



# State of the Art in Electronic Security

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# Agenda

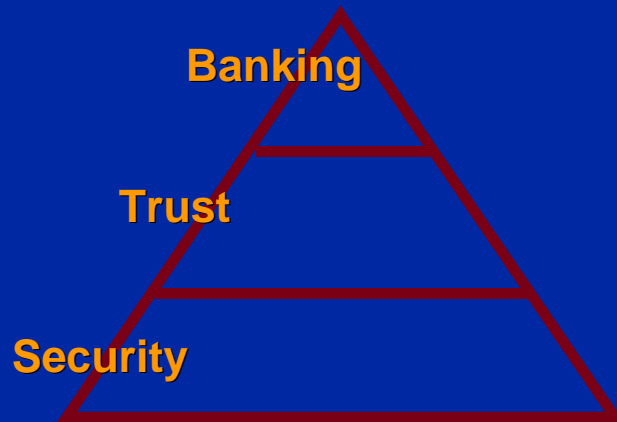
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# Security

Banking is based on trust

Trust is based on security





## Risks

### 1. More hackers



Programmers are positive, hackers are not.



Hostile Environment

### 2. Readily available sophisticated hacking tools



### 3. Increased dependence of banks on IT



### 4. Open (insecure) technologies

- Internet - hostile environment
- UNIX - comes with 8000 open doors
- TCP/IP - can easily be manipulated



Sophisticated  
Attack Tools



Low-security  
Technology



Viruses

### 5. Increased electronic access by customers

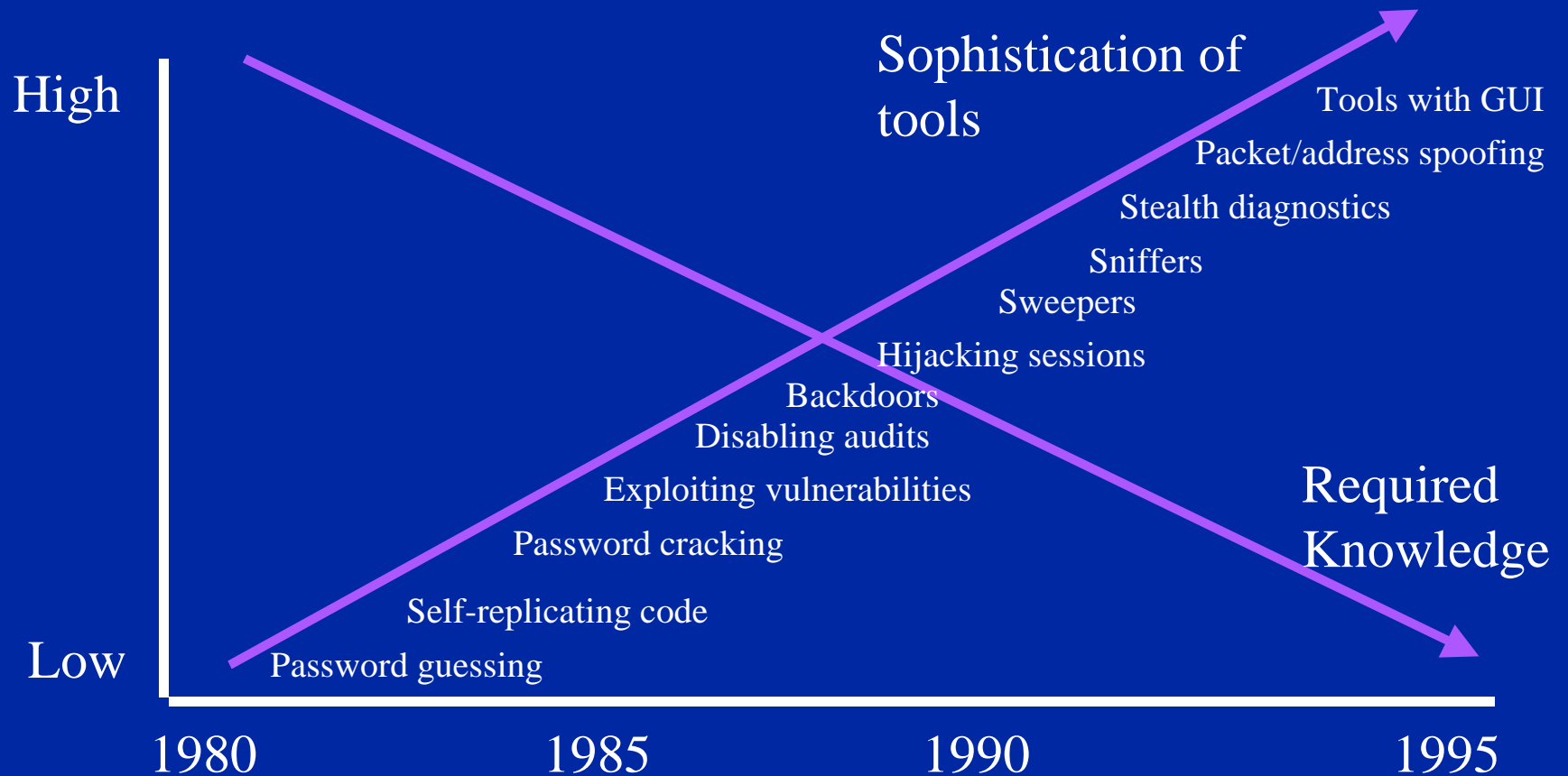


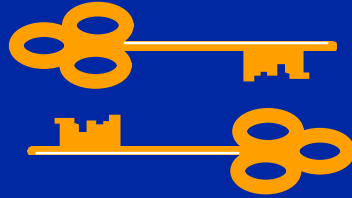
### 6. E-cash, E-commerce, E-mail E-TC!





# System Attacks





Banks are starting to use



112 Bits



128 Bits

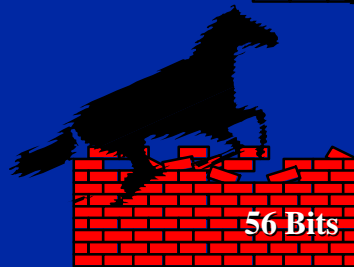
S.W.I.F.T. standard

Experts' Recommendation



90 Bits

June 1997



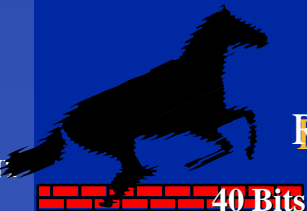
56 Bits

February 1997



48 Bits

# Symmetric Key Length



40 Bits

Routinely cracked by students

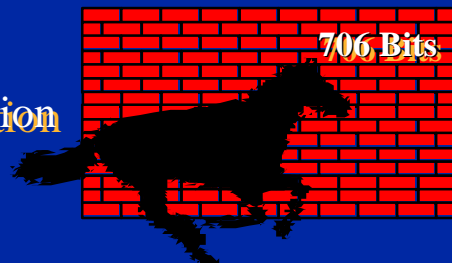


S.W.I.F.T.  
strategic  
standard

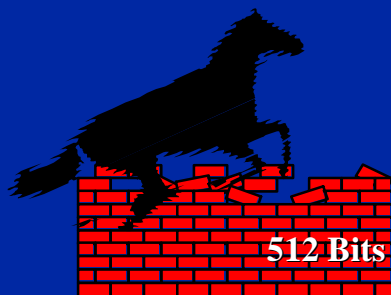


1024 Bits

Experts'  
Recommendation



706 Bits



512 Bits

Not recommended  
for new systems

# Asymmetric Key Length (RSA)



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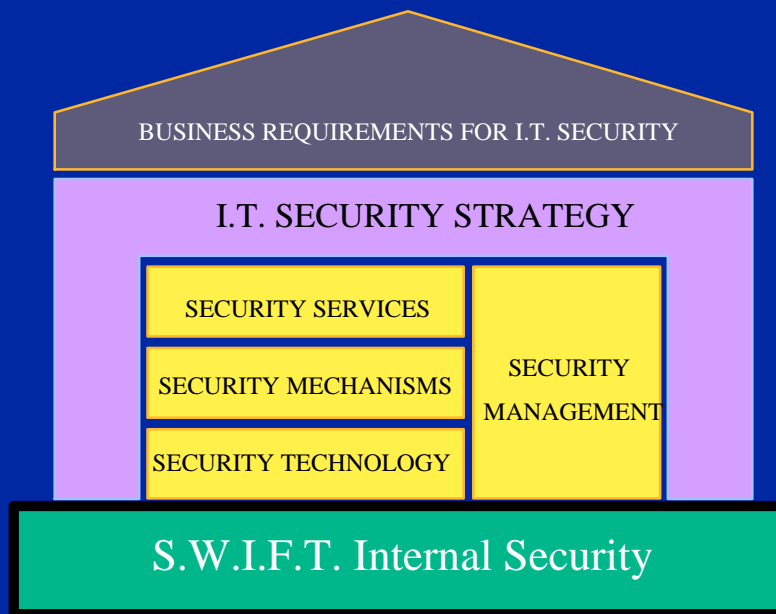
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# Information Security - Architecture

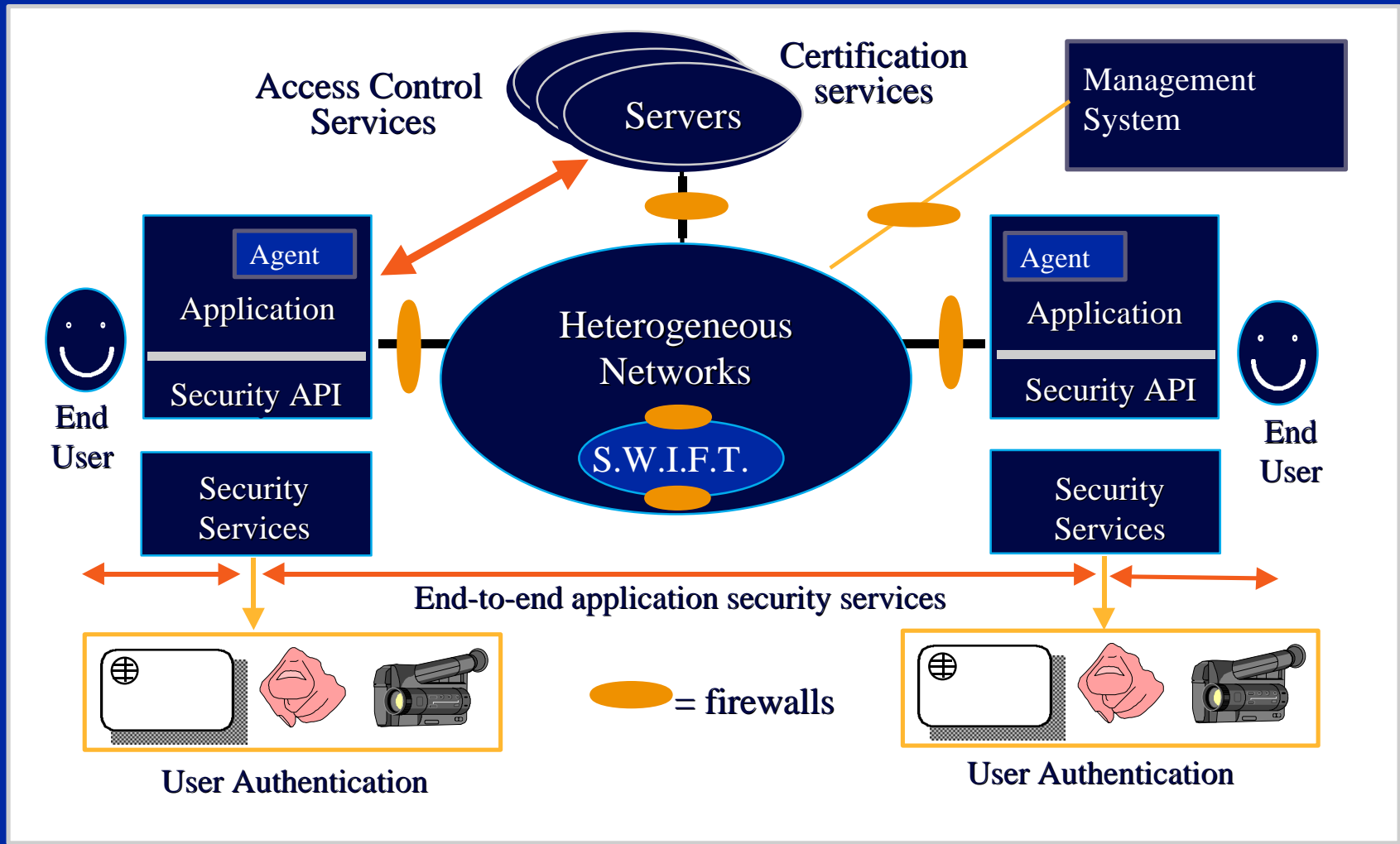
Security enables, protects and supports the financial business



- User-friendly security
- Strong internal security foundation built on internal security acting on process & culture
- Standardised security services
- Truly end-to-end & multi-tiered
- Modular & scaleable mechanisms
- State-of-the-art technology
- Protection from hostile environment
- Security management services
- Certified with risks underwritten



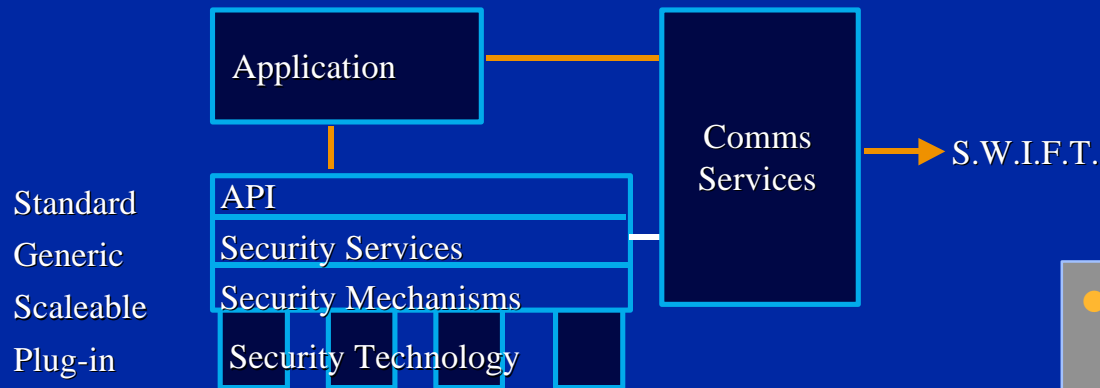
# Security Technology Infrastructure





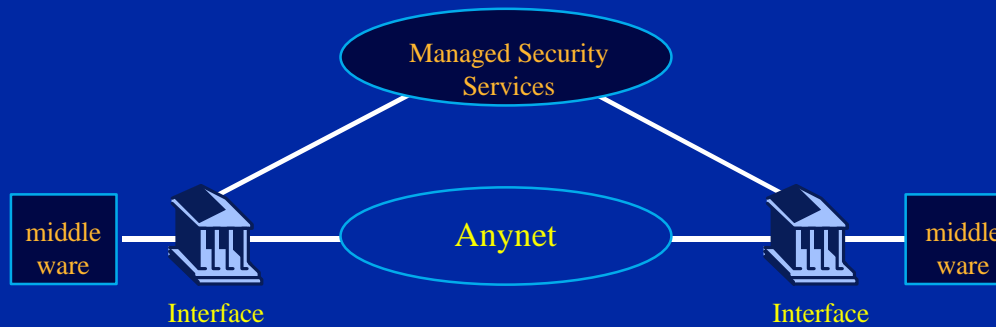
# Application Security - Cryptography

## PKI - "middle ware"



- End-to-end message encryption
- End-to-end message authenticity and non-repudiation
- System integrity

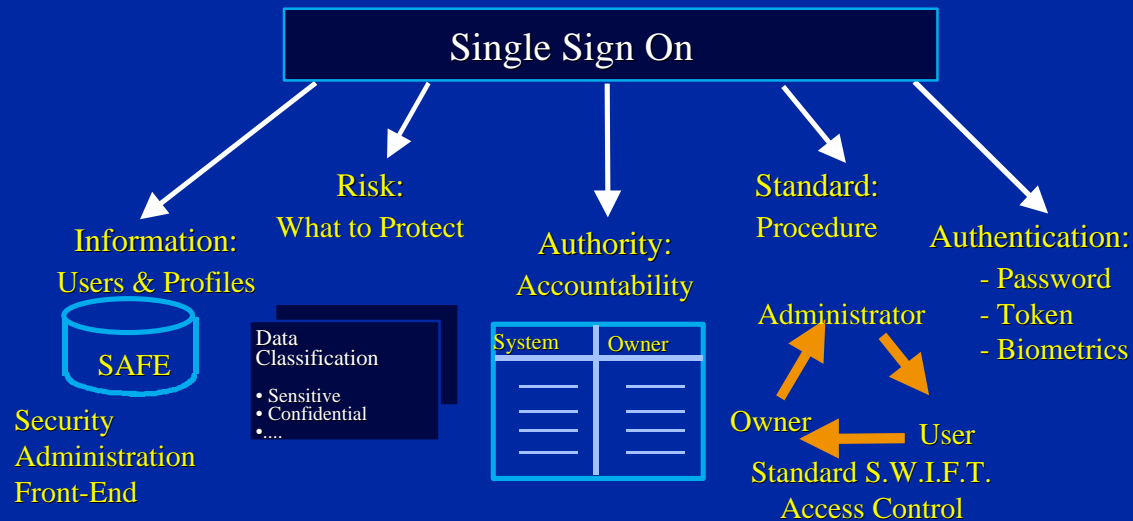
## PKI - Secure services





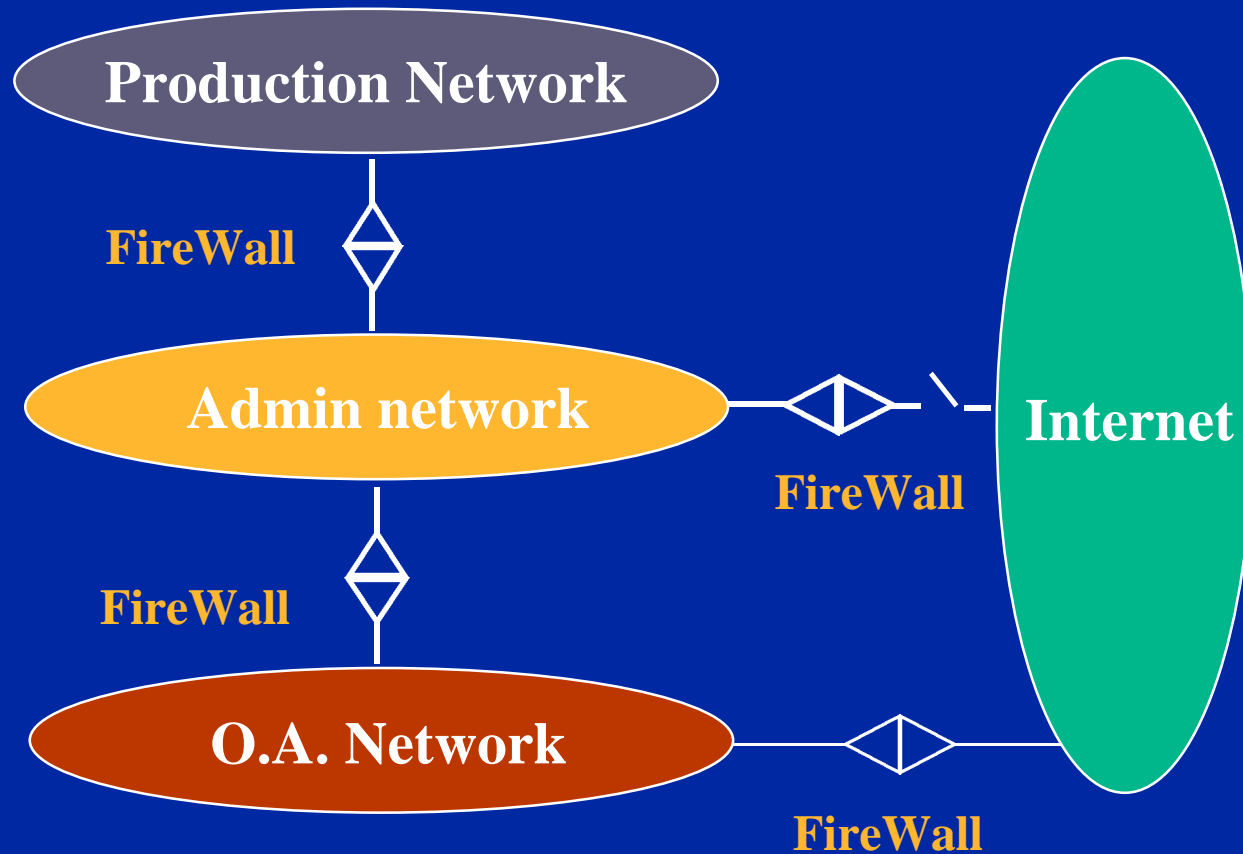
# System Access Control

- Strong human-being authentication
- Client to server session authentication
- Integrated access control: SECURE single sign-on





# Network Segregation



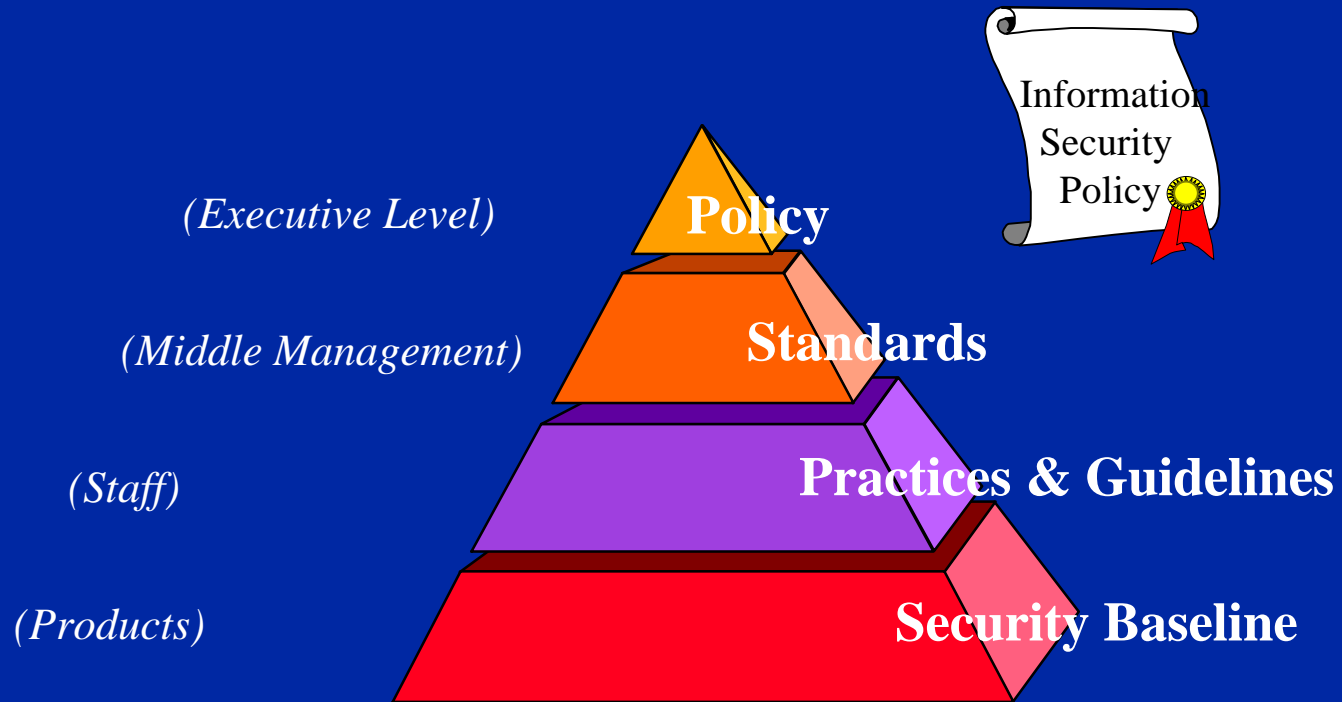


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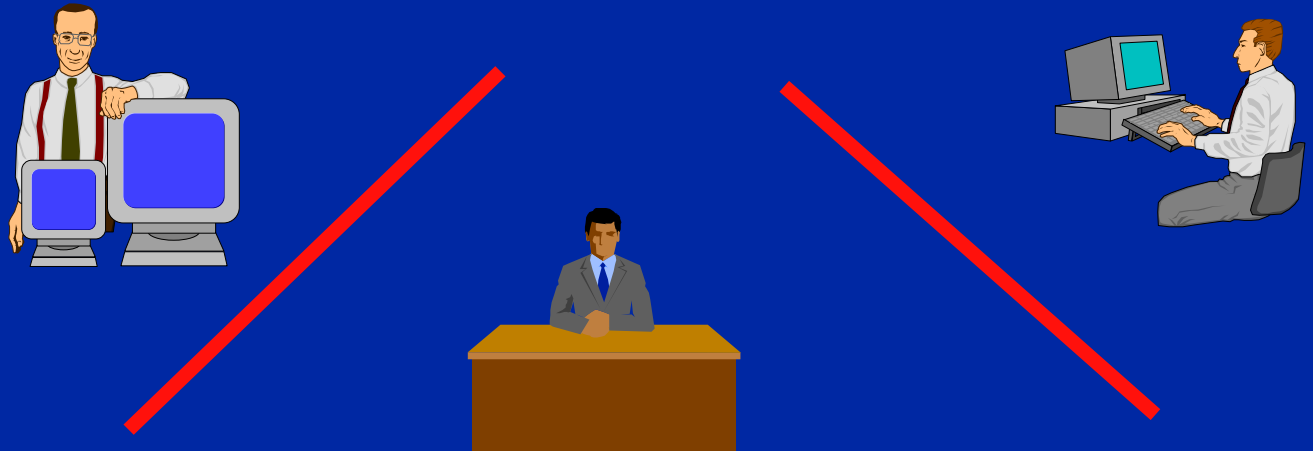


# 1. Security Policy





## 2. Allocation of responsibilities



**Organisational security**

- Separation of Duties
- Dual control





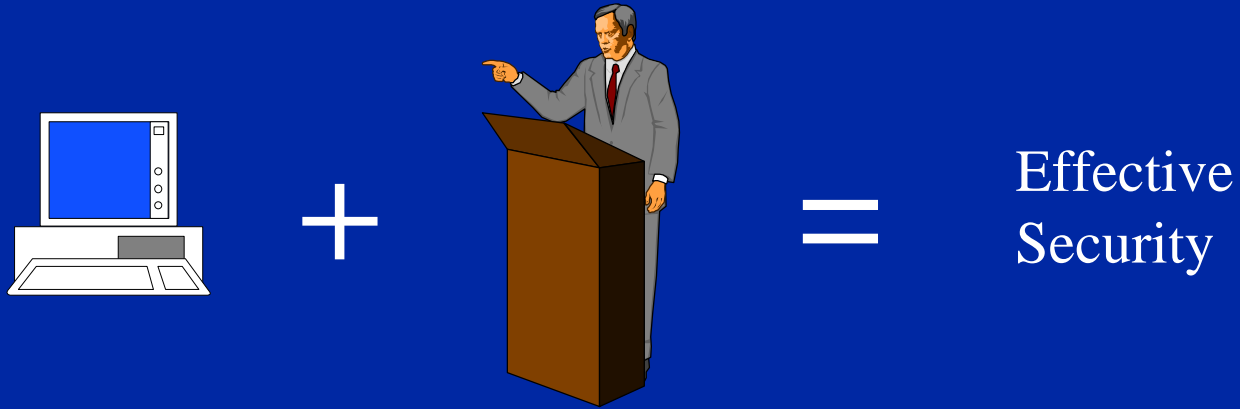
### 3. Assets classification

- Assign owner
- Business Risk Analysis
- Asset Classification
  - Confidentiality
  - Integrity
  - Availability
- Minimum Security requirement and controls



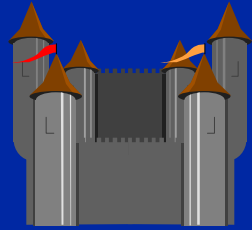
## 4. Personnel Security

- A battle for the hearts and minds of employees
- Technology versus education
- Measuring Security orientation
- Certifying Security awareness
- Awareness campaign
- Hiring - background and credit checks

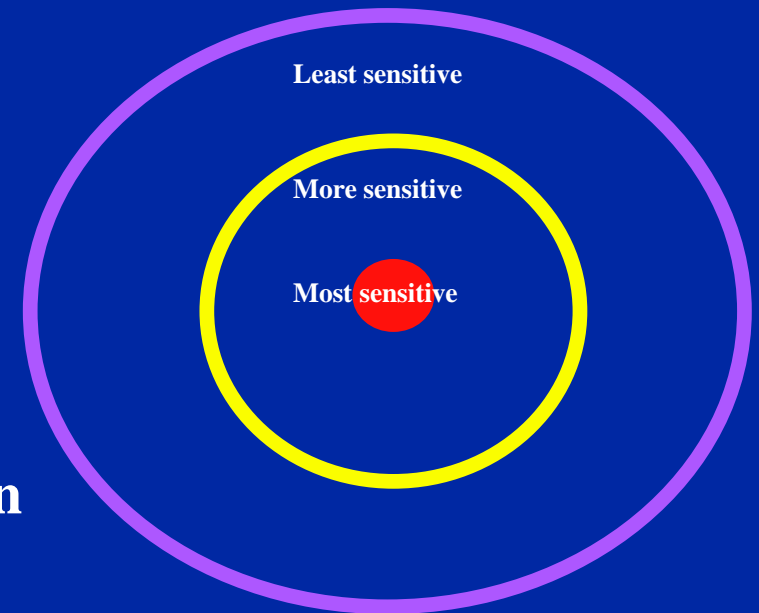




## 5. Physical Security



- **Concentric security perimeters**
- **Locks, guard-desks, & identification**
- **Power supply**
- **Alarm systems**
- **Fire control**
- **Access for cleaning and maintenance**



Concentric Security Perimeters

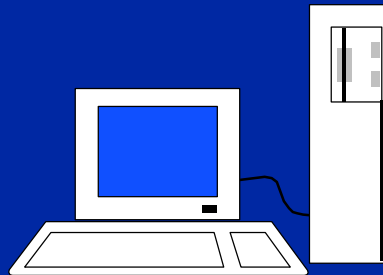
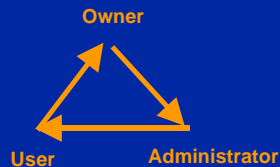


## 6. I.T. Security



### System Access Control

- User Identification
- User Authentication
- User Authorisation



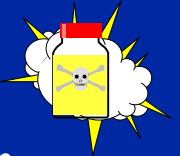
### Secure Transmissions

- Message encryption
- Message authentication
- Message signature
- Non-repudiation
- Proof-of-origin
- Proof-of-delivery



### System Integrity

- Integrity at delivery
  - Quality assurance
  - ITSEC
- Integrity at production
  - Virus controls
  - DB integrity : R/W access
  - Secure Operating system
    - Orange book
    - UNIX & NT Security





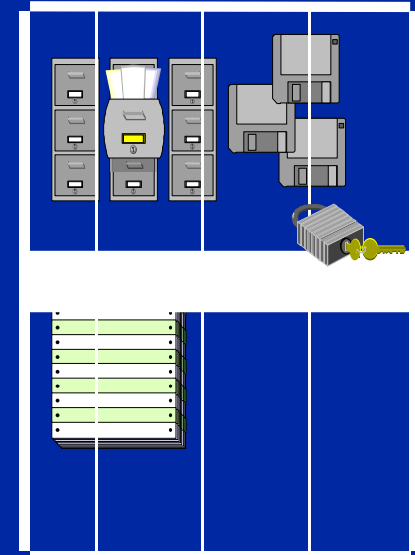
## 8. Legal requirement

### Safeguards on company records

- Legal constraints in the financial industry
- Off-site archival
- regular archives reload & testing

### Residual risks underwritten

- Transfer risks via insurance
- Retain risks via self-insurance
- Assign risks to cheapest cost avoider

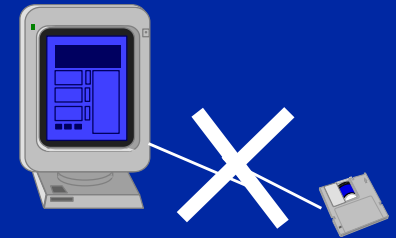




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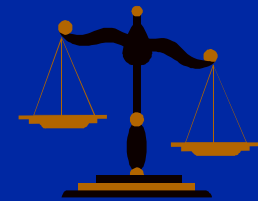
### Safeguards against illegal software copying

- licenced software
- Beware of Business Software Association (B.S.A.)



### Private Data Protection

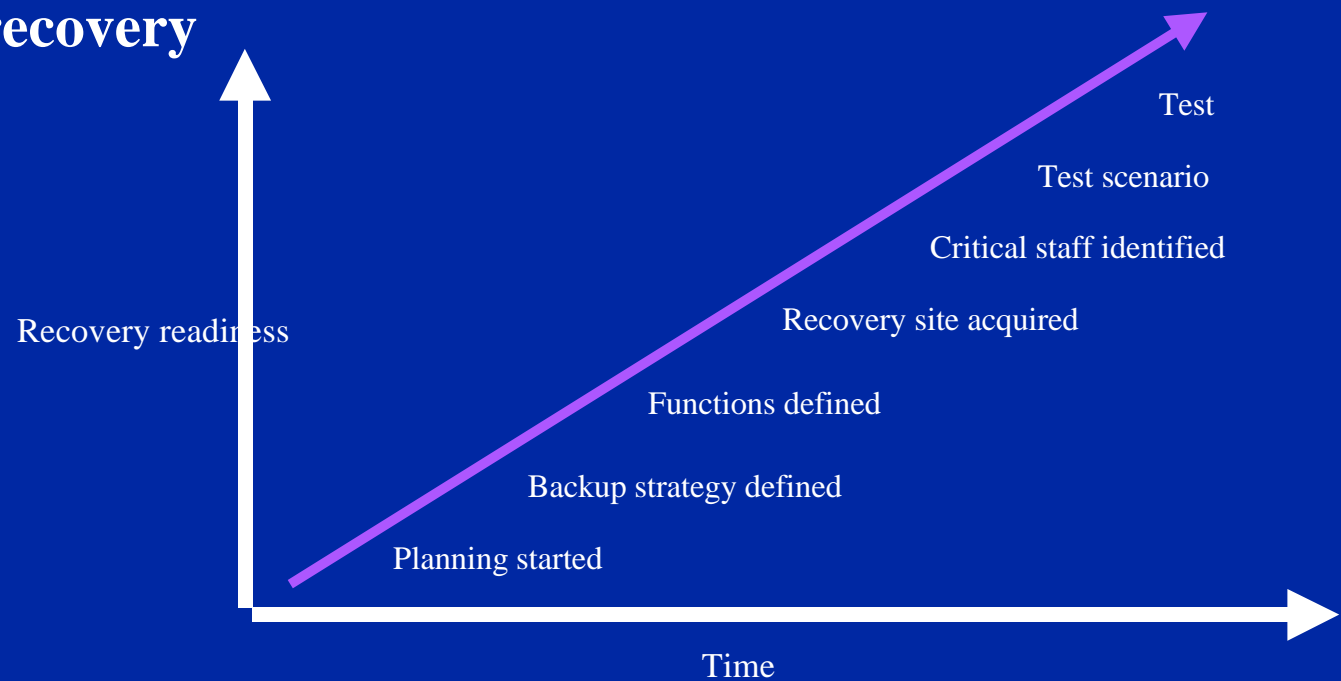
- Legal constraint
- Data may only be used for the purpose it was collected for.





## 9. Business Continuity Planning

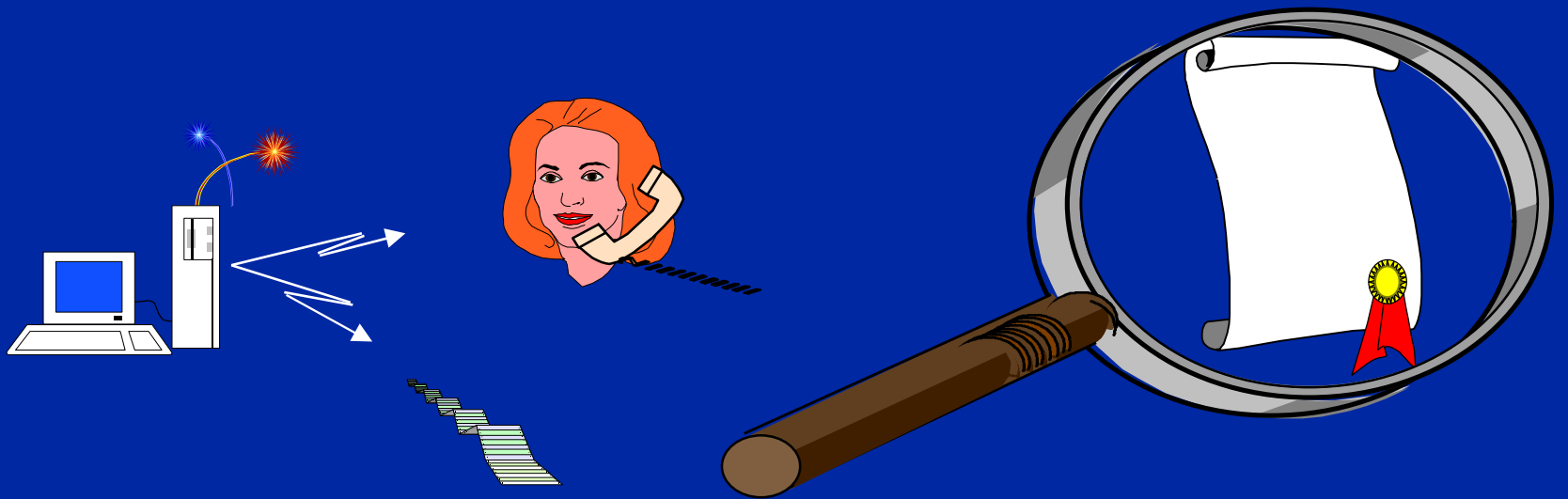
- General principles
- Backup and recovery
- Local versus offsite storage
- Recovery contracts
- Testing recovery





## 10. Compliance with security policy

- Monitor compliance
- Reporting Security incidents and analysing correlation
- Independant auditing







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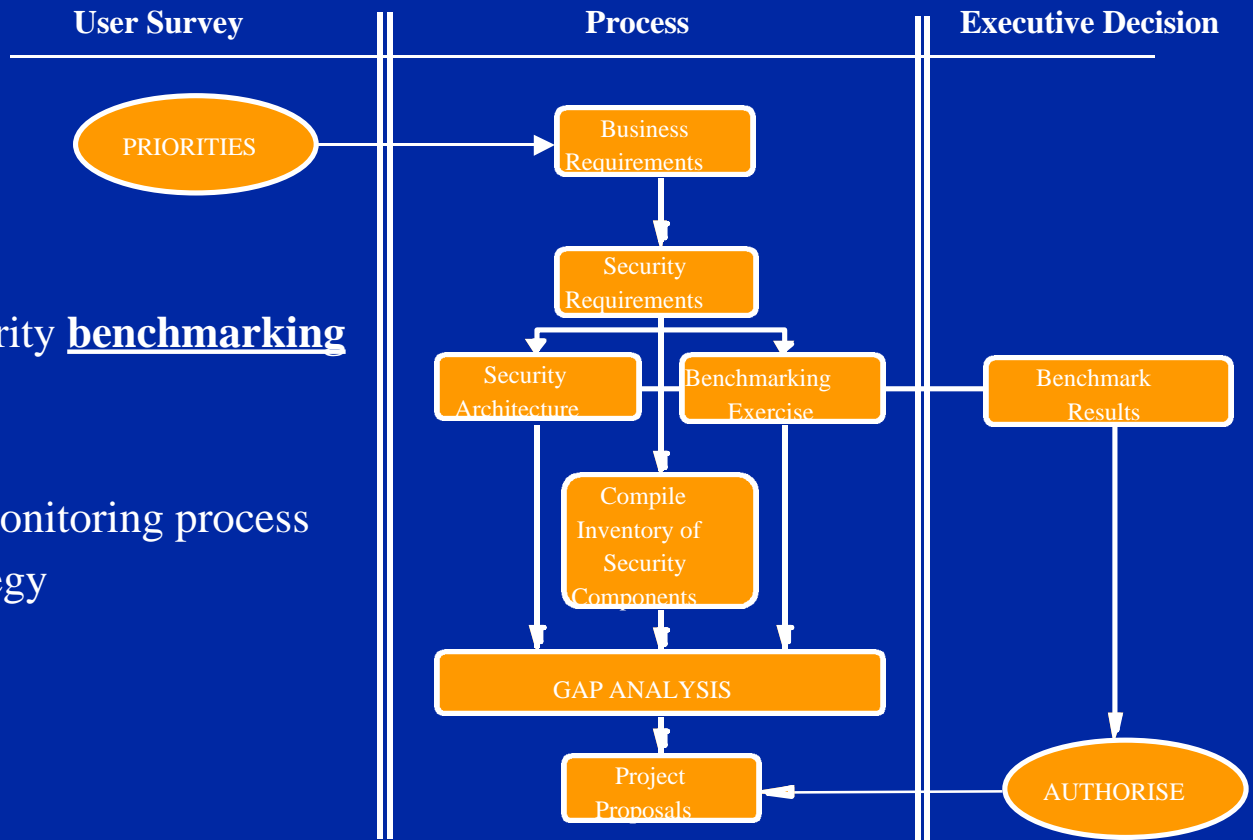
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# Security Strategy

Aligned with industry needs, measurable

- Comprehensive IT security **benchmarking**
- Gap analysis
- Generic architecture
- Executive decision & monitoring process
- 5 Year IT security strategy



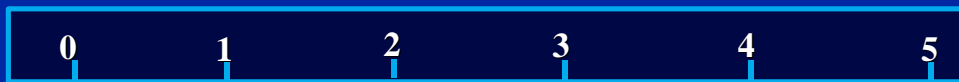


# Measuring Security

- **Industry standards**
- **Benchmarks**
- **Descriptions of each measure**
- **Easy to plan improvements**

“Where do I go from here” asked Alice.  
“Depends on where you want to get to”  
said the White Rabbit.

## Scales of Measurement



### The Scale:

**5 Excellent:**

**4 Very Good:**

**3 Good:**

**2 Fair:**

**1 Poor:**

**0 Very poor:**

**Best possible, highly integrated**

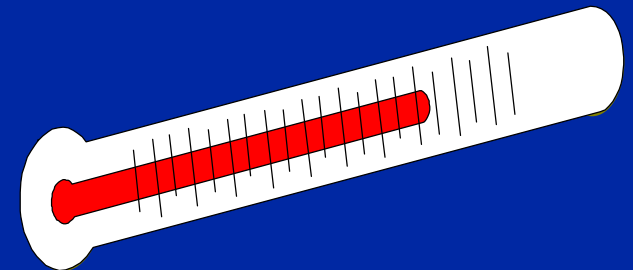
**Advanced level of practice**

**Moderately good level of practice**

**Some effort made to address issues**

**Recognise the issues**

**Complete lack of good practice**





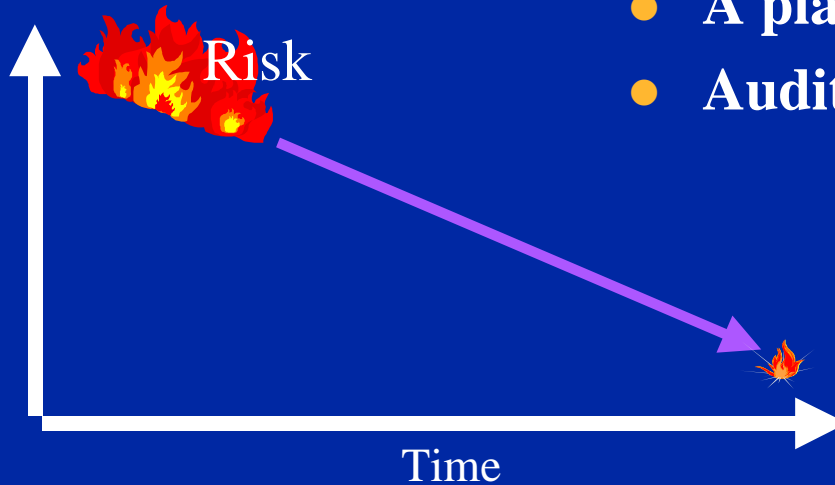
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# Risk Reduction

- Not aiming to solve 'today'
- Risk reduction over time
- A planned approach
- Auditors' role

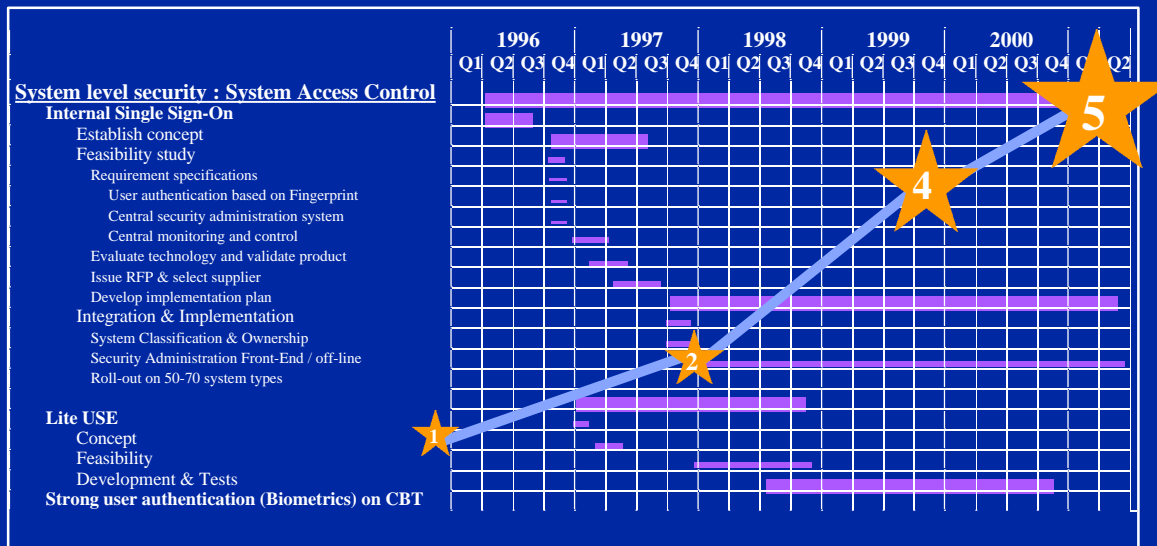
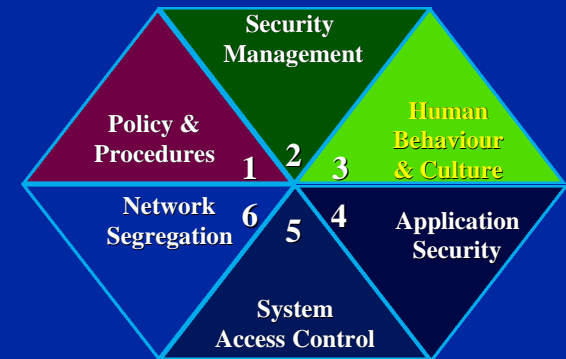
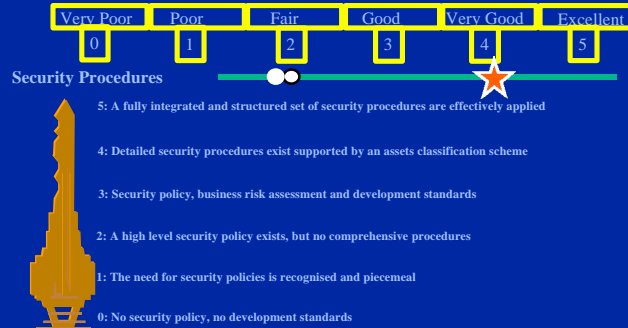


A Planned Approach



# Security Strategy Process

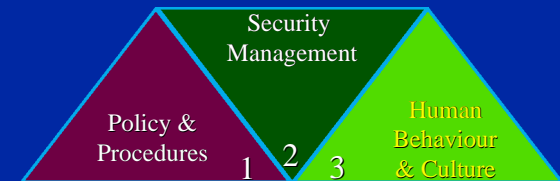
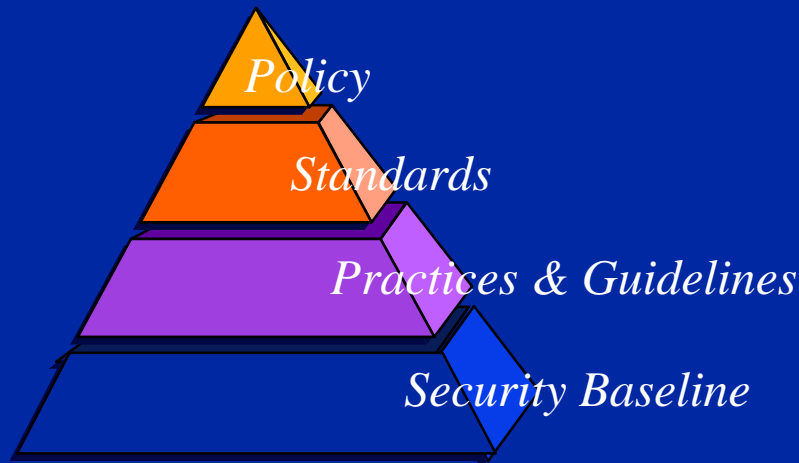
To establish and enforce the S.W.I.F.T. security framework



For each of the domains there is a detailed benchmark and gap analysis, translated into clear project plans, monitored by Management, Auditors and the Board.



# Security Management Infrastructure



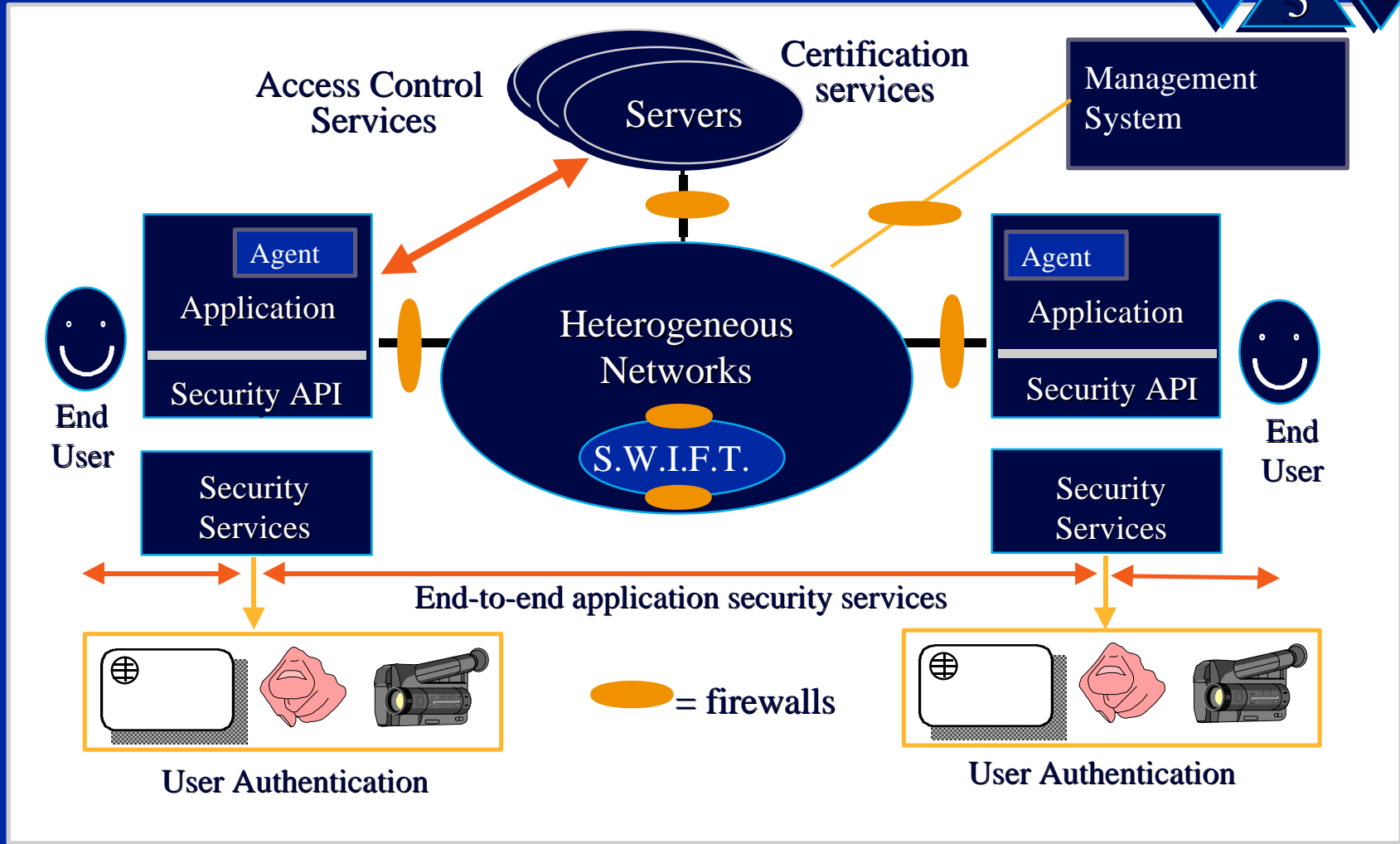
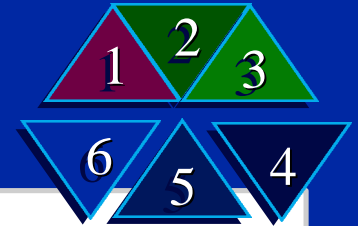
## Human Behaviour & Culture

- Security awareness campaign
- Role definition & appraisal
- Security certification
- Image & visibility for leadership role





# Security Technology Infrastructure







**S = Strategy**

**O = Organisational**



**T = Technology**

**P = Procedural**