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SECURITY MATURITY ASSESSMENT

Service Definition Document

Service Overview

Security maturity assessment will use one of the recognised frameworks such as CIS, NIST CSF or CAF to evaluate an organisation's current security practices and measure against a set of defined benchmarks. These framework provide a comprehensive set of best practices and controls to benchmark an organisation against.

The security maturity assessment gives, organisations a clear understanding of their current security posture, identifies the areas of improvement, and acts as the basis to develop a roadmap for enhancing security maturity over time. It provides a structured approach to aligning security practices with industry standards and best practices, that can easily be translated into a board report output.

Service Scope

Measure Maturity Levels: Evaluates your organisation's maturity level for each control area within the framework. Assign scores or ratings based on the maturity model. This assessment can include factors such as policy and procedure adherence, technical configurations, monitoring capabilities, incident response readiness, and employee awareness and training.

Assess Current Security Controls: Evaluates your organisation's existing security controls, policies, procedures, and technical implementations against the corresponding benchmarks. Identify gaps, weaknesses, and areas of non-compliance. This assessment can involve reviewing documentation, interviewing relevant stakeholders, and conducting technical assessments such as vulnerability scanning or penetration testing.

Identify Improvement Areas: Identifies specific areas where improvements are needed to enhance your organisation's security maturity. These may include implementing missing controls, updating policies and procedures, improving security configurations, enhancing monitoring capabilities, or investing in employee training and awareness programs.

Identify Priorities: The assessment will identify the areas that require immediate attention and prioritise them according to the risks they pose to your organisation

Communicate and Report: Communicate the security maturity assessment findings, and progress to relevant stakeholders within the organisation. This ensures transparency, highlights the importance of security, and helps to facilitates decision-making and resource allocation.

Develop an Improvement Plan: This baseline outlines the actions required to improve security maturity in each identified area. Clearly shows where to prioritise to gain improvements based on their impact and feasibility.

Benefits

Clear Visibility of Security Posture: A maturity assessment using these frameworks provides a clear and structured view of your current security posture. It helps identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement across various security domains, technologies, and practices. This visibility enables informed decisions and allocate resources effectively to enhance their security capabilities.

Alignment with Industry Best Practices: The frameworks used are widely recognised and respected in the cybersecurity industry. By conducting a maturity assessment based on these frameworks, you can ensure that their security practices align with industry best practices. It allows you to benchmark your security posture against a comprehensive set of controls, guidelines, and recommendations developed by security experts.

Compliance and Regulatory Alignment: Many compliance regulations and frameworks require organisations to implement specific security controls and practices. A maturity assessment using these framework helps ensure compliance by evaluating your adherence to industry-

recognised security standards. It provides a structured approach to assessing and improving controls, helping meet compliance requirements more effectively.

Stakeholder Confidence and Trust: A maturity assessment using one of these recognised frameworks demonstrates an organisation's commitment to cybersecurity and its ability to protect sensitive information. It enhances stakeholder confidence and trust by showcasing that the adoption of industry-recognised best practices and implemented effective security controls.

Measurement of Progress and Continuous Improvement: The maturity assessment provides a baseline for measuring progress and monitoring improvements over time. By regularly reassessing maturity levels, organisations can track their advancement and validate the effectiveness of their security enhancement efforts. This measurement helps drive a culture of continuous improvement, allowing security practices to stay aligned with evolving threats and industry standards.

Risk Reduction: By identifying and addressing security gaps and weaknesses, a maturity assessment helps reduce the overall risk profile of an organisation. Implementing the recommended controls and best practices from the framework strengthens the organisation's defences, making it more resilient against a wide range of cyber threats.

Roadmap for Security Improvements: The maturity assessment provides organisations with a roadmap for improving their security posture. It outlines specific actions and recommendations for each assessed area, guiding organisations in enhancing their security controls, policies, procedures, and technical implementations. This roadmap enables a systematic and targeted approach to security improvements, ensuring that efforts are directed towards the most crucial areas

Prioritised Focus on Critical Areas: A maturity assessment helps organisations prioritise their efforts and resources by identifying critical areas that require immediate attention. It provides a structured approach to assessing maturity levels, enabling organisations to focus on high-risk and high-impact areas. This prioritisation ensures that limited resources are allocated effectively to address the most significant security gaps.