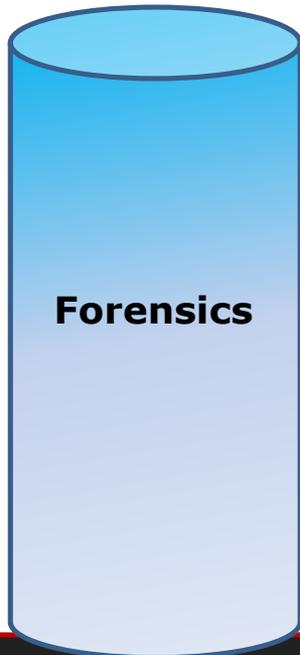
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Computer Network Defense (CND)

The Four Pillars



Security Architecture & Management

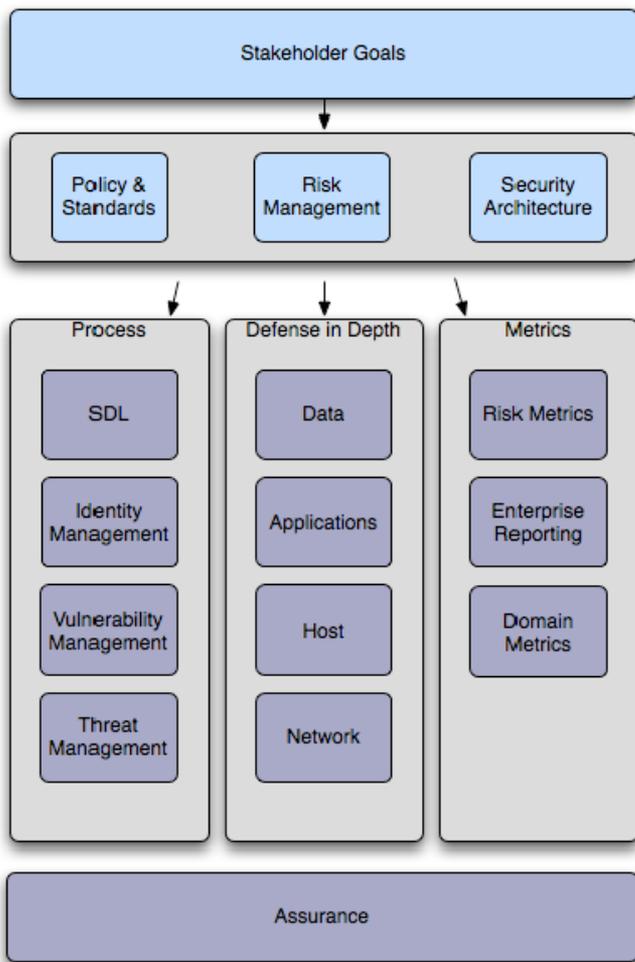


Figure 1: Security Architecture Blueprint

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Enterprise Security Report



Measuring and Reporting on Security Architecture & Management

Figure 6: Enterprise Security Executive Report

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Is There a Capability Maturity Model for Threat and Vulnerability Management?

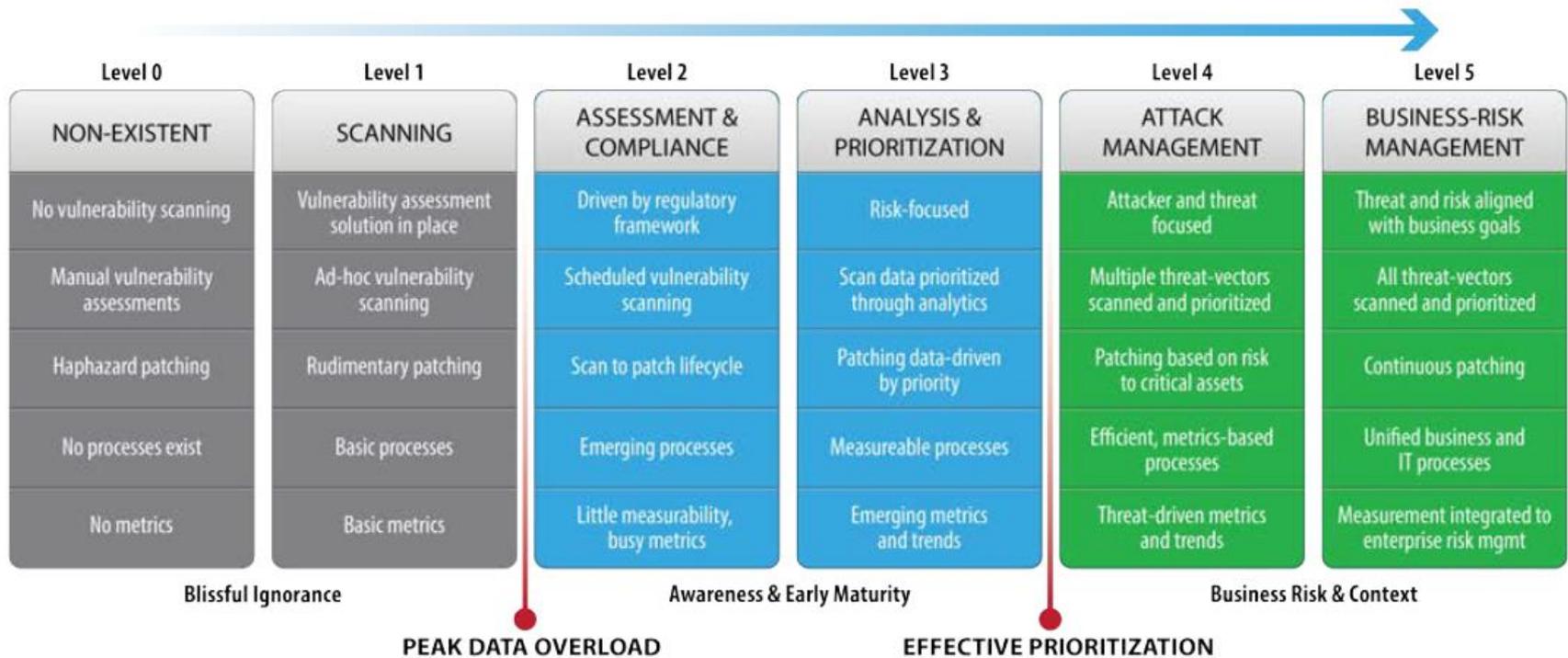


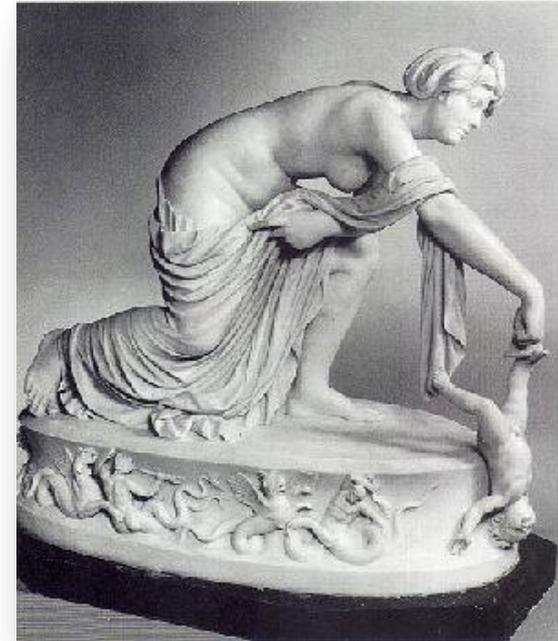
Figure 1. The Threat and Vulnerability Management Maturity Model

Source: <https://blog.coresecurity.com/2014/10/21/the-threat-and-vulnerability-management-maturity-model/>

WHAT ARE VULNERABILITIES?

Vulnerabilities

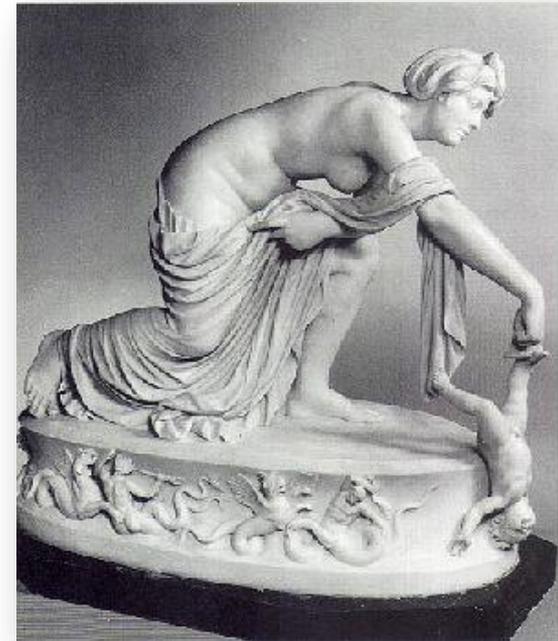
- Vulnerability – definition
- Vulnerability examples



Thetis dipping Achilles
into the River Styx

Vulnerabilities

- What is a “vulnerability”?
 - A situation or condition that represents an opportunity for a threat to damage or for information to be stolen from the organization, IT Systems or network.
 - Comes from the Latin word, “vulnus”, meaning “wound”
 - Sometimes called, “*The Achilles Heel.*”



Thetis dipping Achilles into the River Styx

The Death of Achilles



Achilles was mortally wounded in the one place he was vulnerable: his heel.

Some Sources of Vulnerabilities

- Complicated user interface
- Default passwords not changed
- Disposal of storage media without deleting data
- Equipment sensitivity to changes in voltage
- Equipment sensitivity to moisture and contaminants
- Equipment sensitivity to temperature
- Inadequate cabling security
- Inadequate capacity management
- Inadequate change management
- Inadequate classification of information
- Inadequate control of physical access
- Inadequate maintenance
- Inadequate network management
- Inadequate or irregular backup
- Inadequate password management
- Inadequate physical protection

Some Sources of Vulnerabilities

- Inadequate protection of cryptographic keys
- Inadequate replacement of older equipment
- Inadequate security awareness
- Inadequate segregation of duties
- Inadequate segregation of operational and testing facilities
- Inadequate supervision of employees
- Inadequate supervision of vendors
- Inadequate training of employees
- Incomplete specification for software development
- Insufficient software testing
- Lack of access control policy
- Lack of clean desk and clear screen policy
- Lack of control over the input and output data
- Lack of internal documentation
- Lack of or poor implementation of internal audit
- Lack of policy for the use of cryptography

Some Sources of Vulnerabilities

- Lack of procedure for removing access rights upon termination of employment
- Lack of protection for mobile equipment
- Lack of redundancy
- Lack of systems for identification and authentication
- Lack of validation of the processed data
- Location vulnerable to flooding
- Poor selection of test data
- Single copy
- Too much power in one person
- Uncontrolled copying of data
- Uncontrolled download from the Internet
- Uncontrolled use of information systems
- Undocumented software
- Unmotivated employees
- Unprotected public network connections
- User rights are not reviewed regularly

WHAT ARE THREATS?

Threats

- Threat – definition
- Some sources of threats
- More threat examples

Threats

- What is a “threat”?
 - Something that can potentially cause damage or theft to the organization, IT Systems or network.

Some Sources of Threats

- Misguided Employees
- Mistakes by careless Employees
- External Parties
- Low awareness of security issues
- Lack of or lapse in security policy compliance
- Growth in networking and distributed computing
- Growth in complexity and effectiveness of hacking tools and viruses
- Natural disasters e.g. fire, flood, earthquake

Typical Threats that Represent Business Risks

Threat Category	Example
Human Errors or failures	Accidents, Employee mistakes
Compromise to Intellectual Property	Piracy, Copyright infringements
Deliberate Acts or espionage or trespass	Unauthorized Access and/or data collection
Deliberate Acts of Information extortion	Blackmail of information exposure / disclosure
Deliberate Acts of sabotage / vandalism	Destruction of systems / information
Deliberate Acts of theft	Illegal confiscation of equipment or information
Deliberate software attacks	Viruses, worms, macros Denial of service
Deviations in quality of service from service provider	Power and WAN issues
Forces of nature	Fire, flood, earthquake, lightening
Technical hardware failures or errors	Equipment failures / errors
Technical software failures or errors	Bugs, code problems, unknown loopholes
Technological Obsolescence	Antiquated or outdated technologies

QUICK STORY ABOUT DAVID BREWER AND THE "BREWER EVENTS".

So Let's Simplify This Stuff And Make it Easier, Achievable and More Manageable



Dr. David Brewer, FBCS, CITP

Note: with clients – he had to start using the Word, “EVENT”, because he learned Executive Management got upset About the connotation of Words like ASSETS, THREATS and VULNERABILITIES

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Co-author of ISO 27001 Annex A Insights, December 2010
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Source: <http://www.gammassl.co.uk/research/27001annexAinsights.pdf>

An “Event” is

- When Threat Meets Vulnerability or
- When a Threat EXPLOITS a Vulnerability

Brewer Event List

Event Code	Event Description
S1	Theft
S2	Acts of God, vandals and terrorism
S3	Fraud
S4	IT failure
S5	Hacking
S6	Denial of Service
S7	Disclosure
S8	Law
B1	Inappropriate deployment of people
B2	Failure to maintain proper records
B3	Issuance of wrong documents
NA	Not Applicable
P	Policy

Risk Management Strategies

Code	Risk Management Strategy
1	Remediate
2	Transfer
3	Accept
4	Avoid
5	Not Applicable

Applying the Brewer Events with Risk Management Strategies

Event Code	Event Description	Management Strategy
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S3	Fraud	1
S4	IT failure	1
S5	Hacking	1
S6	Denial of Service	1
S7	Disclosure	1
S8	Law	4
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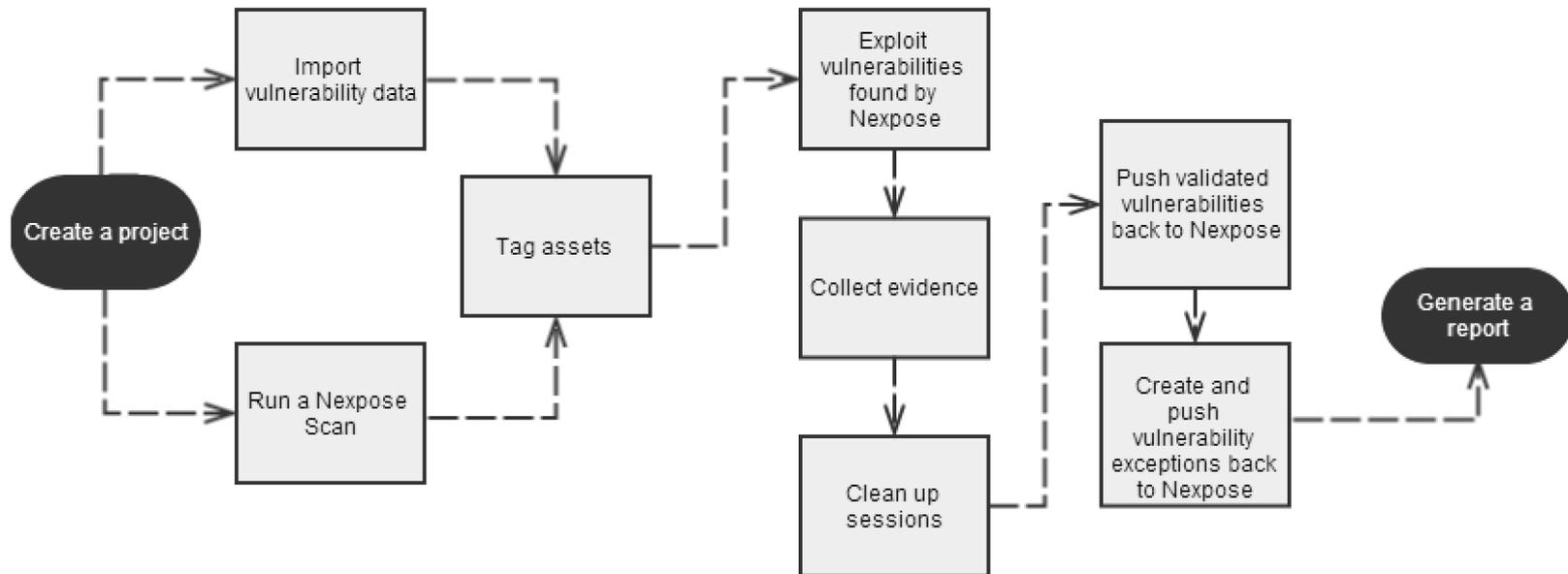
Tools:

- Scanners
 - Nexpose
 - IBM VMS
 - Nessus
 - Netcat

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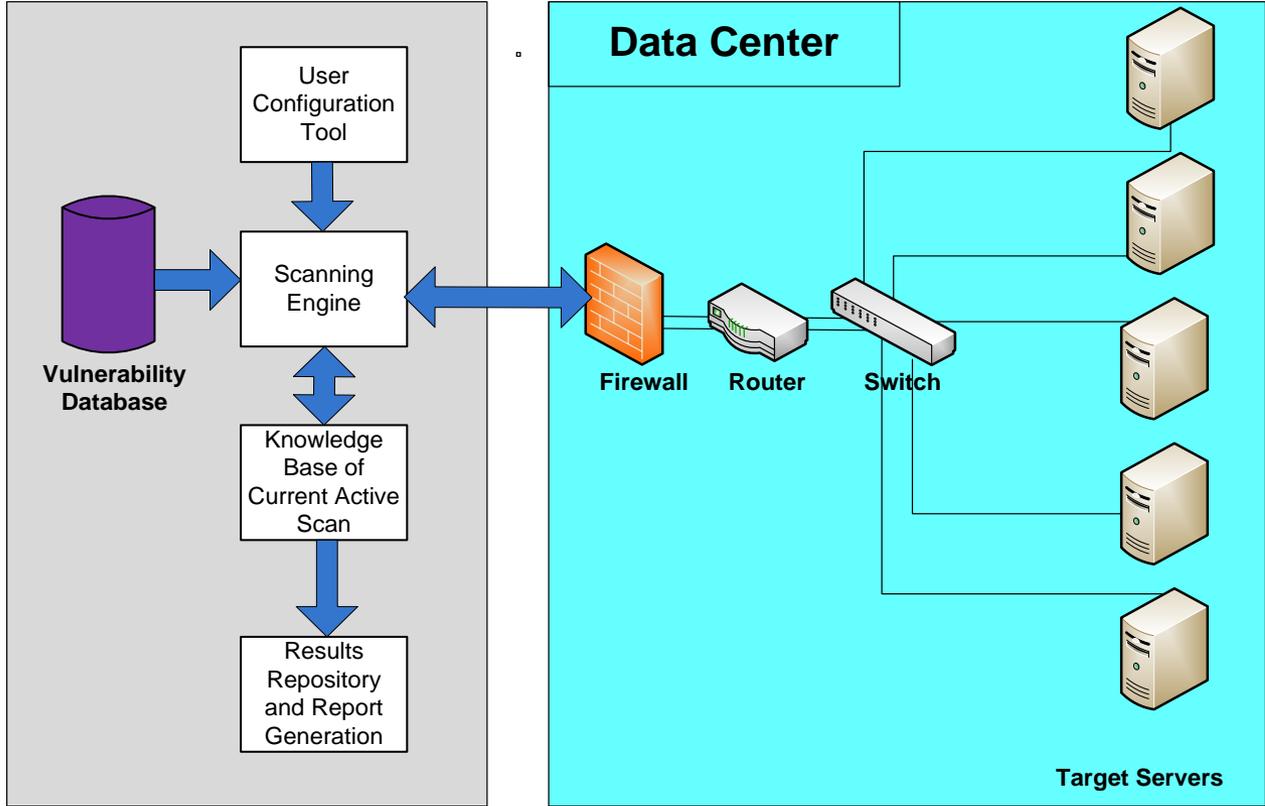
- Nexpose

Vulnerability Validation Wizard Workflow



Source: Rapid7

Tools: Generic Vulnerability Scanning



Generic Vulnerability Scanner Architecture on A Scanning Server

Technical Notes:
1) It is standard practice to white list the IP address of your scanner at the Firewall and other IDPS Devices.
2) The scanner probes for active IP addresses and open ports, and associates them with what it finds with the Vulnerability Database.

Source: Skoudis, E. (2006), Counter Hack Reloaded.

PLANNING YOUR SCANNING

Planning Your Scanning

- Get Management Support
- Create a Project Plan
- Change Management Request and Approval
- Examples available upon request
- Publish organization-wide announcements before and after the scans complete.
- Do the Vulnerability Scan during the approved change window.
- Note: If a server or network device goes down during or shortly after your scanning, **YOU WILL BE BLAMED FOR IT**, so document EVERYTHING.

VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT & REPORTING

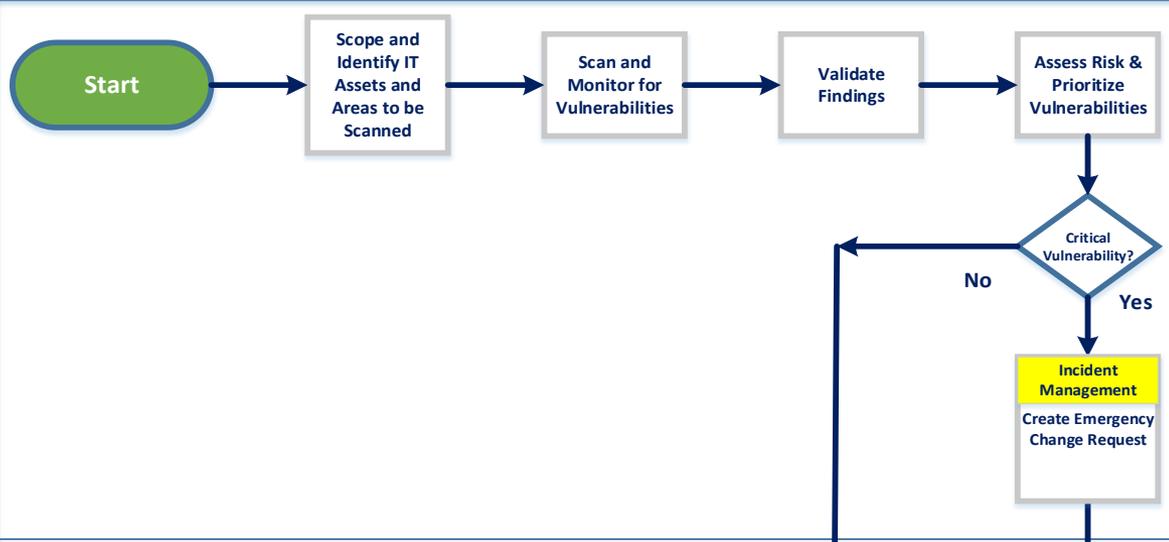
Vulnerability Management

- Get Management Support
- Create a good Vulnerability Management Policy
- Create a good Vulnerability Management Program
- Create a good Remediation Management Program

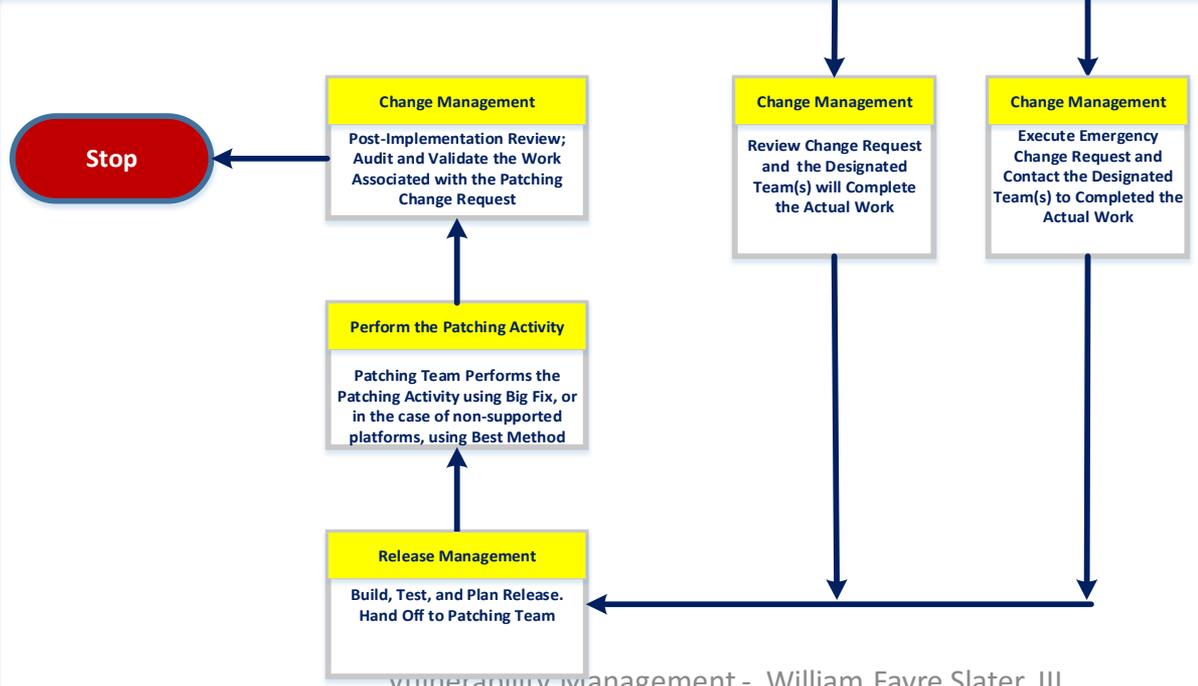
Vulnerability Management

Phase

IT Security



IT Operations



Step No.	Activity Description	Participant(s)	Comments
1	Obtain Asset IP Data	Operations	
2	Create Change Requests and Get Change Requests Approved	Change Approval Board and William Slater	
3	Set up and Run Vulnerability Scans	William Slater	
4	Analysis of Vulnerability Data, and preparation of detail and summary VMS reports.	William Slater	
5	Prepare Monthly Executive Vulnerability Summary Report, and deliver to the Global CTO and the Global Security Management Team	William Slater	
6	Prepare and Distribute Vulnerability Data Reports to Security Colleagues in AM, AP, and EMEA, along with an Example Remediation Management Report	William Slater	
7	Set up and hold meetings with Security Colleagues in each Region to Review the Vulnerability Scan Detail Data, Summary Data, as well as the Remediation Management Report Example, and Remediation Reporting Expectations and Timelines.	William Slater and Security Colleagues in AM, AP, and EMEA.	
8	Follow up with Security Colleagues in Each Region by e-mail and Teleconference to ensure that they can deliver the Remediation Management Plans.	William Slater and Security Colleagues in AM, AP, and EMEA.	Provide additional support where necessary.

Step No.	Activity Description	Participant(s)	Comments
9	Receive and Review the Weekly Remediation Management Reports from Each Region. Compile Results into a single Weekly Remediation Management Report, and tabulate the Results.	William Slater and Security Colleagues in AM, AP, and EMEA.	The Remediation Summaries should be sorted in descending order, by Severity, with vulnerability counts for each unique vulnerability Also calculate and display the number of days required to remediate each vulnerability, as well as the average number of days to remediate each vulnerability.
10	Distribute Compiled Remediation Management to Global CISO and Global CTO	William Slater	

Vulnerability Reports

- **Detail reports**
 - To operations groups (Network Teams, and Server Teams)
- **Summary by region, device, and severity**
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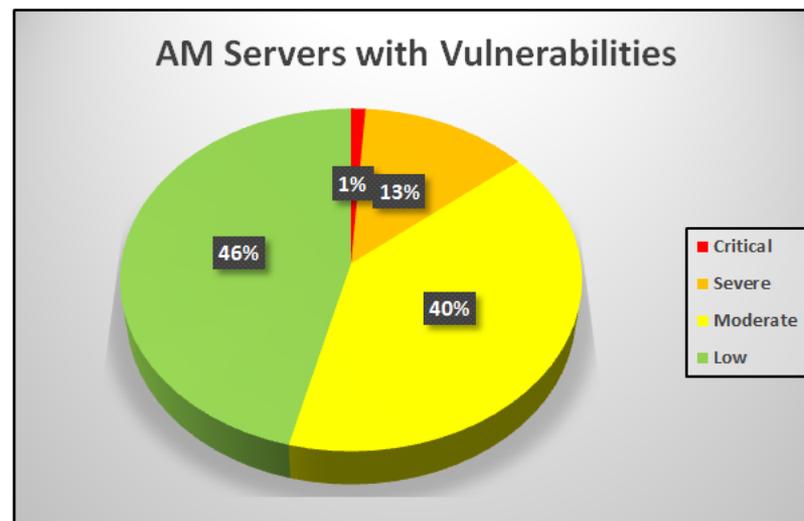
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Vulnerability Reports

- Summary by region, device, and severity
 - (To operations groups (Network Teams, and Server Teams))

Vulnerability Severity Level	Count
10	40
9	40
8	46
7	493
6	986
5	1,021
4	1,718
3	1,834
2	11
1	5,260
Total	11,449

Critical	126
Severe	1,479
Moderate	4,573
Low	5,271
Total	11,449



Vulnerability Reports

- Summary by region, device, and severity
 - To operations groups (Network Teams, and Server Teams)
 - SQL Statement (from MS Access):

```
SELECT DISTINCT AM_Servers_Combined_2016_0520_VULN.[Vulnerability Severity Level],  
Count(AM_Servers_Combined_2016_0520_VULN.[Vulnerability ID]) AS  
[CountOfVulnerability ID]  
FROM AM_Servers_Combined_2016_0520_VULN  
GROUP BY AM_Servers_Combined_2016_0520_VULN.[Vulnerability Severity Level]  
ORDER BY AM_Servers_Combined_2016_0520_VULN.[Vulnerability Severity Level] DESC;
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Query name: AM_Servers_with_VULN_Summary_Counts_2016_0520

Vulnerability Reports

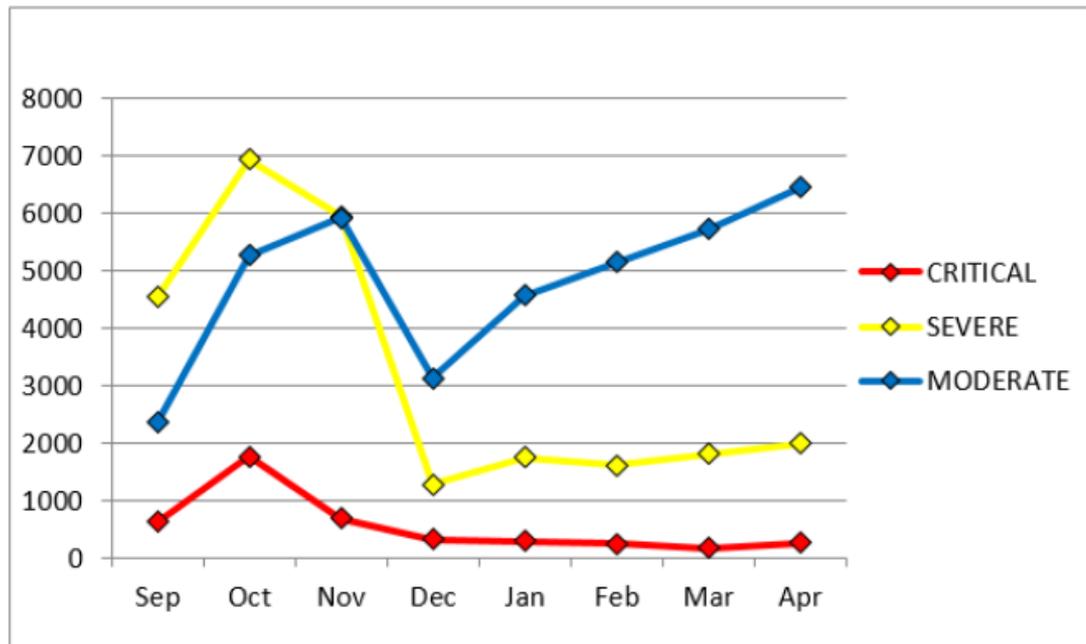
- Executive Summaries (to CIO, CTO, CISO, etc.)

1) Numbers of Servers and Network Devices successfully scanned.

Region and Device Type	September 2015	October 2015	November 2015	December 2015	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016
AM Servers	1253	1385	1386	1366	1384	1361	1598	1565
AP Servers	470	689	425	415	429	429	449	446
EMEA Servers	557	948	460	457	456	441	0	440
AM Network Devices			223	223	218	1670	1608	1584
AP Network Devices			302	298	314	315	312	312
EMEA Network Devices			190	415	420	421	0	433
Total	2280	3022	2986	3174	3221	4457	3967	4780

Vulnerability Reports

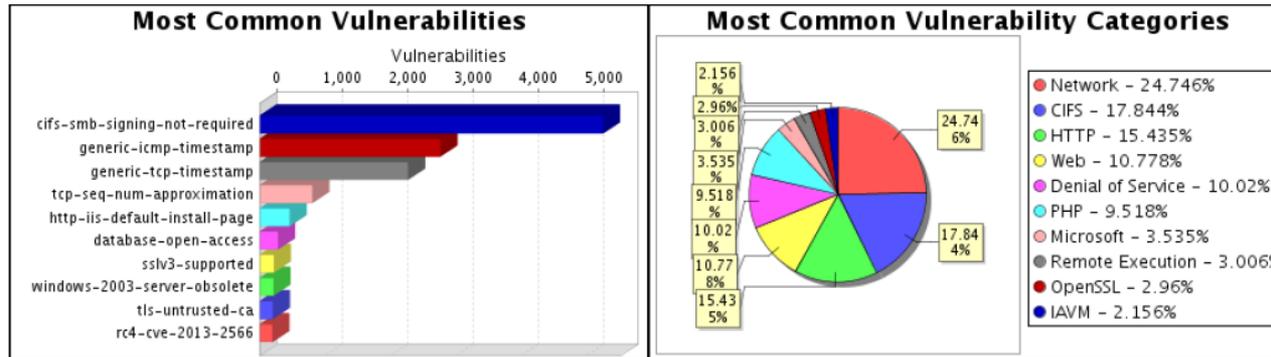
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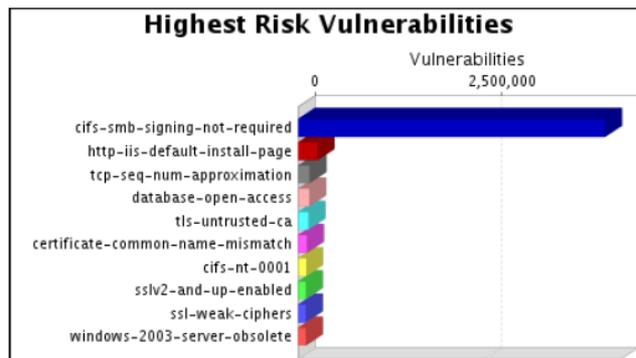
Open Vulnerabilities on Servers by Severity

Vulnerability Reports

- Executive Summaries



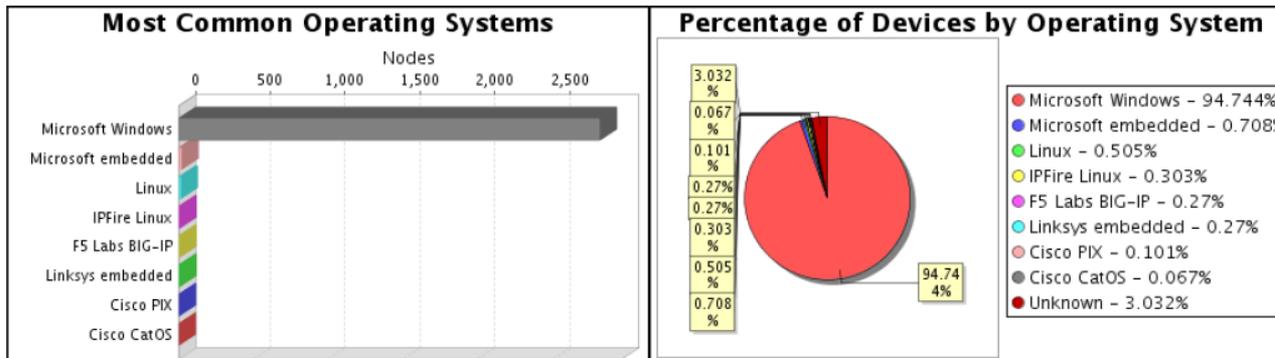
There were 5,240 occurrences of the cifs-smb-signing-not-required vulnerability, making it the most common vulnerability. There were 7,540 vulnerabilities in the Network category, making it the most common vulnerability category.



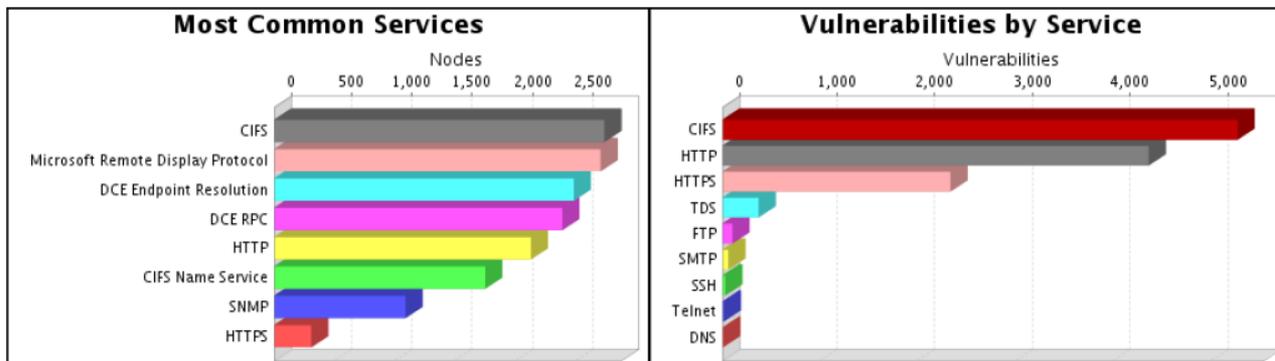
The cifs-smb-signing-not-required vulnerability poses the highest risk to the organization with a risk score of 4,097,312. Risk scores are based on the types and numbers of vulnerabilities on affected assets.

Vulnerability Reports

- Executive Summaries



The Microsoft Windows operating system was found on 2,812 systems, making it the most common operating system. There were 95 services found to be running during this scan.



The CIFS service was found on 2,734 systems, making it the most common service. The CIFS service was found to have the most vulnerabilities during this scan with 5,277 vulnerabilities.

REMEDICATION MANAGEMENT & REPORTING

Remediation Management & Reporting

- **Vulnerabilities are remediated by:**
 - Patching
 - Firmware updates
 - Hardening devices
 - Software Upgrades
 - Recommended Settings on Operating Systems and/or Applications
 - Retirement of a vulnerable device

Remediation Management & Reporting

- Remediation reports show what Summaries and Details of what vulnerabilities are getting remediated and how long, on average, it is taking from time of notification to remediation.
- Used to track Security Performance:
 - Critical = 30 days
 - Severe = 60 days
 - Moderate = 90 days
- Alternative to remediation: Have management review and accept the risk of not remediating. This is usually a formal process and must be requested and granted in writing.

Remediation Management & Reporting

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Remediation Management Guiding Principles – (1 of 5)

- Run Vulnerability Scans AFTER the Patch Updating Process
- Highest Risk: Confidential Data hosted
- Your Team should use and track metrics (i.e. how many vulnerabilities are getting fixed, etc.)
- You only need to go to the level of granularity where you can easily report
- Your Team needs to define what is “acceptable risk”
- Your Team needs to define its timelines for vulnerability scanning and remediation
- Your Team needs a vulnerability processes created and processes that are repeatable across sites, and easily implemented in the other Regions
- Create a Vulnerability Program Roadmap with a Remediation Plan that will extend into 2017 Q2
- Establish Roles and Responsibilities in the Vulnerability Management Program

Remediation Management Guiding Principles – (2 of 5)

- Create, use and maintain a RACI Chart
- Assign Patching and ensure that competent engineers are doing the patching
- Always review the Patching Cycle Results and the VMS Scan Results
- Find Missing Configurations and Unpatched devices
- Poor Governance and Oversight constitutes high risk
- You want Centralized Oversight with very closed loops (weekly, then semi-monthly)
- Hold engineers that patch servers accountable
- Use VMS to track the vulnerabilities for the Baseline
- Bottom Line: You have visibility so SHOW STEADY PROGRESS
- If possible, correspond attack history and patterns with vulnerabilities

Remediation Management Guiding Principles – (3 of 5)

- Group your VMS Policies by
 - Vendor
 - Servers
 - Routers
 - Switches
 - ASA
 - IDS/IPS
 - Wintel machines
- Add VMS Triage and Priorities because you will not be able to fix everything at once

Remediation Management Guiding Principles – (4 of 5)

- Your goals
 - To Manage Risk
 - Improve Your Information Security Management Posture
- Nothing is EASY, especially when everything is MANUAL
- Learn how to Leverage for Reporting and more Management Vulnerability Management Processes
- Learn how to develop and maintain Vulnerability Management Tool Policies
- You will have problems with Bandwidth in terms of being able to manage the efforts that result in Vulnerability Remediation. It requires thoughtful planning and strategic use of resources, because the Enterprise and the Quantity of things to get done are both huge

Remediation Management Guiding Principles – (5 of 5)

- Go for the “Low Hanging Fruit” and get as much done as possible with single consoles like using Group Policy Objects to manage known critical vulnerabilities
- **Create a Project for the Vulnerability Remediations, and get a tough Sponsor – someone with the authority and influence to get results.**
- Have a well-designed Tactical Plan to go fix the vulnerabilities – make it easy to consume
- Make sure the Vulnerability Management Program reflects a well-designed Strategy – make it easy to consume

RACI Chart

RACI-Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed

	IT Security	Sys Admins	Management	Application owners
Perform scans and notify admins when completed	A	I	R	I
Generate reports for analysis of applicability	C	A	R	I
Evaluate risk to perform upgrade or apply patch	A	C	R	I
Patch following Change Management procedures	C	A	R	I
For Critical*/High, identify required resources and mitigation strategies, if unable to patch immediately	C	A	R	I
Provide resources or accept/reject mitigated level of risk	A	C	R	I
Validate closure with next scheduled scan	A	C	R	I
*Critical here refers to zero-day attacks or threats and major outage potential				

VULNERABILITY AGING REPORTING

Vulnerability Aging Reporting

- Vulnerability Aging Reporting tracks an organization security performance and shows how long, on the average, Teams are taking to remediate their vulnerabilities, by Region, Device Type, and Severity

Example:



	Total Actual Open Critical Vulnerabilities	Summary Past 30 Days	Summary Past 60 Days	Summary Past 90 Days	Summary Past 120 Days	Summary Past 150 Days
Servers	126			36	40	33
Network Devices	353	10	3	4	6	3

PERSONAL INSIGHTS FROM EXPERIENCE

Personal Insights from Experience

- A Vulnerability Management Program requires a strong project sponsor and continuous strong management report
- Be extremely organized, and set your own artifact naming standards.
- Be disciplined, reliable, accurate, and always conduct yourself with integrity.
- Stay cool, calm, and collected.
- Save everything.

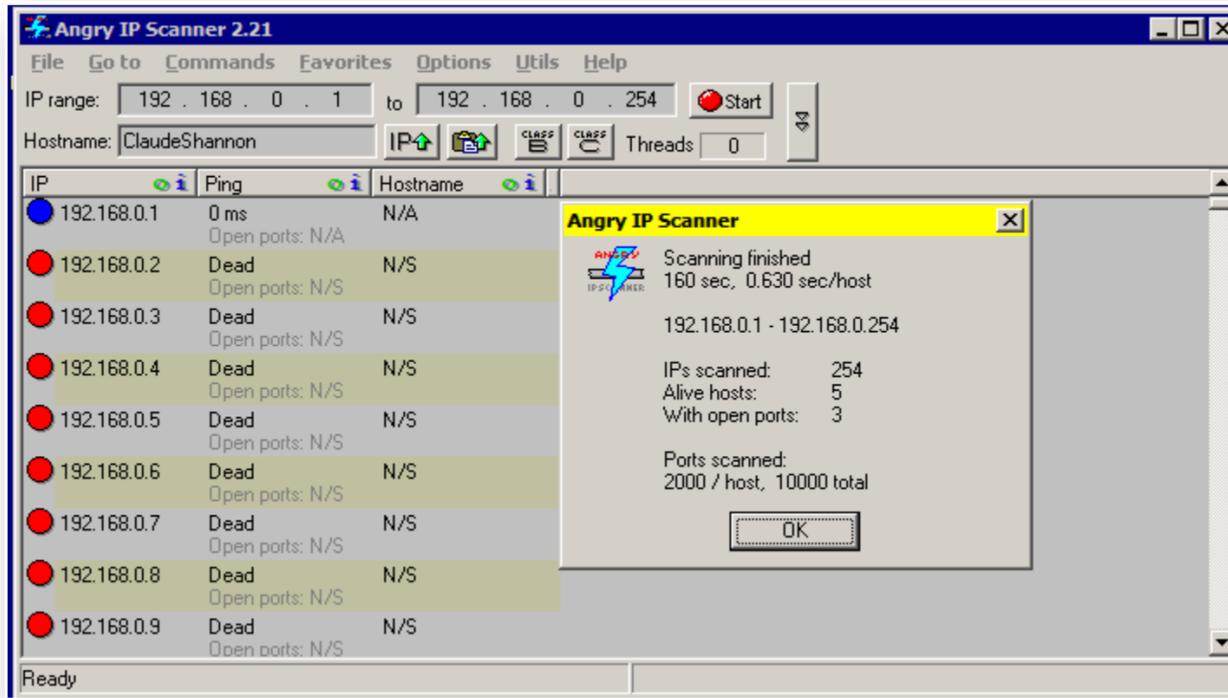
Personal Insights from Experience

- If you want to quickly get up to speed on port scanning, read this paper, Angry IP – An IP Scanner Tool - A Product Analysis and User Tutorial (well documented and fun!)
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Summary

- Vulnerability Management is an essential part of information security.
- It is as much of a political task as it is a technical task.
- Keep up with your tasks, your schedule, and reporting.
- The ideas in this presentation will help you get on the right track and stay there.
- You will never have a dull day.

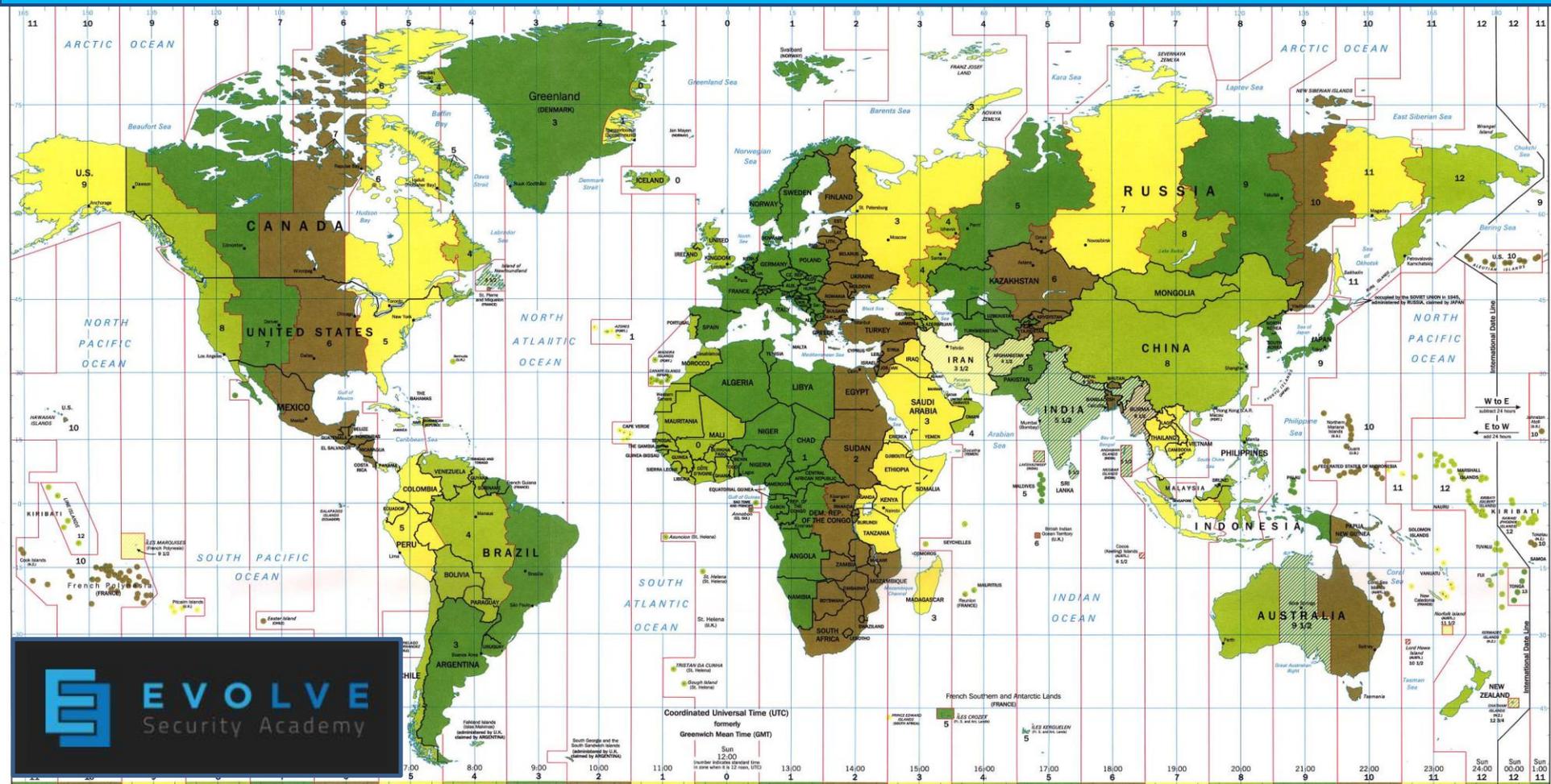


Conclusions

- Use ideas from this presentation to create or improve your own Vulnerability Management Program
- If you aren't identifying Vulnerabilities and methodically remediating them, you are leaving your organization exposed to many potential cybersecurity threats.
- Using a mature, organized approach, you can successfully improve your organization's security posture with a well-organized, well-executed Vulnerability Management Program and Remediation Management Program.
- Build strong Teams that will support your efforts in Vulnerability Management and Remediation Management.
- Keep everything because Management AND Auditors will definitely ask for your artifacts and data and documentation, and when you least expect it.



Questions?



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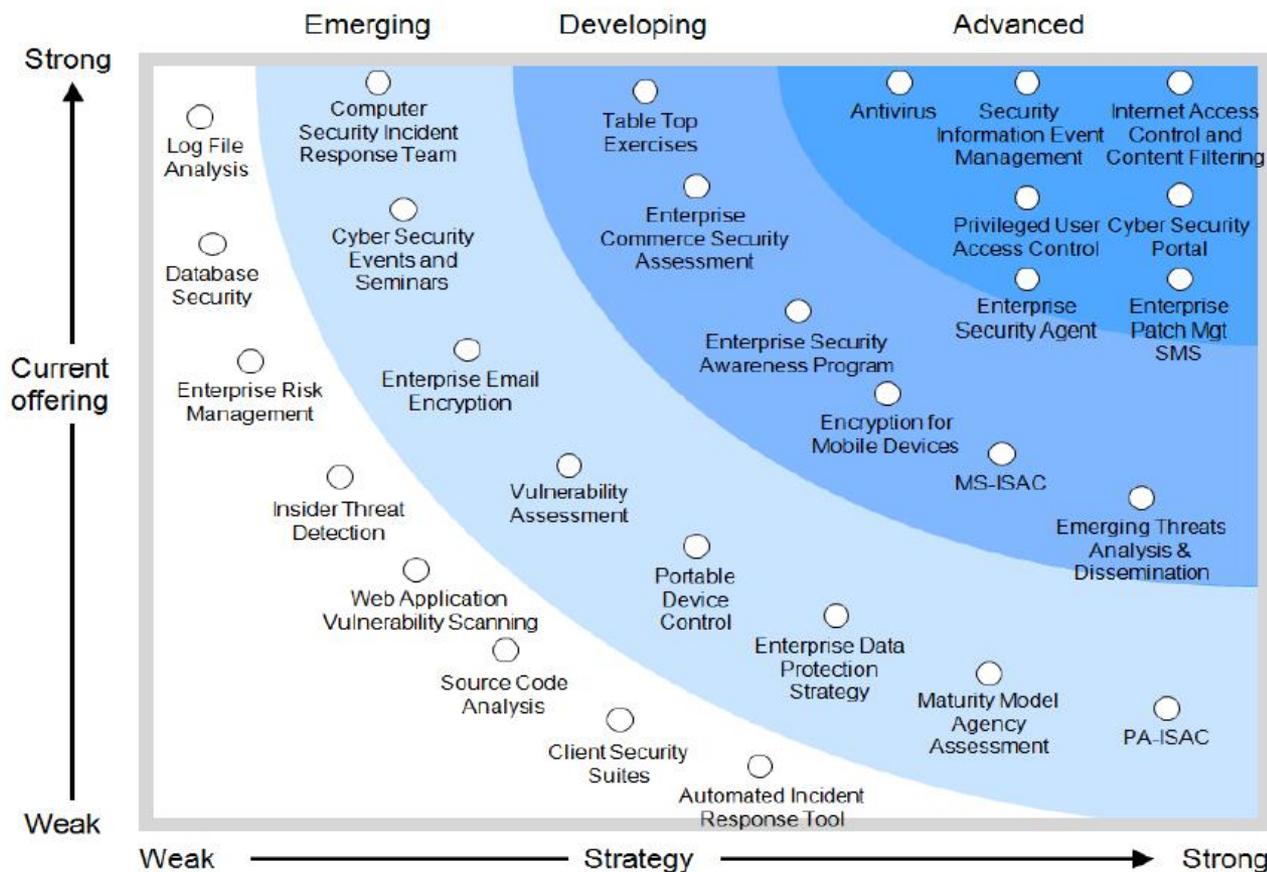
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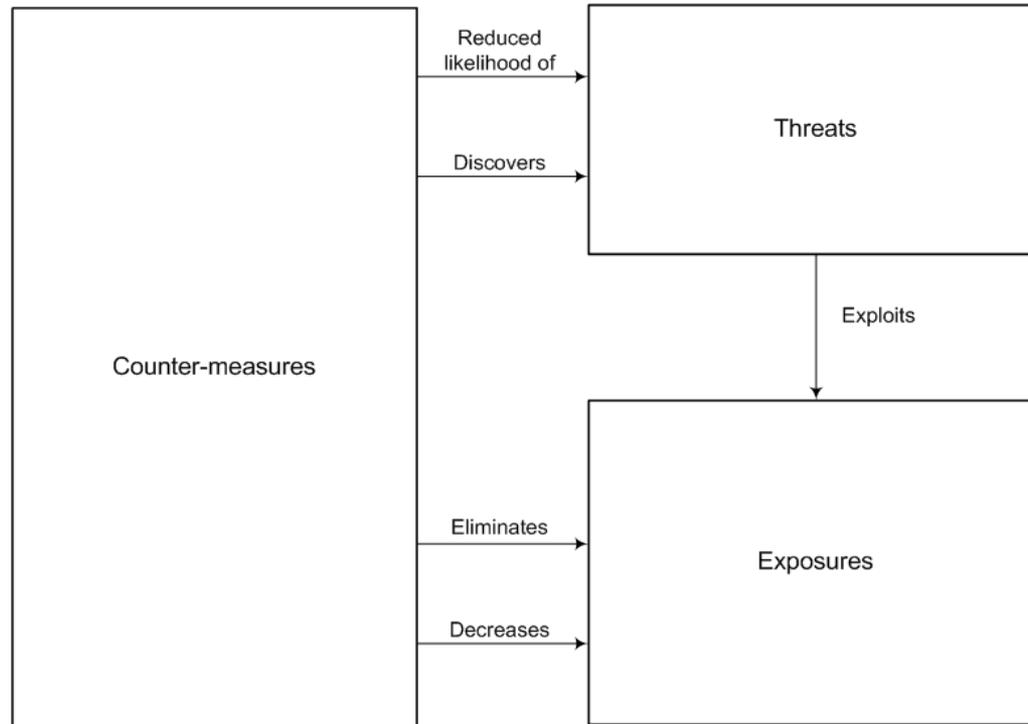
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SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES

2008 – 2010
Transition
Period



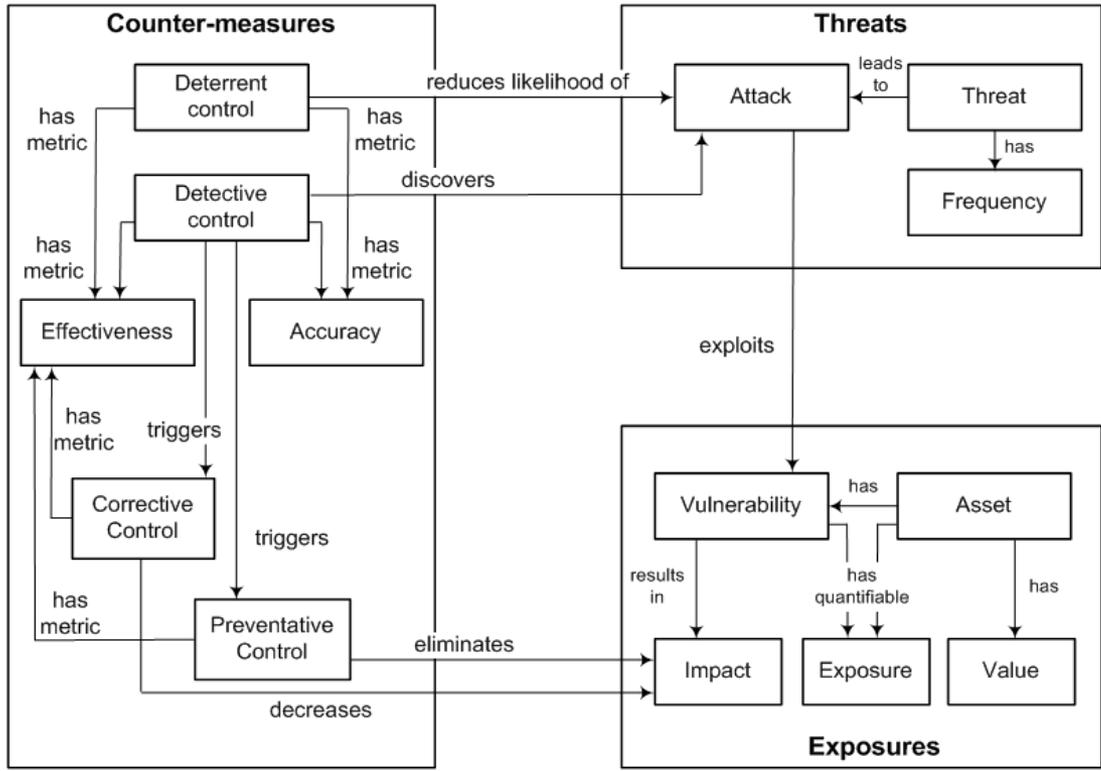
Logical Model for IT Security Management Controls – Level 1



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Planning for Information Security

Implementation



Figure 2-8 Information security governance responsibilities

Source: Course Technology/Cengage Learning (adapted from Whitman, 2013)



Planning For Information Security Implementation (cont'd.)

- Implementation can begin
 - After plan has been translated into IT and information security objectives and tactical and operational plans
- Methods of implementation
 - Bottom-up
 - Top-down

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle

- An SDLC is a methodology for the design and implementation of an information system
- SDLC-based projects may be initiated by events or planned
- At the end of each phase, a review occurs to determine if the project should be continued, discontinued, outsourced, or postponed

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- SecSDLC methodology is similar to SDLC
 - Identification of specific threats and the risks they represent
 - Design and implementation of specific controls to counter those threats and manage risks posed to the organization

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

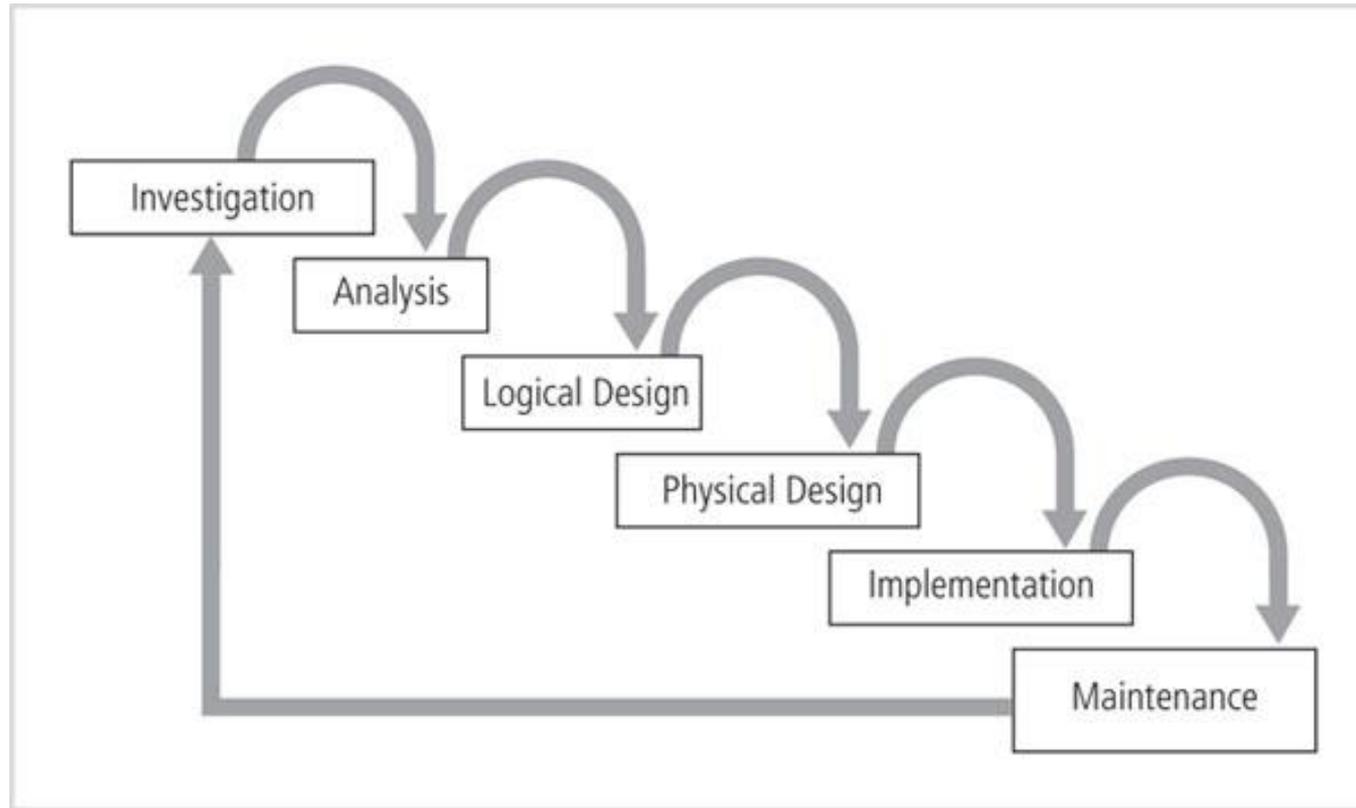


Figure 2-10 Phases of the SecSDLC

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle

- Analysis in the SecSDLC
- Analyze relevant legal issues that could affect the design of the security solution
 - Risk management begins in this stage
 - The process of identifying, assessing, and evaluating the levels of risk facing the organization, specifically the threats to the information stored and processed by the organization
 - A threat is an object, person, or other entity that represents a constant danger to an asset

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- An attack
 - A deliberate act that exploits a vulnerability to achieve the compromise of a controlled system
 - Accomplished by a threat agent that damages or steals an organization's information or physical assets
- An exploit
 - A technique or mechanism used to compromise a system

Source: Course Technology/Cengage Learning
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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- A vulnerability
 - An identified weakness of a controlled system in which necessary controls that are not present or are no longer effective

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

Categories of threat	Examples
1. Acts of human error or failure	Accidents, employee mistakes
2. Compromises to intellectual property	Piracy, copyright infringement
3. Deliberate acts of espionage or trespass	Unauthorized access and/or data collection
4. Deliberate acts of information extortion	Blackmail of information disclosure
5. Deliberate acts of sabotage or vandalism	Destruction of systems or information
6. Deliberate acts of theft	Illegal confiscation of equipment or information
7. Deliberate software attacks	Viruses, worms, macros, denial-of-service
8. Deviations in quality of service from service providers	Power and WAN service issues
9. Forces of nature	Fire, flood, earthquake, lightning
10. Technical hardware failures or errors	Equipment failure
11. Technical software failures or errors	Bugs, code problems, unknown loopholes
12. Technological obsolescence	Antiquated or outdated technologies

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Table 2-1 Threats to Information Security

Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- Some common attacks
 - Malicious code
 - Hoaxes
 - Back doors
 - Password crack
 - Brute force
 - Dictionary
 - Denial-of-service (DoS) and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS)

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- Some common attacks (cont'd.)
 - Spoofing
 - Man-in-the-middle
 - Spam
 - Mail bombing
 - Sniffer
 - Social engineering
 - Buffer overflow
 - Timing

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- Investigation in the SecSDLC
 - Phase begins with directive from management specifying the process, outcomes, and goals of the project and its budget
 - Frequently begins with the affirmation or creation of security policies
 - Teams assembled to analyze problems, define scope, specify goals and identify constraints

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- Investigation in the SecSDLC (cont'd.)
 - Feasibility analysis
 - Determines whether the organization has the resources and commitment to conduct a successful security analysis and design
- Analysis in the SecSDLC
 - Prepare analysis of existing security policies and programs, along with known threats and current controls

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Introduction to the Security Systems Development Life Cycle (cont'd.)

- Prioritize the risk posed by each category of threat
- Identify and assess the value of your information assets
 - Assign a comparative risk rating or score to each specific information asset

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Computer Network Defense Workflows



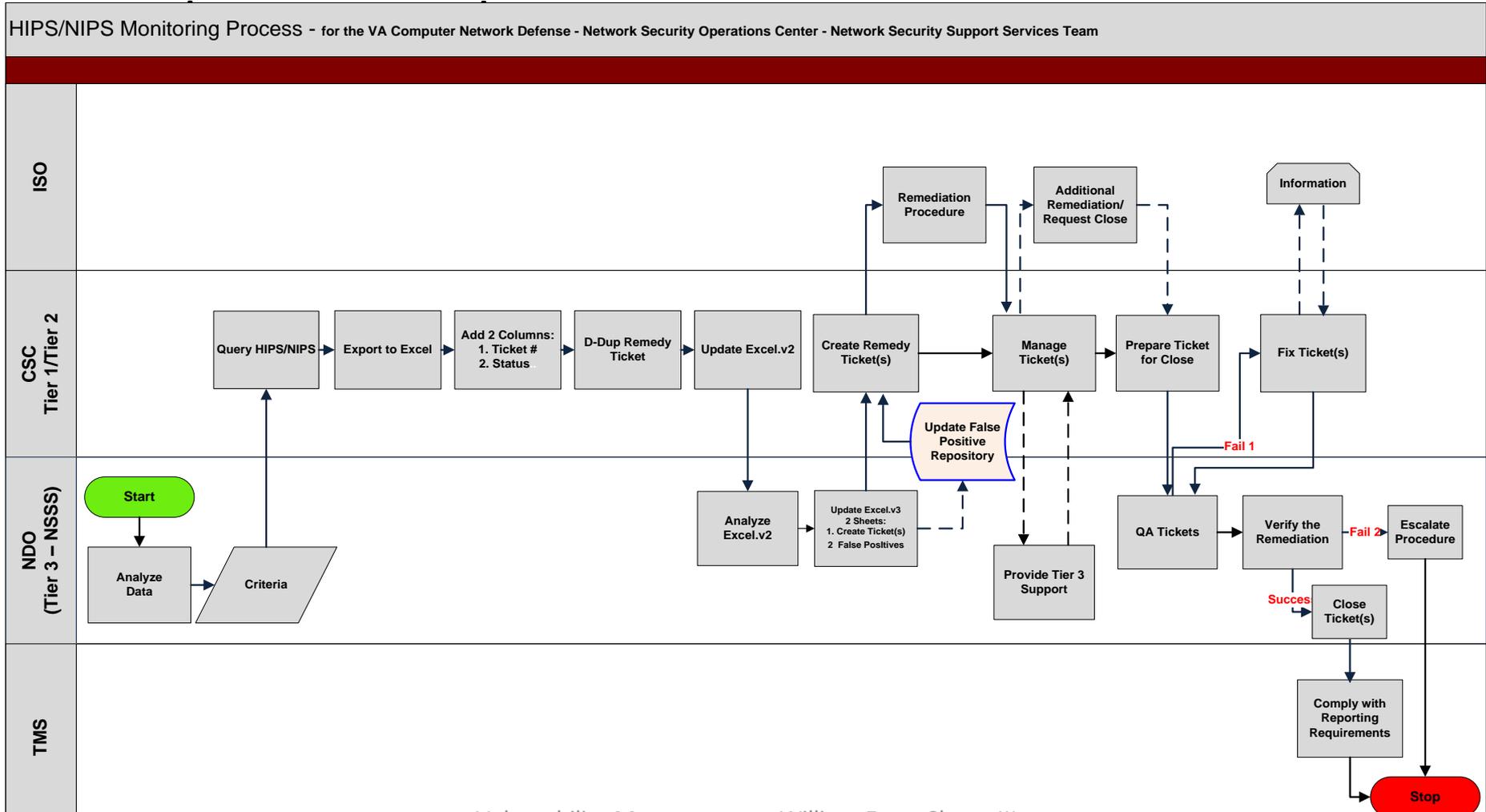
Computer Network Defense (CND)

Four Pillars

- Forensics
- Threat Analysis
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Network Defense Operations (NDO)
 - NSSS Team
- Enterprise Technical Security Officers

Challenges

- The new Custer Support Center – Network Security Support Services (Tier 3) Cooperative Workflow





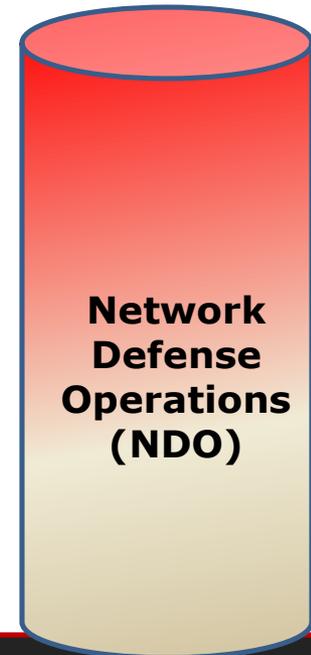
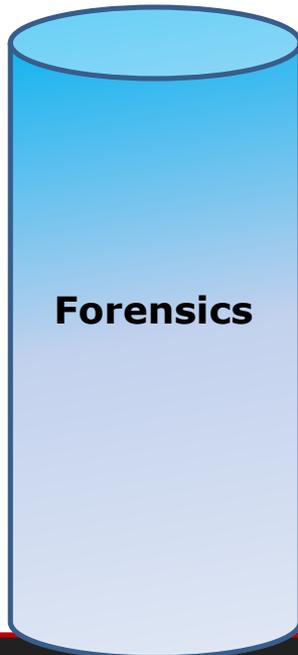
Network Security Operations Center (NSOC) Mission Statement

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Service, through the VA Network and Security Operations Center (NSOC), defends, manages, and monitors the network operating status and cyber security posture of the Department by providing the day to day management, operation and configuration of the enterprise network infrastructure, internet gateways, the delivery of enterprise security systems and services, the monitoring and reporting of security incidents, the conduct of threat and vulnerability analysis, the validation of adequate security controls within the enterprise and the full range of functions across the spectrum of activities relating to incident management, incident response and enterprise network management.

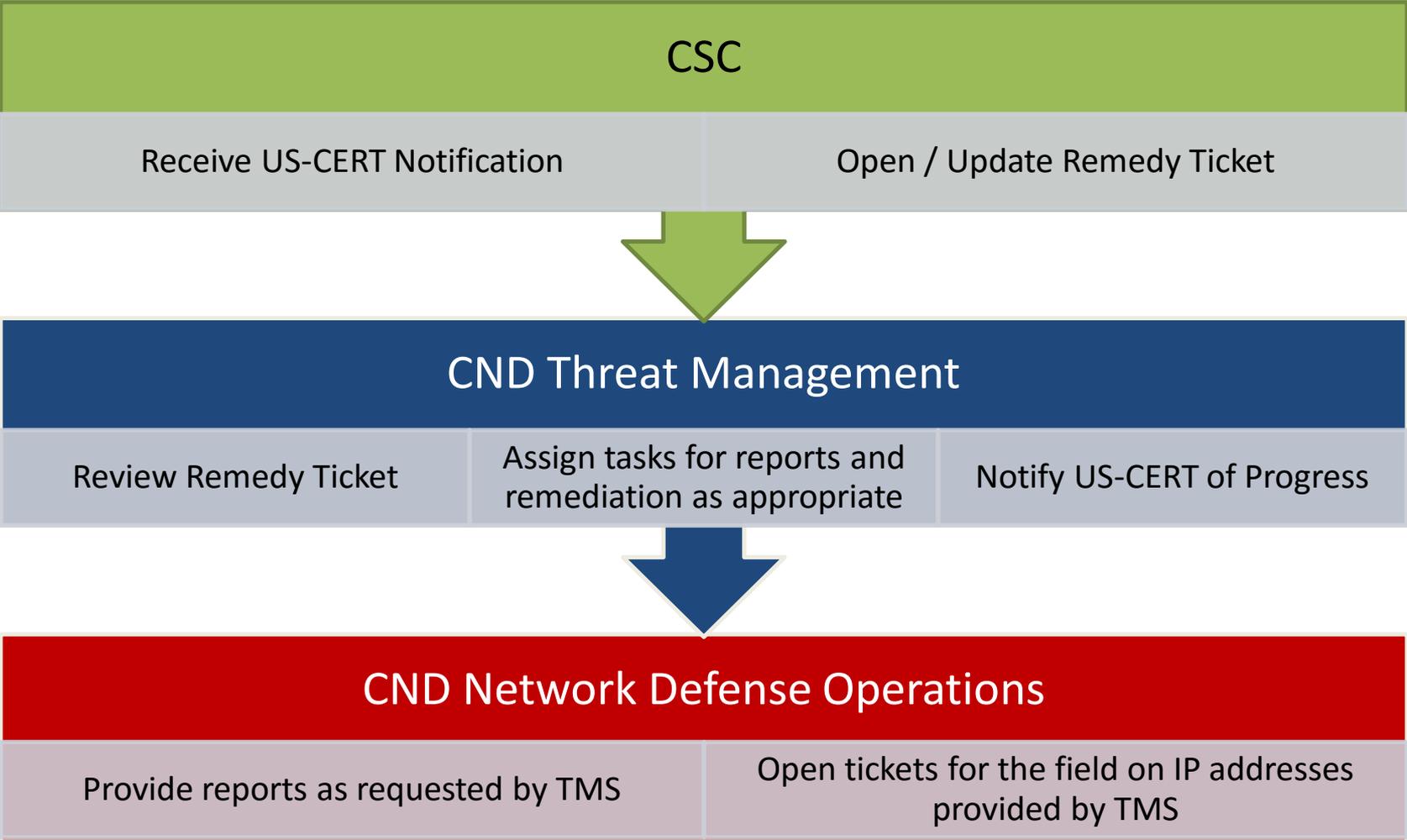


Computer Network Defense (CND)

The Four Pillars



US-CERT Incident Notification Ticket Processing



CSC

- Review notification to determine if this is a new notification or an update to an existing notification
 - If New : A new ticket will be opened
 - If Update: Existing ticket will be updated
- Assign the ticket to Computer Network Defense: Threat Management
- Input the US-CERT Incident Number field on the CSC Incident Management tab
- Ticket Priority set to HIGH



CND Threat Management

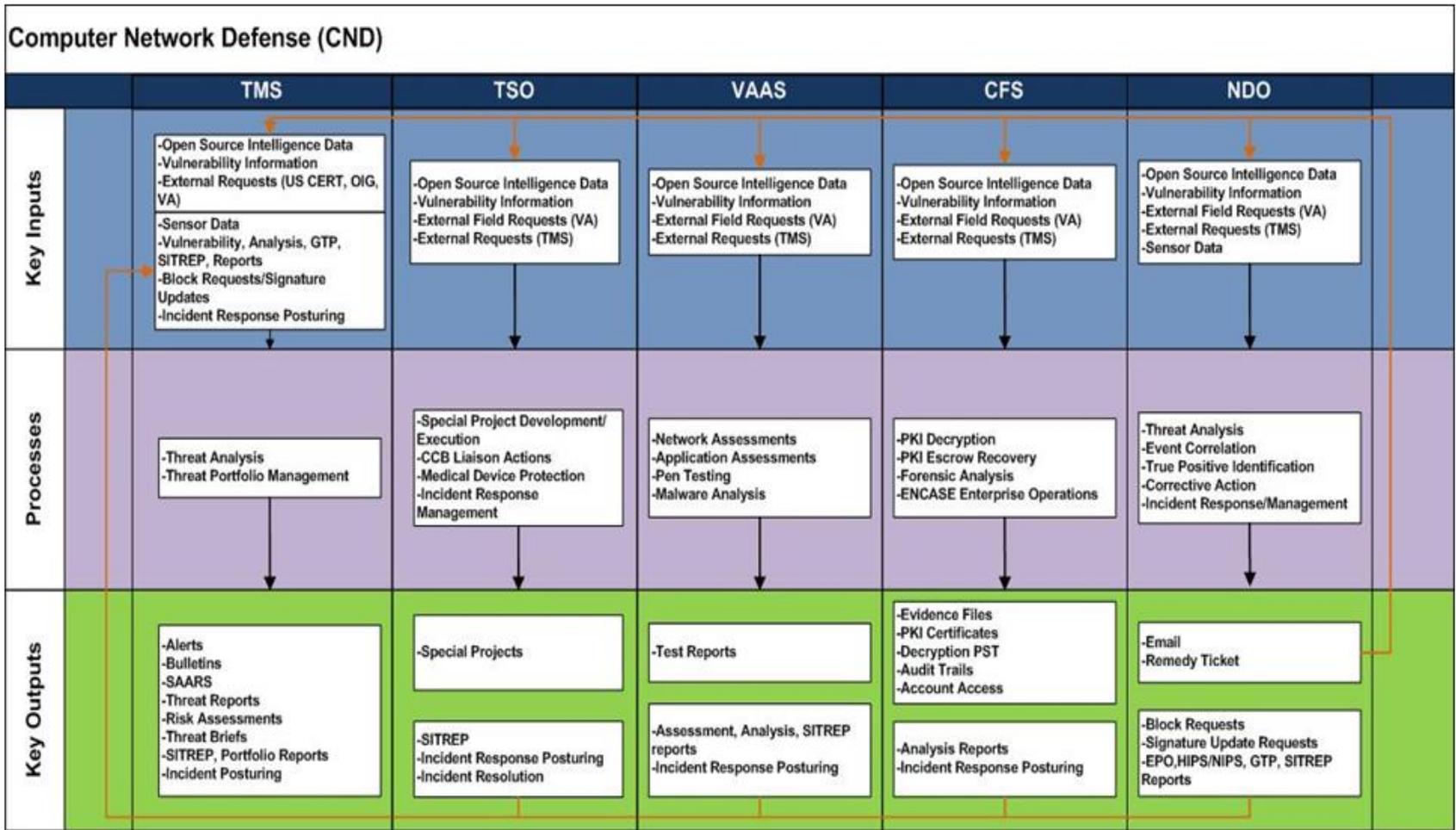
- TMS will review ticket
 - TMS will request reports as needed from NDO
 - TMS will notify US-CERT of VA ticket number
- TMS will analyze the log events and correlate to other sensor logs as necessary
- TMS will keep US-CERT updated on progress
- TMS will send a list of internal IP addresses to NDO for ticket creation and remediation activity
- TMS will maintain parent ticket through remediation of all child tickets managed by NDO
- TMS will close the parent ticket after successful closure of all child tickets by NDO



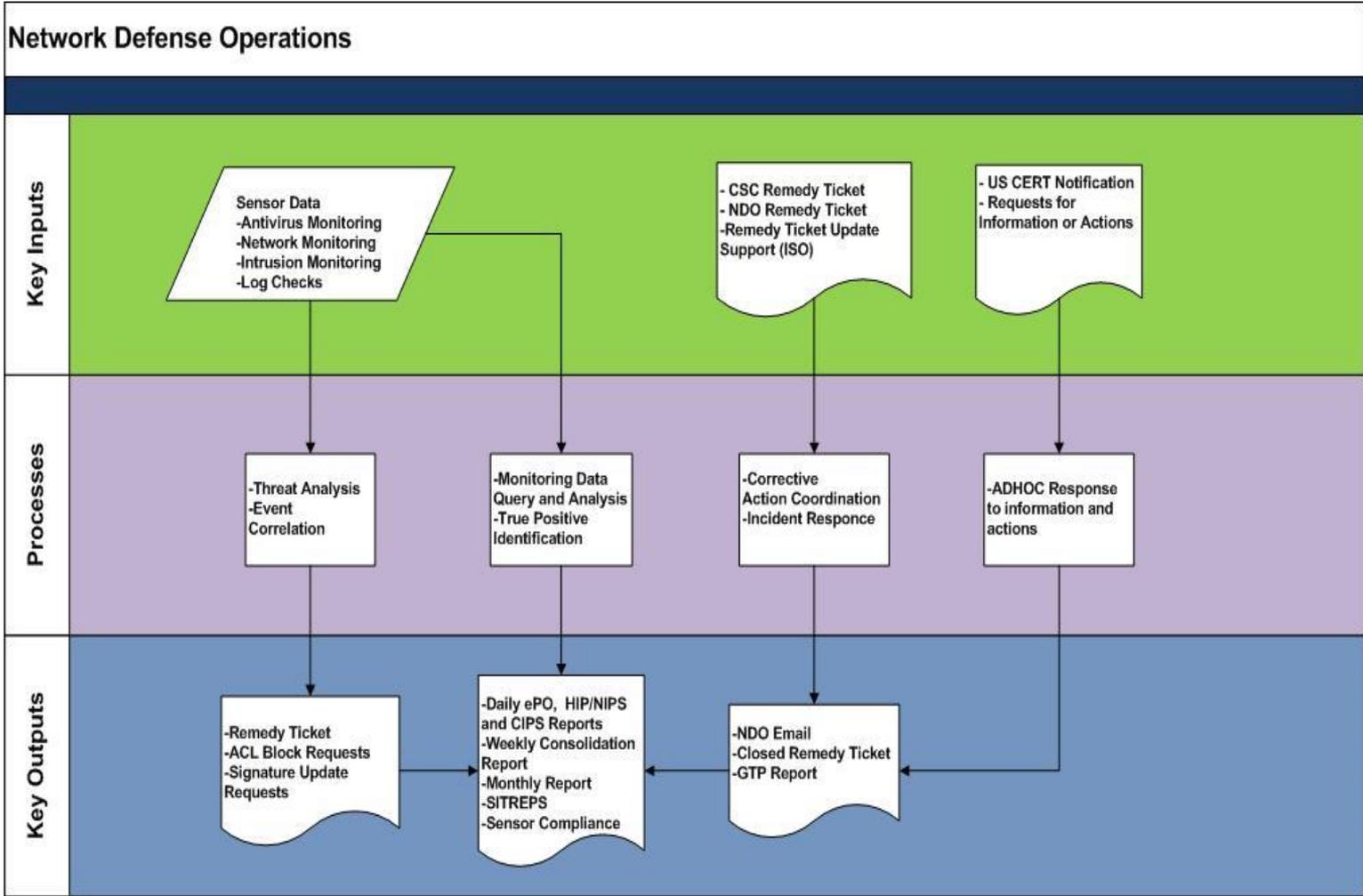
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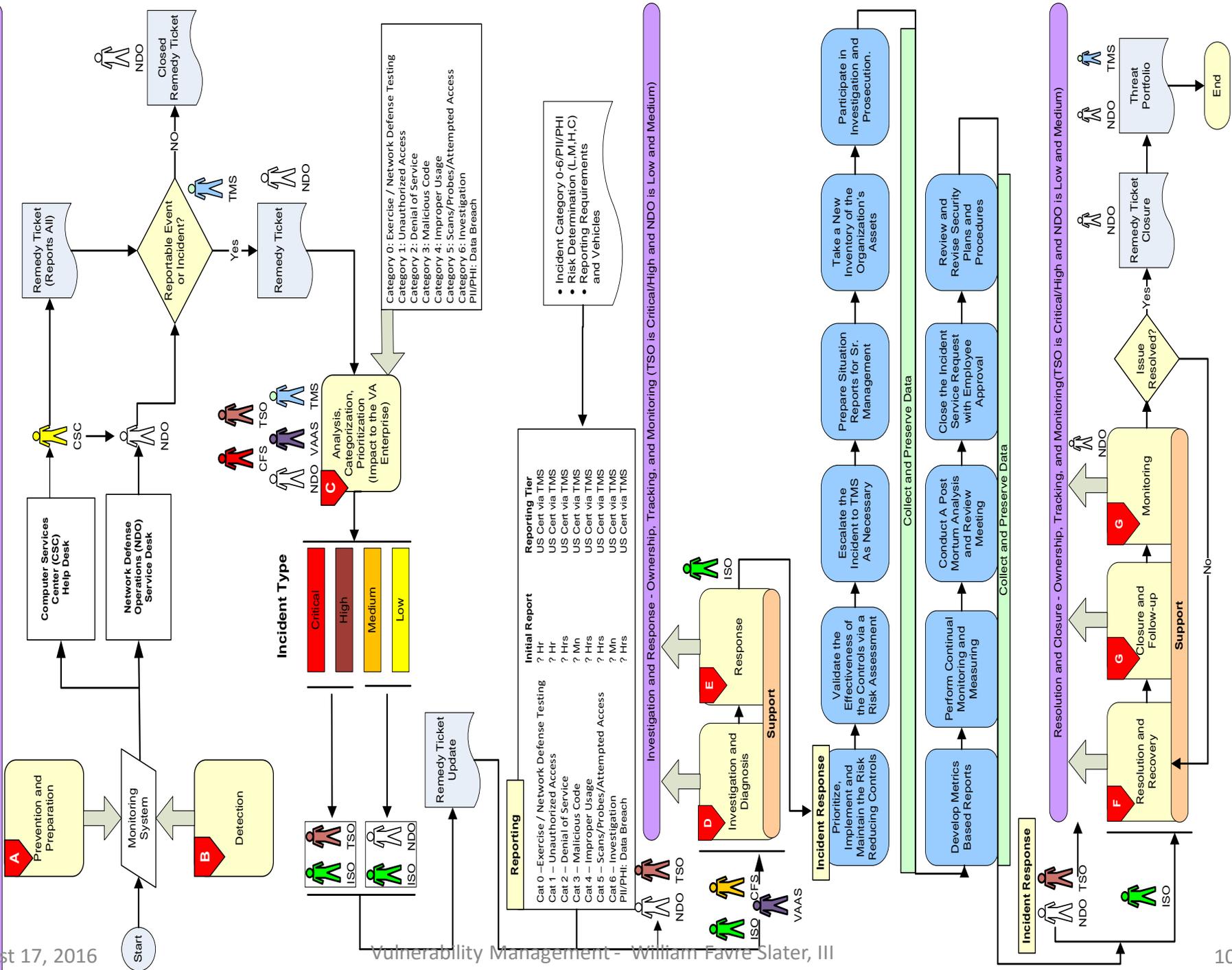
- NDO will run reports as requested to support the TMS analysis
- NDO will open tickets for field operations remediation activities
 - Tickets will be linked to the original ticket as child tickets allowing TMS to track progress of activity
- NDO will follow up and track all field tickets through remediation as per normal NDO SOP
- NDO will manage all child tickets to the field and close them as appropriate.

Computer Network Defense



NDO Flows





Controls

- Control – definition
- Information system controls
- More on Information systems, controls and security
- More examples of controls

Controls

- What is a “control”?
 - A control is something that provides some level of protection for an asset in order to prevent negative consequences of a threat.

More on Information Systems and Security

- Passwords – safeguard them
- Use Virtual Private Network (VPN) for secure remote access
- Use Secure software for secure data transfers
- Use encrypted systems to avoid data compromise
- Encrypt portable storage media when possible
- Don't store protected or restricted data on your local computer disk storage



**NEVER STORE PERSONAL OR PROTECTED
DATA ON LOCAL MACHINES**

Examples of Information Security Controls

Table 2. Countermeasures for Information Security Vulnerabilities

People

- Formal Written Policy
- Background Checks
- Incident Response Team
- User Safety & Response Training

Processes

- Updating
- Secure Software Configuration
- Backups
- Log File Analysis
- Physical & Environmental Security

Authentication & Access

- Biometrics
- Passwords and Tokens
- Database Access Control
- Server/Segment Access Control

Computer Level

- Antivirus Protection
- Web Browser Controls

- Operating System Controls
- Redundant Hardware or Software

Network Technology

- Firewalls / Router Security
- Intrusion Detection Systems
- Disconnect
- Integrity Checking
- Honeypots

Encryption

- Digital Certificates
- Virtual Private Networks
- Database Encryption
- Wireless Equivalency Protocol
- Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) E-mail

Management

- Adequate Budget
- Effective Personnel Function
- Contingency Planning
- System Audit & Vulnerability Analysis

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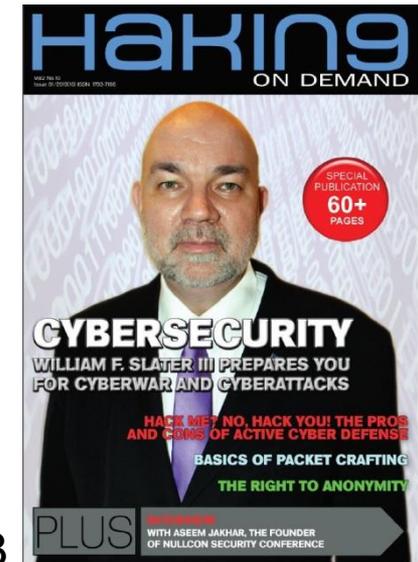
Then & Now

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**Strategic Air Command Headquarters
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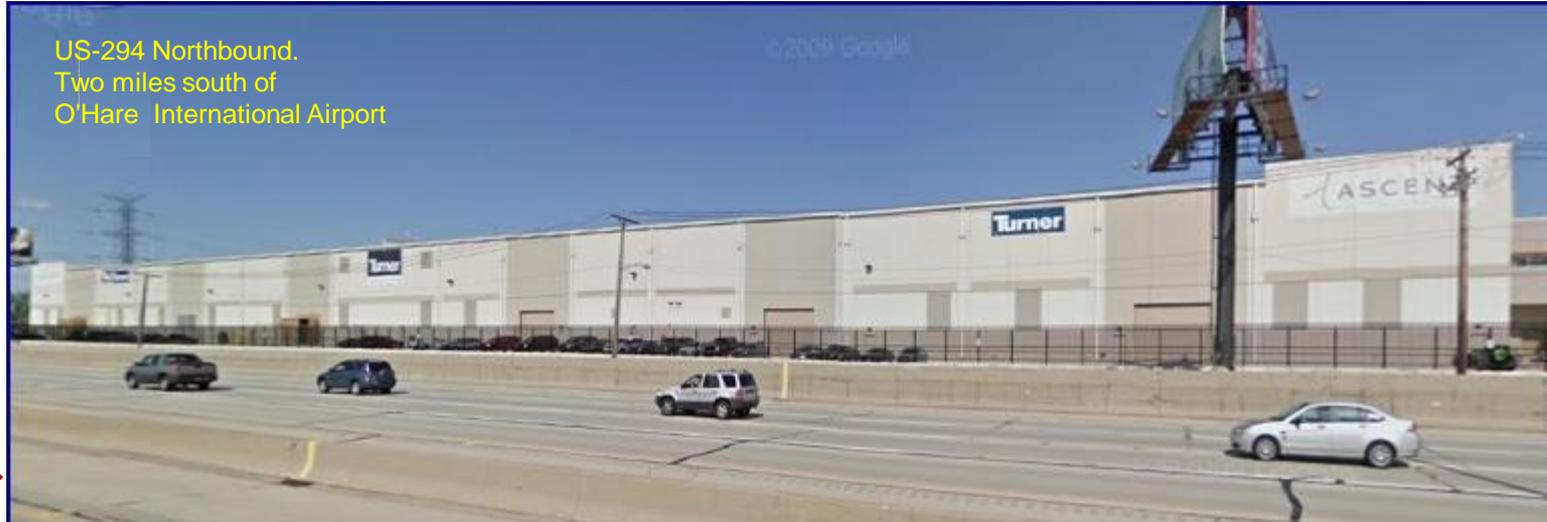


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The Microsoft Chicago Data Center - Microsoft's Flagship Cloud Data Center

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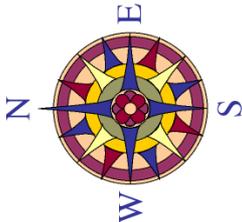


Microsoft Chicago Data Center in Northlake, IL. Actual street view photo from Google Maps

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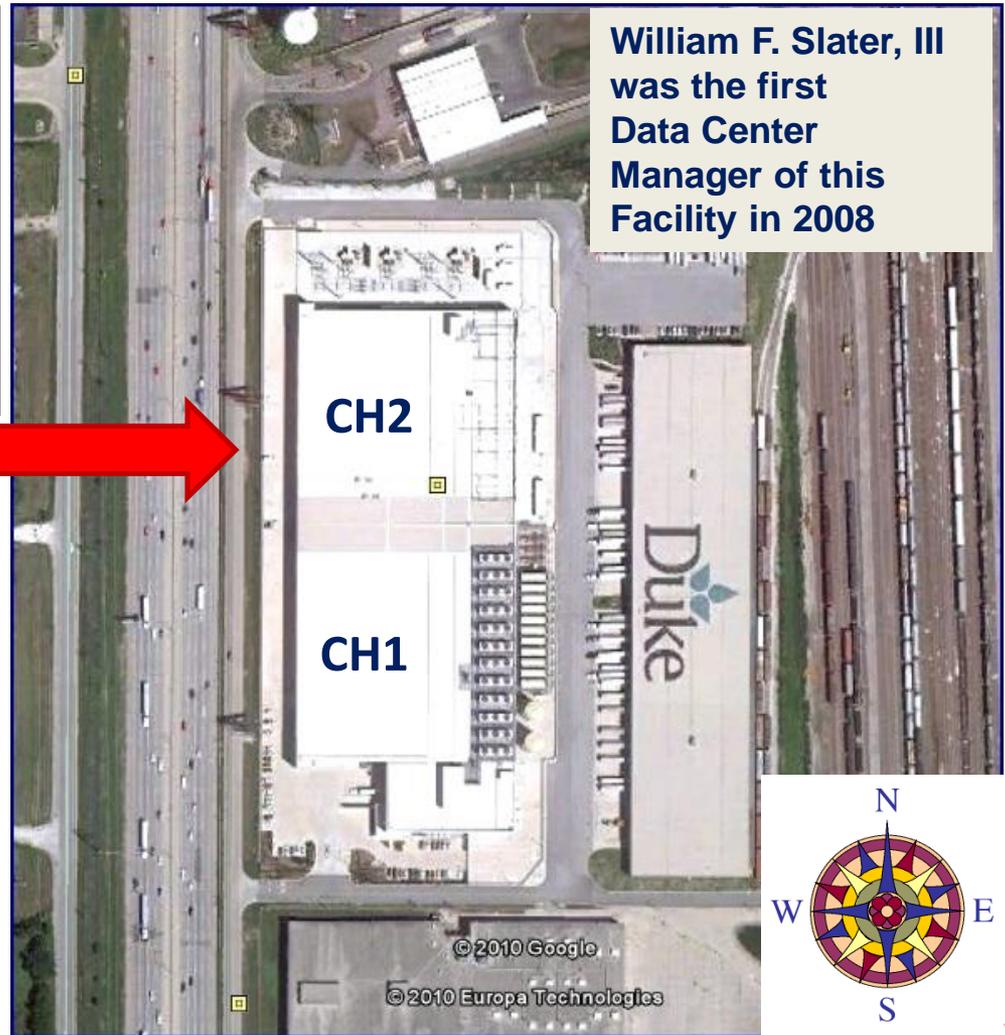
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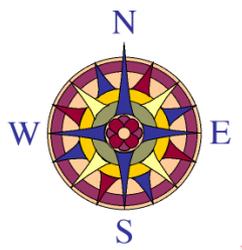
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