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# Security Building Blocks with ISO 17799

Architecting your security  
organization and infrastructure

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# IT security versus information security

## ***IT security***

- Firewalls
- Intrusion detection
- Viruses, worms
- System hardening
- Encryption

## ***Information security***

- Intellectual property
- Business/financial integrity
- Regulatory compliance
- Insider abuse
- Industrial espionage
- Privacy

Technology  
problem

**Business  
problem**

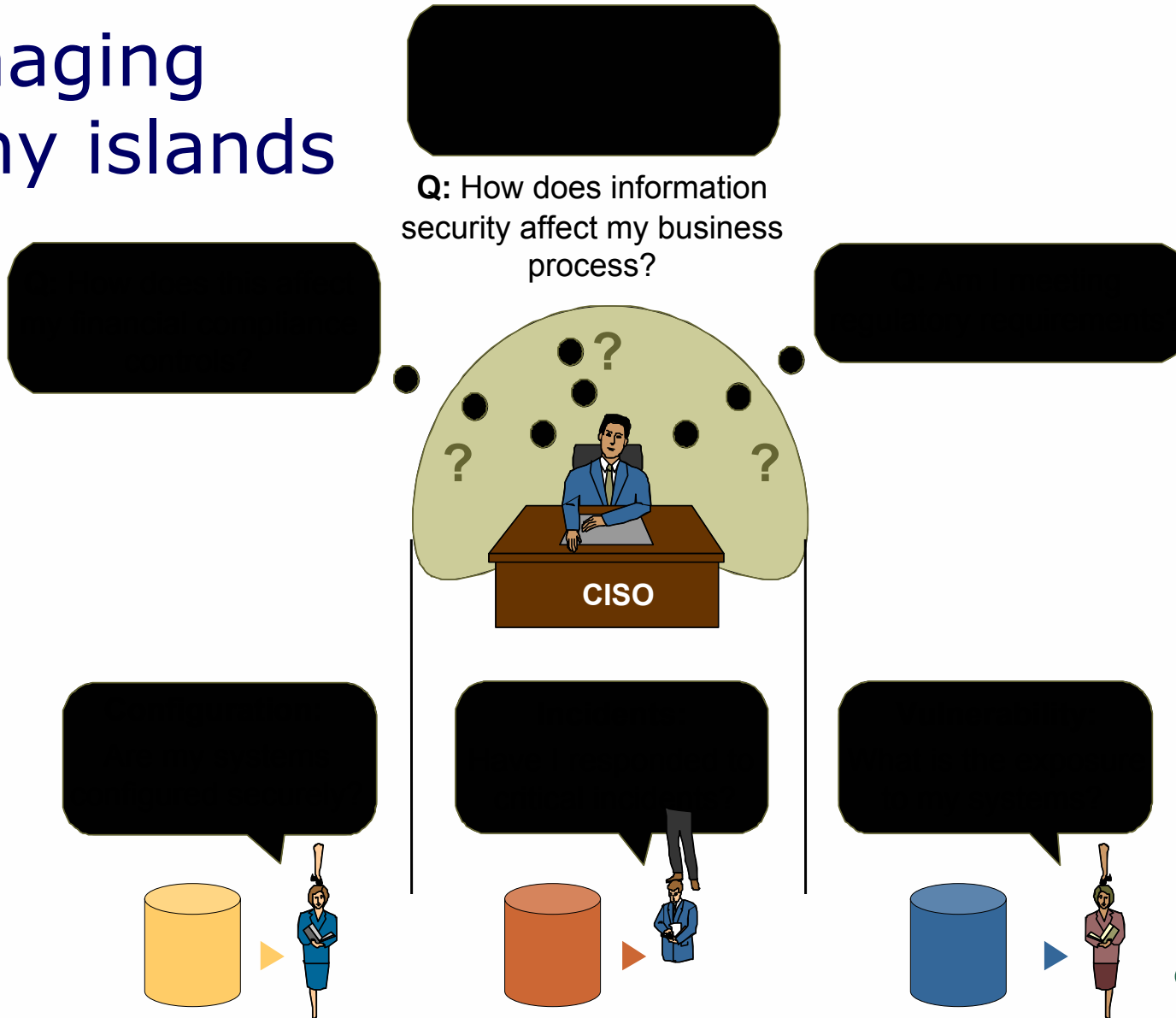


# Risk and compliance drivers and trends

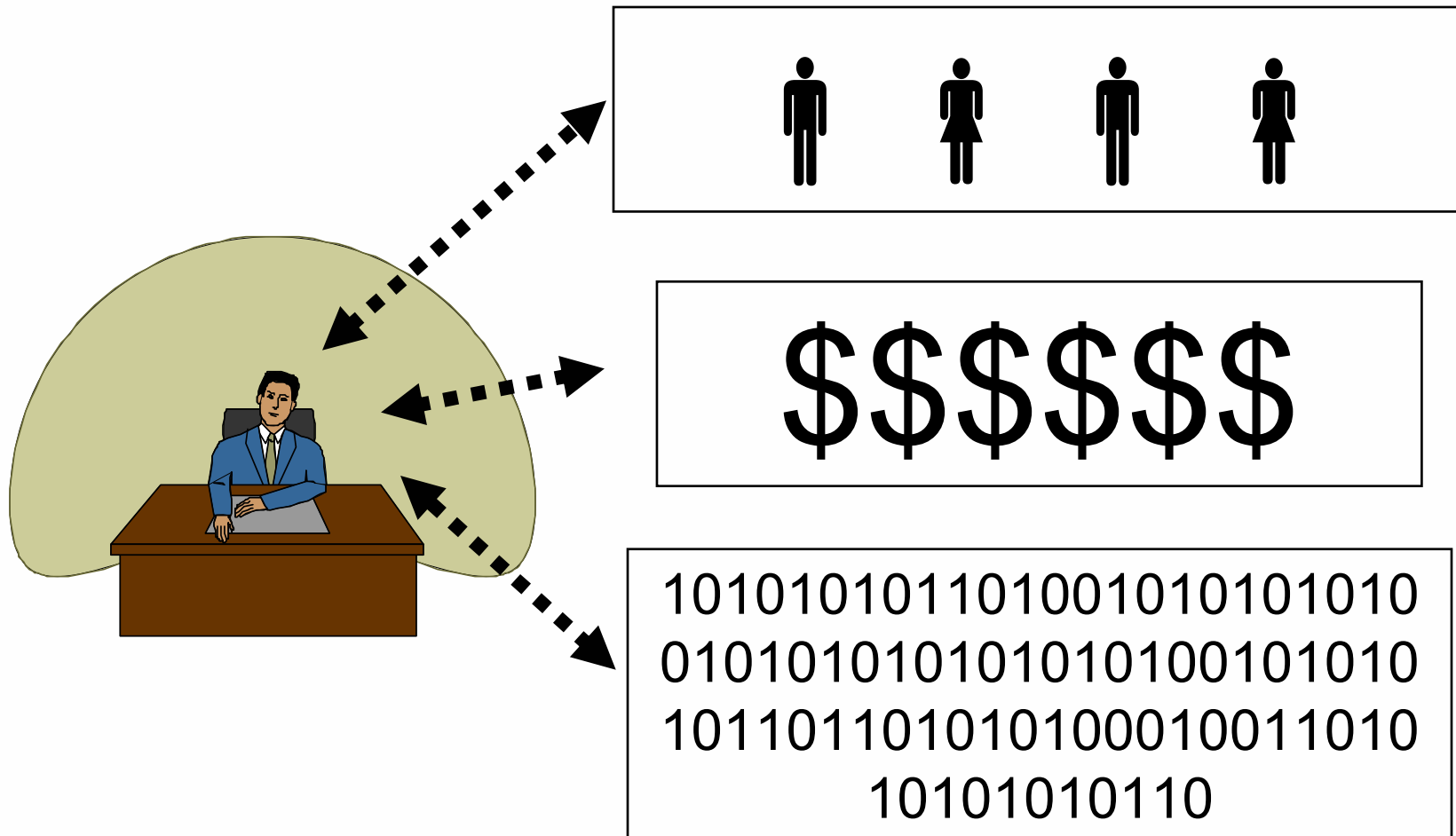
- **Key Drivers — Organizations face mounting pressures that are driving them toward a structured approach to enterprise risk and compliance management:**
  - Multiplicity of risk
  - Increased accountability
  - Fragmentation and duplication of effort
- **2005 Trends — These drivers result in the following 2005 trends in risk and compliance management as organizations begin to build their approach to risk and compliance management:**
  - Adoption of an enterprise risk management framework
  - Managed and measured compliance
  - Tool consolidation and integration
  - Integration into enterprise architecture
  - Establishment of a chief risk officer

# Managing many islands

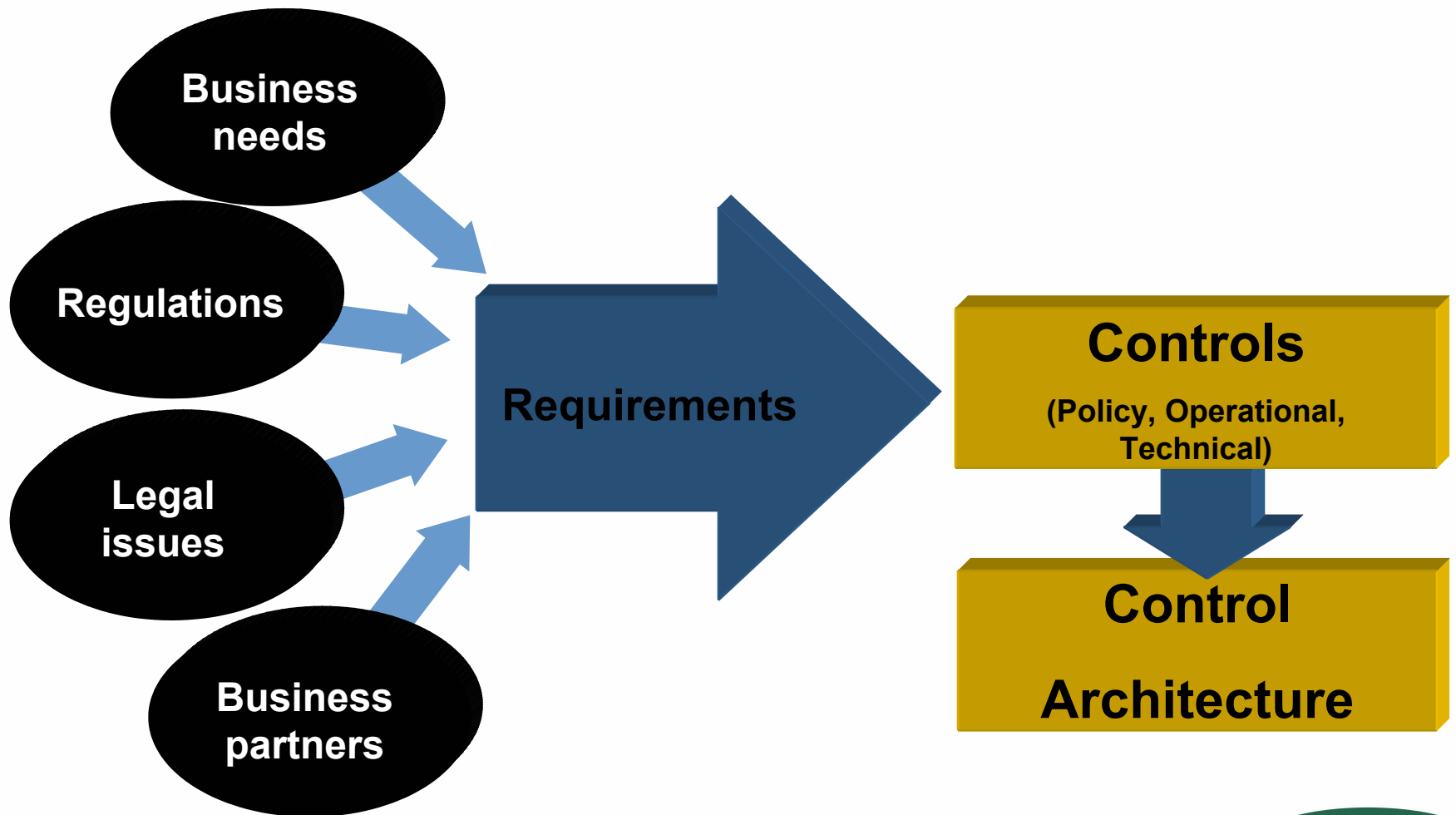
Q: How does information security affect my business process?



# Communication — people, business, tech



# Defining controls . . .





# Building a control architecture

**The role of  
frameworks and  
standards in  
controlling risk.**

# Elements of an effective compliance program



# The COSO framework

- 1) Operational efficiency and effectiveness
- 2) Financial reporting reliability
- 3) Compliance with laws and regulations

**Control environment:**

Provides the foundation for internal control, including discipline and structure

**Risk assessment:**

The identification and analysis of relevant risks to achieve the business objectives

**Control activities:**

Includes approvals, verifications, reconciliations, etc. to mitigate risks

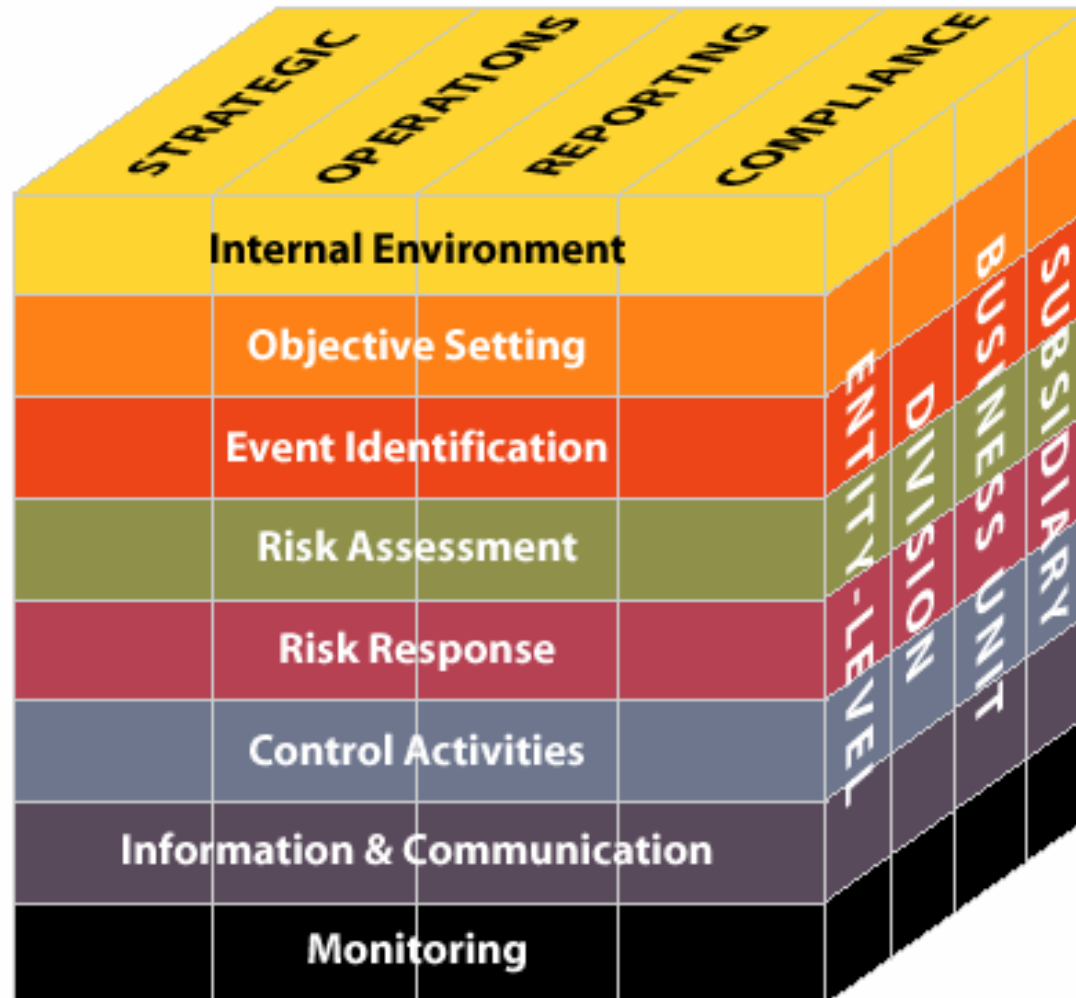
**Information and communication:**

Flow of information to enable people to carry out control actions

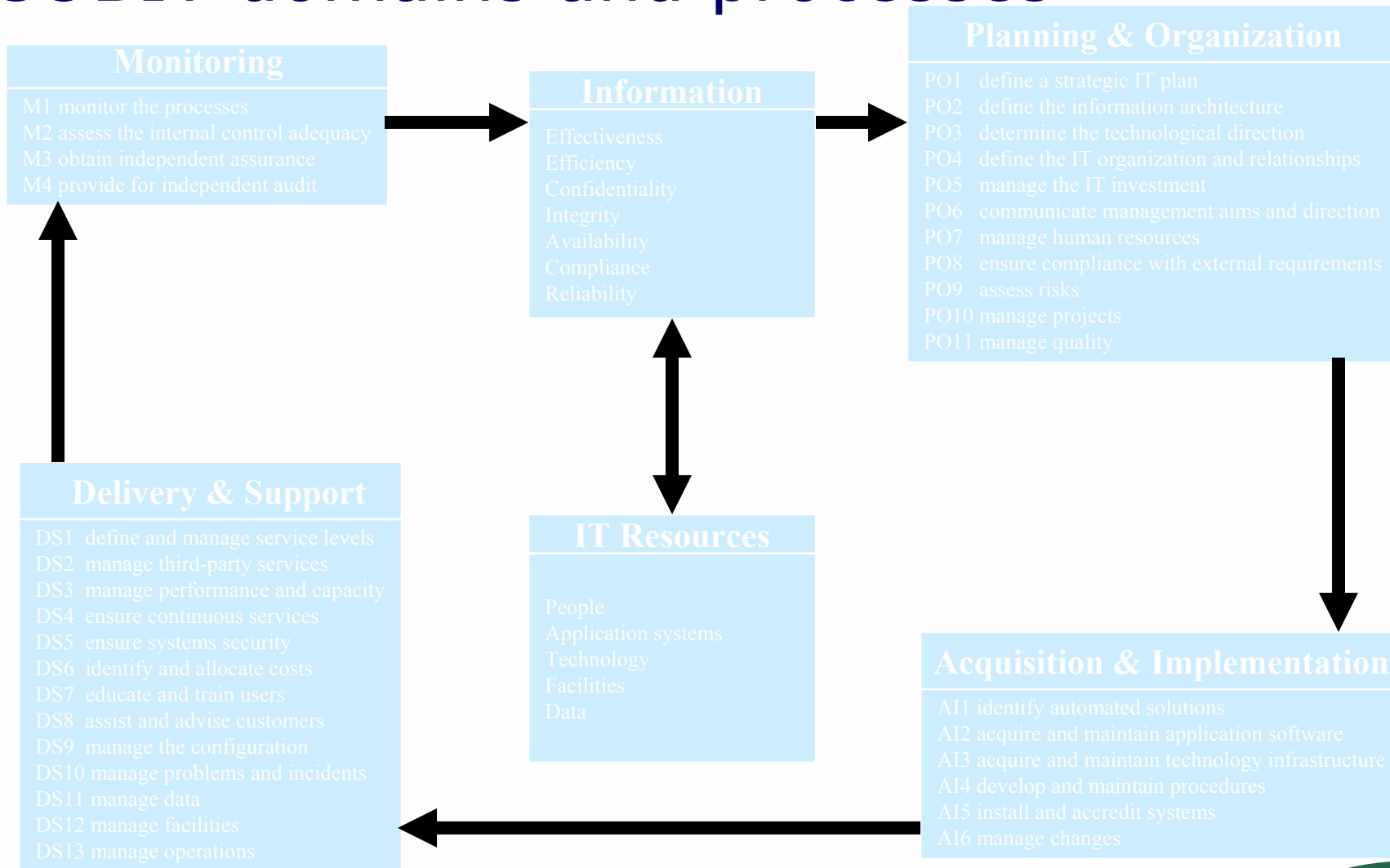
**Monitoring:**

Ongoing assessment — control deficiencies reported upstream, with serious matters reported to top mgmt.

# COSO enterprise risk management



# COBIT domains and processes



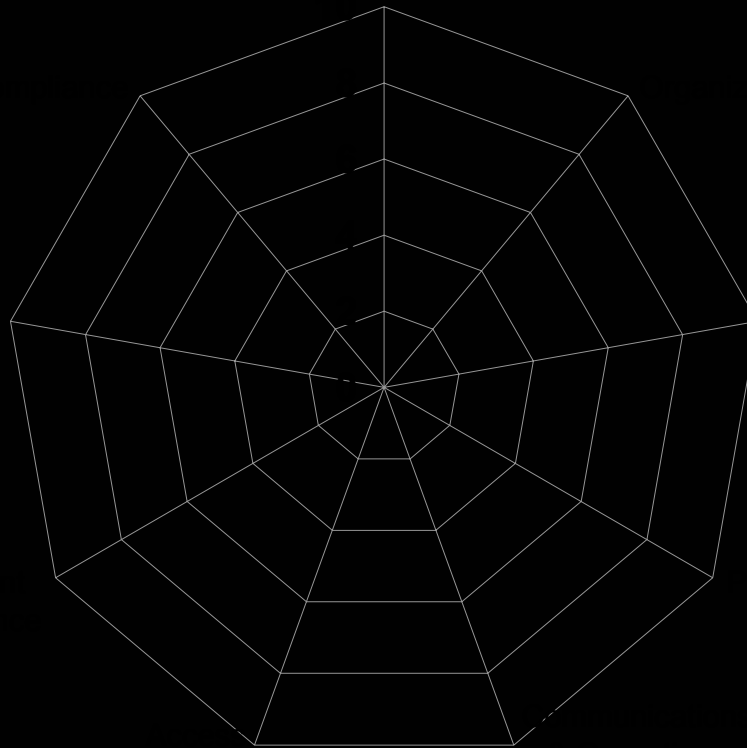
## Which brings us to ISO 17799/BS 7799

- **Security policy**
- **Security infrastructure**
- **Asset classification and control**
- **Personnel security**
- **Physical and environmental security**
- **Communications and ops management**
- **Access control**
- **System development and maintenance**
- **Business continuity**
- **Compliance**

## How are people using ISO 17799?

- **Primarily as an organization and architectural framework for the security organization.**
- **Few organizations, outside of the UK, pursue BSI certification to BS7799**

# Industry benchmark ISO 17799



● Client ▲ Industry ■ General



# ISO 17799 – Security policy

*Objective:*

***1. To provide management direction and support for information security***

- ✓ **Policy Definition**
- ✓ **Governance & Enforcement**
- ✓ **Publication & Maintenance**
- ✓ **Ethical Practices**

# ISO 17799 – Security infrastructure

*Objectives:*

- 1. To manage information security within the organization**
  - 2. To maintain the security of organizational information processing facilities and information assets accessed by third parties**
  - 3. To maintain the security of information when the responsibility for information processing has been outsourced to another organization**
- ✓ **Security Architecture**
  - ✓ **Business Support & Alignment**
  - ✓ **Roles & Responsibilities**
  - ✓ **Metrics & Reporting**

# ISO 17799 – Asset classification & control

*Objectives:*

- 1. To maintain appropriate protection of organizational assets***
- 2. To ensure that information assets receive an appropriate level of protection***

- ✓ **Vulnerability Assessment**
- ✓ **Architecture/Policy Adherence**
- ✓ **Vulnerability/Threat Information Management**
- ✓ **Risk Management Process**
- ✓ **Information Identification & Classification**

# ISO 17799 – Personnel security

## Objectives:

- 1. To reduce the risks of human error, theft, fraud, or misuse of facilities***
- 2. To ensure that users are aware of information security threats and concerns, and are equipped to support organizational security policy in the course of their normal work***
- 3. To minimize the damage from security incidents and malfunctions, and to monitor and learn from such incidents***

- ✓ **Security Awareness**
- ✓ **Security Education**
- ✓ **Personnel Practices**
- ✓ **Event Detection**
- ✓ **Incident Identification**
- ✓ **Incident Handling**
- ✓ **Event Logs & Audit Trails**

# ISO 17799 – Physical & environmental security

*Objectives:*

- 1. To prevent unauthorized access, damage, and interference to business premises and information**
  - ✓ **Physical Access Controls**
  - ✓ **Facilities Risk**
- 2. To prevent loss, damage, or compromise of assets and interruption to business activities**
  - ✓ **Utilities**
  - ✓ **Computing Equipment**
- 3. To prevent compromise or theft of information and information processing facilities**

# ISO 17799 – Communication & operations management

*Objectives:*

1. *To ensure the correct and secure operation of information processing facilities*
2. *To minimize the risk of systems failures*
3. *To protect the integrity of software and information*
4. *To maintain the integrity and availability of information processing and communication services*
5. *To ensure the safeguarding of information in networks and the protection of the supporting infrastructure*
6. *To prevent damage to assets and interruptions to business activities*
7. *To prevent loss, modification, or misuse of information exchanged between organizations*

- ✓ **IT & Security Operations**
- ✓ **Business Partner Contracts & Controls**
- ✓ **Disaster Recovery**
- ✓ **Threat Information Management**

# ISO 17799 – Access control

*Objectives:*

1. ***To control access to information***
  2. ***To prevent unauthorized access to information systems***
  3. ***To prevent unauthorized user access***
  4. ***Protection of networked services***
  5. ***To prevent unauthorized computer access***
  6. ***To prevent unauthorized access to information held in information systems***
  7. ***To detect unauthorized activities***
  8. ***To ensure information security when using mobile computing and teleworking facilities***
- ✓ **Enterprise Access Management**
  - ✓ **Network Security**
  - ✓ **Content Security**
  - ✓ **Remote Access**
  - ✓ **Host Security**
  - ✓ **Malware Defenses**
  - ✓ **Data Security**

# ISO 17799 – Systems development & maintenance

*Objectives:*

- 1. To ensure that security is built into information systems**
  - ✓ **Standards & Builds**
- 2. To prevent loss, modification, or misuse of user data in application systems**
  - ✓ **Change Management**
  - ✓ **Development**
- 3. To ensure that IT projects and support activities are conducted in a secure manner**
  - ✓ **IT Acquisition**
  - ✓ **Systems & Administrative Controls**
- 4. To maintain the security of application system software and information**



# ISO 17799 – Business continuity

## *Objective:*

*1. To counteract interruptions to business activities and to protect critical business processes from the effects of major failures or disasters*

- ✓ **Analysis**
- ✓ **Plan Content**
- ✓ **Maintenance**
- ✓ **Training & Testing**

# ISO 17799 – Compliance

## *Objectives:*

- 1. To avoid breaches of any criminal and civil law, statutory, regulatory or contractual obligations and of any security requirements*
- 2. To ensure compliance of systems with organizational security policies and standards*
- 3. To maximize the effectiveness of and to minimize interference to/from the system audit process*

- ✓ **Regulatory Oversight**
- ✓ **Legal Oversight**
- ✓ **Contractual Oversight**
- ✓ **Compliance Management**

## Weaknesses in ISO 17799

- **Lack of guidance around risk management and assessment**
- **Not enough detail around incident management and response**
- **Little guidance on the security organization itself**
- **Vague language – uses “should”**
  - **However, it has been in revision over the past few years to address these issues and others**

## Additional ISO security standards

- **ISO 13335 “Guidelines for the Management of Information Security”**
- **ISO 13569 “Banking and Related Financial Services – Information Security Guidelines”**
- **ISO 15408 “Evaluation Criteria for IT Security (Common Criteria)”**

## National guidelines

- **USA NIST's 800 Series**
- **USA GAO's Federal Information Systems Controls Audit Manual (FISCAM)**
- **German BSI "IT Baseline Protection Manual"**

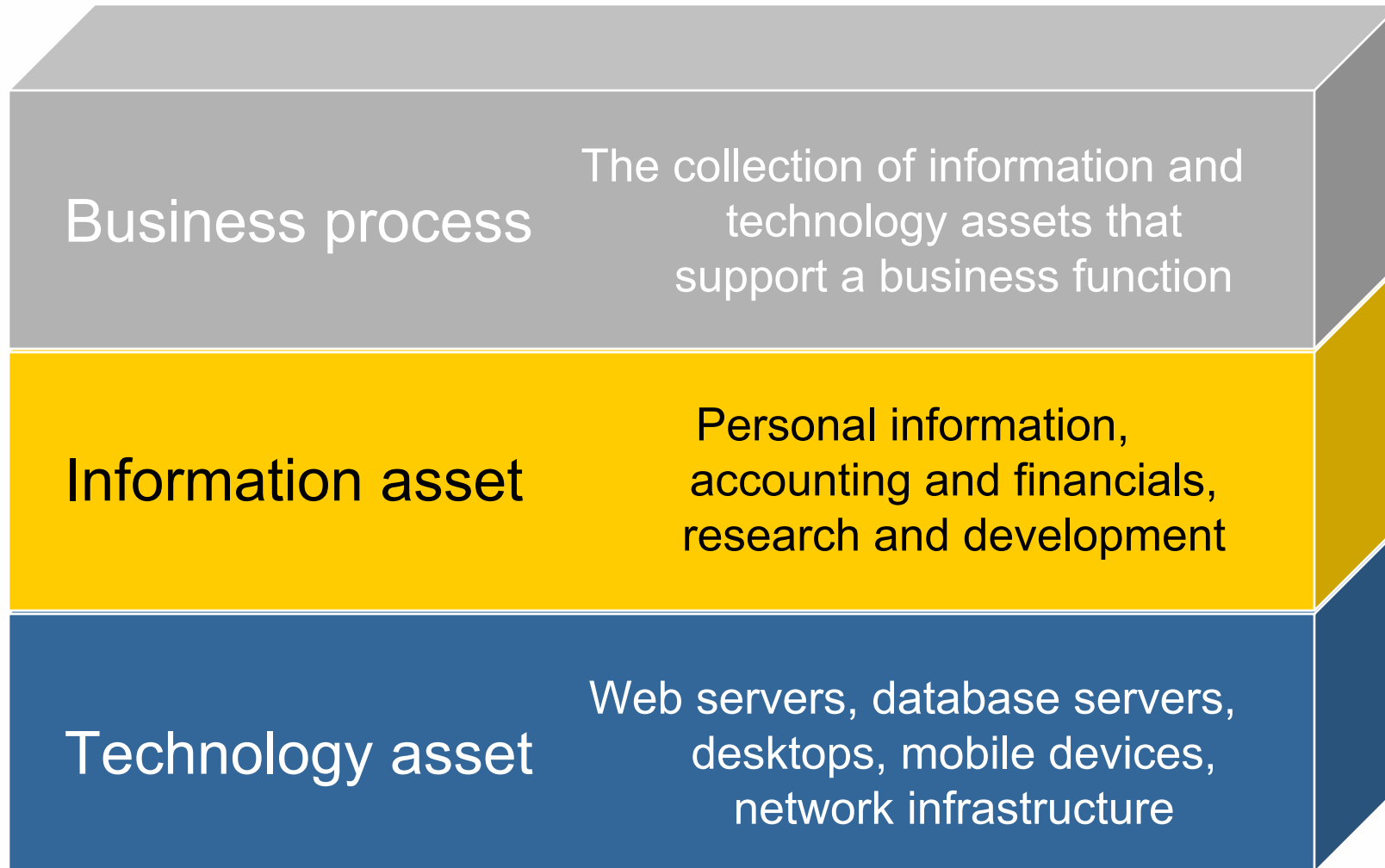
## Other source of guidance

- **ISF's Standard of Good Practice**
- **SEI's OCTAVE**
- **SEI's SW-CMM**
- **ISACA's COBIT**
- **FFIEC IT Examination Handbooks**
- **ISSA's GAISP**

# Security/risk knowledge management



# Information classification



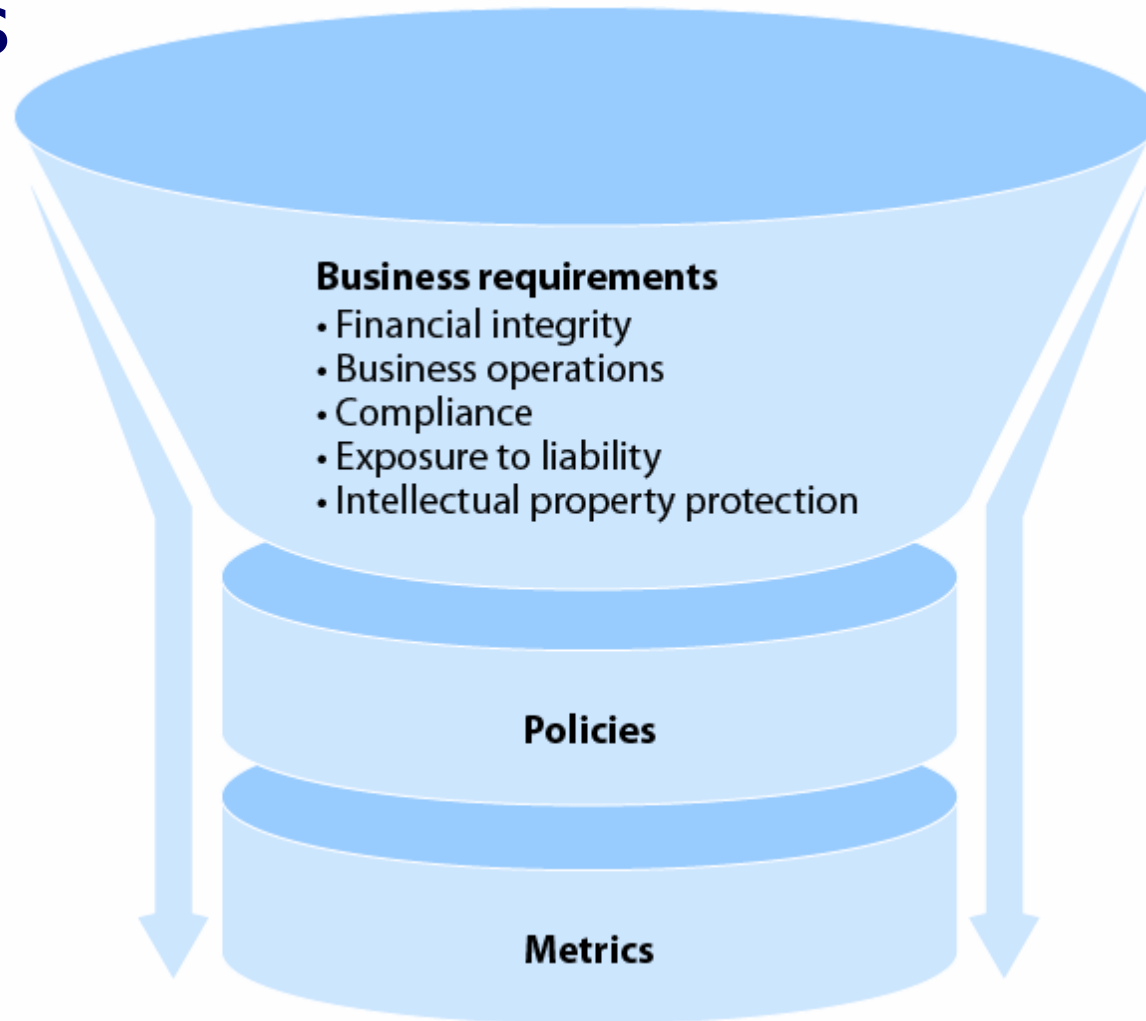


# Information risk management challenges

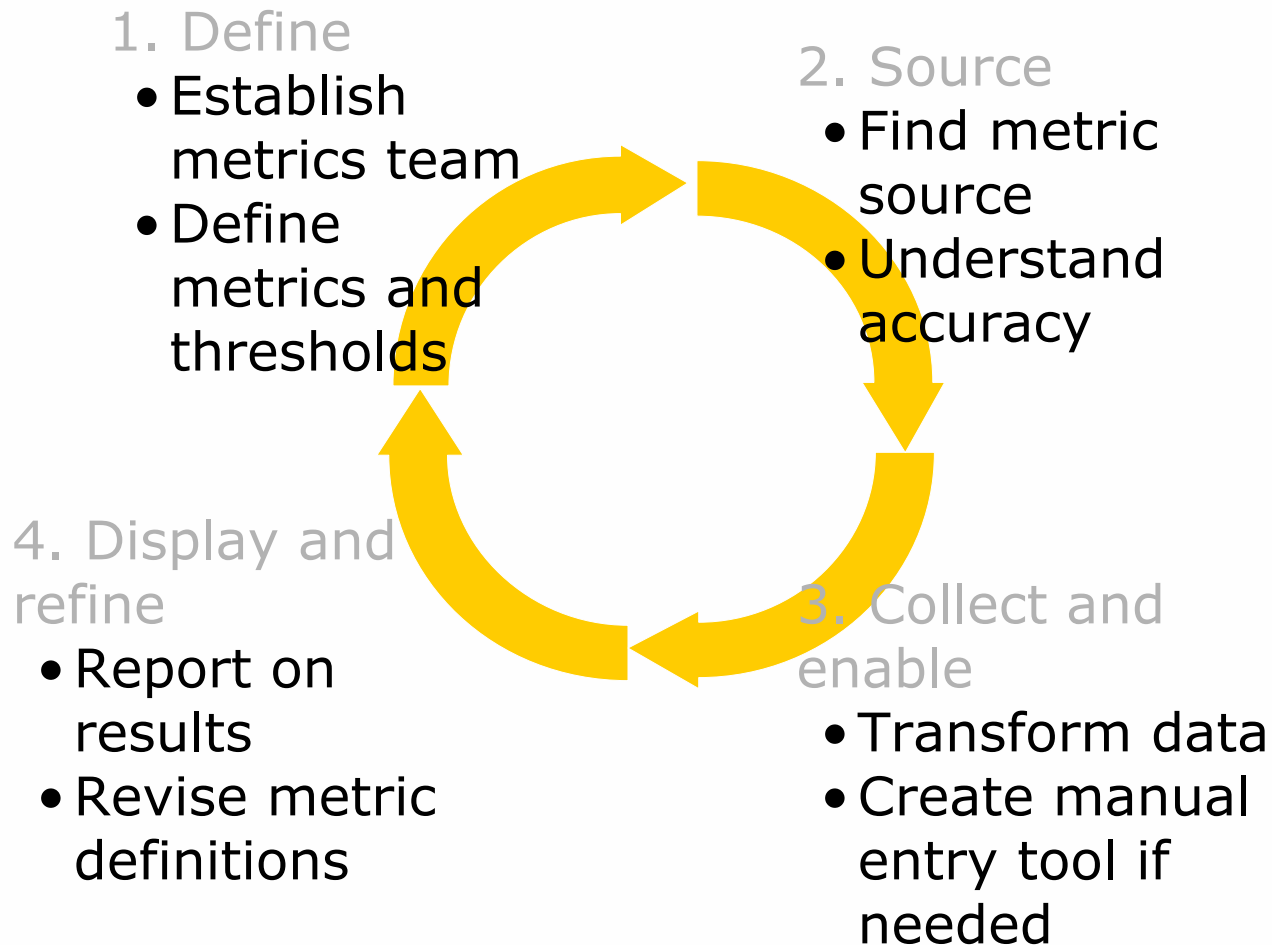
<b>Trace and monitor</b>	<b>Find evidence</b>
<b>Alert</b>	<b>Inform when a threshold is crossed</b>
<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Combine data from results</b>
<b>Correlate</b>	<b>Identify the relationship between results</b>
<b>Synthesize</b>	<b>Create a single view from multiple sources</b>
<b>Compare</b>	<b>Evaluate the difference between results</b>
<b>Summarize</b>	<b>Present the calculated results</b>
<b>Predict</b>	<b>Model future outcomes</b>
<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Create an alternate transaction</b>

- Workflow
- Reporting
- System and business views
- Task management
- Document, knowledge repository
- Secure collaboration
- Notification

# From business requirements to policy metrics



# Establishing metrics to measure relationships



## Conclusions . . . .

- **There is a wealth of guidance to build your information security program from**
- **No two information security programs are identical**
- **Use standards, such as ISO 17799, as a security organization, operations and architectural framework**

# Audience Response

- **Questions?**

Thank you

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