
Which is Job #1: Quality or Cybersecurity?

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CHANGE THE FUTURE

Work

1. 40+ years in Information Technology
2. 20+ years in Information Security
3. Industries: technology services, insurance, gaming, defense, education, government services, and manufacturing.



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Education/Certification

1. MS in Information Assurance @ Norwich University
2. BS in Computer Science @ University of Rhode Island
3. ISACA Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
4. CompTIA Security+



Professional Conduct & Controls

Can only ASSURE what you can CONTROL!

1. Assess and Identify Risks
2. Establish standards and procedures.
3. Train to develop skills and awareness.
4. Communicate importance.
5. Monitor threats and performance.
6. Handle incidents and problems.
7. Discipline and enforce.



Credit: Stealth Africa

Provide assurance of the integrity and origin of quality results so that the integrity and origin can be verified and validated by a third party.

Assurance can be through ATTESTATION, DEMONSTRATION, or TEST.

Quality & IT = Cyber Risk

Quality Management

1. Immersive Technologies
2. Tech-driven Continuous Improvement
3. Computer Vision
4. Big Data & Analytics
5. Quality Control w/IoT
6. Cloud-based QMS
7. Blockchain Traceability
8. Digital Twins & Simulations
9. Robotic Process Automation
10. Zero Waste Strategies

Business Risk = Strategic + Regulatory + Financial + OPERATIONAL



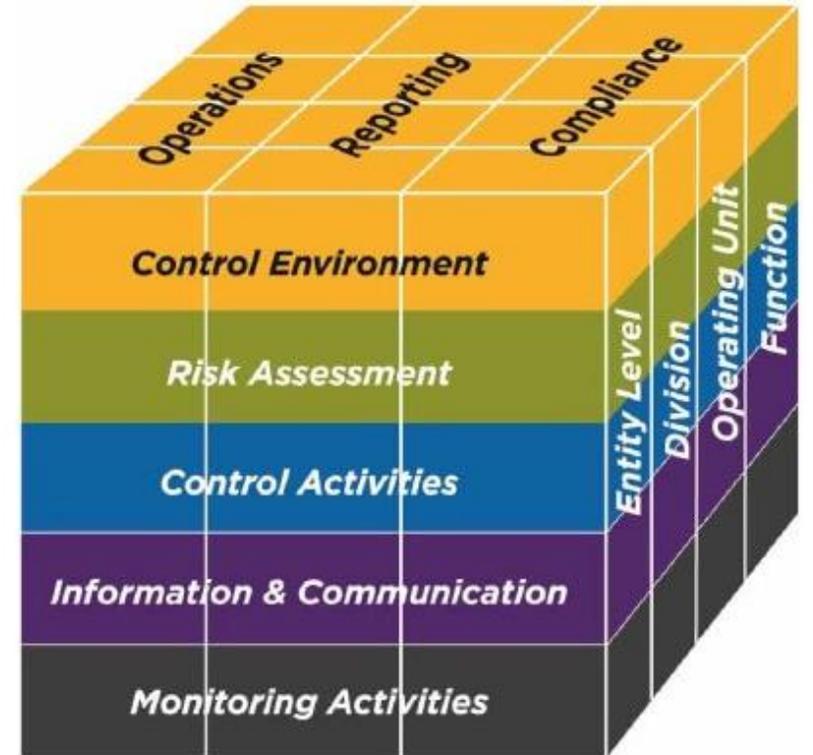
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Rise in Cyber-Physical Attacks

- Advances in computer and networking technologies, as well as dependency on interconnected cyber-physical components.
- Limited research on the vulnerability of QC components.
- Legacy tools can be exploited, new tools not being built with cybersecurity in mind.

Managing Cyber Risk

- Same risk management process.
- Cybersecurity SME
 - Different control activities.
 - Different controls.
 - Information about Technology.
 - Cyber Threats
 - Monitoring of usage and threats.



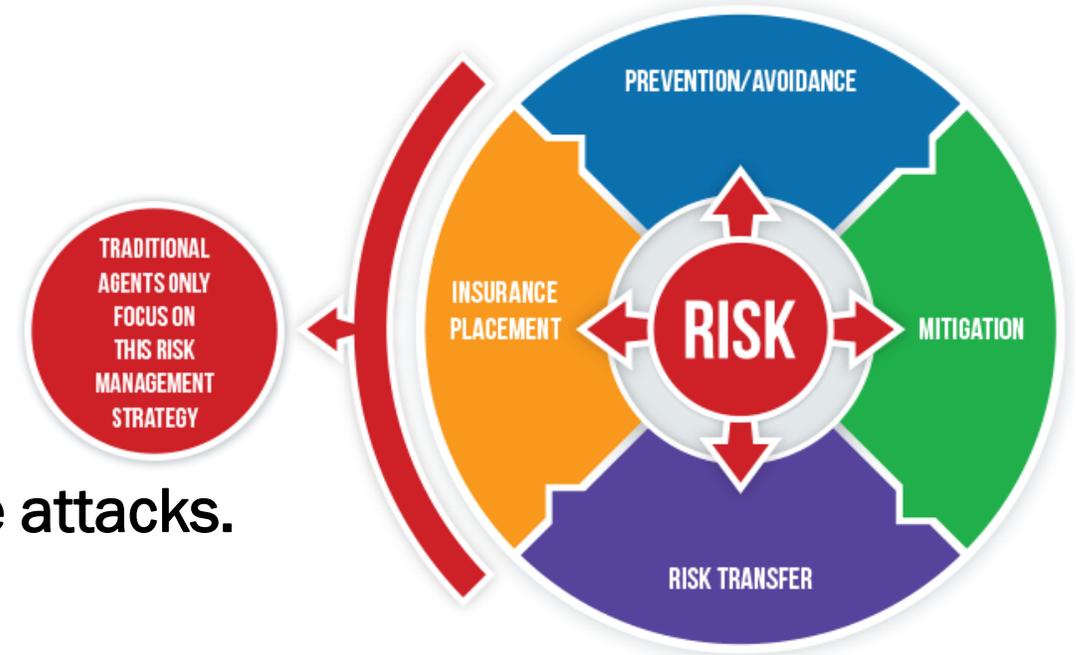
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Designated Owner: Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Detailed Program: Planned Controls, Status, and Risks

Risks Too Big to Self-Insure

- 12% upsurge in cyber claims
- 72% spike in claims severity
- 60% of claims due to Ransomware attacks.



Credit: IronRisk Strategies

- **Increases in insurance demand in short term to outpace supply.**
 - Requires longer-term thinking mixed with near-term action.
 - Insurance is important, but only part of the broader cyber security discussion.

Need a Designated Owner

Threats:

- Difficulty managing requirements.
- Rapid change in threats, operations
- No governance / oversight.
- Lack of expertise in writing policy.
- Suppliers may be weakest link.

Best Practices:

- Establish a fractional CISO / CPO
 - Policy Management
 - Threat Management
 - Compliance
 - Supplier Management



Credit: Bitsight

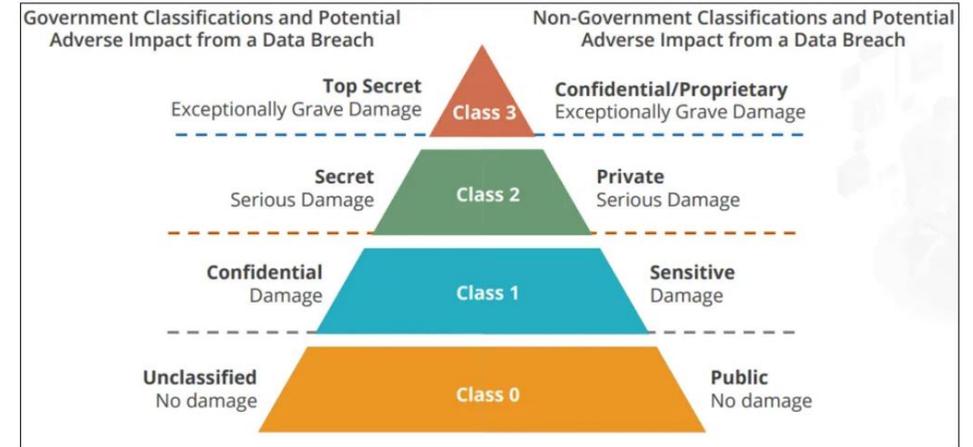
Protect Sensitive Assets First

Threats:

- Staff does not know what is important.
- No handling instructions.
- Regulated assets lack proper protection.
- Assets lost or stolen.

Best Practices:

- Classification scheme – public, internal, confidential, restricted.
- Establish an asset inventory.
- Establish a default classification and label everything else.
- Establish handling guidelines per classification.
- Establish retention rules and disposal procedures.

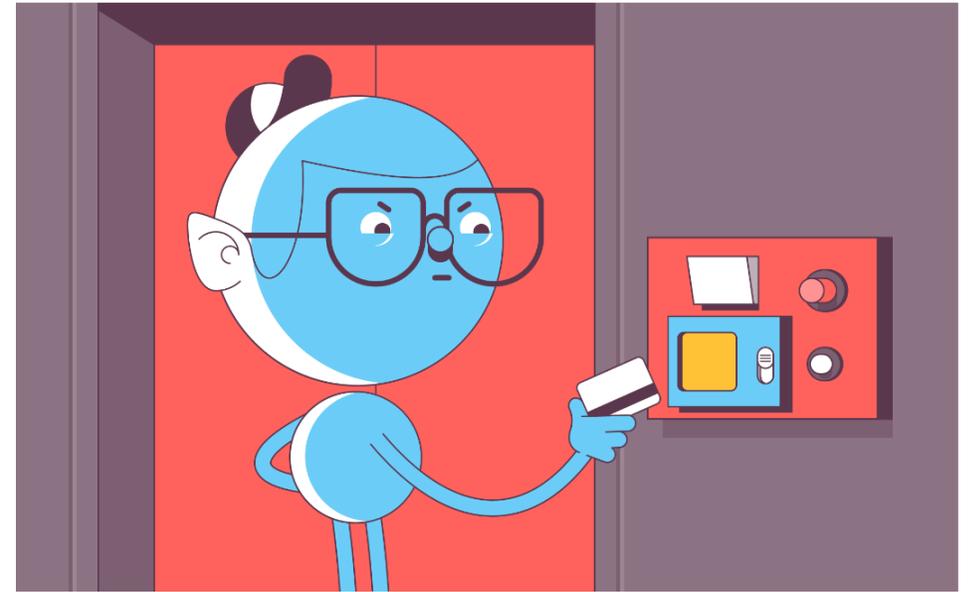


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Value is in Access, so is the Risk

Threats:

- Too much access by default.
- Crimes not traceable to individuals.
- Compromised passwords reused.
- Huge impact from single compromised account.



Credit: SSLS.COM

Best Practices:

- Business user access form to document access changes.
- Establish templates for access rights per user role.
- Tie generic accounts to the software that uses them.
- Regularly review access at intervals based upon role risk.
- Monitor access and escalate suspicious behavior.

Be Responsive and Thorough

Threats:

- Sharp increase in breaches.
- Breaches also more severe.
- Penalties for underreported breaches.
- Response delay compounds impact.

Best Practices:

- Train users on how to detect and report an incident.
- Prepare for likely incidents before they happen.
- Establish breach notification procedures.
- Gather lessons learned to minimize impact on future occurrences.



Credit: Healthcare IT News

Be Resilient to Likely Impacts

Threats:

- Cut or Insufficient Power
- Poor environment for IT devices.
- IT device failure.
- Network/communication failure.
- Cloud or service provider failure.

Best Practices:

- Perform business impact analysis.
- Identify critical resources to business operations.
- Design for resiliency when possible.
- Establish recovery contingencies for likely disasters.



Credit: OpsCentre

Build Culture Supportive of Cybersecurity



Threats:

- Hire staff with criminal history.
- Assets lost/stolen when staff leave company. Credit: InformationSecurityProgram.com
- New hires unfamiliar with policy or cybersecurity basics.
- Staff given responsibilities without appropriate training.
- No policy enforcement or procedures for disciplinary action.

Best Practices:

- Check backgrounds before hire.
- Establish clear conditions for employment.
- Train staff to provide situational awareness and develop skills.
- Seek return of assets when employees leave.

Protect On-Premise Assets

Threats:

- Damage to equipment.
- Social engineering of staff.
- Unauthorized access to sensitive assets.
- Theft of equipment

Best Practices:

- Establish perimeter security to your facilities.
- Establish secure areas per asset classification.
- Issue/wear badges for internal staff and guests.
- Challenge individuals in secure areas without badges.
- Monitor access points 24x7.
- Clear desk, lock draws and cabinets.



Credit: GeeksForGeeks.org

Harden Your Systems

Threats:

- Non-compliance
- Unnecessary Services
- Vulnerable Services
- Cascading Impact Due to Design

Best Practices:

- Verify systems meet security requirements before purchase/use.
- Ensure all systems are in asset inventory.
- Use stripped down, turn-key systems in public areas.
- Limit access to the most sensitive servers to select workstations.
- Place core network equipment and cables in restricted areas.



Credit: Healthcare IT News

Limit Access Through Your Network

Threats:

- Attackers and Threats on Internet
- Attacks may use required connections.
- Network could enable access to vulnerable assets.
- Access rules not static, requires monitoring/adjustment.

Best Practices:

- Install modern network gear with behavioral threat analysis.
- Establish network zones per classification.
- Filter access to the most sensitive zones.
- Use fractional network security engineer to maintain.



Credit: Cisco

Maintain Security in Operations

Threats:

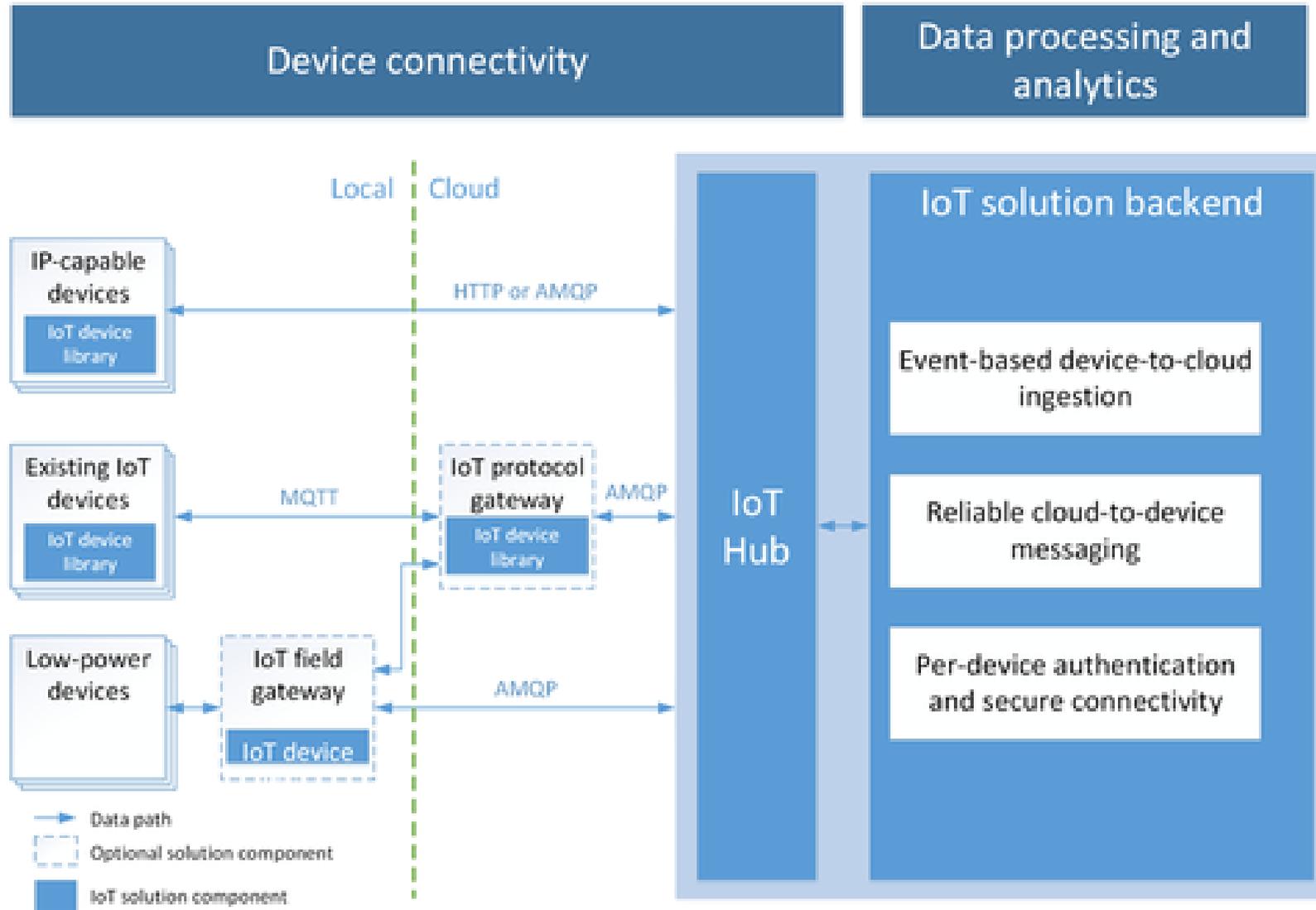
- Rise in Ransomware
- Compromised/inadequate backups.
- Rise in Zero-Day vulnerabilities..
- Lack of control of software.

Best Practices:

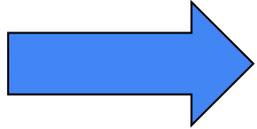
- Inventory and control software, including dependent vendors.
- Clarify operational roles vs. that of service provider.
- Verify backup plan to BCP, test backups.
- Manage technical vulnerability based upon severity.
- Monitor capacities to avoid exhaustion and business impact.



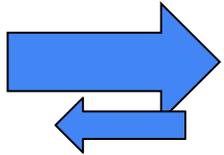
Quality Control Architecture



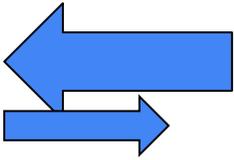
Integration Patterns



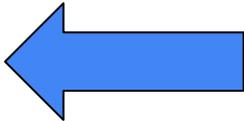
Telemetry – device pushes data to backend;



Inquiries – device periodically checks in;



Command and Control – backend instructs device to perform specific activities;



Notifications – backend provides updates to device.



Critical Infrastructures – National Security



Chemical Sector



Commercial Facilities Sector



Communications Sector



Critical Manufacturing Sector



Defense Industrial Base Sector



Dams Sector



Emergency Services Sector



Energy Sector



Financial Services Sector



Food and Agriculture Sector



Government Facilities Sector



Healthcare and Public Health Sector



Information Technology Sector



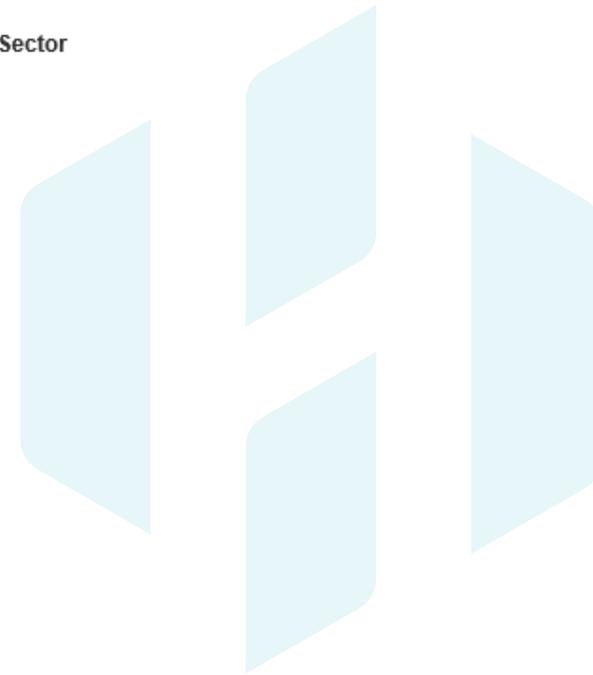
Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector



Transportation Systems Sector



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