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RISK MANAGEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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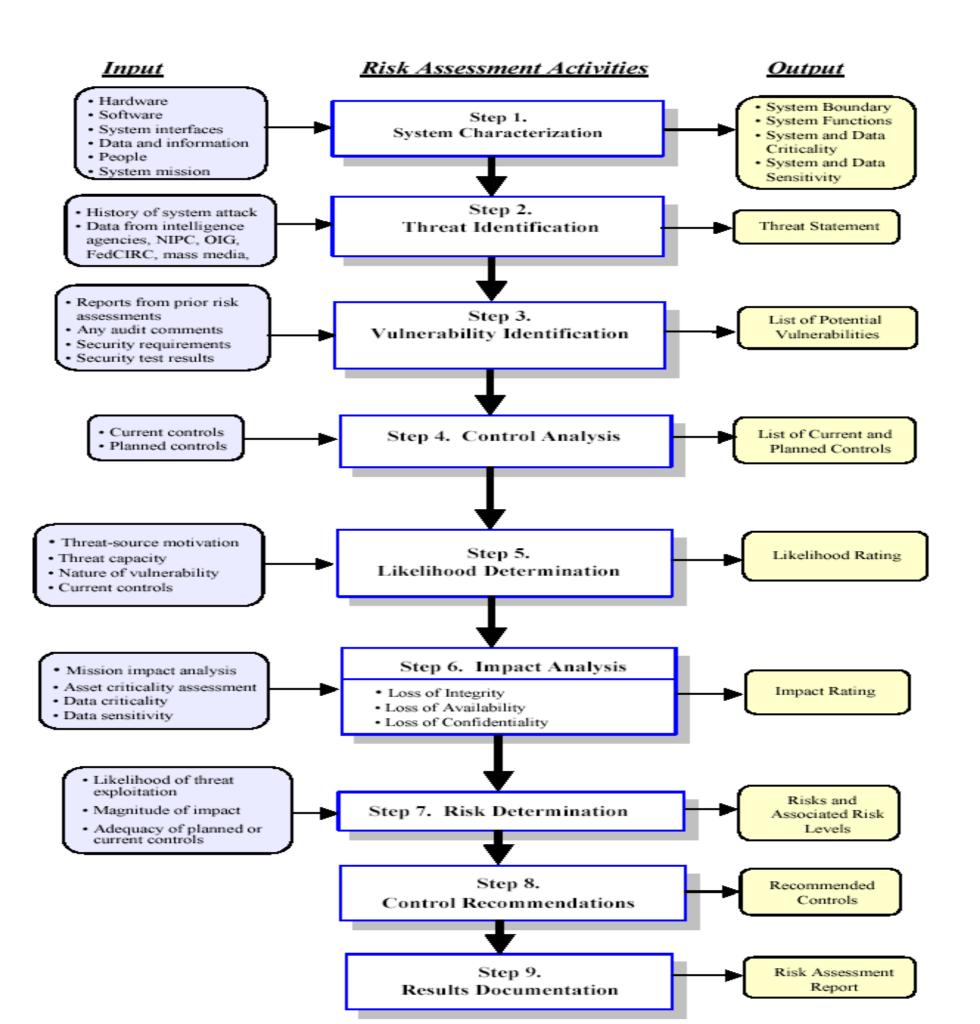


OUTLINE

- Introduction
- **Risk Management Overview**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **Risk Mitigation**
- Evaluation and Assessment

Risk Assessment Methodology

- Step 1 System Characterization
- Step 2 Threat Identification
- Step 3 Vulnerability Identification
- Step 4 Control Analysis
- Step 5 Likelihood Determination
- Step 6 Impact Analysis
- Step 7 Risk Determination
- Step 8 Control Recommendations
- Step 9 Results Documentation



Threat-Source Identification

- The goal of this step is :
 - To identify the potential threat-sources
 - To compile a threat statement listing potential threatsources
 - That are applicable to the IT system being evaluated.

Common Threat-Sources

- Natural Threats
 - Floods
 - Earthquakes
 - Tornadoes
 - Landslides
 - Avalanches
 - Electrical storms
 - And other such events
- Human Threats
 - Events that are either enabled by or caused by human beings, such as :
 - Unintentional acts
 - Inadvertent data entry
 - Deliberate actions
 - Network based attacks
 - Malicious software upload
 - Unauthorized access to confidential information
- Environmental Threats
 - Long-term power failure
 - Pollution
 - Chemicals
 - Liquid leakage

In assessingthreat-sources

- It is important to consider
 - All potential threat-sources
 - Its processing environment
- For example :
 - An IT system located in a desert
 - Low likelihood of 'natural flood'
 - A bursting pipe can quickly flood a computer room
- Humans can be threat-sources through :
 - Intentional acts :
 - A malicious attempt to gain unauthorized access to an IT system in order to compromise system and data integrity, availability, or confidentiality
 - A benign attempt to bypass system security
 - For example: a programmer's writing a Trojan horse program.
 - Unintentional acts:
 - Negligence
 - errors

Motivation and Threat Actions

- Motivation and the resources for carrying out an attack make humans potentially dangerous threat-sources.
- This information will be useful to organizations:
 - Studying their human threat environments
 - Customizing their human threat statements

Additional information

- Reviews of the history of system break-ins
- Security violation reports
- Incident reports
- Interviews with
 - System administrators
 - Help desk personnel
 - User community
 - During information gathering
- Will help identify human threat-sources

Human Threat-Source

- Hacker, cracker
- Computer criminal
- Terrorist
- Industrial espionage
 - Companies
 - Foreign governments Other
 - government interests
- Insiders
 - Poorly trained
 - Disgruntled
 - Malicious
 - Negligent
 - Dishonest
 - Terminated employees

Hacker, Cracker

- Motivation :
 - Challenge
 - Ego
 - * Rebellion
- Threat Actions :
 - Hacking
 - Social engineering
 - System intrusion, break-ins
 - Unauthorized system access

Computer Criminal

- Motivation :
 - Destruction on information
 - Illegal information disclosure
 - Monetary gain
 - Unauthorized data alteration
- Threat Actions :
 - Computer crime
 - Cyber stalking
 - Fraudulent act
 - Replay
 - Impersonation
 - Interception
 - Information bribery
 - Spoofing
 - System intrusion

Terrorist

Motivation :

- Blackmail
- Destruction
- Exploitation
- Revenge

Threat Actions :

- Bomb/Terrorism
- Information warfare
- System attack
 - Distributed denial of service
- System penetration
- System tampering

Industrial Espionage

- Motivation :
 - Competitive advantage
 - Economic espionage
- Threat Actions :
 - Economic exploitation
 - Information theft
 - Intrusion on personal privacy
 - Social engineering
 - System penetration
 - Unauthorized system access
 - Access to classified information
 - Access to proprietary information
 - Access to technology-related information

Insiders

- Motivation:
 - Curiosity
 - * Ego
 - Intelligence
 - Monetary gain
 - Revenge
 - Unintentional errors and omissions:
 - Data entry error
 - Programming error

Insiders

- Threat Actions :
 - Assault on an employee
 - Blackmail
 - Browsing of proprietary information
 - Computer abuse
 - Fraud and theft
 - Information bribery
 - Input of falsified, corrupted data
 - Malicious code :
 - Virus
 - Logic bomb
 - Trojan horse
 - Sale of personal information
 - System bugs
 - System intrusion
 - System sabotage
 - Unauthorized system access

After the potential threat-sources have been identified

- An estimate of the
 - Motivation
 - Resources
 - Capabilities
 - That may be required to carry out a successful attack
- Should be developed
- In order to determine the likelihood of a threat's exercising a system vulnerability.

After the potential threat-sources have been identified

- The threat statement, or the list of potential threatsources
- Should be tailored
- To the individual organization and its processing environment
 - End-user computing habits.
- Information on natural threats
 - Floods
 - Earthquakes
 - Storms
- Should be readily available.

Additional information

- Known threats have been identified by many government and private organizations.
 - Intrusion detection tools also are becoming more prevalent.
 - Government and industry organizations continually collect data on security events.
 - Sources of information:
 - Intelligence agencies
 - Mass media, particularly web-based resources such as SecurityFocus.com, SecurityWatch.com, SANS.org
- > Improving the ability to realistically asses threats.

Output from Step2

 A threat statement containing a list of threat-sources that could exploit system vulnerabilities

Good Luck