

CISSP

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5.1) Identifying and Classifying Information and Assets

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
 - Information that traces individual's identity
 - Information that can be linked to individual
- Proprietary Data
 - Protect copyright, patent, and trade secret
- 5.1.1) Defining Data Classifications
 - Top Secret
 - Secret
 - Confidential
 - Unclassified
 - For Official Use Only (FOUO)
 - Sensitive but Unclassified (BU) e.g tax record access
 - Controlled unclassified information (CUI)

-Top Secret: Grave damage to national security upon disclosure
-Secret: Cause serious damage to national security upon disclosure
-Confidential: Might cause significant damage to national security upon disclosure
-Unclassified: Based on Freedom of Information Act (FoIA) it should be allowed to view for anyone

5.1) Identifying and Classifying Information and Assets (contd..)

- 5.1.2) Classification in private sector
 - Confidential/Proprietary
 - Private
 - Sensitive
 - Public
- 5.1.3) Defining Asset Classifications
 - Data at Rest
 - Data in Transit
 - Data in Use
- Determining Compliance Requirements
- Follow laws and regulations and obligations



-Confidential/Proprietary e.g the data, proprietary business knowledge

-Private PII, PHI

-Sensitive S/W, IP, functions, network LLD, HLD

-Public Social media and marketing content, Price list etc

5.2) Establishing Information and Asset Handling Requirements

- Determining Data Security Controls
- Classification Bases
- Apply controls based on criticality of CIA
- Data Maintenance
- Data Loss Prevention



5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle

- 5.3.1) Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
 - Identify where traffic resides
 - Pattern matching
 - Disallow unapproved formats
 - Apply appropriate controls to limit the access based on policy and classification
 - Alerting, quarantine, blocking action
- 5.3.2) DLP Categories:
 - Network DLP
 - Endpoint DLP
 - Cloud DLP

-Network DLP

- Scan traffic passing through
- Prevent asset leaves organization

Endpoint DLP

- Discover and Scan for assets
- Prevent file or document movement
- Snapshot, USB, email and other control

Cloud DLP

- Multiple services on cloud related to DLP e.g exiting traffic scan
- Brand protection
- CASB

5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle (contd..)

- 5.3.3) Labelling Sensitive Data and Assets
 - Tag and label data saved in physical devices (secure to unclassified all should be tagged)
 - Don't put multi-label data together if it is always follow the top label
 - Label physical assets as well
 - Briefly use tags and labels on Header, Footer, and Watermark
 - Desktop screen display based on classification
 - Downgrade label throughout lifecycle

5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle (contd..)

- 5.3.4) Handling Sensitive Information and Assets

- Handle data with extreme care
- Ensure its protection at cloud
- Clear policies and procedures
- Audit Trail Physical and Digital



- 5.3.5) Data Collection Limitation

- Best protection option is to limit collection
- Discard when not needed
- Maintenance storage and security cost

5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle (contd..)

- 5.3.6) Data location
 - Same location
 - Different location how far
 - Cloud based storage
- 5.3.7) Storing Sensitive Data
 - Safes and locked location
 - check-in check-out
 - sufficient physical security protection
 - better encrypt
 - HSM



5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle (contd..)

- 5.3.8) Data Destruction
 - Eliminate data if no use anymore
 - Various standard and guidance to destruct data
 - Ensure no data remenace
 - Degausser for HDD
 - For SSDs,
 - Use self destruct wipe in the product
 - 2mm by 2mm shredded pieces
 - Encrypt the data and throw away the key

5.3) Manage Data Lifecycle (contd..)

- Data Destruction Methods
 - Erasing: Simple delete. Data is there
 - Clearing: Prepare disk for reuse; Overwrite random values
 - Purging: Repeat the clearing and other processes
 - Degaussing: From HDD remove data with magnetic field
 - Destruction – Shred – Pulverize - Disintegration
 - Declassify: Use media at lower classification level
 - Sometimes cost of declassification is more then cost of new media
 - Cryptographic Erasure: Used in cloud

-Pulverize means make something unusable to the purpose

5.4) Ensuring Appropriate Data and Asset Retention

- Archive data as long as required
- Decision on retention timeline based on:
 - Business corporate
 - Obligatory service
 - Regulation
 - Laws and rules
- Follow a policy based on requirement especially for audit logs



5.5) Data Protection Methods

5.5.1) Digital Rights Management

- DRM License (Terms of use license)
- Persistent Online Authentication
- Continuous Audit Trail
- Automatic Expiration

5.5.2) Cloud Access Security Broker

- Also called DLP in cloud
- Traffic directs to CASB before going to CSP
- Monitors data in between and assure and enforce policies
- Encrypted data validation to cloud

5.5.3) Pseudonymization

- Represent data with a number value
- Used to hide identity of the concerned user



5.5) Data Protection Methods (contd..)

- 5.5.4) Tokenization
 - Replace user entry with random string data
 - Example of Credit card:
 - Registration
 - User data
 - Validation
 - Completing the Sale
 - Multiple sheets and record created
 - 5.5.5) Anonymization: Make all related data replace by unidentified values
 - Methods of Randomization masking(shuffling values) , Masking altogether, Anonymous, Hashing, Obscure, Obfuscation, Nulls

-Only database and Tokenization vault knows who actual user is. The rest is all hidden
-Pseudoinmization has only one table where change is made; In tokenization multiple database and record is made

5.6) Data Roles

- 5.6.1) **Data Owner:** Ultimate responsible for the data it has; Make the decision shots
- 5.6.2) **Data Controller:** Assigned by the Data owner to be equally responsible
- 5.6.3) **Data Processor:** Work on data upon instructions of custodian
- 5.6.4) **Data Custodian:** Manages day-to-day tasks, Administration, and assuring protection of CIA and security matters
- 5.6.5) **Data Steward:** Assures that data is used appropriately, consistently, and in alignment with its intended purpose.
- 5.6.6) Users and Subjects

-NOTE: Well defined in various standards

- Data Owner: Business owner department head etc.
- Data Controller: Defines how to collect data and what to use it for
- Data Processor: 3rd party, CSP and vendor

5.7) Using Security Baselines

- For your organizational assets, define security baseline based on criticality of assets.
- Create an image and use it onwards
- Once a baseline is defined adjust with tailoring and scoping
- Tailoring is rearrange the security posture and controls based on defined criteria from the baseline
- Scoping is adding or eliminating additional controls from the baseline based on criteria

5.8) Asset Protection in summary

- Organization wide identify list of all assets
- Assign an owner to these assets
- Quantify and identify criticality to these assets (Qualitative/quantitative)
- Based on criticality and value assign classification
- Identify risks to the assets
- Apply appropriate controls to reduce risk (physical, logical and administrative controls)
- Monitor the state
- Data lifecycle
 - Create-> Store-> Use-> Share-> Archive-> Destroy