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# **Computer Security**

# **A Program for**

# **Federal Government**

# ***Executives***

# Objectives

- **Seven Basic Computer Security Facts**
- **Applicable Laws, Policy, Procedures, ETC.**
- **Current Computer Security Issues**
- **Risk Management Processes**
- **Accreditation Process**
- **Action Items**

**7** Effective Tool

**2** Define Threat

# Seven Basic Facts

**5** Risk  
Management

**6** Awareness  
And Training

**4** Protect  
Information

**3** Vulnerability

**1** Agency Mission

# **FACT 1**

**COMPUTERS ARE  
CRITICAL TO  
FULFILL YOUR  
AGENCY MISSION!**

## **FACT 2**

**THERE ARE DEFINED  
THREATS TO YOUR  
COMPUTER SYSTEM!**

# **FACT 3**

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
ARE VULNERABLE!**

## **FACT 4**

**COMPUTER SECURITY  
IS ESSENTIAL TO  
PROTECT YOUR  
SENSITIVE  
AND  
CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION!**



## **FACT 5**

**RISK MANAGEMENT IS  
AN EXECUTIVE  
RESPONSIBILITY!**

## **FACT 6**

**COMPUTER SECURITY  
AWARENESS AND  
TRAINING PROGRAMS  
REDUCE RISK!**

# FACT 7

**A COMPUTER  
SECURITY PLAN IS  
AN EFFECTIVE  
EXECUTIVE TOOL**

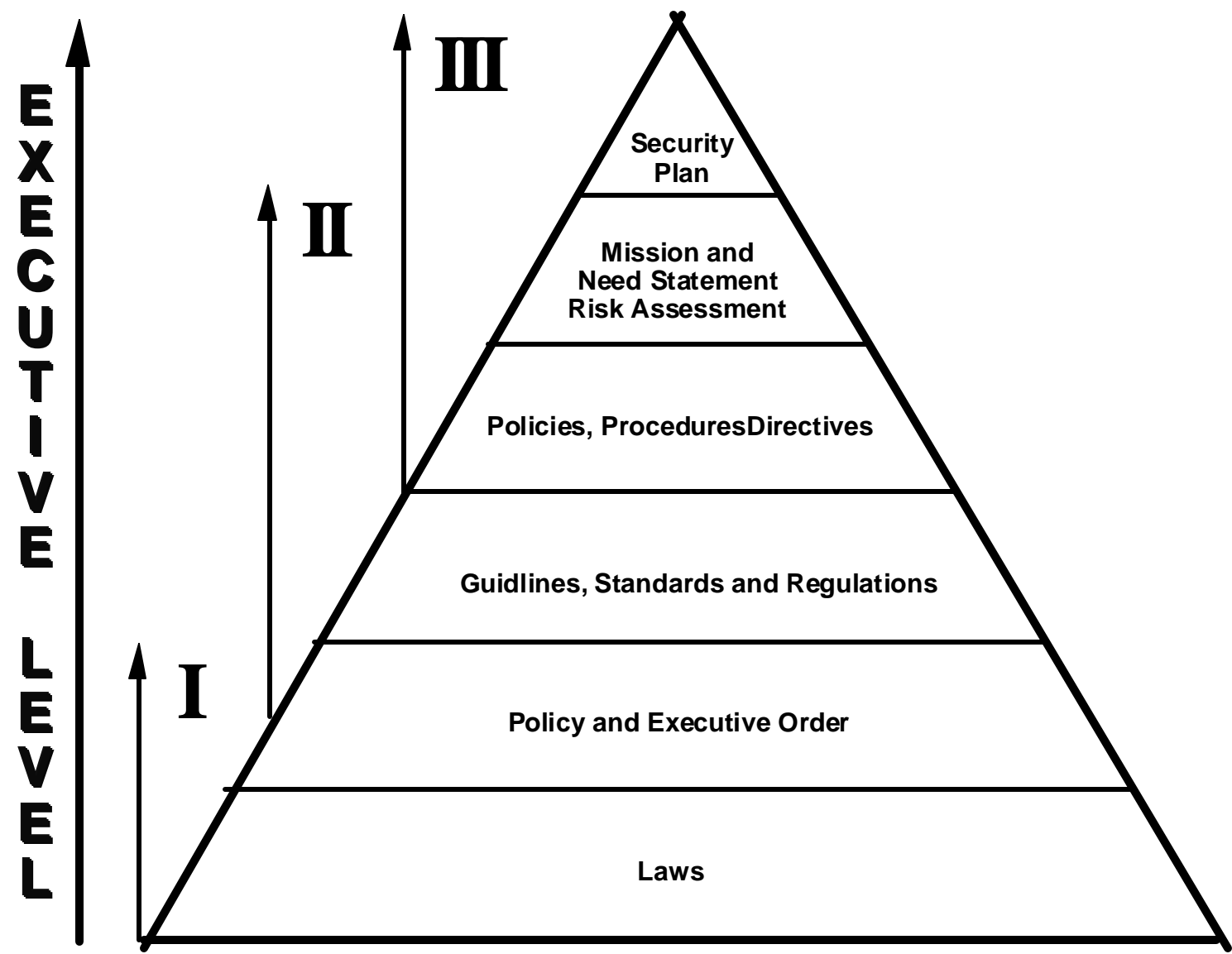
# YOUR ROLE?



# Role of the Executive

- **Establish Computer Security Policy**
- **Assign Responsibility**
- **Accept Risk**
- **Provide Resources**
- **Evaluate Results**

# Where Do You Fit?



# Level 1 Executive

- **Responsibility**
  - Interpret Law and Establish Policy
  - Evaluate Mission
  - Assign Organizational Responsibility
  - Evaluate Certification System and Accept Risk
  - Justify, Defend and Provide Resources
- **Rank: SES Mid-Level or Higher**
- **Reports To Board of Governors/ Directors or Head of Federal Agency**

# Level 2 Executive

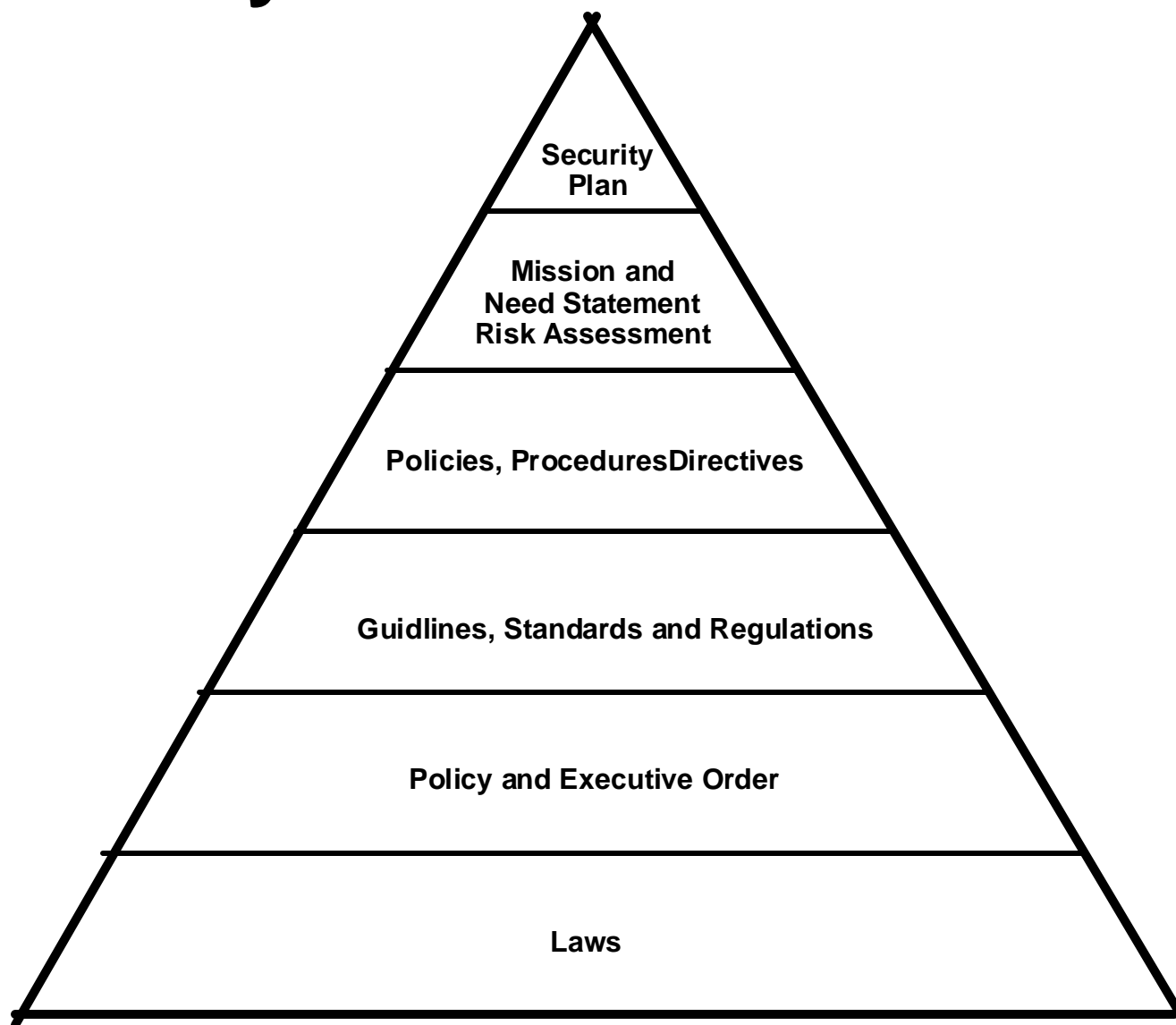
- **Responsibility**
  - Translate Policy to Operational Need
  - Assign Unit Responsibility
  - Evaluate Risk Assessment Statement
  - Recommend Security Safeguards
  - Dispense and Evaluate Resource Allocations
- **Rank: Lower to Mid-Level SES**
- **Reports to Executive Level 1**



# Level 3 Executive

- **Responsibility**
  - **Implement Policy**
  - **Supervise Unit Responsible for Action**
  - **Implement Security Safeguards**
  - **Utilize Allocated Resources**
- **Rank: Lower Level SES or GS/GM 15**
- **Reports to Executive Level 2**

# Statutory and Executive Baseline



# Applicable Computer Security Statutes

**Public Law 97-255**

**Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1987**

**Public Law 98-473**

**Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984**

**Public Law 99-474**

**Computer Fraud and Abuse Act**

**Public Law 99-508**

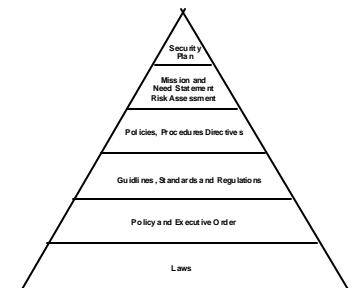
**Interception or Disclosure of Wire, Oral or electronic Communications**

**Public Law 100-235**

**Computer Security Act of 1987**

**Public Law 100-503**

**Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act**



# Applicable Policy and Executive Orders

**OMB Circular A-130**  
**Management of Federal Information Resources**

**OMB Circular A-123 & 127**  
**Internal Control/Financial Management Systems**

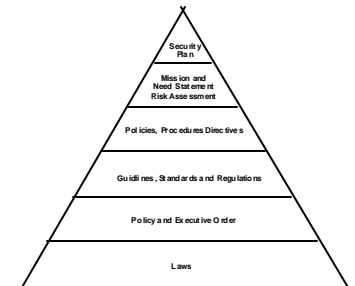
**OMB Bulletin 89-22**  
**Computer Matching and Privacy**

**OMB Bulletin 90-08**  
**Agency Security Plans**

**Executive Order 12333**  
**United States Intelligence Activities**

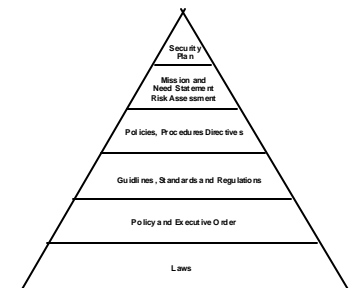
**Executive Order 12356**  
**National Security Information**

**DCI Directive 1/16**  
**Security Policy for Uniform Protection of**  
**Intelligence Processed in AIS's and Networks**



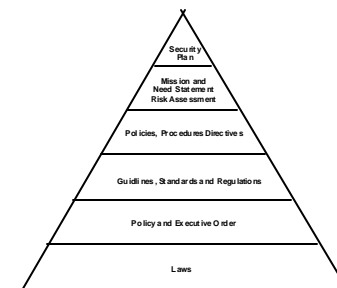
# Guidelines, Standards and Regulations

- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**  
Technical Publications, Training Assistance and Newsletter
- **National Computer Security Center (NCSC)**  
Rainbow Series, Technical Reports
- **Office of Personnel Management (OPM)**  
Training Requirements for all USG Employees
- **General Accounting Office (GAO)**  
Reports on AIS Deficiencies and Remedies
- **General Services Administration (GSA)**  
Provides Training Services for Users



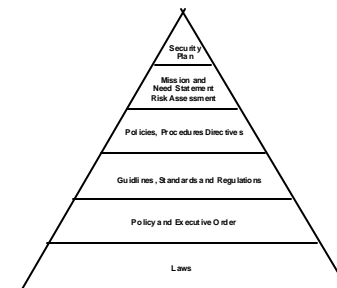
# Agency and System Documentation

- **Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and/or Directives**
  - Obtain These From Your Federal Agency
  - These are Agency-wide Computer Documents
  - They Will be Specific to Your Organization



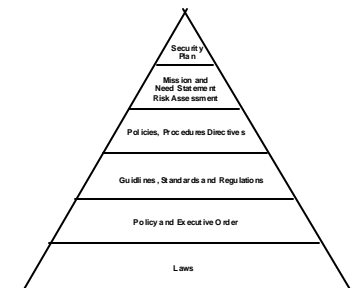
# Agency and System Documentation

- **Mission and Risk Assessment Statements**
  - **Baseline Documentation For Operation Of Computer System/Network. This Plan Is System Specific**
  - **“Working/Living” Document**



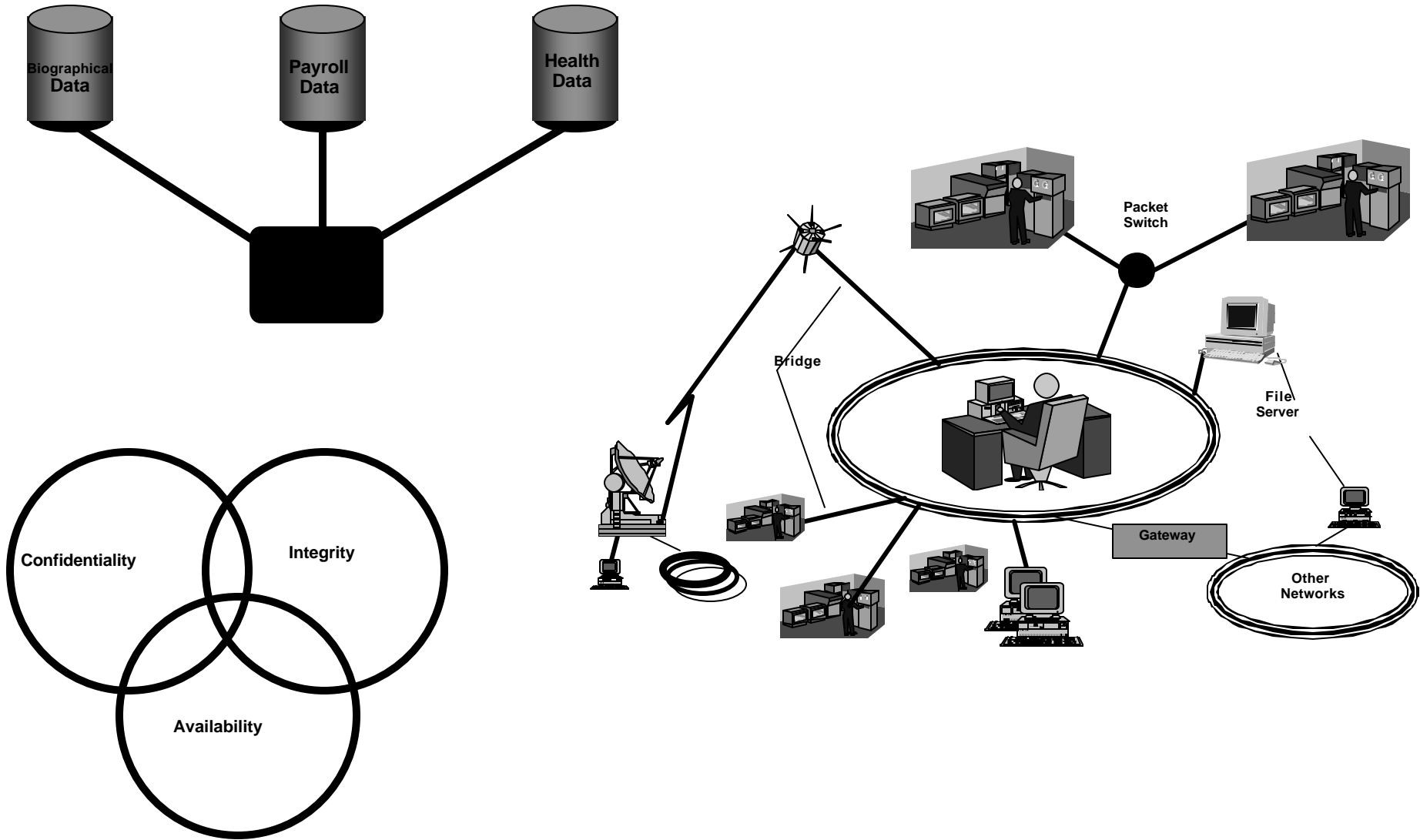
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- **Mission and Risk Assessment Statements**
  - These are Derived From Agency Policies And Procedures
  - These Two Statements Are System Specific



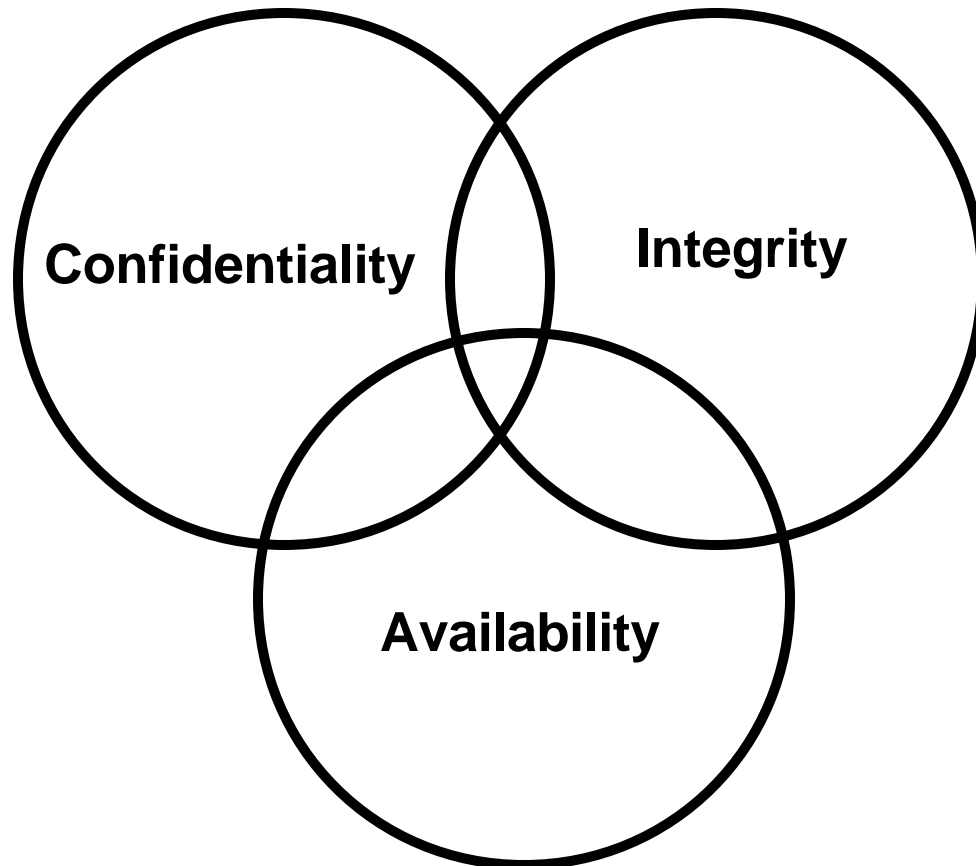


# Current Issues



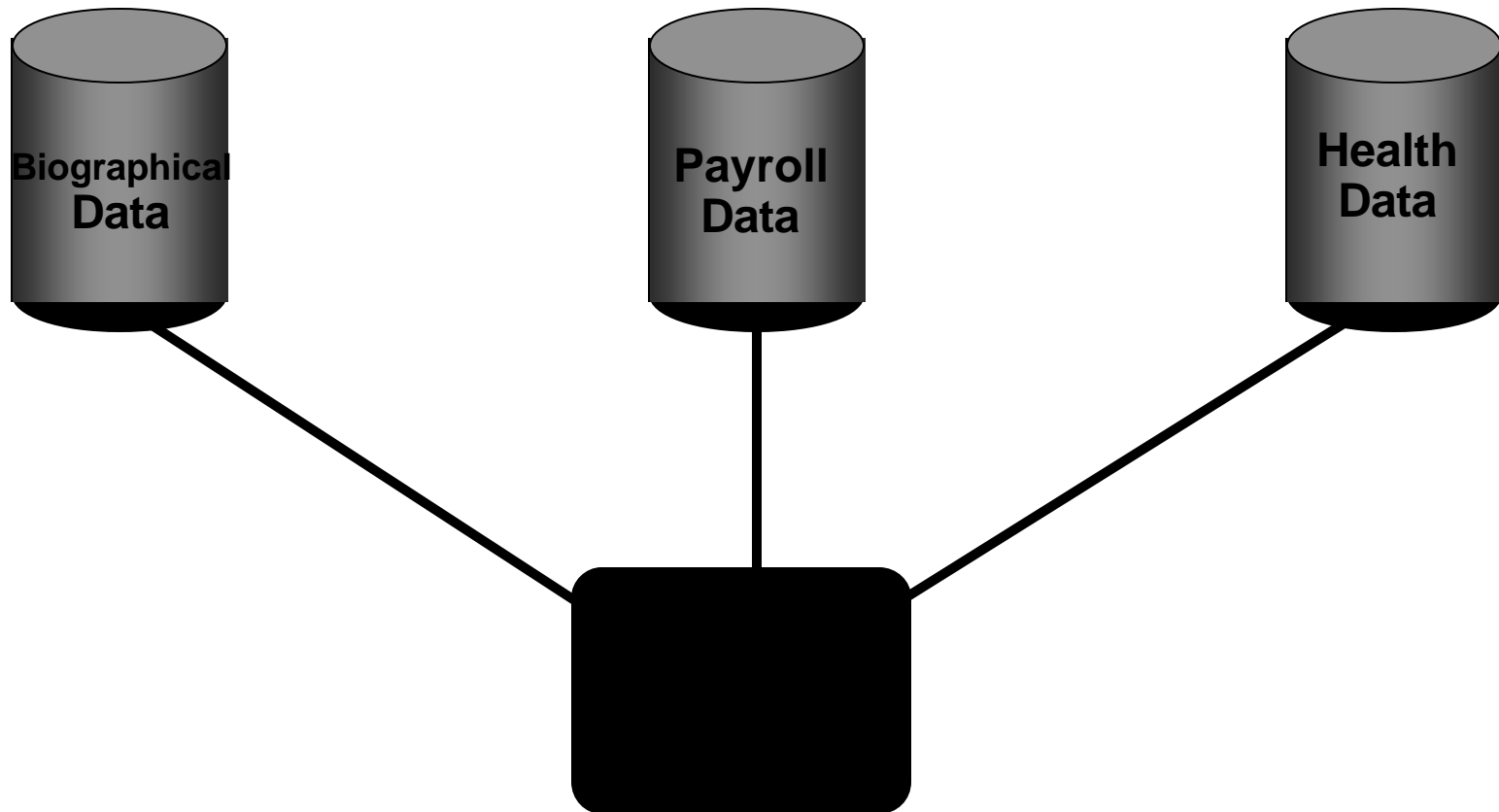
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## Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability



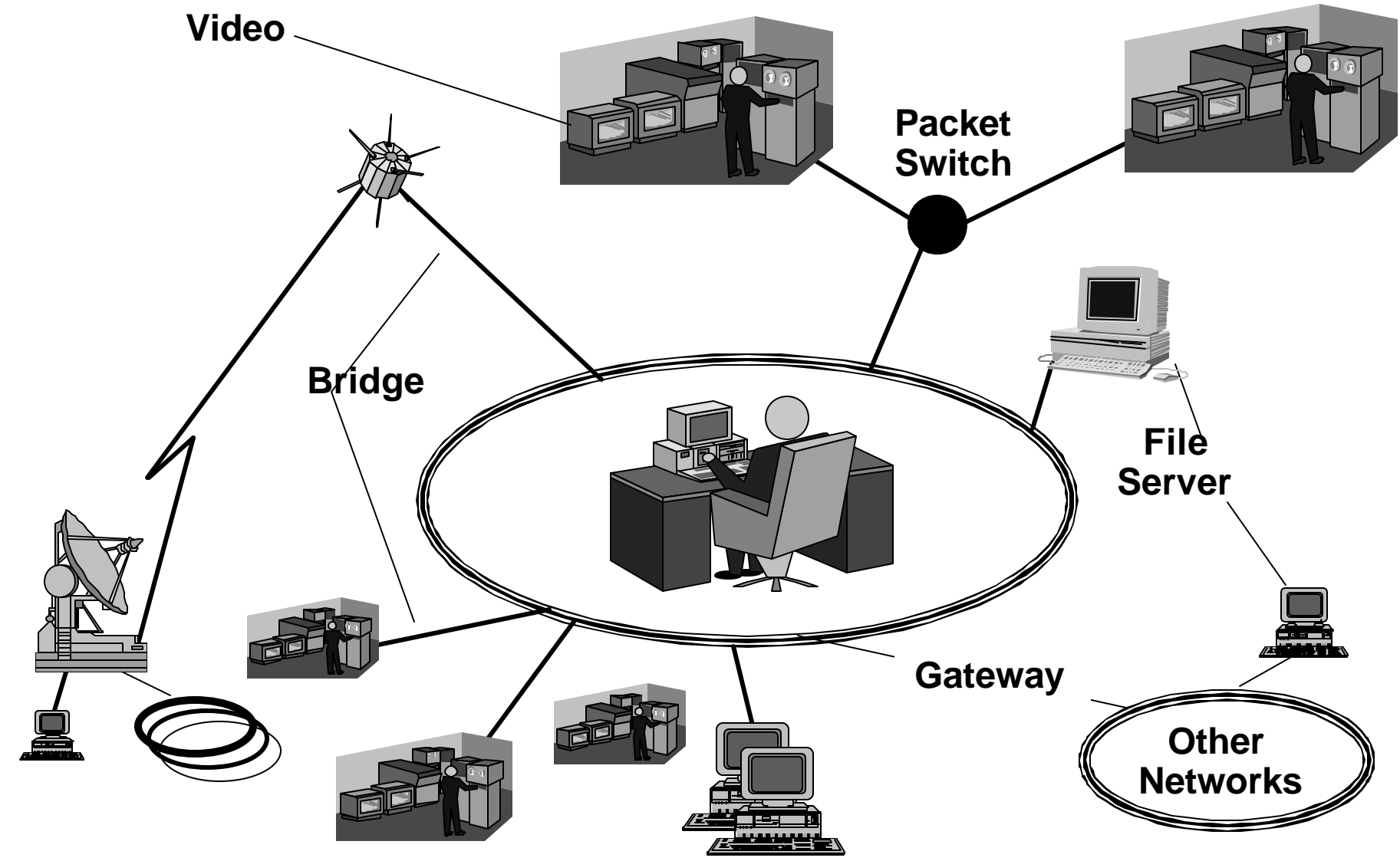
# Current Issues

## Data Aggregation and Sensitivity



# Current Issues

## Inter-connectivity

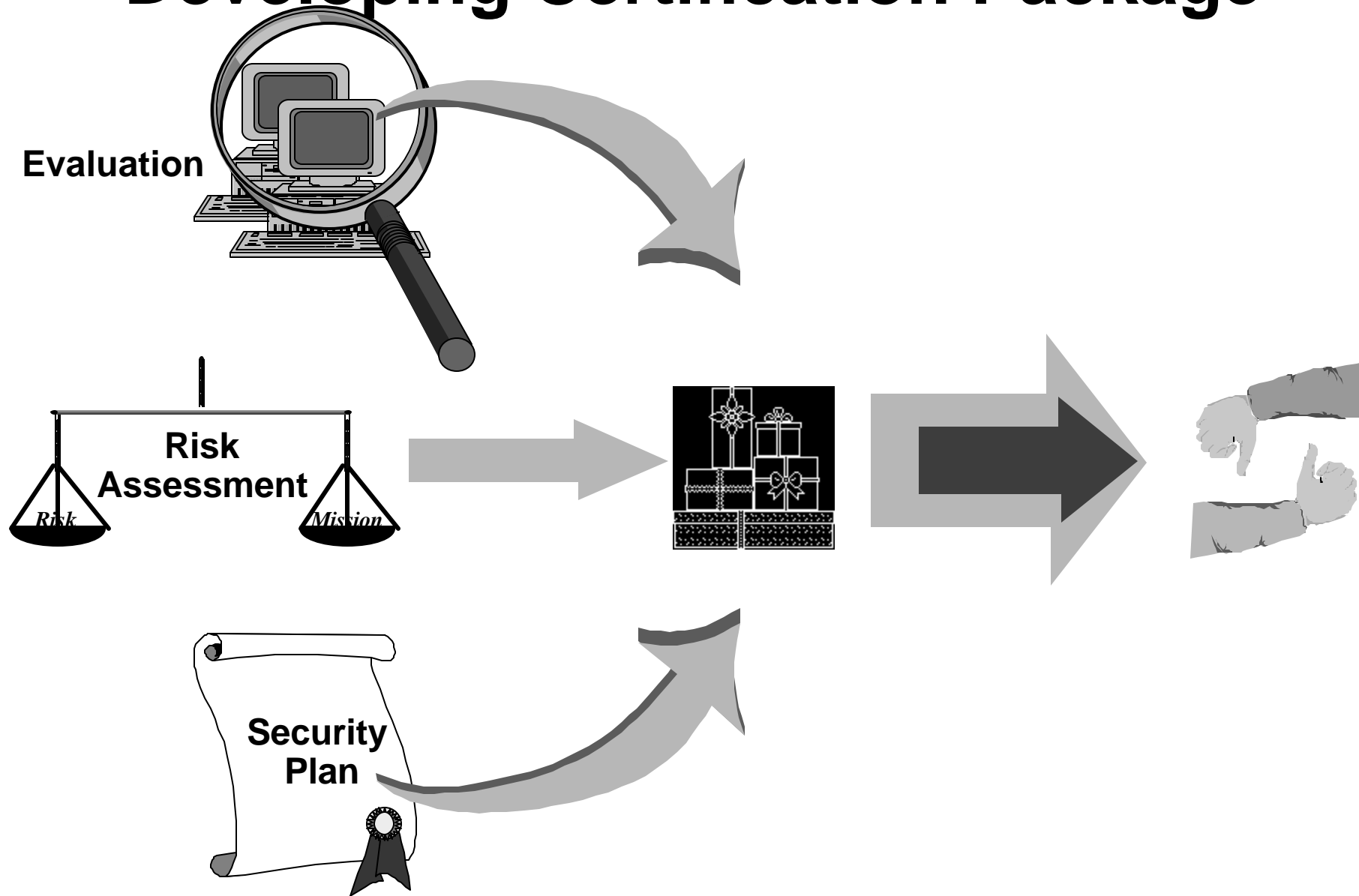


# **Current Issues**

## **Common Misconceptions**

- **Computer Security Deters Only Criminals**
- **Implementation and Costs are Prohibitive**
- **Applies Only to Classified Systems**
- **Virus Protection is the Only Reason**
- **Once Secure — Always Secure**
- **Encryption Is The Solution**
- **“The Great Computer Chip”**

# Developing Certification Package



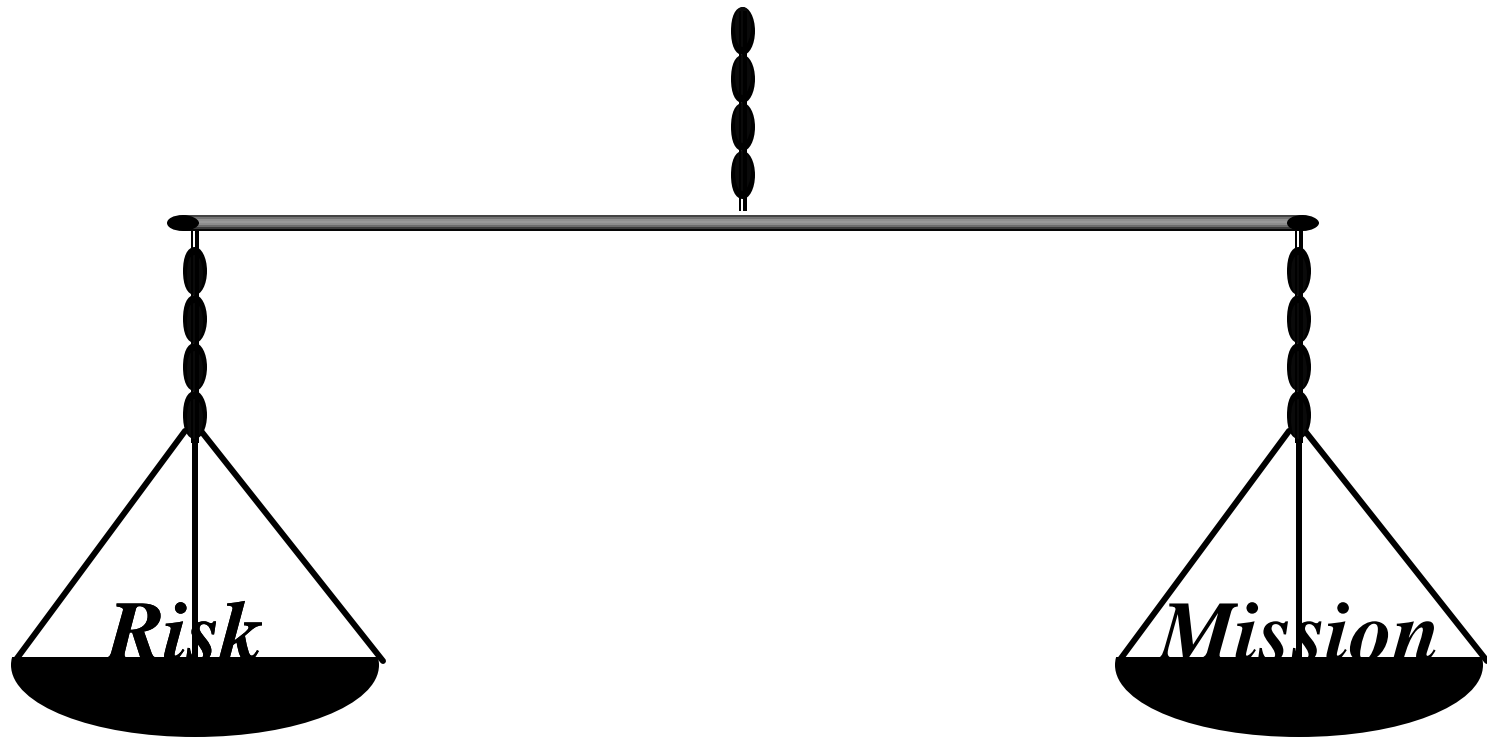
# EVALUATION

## Evaluation Involves Technical Assessment Of:

- The Hardware,
- The Software and
- The Procedures Which Meet A Specific Policy.



# Risk Management



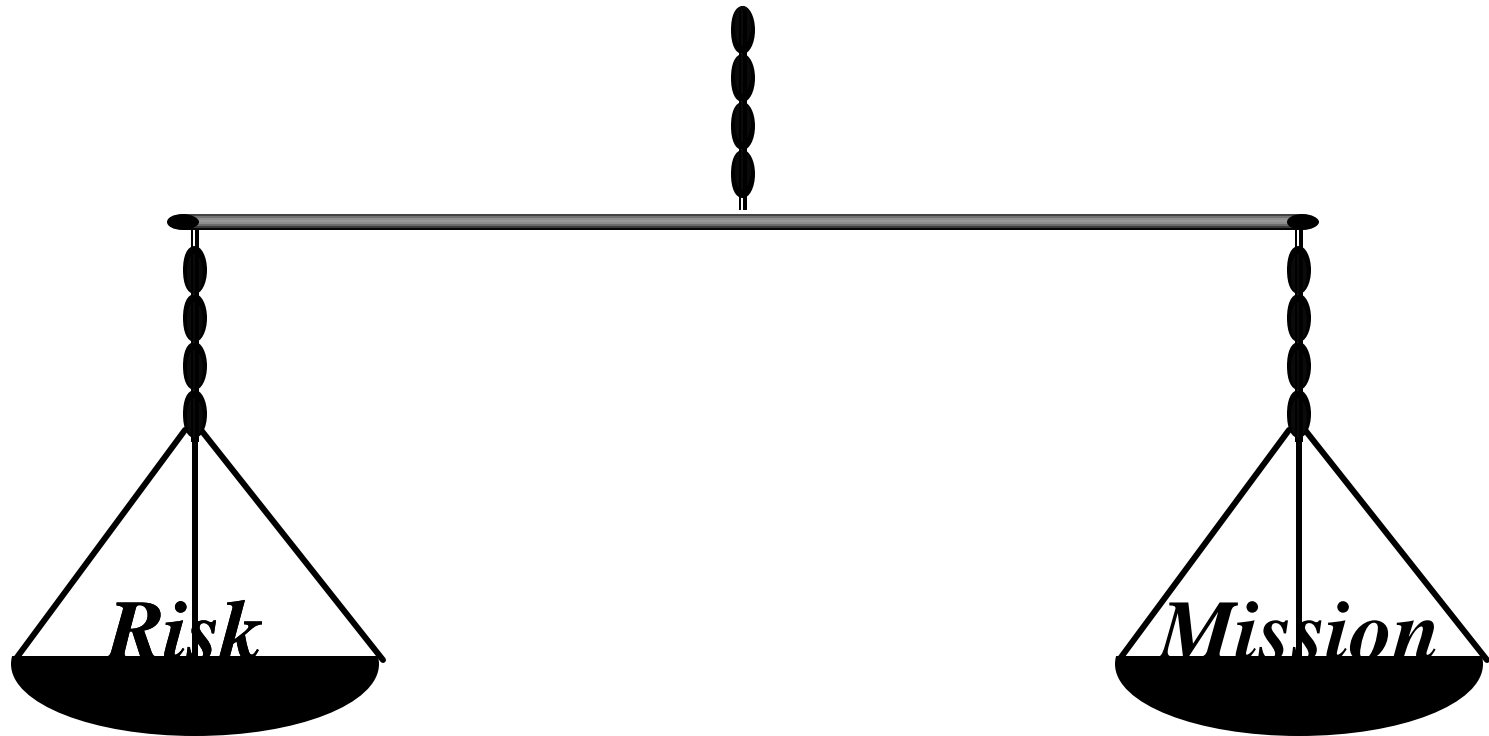
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# LIST OF POSSIBLE ASSETS

- **Hardware**
  - **Physical Items**
  - **Firmware Updates**
- **Software**
  - **Operating System**
  - **Application**
- **Personnel**
  - **Operators & System Maintainers**
  - **Users - Direct/Indirect**
- **Data & Information**
  - **Collection**
  - **Storage**
  - **Stages of Process**
  - **Replacement Value**
  - **Current Worth**
    - » **Short Term**
    - » **Long Term**

# Risk Management

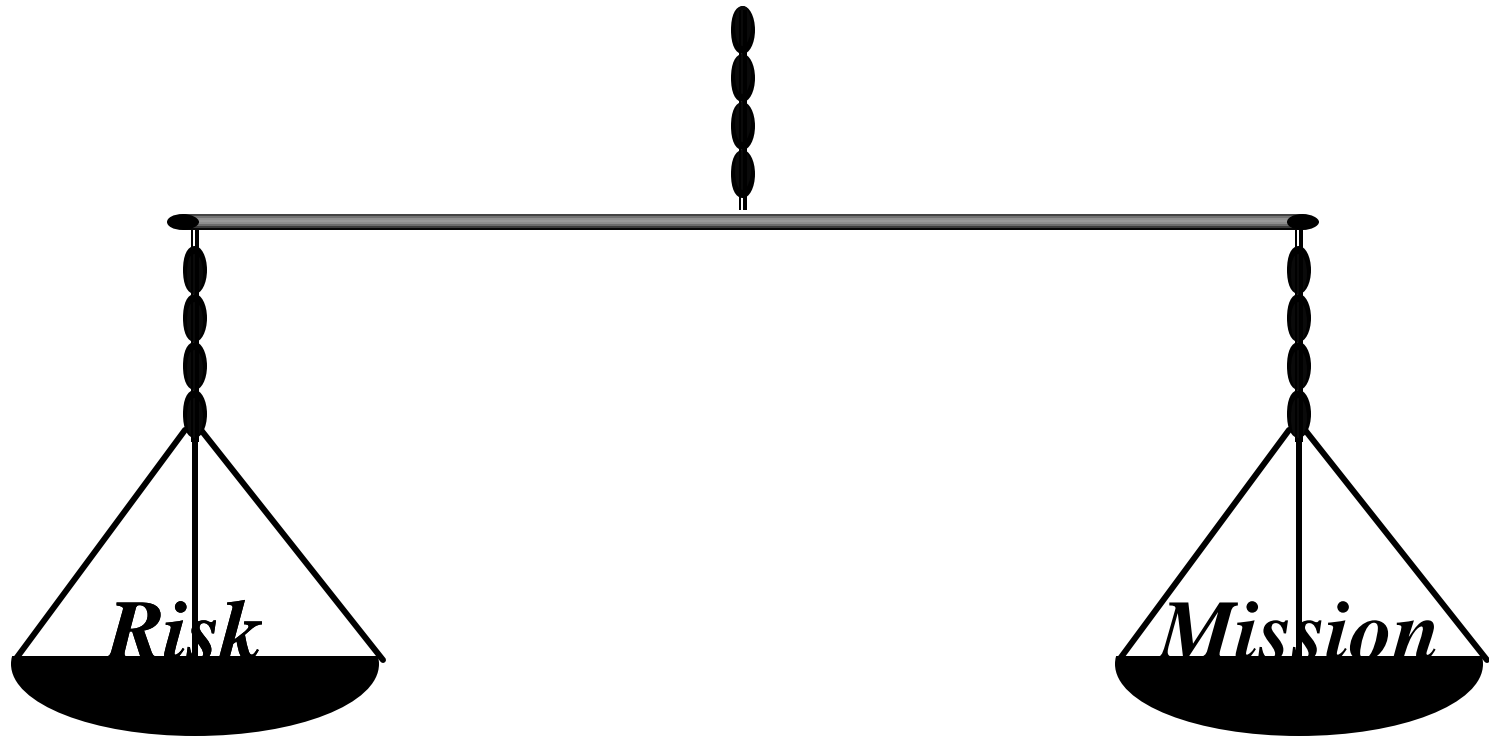


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# THREATS TO COMPUTER SYSTEMS

- **Threats By People**
  - Unintentional Employee Action 50-60%
  - Intentional Employee Action 15-20%
  - Outside Actions 1- 3%
- **Physical & Environmental Threats**
  - Fire Damage 10-15%
  - Water Damage 5-10%
  - Electrical Fluctuations 1- 5%
  - Natural Disaster 1%
- **Other 5-10%**

# Risk Management

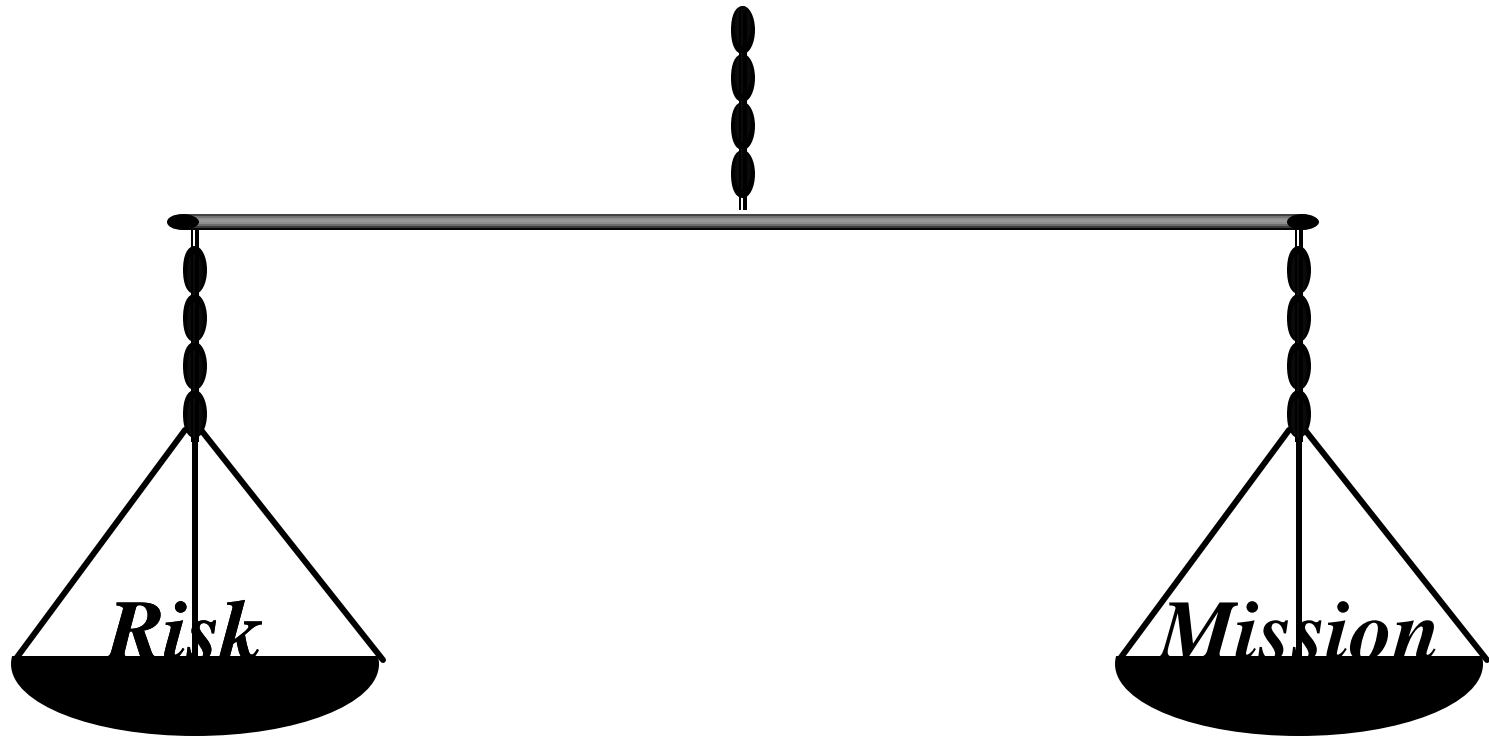


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# PC VULNERABILITIES

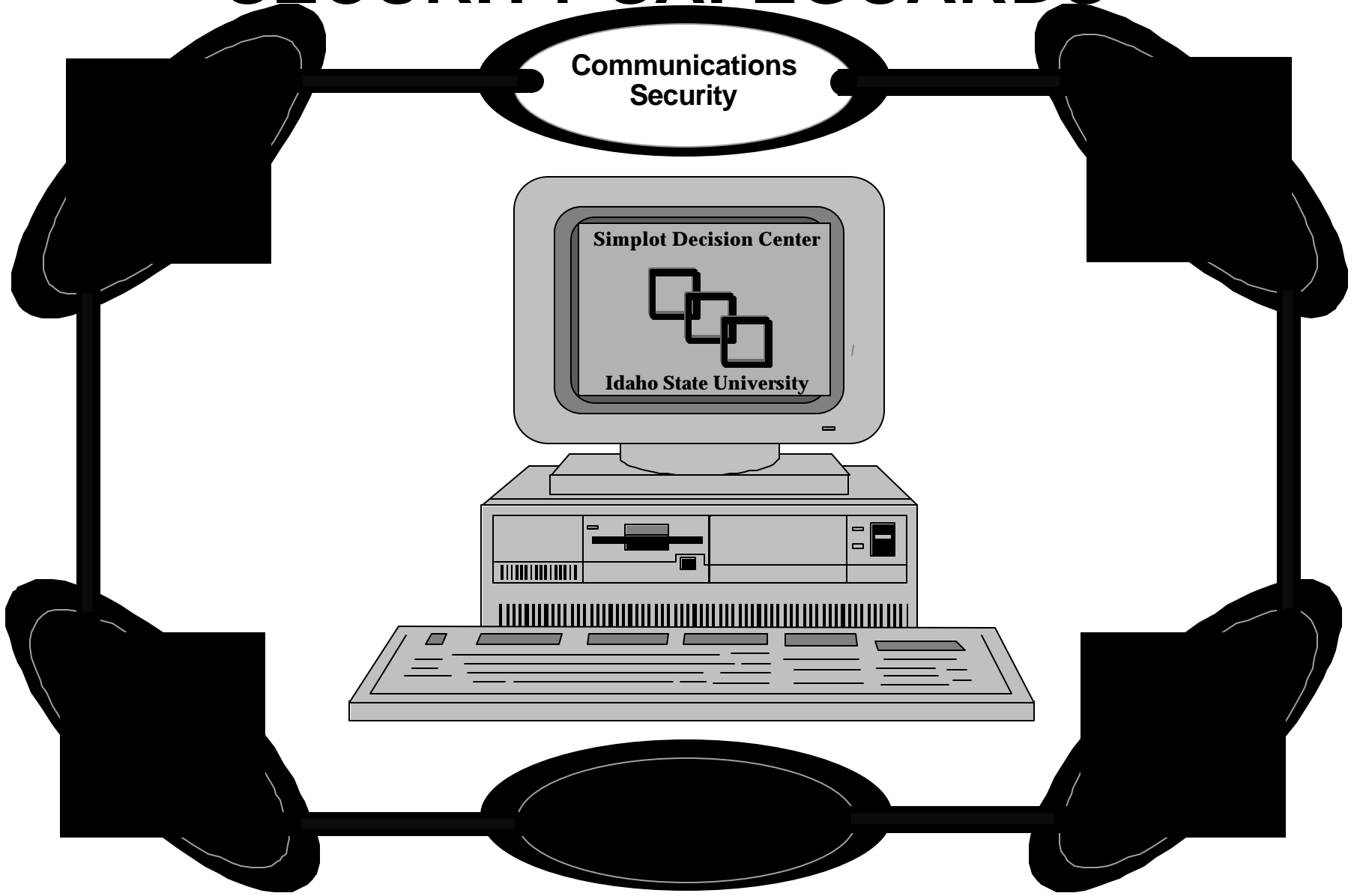
- **Increasing Number Of Systems**
- **Physical Awareness**
- **Lack of Built-in Security Mechanisms**  
(Access Control)
- **Available Operating System Code**
- **Easily Transportable**
- **Lack of User Training and Awareness**
- **Local Area Network Accessibility**

# Risk Management



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# SECURITY SAFEGUARDS



# When Is Risk Management Important?

## Life Cycle Phases



**Design and Development**

**Fabrication and Production**

**Acquisition and Procurement**

**Test and Evaluation**

**Shipping and Delivery**

**Operations**

**Maintenance**

**Obsolescence and Removal**



# Risk Management

- **Why risk management is important should be obvious.**
  - **The purpose is to keep classified or sensitive information - Confidential, with full Integrity and Available at all time.**
- **When does Risk Management occur?**
  - **From the beginning of the system design (a twinkle in the engineer's eye) to the time the system is thrown out and destroyed.**
- **Security must be an integral part of the entire Life Cycle**
  - **You will save money and time if  
SECURITY IS NOT RETRO\FITTED**

# Security Plan

- **The Plan Must**
  - **Identify All Actions Needed To Implement Security Safeguards**
  - **Cite All Applicable Laws, Policies and Regulations**
  - **Describe Degree of Compliance With Regulations**
  - **Provide For A Review and Revision Process**

# Security Plan

**Executive Summary**

**Table of Contents**

**I. Introduction**

**A. General**

**B. Security Management**

**C. System Overview**

**II. Computing Facility**

**Description/Configuration**

**III. System Description**

**A. System Configuration**

**B. Hardware Description**

**C. Software Description**

**IV. System Accesses and Ops.**

**A. System Access**

**B. System Preparation**

**C. Data Process**

**D. Mode Termination**

**V. System Audit**

**A. Manual**

**B. Automated**

**VI. Media and Hdw Control**

**A. Control and Accountability**

**B. Sanitization**

**C. Maintenance**

**VII. A. Concept of Ops.**

**B. Duties**

**C. Virus Protection**

**VIII. Policy**

**A. Introduction**

**B. Applicable Documents**

**C. Compliance**

**IX. Documentation & Training**

**A. Documentation**

**B. Security Training**

# Certification

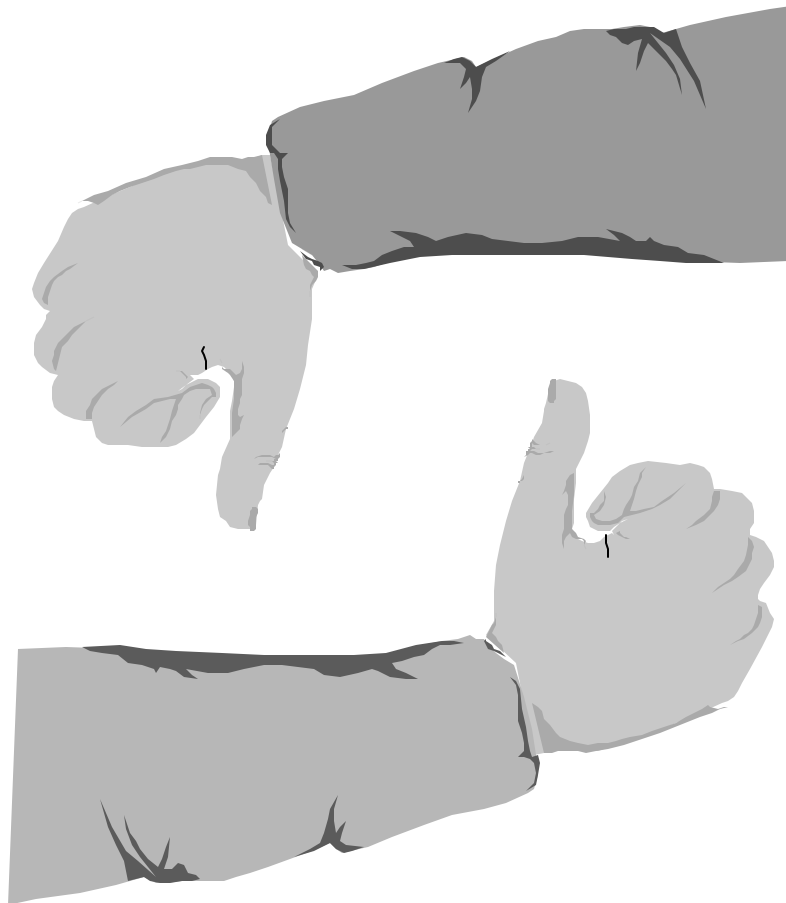
- **A Comprehensive Assessment Of The Evaluation, Risk Assessment And Security Plan To Determine If The Computer System/Network Meets A Set Of Specified Security Criteria.**

# Certification Package

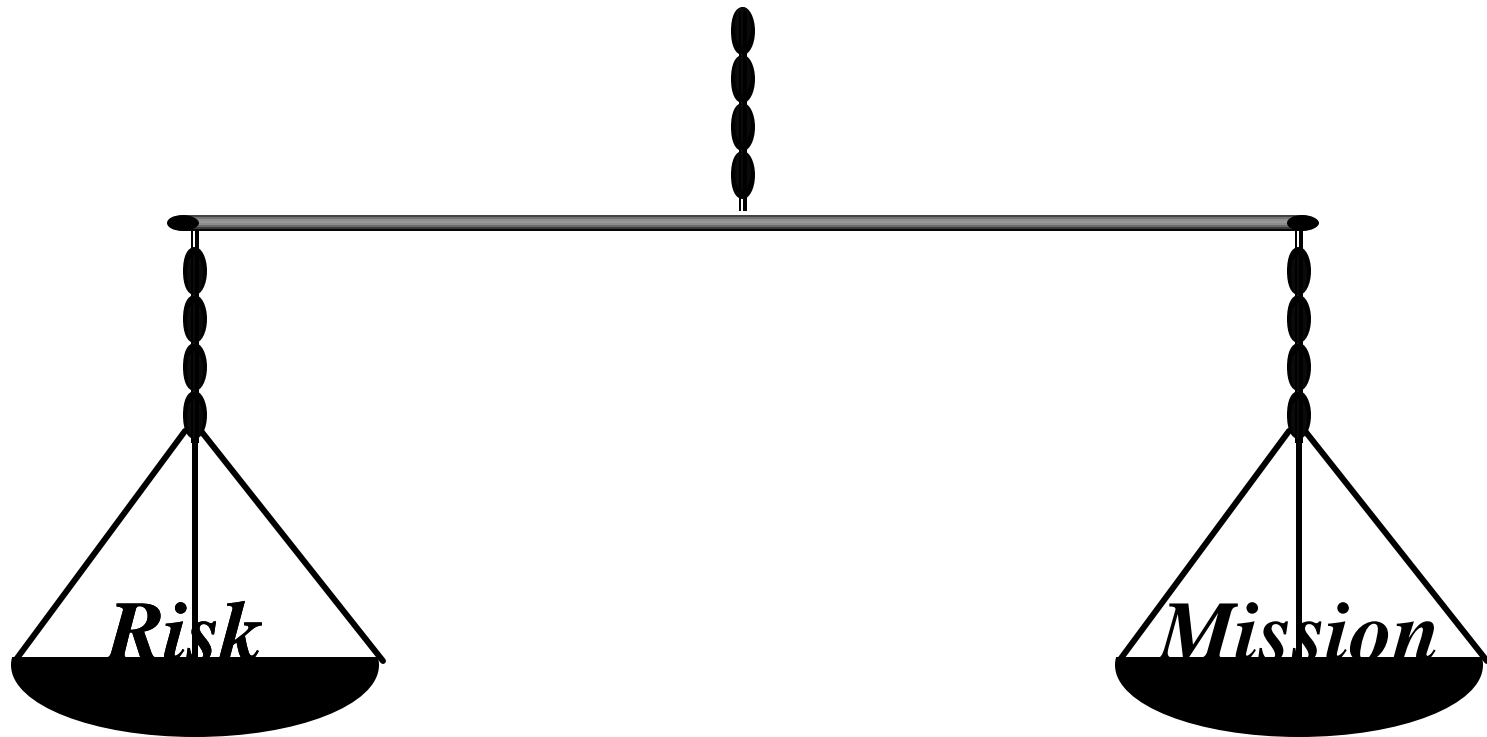
- **Certification Memorandum**
- **Evaluation Report**
- **Risk Analysis Document**
- **System and Network Security Plan**
  - **System Interconnect MOUs**
  - **Security Certification Documents**  
(Physical, Tempest, COMSEC, Personnel)

# Accreditation

- **The Official Management Decision To Operate A System**



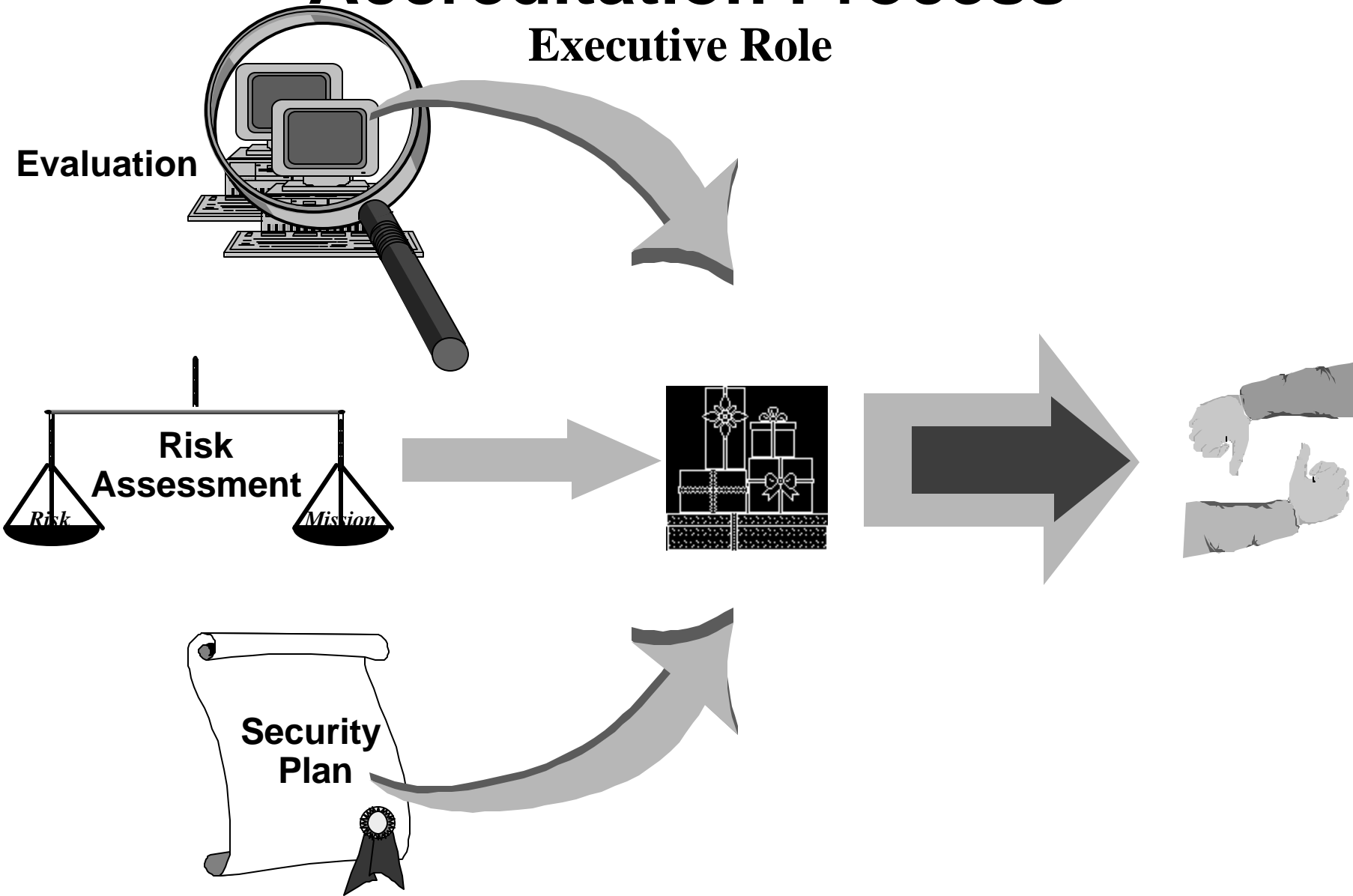
# DAA Accreditation Decision Risk Management



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# Accreditation Process

## Executive Role







# **Level 1 Executive Action Items**

- **Validate Number and Function of Systems**
- **Appoint Accreditor To Each System/Network**
- **Advise Certifier**
- **Appoint Security Officer To Each System/Network**
- **Assign Responsibility and Deadline for Certification Package of Each System**

# **Level 2 Executive Action Items**

- **Appoint Program Manager**
- **Determine Boundary For Each System/Network**
- **Assign Responsibility For Evaluation**
- **Develop Security Policy For Each System/Network**
- **Assign Organizational Responsibility To:**
  - **Security Tasking**
  - **Configuration Management Tasking**
  - **Mission and Function Tasking**

# **Level 3 Executive Action Items**

- **Prepare Program Management Plan  
(Include Security Plan)**
- **Implement Security Policy**
- **Verify And Validate Dates for Certification  
Package And Assign Personnel**
- **Develop And Implement Risk Analysis**
- **Evaluate and Monitor Resource Expenditures**

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