

Metrics that Matter

Help Management with Decision Making and Improve Security Posture of the Organization.

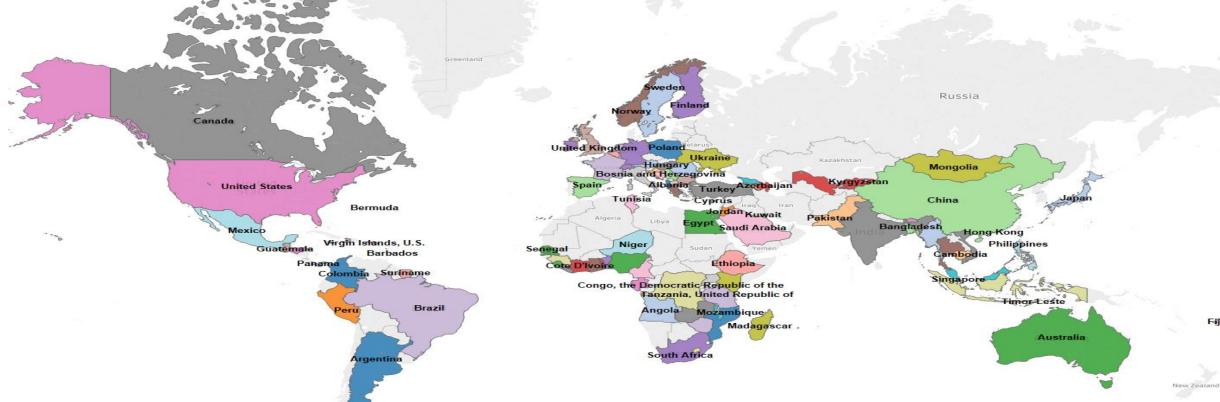
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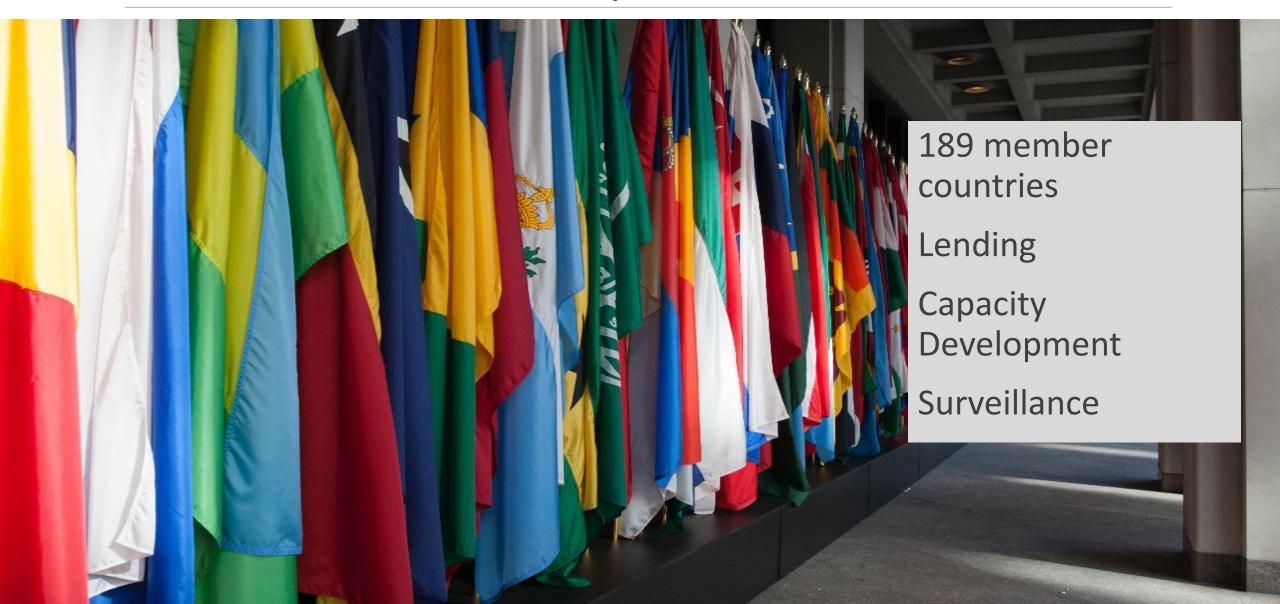
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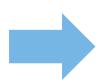
Who We Are and Why Do We Care?





Uneasy Questions

Board, CIO, CISO, ERM, Audit



- How secure are we?
- What is our information security posture today compared to last quarter?
- Do we need to invest more in our current capabilities and people?

CIO, CISO, Operational Management, Business Dept.



- How effective are our controls?
- What are our threats and high risk areas?
- Are we protecting the most valuable assets?
- What is the level of compliance to our security policies?

Operational Teams



- Where should we allocate our resources to address high risk areas?
- Are we meeting our SLA's in addressing incidents and patching?

How to Answer

Multiple systems of information

Relevant

Data collections / cleansing

Lagging and leading

indicators

Manual processing

Manual analysis

Silo reporting

Impactful

Actionable

Different audiences



Our Goal

Where we are & How we Progress

How to Prioritize Decision Making

How to Answer to Questions

- Track & manage risks
- Reduce risk
- Support risk trade-off decision making

- Report on outcome of security investments
- Set targets for performance improvement & monitor
- Help with decision making

- Provide evidence of risk management & compliance
- Underpin risk appetite discussions
- Satisfy stakeholder expectations
- Make the case for funding

Our Proposed Vision

Business Value

- Answers leadership questions
- Transparency
- Context to communicate better
- KRIs

Provides self-service platform that enables decision-making.

Drives cyber hygiene improvements and adds value.

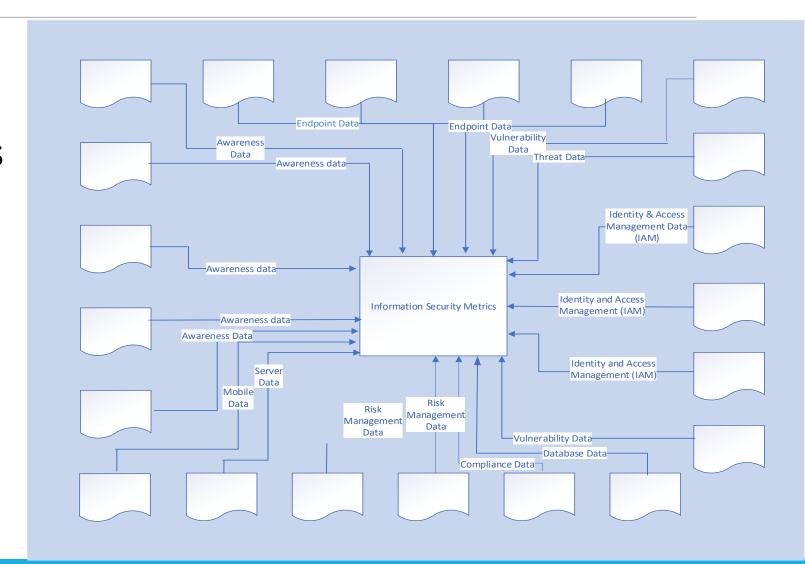
Operational Value

- KPIs measured by SLAs
- Provides drill-down capability
- Uses available data in our environment

Overview of the Information Security Metrics Program (ISMP)

Where Are We Today

- Metrics on 7 domains
- Using 21 source systems
- Monthly reports
- CIO, CISO, Operational Teams, ERM, Audit



How to Start

Define Requirements

- -Identify business objectives
- -Questions to be answered

Identify Data Sources

- -Assets
- -Data owners

Data Collection

- -Data validation
- -Data cleansing
- -Data correlation

Analysis

- -Based on agreed approach
- -Drill-down
- -Consolidated not only silos
- -Repeatable

Reports

- -Focus on story
- -Make it interactive
- -Dashboard
- -Most important metrics

Objectives of the ISMP

The Implementation of an Information Security Metrics Program (ISMP) allows

the organization to:

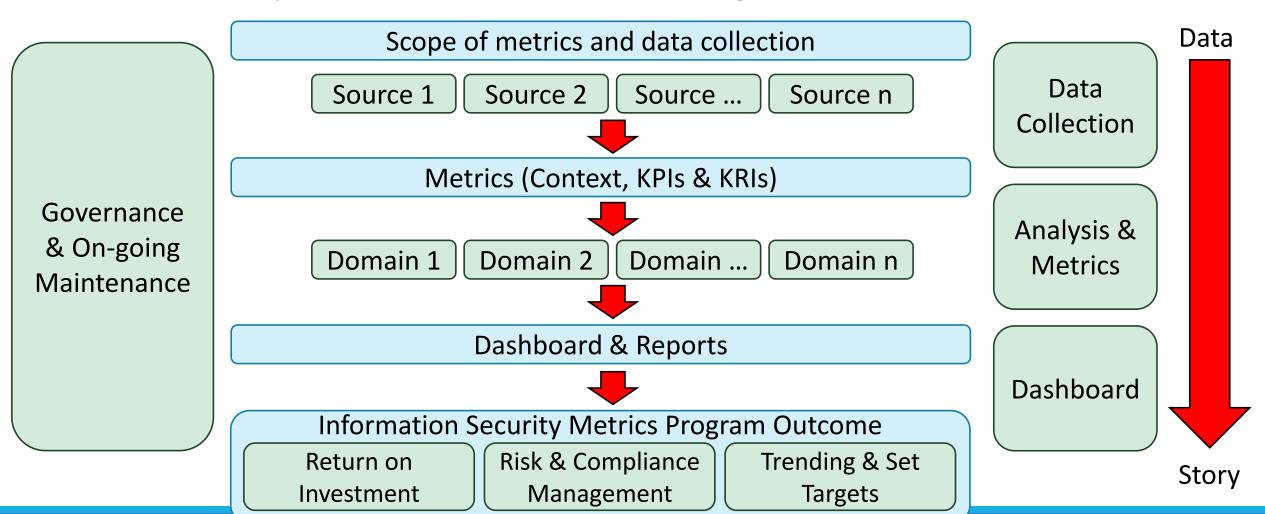
Effectively communicate security posture

- Demonstrate the value of the security investment
- Drive performance improvement
- Help prioritize decision making
- Manage risk and compliance
- Provide quantitative measurements



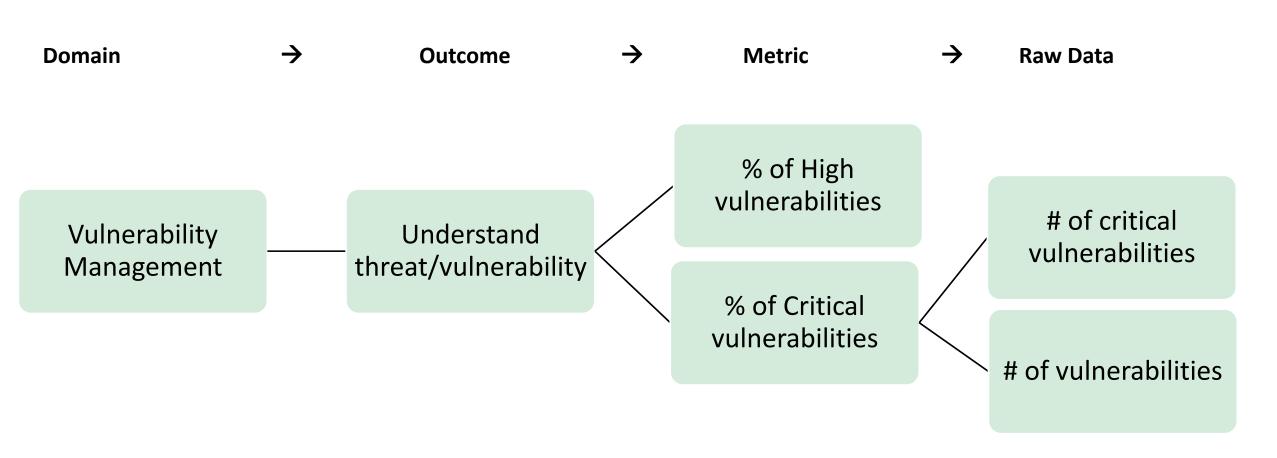
The ISMP Framework

The stakeholder questions can be answered through an ISMP framework below:



Metrics Hierarchy

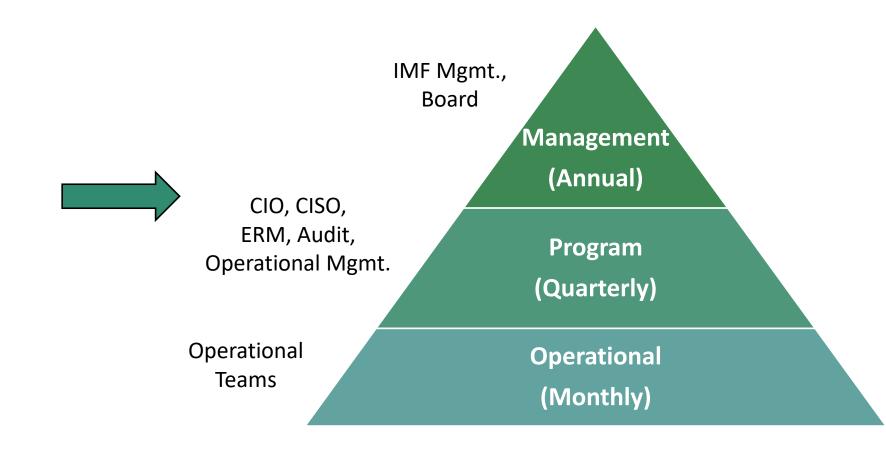
The metrics catalog has been designed based on the following hierarchy:



Domains & Reporting

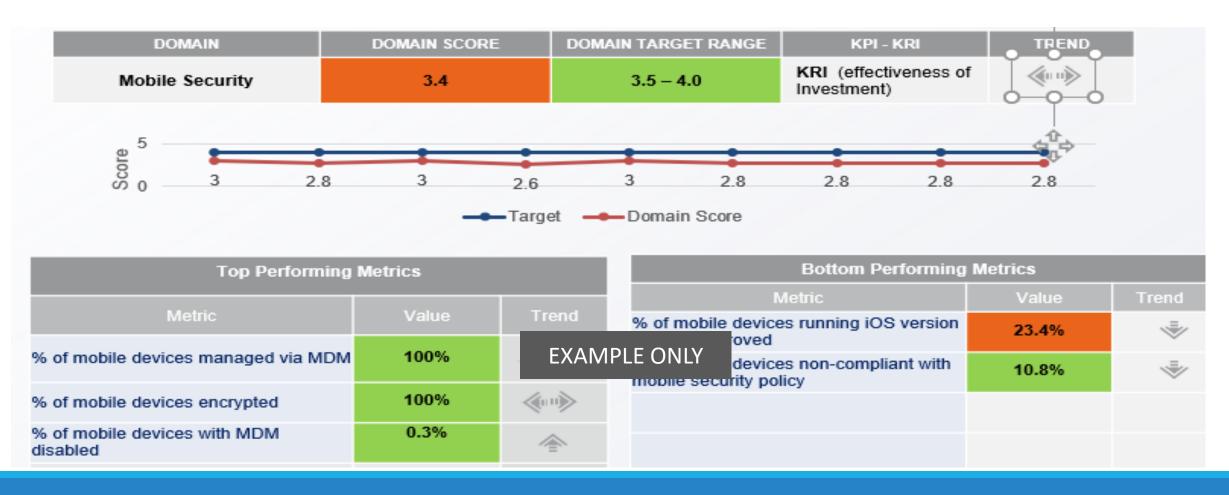
Domains

- 1. Security Awareness
- 2. Vulnerability Management
- 3.Compliance Management
- 4. Risk Management
- 5. Identity & Access Management
- 6. Threat & Incident Management
- 7. Security Technologies



Program Level Dashboard

These reports will be reviewed on a monthly basis to take action.



Revised Metrics & KRIs

Tailored to audience and Agreed on what's important - Iterative testing of what works

Measure Security Posture Using NIST CSF

Adopt and customize Define KRIs, **NIST Cybersecurity** thresholds, Framework (CSF) which reporting relies on variety of frequency standards, guidelines. Desired information Drive security Action posture Define the current and target security maturity postures

Detect

Develop an organizational understanding to manage cybersecurity risk to systems, assets, data, and capabilities. The activities in the Identify Function are foundational for effective use of the Framework. Understanding the business context, the resources that support critical functions, and the related cybersecurity risks enables an organization to focus and prioritize its efforts, consistent with its risk management strategy and business needs.

Function	Domain/Category	Maturity
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events	2.9
	Security Continuous Monitoring	2.3
	Detection Processes	2.2

Initial	Managed		Quantitative ly Managed	Optimizing
0 - 1.4	1.5 - 2.4	2.5 - 3.4	3.5 - 4.4	4.5 – 5

Domain	Metric	Low	Medium	High	Critical	KRI Score
Management (Detection	% of critical vulnerabilities on most-exposed infrastructure	< 5%	< 10%	< 20%	>= 20%	4
	% of critical vulnerabilities on internal infrastructure	< 25%	< 50%	< 75%	>= 75%	3

Risk Statement

Vulnerabilities in the assets can be exploited & led into information disclosure, financial loss, etc.

Proposed Actions

Remediate critical vulnerabilities

Crown Jewels

Create metrics dashboards for Crown jewels

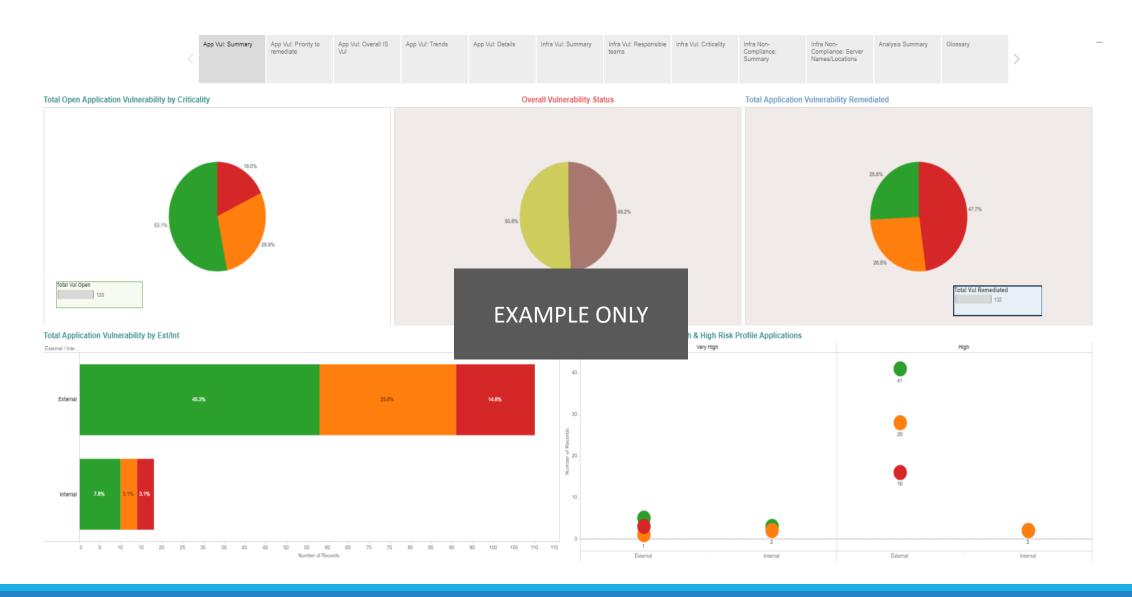
- Identify the sensitive information assets
- Identify the most critical infrastructure and applications

Prioritize vulnerability assessment and remediation

Prioritize compliance assessment and remediation



Demo of Metrics & Dashboards



Demo of User Behavior Analysis



IMF Next Steps

- Automation and reduce overhead
- Focus more on context and analysis
- Stakeholder iterative input to refine KRI's
- Align to NIST CSF (quantitative and qualitative) measures
- Report on actions taken and impact



Next Steps — How you to Apply



ASSESSMENT

Next Month:

- Identify your organizations' key questions
- Define your requirements and what resonates with your audience

In the first 3 Months:

- List your data sources
- Define potential metrics to start with

Within 6 Months:

- Create sample reports
- Identify quick wins

Thank You!

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