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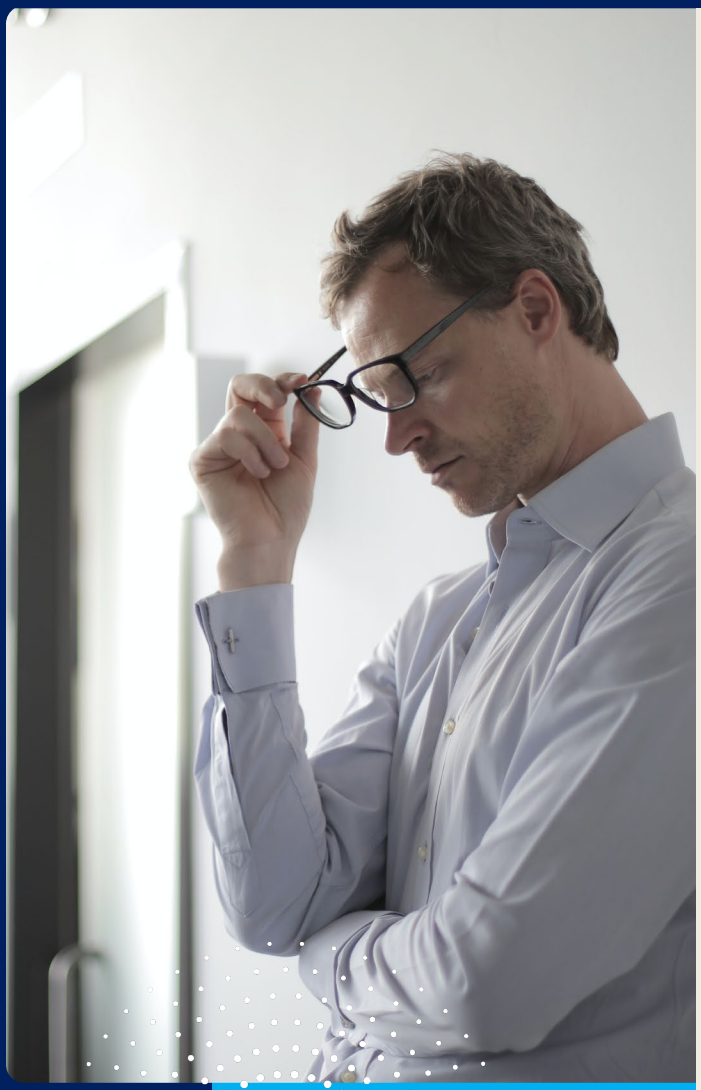
THE CIO CYBER DILEMMA

UNDERSTANDING CYBER EXPOSURE – WITHOUT EXPOSING YOURSELF

CIOs have once again been tasked with the expectation of solving the cyber threat for our companies. This is a familiar place for us as we have been here many times before; however, this time, we must be more proactive and develop plans that protect our companies AND ourselves. We have a plan to help you do just that.

Cyber risk is rapidly advancing

We must face the fact that our cyber risk is advancing at an alarming rate, with new threats emerging daily. As organizations continue investing in technology to drive their businesses and adopt Industry 4.0 technologies, they also increase their cybersecurity vulnerability. This article will discuss the importance of cybersecurity vulnerability management in the age of rapid digital transformation and provide a comprehensive guide to dealing with cyber threats.



A Dozen Steps for Countless Security

Security measures come in various forms, each with its own purpose and scope. Here are 12 actions you should take immediately to secure your business and yourself:

1. Engage a Trusted Advisor
2. Jointly Develop a Game Plan
3. Conduct a Confidential Risk Exposure Assessment
4. Assess Your Technology & Cultural Landscape
5. Develop a Short-Term Plan of Attack
6. Assess Remaining Risks and Costs
7. Share Critical Findings with Your Team
8. Create a Plan to Address Immediate Critical Findings
9. Develop a Long-Term Remediation Plan
10. Present the Plan to Management & Secure a Budget
11. Establish a Management-Level Cyber Risk Team
12. Create an Ongoing Cyber Risk Protection Plan and Process

The First 5 Steps

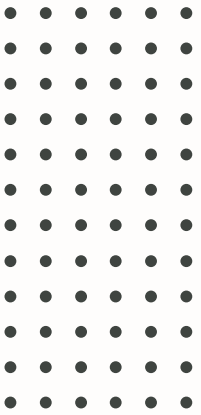
1. Engage a Trusted Advisor
   Engaging a trusted advisor is one of the first steps in addressing your cybersecurity vulnerability. Someone who has been in your shoes and has dealt with the issue successfully. An experienced expert that can help you navigate the complex world of cybersecurity and provide valuable insights and guidance into understanding and identifying your organization's threats.

2. Jointly Develop a Game Plan
   Working with your trusted advisor, develop a comprehensive game plan for managing your organization's cybersecurity risk. This plan should include short-term and long-term strategies for addressing potential vulnerabilities and be tailored to your organization's specific needs and risk profile.

3. Conduct a Confidential Risk Exposure Assessment
   Before you can effectively address your organization's cybersecurity vulnerabilities, it's essential to understand your current risk exposure. Start by conducting a confidential assessment of your organization's risk exposure. Then identify the highest exposure areas and initiate an immediate triage plan to address them.

4. Assess Your Technology and Cultural Landscape
   In addition to evaluating your organization's technical infrastructure, it's crucial to assess the cultural landscape within your organization. This includes examining factors such as employee awareness of cybersecurity risks, training programs, and the overall cybersecurity culture within the organization.

5. Develop a Short-Term Plan of Attack
   If your initial assessment reveals significant vulnerabilities, it's essential to develop a short-term plan of attack to address these issues immediately. A plan of attack may include implementing new security measures, updating software, or conducting employee training sessions.



Steps 6 to 10

6. Assess Remaining Risks and Costs
   Once you've addressed the most critical vulnerabilities, assessing the remaining risks and associated costs is essential. This will help you prioritize your long-term remediation efforts and focus on the most significant threats to your organization.

7. Share Critical Findings with Your Team
   Share critical findings from your assessments with your team to ensure that your entire organization is informed and engaged in the cybersecurity vulnerability management process. This will help create a sense of urgency and foster a culture of shared responsibility for addressing cybersecurity risks.

8. Create a Plan to Address Immediate Critical Findings
   After sharing critical findings with your team, develop a plan to address the next set of urgent vulnerabilities. This may involve implementing additional security measures, updating systems and software, or providing targeted training to employees.

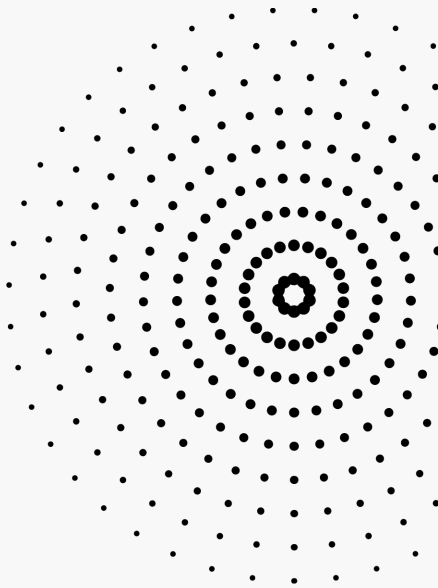
9. Develop a Long-Term Remediation Plan
   With immediate critical findings addressed, developing a long-term remediation plan based on your organization's risk and cost assessments is essential. This plan should outline your organization's steps to address ongoing cybersecurity risks and protect your systems and data.

10. Present the Plan to Management and Secure a Budget
    Once you've developed a comprehensive remediation plan, present it to your organization's management team and a proposed budget for implementing the necessary measures. This will help ensure that your organization is committed to addressing cybersecurity risks and has the resources required to do so effectively.

Final Steps

11. **Establish a Management-Level Cyber Risk Team**
    Establish a management-level cyber risk team to ensure ongoing oversight and coordination of cybersecurity vulnerability management efforts. This team should include representatives from various departments within your organization and be responsible for monitoring progress, addressing emerging risks, and adjusting your remediation plan as needed.

12. **Create an Ongoing Cyber Risk Protection Plan & Process**
    Finally, develop an ongoing cyber risk protection plan and process for your organization. This should include regular risk assessments, updates to your remediation plan, and continuous monitoring of emerging threats. Regularly reporting on your organization's progress and the effectiveness of your cybersecurity measures will help maintain management support and ensure your organization remains vigilant in the face of evolving cyber threats.



Conclusion

Effective cybersecurity vulnerability management is essential in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape. By following the steps outlined in this article, you can proactively address cyber threats and ensure the security and resilience of your systems and data.

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