

# Implementing info security governance

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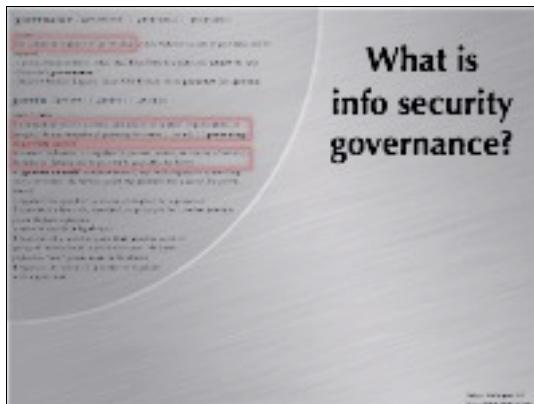
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Information security governance  
Defining and overseeing the way in which an organization creates and maintains a strong culture in all aspects of the organization's mission with regards to levels, behaviors, actions and outputs.

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## What is info security governance?

- » Integrated part of modern corporate governance
- » Cultivate security culture
- » Practical implementation of security policy
- » Essential for follow up & compliance control
- » Much more than implementing 17799 "LIS"

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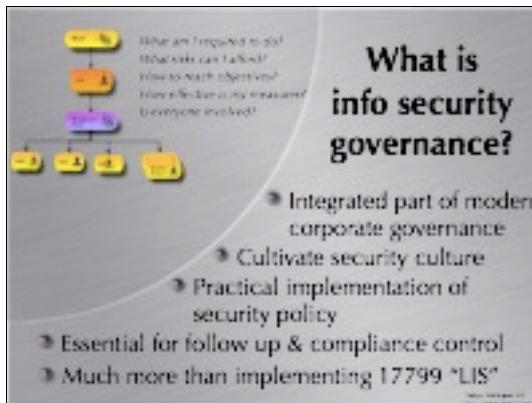
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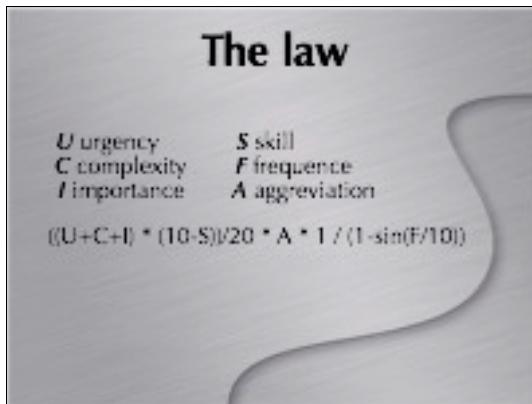
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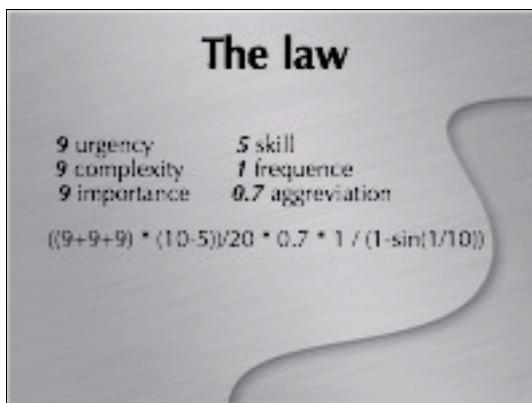
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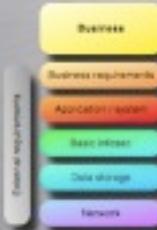
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"So, if you haven't got the skills to do something important, have it alone.  
If something is urgent or complex, find a simple way to do it.  
If something going wrong will particularly aggravate you,  
make certain you know how to fix it!"

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## Standard setup...

- Standard type of IT infrastructure
- Standard type of staffing, both technical staff and management
- Matrix organisation
  
- Company has not realized the value of their information assets

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## “Default solution”

- Product driven
- Projects are ...
- started without good initial setup
- finished without cooperation with receivers
  
- In the end the costs for the solution is to high but it still doesn't meet the original objectives

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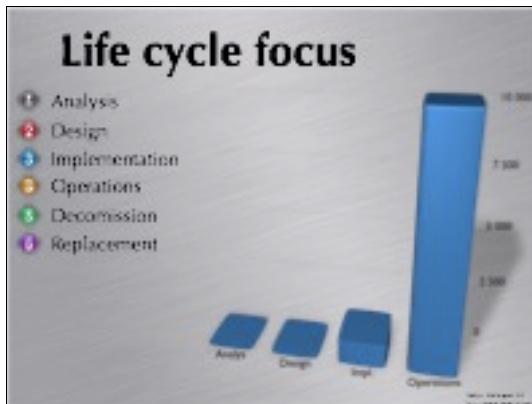
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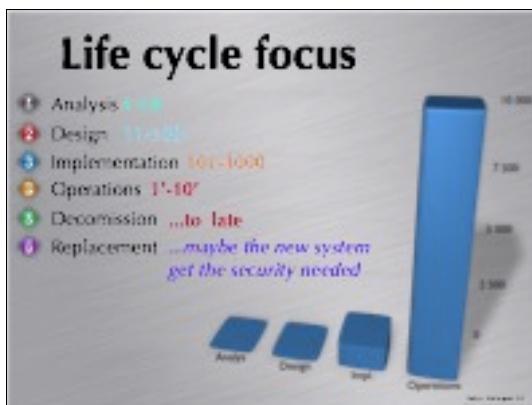
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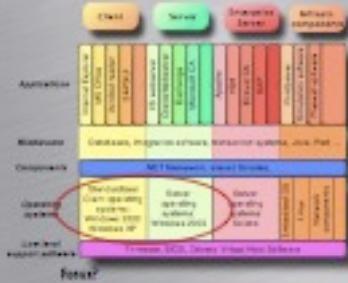


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## Patching: playing catching-up

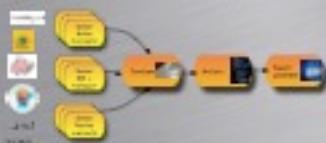


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Compliance reports  
Metadata management  
Audit reports  
Technical imports  
Detailed reports  
Operational data for User  
Security alerts and reports

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/feedback for enhancements to our strategic security work

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## What is the status?

### • Hot infosec business focus

- IBM snaps up ISS, McAfee buys Preventsys, Symantec acquire BindView, Sygate and Foundstone

### • Roll your own

- 1 FTE for development and operations
- Lots of effort for cleaning-up and fixing

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## Finishing up

- To govern, your strategies and practices must be adequate, achieve objectives and continuously adapt to changing parameters such as threat landscapes
- Know what you are doing and find simple way of doing it
- Quality improvements is to find and eliminate the weak links in the governance!



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## Summary

We must to regain control

We do not need **more** security, we need **better** security and **smarter** usage of information we already have

Implement methods and tools to aid the strategical security work



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