TEL2813/IS2820 Security Management

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Security Planning

Introduction

- Successful organizations utilize planning
- Planning involves:
 - Employees
 - Management
 - Stockholders
 - Other outside stakeholders
 - Physical environment
 - Political and legal environment
 - Competitive environment
 - Technological environment

Introduction

Planning:

- Is creating action steps toward goals, and then controlling them
- Provides direction for the organization's future
- Top-down method:
 - Organization's leaders choose the direction
 - Planning begins with the general and ends with the specific

Introduction

- Strategic planning includes:
 - Vision statement
 - Mission statement
 - Strategy
 - Coordinated plans for sub units
- Knowing how the general organizational planning process works helps in the information security planning process

Information Security Planning

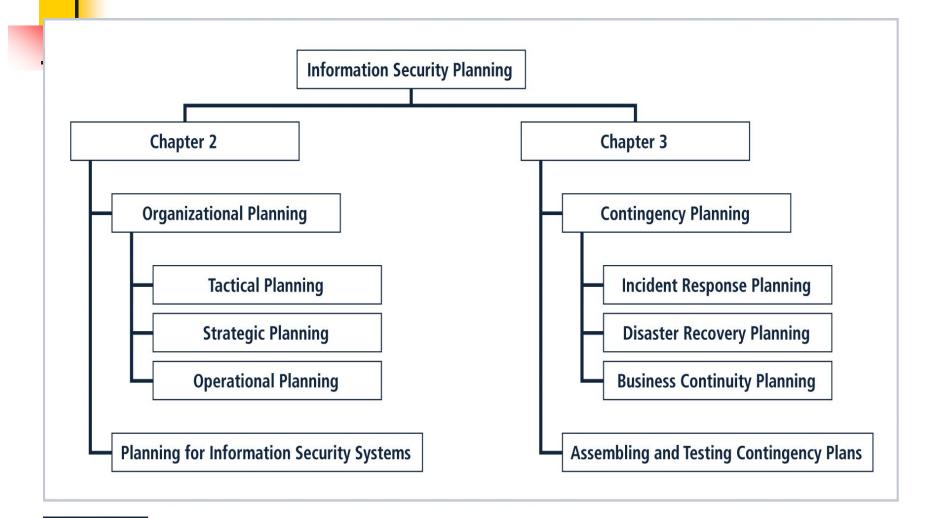


FIGURE 2-1 Information Security Planning

Components Of Planning: Mission Statement

- Mission statement:
 - Declares the business of the organization and its intended areas of operations
 - Explains what the organization does and for whom
 - Example:
 - Random Widget Works, Inc. designs and manufactures quality widgets, associated equipment and supplies for use in modern business environments

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Components Of Planning: Vision Statement

- Vision statement:
 - Expresses what the organization wants to become
 - Should be ambitious
 - Example:
 - Random Widget Works will be the preferred manufacturer of choice for every business's widget equipment needs, with an RWW widget in every machine they use

Components Of Planning: Values

- By establishing organizational principles in a values statement, an organization makes its conduct standards clear
 - Example:
 - RWW values commitment, honesty, integrity and social responsibility among its employees, and is committed to providing its services in harmony with its corporate, social, legal and natural environments.
- The mission, vision, and values statements together provide the foundation for planning

Components Of Planning: Strategy

- Strategy is the basis for long-term direction
- Strategic planning:
 - Guides organizational efforts
 - Focuses resources on clearly defined goals

"... strategic planning is a disciplined effort to produce fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what an organization is, what it does, and why it does it, with a focus on the future."

Strategic Planning

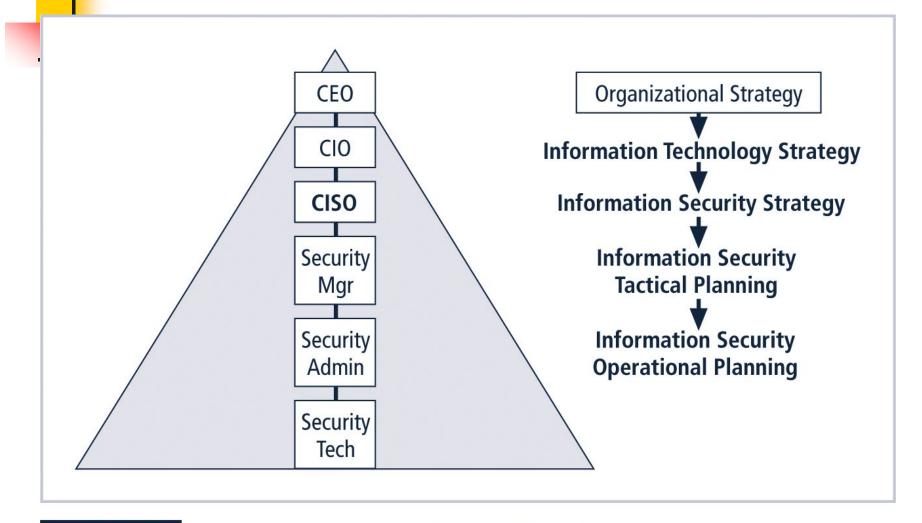


FIGURE 2-3 Top-Down Strategic Planning for Information Security

Strategic Planning

- Organization:
 - Develops a general strategy
 - Creates specific strategic plans for major divisions
- Each level of division
 - translates those objectives into more specific objectives for the level below
- In order to execute this broad strategy,
 - executives must define individual managerial responsibilities

Planning for the Organization

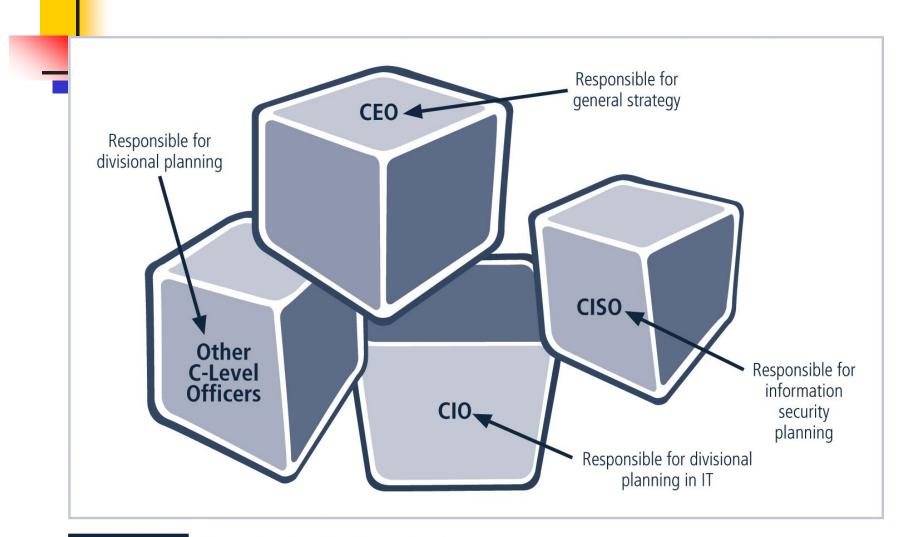


FIGURE 2-4 Planning for the Organization

Strategic Planning

- Strategic goals are translated
 - into tasks with specific, measurable, achievable, reasonably high and timebound objectives (SMART)
- Strategic planning
 - begins a transformation from general to specific objectives

Planning Levels

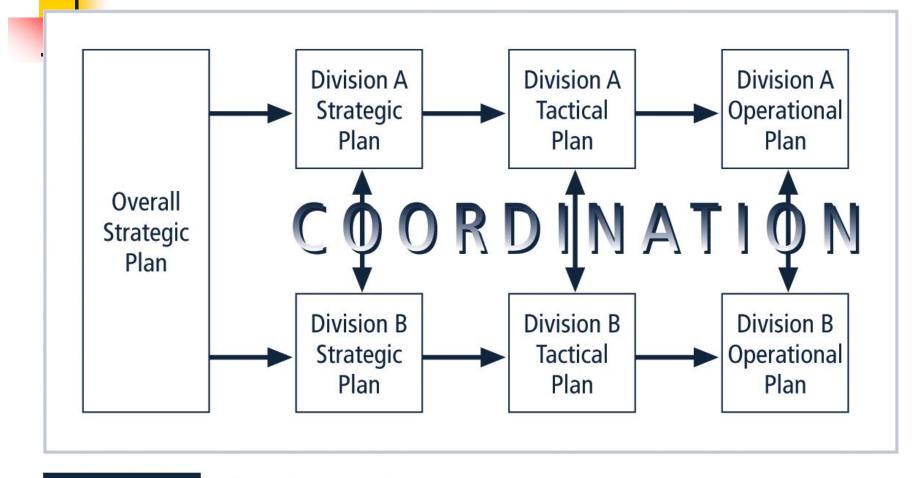


FIGURE 2-5 Planning Levels

Planning levels

- Tactical Planning
 - Shorter focus than strategic planning
 - Usually one to three years
 - Breaks applicable strategic goals into a series of incremental objectives
 - Also called project planning

Planning levels

- Operational Planning
 - Used by managers and employees to organize the ongoing, day-to-day performance of tasks
 - Includes clearly identified coordination activities across department boundaries such as:
 - Communications requirements
 - Weekly meetings
 - Summaries
 - Progress reports

Typical Strategic Plan Elements

Introduction by senior executive (President/CEO)

- Executive Summary
- Mission Statement and Vision Statement
- Organizational Profile and History
- Strategic Issues and Core Values
- Program Goals and Objectives
- Management/Operations Goals and Objectives
- Appendices (optional)
 - Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analyses, surveys, budgets &etc

Tips For Planning

- Create a compelling vision statement that frames the evolving plan, and acts as a magnet for people who want to make a difference
- Embrace the use of balanced scorecard approach
- Deploy a draft high level plan early, and ask for input from stakeholders in the organization
- Make the evolving plan visible

Tips For Planning

- Make the process invigorating for everyone
- Be persistent
- Make the process continuous
- Provide meaning
- Be yourself
- Lighten up and have some fun

Planning For Information Security Implementation

- The CIO and CISO play important roles
 - in translating overall strategic planning into tactical and operational information security plans
- CISO plays a more active role
 - in the development of the planning details than does the CIO

CISO Job Description

- Creates strategic information security plan with a vision for the future of information security at Company X...
- Understands fundamental business activities performed by Company X
 - Based on this understanding, suggests appropriate information security solutions that uniquely protect these activities...
- Develops action plans, schedules, budgets, status reports and other top management communications intended to improve the status of information security at Company X...

Approaches to Security Implementation

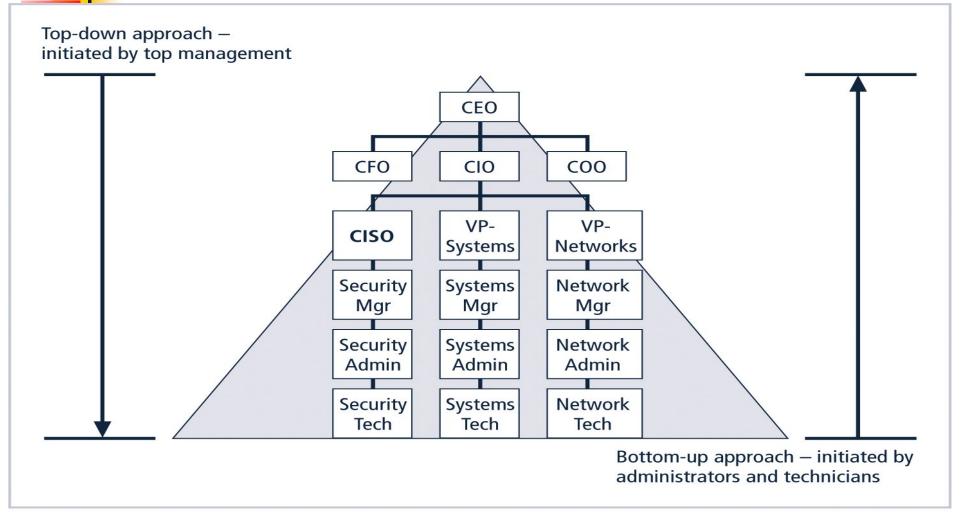
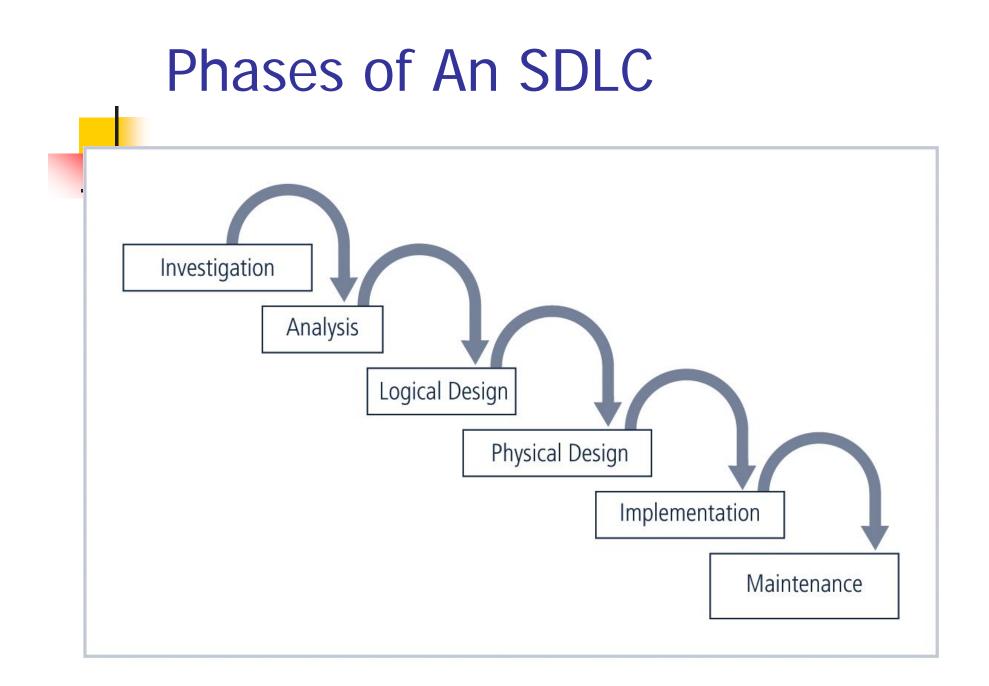


FIGURE 2-7 Approaches to Security Implementation

The Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

- SDLC: methodology for the design and implementation of an information system
- SDLC-based projects may be initiated by events or planned
- Continuous review
 - After each phase
 - determine if the project should be continued, discontinued, outsourced, or postponed



Investigation

- Identifies problem to be solved
- Begins with the objectives, constraints, and scope of the project
- A preliminary cost/benefit analysis
 - To evaluate the perceived benefits and the appropriate costs for those benefits

Analysis

- Begins with information from the Investigation phase
- Assesses
 - the organization's readiness,
 - its current systems status, and
 - its capability to implement and then support the proposed systems
- Analysts determine
 - what the new system is expected to do, and how it will interact with existing systems

Logical Design

- Information obtained from analysis phase is used to create a proposed solution for the problem
- A system and/or application is selected based on the business need
- The logical design is the *implementation independent* blueprint for the desired solution

Physical Design

- During the physical design phase, the team selects specific technologies
- The selected components are evaluated further as a make-or-buy decision
- A final design is chosen that optimally integrates required components

Implementation

- Develop any software that is not purchased, and create integration capability
- Customized elements are tested and documented
- Users are trained and supporting documentation is created
- Once all components have been tested individually, they are installed and tested as a whole

Maintenance

- Tasks necessary to support and modify the system for the remainder of its useful life
- System is tested periodically for compliance with specifications
- Feasibility of continuance versus discontinuance is evaluated
- Upgrades, updates, and patches are managed
- When current system can no longer support the mission of the organization, it is terminated and a new systems development project is undertaken

The Security Systems DLC

- May differ in several specifics, but overall methodology is similar to the SDLC
- SecSDLC process involves:
 - Identification of specific threats and the risks that they represent
 - Subsequent design and implementation of specific controls to counter those threats and assist in the management of the risk those threats pose to the organization

Investigation in the SecSDLC

- Often begins as directive from management specifying the process, outcomes, and goals of the project and its budget
- Frequently begins with the affirmation or creation of security policies
- Teams assembled to analyze problems, define scope, specify goals and identify constraints
- Feasibility analysis determines whether the organization has resources and commitment to conduct a successful security analysis and design

Analysis in the SecSDLC

- A preliminary analysis of existing security policies or programs is prepared along with known threats and current controls
- Includes an analysis of relevant legal issues that could affect the design of the security solution
- Risk management begins in this stage

Risk Management

- Risk Management: process of identifying, assessing, and evaluating the levels of risk facing the organization
 - Specifically the threats to the information stored and processed by the organization
- To better understand the analysis phase of the SecSDLC, you should know something about the kinds of threats facing organizations
- In this context, a threat is an object, person, or other entity that represents a constant danger to an asset

Key Terms

- Attack: deliberate act that exploits a vulnerability to achieve the compromise of a controlled system
 - Accomplished by a threat agent that damages or steals an organization's information or physical asset
- Exploit: technique or mechanism used to compromise a system
- Vulnerability: identified weakness of a controlled system in which necessary controls are not present or are no longer effective

Threats to Information Security

TABLE 2-1 Threats to Information Security¹²

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Some Common Attacks

- Malicious code
- Hoaxes
- Back doors
- Password crack/Brute force/Dictionary
- Denial-of-service (DoS) and distributed denialof-service (DDoS)

- Spoofing
- Man-in-the-middle
- Spam
- Mail bombing
- Sniffer
- Social engineering
- Buffer overflow
- Timing

Risk Management

- Use some method of prioritizing risk posed by each category of threat and its related methods of attack
- To manage risk, you must identify and assess the value of your information assets
- Risk assessment assigns comparative risk rating or score to each specific information asset

Design in the SecSDLC

- Design phase consists of two distinct phases:
 - Logical design phase: team members create and develop a blueprint for security, and examine and implement key policies
 - Physical design phase: team members evaluate the technology needed to support the security blueprint, generate alternative solutions, and agree upon a final design

Security Models

- Security managers often use established security models to guide the design process
- Security models provide frameworks for ensuring that all areas of security are addressed
- Organizations can adapt or adopt a framework to meet their own information security needs

Policy

- A critical design element of the information security program is the information security policy
- Management must define three types of security policy:
 - General or security program policy
 - Issue-specific security policies
 - Systems-specific security policies

SETA

- An integral part of the InfoSec program is
 - Security education and training (SETA) program
 - SETA program consists of three elements:
 - security education, security training, and security awareness
- Purpose of SETA is to enhance security by:
 - Improving awareness
 - Developing skills and knowledge
 - Building in-depth knowledge

Design

Design

- Focuses on controls and safeguards used to protect information from attacks by threats
- Three categories of controls:
 - Managerial
 - Operational
 - Technical

Managerial Controls

- Address design/implementation of the
 - security planning process and
 - security program management
 - Risk management
 - Security control reviews
 - Legal compliance and maintenance of the entire security life cycle

Operational Controls

- Cover management functions and lower level planning including:
 - Disaster recovery
 - Incident response planning
 - Personnel security
 - Physical security
 - Protection of production inputs and outputs
 - Provide structure for the development of SETA
 - Hardware/software maintenance and data integrity

Technical Controls

- Address those tactical and technical issues related to
 - designing and implementing security in the organization
- Technologies necessary to protect information are examined and selected

Contingency Planning

- Essential preparedness documents provide contingency planning (CP) to prepare, react and recover from circumstances that threaten the organization:
 - Incident response planning (IRP)
 - Disaster recovery planning (DRP)
 - Business continuity planning (BCP)

Physical Security

- Physical Security addresses
 - the design, implementation, and maintenance of countermeasures that protect the physical resources of an organization
- Physical resources include:
 - People
 - Hardware
 - Supporting information system elements

Implementation in the SecSDLC

- Security solutions are acquired, tested, implemented, and tested again
- Personnel issues are evaluated and specific training and education programs conducted
- Perhaps most important element of implementation phase is management of project plan:
 - Planning the project
 - Supervising tasks and action steps within the project
 - Wrapping up the project

InfoSec Project Team

- Should consist of individuals experienced in one or multiple technical and non-technical areas including:
 - Champion
 - Team leader
 - Security policy developers
 - Risk assessment specialists
 - Security professionals
 - Systems administrators
 - End users

Staffing the InfoSec Function

- Each organization should examine the options for staffing of the information security function
 - 1. Decide how to position and name the security function
 - 2. Plan for proper staffing of information security function
 - 3. Understand impact of information security across every role in IT
 - Integrate solid information security concepts into personnel management practices of the organization

InfoSec Professionals

- It takes a wide range of professionals to support a diverse information security program:
 - Chief Information Officer (CIO)
 - Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
 - Security Managers
 - Security Technicians
 - Data Owners
 - Data Custodians
 - Data Users

Certifications

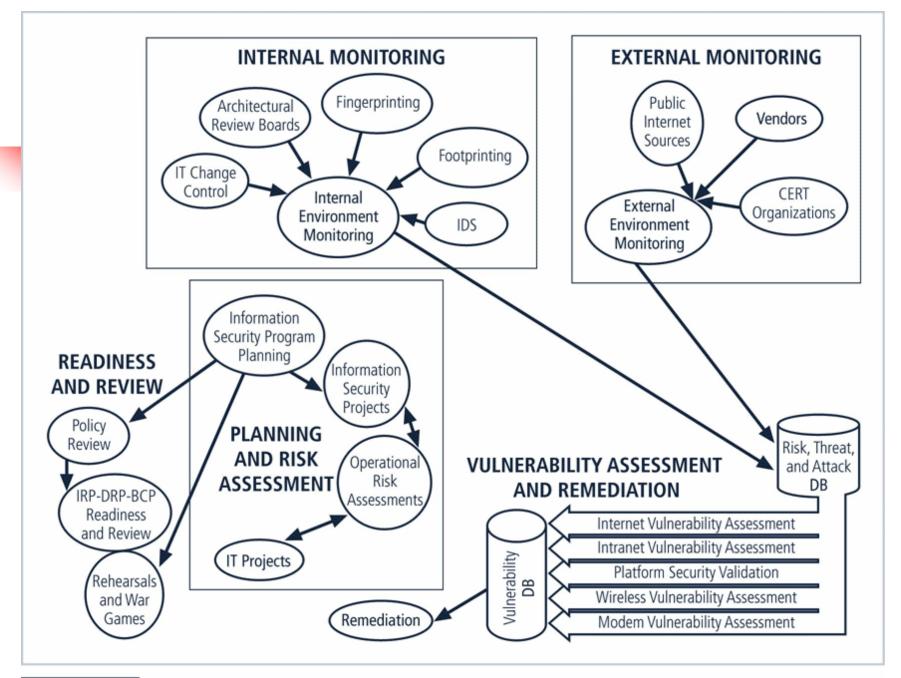
- Many organizations seek professional certification so that they can more easily identify the proficiency of job applicants:
 - CISSP
 - SSCP
 - GIAC
 - SCP
 - ICSA
 - Security +
 - CISM

Maintenance and Change in the SecSDLC

- Once information security program is implemented,
 - it must be properly operated, managed, and kept up to date by means of established procedures
- If the program is not adjusting adequately to the changes in the internal or external environment, it may be necessary to begin the cycle again

Maintenance Model

- While a systems management model is designed to manage and operate systems, a maintenance model is intended to focus organizational effort on system maintenance:
 - External monitoring
 - Internal monitoring
 - Planning and risk assessment
 - Vulnerability assessment and remediation
 - Readiness and review
 - Vulnerability assessment



ISO Management Model

- One issue planned in the SecSDLC is the systems management model
- ISO network management model five areas:
 - Fault management
 - Configuration and name management
 - Accounting management
 - Performance management
 - Security management

Security Management Model

- Fault Management involves identifying and addressing faults
- Configuration and Change Management involve administration of components involved in the security program and administration of changes
- Accounting and Auditing Management involves chargeback accounting and systems monitoring
- Performance Management determines if security systems are effectively doing the job for which they were implemented

Security Program Management

- Once an information security program is functional, it must be operated and managed
 - a formal management standard can provide some insight into the processes and procedures needed
 - Some options:
 - Based on the BS7799/ISO17799 model or the NIST models described earlier
- Handout
 - Comparison between SDLC and SecSDLC