



Network Security

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Motto: You can NOT predict when and where things will happen, So you'll have to understand the how!

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URGENT!

Worried Being Always At Risk?!
Then:

■ **1st** : Know the Basics

■ **2nd** : Know the Mistakes

■ **3rd** : Know the Enemy & Threats

■ **4th** : Start Your Security Roadmap & Learn

1st :

Know The Basics

Security Taxonomy



Bear in Mind: Enterprise Security is:



NOT:

- An **ONLY** Product that you purchase
- An **ONLY** Technology that you use
- An **ONLY** Policy that you just agree
- An **ONLY** a ONE time Investment



Having the weakest link: Human Factor!



Covers your overall enterprise aspects:

- **WHAT:** assets? Risks to those assets?
- **HOW:** You will do it? Solutions? Other risks may be imposed?
- Conclusion: Security is an ongoing Process = "Technology + Policies + People Good Practices + Training + Awareness" with human factor as the weakest part. A **24X7X365 Process.**

Security Basic Terms:

- **Threat:**
 - Probability of an attack: e.g. transmission of a TCP/IP packet to cause buffer overflow
 - **Vulnerability:**
 - Probability of an exploitable vulnerability: e.g. Buffer overflow
 - **Consequence:** Total Cost of a successful attack
- Risk = [Threat x Vulnerability x Consequence], for e.g. System Crash**
- **Perimeter:** Network boundary that include Routers, Firewalls, IDS/IPS, DMZ, etc
 - **Intrusion Detection System (IDS):**
 - Sensor's used to detect/alert on malicious events
 - **Intrusion Prevention System (IPS):**
 - IDS with active components that can stop malicious events automatically
 - **De-Militarized Zone (DMZ):**
 - Area of network between Border Router and Firewall that contains public services.

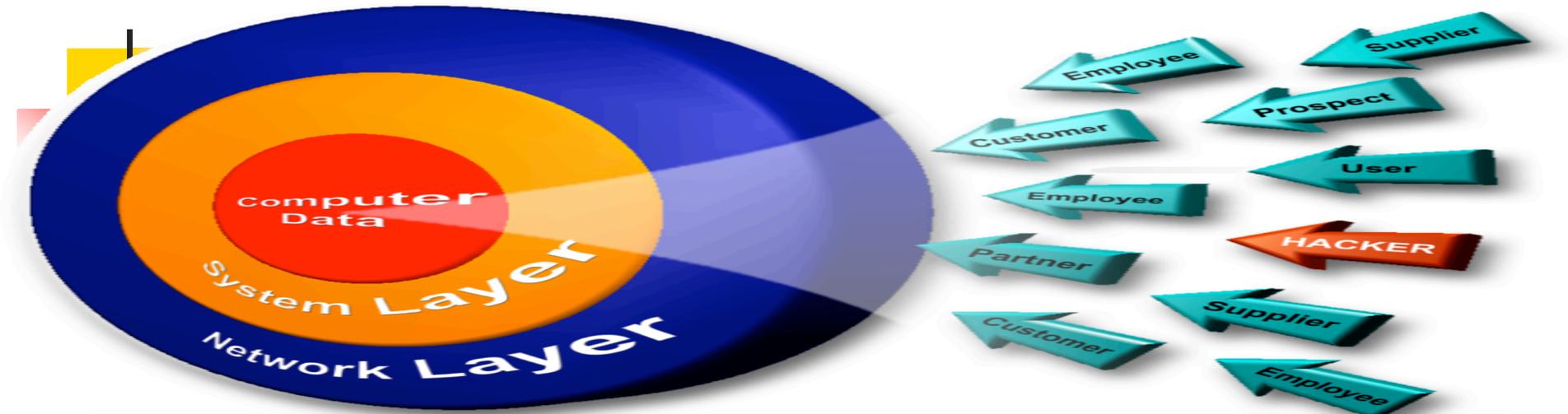
Enterprise Security Thinking Hat:

- Why:
 - Prevent security problems
 - Mitigate security problems: Detect intrusions & Analyze intrusions
 - Recovery: Incidents Reporting's & countermeasures actions!
- How:
 - **Prerequisites:** Risk and security awareness & Accepted policy
 - **Secure Network Design:** Multi-layered defense strategy
 - **System Design:** Strong access control, Strong software security, Accounting and auditing
- Where:
 - **Physical :** Physical Barriers & Restricted Access to Authorized ONLY
 - **Host:** IDS Intrusion Detection System & File Integrity Checkers
 - **Network:** Firewalls, IDS & Vulnerability Scanners
 - **Web Application:** Search engines, Webmail, shopping carts and portal systems

Enterprise Security Technicalities:

- **Defense in Depth:** **NO** single security measure is sufficient! If some layers fails, others can detect. So Multiple layers to detect attacks:
 - **Router :** 1st line of defense
 - **Bastion hosts:** Systems visible / available to outside world (e.g. web server)
 - **Firewall :** 2nd line of defense
 - **Secure intranet :** Internally available systems
 - **IDS/IPS :** Distributed Sensors everywhere (depends on vendors)
 - **Antivirus / Antimalware:** Host machines
- **Network Segmentation:**
 - Different zones for different functions
 - Contains threats to specific resources
- **Perimeter Defense:** Protects the borders between network zones
- **Network Containment:** Limits network to known extent

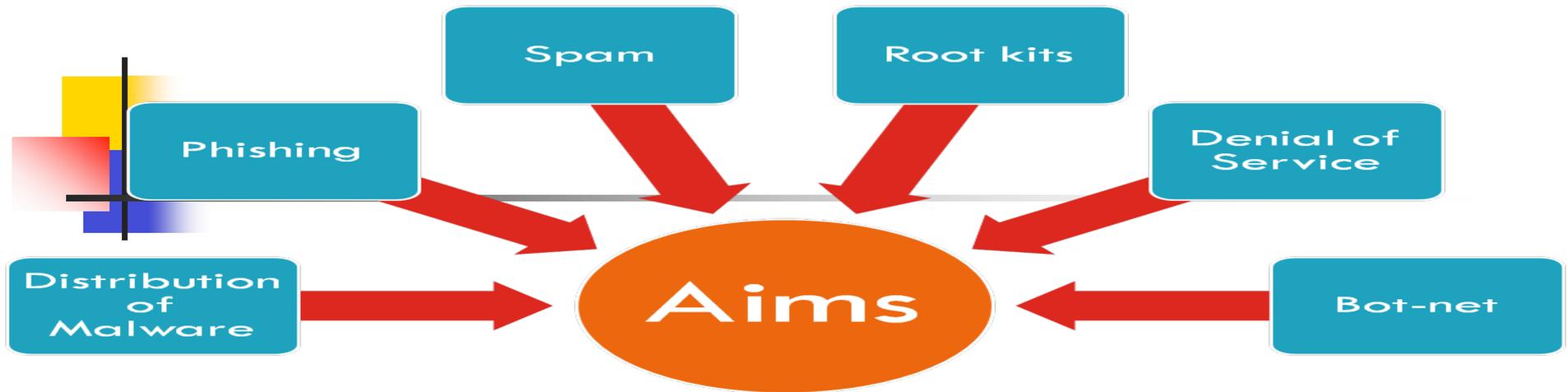
1. So: NOTHING is Secure:



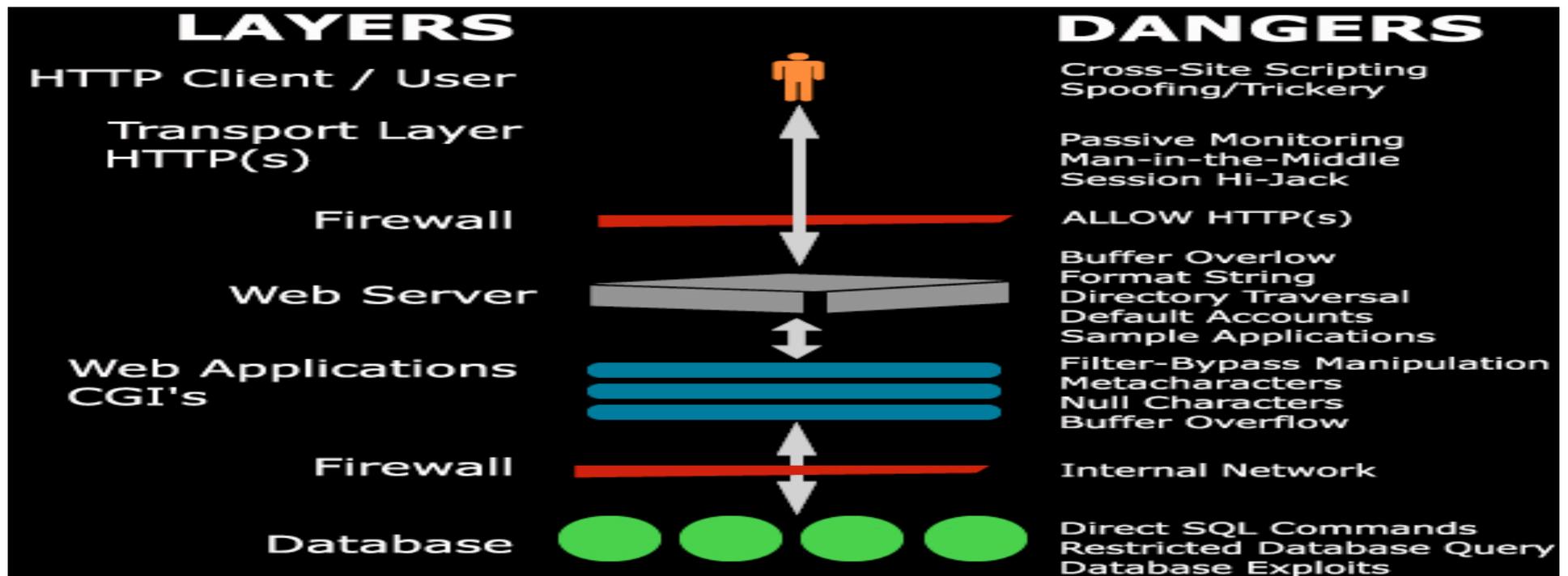
2. And: Different Types of Vulnerabilities:

Client-side Vulnerabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web Browsers• Email Clients• Media Players
Server-side Vulnerabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web Applications• Database Software
Security Policy and Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phishing/Spear Phishing
Application Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instant Messaging• Peer-to-Peer Programs
Zero Day Attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zero Day attacks

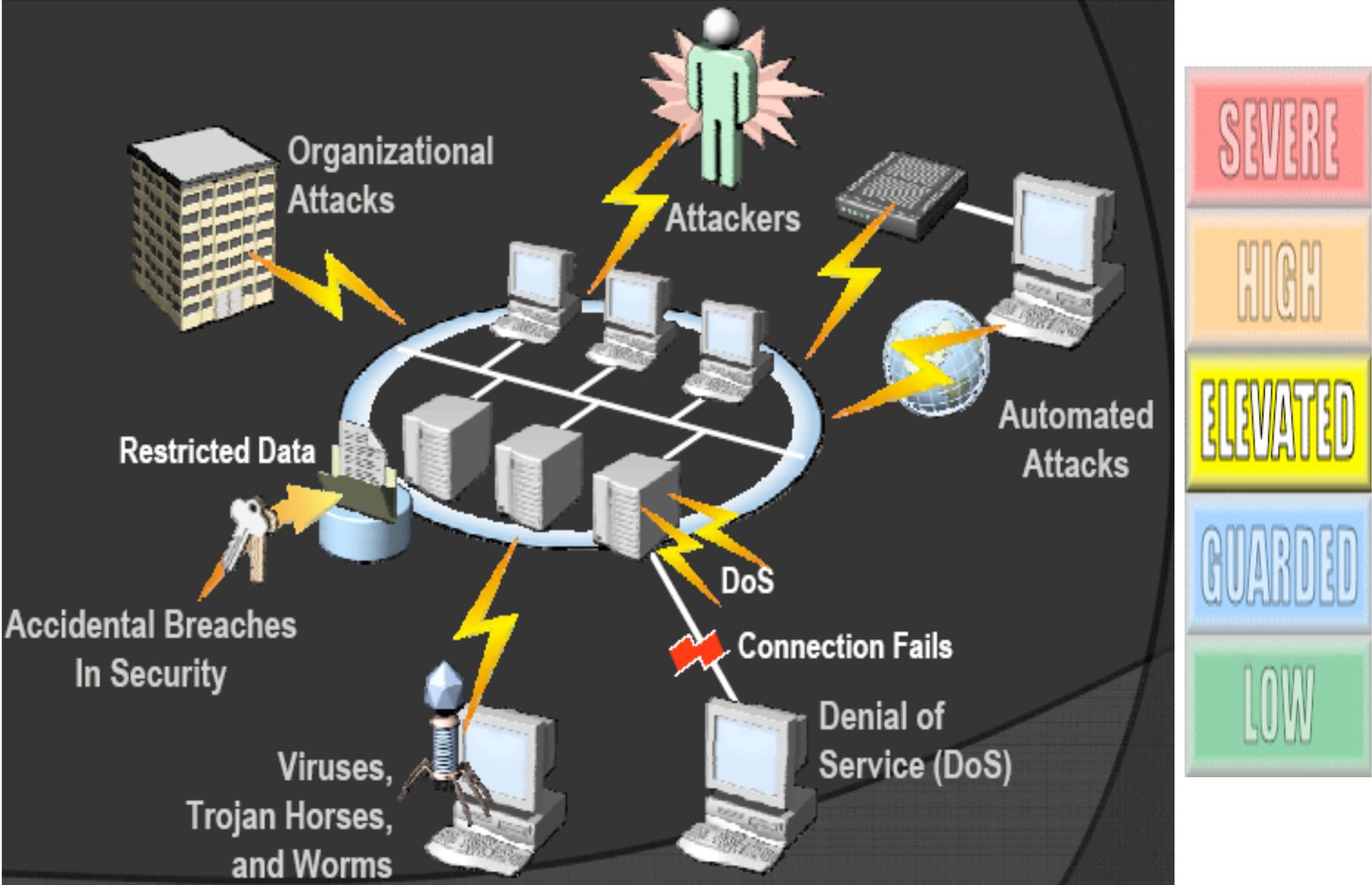
3. Hence: Different Threats:

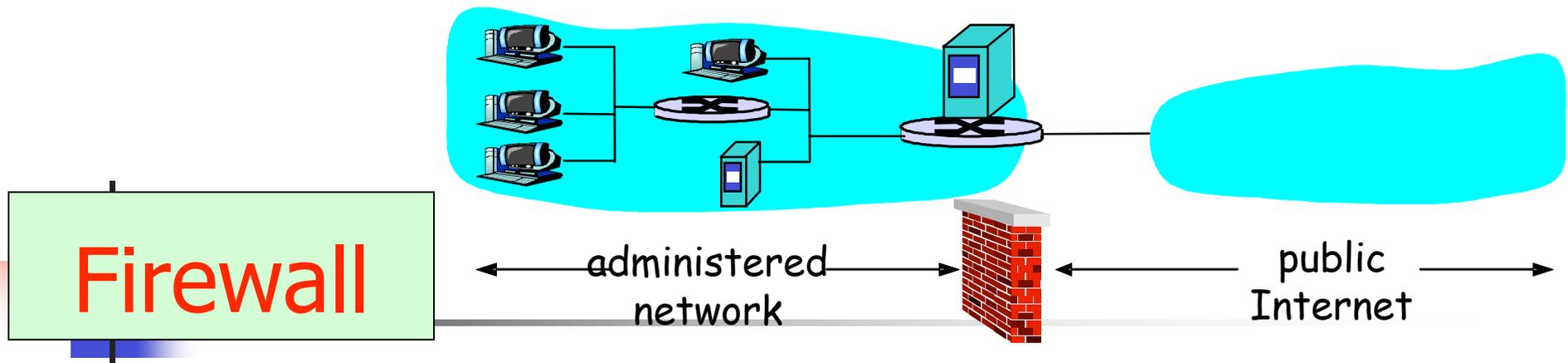


4. To: Different Layers:



5. With: Common Attack Types & Threat Levels:





- **Job:** Isolates organization's internal net from Internet, allow some packets to pass and blocking others.
- **Why:**
 - 📄 **Prevent DoS Attacks:** An attacker establishes many bogus TCP connections, no resources left for "real" connections. This is called SYN flooding.
 - 📄 **Prevent illegal modification / Access of internal data:** An Attacker replaces CIA's homepage with other
 - 📄 **Allow only authorized access to inside network:** set of authenticated users / hosts
 - 📄 **Mitigate Port-Scanning & probing**

- **Rules:**
- **Traffic criteria:**
 - Source and destination address, source and destination port, protocol, physical interface, rate ...
 - Typically **NOT** application-level information
- **Action to take:**
 - Allow traffic to pass
 - Drop traffic without notification
 - Reject traffic with notification to source
- **Policy:**
 - Actions for traffic that does not match any criteria

FW Rule Ex.

target	prot	source	destination	criteria
ACCEPT	tcp	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	state ESTABLISHED

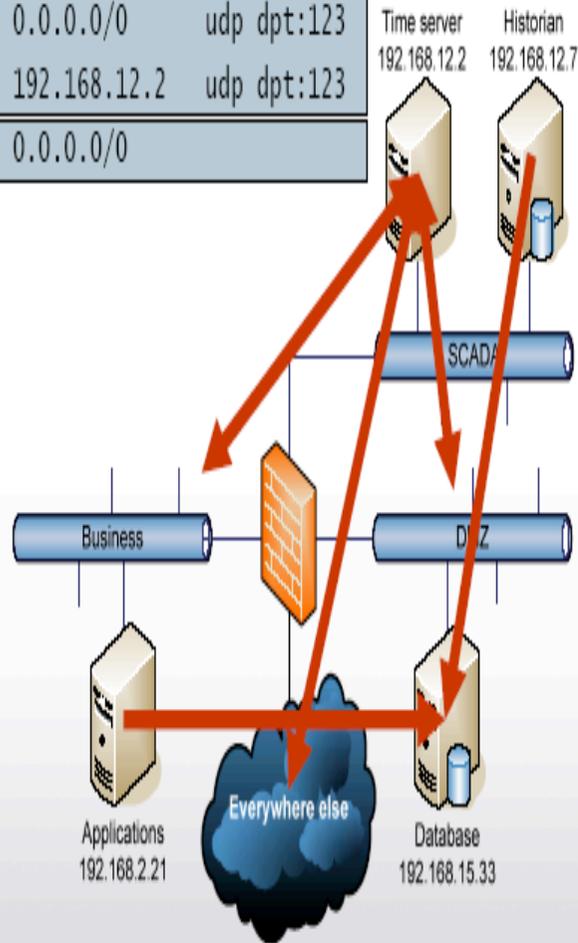
ACCEPT	tcp	192.168.12.7	192.168.15.33	tcp dpt:3306
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ACCEPT	tcp	192.168.2.21	192.168.15.33	tcp dpt:3306
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ACCEPT	udp	192.168.12.2	0.0.0.0/0	udp dpt:123
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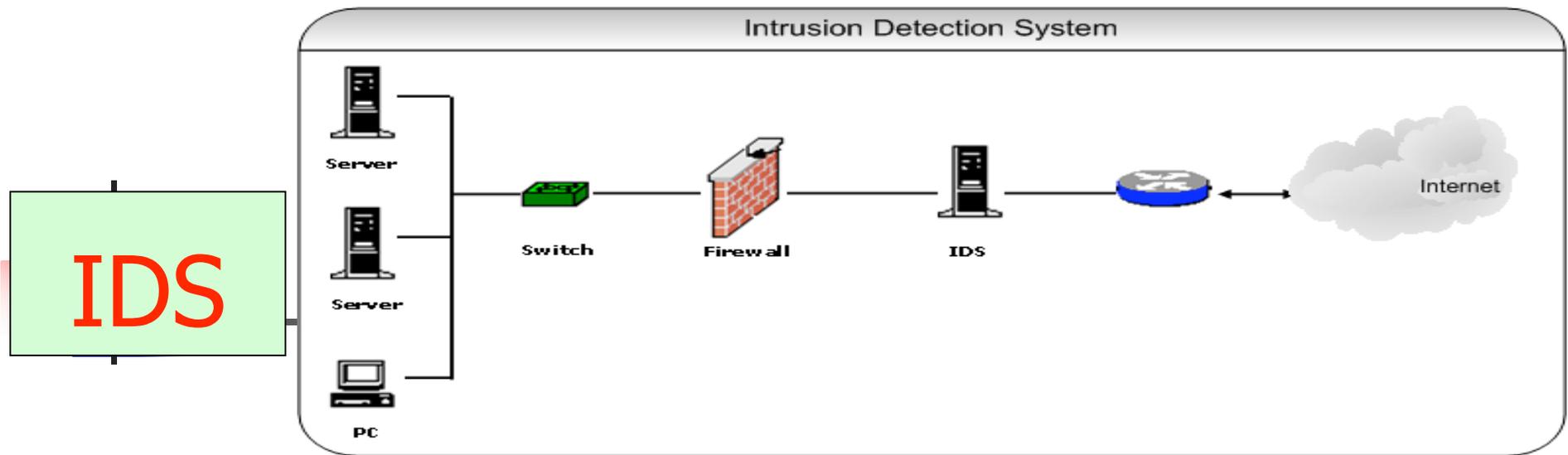
ACCEPT	udp	0.0.0.0/0	192.168.12.2	udp dpt:123
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DROP	all	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	
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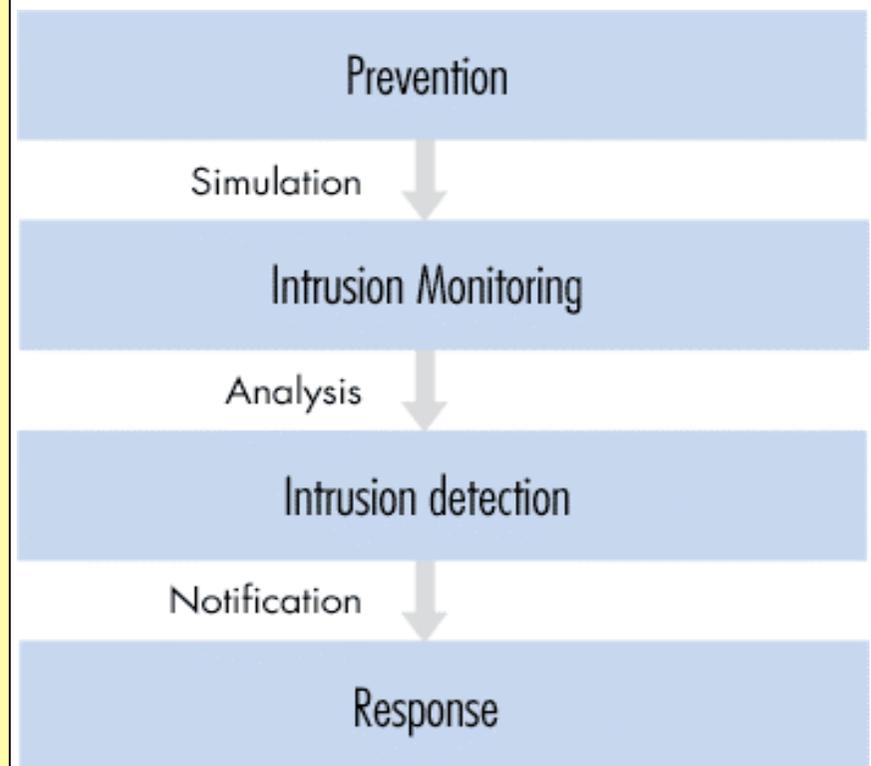


FW Pros & Cons

- **PROS:** A useful security tool that can:
 - Provide perimeter security
 - Implement security policy
- **CONS:**
 - Needs Careful design, configuration, and careful monitoring
 - It is ONLY a ONE link in the security chain
 - Provide little protection from insiders
 - Its failure can lead to network failure
 - May have vulnerabilities that intruders can exploit
 - IP spoofing: Router can NOT know if data really comes from claimed source



- IDS are expensive devices and called "Intelligent FW". They are more feasible within commerce. Combination of IDS and FW will provide maximum filtering of Network Traffic.
- Detects attacks on computer networks:
- **Network-based Intrusion Detection NIDS:**
 - Monitors real-time network traffic for malicious activity
 - Sends alarms for network traffic that meets certain attack patterns or signatures
- **Host-based Intrusion-Detection HIDS**
 - Monitors computer or server files for anomalies
 - Sends alarms for network traffic that meets a predetermined attack signature



2nd :

Know The Mistakes!

Big Mistakes Spoken!

- We have antivirus software, so we are secure!
- We have a firewall, so we are secure!
- The most serious threats come from the outside!
- I do NOT care about security because I backup my data daily!
- Responsibility for security rests with IT security Staff! If I have a problem , they will fix it!
- **CEO:** We have budget constraints! Is security budget necessary that much as long as work is running?!

Security Breaches Mistakes:

IT Staff

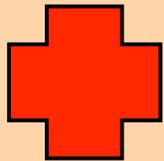
- Connecting systems to Internet before hardening them & with Default accounts / passwords: The MOST common mistake!
- Using Telnet, FTP & unencrypted protocols for managing, routers, FW,
- Giving users passwords or changing it in response to telephone or personal requests when the requester is NOT authenticated.
- Failing to maintain and test backups.
- Implementing firewalls with rules that do NOT stop malicious or dangerous traffic-incoming or outgoing.
- Ignoring to implement or update virus detection software
- Ignoring to educate users on what to do when they see a security problem.

Seniors Executives

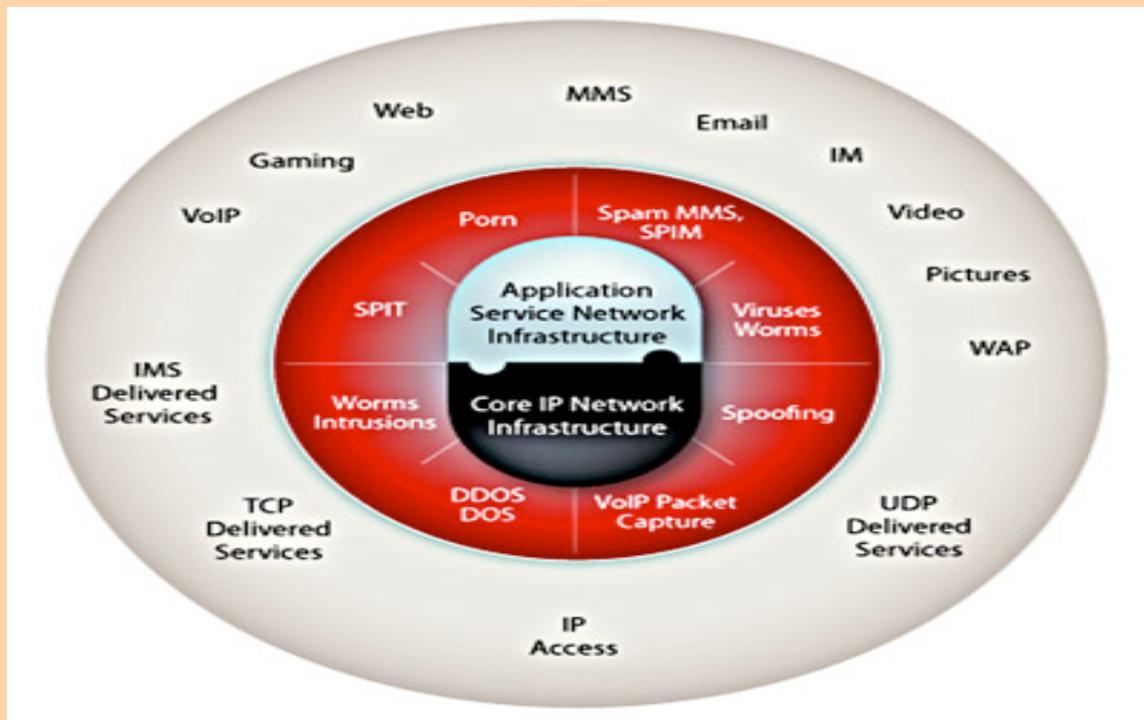
- Letting vendors define "good security"
- Underestimating the required security expertise
- Assigning untrained people to maintain security
- Failing to understand the relationship of information security & business and the bad consequences of poor information security
- Relying primarily on a firewall.
- Firstly think of budget concerns, neglecting the value of their information and organizational reputations.
- Authorizing reactive, short-term fixes so problems re-emerge rapidly.

3rd : Know The:

Enemy:



Threats:



The Enemy:

Can be:

- **Determined Outsider:**
 - Hacker or Corporate Espionage: Gain of valuable information or fame
 - Attacks from outside with no/little information
- **Determined Insider:**
 - Ex-employee: gain of valuable information or revenge
 - Attacks from inside with information about network internals
- **Script Kiddy:**
 - Unsophisticated attacker relying on scripts exploiting common vulnerabilities
 - Usually attacks random targets ("low hanging fruit")
- **Automated Malicious Agent:**
 - Fast-spreading worms such as **Nimda** demonstrated speed of automated agents
 - Quietly infect large number to strike others

Purposed For:

- **Break in to systems:**
 - To steal information
 - To manipulate information
 - To use resources
- **Take control of systems:**
 - To perform new attacks
 - To manipulate systems
- **Disrupt service:**
 - To extort target
 - To discredit target
 - To facilitate other attack

The Hackers:

Classes:



Black Hats = Malicious intent



White Hats = For defensive purposes / hacking countermeasures. Also called **Ethical Hacker**



Gray Hats: Good Or bad!

5 Stage Attacks:



Passive and Active discovery



Scanning



Gaining Access



Maintaining Access



Covering Tracks

The Threats: Always Increasing!

1. Virus, Worm, Spyware, Malware, etc
2. Port Scanning, Packet Sniffing, IP Spoofing
3. DoS= Denial of Service & DDoS
4. Wireless Security
5. Shared Computers, P2P
6. Zombie Computers, Botnet, Channels, etc
7. Insiders: The most unseen danger!
8. Lack of Policies, Regulations, Laws, Compliance, Auditing, etc

Threat Types: Examples

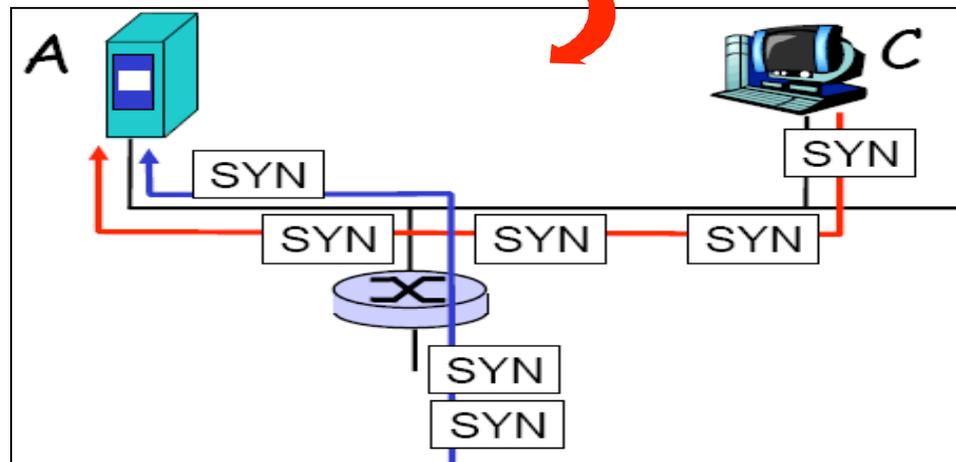
Port Scanning:

- Tries to establish TCP connection to each port looking for:
 - Open ports
 - Firewall Configuration
 - Known vulnerabilities
 - Operating system details
- Countermeasures:
 - Record traffic entering network
 - Look for suspicious activity (IP addresses, ports being scanned sequentially)
 - Port Scanners: e.g. [nmap](#)
 - Vulnerability Scanner: e.g. [Nessus](#), [Secunia](#), etc
 - Firewall ACL (Access Control List): e.g. [firewalk](#)

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DoS:

- A flood of maliciously generated packets to swamp receiver. If multiple / coordinated packets, it is called [Distributed DoS](#)
- Countermeasures:
 - [Filter out](#) flooded packets (e.g., SYN) before reaching host
 - [Traceback](#) to source of floods
 - [NetFlow](#)

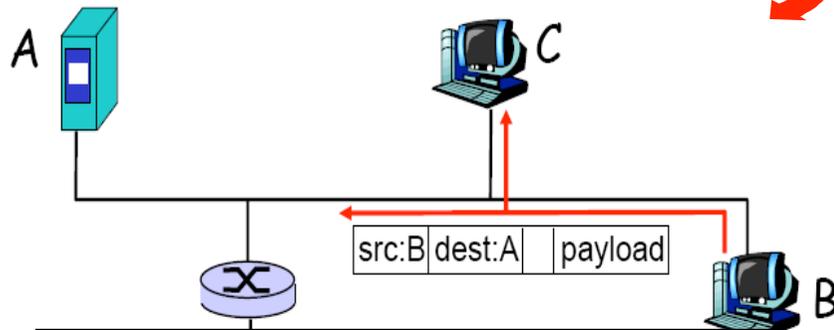


Example: C SYN-Attack A

Threat Types: Examples

Packet Sniffing:

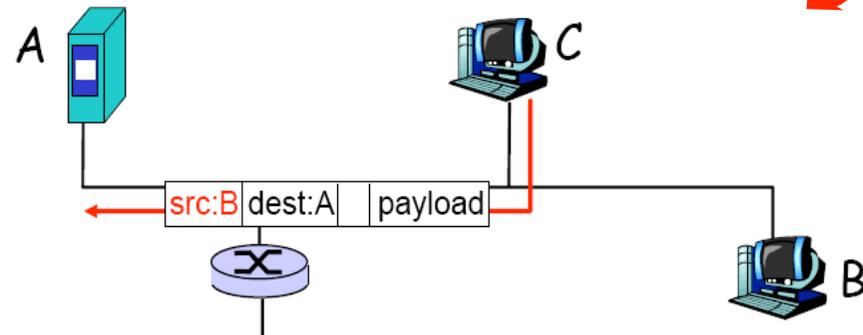
- A broadcast media, where Promiscuous NIC reads all packets and so the attacker can read all unencrypted data (e.g. passwords)
- Countermeasures:
 - All hosts in organization run software that checks periodically if host interface in promiscuous mode.
 - One host per segment of broadcast media (switched Ethernet at hub)



Example: C Sniff B Packets

IP Spoofing:

- Can generate "raw" IP packets directly from application, putting any value into IP source address field (to avoid being caught & bypass security tools), so the receiver can NOT tell if source is spoofed
- Countermeasures: Routers should NOT forward outgoing packets with invalid source addresses (e.g., datagram source address NOT in router's network)



Example: C Pretend to be B

Threat Types: Security Threats Table

Security Area	Description	Why Important?	How bad is it?	Key Technologies
Spam	Unwanted Email / Traffic	Killer Application!	90% of email=Spam!	DNS, URI Block Lists
Malware	Malicious SW	Enterprise Sec. Undercuts	Faster than Vendors Patching!	AV, Secure Coding Practices, etc
Phishing	Reveal Accounts	E-commerce	Many Phished Sites	Browsers Alerts, Block Lists, Audits
DDoS	Traffic Floods	Most Worse for Security!	Entire Countries got offline!	Real time Hop-by-Hop Traceback
Encryption / Sniffing	Eavesdropping Sensitive Info.	Sniffed Passwords	Net. Monitoring	SSL, SSH, PGP, WAP2, VPN, Disk Enc.
Domain Names, IP, DNS, DNSSEC	Un-trusty Translation of Names to IP	All Network Application Trust DNS!	Entire Internet have to upgrade its Name-Servers	DNSSEC, Patch Name-Servers
Mobile Dev.	Enc. Challenges	More going Mob.	1.15 Billion sold(2007)	Dev./ Net. Encryption
Sec. Policies	Reg. / Comp.	PCIDSS for e.g.	Total Business Risk!	Depends on Enterprise!
DR / BC	Dis. Recovery	Bus. Continuity	Many do NOT have!	Offsite, Hot Site, Repl.
Awareness / Education	Be Ready!	Plan Ahead!	Many do NOT have!	Depends on Enterprise!

4th :

Start Your Security Roadmap & Learning

security roadmap



5 Technicalities:

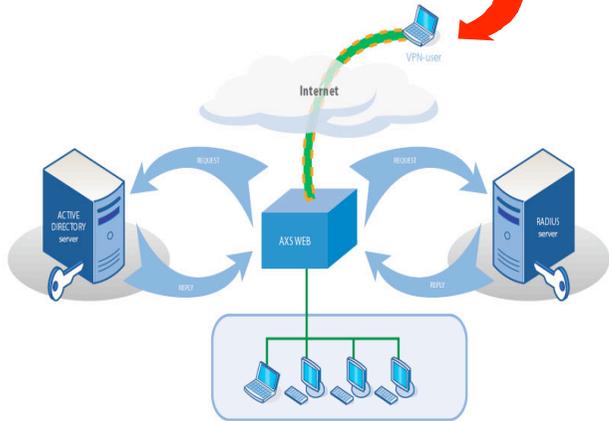
-  Maintain Traditional Anti-Virus Protection
-  Proactively Protect the Network
 - Behavioral Analysis
 - **IPS / IDS**
 - Check and Audit for suspicious activities
-  Use Preventive Protection
 - Network Access Control
 - Safe, Effective Web Browsing
-  Control Legitimate Applications and Behavior
 - Application Control
 - Application White listing
-  Control and Encrypt Devices and Data
 - Encrypt All company Hard Drives

7 Milestones:

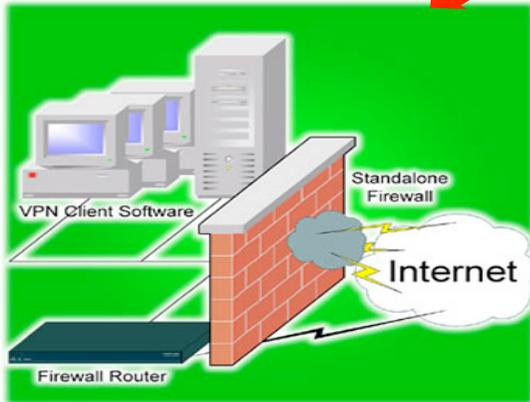
-  Technology-Based Solutions
-  Define Policies
-  **INFOSEC** Team in every IT project
-  **Security System Life Cycle**
-  Compliance
-  **SETA: Security Education, Training Awareness** for:
 - End Users
 - Technical Staff
 - Management, Executives & Board Members
-  In-Depth Security (All Layers)

7 Milestones: 1. Technology-Based Basics:

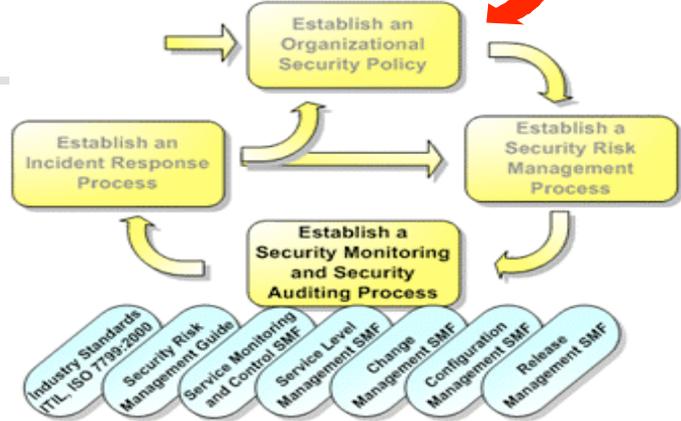
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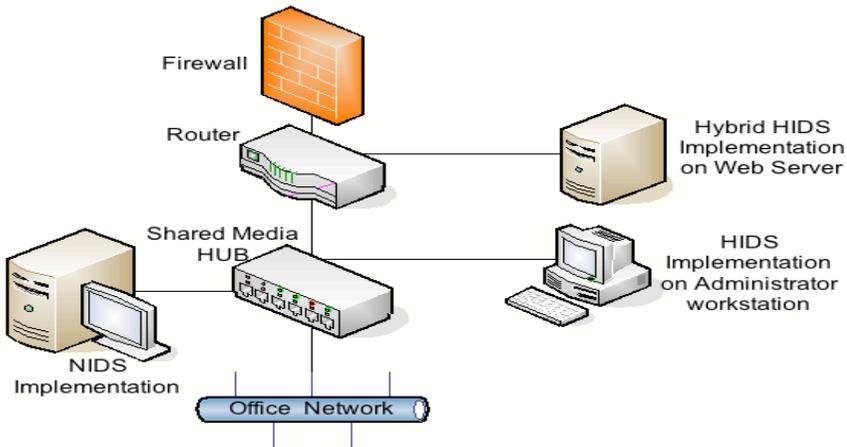
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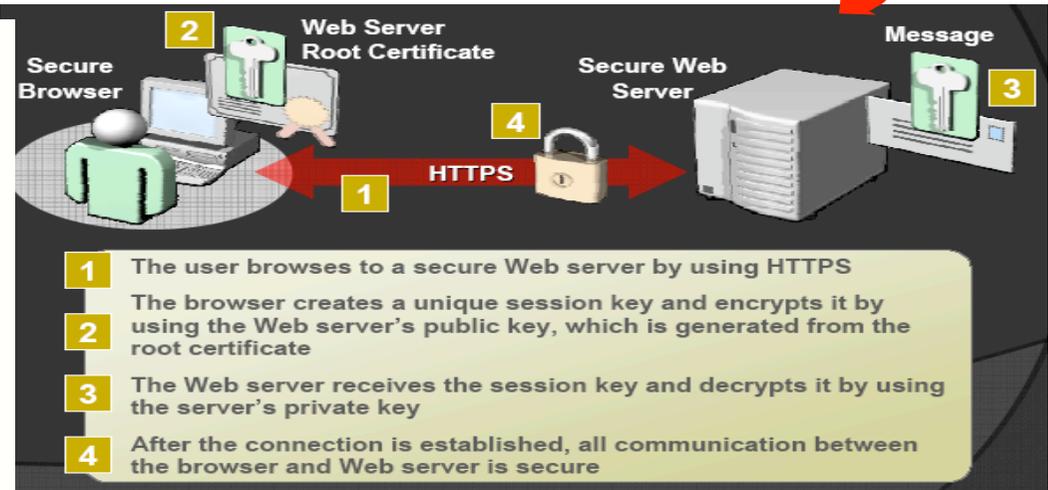
Auditing



IDS / IPS

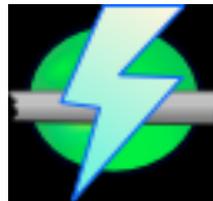
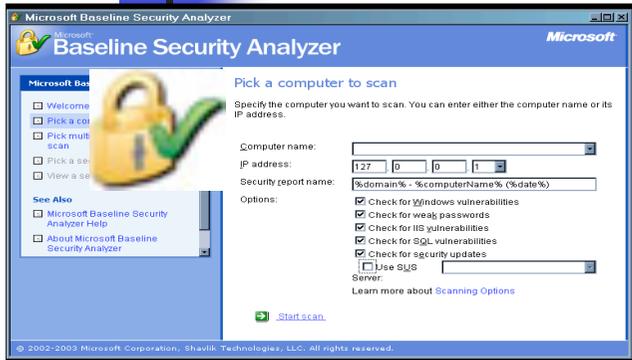


SSL Secure Socket Layer



7 Milestones: 1. Technology-Based Basics:

Tools: Penetration Testing / Security Analyzers / Vulnerability Scanners / Port Scanners / Packet Sniffers / Wireless / Web Scanners...etc



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7 Milestones:

2. Policies:

- **Must be:**
 - Designed with involvement of all stakeholders
 - Documented and Concise
 - Approved and supported by management
 - Understandable and Communicated
 - Enforced
- **Most important ones:**
 - AUP = Acceptable Use Policy
 - Change process and policy
 - Incident Response policy
 - Access Policy
 - Wireless Use Policy

3. INFOSEC Team:

- **INFOSEC** team must be included at the start of each and every IT project.
- Security must be integrated into any system development.
- Make their role more public
- Conduct awareness campaigns
- Review their place in the organization chart.
- Have representation in upper management **CISO (Chief Information Security Officer)**



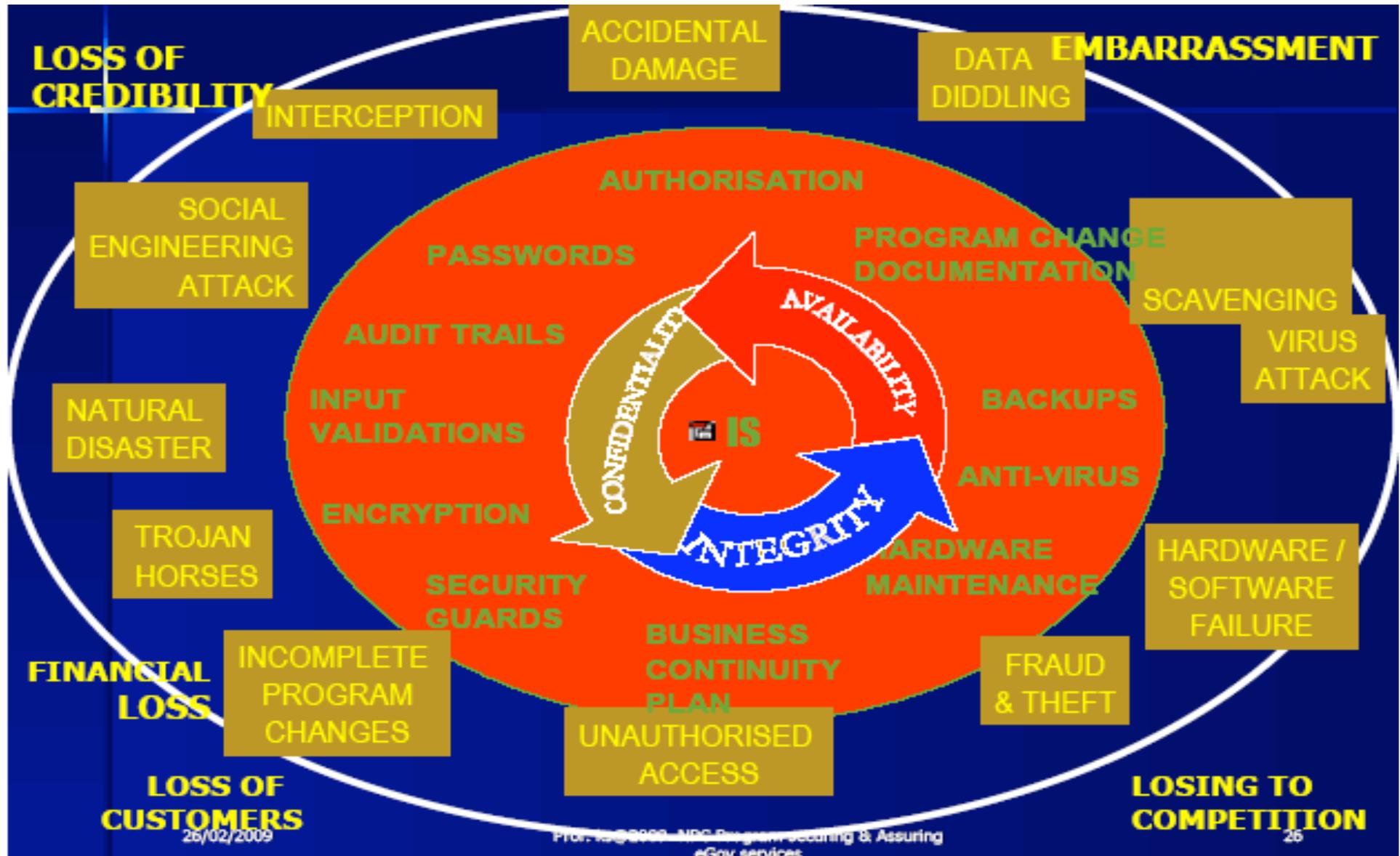
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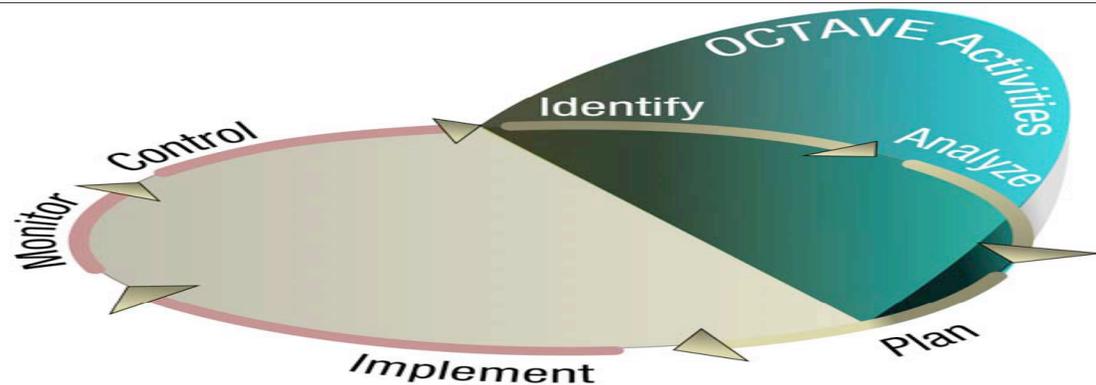
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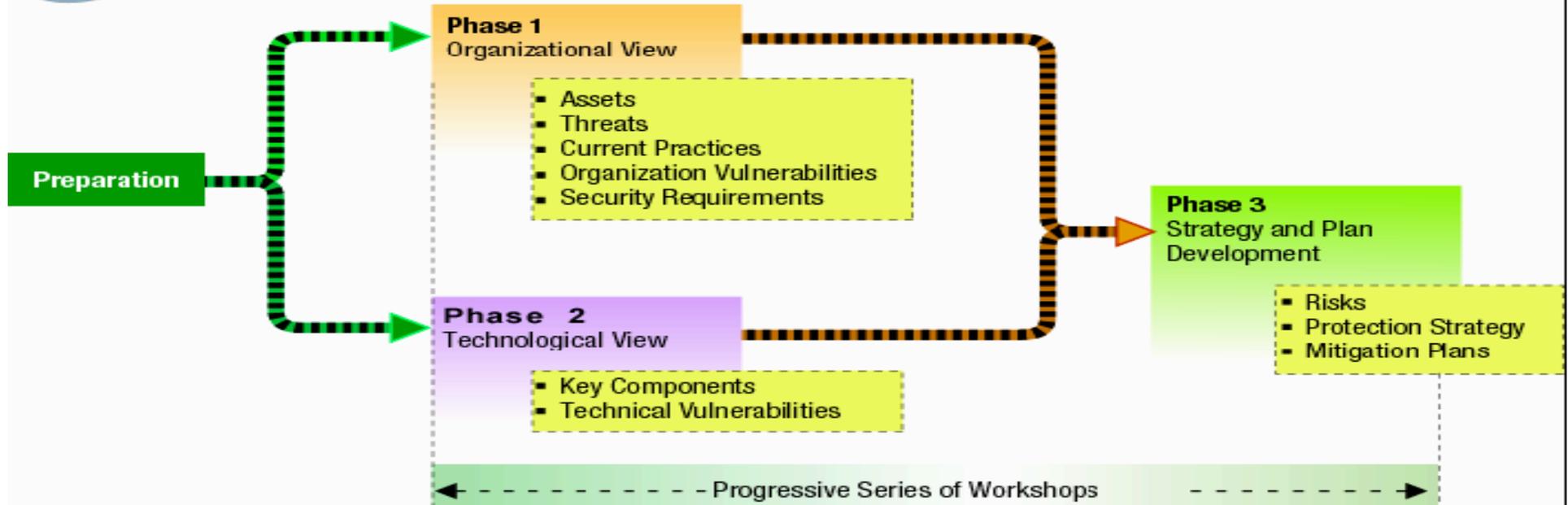
7 Milestones: 4. Security System Life Cycle

Example: CERT: Computer Emergency Response Team www.cert.org

OCTAVE:
Operationally Critical
Threat, Asset, and
Vulnerability Evaluation:



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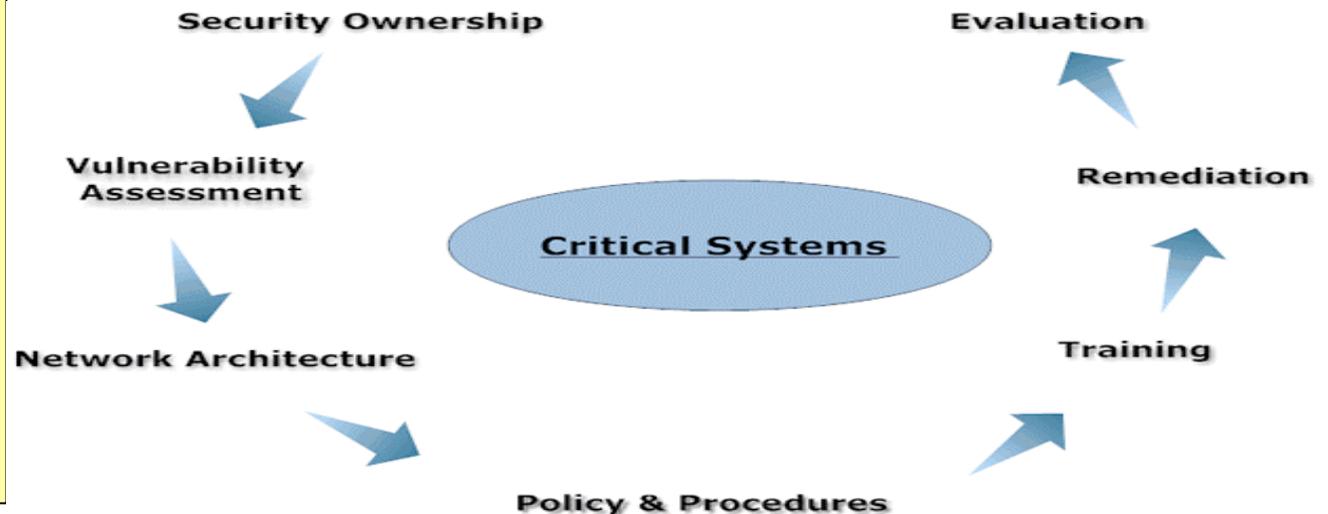
7 Milestones: 5. Compliance: Examples:

GLBA: Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

- Require financial institutions to maintain response programs that specify reporting and other actions to take when access to customer information systems by unauthorized individuals is suspected or detected.
- 70 Federal Regulation 15736 (March 29, 2005)

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- Requires public companies to use a broad framework of criteria against the effectiveness of their internal control systems. Internal controls must be in place to ensure integrity of the financial information. These controls must be established/regularly assessed.
- Some form of incident tracking and escalation is established for significant incidents.
- Provides protection for employees who report fraud.



7 Milestones: 6. SETA: Security Education Training & Awareness

7. For End Users

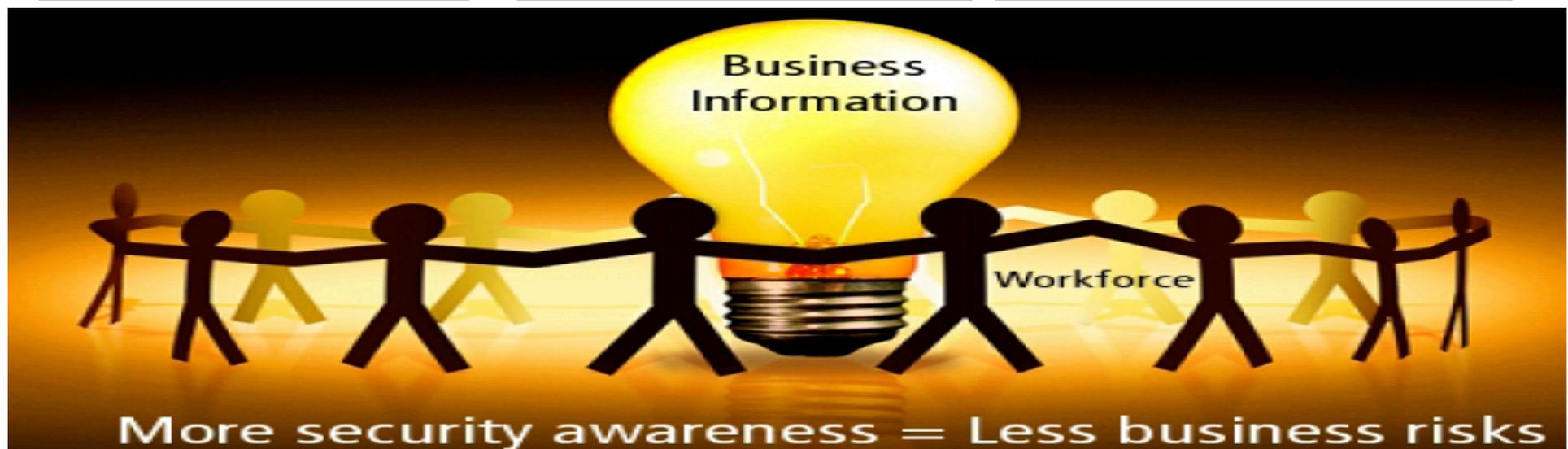
- Create a culture of security awareness (Posters, Slogans, etc)
- Make Security Policy: Readable / Understood and enforced

8. For Technical Staff

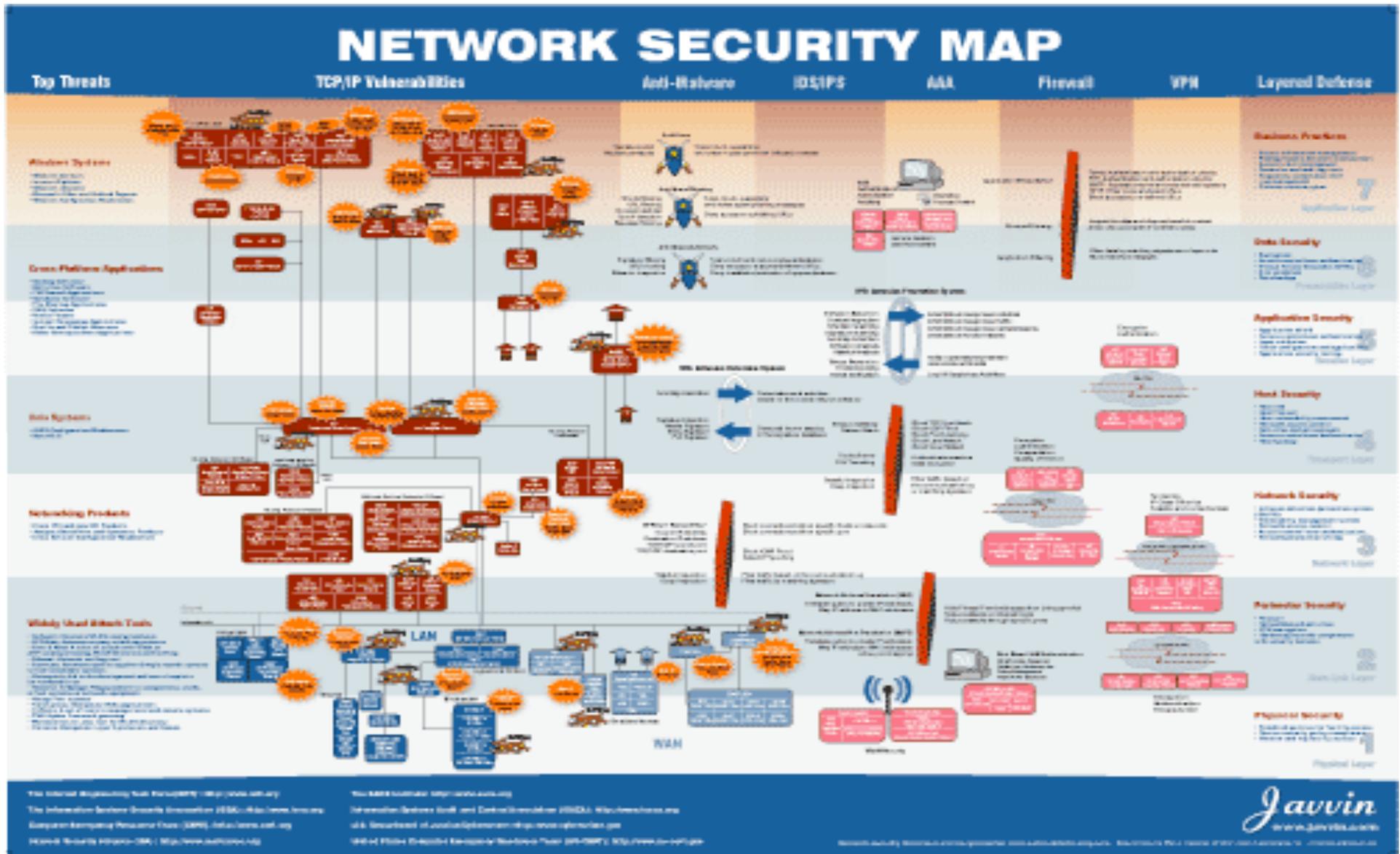
- Training: Compliance, Certifications, PPTs, Seminars, Memberships, etc
- Incidents Reporting's, Task Forces, etc

9. For Management:

- Incorporate security in business processes
- Compliance, Legal , Risk Assessments Trainings
- Make security part of Working Cultures



7 Milestones: 10. In-Depth Security



Keep abreast of Security Updates & "Who is doing What" via:

- Best Practices, Case Studies, White Papers, Mailing Lists, Discussion Forums, Groups, etc
- Seminars, Conferences, Tutorials, Webcasts, Webinars, Podcasts, etc
- Certifications, Learning paths, etc
- Ask The experts, Articles, etc
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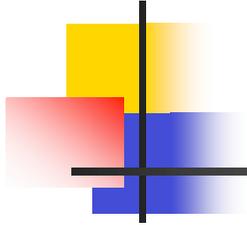
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