

# The Do's and Don'ts of Vendor Risk Management

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# Agenda

- The “Risk” of Third Parties
  - Third-Party Breaches
  - Reducing the Inherent Risk
- Understanding Third-Party Risk
  - The Impact of a Third-Party Breach
  - Defining the Types of Risk
- Managing Third-Party Risk
  - Inherent Risk and Business Risk
  - Matching Security Assessment Level to Risk
- Changing the Paradigm
  - Standardized Assessments by Type of Service
  - Automation of Process



# Common Industry Challenge

- Growing Problem
  - Sheer Volume
  - Costly Third-Party Due-Diligence
  - Global Regulatory Requirements
  - Data and Privacy Security Breaches
  - Fiduciary Board - Top of Mind
- Current Practice
  - Costly Manual On-Site Audits
  - Duplication of Efforts
  - No Standard of Due Care
  - No Trusted Third-Party Assessor



# Third-Party Breaches



**51%**  
of All Breaches  
Come from Third  
Parties<sup>(1)</sup>

**The Cost of a Breach  
at a Third Party is  
Higher than an  
Internal Breach <sup>(2)</sup>**



Responding is more complex  
and time consuming

Your are not in control of the  
response or communications





# Case Study

## Can Sensitive Data Be Eliminated?



Project to  
Review All  
Outbound Data

More Than 80% of Data  
Being Sent had Additional  
Information Not Required  
for the Services

**#1 Reason?**

# Third-Party Targeted Attacks



## Third-Party Attacks

### Target of Opportunity

Breach a major supplier and you gain access to multiple companies' data

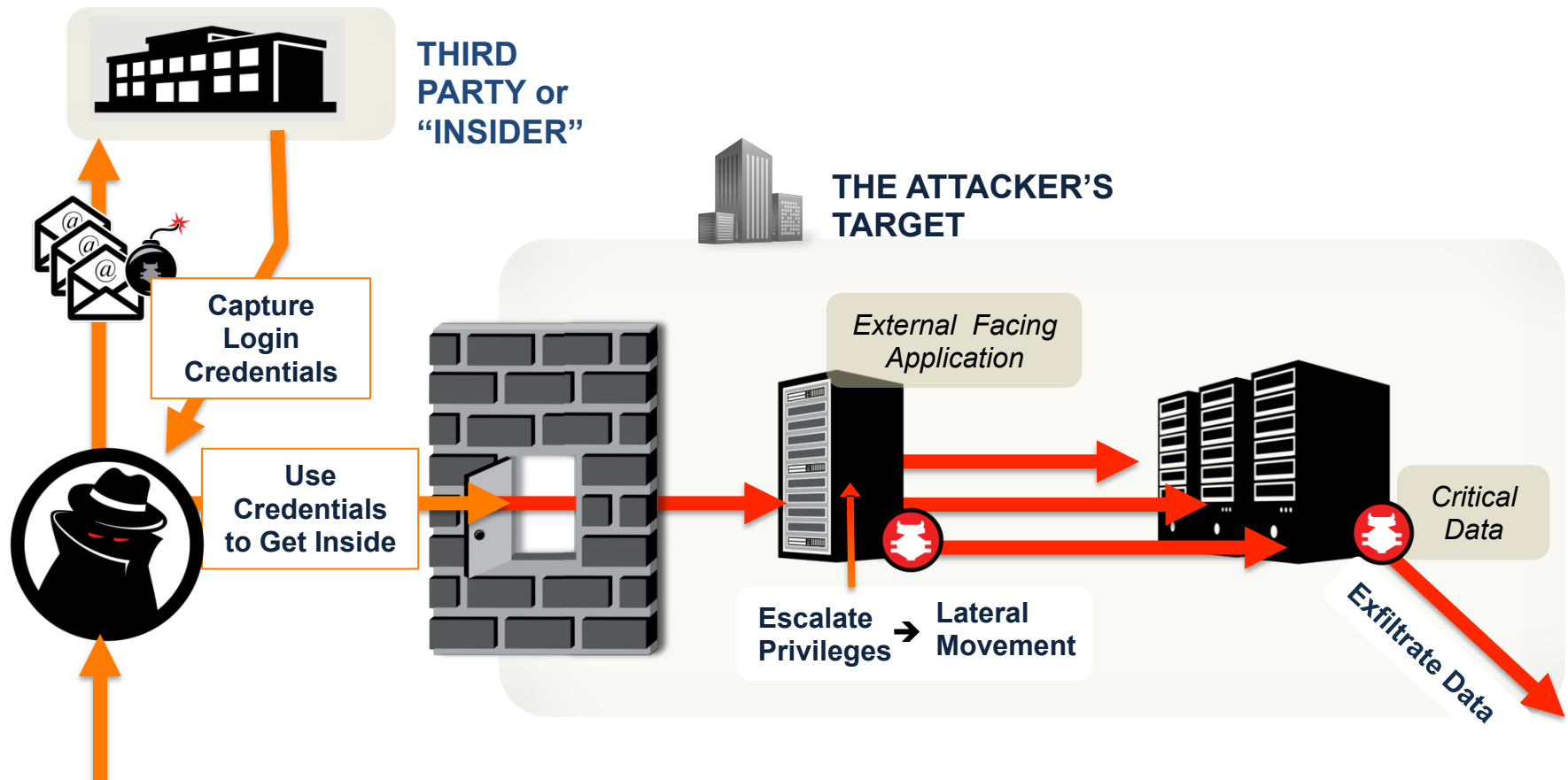
### Global Problem

A supplier anywhere in the world can be the cause of, or suffer from a security breach

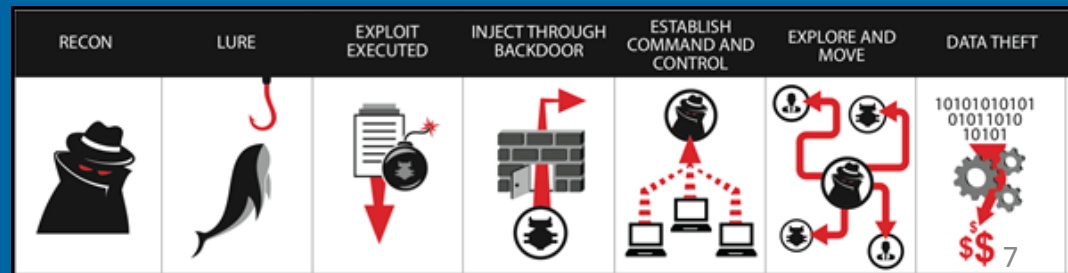
### Economic Conditions

Increased outsourcing and financial stress on third parties can lower defenses

# Exploiting the “Trusted” Third Party



## ACTORS and METHODS:



# Are You Responsible for a Breach at a Third Party?

Customers don't care about your business partners.  
They entrust you with the information.

Consequences:

Loss of Customer Loyalty Litigation

Eroded Share Value Brand Damage

Increased Scrutiny Lawsuits Higher Audit Costs

# The Beginning of a Bad Day

*CEO reads in the news that a major third-party provider had a security breach*

Did we do a recent security review?

**NO**

Do we have insurance to cover the costs?

**NO**

Do we outsource to this third party?

**YES**

Have we contacted our regulators?

**NO**

Are we prepared to respond to the media, our customers and the board of directors?

**NO**

Have we been contacted by the media?

**YES**

# UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS



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# Complexities in the Relationships

Vendor  
Management

Risk  
Management

Business  
Stakeholder

Legal and  
Compliance

Information  
Security

## Third-Party Exposure

### Inherit Risk Exposure

- Financial Exposure
- Information Exposure
- Regulatory Exposure
- Availability Exposure
- Quality Exposure
- Contract Exposure
- Performance Exposure

## Third-Party Performance

### Third-Party Interruption Risk

- Natural disasters
- Terrorist attack
- Solvency
- M&A

### Scorecards

- Performance Scorecard
- 360 Third-Party Scorecard

## Regulatory Compliance

### Regulatory

- GLBA
- HIPAA-HiTech
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Local, State, and International Regulations

### Diversity

- Minority Ownership
- Veterans
- Small Business
- Equal Opportunities

## Information Security / Privacy

### Confidential Information Protection

- ISO27001/2
- NIST
- HIPAA CFR164
- Shared Assessments Program
- Payment Card Industry (PCI)

### Global Privacy Requirements

- Generally Accepted Privacy Principles



# Planning, Managing and Reporting



## Planning

- Steps to take to understand the inherent risk in the third-party base



## Managing

- How to effectively manage the residual risk of your third parties



## Reporting

- Reporting on third-party risk management process



# Third-Party Types of Risk



Strategic:

*Adverse business impact*



Reputation:

*Negative public opinion*



Operational:

*Failed internal processes, people, or systems*



Transactional:

*Problems with service or product delivery*



Financial:

*Unable to meet contractual arrangements*



Compliance:

*Violations of laws, regulations, or internal policies*



Foreign:

*Country, culture, geopolitical or foreign currency*

# Third-Party Contracts



Security Service  
Level  
Agreement

Restrictions on  
Outsourcing

Breach  
Notification

Security Safeguards

Right to  
Audit

Indemnification,  
Cyber Insurance, etc.

# Managing Third-Party Risk



# Third-Party Risk Process

**1**

- Regulatory or Contract Exposure
- Data Exposure
- Business Process Exposure

**2**

- Financial Strength
- Geopolitical / Country Risk
- Breach History or Indication

**3**

- Standardized, Service Type
- ISO27001/NIST
- HIPAA/STAR

**4**

- Electronic Validation
- Onsite Validation
- Control Evidence

**5**

- Changes in Relationship
- Changes in Business
- Changes in Controls





# Relationship Exposure Inventory

## The First Question:

*“What data of ours was breached?”*



- Relationship Exposure Inventory – Risk Registry
  - Maintain a relationship list (type and quantity)
- Relationship “Creep”
  - Due diligence is performed during the first contract
  - Relationship grows over time
  - Increased liability without updating the risk exposure metrics

# Business Profile Risk

- Purpose: Who is The Third Party?
- Understand the Risk of Doing Business With Third Party
  - Financial Strength/Credit Risk
  - Regulatory Oversight
  - Geopolitical/Economic Risk
  - Business Risk
  - Breach History, Crime, Legal Suit
- Most often performed outside of Information Security

# Mapping Risk Tiers

Tier 1 

Tier 2 

Tier 3 

## Relationship Risk

Strategic Risk	High	Medium	Low
Reputational Risk	High	Medium	Low
Transaction Risk	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Compliance Risk	High	Medium	Low
Data Privacy Risk	High	Medium	Low

## Business Profile Risk

Credit Risk	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Country Risk	High	Medium	Low
Other Risks	High	Medium	Low

# Risk Tiers Based on Inherent Risk

Inherent Risk is a Function of Relationship and Profile Risk

Match the Level of Due Diligence to Inherent Risk

## Tier 1



- Strategic accounts (high revenue dependence)
- Regulatory/contract requirements
- High reputation risk
- “Trusted” relationships

## Tier 2



- Lower volume with no or minimal sensitive data
- Lower revenue risk
- Business operations risk
- Some business profile risk

## Tier 3



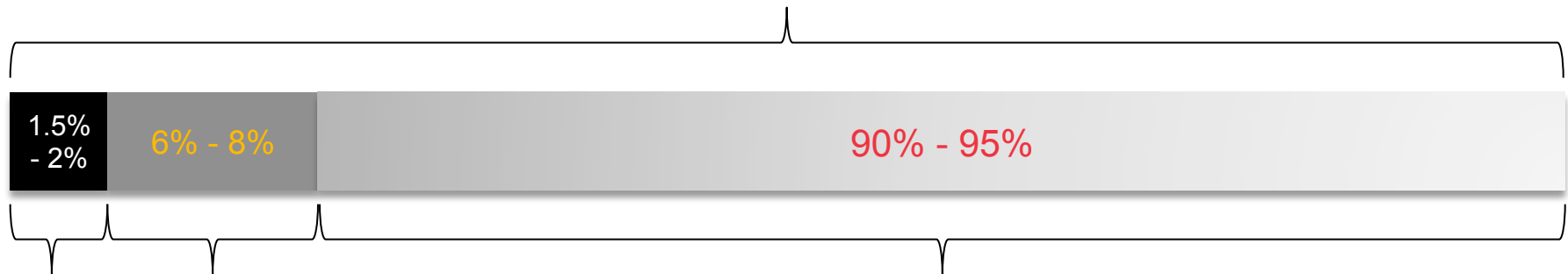
- No sensitive data
- Minimal reputation risk
- Minimal or no revenue dependence
- “Trusted” relationship with low-level access



# Third-Party Risk – Current Situation

- On April 5, *USA Today* published results from survey of 40 banks and found:
  - 30% don't require third-party vendors to notify of security breach
  - Less than 50% conduct onsite assessments of third-parties
  - Approximately 20% do not conduct on-site assessments of service providers

## Average Enterprise Has 1000s of Third Parties



**Tier 1**



**Tier 2**



**Tier 3**



# Control Assessments

## Standardized Assessments



- Match Due-Diligence to Risk and Type of Service
  - Full Assessment - Large
  - Full Assessment - Light
  - Cloud Computing
  - Application Development
  - Call Center
  - Small Office
  - Single Person Office
- No Ambiguity
  - How You Ask Questions is as Important as What You Ask

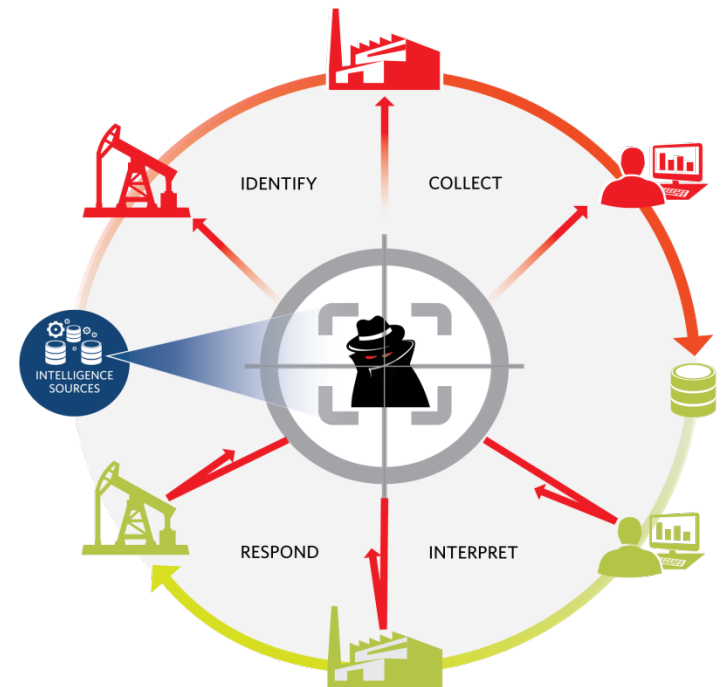
# Control Standards

- ISO27001/2 Standard
  - 12 key controls that encompass security practices
- NIST
  - Cybersecurity framework
  - NIST SP 800-161 supply chain risk
- HIPAA/HITECH/Omnibus
  - Security rule CFR 164.306 – CFR 164.316
  - Requires business associates comply
- PCI Standard
  - Comprehensive requirements consisting of 12 rules
  - Requires institutions to ensure third parties also PCI certified

# Validating IT Controls

- Onsite Third-Party Validation
  - Costly and time prohibitive
- SSAE16 SOC 2
  - A SSAE16 SOC 2 provides information pertaining to the IT controls that has been certified by an accredited firm

*Tip: Make sure the scope match the services being provided.*
- Third-Party Breach Intelligence
  - Service that monitors for bad traffic on the internet



# Tier 1 Due Diligence

## Fully Validated



### Tier 1 Assessments

- Self Attest of Controls
- Validate (not a complete list)
  - Security policies
  - Incident response plan and procedures
  - Detection and monitoring systems (e.g. SEIM, SOC)
  - Business continuity/disaster recovery plan and test results
  - Vulnerability management procedures and sample reports
  - Security awareness, training and completion log
  - Last independent security assessment - status of high risks



*Tip: Multiple sites and outsourcing by third party significantly increases level of effort*

# Tier 1 Due Diligence

## Fully Validated

- **Minimum Documentation**

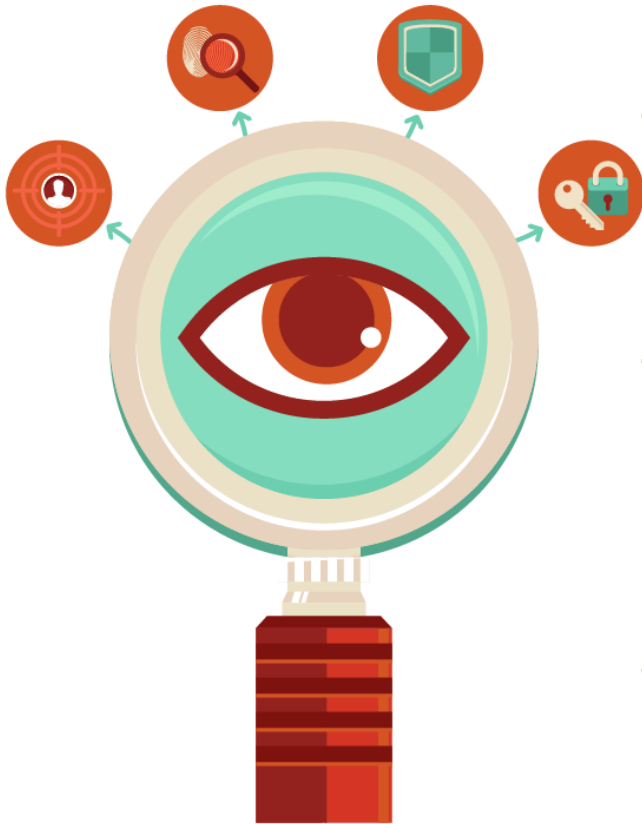
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- Information security org chart and job descriptions
- Incident response plan and procedures
- Business continuity/disaster recovery test results
- Vulnerability management and sample reports
- Security awareness and training materials and log
- Independent security assessment results and current status of high risks
- Evidence in any area of controls that are critical to the success of the project or suspicion from prior answers

# Define Validation Plan

## Fully Validated

- Validation
  - What are the controls of most concern?
  - How can I verify they are functioning properly?
  - What kind of evidence can they produce?
  - What is acceptable and what is not?

# What to Watch For



- **Response Red Flags**

- “Sorry I can’t give you that. It is confidential.”
- “I’ll send it to you after our legal review.”

- **People Red Flags**

- Evasive answers -Shifty eyes.
- Long explanations.

- **Governance Red Flags**

- No formal training and awareness program.
- Security organization is a side job, no executive oversight.

- **Security Technology Red Flags**

- Vulnerability management is not fully implemented.
- Threat management is incomplete or nonexistent.
- No IM, privileged access, two-factor authentication.



# Tier 2 and 3 Assessments

## Partially Validated



### Tier 2 Assessments

Self Attest of Controls

Electronic Validation

- Policies
- Access Management
- Vulnerability Management
- Threat Management
- Penetration Tests
- Endpoint Management



### Tier 3 Assessments

Self Attest of Controls

- Review Responses
- Random Audit

# Due Diligence Frequency

- Match Due Diligence to the Associated Risk
  - **Tier One**
    - Annual – Fully Validated Controls Assessment
    - Quarterly – Penetration and Vulnerability Scan Results
    - Monthly – Touch Base For Incident Response and Contact Management
  - **Tier Two**
    - Annual – Validation of Primary Controls
    - Monthly – Incident Response Contact Management
  - **Tier Three**
    - Annual – Self Assessment and Random Audits When Possible
    - Monthly – Incident Response Contact Management

# Remediation Plan

- Third Party Not Meeting Required Standards
  - Does control deficiency impact services?
  - Provide third-party list of required improvements and dates
  - Third party will:
    - Commit
    - Require additional time
    - Reject
  - Remediation plan – agreed upon improvements
    - Trigger follow-up

# When to Review



During the RFP  
Process



When the Relationship  
Changes



When a Regulation  
Changes



When the Business  
Profile Risk Changes



At Least Annually

# Monitoring and Reporting

Ongoing Program To Monitor Quality of Service,  
Financial Condition and Applicable Controls



## Quality of Service

- Overall effectiveness of vendor
- Customer complaints and the resolution

## Risk Management

- Security control reports
- Regulatory compliance
- Business continuity

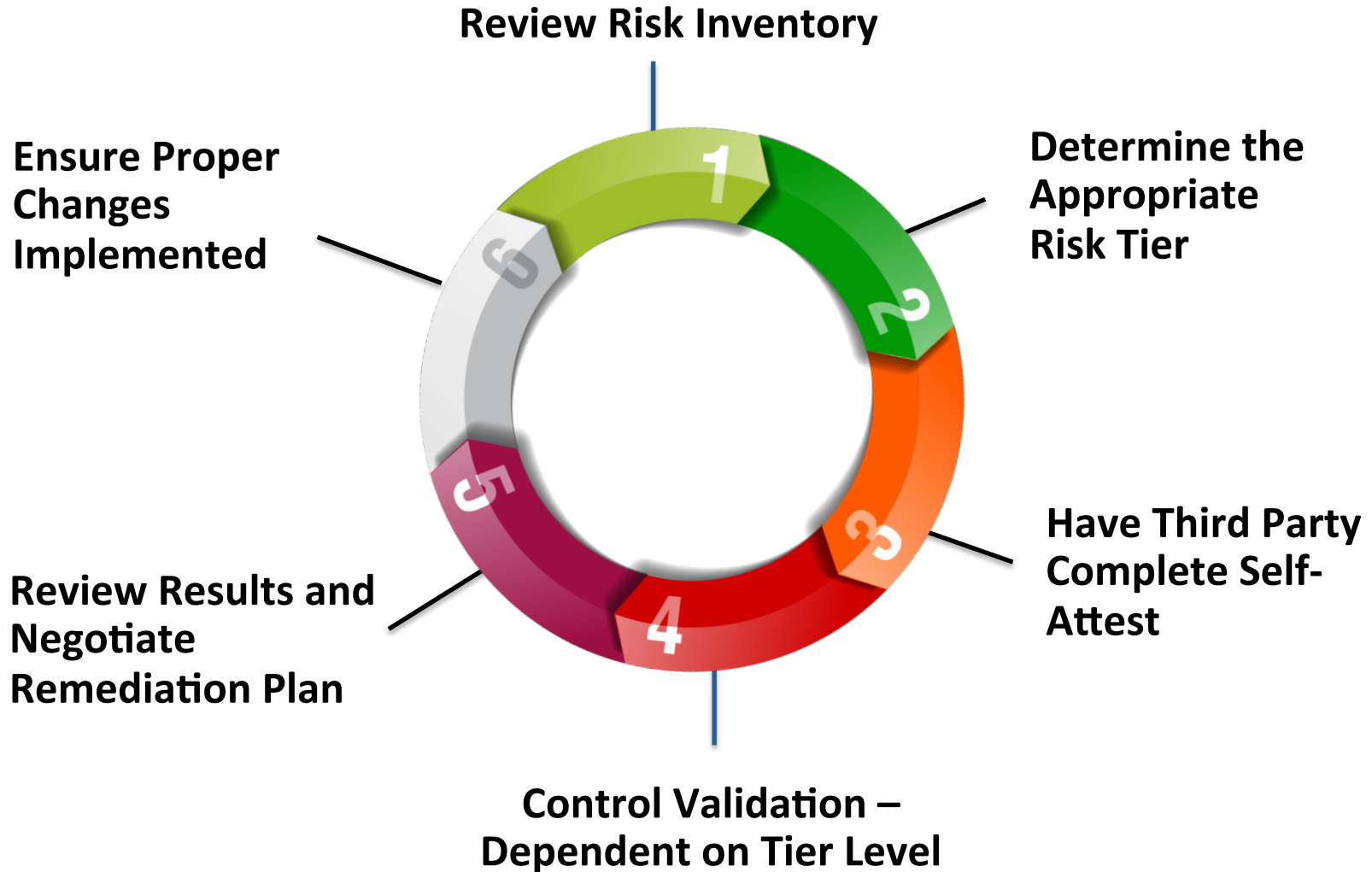
## Financial Condition

- Financial stress
- Insurance coverage
- Change in control (M&A)

## Risk Management Reporting

- Periodic summary report
- Total completed, pending
- Vendors approved, rejected
- Remediation status

# Third-Party Due Diligence Process



# PUTTING IT TO PRACTICE

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# Internet Banking Test Plan



## Change Management

- Authorization
- Emergency Changes
- Back Out



## Access Controls

- ID And Password Management
- Provisioning And Termination
- Remote Access



## Laptops/Desktops

- Encryption
- Antivirus
- Firewalls
- Wireless



## Incident Management

- Cyber Incident Response
- Intrusion Detection
- Electronic Forensics
- Customer Notification



## Mobile and Removable Devices

- Encryption
- Synchronization
- Destruction



## Application Development

- Secure Coding Techniques
- Vulnerability Management
- Testing Security Controls



# Internet Banking Test Plan



## Information Backup

- Schedules
- Retention
- Offsite Storage



## Business Continuity

- Planning
- Testing
- Alternate Sites And Capacity



## Network

- Firewalls and DMZ
- Encryption
- FTP



## Compliance

- Independent Verification
- Regulatory and Industry
- Penetration Testing
  - Network
  - Systems
  - Applications



## Messaging

- Email
- Instant Messaging
- Data Leakage

# Changing the Paradigm

- Inefficient, Cost Prohibitive and Sheer Volume
  - Performing assessments - Often only small percentage assessed
  - Responding to 100's of risk assessments are disruptive takes incredible resources
- Time For a Change!
  - A standard set standard set of criteria that serves 90% of the needs
  - Gather the information once and share many
  - Automate the process of audits and remediation

# How to Apply What You Have Learned

## Within Three Months, You Should:



✓ *Begin due diligence on critical third parties*

✓ *Evaluate your risk inventory and assign risk tier*

✓ *Start slow – Get quick wins*

## Beyond Three Months, Establish:



✓ *A tiered program to evaluate risk*

✓ *A remediation plan to address deficient controls*

✓ *Reporting program*

# Questions?



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