

# ***Addressing Security Issues for the Smart Grid Infrastructure***



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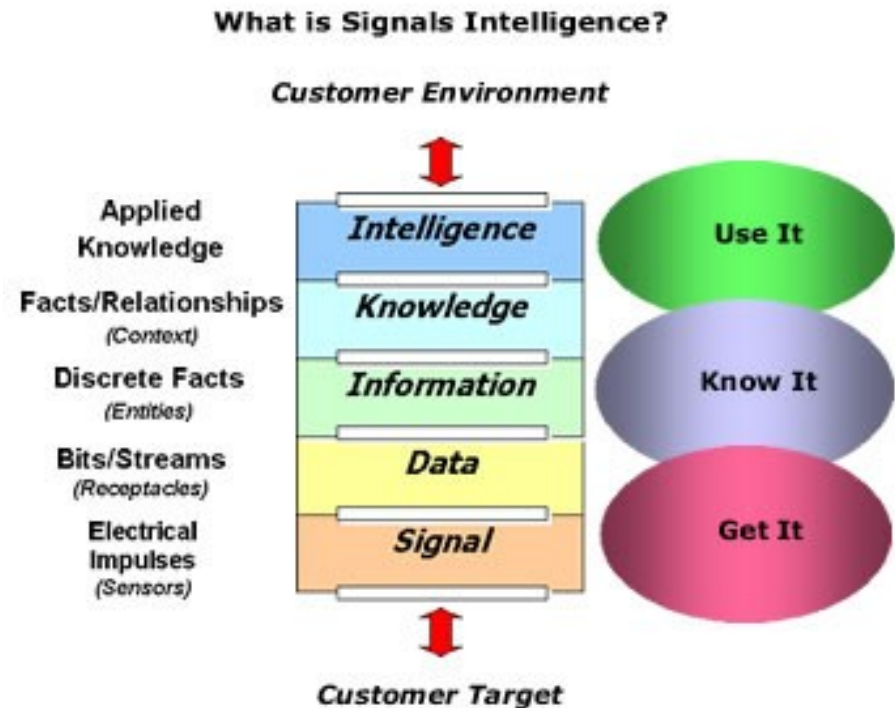
# Definition - U.S. Critical Infrastructures

- “...systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health and safety, or any combination of those matters.”

**-- USA Patriot Act (P.L. 107-56)**

# Defense in Depth Focus Areas

- Defend the network and infrastructure
  - Backbone network availability
  - Wireless network security
  - System interconnections
- Defend the enclave boundary
  - Network access protection
  - Remote access
  - Multilevel security
- Defend the computing environment
  - End-user environment
  - Application security
- Supporting infrastructures
  - Key Management Infrastructure
  - Detect and respond



# Security Pieces & Parts

## People

Identity & access management

Information security organization

Training awareness & personnel

## Process

Information risk management

Policy and compliance framework

Information asset management

Business continuity and DR

Physical and environment sec

Incident & threat management

Systems dev. & ops management

## Technology

Network

Endpoints

Database

Application infrastructure

Systems

Messaging and content

Data

# Security Truisms

- **Protection** – Configuring our systems and networks as correctly as possible
- **Detection** – Identify when the configuration has changed or that some network traffic indicates a problem
- **Reaction** – Identify problems quickly, respond to any problem and return to a safe state as rapidly as possible

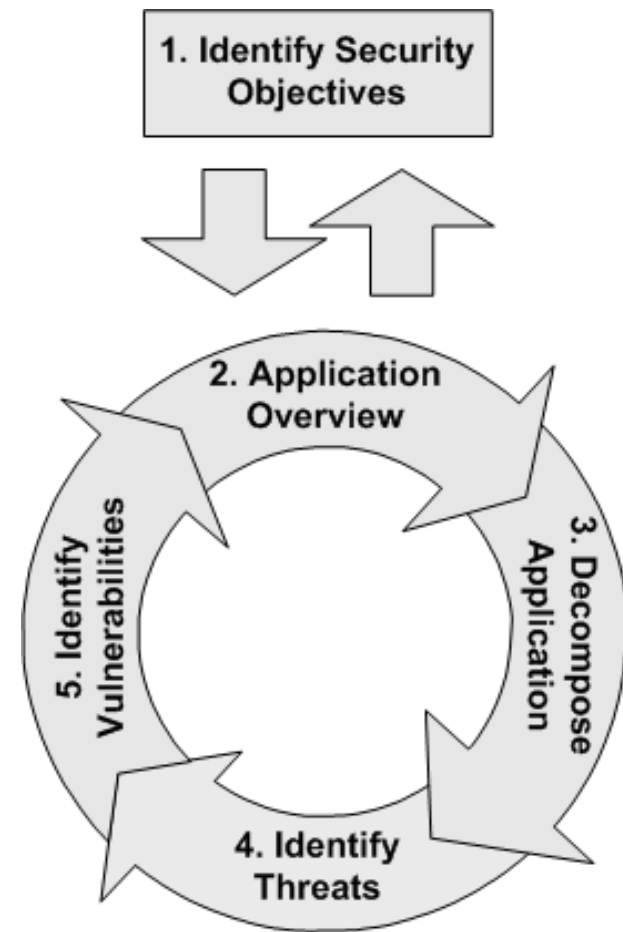
# Security Challenges

## Reconfigurability and wireless nature may enable:

- Jamming (DoS)
- Device spoofing, configuration of a malicious device (DoS, Tampering)
- Violation of regulatory constraints (DoS)
- Invalid configuration (DoS)
- Eavesdropping, insecure software download (Disclosure, Tampering)
- Exhaustion of system resources (DoS)
- Improper software functionality (Tampering)

# Security Threats

- Blunders, errors, and omissions
- Fraud and theft, criminal activity
- Disgruntled employees, insiders
- Curiosity and ignorance, recreational and malicious hackers
- Industrial espionage
- Malicious code
- Foreign espionage and information warfare



# Security Mechanism Examples

- **Jamming** – agile spectrum allocation
- **Eavesdropping** – communication channel encryption
- **Internet attacks** – firewalls on connection to public network, strong user authentication
- **Device spoofing, malfunctioning device, violation of regulatory constraints** – secure configuration, remote attestation




# Security Requirements

- Prevent loading, installation, instantiation of unauthorized software
- Verify downloaded software from trusted vendor
- Ensure confidentiality and integrity of over-the-air software download and stored data
- Ensure the terminal operates within allowed frequency bands and power levels specified by regulators and power operators
- Provide trusted configuration information to substations on request

# DOH – Vision Statement

*The Energy Sector envisions a robust, resilient energy infrastructure in which continuity of business and services is maintained through secure and reliable information sharing, effective risk management programs, coordinated response capabilities, and trusted relationships between public and private security partners at all levels of industry and government.*


Are your  
**Control Systems**  
Being Targeted?



The United States  
Department of Homeland Security  
is working to help users and  
operators increase the security  
of their control systems

**Control Systems Security Program**

[www.us-cert.gov/control\\_systems](http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems)



Homeland  
Security

- National Infrastructure Protection Plan – Energy Sector, 2007

# Security Standards Guidelines

- **ANSI/ISA-99.00.01-2007** – Security for Industrial Automation and Control Systems
- **IEC TS 62351** – Power Systems Management and Associated Information Exchange – Data and Communications Security
- **ISO/IEC 13335** – Information technology — Security techniques — Management of information and communications technology security
- **ISO/IEC 21827** – Information Technology – Systems Security Engineering – Capability Maturity Model (SSE-CMM)
- **ITU-T Recommendation X.805** – Security Architecture for Systems Providing End-to-End Communications
- **NIST Special Publication 800-27** – Engineering Principles for Information Technology Security (A Baseline for Achieving Security)
- **NIST Special Publication 800-53** – Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems
- Many others.....

# Security Tools – More Than Just a Firewall

## Management, Audit, Measurement, Monitoring, and Detection Tools

- Log Auditing Utilities
- Virus and Malicious Code Detection Systems
- Intrusion Detection Systems
- Vulnerability Scanners
- Forensics and Analysis Tools (FAT)
- Host Configuration Management Tools
- Automated Software Management Tools

## Filtering/Blocking/Access Control Technologies

- Network Firewalls
- Host-based Firewalls
- Virtual Networks

## Physical Security Controls

- Physical Protection
- Personnel Security

## Encryption Technologies and Data Validation

- Symmetric (Secret) Key Encryption
- Public Key Encryption and Key Distribution
- Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

## Authentication and Authorization Technologies

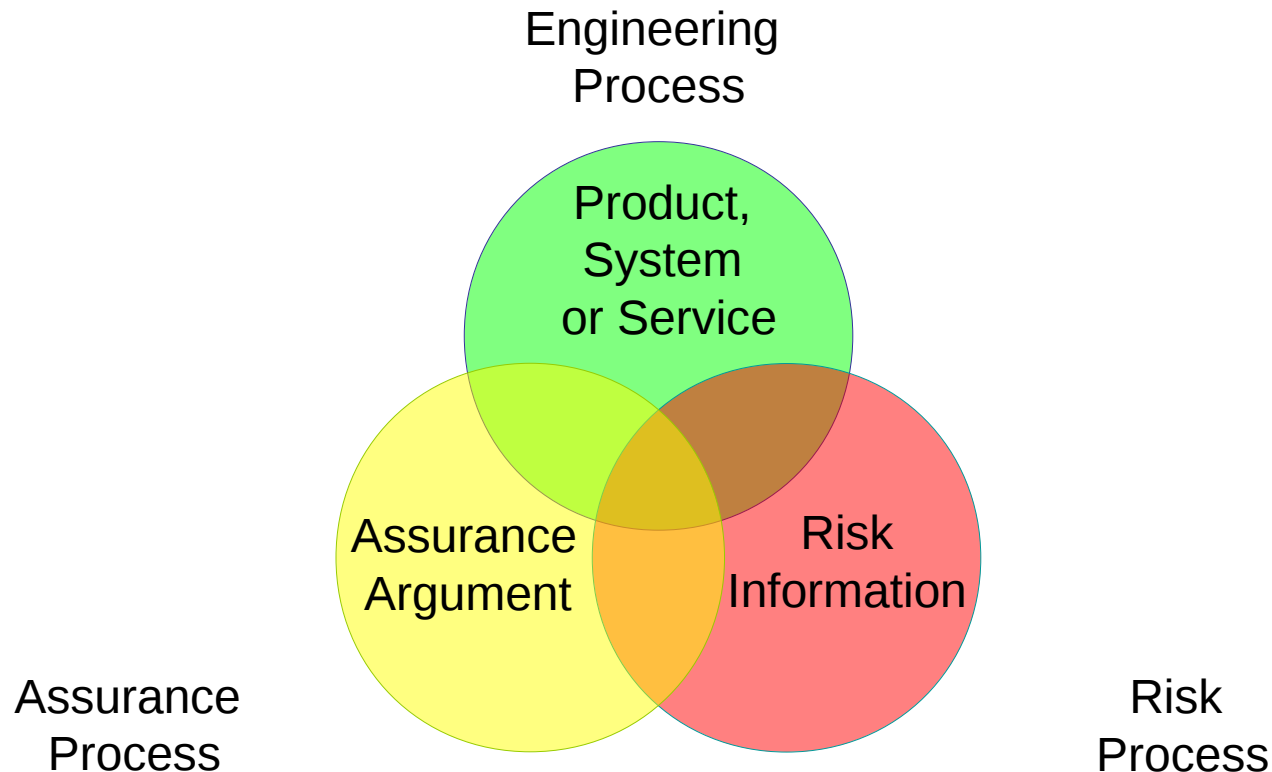
- Role-Based Authorization Tools
- Password Authentication
- Challenge/Response Authentication
- Physical/Token Authentication
- Smart Card Authentication
- Biometric Authentication
- Location-Based Authentication
- Password Distribution and Management Technologies
- Device-to-Device Authentication

## Industrial Automation and Control Systems Computer Software

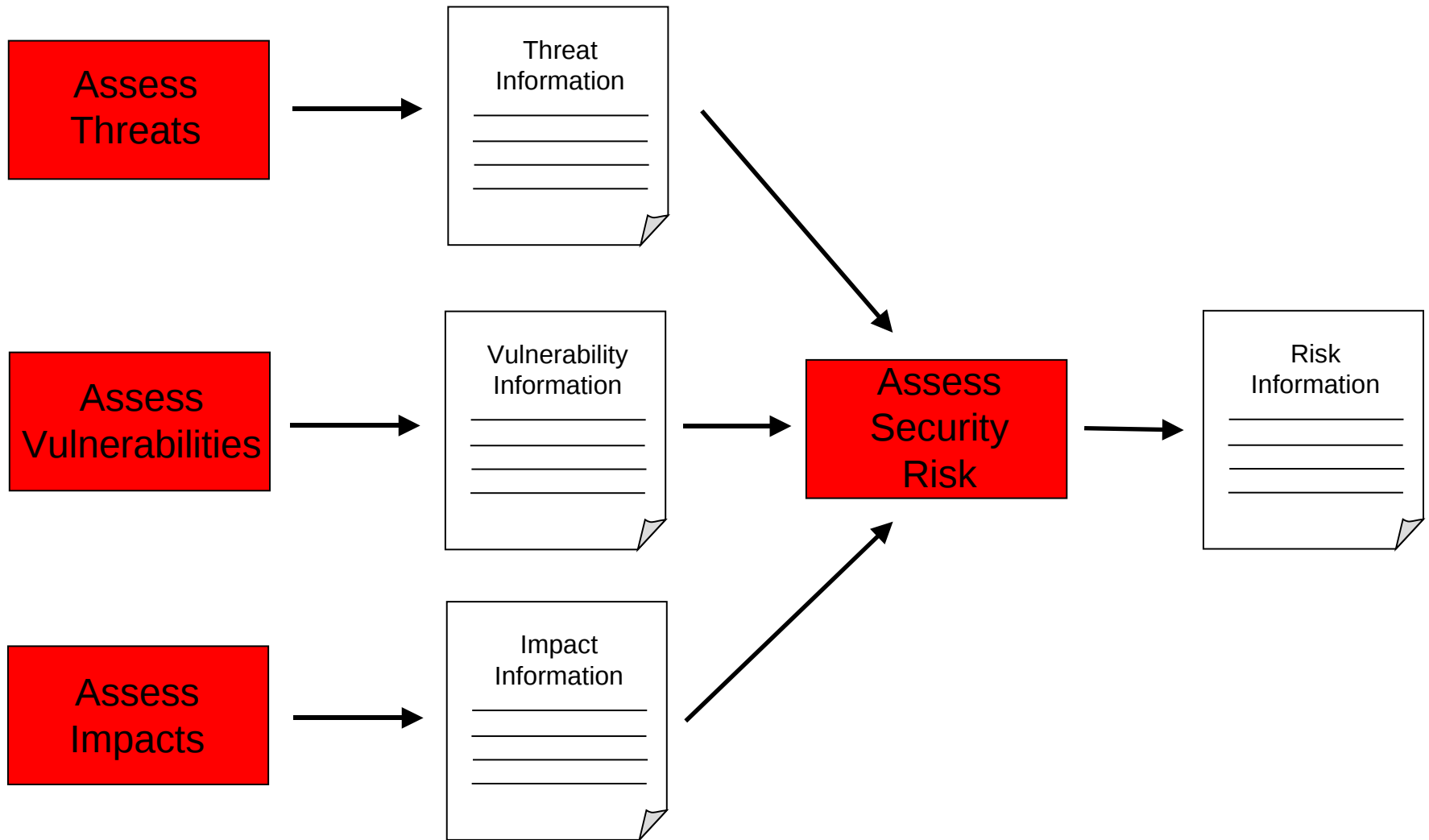
Server and Workstation  
Operating Systems  
Real-time and Embedded  
Operating Systems  
Web Technologies

# ISO/IEC 21827 SSE-CMM

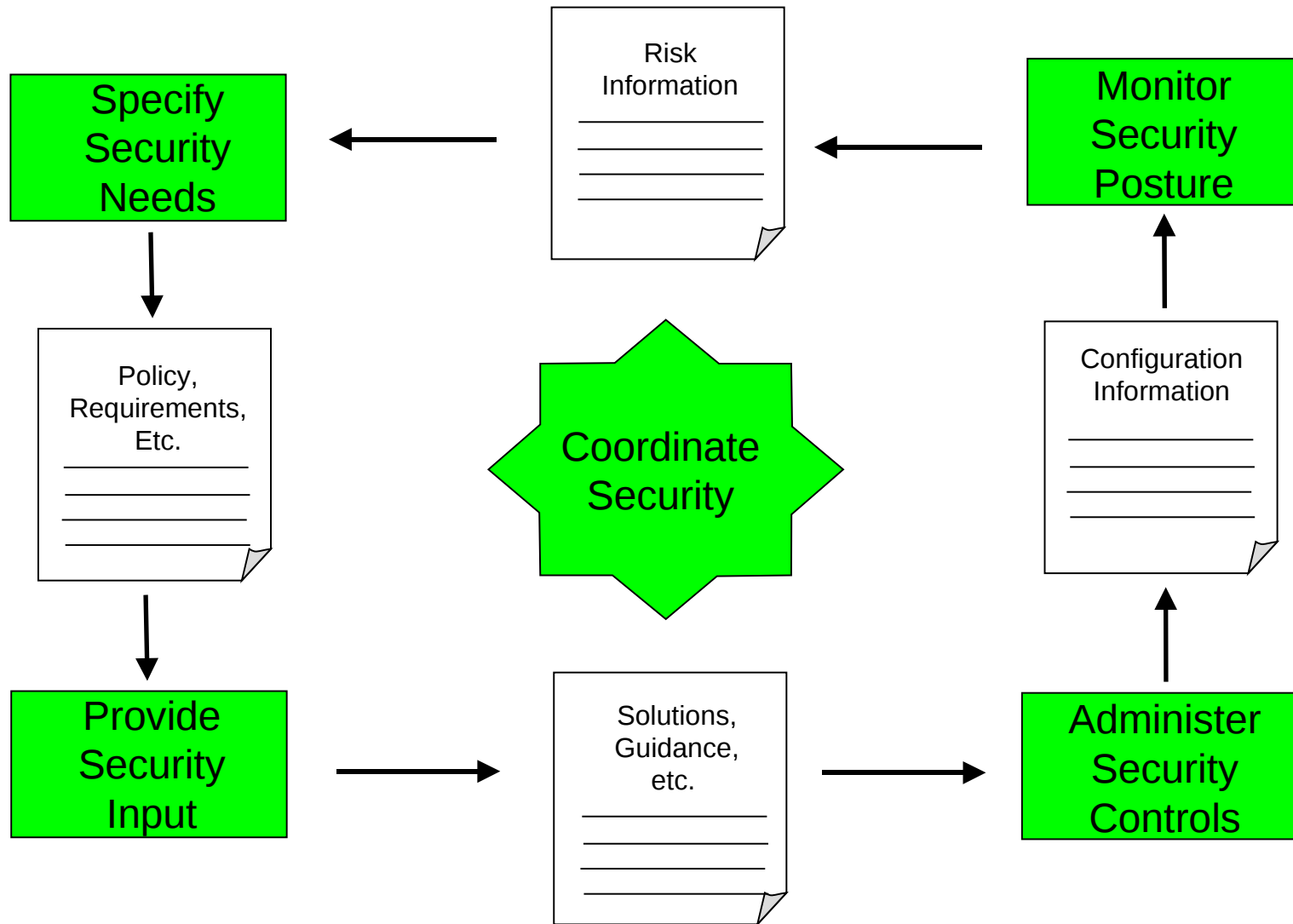
## International Standard for Systems Security Engineering – Capability Maturity Model (SSE-CMM)



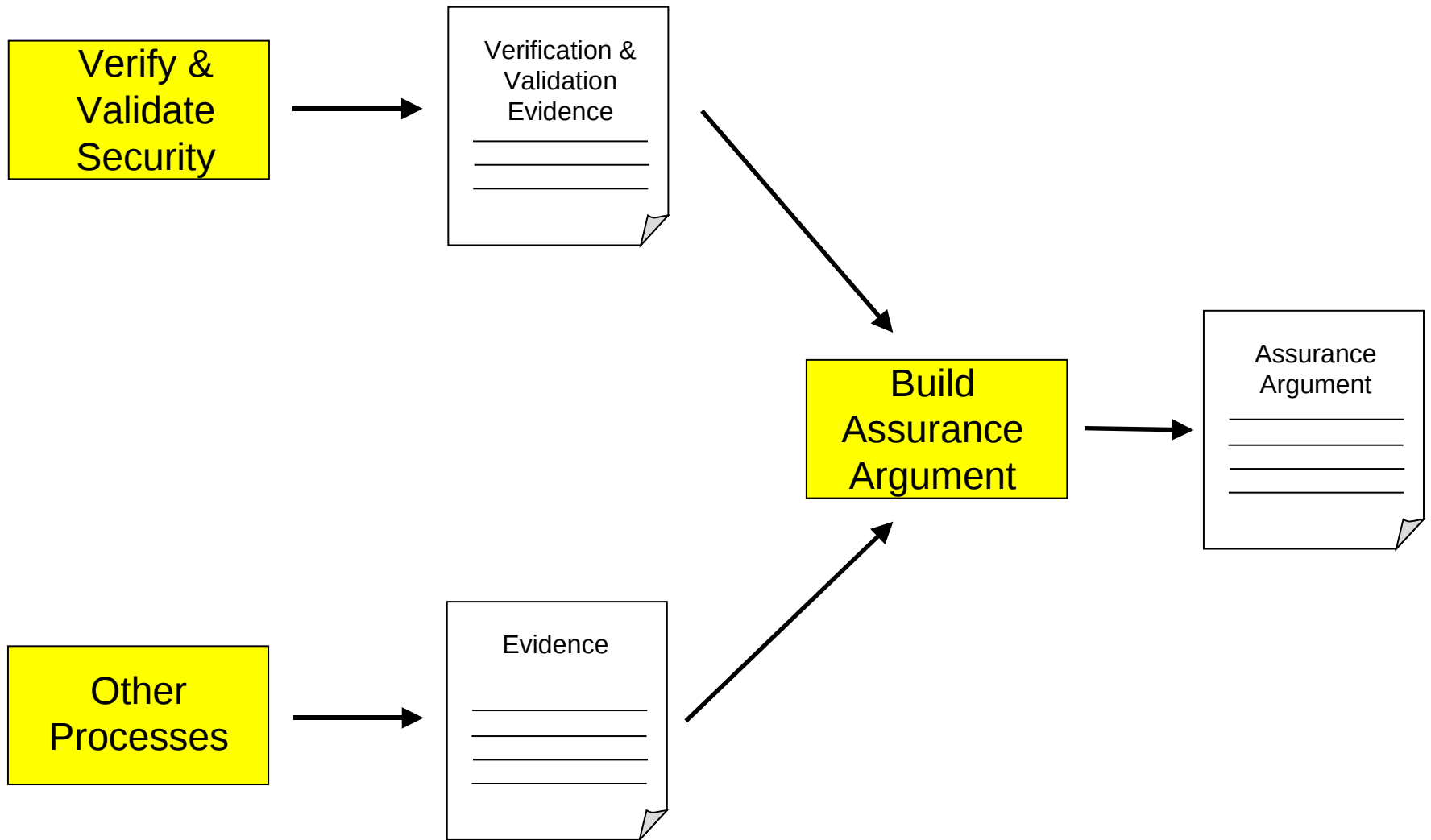
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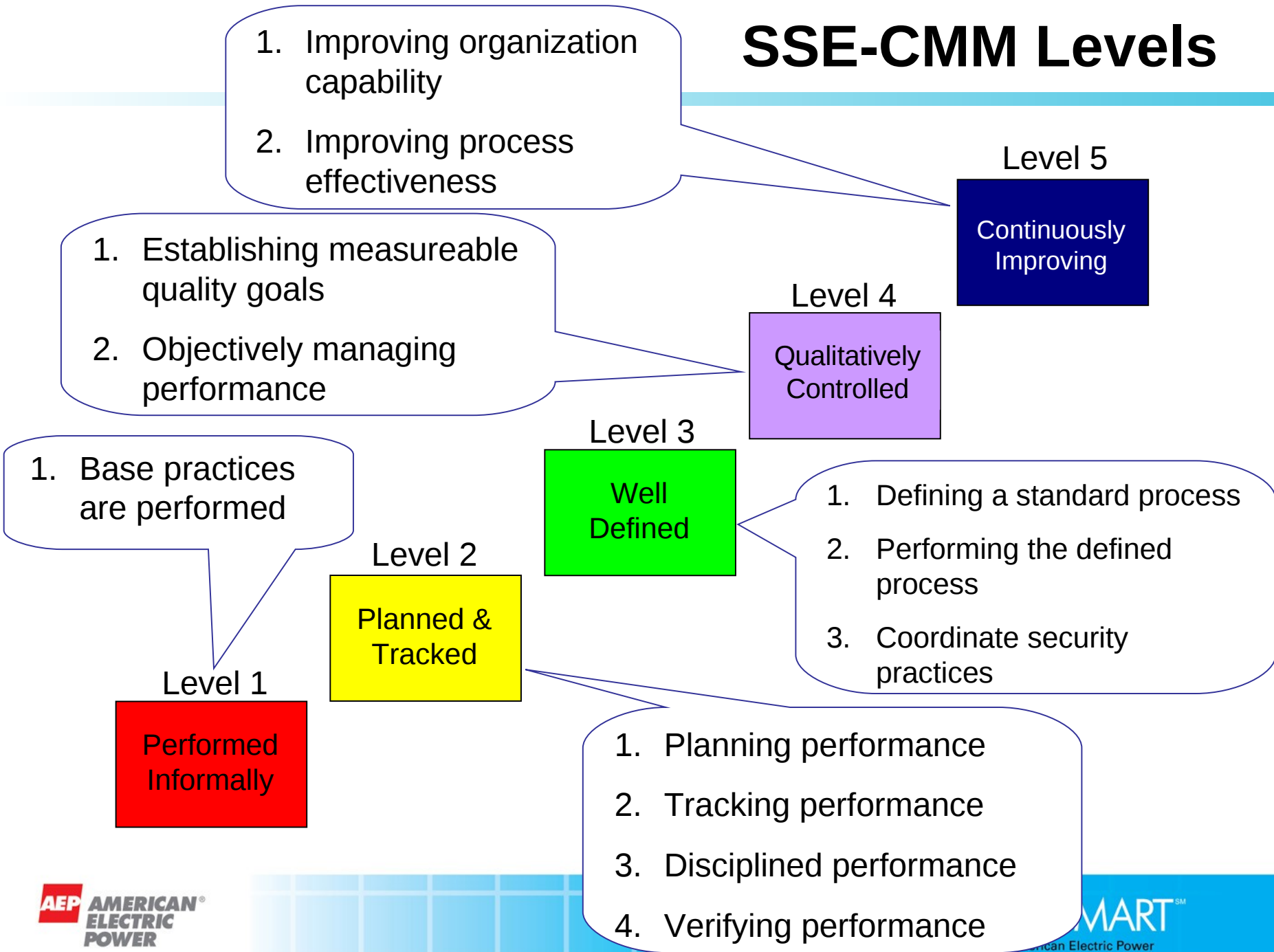


# SSE-CMM & Assurance Process

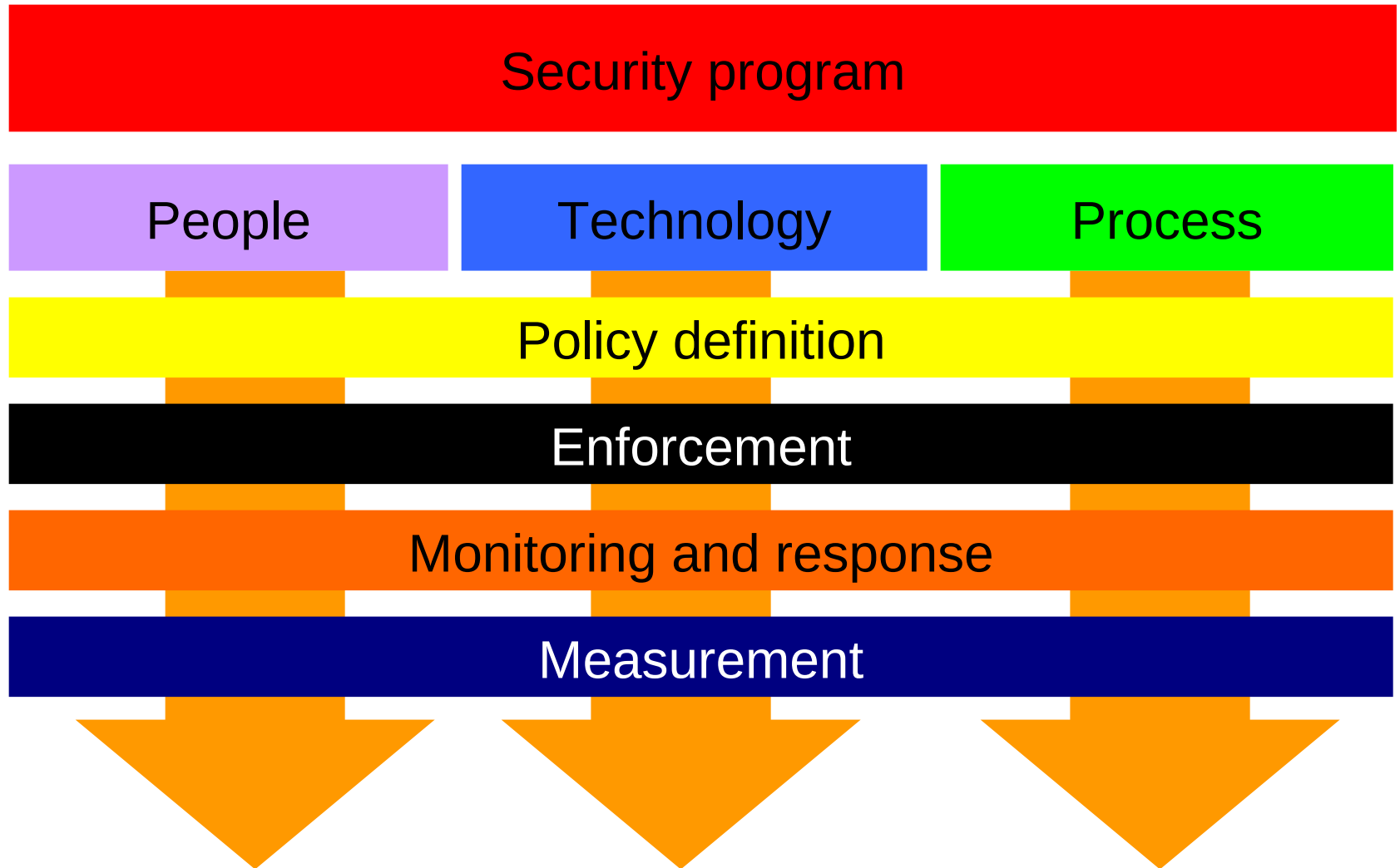




# SSE-CMM Levels

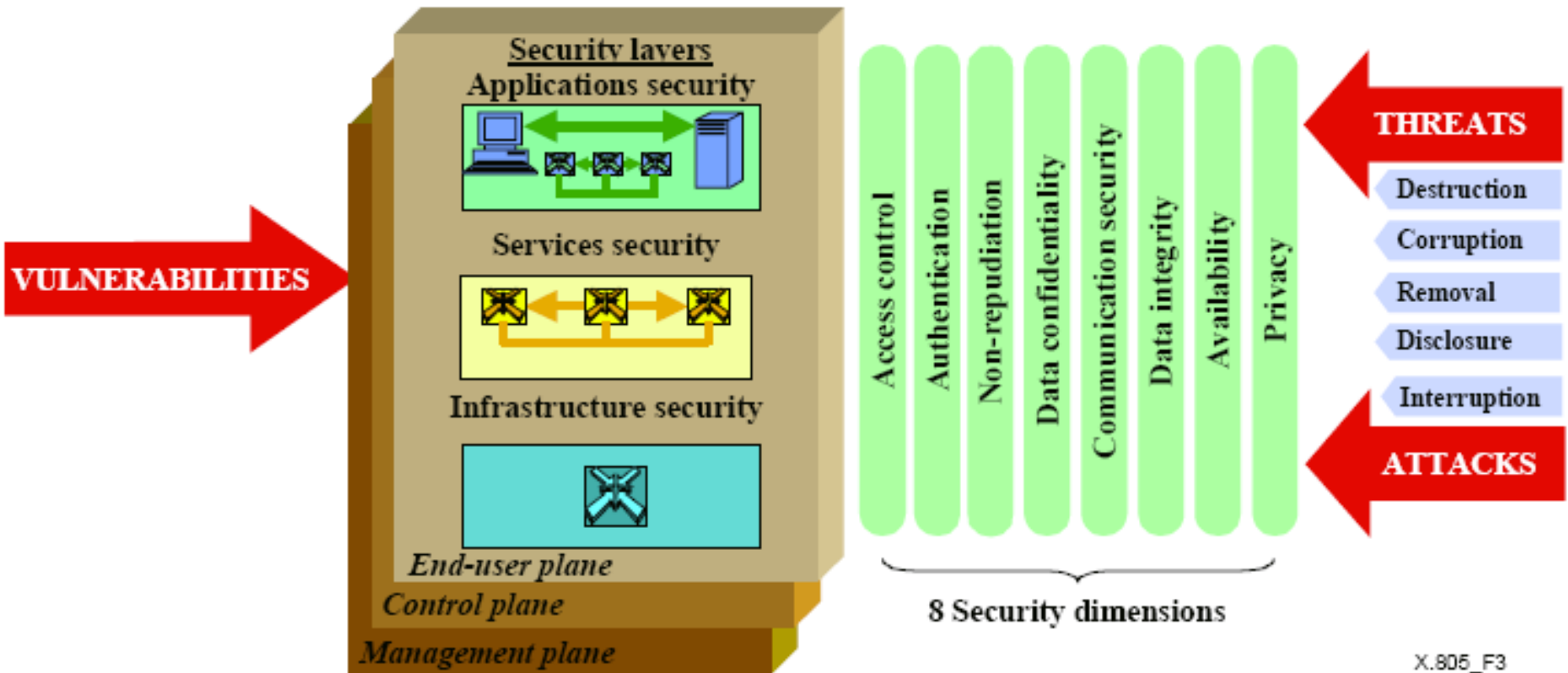


# Security Program



# ITU-T Recommendation X.805

## Security architecture for end-to-end network security



# Security architecture for end-to-end communications

ITU-T Recommendation X.805 addresses three essential questions:

1. What kind of protection is needed and against what threats?
1. What are the distinct types of network equipment and facility groupings that need to be protected?
1. What are the distinct types of network activities that need to be protected?

# Cyber Security Requirements – High Level

## Functional Requirements

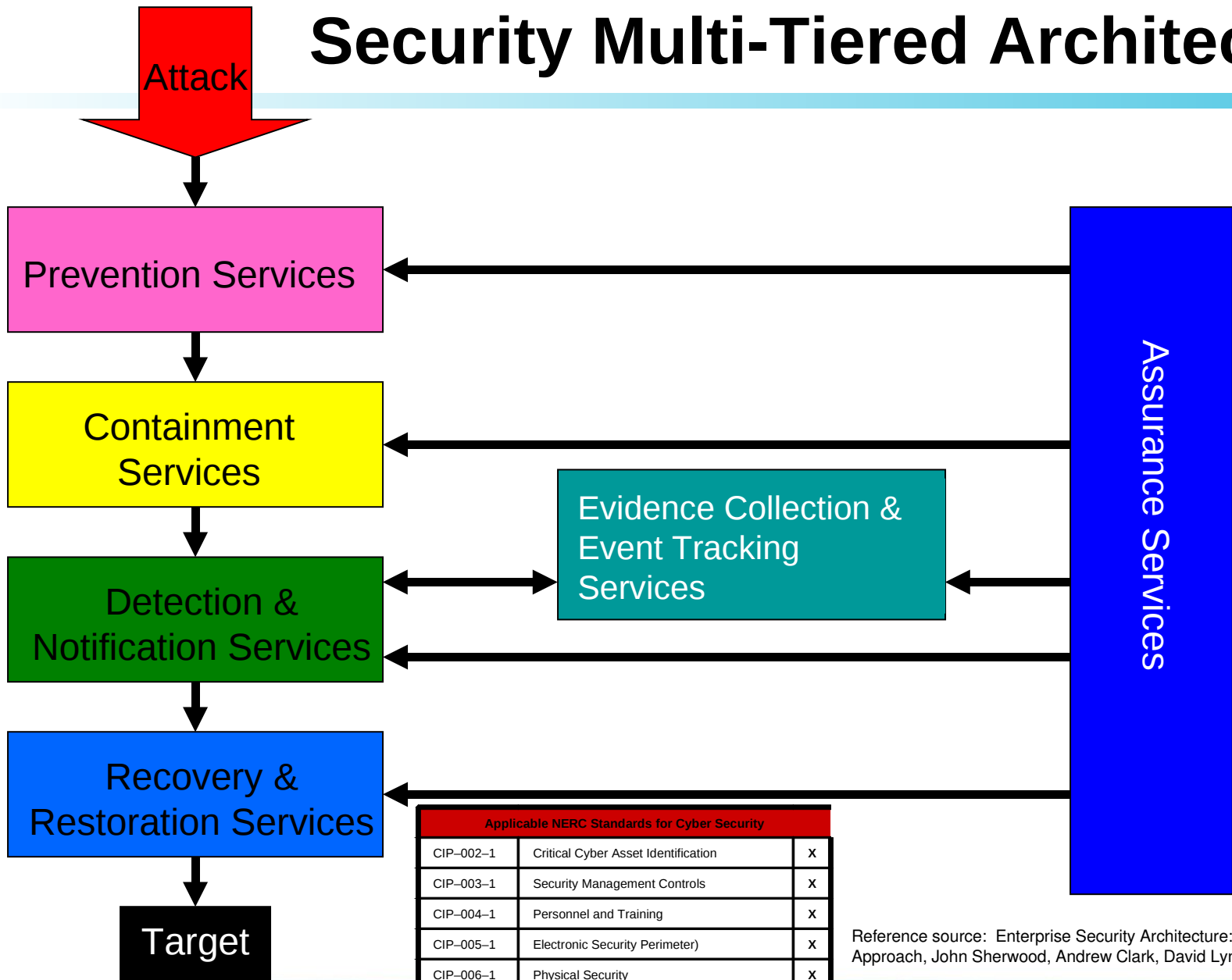
- Auditing
- Cryptographic Support
- User Data Protection
- Event Monitoring
- Identification & Authentication
- Functional Management
- Security Event Monitoring
- Physical Protection
- System Configuration
- Resource Utilization
- Trusted Path/Channels

## Assurance Requirements

- Configuration Management
- Delivery & Operation
- Guidance Documents
- Life Cycle Support
- Security Awareness
- Operation & Maintenance
- System Architecture
- Testing
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Assurance Maintenance

Applicable NERC Standards for Cyber Security		
CIP-002-1	Critical Cyber Asset Identification	X
CIP-003-1	Security Management Controls	X
CIP-004-1	Personnel and Training	X
CIP-005-1	Electronic Security Perimeter)	X
CIP-006-1	Physical Security	X
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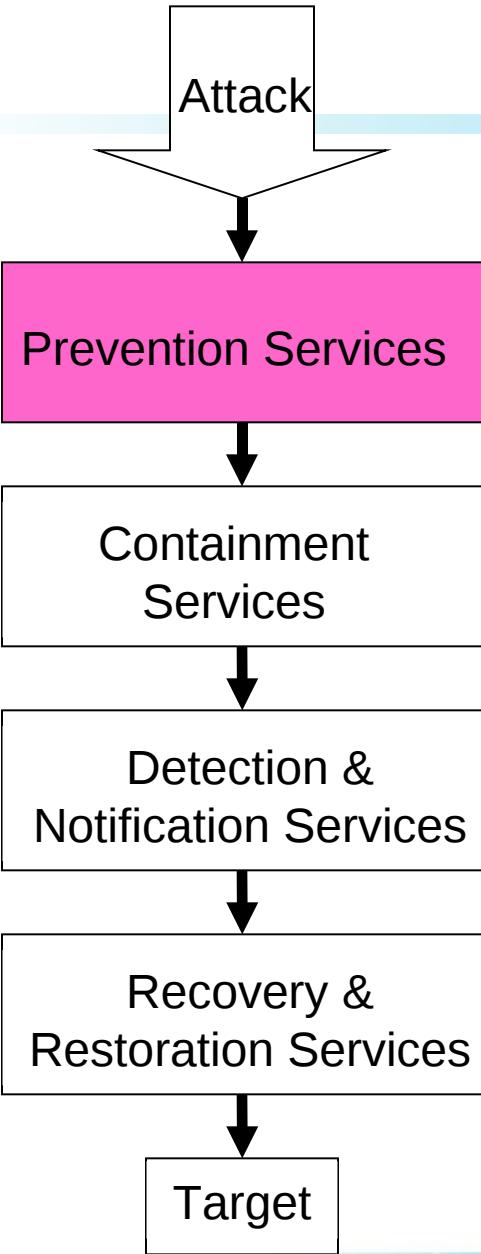
# Security Multi-Tiered Architecture



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Reference source: Enterprise Security Architecture: A Business-Driven Approach, John Sherwood, Andrew Clark, David Lynas, 2005

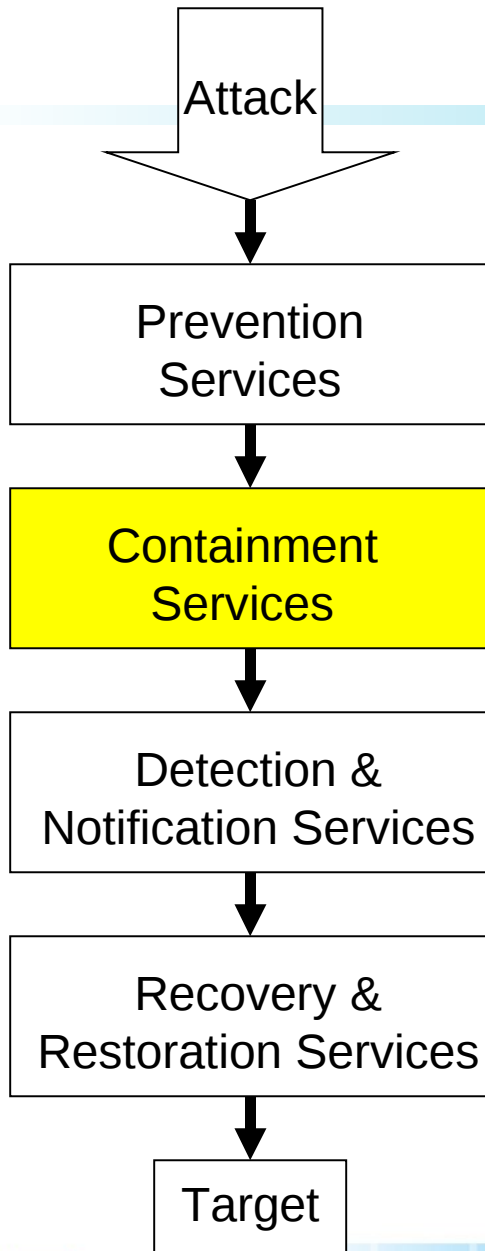
# Prevention Services



Security Architecture Tier	Security Services	Detail
Prevention	Entity Security Services	Unique Naming
		Registration
		Public Key Certification
		Credentials Certification
		Directory Service
		Authentication
	Communications Security	Session Authentication
		Message Origin Authentication
		Message Integrity Protection
		Message Content Confidentiality
		Measurement & Metrics
		Security Administration
		User Support
		Physical Security
	Application & System Security	Environment Security
		Non-repudiation
		Message Replay Protection
		Traffic Flow Confidentiality
		Authorization
		Logical Access Controls
Audit Trails		
Stored Data Integrity Protection		
Store Data Confidentiality		
Software Integrity Protection		
Security Management	Software Licensing Management	
	System Configuration Protection	
	Data Replication & Backup	
	Software Replication & Backup	
	Trusted Time	
	User Interface for Security	
	Policy Management	
	Training & Awareness	

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# Containment Services

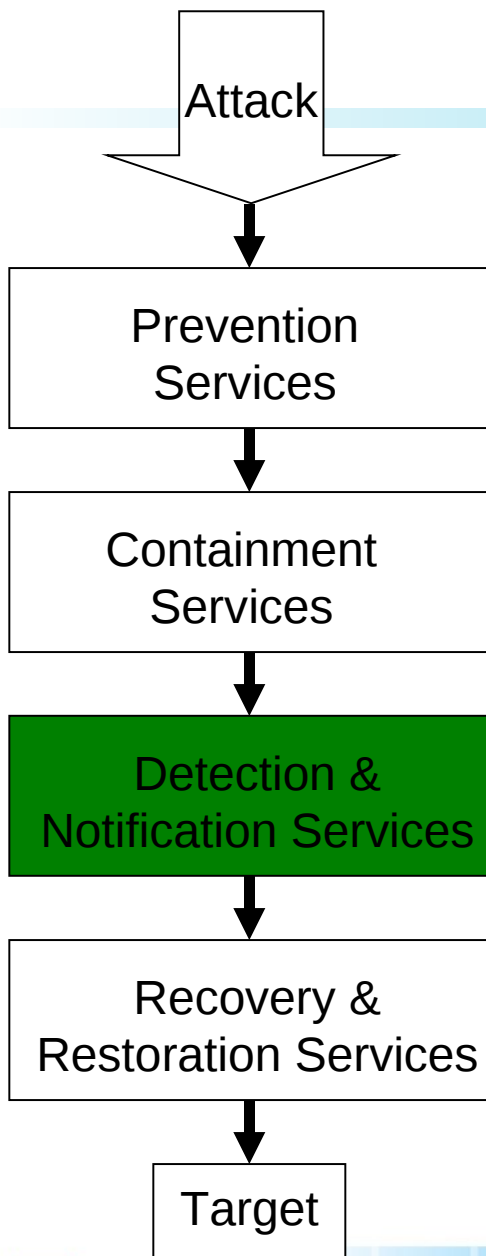


Security Architecture Tier	Security Services
Containment	Entity Authorization
	Store Data Confidentiality
	Software Integrity Protection
	Physical Security
	Environmental Security
	Training & Awareness

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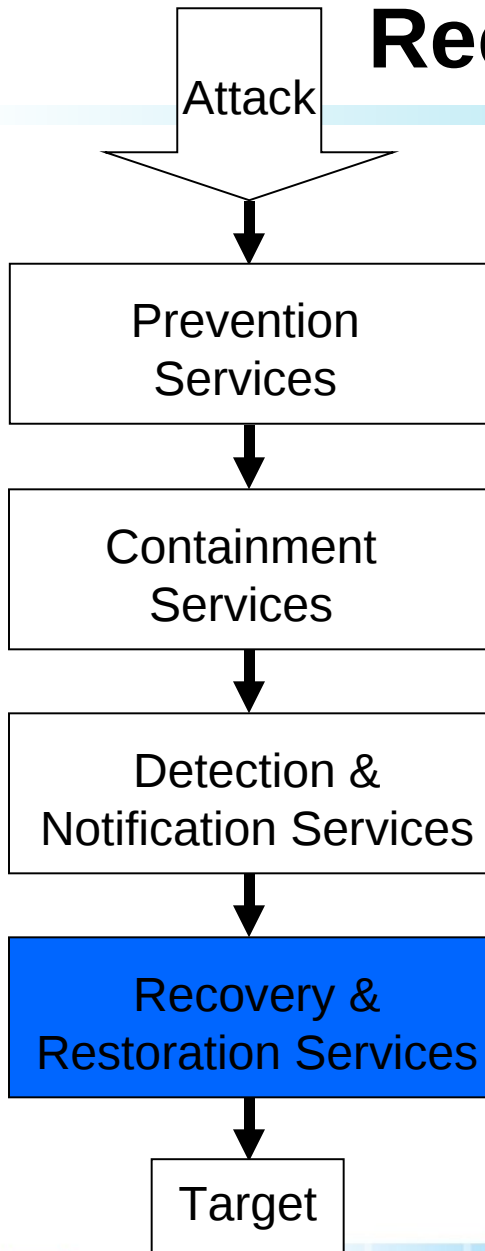
# Detection & Notification Services



Security Architecture Tier	Security Services
Detection & Notification	Message Integrity Protection
	Store Data Confidentiality
	Security Monitoring
	Intrusion Detection
	Security Alarm Management
	Training & Awareness
	Measurement & Metrics

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# Recovery & Restoration Services



Security Architecture Tier	Security Services
Recovery & Restoration	Incident Response
	Data Replication & Backup
	Software Replication & Backup
	Disaster Recovery
	Crisis Management

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# Event Collection & Tracking Services

Security Architecture Tier	Security Services
Event Collection & Event Tracking	Audit Trails
	Security Operations Management
	Security Monitoring
	Measurement & Metrics

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Evidence Collection & Event Tracking Services

Assurance Services

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# Security, Quality and the SDLC

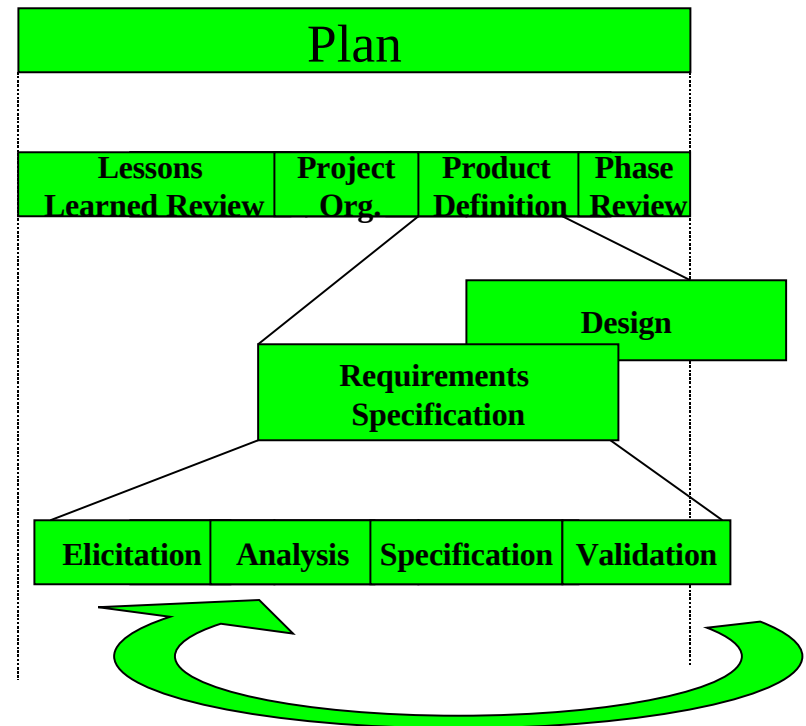
## System Development Life Cycle

Proposal	Plan	Construct	Test	Deliver	Close
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**Security is an aspect of quality which should be addressed throughout the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)**

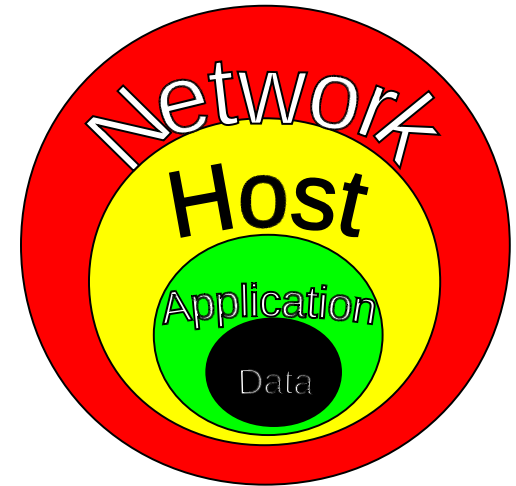
# Incorporating Security Into the SDLC

- Begin with requirements
- Secure design
- Secure coding
- Security testing
- Secure deployment
- Security maintenance



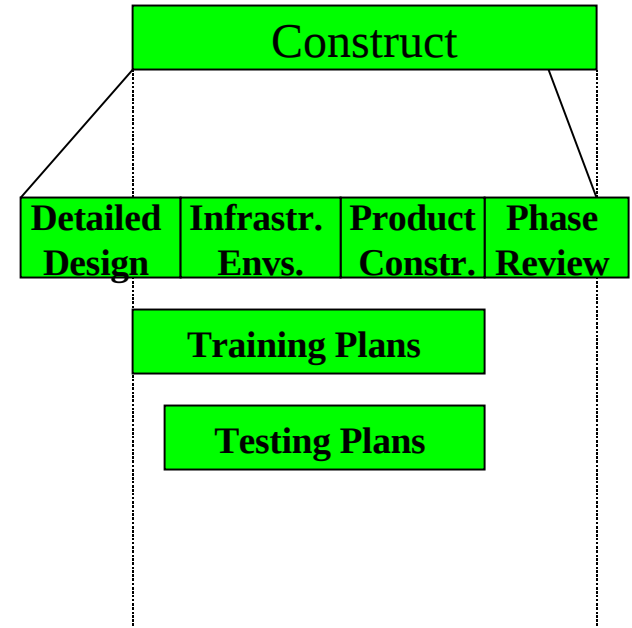
# Secure System/Software Requirements

- Begin with requirements
  - What assets of value are accessible from the software?
  - What are the threats to those assets?
  - What protections must be provided for those assets?



# Secure System/Software Design Elements

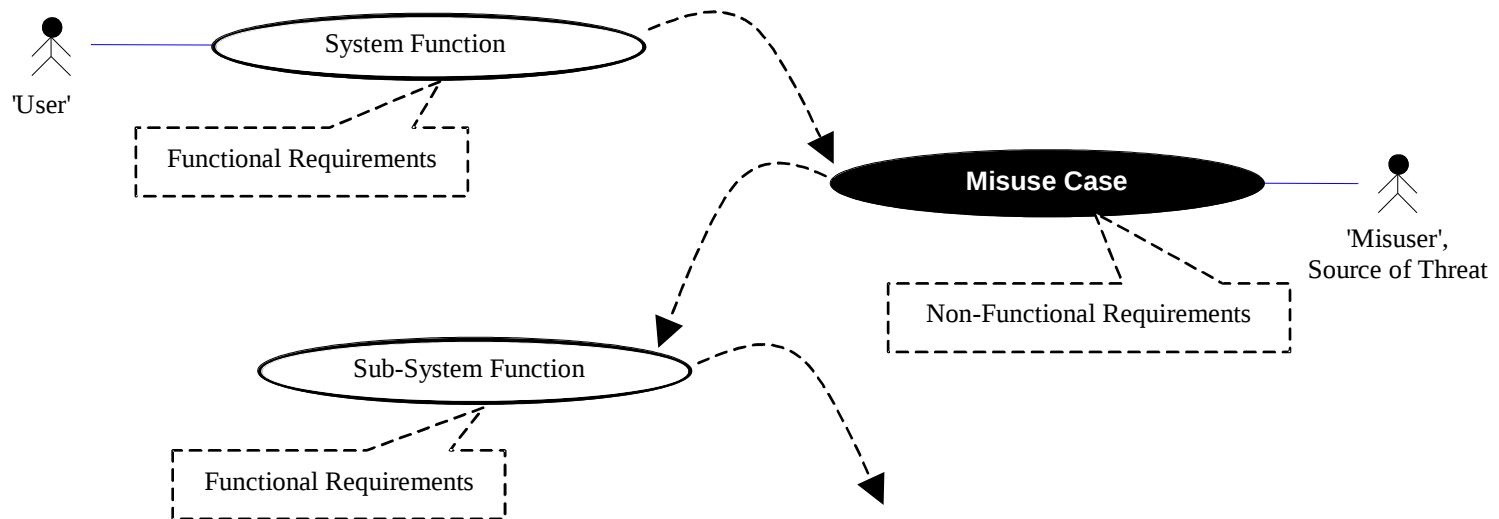
- Authentication
- Authorization
- Auditing, logging, accountability
- Confidentiality and privacy
- Integrity
- Non-repudiation
- Availability





# Secure Design Methodologies

- Design review and risk analysis
- Threat modeling
- Use cases
  - Misuse or abuse cases



*Interplay of Use & Misuse Cases with Functional & Non-Functional Requirements*

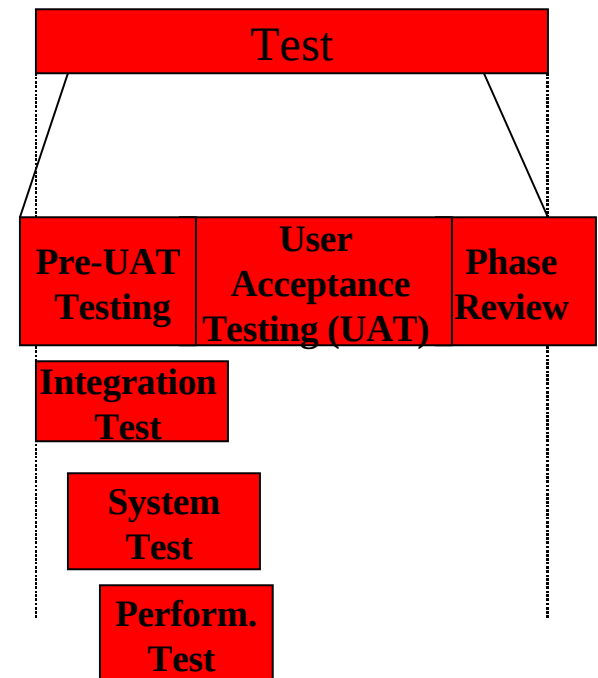
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# Secure development

- Language-specific secure coding checklists
- Develop company coding standards, and include security standards
- Create libraries of security functions that are used by all project teams
- Code reviews and walkthroughs
- Development tools
- Debuggers
- Source code analysis tools

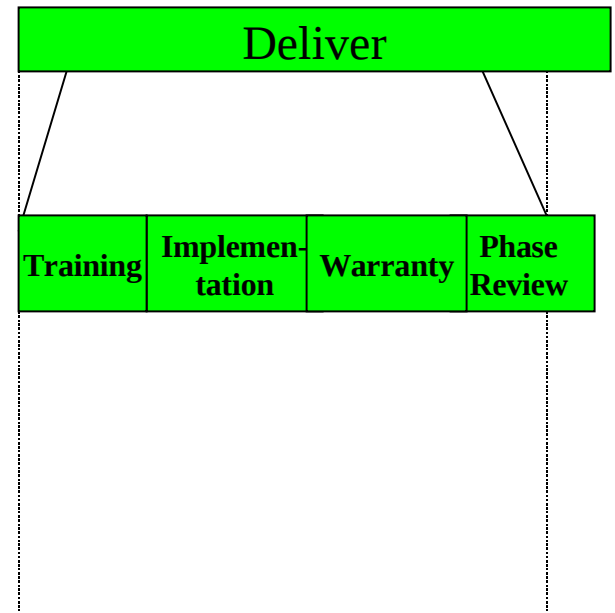
# Security testing

- Fault injection
- Fuzzers
- Proxy-based tools
- Automated penetration testing
- Security assessments and penetration tests



# Deployment Issues

- Offer a secure mode of installation
- Disable all default accounts at the end of installation
- Force the user to set an administrative password
- Offer configurable auditing and logging levels



# Maintenance Issues

## Monitor, Track and Control

- Enforce all secure system and software development processes for maintenance releases of code
- Make sure that engineers / developers / administrators fully understand the design and architecture of the entire product
- If the product is not fully understood, there is the probability that security vulnerabilities may be introduced

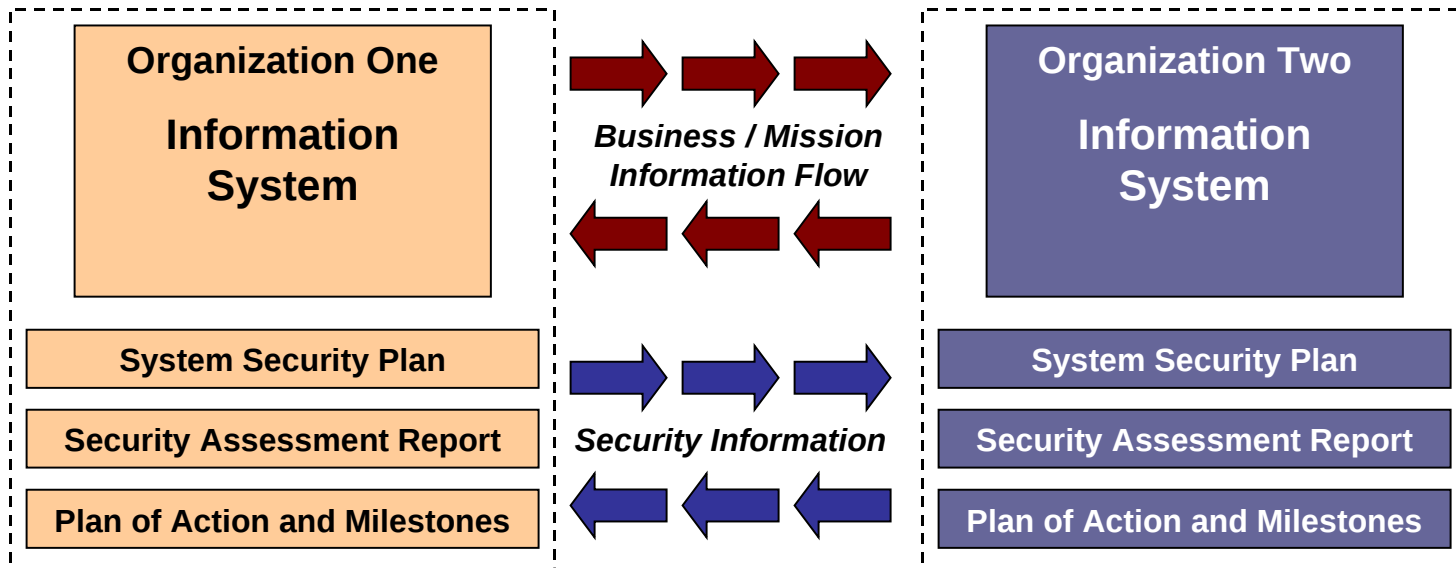
# Recommendations

- Make security part of your SDLC
- Ensure someone (preferably more than one person) is responsible for security in each SDLC phase
- Create a virtual security team comprised of those individuals

# The Desired Security End State

## Why Standardization?

### Security Visibility Among Business/Mission Partners



Determining the risk to the first organization's operations and assets and the acceptability of such risk

Determining the risk to the second organization's operations and assets and the acceptability of such risk

The objective is to achieve *visibility* into prospective business/mission partners information security programs **BEFORE** critical/sensitive communications begin...establishing levels of security due diligence.

# gridSMART<sup>SM</sup> Cyber Security Charter

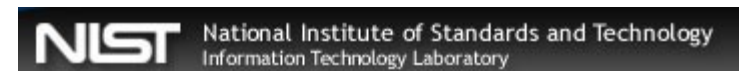
*AEP's gridSMART<sup>SM</sup> initiative and the development and implementation of the modern electrical grid of the future is one of the key drivers behind employment and integration of Cyber Security controls and protection safeguards for networked communications, computerized intelligent electronic equipment and the data/information vital to the management of the gridSMART<sup>SM</sup> environment.*



# gridSMART<sup>SM</sup> Cyber Security Framework

Based upon standards and best practices:

- IntelliGrid / EPRI
- UCA International Usersgroup
  - AMI Working Groups
    - UtilityAMI, OpenAMI, AMI-SEC
  - HAN Working Groups
    - OpenHAN, UtilityHAN
- Department of Energy
  - National Energy Technology Laboratory
- Department of Homeland Security
- NIST – Computer Security Division
- ISO/IEC
- ITU
- Others



# gridSMART<sup>SM</sup> Cyber Security Features

<i>Feature</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Benefit</i>	<i>Method Example</i>
Confidentiality	Systems / data is kept secret / private from unauthorized individuals / entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Business / technical security</li> <li>▪ Customer privacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encryption</li> <li>▪ Key Mgmt/PKI</li> <li>▪ Data Separation</li> </ul>
Integrity	Prevents the unauthorized modification of data, provides detection and notification,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensures data is not modified by unauthorized users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Digital Signatures</li> <li>▪ Message Integrity Safeguards</li> <li>▪ Time Stamping</li> </ul>
Availability	Systems / data are available and accessible when required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Timely, reliable access to data services to authorized users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protection from attack</li> <li>▪ Protection from unauthorized users</li> <li>▪ Resistance to routine failures</li> </ul>
Identification	Identifies individuals / entities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensures entities are who they say they are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ User ID and passwords</li> </ul>
Authentication	Substantiates the claimed identity of individuals / entities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensures only truly authorized entities are who they say they are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Secure Tokens</li> <li>▪ Smart Cards</li> <li>▪ Single Sign-on</li> </ul>
Authorization	Identified / authenticated entities have been authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protects systems and data from unauthorized entities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificates</li> <li>▪ Attribute use</li> </ul>
Access Control	Role-based access to systems and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protects systems and data via roles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Role-based Access Control</li> <li>▪ Passwords</li> </ul>
Non-repudiation	Provides the ability to prove that an system did participate in an exchange of data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proof of origin</li> <li>▪ Proof of delivery</li> <li>▪ Auditing for accountability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Digital Signatures</li> <li>▪ Time Stamping</li> <li>▪ Certificate Authority</li> </ul>

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# Questions???