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Managing Business Risks provoked by Security Threats

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Agenda

- What is IT security ?
- The security management process
- Security management and ITIL synergies

The Three Fundamental Principles



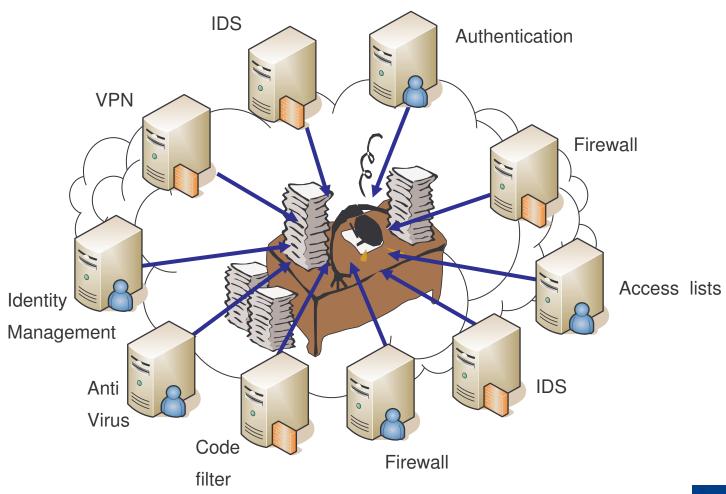
- IT security consists in the preservation of data
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Availability

- Ensuring information is accessible only to those authorised
- Theft of credit card details
- Email communications interception
- Password sniffing

- Ensuring the accuracy and completeness of information
- Change articles unit price on an e-commerce platform
- Modify an employee salary amount

- Authorised users have access to information when required
- Malicious code takes network down
- Distributed Denial of Service attack
- Database corruption

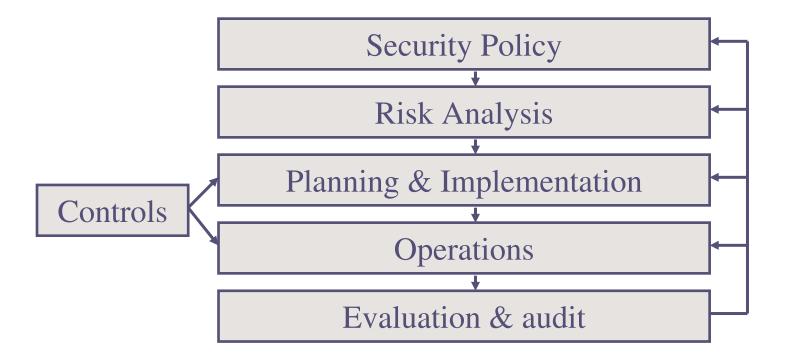
The Initial Goal: Prevent



Usual Questions

- Which version of the firewall do we run?
- Who did update the IDS with the latest signatures and when was it?
- Is our web server vulnerable to the new worm discovered this week-end?
- Does it make sense to buy an application firewall?
- What should I do if our web banking platform gets compromised?

Security Management



- Synthesis of best practices in terms of security
- Defines a global framework regarding security in the enterprise
- Balance between productivity and security
- Must have top management strong support
- Valid for everybody in the company
- Must state what happens in case of non respect
- Is of no use if :
 - Not distributed across the enterprise
 - Its application is not controlled

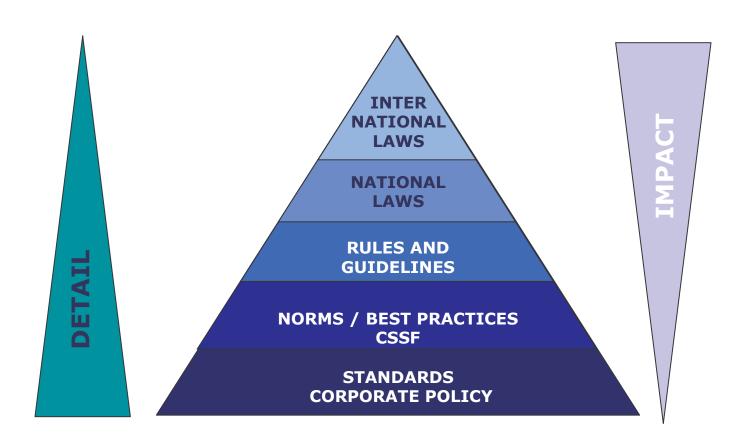
- Probability that threats exploit vulnerabilities, inducing loss
- Risk = Threat x Vulnerability
- Quantitative approach
 - $-AV \times EF = SLE$
 - AV: asset value, EF: exposure factor, SLE: single loss expectancy
 - SLE x ARO = ALE
 - ARO: annualized rate occurence, ALE: annualized loss expectancy

- Goal: Put controls in place in order to bring risk to an acceptable level, as defined by the security policy
- Organisational measures
 - Incident response, operational procedures, user awareness...
- Technical
 - Authentication, access control, encryption...

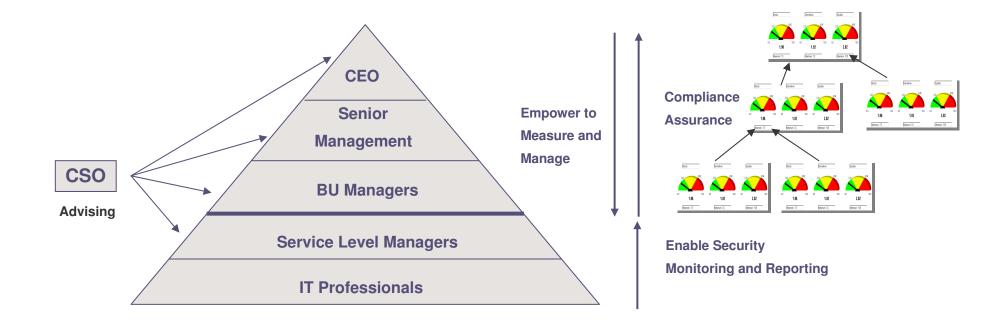
 Goal: Check that existing controls produce expected results

- Organisational
 - Operational procedures review, user awareness evaluation...
- Technical
 - System, network and application audit
 - Penetration tests
 - Source code audit

Motivations



The Players



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Service Support / Security Management Integration

- Security "FrontOffice"
 - Service desk should be able to identify security issues in requests, classify and track them
 - Escalate security issues if necessary
 - Identify malware propagations
 - Consolidate data in order to adapt security management
 - User awareness opportunity
- User and profile management

- Integration of the security monitoring in the ITIL incident management process
- Security incident response could be a sub-part of ITIL incident management
- Integrate forensics analysis into incident management to address the conflict between service availability and incident analysis

- Vulnerability management should be part of ITIL problem management
- Compliance issues should be considered as problems in order to be tracked, and subject to reporting

- Security management can initiate changes (technical or organisational)
- Security management can be affected by changes in others processes
- Security management should have an impact in any change request

Release Management

- Security should be introduced in the release management process from the beginning on, to avoid being the blocking element at the end of the process
- Security management should clearly define CIA requirements for any project and introduce them in the release management process
- Security products and patch management could also be managed within the release management process

Configuration Management

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 Each configuration item could be assigned a risk rating in order to facilitate security management

ITIL and Security Management

- Minimise costs through tight integration of security, quality and service management
- Achieve efficiency through early consideration of security elements already in concept, planning and operation of IT services
- Creation of well defined interfaces for customers and partners
- Provide measurable IT services
- Enlight links between business needs, IT processes and infrastructure usage
- Consequent planning and operation of IT services regarding security, quality and efficiency
- Costs for IT security are often seen as general fix costs. The possibility to assign costs to concrete processes allow to distribute the spent amount to specific cost centers

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