

Network and Security Controls

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IT Controls Webinar Series

Part I - Overview of IT Controls and Best Practices

Part II - Identifying Users and Limiting Access

Part III - Network Controls

Part IV - Disaster Recovery Planning



IT Control Issues Covered in this Webinar

- Firewalls
- Security Software and Appliances
- Administrative Privilege Restrictions
- Software Controls
- VPN and Remote Access
- Encryption
- File Share Controls
- Login Banners
- Vulnerability Management
- Patch Management
- Configuration Management
- Logging and Monitoring
- Web Content Monitoring
- Wireless Access Points
- End-of-Life Systems
- Hardware Disposal
- Email Security
- Vendor / Cloud Services
- Incident Response
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)



What are IT Controls?

Well-defined measures taken to minimize risk and ensure business objectives are being met.



Resources (Appendices)

- IT Standards and Best Practices
- No One Size Fits All Solution
- Advanced Presentation on our Web site
- Appendix of resources by slide



University of Maryland data breach affects 300,000, school says

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COLLEGE PARK, MD. – The president of the University of Maryland says there has been a breach of a database that contains personal information about more than 300,000 faculty, staff, students, and others.

Wallace Loh said in a statement posted Wednesday on the university's website that the database contained records of those who have been issued a university ID since 1998.

Loh said the database has information from the College Park and Shady Grove campuses. The records include names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and university identification numbers.

The university is working to determine how the breach occurred. Loh said state and federal law enforcement officials are investigating.

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US Department of Education privacy resources



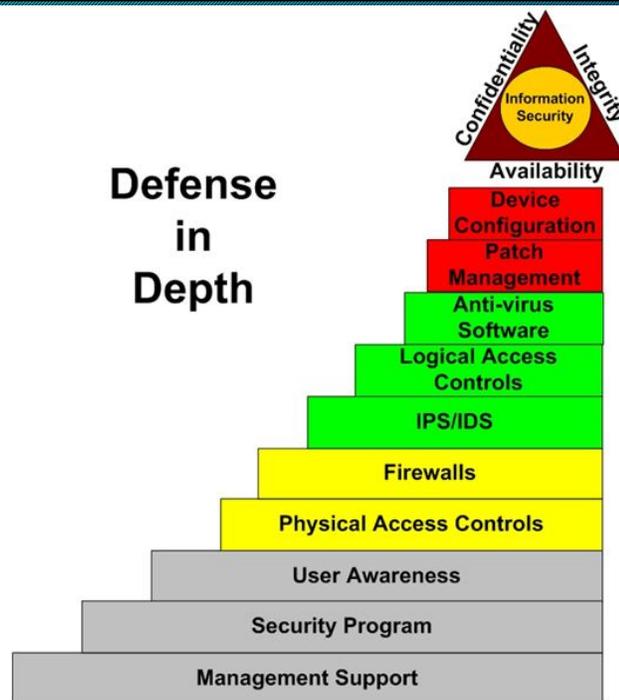
Privacy Technical Assistance Center
U.S. Department of Education

- PTAC Mission
 - Improve privacy, security, confidentiality of student data systems
 - Provide tools, resources, opportunities
 - States to share best practices
 - Focus points for queries and responses to privacy needs
 - Resources to promote compliance with FERPA and other best practices

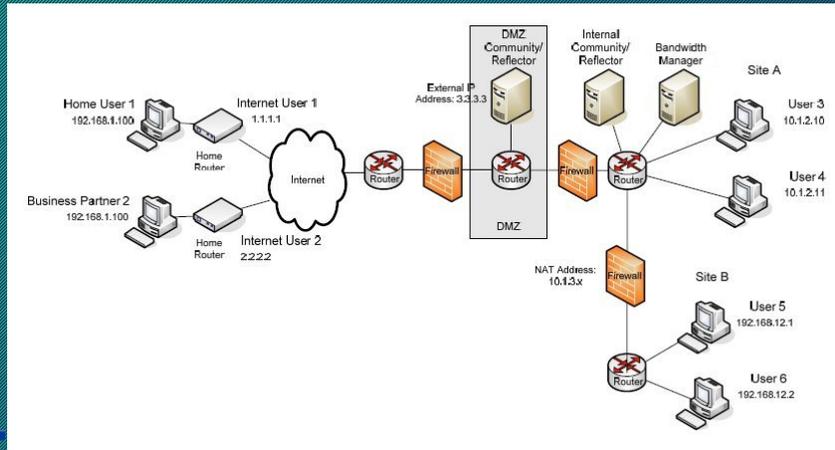


Layered Security

**Defense
in
Depth**



Firewalls



Security Software and Appliances

- Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) / Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS)
- Antivirus / Anti-malware
- Email Spam Filters



Administrative Privilege Restrictions

Restrict Admin Privileges for System Administrators

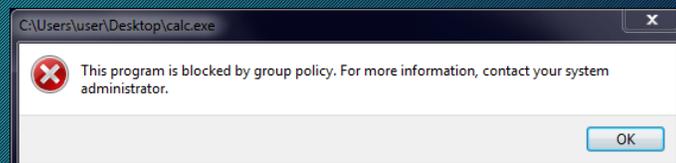
- Separate accounts
 - Standard User Account -- Everyday Duties
 - Administrative Account -- Only used for specific administrative tasks
- Tied to specific user
 - Ex: phanus (Standard) and phanus-admin (Admin)
- Monitor activity



Software Controls

Managing Software

- Monitoring
- Application whitelisting



Remote Access

- Virtual Private Networks (VPN)
- Remote System Control
 - Remote Desktop (RDP)
 - Secure Shell (SSH)



VPN

Use of personal devices

- Same security configurations and applications present

Security

- Single or Dual Authentication
 - Password
 - Token (Soft or Hard)

Network Access Control

- Check system security prior to approving final connections



Remote System Control

- Other methods of remote access provided through:
 - Terminal Services / Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
 - Virtual Network Computing (VNC)
 - Secure Shell (SSH)
- ~~Deprecated Protocols~~
 - Telnet
 - Remote Shell (rsh)
 - Remote Process Execution (rexec)



Encryption

Protects the confidentiality of data

Levels of encryption

- File-level
- Block-level encryption
- Device/Hardware-levels



Key items

- Backups
- Workstations
- Flash Drives
- Mobile Devices



File Share Controls

File sharing results in:

- Large data stores
- Key risk area for controlling access

Controls are needed to:

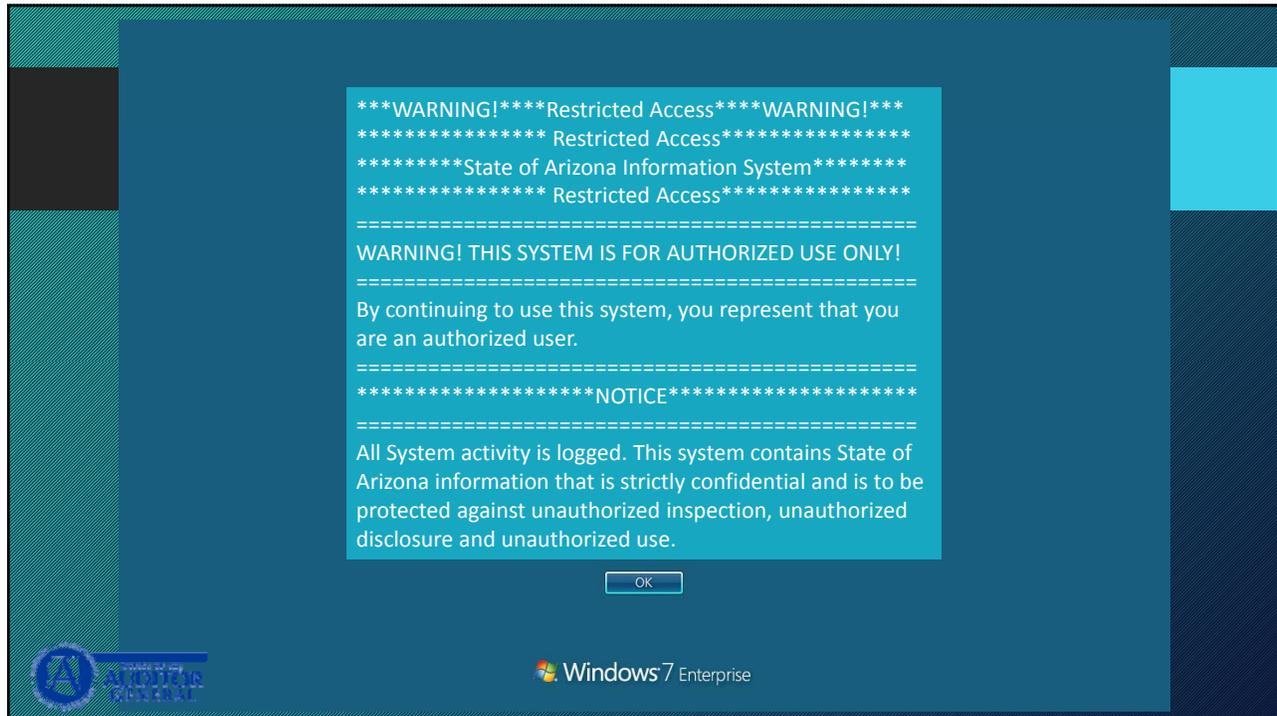
- Strictly manage need based access
- Secure sensitive or confidential data
- Monitor for unauthorized access



Login Banners

- Help with legal issues in case of breaches or unauthorized use
- Display regardless of connection type attempted:
 - Interactive Logon (Windows Desktop)
 - Remote Desktop Protocol





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Patch Management

Keep software / hardware updated

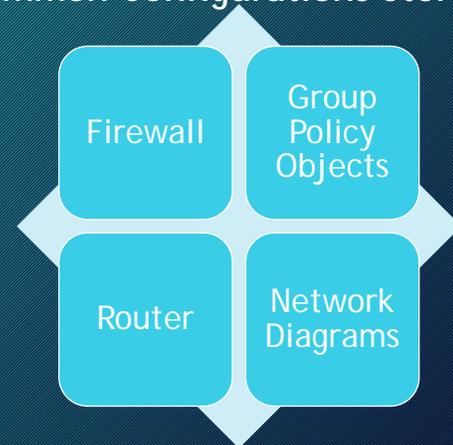
- IT asset list with versions
- Automated system scanning
- Strategies to update



Configuration Management

- Define and control settings
- Central repository of latest configurations
- Tracking log
- Used for device/software recovery

Common Configurations Stored



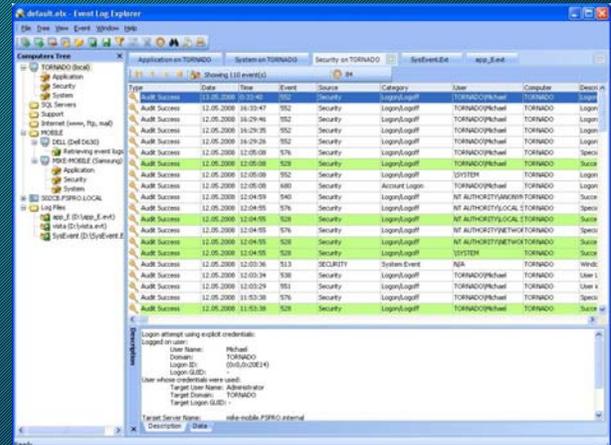
Logging and Monitoring

Logging activity

- Critical and sensitive systems
- Rules based
- Automatically created/stored

Monitoring logs

- Regular log monitoring (Proactive)
- Reviewed when things go wrong (Reactive)



Web Content Monitoring

ARS §34-502

Technology protection measures to prevent access to visual depictions that are:

- Obscene content
- Child Pornography
- Content Harmful to Minors

Other Entities

Monitor Internet Activity for:

- Illegal activities
- Gambling
- Adult Material
- Malicious Content



Wireless Access Points

- Convenient but can increase security issues
- Properly secured and segmented

WEP	WPA	WPA2 PSK	WPA2 Enterprise
Weak			Strong



- Guests/non-work functions should not connect directly to the internal network



End-Of-Life Systems

Unsupported products = risk of failure & compromise

Plan ahead- Know:

- When its coming
- How to replace hardware/software
- What tests new products need
- Operations won't be adversely affected

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	January 4, 2010
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	July 5, 2010
Last Ship Date: HW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	October 3, 2010
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: HW	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	July 4, 2013



Hardware Disposal

- Hardware may include:
 - Printers/ Copiers
 - Servers
 - Switches
 - Desktops
 - Laptops
 - Removable Media
- Secure Wipe:
 - Cryptographic Erase
 - Overwrite
 - Degauss



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Email Security

Why is Email security important?

- Sensitive content
- Different needs (internal vs. external)

Securing Email - Train employees:

- Appropriate content
- Encryption



In some cases, replace email
with secure file transfer!



Vendor / Cloud Services

Controls with a third-party services

Contracts should specifically describe:

- Services to be provided
- Security
- Vendor's and District's responsibilities

Audit reports on vendors

- Review for assurance of vendor controls



Incident Response

Designed to:

- Detect incidents rapidly
- Minimize damage
- Mitigate vulnerability / restoring services



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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

- Separating Business vs. Personal data
- Limiting access
- Securing/removing data
- Requiring device controls
 - Anti-Virus
 - Encryption
 - screen locks
 - separate boot
 - VPN software

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Advanced Class Topics

- Network Segregation
- Secure Baseline Configurations
- Server Hardening
- Active Directory Security Considerations
- Website Security
- Data Loss Prevention



Conclusion

- Layered, defense-in-depth strategy
- Many aspects to consider
- Understand your environment

Next Webinar

Disaster Recovery: Data Backup and Recovery

- Developing a comprehensive backup plan
- Developing a Disaster Recovery Plan
- Testing
 - Backups
 - Plan

Resources

- IT FAQs on www.azauditor.gov
- Appendix citing IT standards
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