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Network Security

- **Transparent to the end users**
- **Blocking external attackers from accessing the network**
- **Permitting access to only authorized users**
- **Preventing attacks from sourcing internally**
- **Supporting different levels of user access**
- **Safeguarding data from tampering or misuse**

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Reconnaissance and Port Scanning

- **NMAP**
- **Superscan**
- **NetStumbler**
- **Kismet**

- **Vulnerability**
 - **Nessus**
 - **SAINT**
 - **MBSA**

 - **CERT CC**—<http://www.cert.org>
 - **MITRE**—<http://www.cve.mitre.org>
 - **Microsoft**—<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/summary.msp>
 - **Cisco Security Notices**—<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/>

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Unauthorized Access

- **Social engineering**
 - **Passwordcracking utilities**
 - **Capturing network traffic**
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- **Data integrity should ensure that only authorized users can change critical information and guarantee the authenticity of data.**

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Loss of Availability

- DoS

- process large amounts of data
- unable to handle an unexpected condition

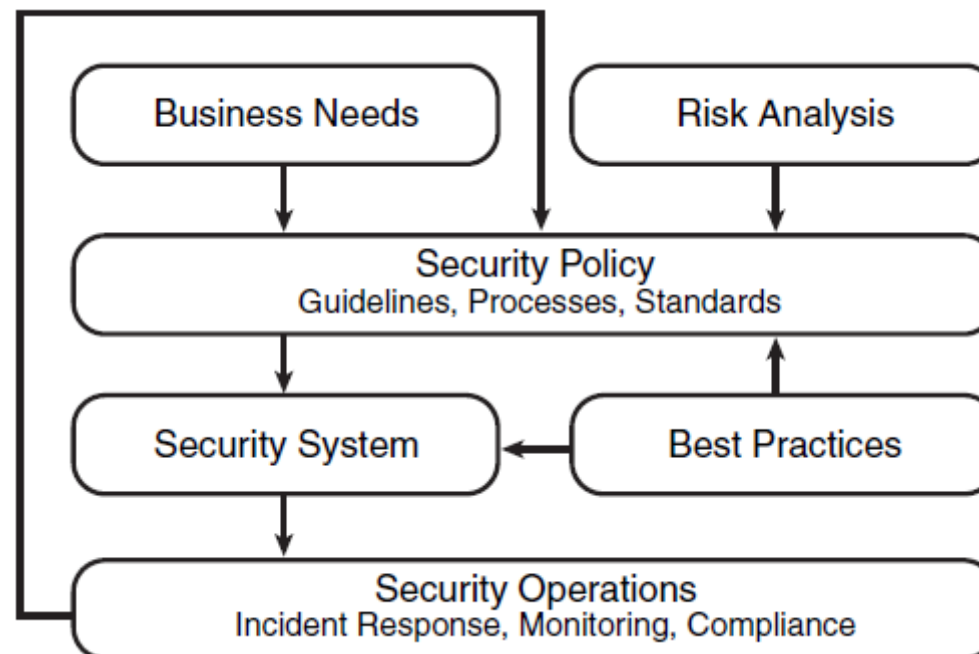
- Combat DoS attacks

- DHCP snooping
- Dynamic ARP inspection
- Unicast RPF
- Access control lists (ACLs)
- Rate limiting

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Security Policy and Process

- Describes the organization's processes, procedures, guidelines, and standards



RFC 2196 says, “A security policy is a formal statement of the rules by which people who are given access to an organization’s technology and information assets must abide.”

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Basic Approach

- Identify what you are trying to protect.
- Determine what you are trying to protect it from.
- Determine how likely the threats are.
- Implement measures that protect your assets in a cost-effective manner.
- Review the process continuously, and make improvements each time a weakness is found.

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Purpose of Security Policies

- **It provides the framework for the security implementation:**
 - Identifies assets and how to use them
 - Defines and communicates roles and responsibilities
 - Describes tools and procedures
 - Clarifies incident handling of security events
- **It creates a security baseline of the current security posture:**
 - Describes permitted and nonpermitted behaviors
 - Defines consequences of asset misuse
 - Provides cost and risk analysis
 - Here are some questions you may need to ask

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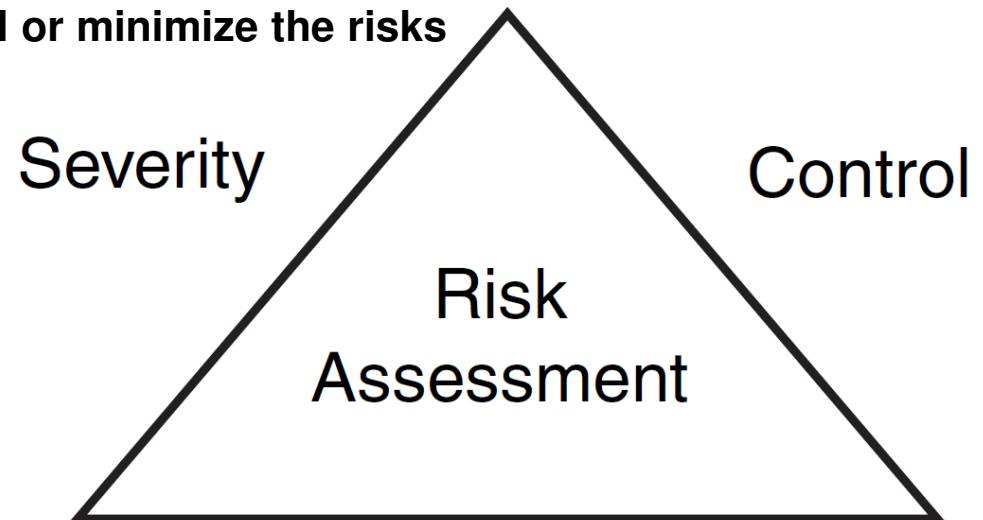
Security Policy Components

- Acceptable-use policy
- Network access control policy
- Security management policy
- Incident-handling policy

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Risk Assessment

- What assets to secure
- The monetary value of the assets
- The actual loss that would result from an attack
- The severity and the probability that an attack against the assets will occur
- How to use security policy to control or minimize the risks



risk index = (severity factor * probability factor) / control factor

Probability

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Risk Index Calculation

•risk index = (severity factor * probability factor) / control factor

Risk	Severity (S) Range 1 to 3	Probability (P) Range 1 to 3	Control Range 1 to 3	Risk Index (S * P)/ C Range .3 to 9
DoS attack lasting for 1.5 hours on the e-mail server	2	2	1	4
Breach of confidential customer lists	3	1	2	1.5

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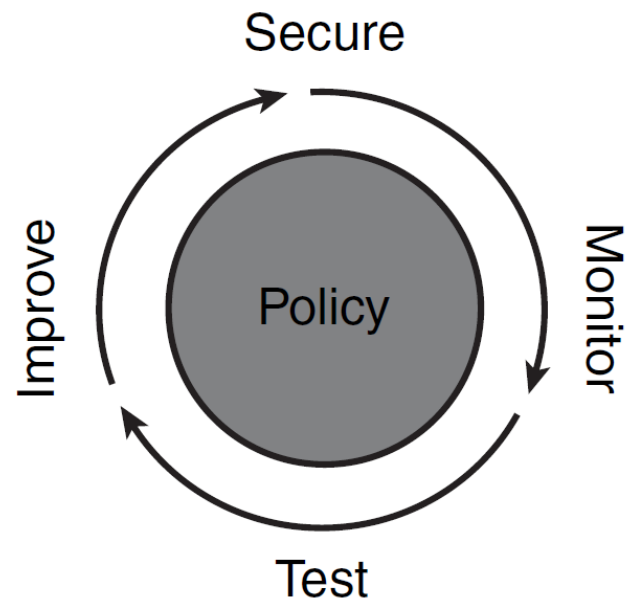
Continuous Security

Secure—Identification, authentication, ACLs, stateful packet inspection(SPI), encryption, and VPNs

Monitor—Intrusion and content-based detection and response

Test—Assessments, vulnerability scanning, and security auditing

Improve—Security data analysis, reporting, and intelligent network security

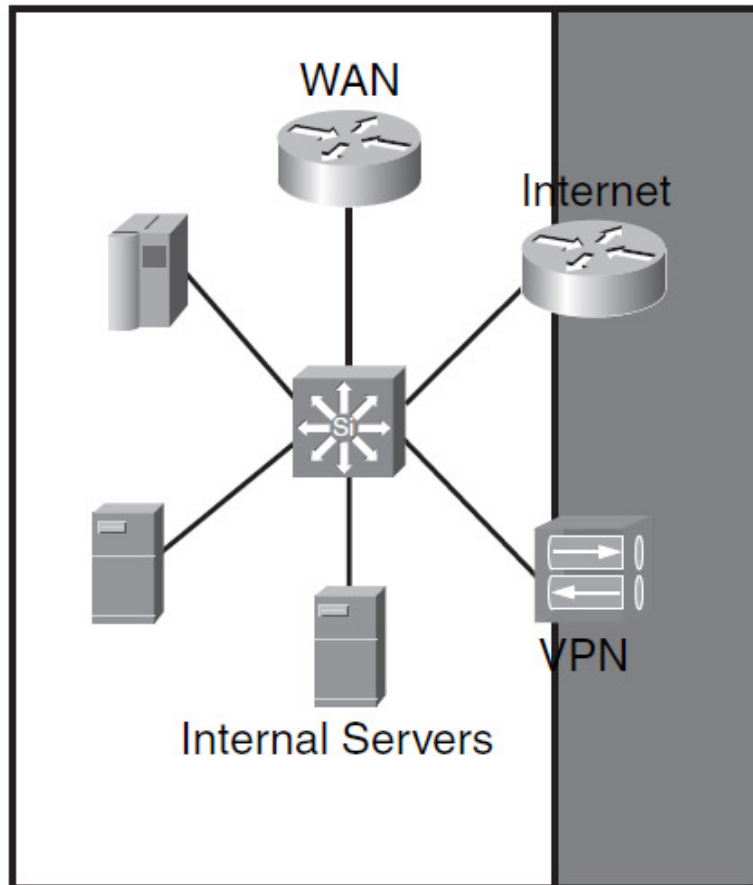




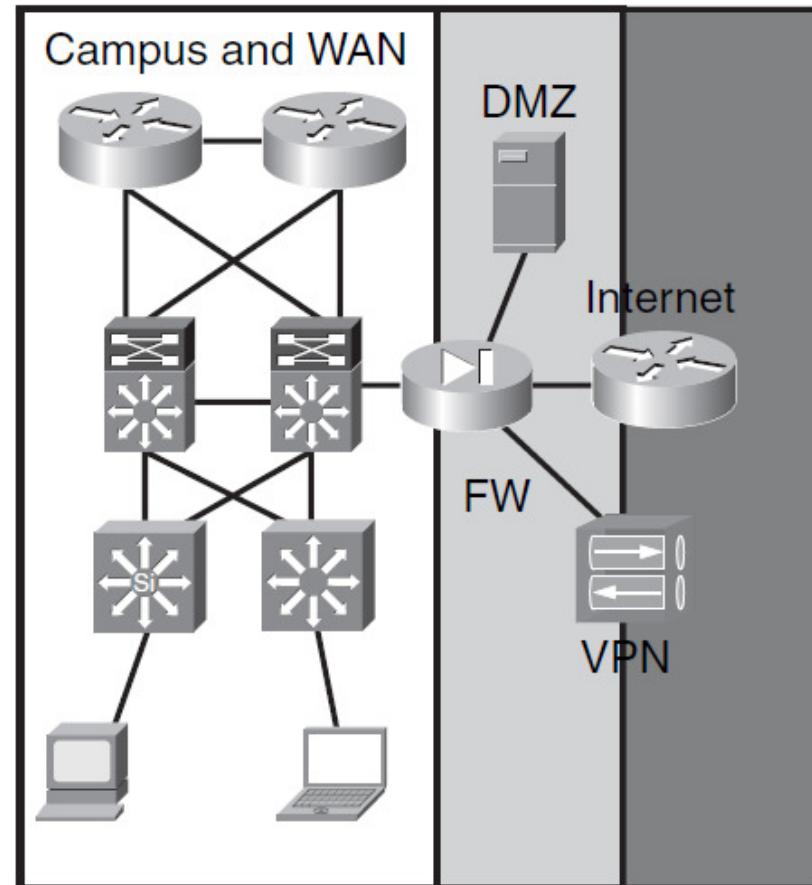
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Trust

Example A



Example B



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Identity

- **Something the subject knows**
 - Password
 - PIN
- **Something the subject has**
 - token card
 - Smartcard
 - hardware key
- **Something the subject is**
 - Fingerprint
 - retina scan
 - Voice recognition

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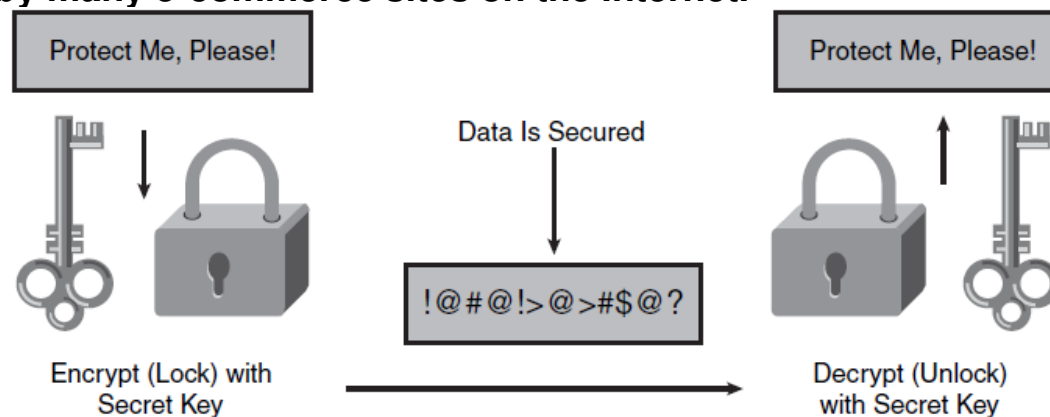
Encryption Keys

•Shared secrets

- Both sides can use the same key or use a transform to create the decryption key.
- The key is placed on the remote endpoint out of band.
- This is a simple mechanism, but it has security issues because the key does not change frequently enough

•PKI

- It relies on asymmetric cryptography, which uses two different keys for encryption.
- Public keys are used to encrypt and private keys to decrypt.
- PKI is used by many e-commerce sites on the Internet.



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Physical Security

- Use physical access controls such as locks or alarms.
- Evaluate potential security breaches.
- Assess the impact of stolen network resources and equipment.
- Use controls such as cryptography to secure traffic flowing on networks outside your control.

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Best practices for infrastructure protection

- Access network equipment remotely with SSH instead of Telnet.
- Use AAA for access control management.
- Enable SYSLOG collection; review the logs for further analysis.
- Use SNMPv3 for its security and privacy features.
- Disable unused network services such as tcp-small-servers and udp-small-servers.
- Use FTP or SFTP instead of TFTP to manage images.
- Use access classes to restrict access to management and the CLI.
- Enable routing protocol authentication when available (EIGRP, OSPF, IS-IS, BGP, HSRP, VTP).
- Use one-step lockdown in Security Device Manager (SDM) before connecting the router to the Internet.



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