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Who is Responsible for Security?

The Information Security Program at Prudential Financial



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Prudential background

- **Founded in 1875**
- **Prudential Financial, Inc.'s Common Stock began trading on December 13, 2001 on NYSE under the symbol "PRU."**
- **Over 15 million customers worldwide**
- **For 2004, total Financial Services Businesses revenues on an adjusted operating income basis were \$20 billion**
- **Total assets under management of approximately \$500 billion as of December 31, 2004**
- **Operating in over 30 foreign countries**

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Prudential financial – IT facts

- Large Technology base
- Multiple Data Centers in the US and Internationally
- Thousands of Servers
- Diverse network topology
- Tens of Thousand connected devices
- \$800+ million annual spend on technology

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The changing environment

- Our business is going through significant change
 - The markets are changing
 - Company Structure and Growth
 - Technology
- Business Risk is changing
 - Mergers/Acquisitions
 - Outsourcers
 - Third Parties and Partners
- Technology Risks are increasing
- Regulatory change


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Some recent headlines ...

- ChoicePoint Data Theft Fallout Spreads to 145,000
By [Tim Gray](#) February 18, 2005, Internet News.com
- Hacker breaches T-Mobile systems, reads US Secret Service email, Kevin Poulsen, Security Focus Jan 12 2005
- Italian Senate in gay porn worm attack outrage. By [John Leyden](#), November 24, 2004, The Register.
- Sasser creates European pandemonium, By [Jan Libbenga](#), 5th May 2004, The Register
- Trojans exploit Windows DRM loophole, By [John Leyden](#), January 13, 2005
- ARMONK, N.Y. -- Oct. 25, 2004 -- Network attacks against critical infrastructure providers such as utilities, telecommunications companies and government agencies surged 55 percent from July to August, according to IBM's Global Security Intelligence Services
- Survey: Network attacks double at financial firms, By Bill Brenner, Jun 8, 2004 | SearchSecurity.com

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The security organization

- **Information Security Office**
 - Corporate Level
 - Policy
 - Oversight
- **Business Information Security Officers**
 - Implementation of the program
 - Monitors effectiveness and compliance
 - Ensures Awareness

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The security organization.....

- **Security Operations**
 - Operations Control Center
 - Event Monitoring
 - Networking Engineering
 - Windows Engineering
 - Mainframe Engineering
 - Remote Access Engineering
- **Central Security Administration**
 - Provisioning Infrastructure IDs
 - Business Application Access and Authorization

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The security organization.....

- **Application Developers**
 - Design Secure Systems
 - Develop secure interfaces
 - Integrate with Security Infrastructure
- **Employees**
 - Use technology securely
 - Protect Information Technology Assets

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The security program

- Security Architecture
- Policies, Standards, Procedures and Processes
- Security Tools
- Security Research
- Security Awareness Program
- Incident Response Teams
- Security Community

It's not about the best technology!



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Security life cycle

- Begins with Risk Assessments
- Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Component of all Project Management Plans
- 3rd Party/ Vendor Security Assessments
- Reviews & Monitoring
 - Internal Risk Management
 - Internal & External Audits
- Update Policies, Standards and Procedures regularly

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Security architecture

The architecture describes:

- The business context driving our approach to protecting our operations and systems.
- Our core beliefs shaping our operations and systems environment.
- Our security principles representing management's preferences for the way operations and systems are designed, developed and operated.
- The secure processes and capabilities supporting our business objectives, capabilities and strategies.
- *The People, Processes and Technology needed to operate securely*

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Policies, standards,
procedures and processes cont..

- Information Security Policy
- Information Classification Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Internet Policy
- Virus Policy
- Remote Access Policy
- Software Use Policy
- Customer Privacy Policy
- E-Mail



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Policies, standards,
procedures and processes cont..

- Control Standards
 - Foundation for all Security Standards
 - Engineering Specifications
 - Exception Process
- Engineering Specifications
 - Windows
 - UNIX
 - Internet Infrastructure
 - Extranet
 - Remote Access
 - AS400

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Policies, standards,
procedures and processes cont..

- Terminations and Transfers
- Emergency Access
- Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Business Group Self Assessment
- Vendor Reviews



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Security tools & technology

- Security Tools
- Authentication, Authorization, Administration
- Security Technology
- Confidentiality
- Lotus Notes Encryption, Secure Shell (SSH), PGP encryption tool
- Monitoring / Enforcement
- IntruVert, Sygate, Solar Winds
- Enterprise Server Manager (ESM), Enterprise Server Reporter (ESR) Enterprise Policy Orchestra (EPO) Vontu



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Security awareness

- 12 month program
- Outside research and trend analysis
- Web site
- Presentations targeted to specific audiences
 - New Employees
 - Security Community
 - In-service Training
- Inter-Office E-Mail Communications
- National Computer Security Awareness Day
- Security 101 - Computer-Based Training (CBT)

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Vulnerability assessment and scanning

- We conduct a penetration and vulnerability test on an on-going basis
- Ongoing mapping of the network
- Access review scans performed
- Ongoing policy compliance monitoring
- Resource Vulnerability Scanning
- Removal of non-Compliant devices



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Security monitoring & response

- Incident Response Process
- Intrusion Detection Monitoring
- Enterprise Security Monitor
- Enterprise Security Reporter
- RACF Reports
- Anti-Virus Response Team
- Internet Response Team
- Cyber Crime Investigation Organization
- PruAdvisories
- Annual Self-Assessments of the Security Program



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External security participation

- Information Systems Security Sharing Forum (ITSSF)
- InfraGard
- Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)
- State of NJ Cyber-terrorism Task Force
- The Research Board



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Security program effectiveness

- Stopping SPAM
- Prudential uses a spam/profanity filter for inbound Internet email
- Currently we are blocking about 120,000 spam emails a day (about 35% of all inbound internet mail)
- Stopping VIRUSES
- Monthly – we stop between 45,000 viruses at our e-mail gateway
- Weekly – we detect and clean 4000 - 5000 viruses on the desktops and servers



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Recent enhancements

- **Enhanced Existing Processes**
 - Business as usual monitoring of devices status and configuration
 - Reporting and actions on non-compliant devices
 - Process for assessing and acting on threats & Events
 - Increased use of Intrusion Protection Devices
- **Threat Level Matrix (draft attached)**
 - Adopted formal designations for patches, events and threats
 - Define specific criteria
 - Assign declaration authorization
 - Define actions
 - Define time frames
 - Define communications
 - Assign responsible reporting groups



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Recently deployed tools

- **Sygate**
 - Installed on 15,000 Remote access devices
- **Intrusion Detection System (IntruVert)**
 - Deployed domestically and internationally (Japan)
 - Listening mode on the core
 - Inline for VPN and the Internet
- **ePO and McAfee 7.0**
 - ePO provides reporting, configuration compliance, policy enforcement
 - ePO deployed to desktops and servers
 - McAfee 8.X next year
- **Adlex UserVisibility**
 - Installed on Prudential's network
 - Identifies non-standard device behavior
- **Prudential's Microsoft Maintenance Facility**
- **Vontu installed to monitor outbound traffic**

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The Process flow

- Research current trends and directions of threats and vulnerabilities
- Interact without outside groups
- Ongoing vendor discussions
- Keeping virus protection current
- Maintaining a current inventory
- Enforcing standards and policy
- On-Going vulnerability assessment
- Intrusion detection/prevention devices installed
- On-going monitoring of the environment and logs
- Understanding the state you are in....

Everyone needs to be involved



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Benefits

- **Strong security program makes complying with regulations (state, federal, international) easier**
 - Sarbanes-Oxley
 - HIPAA
 - GLB
- **Integrating new regulation requirements becomes part of BAU**
- **Provides a framework for audits**
- **Provides business units with the information they need to be highly competitive when responding to security questions in RFPs**



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Summary

- **Software needs to be current**
- **You need to stay current on threats and vulnerabilities**
- **You need to know what is connected to the network**
- **You need to be able to respond quickly**
- **Communications is an important element**
- **It's not getting easier, it's not going away**



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Summary (Con't.)

- **The program is viewed as an enabler, not an inhibitor.....**
- **Process, people and technology make this work.....**
- **Everyone has a role and needs to do their part.....**



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Winter 2004: Microsoft ASN.1 vulnerability

- **MS04-007 – ASN.1 Vulnerability Could Allow Code Execution**
 - Feb 10 MS04-007 published as part of Microsoft’s monthly security bulletin.
 - Feb 11 Prudential rates MS04-007 a high risk vulnerability
 - Feb 11/12 Vulnerability reporting and patch testing completed
 - Feb 13 Software Vulnerability Team communicates patch schedule to affected areas



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Winter 2004: Microsoft ASN.1 vulnerability (con’t.)

- Feb 14 Support groups begin patching affected devices
- Feb 21 Software Vulnerability Team downgrades vulnerability
- Mar 14 22,308 devices addressed



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2004: So Many Variants, So Little Time

- **Feb 25 – W32/Netsky.c@mm**
 - Infections reported
 - DAT Files deployed immediately to mail gateways
 - Global communication sent to all employees summarizing status, deployment plans, and steps to take
 - DAT files deployed to desktops and servers
 - Intrusion Detection System updated
- **Mar 1 – New Netsky Variants AND New Bagel Variants**
 - Several new variants strike within hours of each other
 - Password protected ZIP file inhibits detection
 - Files attachments stopped at mail gateways
 - Interim DAT file deployed to mail gateways.
 - Intrusion Detection System updated
 - ePO used to deploy new DAT file to ca. 18,000 desktops
 - Daily update sessions on infections and DAT file deployment.
 - Infected machines removed from network.
 - Stinger tools helped to quickly clean infected machines.



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Observations

- Prudential deploys more code to more devices in less time than it has ever done before.
- Patching devices that are inventoried in standard repositories is significantly easier than those that are not.
- Not keeping operating systems current poses additional risk to the enterprise.
- Remote devices (VPN) pose the greatest risk of infection, but are the most difficult to manage.
- Technology helped, BUT Prudential people made the difference!!!!
- Identification and status of vulnerable devices is very important
- Processes continue to need tweaking as the environment changes
- Internal Patch Management developed as an interim step



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Severity rating matrix

Code	Rating	Timing
Red	Critical	Begin immediately - Complete in 1 week
Orange	High	Begin within 5 days - Complete in 1 month
Yellow	Medium	Begin within 1 month - Complete in 6 months
Blue	Low	Begin within 6 month - Complete in 12 months
Green	N/A	No Action Needed

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Automated patch management

- Ensure that once a device is patched it stays patched
- Allow more flexibility in scheduling devices
- Provide streamlined & consolidated status reporting
- Automated Deployment via AD group membership
- Decrease time required to deploy a patch
- Manage SVU installation order
- Timely, Company-wide Risk Assessment
- Identify devices that require a reboot

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Patch management summary

- Prudential's **operational** patch management process uses the existing Active Directory (AD) Organizational Unit (OU) structure to provide server and workstation support groups the ability to add -- according to their schedule and user requirements -- devices to predefined patch groups.
- Once a device is defined to a patch group, it will be patched via SMS/SUS.
- Once in a patch group, a device will remain patched; i.e., if the patch is uninstalled for any reason, SUS will detect this and repatch the machine.
- SMS/SUS also provides detailed reporting capabilities on the status of patches.

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Enterprise systems management

Enterprise Systems Management (ESM)

Network Inventory Report

48994 Objects in Universe (Last Updated 03/15/2004)

[Report](#)
[Documentation](#)
[Network Inventory Compliance Table](#)
[Look up compliance by object](#)

Executive Dashboard

Known Summary

Status	Count
Known	4521 (92.7%)
Unknown	289 (7.7%)

Compliance Summary

Status	Count
Fully Compliant	21764 (44.4%)
Partially Compliant	21361 (43.9%)
Not Compliant	14222 (29.6%)

ESM Summary

Status	Count
Responding	22156 (55.4%)
Misconfigured	269 (0.5%)
Not Responding	22569 (46.1%)

Asset Insight Summary

Status	Count
Asset Insight Installed	21302 (51.3%)
Asset Insight Installed But Not Current	1222 (8.8%)
Asset Insight Not Installed	11383 (34.9%)
Asset Insight Not Required	1672 (1.3%)
Unknown	2256 (2.8%)

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Summary report

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Platform	Total	Not Compliant	Partially Compliant	Fully Compliant
APC	956	2	88.1	9.3
AS/400	8	2	1	5
Adabas	4	4		
Bay Networks/SynOptics	50			50
Brocade	50			50
CellPath	1.1			1.1
Cisco	3720	92		3653
HP-UX	5		2	3
Inrange Technologies	3			3
Lantronik	80	78		2
Linux	48	5	4.1	
Macintosh	4	3	1	
Microtest WebServer	1		1	
Neoteris	5	5		
NetCache	233	1.1	2	229
Netscape-Enterprise Web Server	282	258	4	
Network Appliance	8		8	
Network Storage Device	42	26	1.1	3
Nortel	4	3		1
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Questions

