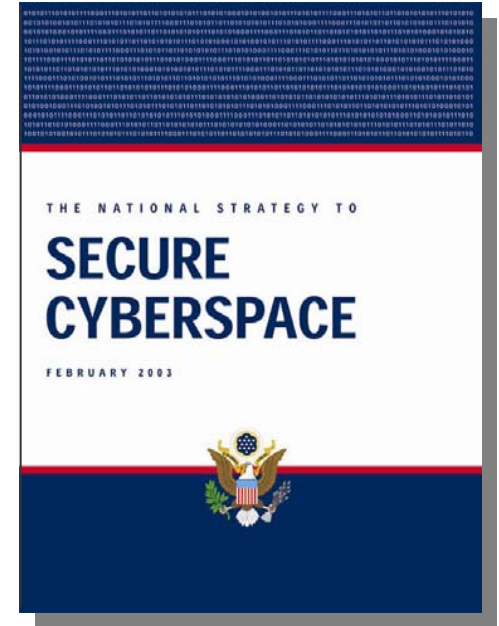


Software Assurance:

A Strategic Initiative of the U.S.
Department of Homeland Security
to Promote Integrity, Security, and
Reliability in Software



Considerations for Advancing a National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace

Sept 7, 2005



Homeland
Security

Joe Jarzombek, PMP
Director for Software Assurance
National Cyber Security Division
US Department of Homeland Security

Mission to Secure Cyberspace

The National Cyber Security Division (NCSD) mission, in cooperation with public, private, and international entities, is to secure cyberspace and America's cyber assets.

Mission components include:

- Implementation of the *National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace* and Homeland Security Presidential Directive #7 (HSPD#7)
- Implementation of priority protective measures to secure cyberspace and to reduce the cyber vulnerabilities of America's critical infrastructures



**Homeland
Security**

Cyberspace & physical space are increasingly intertwined and software controlled/enabled

► Chemical Industry

- 66,000 chemical plants

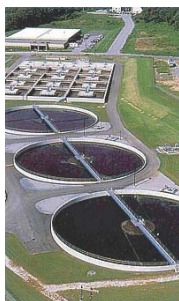


► Banking and Finance

- 26,600 FDIC institutions

► Agriculture and Food

- 1.9M farms
- 87,000 food processing plants



► Water

- 1,800 federal reservoirs
- 1,600 treatment plants



► Public Health

- 5,800 registered hospitals

► Postal and Shipping

- 137M delivery sites

► Transportation

- 120,000 miles of railroad
- 590,000 highway bridges
- 2M miles of pipeline
- 300 ports



► Telecomm

- 2B miles of cable



► Energy

- 2,800 power plants
- 300K production sites



► Key Assets

- 104 nuclear power plants
- 80K dams
- 5,800 historic buildings
- 3,000 government facilities
- commercial facilities / 460 skyscrapers



**Homeland
Security**

An Asymmetric Target-rich Environment

Driving Needs for Software Assurance

- ▶ Software vulnerabilities jeopardize intellectual property, business operations and services, infrastructure operations, and consumer trust
- ▶ Growing awareness and concern over the ability of an adversary to subvert the software supply chain
 - Federal Government relies on COTS products and commercial developers using foreign and non-vetted domestic suppliers to meet majority of IT requirements
 - Software development offers opportunities to insert malicious code and to poorly design and build software enabling exploitation
- ▶ Growing concern about inadequacies of suppliers' capabilities to build and deliver secure software with requisite levels of integrity
 - Current education & training provides too few practitioners with requisite competencies in secure software engineering
 - Concern about suppliers not exercising "minimum level of responsible practice"
 - Growing need to improve both the state-of-the-practice and the state-of-the-art on software capabilities of the nation
- ▶ Processes and technologies are required to build trust into software acquired and used by Government and critical infrastructure



**Homeland
Security**

Strengthen operational resiliency

United States 2nd National Software Summit

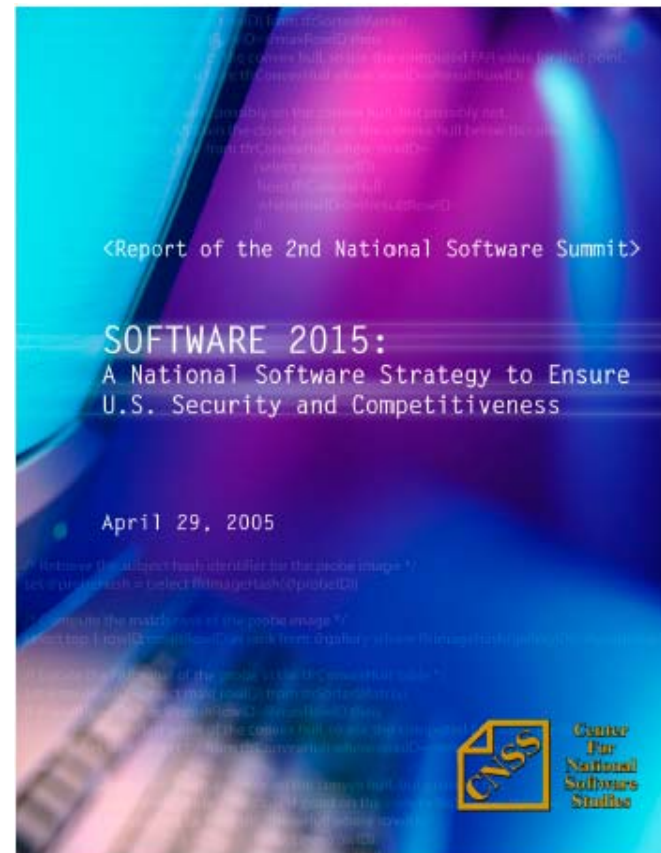
Report April 29, 2005*

► Identified major gaps in:

- Requirements for software tools and technologies to routinely develop error-free software and the state-of-the-art
- State-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice

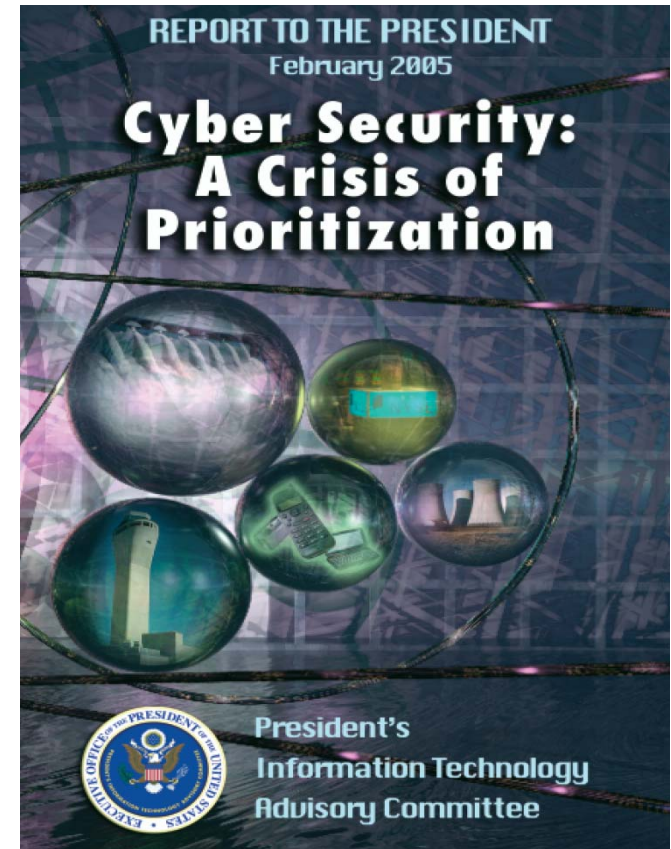
► Recommended elevating software to national policy

- through implementation of “Software 2015: a National Software Strategy to Ensure US Security and Competitiveness”
 - to be pursued through public-private partnerships involving government, industry and academia
- Purpose of National Software Strategy:
 - Achieve ability to routinely develop and deploy trustworthy software products
 - Ensure the continued competitiveness of the US software industry



PITAC* Findings Relative to Needs for Secure Software Engineering & Software Assurance

- ▶ Commercial software engineering today lacks the scientific underpinnings and rigorous controls needed to produce high-quality, secure products at acceptable cost.
- ▶ Commonly used software engineering practices permit dangerous errors, such as improper handling of buffer overflows, which enable hundreds of attack programs to compromise millions of computers every year.
- ▶ In the future, the Nation may face even more challenging problems as adversaries – both foreign and domestic – become increasingly sophisticated in their ability to insert malicious code into critical software.



* President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) Report to the President, "Cyber Security: A Crisis of Prioritization," February 2005 identified top 10 areas in need of increased support, including: 'secure software engineering and software assurance' and 'metrics, benchmarks, and best practices'

GAO Reports relative to Software Assurance

- ▶ GAO-04-321 Report, “**Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Protection,**” May 2004
- ▶ GAO-04-678 Report, “**Defense Acquisitions: Knowledge of Software Suppliers Needed to Manage Risks,**” May 2004
 - Outsourcing, foreign development risks & insertion of malicious code
 - DoD noted domestic development subject to similar risks
 - Recommendations for program managers to factor in software risks and security in risk assessments
- ▶ GAO-05-434 Report, “**Critical Infrastructure Protection: DHS Faces Challenges in Fulfilling Cybersecurity Responsibilities,**” May 2005
- ▶ Current GAO study on “risks attributable to outsourcing of software throughout critical infrastructure,” to be published Nov 2005

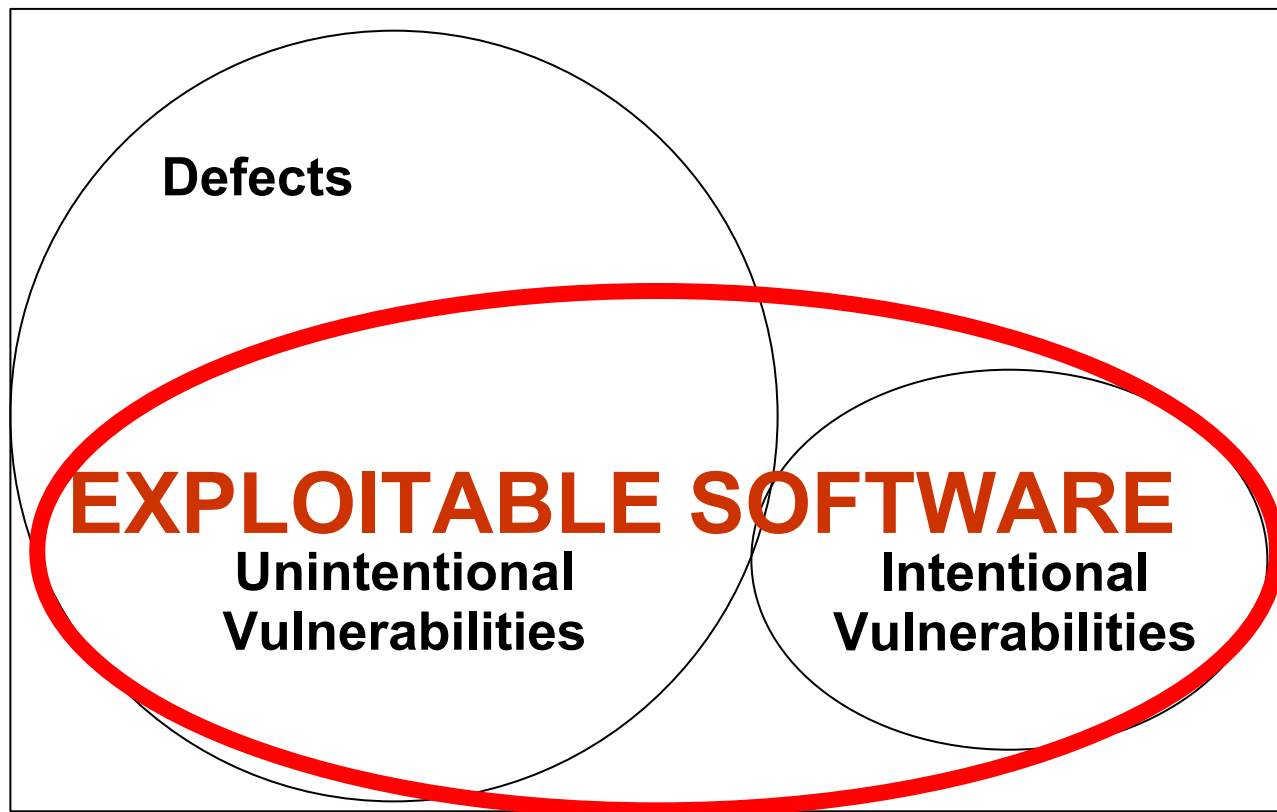


Exploitable Software:

Outcomes of non-secure practices and/or malicious intent

Exploitation potential of vulnerability independent of “intent”

**S
o
f
t
w
a
r
e**



*Intentional vulnerabilities are spyware & malicious logic deliberately imbedded (and might not be considered defects)



**Homeland
Security**

Note: Chart is not to scale – notional representation -- for discussions

Why Software Assurance is Critical

► Dramatic increase in mission risk due to increasing:

- Software dependence and system interdependence (weakest link syndrome)
- Software Size & Complexity (obscures intent and precludes exhaustive test)
- Outsourcing and use of unvetted software supply chain (COTS & custom)
- Attack sophistication (easing exploitation)
- Reuse (unintended consequences increasing number of vulnerable targets)
- Number of vulnerabilities and incidents
- Number of threats targeting software
- Risk of Asymmetric Attack and Threats

► Increasing awareness and concern

Software and the processes for acquiring and developing software represent a material weakness



**Homeland
Security**

What has Caused Software Assurance Problem

Increasing software vulnerabilities and exploitation

► Then

- Domestic dominated market
- Stand alone systems
- Software small and simple
- Software small part of functionality
- Custom and closed development processes (cleared personnel)
- Adversaries known, few, and technologically less sophisticated

► Now

- Global market
- Globally network environment
- Software large and complex
- Software is the core of system functionality
- COTS/GOTS/Custom in open and unknown, un-vetted development processes with outsourcing & reuse (foreign sourced, un-cleared, un-vetted)
- Adversaries numerous and sophisticated



**Homeland
Security**

Exploitation of Software Vulnerabilities

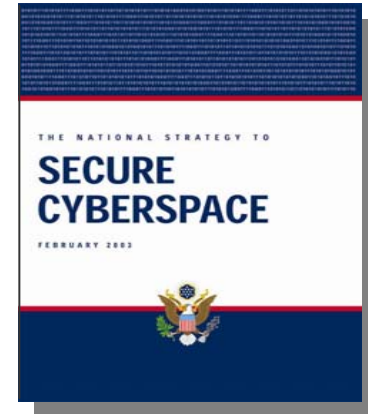
- ▶ Serve as primary points of entry that attackers may attempt to use to gain access to systems and/or data
- ▶ Enable compromise of business and missions
- ▶ Allow Attackers to:
 - Pose as other entities
 - Execute commands as other users
 - Conduct information gathering activities
 - Access data (contrary to specified access restrictions for that data)
 - Hide activities
 - Conduct a denial of service
 - Embed malicious logic for future exploitation



Software Assurance Program Overview

- ▶ Program based upon the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace - Action/Recommendation 2-14:

“DHS will facilitate a national public-private effort to promulgate best practices and methodologies that promote integrity, security, and reliability in software code development, including processes and procedures that diminish the possibilities of erroneous code, malicious code, or trap doors that could be introduced during development.”


























- ▶ DHS Program goals promote the security of software across the development life cycle
- ▶ Software Assurance (SwA) program is scoped to address:
 - **Trustworthiness** - No exploitable vulnerabilities exist, either maliciously or unintentionally inserted
 - **Predictable Execution** - Justifiable confidence that software, when executed, functions in a manner in which it is intended
 - **Conformance** - Planned and systematic set of multi-disciplinary activities that ensure software processes and products conform to requirements, standards/ procedures



**Homeland
Security**

Software Assurance Program Alignment

	National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace					HSPD-7
	Priority 1: National Cyberspace Security Response System	Priority 2: National Cyberspace Threat and Vulnerability Reduction Prog.	Priority 3: National Cyberspace Security Awareness and Training Prog.	Priority 4: Securing Govt.'s Cyberspace	Priority 5: International Cyberspace Security Cooperation	"...maintain an organization to serve as a focal point for the security of cyberspace.."
NCSD Goal 1: Prevent, detect, and respond to cyber incidents, and reconstitute rapidly after cyber incidents.						
NCSD Goal 2: Work with public and private sectors to reduce vulnerabilities and minimize the severity of cyber attacks.						
NCSD Goal 3: Promote a comprehensive national awareness program to empower all Americans to secure their own parts of cyberspace.				Software Assurance Program alignment		
NCSD Goal 4: Foster adequate training and education programs to support the Nation's cyber security needs.						
NCSD Goal 5: Coordinate with the intelligence and law enforcement communities to identify and reduce threats to cyber space.						



**Homeland
Security**

*"National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace" and Homeland Security Presidential Directive #7

Software Assurance Program Alignment

	<i>National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace</i>					<i>HSPD7</i>
	Priority 1: National Cyberspace Security Response System	Priority 2: National Cyberspace Threat and Vulnerability Reduction Program	Priority 3: National Cyberspace Security Awareness and Training Program	Priority 4: Securing Govt.'s Cyberspace	Priority 5: International Cyberspace Security Cooperation	HSDP7: “...maintain an organization to serve as a focal point for the security of cyberspace..”
NCSD Goal 2: Work with public and private sectors to reduce vulnerabilities and minimize the severity of cyber attacks.		SW Security in the SDLC Developers Guide Build Security In Web site	SwA Common Body of Knowledge	Tools and Product Evaluation NIST Metrics and Tool Evaluation NIAP Review	Processes and Practices NIST/IEEE ISO/IEC	Software Assurance Program Management



Software Assurance Program Overview

- ▶ Program goals promote security for software throughout the lifecycle:
 - Secure and reliable software supporting mission operational resiliency *
 - Better trained and educated software developers using development processes and tools to produce secure software
 - Informed customers demanding secure software, with requisite levels of integrity, through improved acquisition strategies. *
- ▶ Program objectives are to:
 - Shift security paradigm from Patch Management to SW Assurance.
 - Encourage the software developers (public and private industry) to raise the bar on software quality and security.
 - Partner with the private sector, academia, and other government agencies in order to improve software development and acquisition processes.
 - Facilitate discussion, develop practical guidance, development of tools, and promote R&D investment.



**Homeland
Security**

* Guiding principles in the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace provide focus on “producing more resilient and reliable information infrastructure,” and includes “cyber security considerations in oversight activities.”

Software Assurance Program Structure

- ▶ Program framework encourages the production and acquisition of better quality and more secure software and leverages resources to target the following four areas:
 - People – developers (includes education and training) and users
 - Processes – best practices, standards, and practical guidelines for the development of secure software
 - Technology – evaluation tools and cyber security R&D
 - Acquisition – software security improvements through specifications and guidelines for acquisition and outsourcing

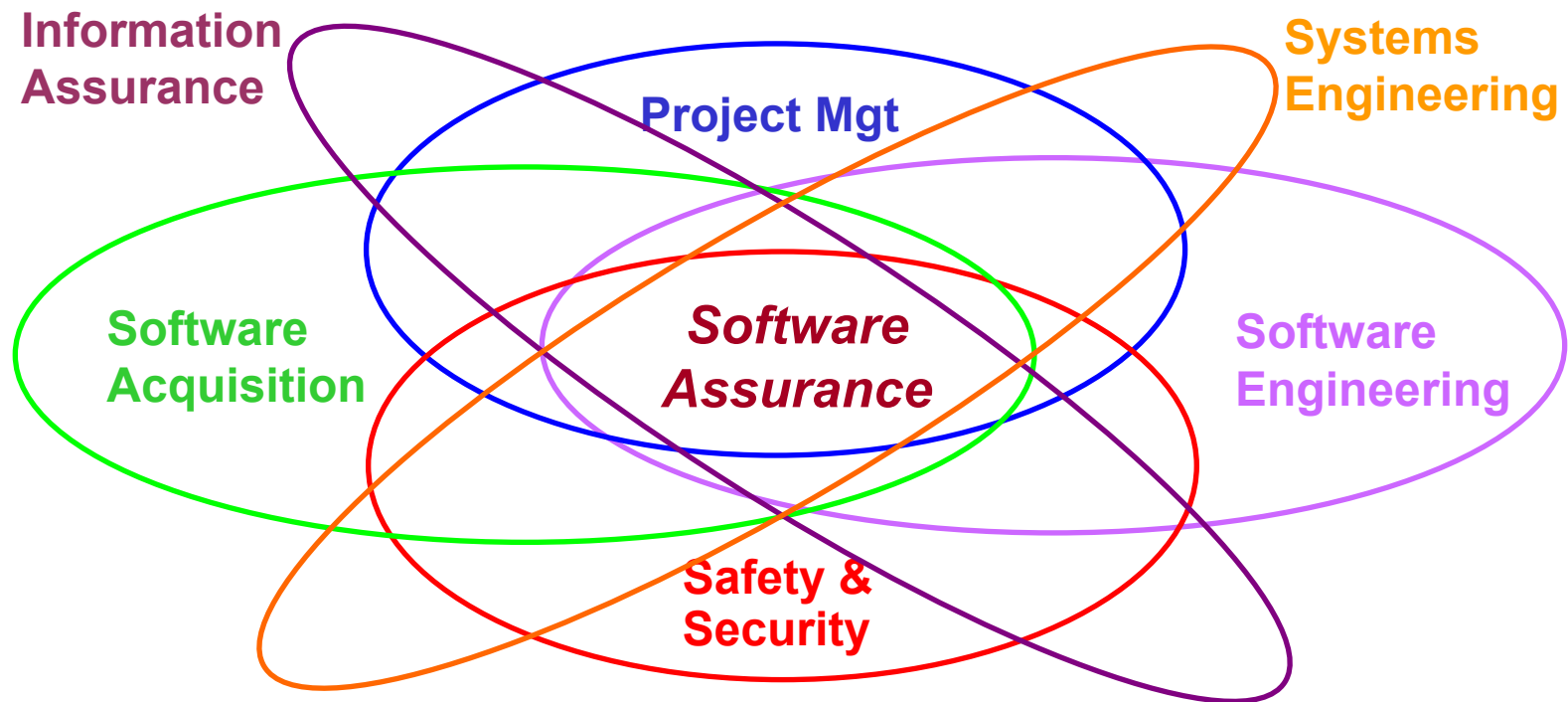


Software Assurance: People

- ▶ Provide Software Assurance Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) framework to identify workforce needs for competencies, leverage “best practices” and guide curriculum development for Software Assurance education and training**
 - Hosted Electronic Develop a Curriculum Event and CBK Working Groups (April, June and August 2005) to develop CBK that involved participation from academia, industry and Federal Government
 - Addressing three domains: “acquisition & supply,” “development,” and “post-release assurance” (sustainment)
 - Distribute CBK v0.6 in October 2005, with v.0.8 in Jan 2006 and v1.0 by March 2006
 - Develop CBK awareness materials, including Frequently Asked Questions by Oct 2005 with update in January, 2006
 - Develop a pilot training/education curriculum consistent with CBK in conjunction with early adopters for distribution by September 2007



Disciplines Contributing to SwA CBK



In Education and Training, Software Assurance could be addressed as:

- A “knowledge area” extension within each of the contributing disciplines;
- A stand-alone CBK drawing upon contributing disciplines;
- A set of functional roles, drawing upon a common body of knowledge; allowing more in-depth coverage dependent upon the specific roles.



**Homeland
Security**

Software Assurance: Process

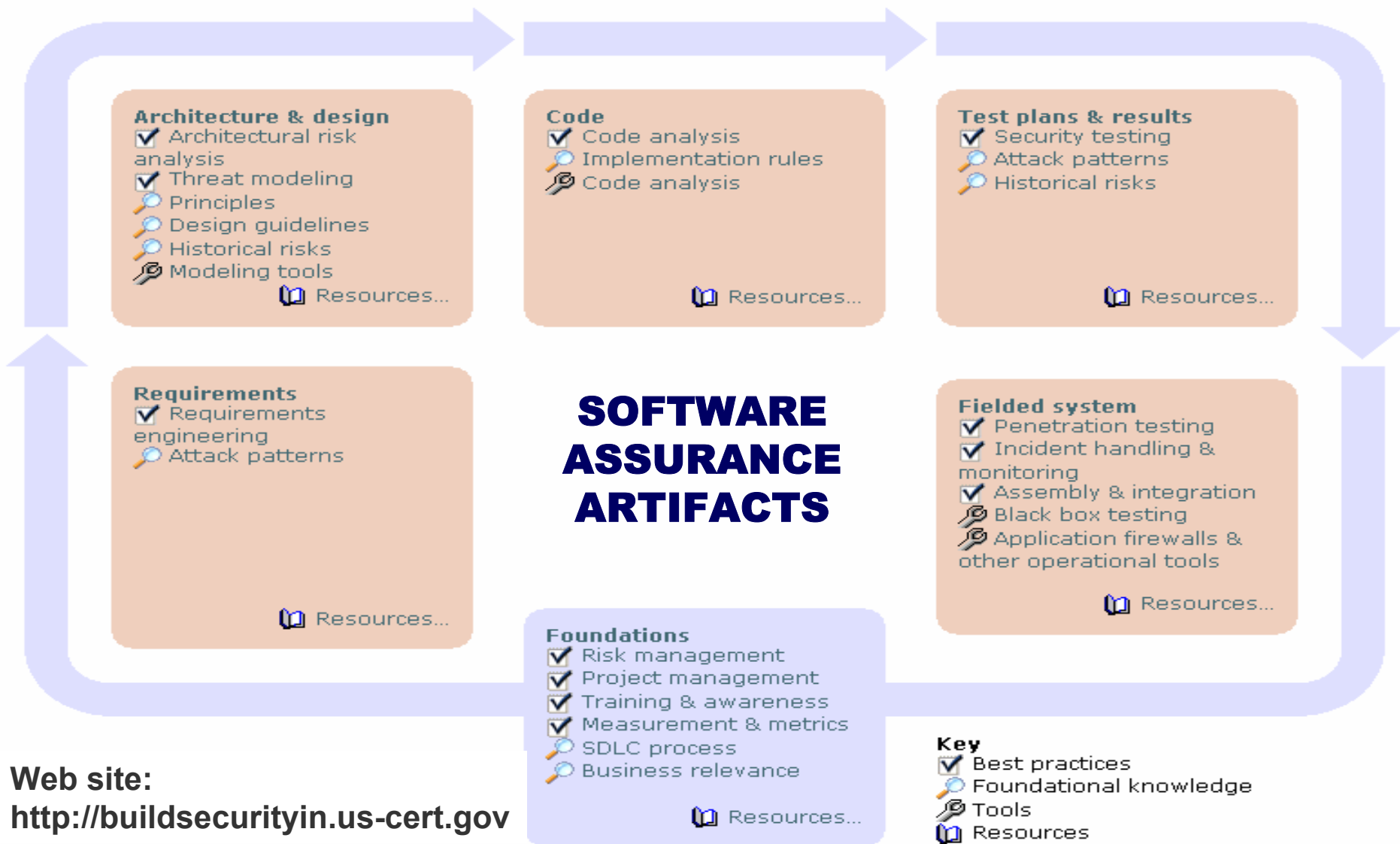
- ▶ Provide practical guidance in software assurance process improvement methodologies**
 - Co-sponsor semi-annual Software Assurance Forum for government, academia, and industry to facilitate the ongoing collaboration held April 2005, **3-4 October 2005 at Hilton McLean** and 16-17 March 2006
 - <https://www.seeuthere.com/event/m2c757235982986148>
 - Collect, develop, and publish practical guidance and reference materials for Security through the Software Development Life Cycle for training software developers in software assurance process improvement methodologies.
 - “SECURING THE SOFTWARE LIFECYCLE: Making Application Development Processes – and Software Produced by Them – More Secure”
 - Sponsoring work with *Software Engineering Institute* and industry to develop a web-based central repository “Build Security In” on US-CERT web site “**buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov** for dissemination of recommended standards, practices, and technologies for secure software development to launch October 2005



**Homeland
Security**

**NCSD Goal Action 2.3.2

SwA Process: Lifecycle Touch Points



Software Assurance: Process (cont')

- ▶ Provide practical guidance in software assurance process improvement methodologies**
 - Develop a business case analysis to support lifecycle use of security best practices
 - Complete the DHS/DoD co-sponsored comprehensive review of the NIAP (National Information Assurance Partnership) to be published Sep 2005
 - Participate in relevant standards bodies; identify software assurance gaps in applicable standards from IEEE, ISO/IEC, NIST, OMG, CNSS, and Open Group and support effort through sponsored Processes and Practices Working group (April, June, August, October, and December 2005 and March, June and September 2006)

**NCSD Goal Action 2.3.2



**Homeland
Security**

Software Assurance Comes From:



Knowing what it takes to “get” what we want

- ▶ Development/acquisition practices/process capabilities
- ▶ Criteria for assuring integrity & mitigating risks



Building and/or acquiring what we want

- ▶ Threat modeling and analysis
- ▶ Requirements engineering
- ▶ Failsafe design and defect-free code



Understanding what we built / acquired

- ▶ Production assurance evidence
- ▶ Comprehensive testing and diagnostics
- ▶ Formal methods & static analysis

*Multiple Sources:

DHS/NCSD,
OASD(NII)IA,
NSA, NASA,
JHU/APL



Using what we understand

- ▶ Policy/practices for use & acquisition
- ▶ Composition of trust
- ▶ Hardware support



**Homeland
Security**

Reaching the Stakeholders

Leverage Efforts in Evolving ISO Standards, CNSS IA and IEEE CS SWEBOK

Education

- Curriculum
- Accreditation Criteria

*CNSS IA Courseware
Evaluation*

*IEEE/ACM Software
Engineering 2004 curriculum*

ABET



**University
acceptance**

**Homeland
Security**



Professional Development

- Continuing Education
- Certification

CSDP Online Prep Course

IEEE CS SWE Book Series

*Certified Software
Development Professional*



**Individual
acceptance**

Training and Practices

- Standards of Practice
- Training programs

*IEEE Software and
Systems Engineering
Standards Committee*

*ISO/IEC JTC1/SC7 & SC27
and other committees*



**Industrial
acceptance**

Software Assurance Lifecycle Considerations

- ▶ Define Lifecycle Threats/Hazards, Vulnerabilities & Risks
- ▶ Identify Risks attributable to software
- ▶ Determine Threats (and Hazards)
- ▶ Understand key aspects of Vulnerabilities
- ▶ Consider Implications in Lifecycle Phases:
 - Threats to: System, Production process, Using system
 - Vulnerabilities attributable to: Ineptness (undisciplined practices), Malicious intent, Incorrect or incomplete artifacts, Inflexibility
 - Risks in Current Efforts: Policies & Practices, Constraints



Value of Standards

A standard is a Name for an otherwise fuzzy concept

In a complex, multidimensional trade space of solutions ...

... a standard gives a name to a bounded region.



It defines some characteristics that a buyer can count on.

Jim Moore, 2004-03 CSEE&T Panel

7

- **Software Assurance** needs standards to assign names to practices or collections of practices.
- This enables communication between:
 - ☐ Buyer and seller
 - ☐ Government and industry
 - ☐ Insurer and insured

Standards represent the “**minimum level of responsible practice,**” not necessarily the best available methods



**Homeland
Security**

Using Standards and Best Practices to Close gaps between state-of-the-practice and state-of-the-art *1, 2

Raising the Ceiling

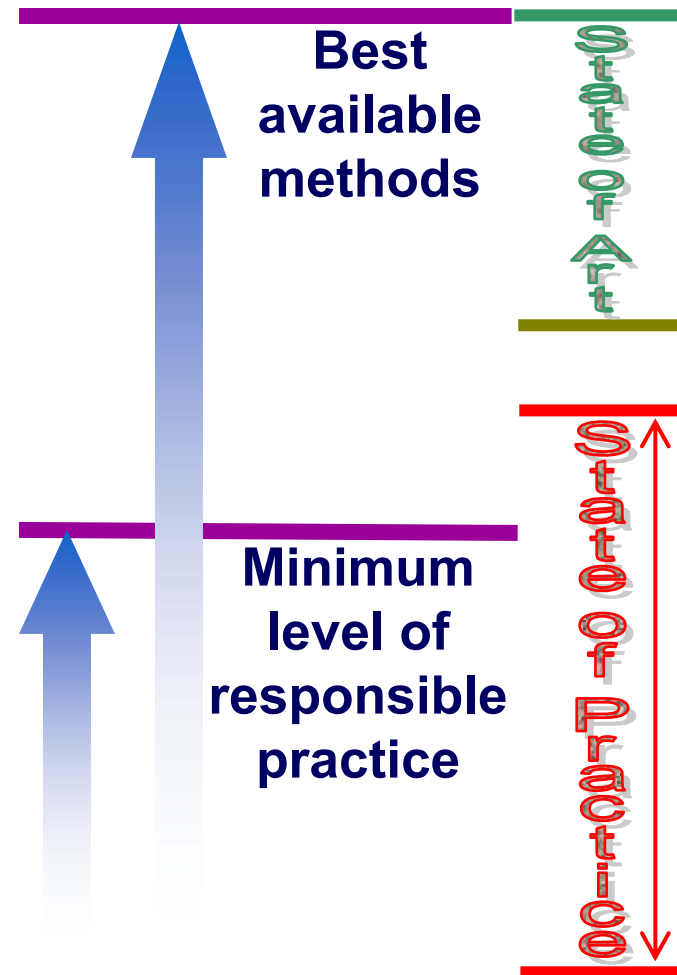
- *Information Assurance, Cyber Security and System Safety* typically treat the concerns of the most critical system assets.

- They prescribe extra practices (and possibly, extra effort) in developing, sustaining and operating such systems.

Raising the Floor

- However, *some* of the concerns of *Software Assurance* involve simple things that any user or developer should do.

- They don't increase lifecycle costs.
- In many cases, they just specify "stop making avoidable mistakes."



*[1] Adopted from Software Assurance briefing on "ISO Harmonization of Standardized Software and System Life Cycle Processes," by Jim Moore, MITRE, June 2, 2005, *[2] US 2nd National Software Summit, April 29, 2005 Report (see <http://www.cnsoftware.org>) identified major gaps in requirements for software tools and technologies to routinely develop error-free software and the state-of-the-art and gaps in state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice

Using Standards and Best Practices to Close gaps between state-of-the-practice and state-of-the-art *1, 2

Raising the Ceiling

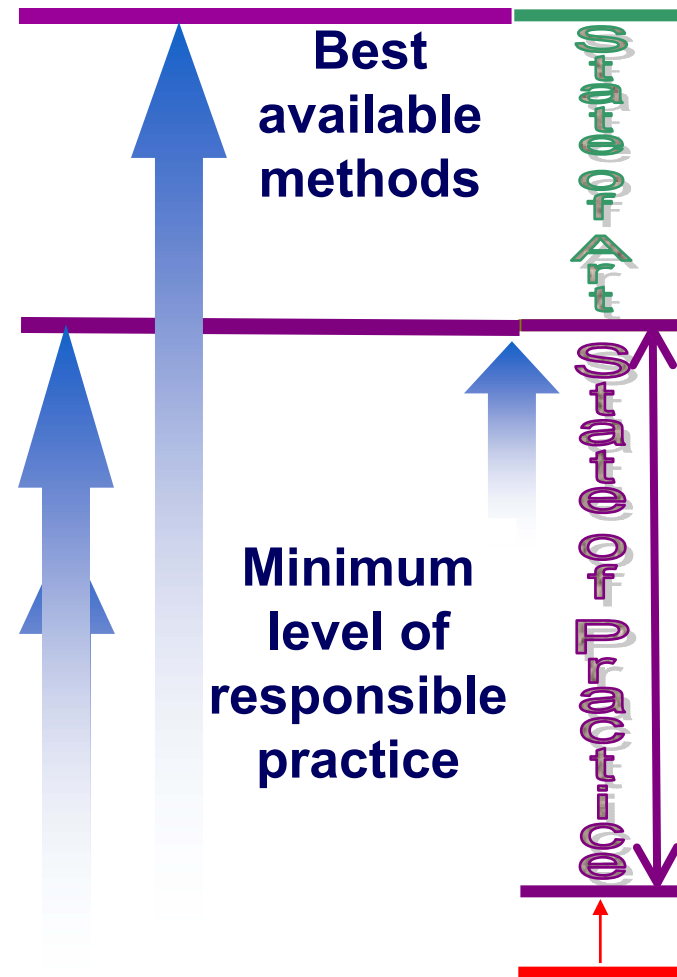
► *Information Assurance, Cyber Security and System Safety* typically treat the concerns of the most critical system assets.

- They prescribe extra practices (and possibly, extra effort) in developing, sustaining and operating such systems.

Raising the Floor

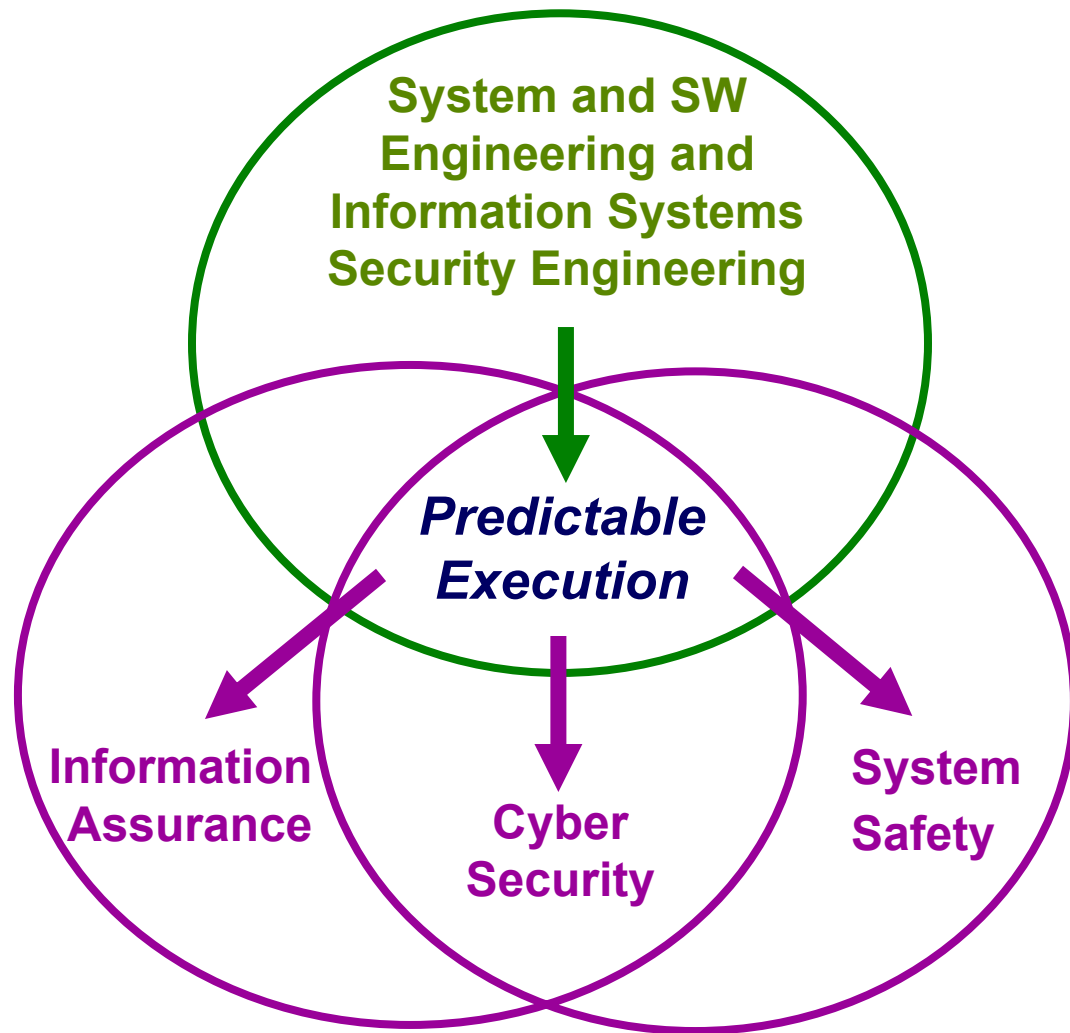
► However, *some* of the concerns of *Software Assurance* involve simple things that any user or developer should do.

- They don't increase lifecycle costs.
- In many cases, they just specify "stop making avoidable mistakes."



*[1] Adopted from Software Assurance briefing on "ISO Harmonization of Standardized Software and System Life Cycle Processes," by Jim Moore, MITRE, June 2, 2005, *[2] US 2nd National Software Summit, April 29, 2005 Report (see <http://www.cnsoftware.org>) identified major gaps in requirements for software tools and technologies to routinely develop error-free software and the state-of-the-art and gaps in state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice

Relating SW Assurance to Engineering Disciplines



For a safety/security analysis to be valid ...

The execution of the system must be *predictable*.

This requires ...

- Correct implementation of requirements, expectations and regulations.

Traditional concern

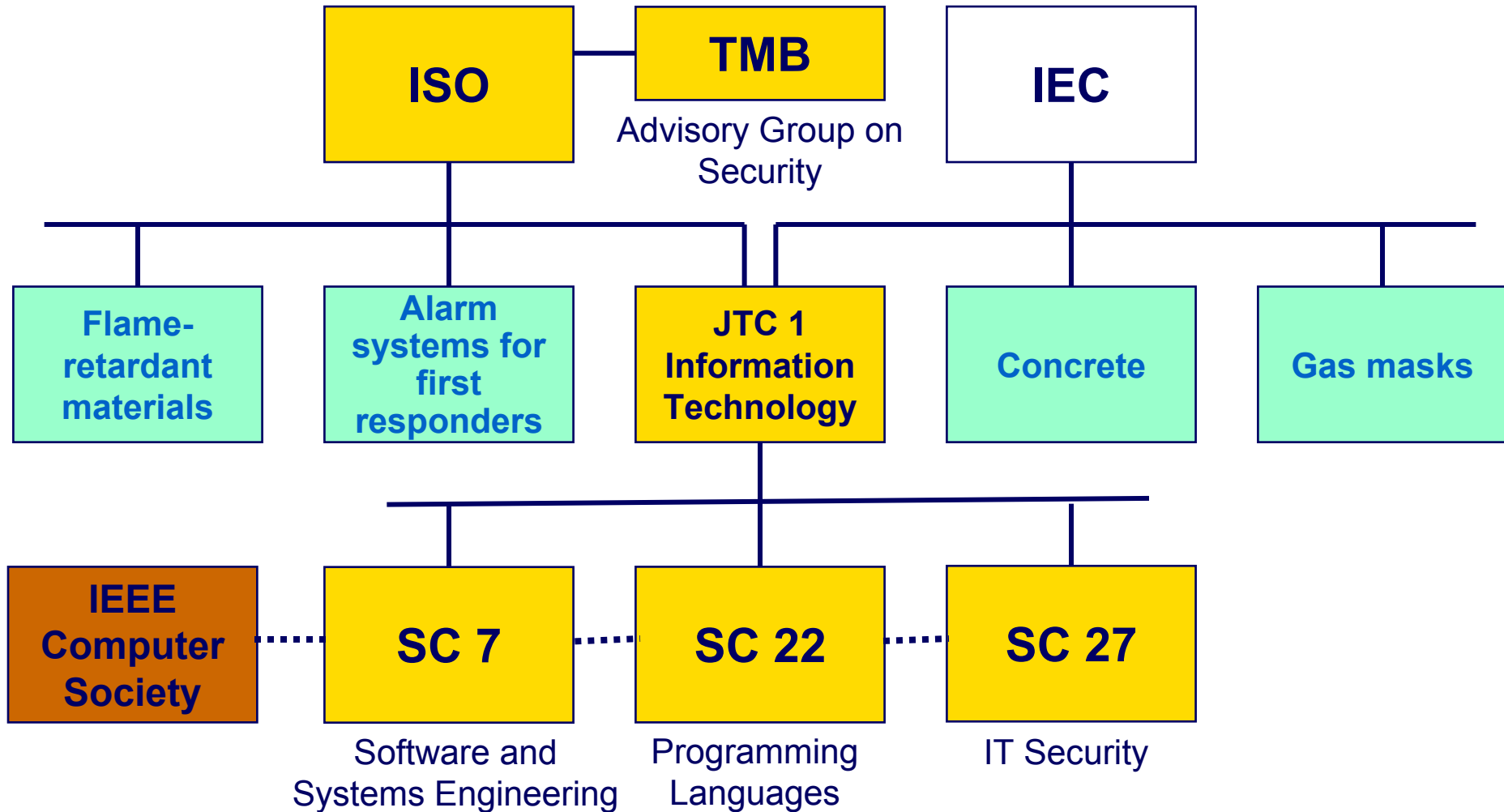
- Exclusion of unwanted function even in the face of attempted exploitation.

Growing concern



**Homeland
Security**

Security and Assurance Concerns in ISO

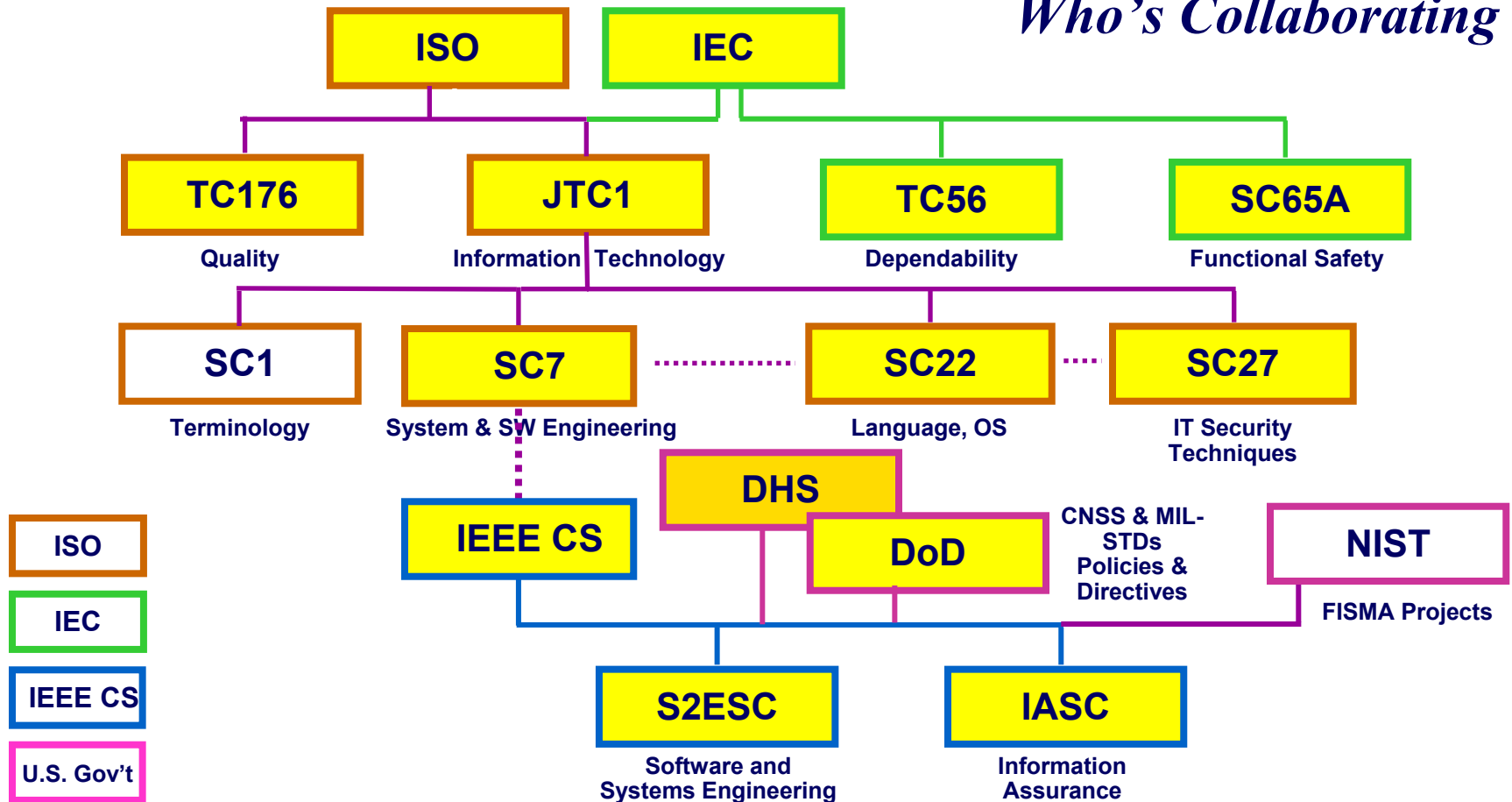


**Homeland
Security**

..... Liaison role between IEEE CS
S2ESC and between ISO SCs

Harmonization Efforts Impacting Systems and Software Assurance

Who's Collaborating

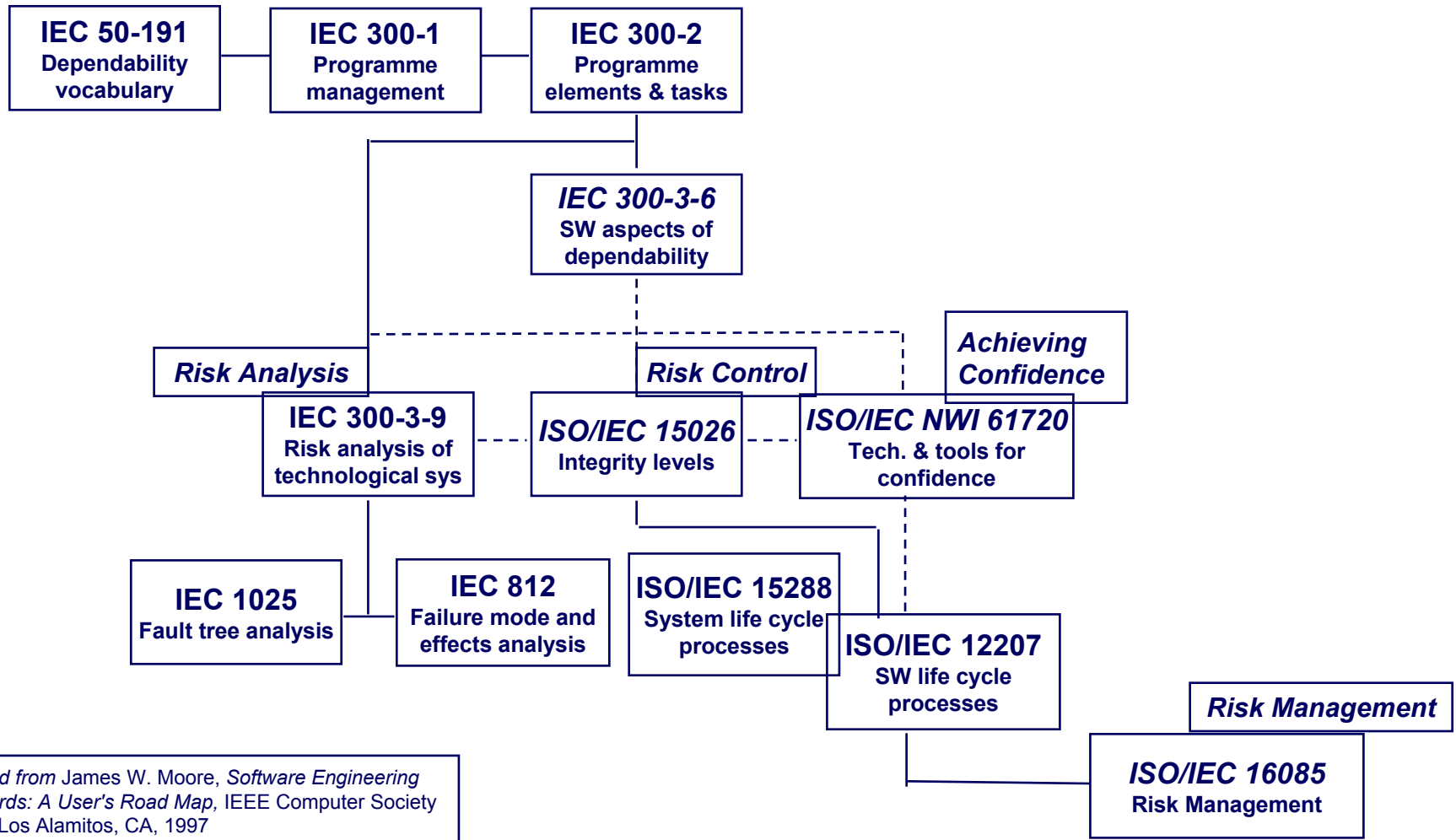


New Scope of ISO 15026 “System and Software Assurance”

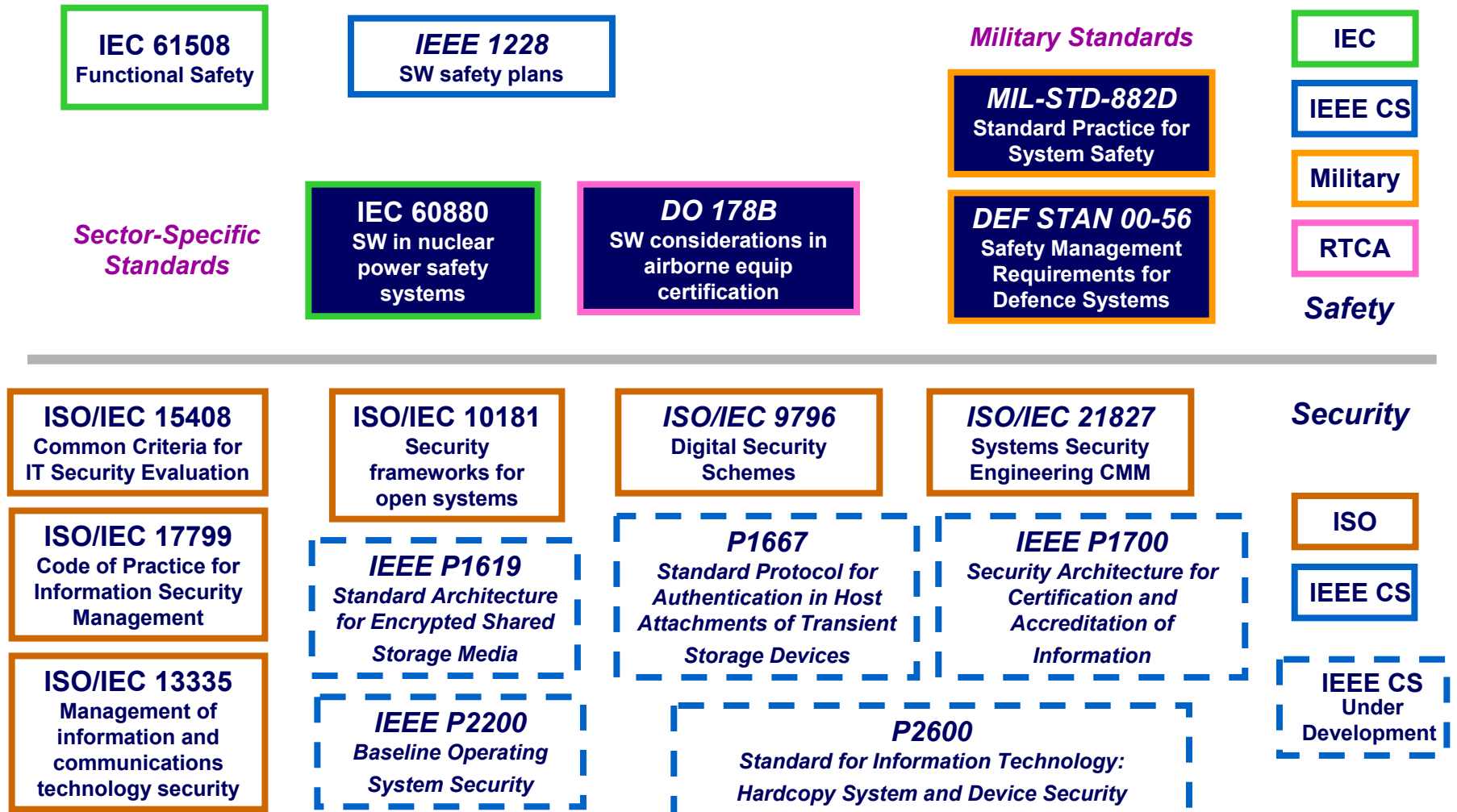
“System and software assurance focuses on the management of risk and assurance of safety, security, and dependability within the context of system and software life cycles.”

Terms of Reference changed: ISO/IEC JTC1/SC7 WG9, previously “System and Software Integrity”

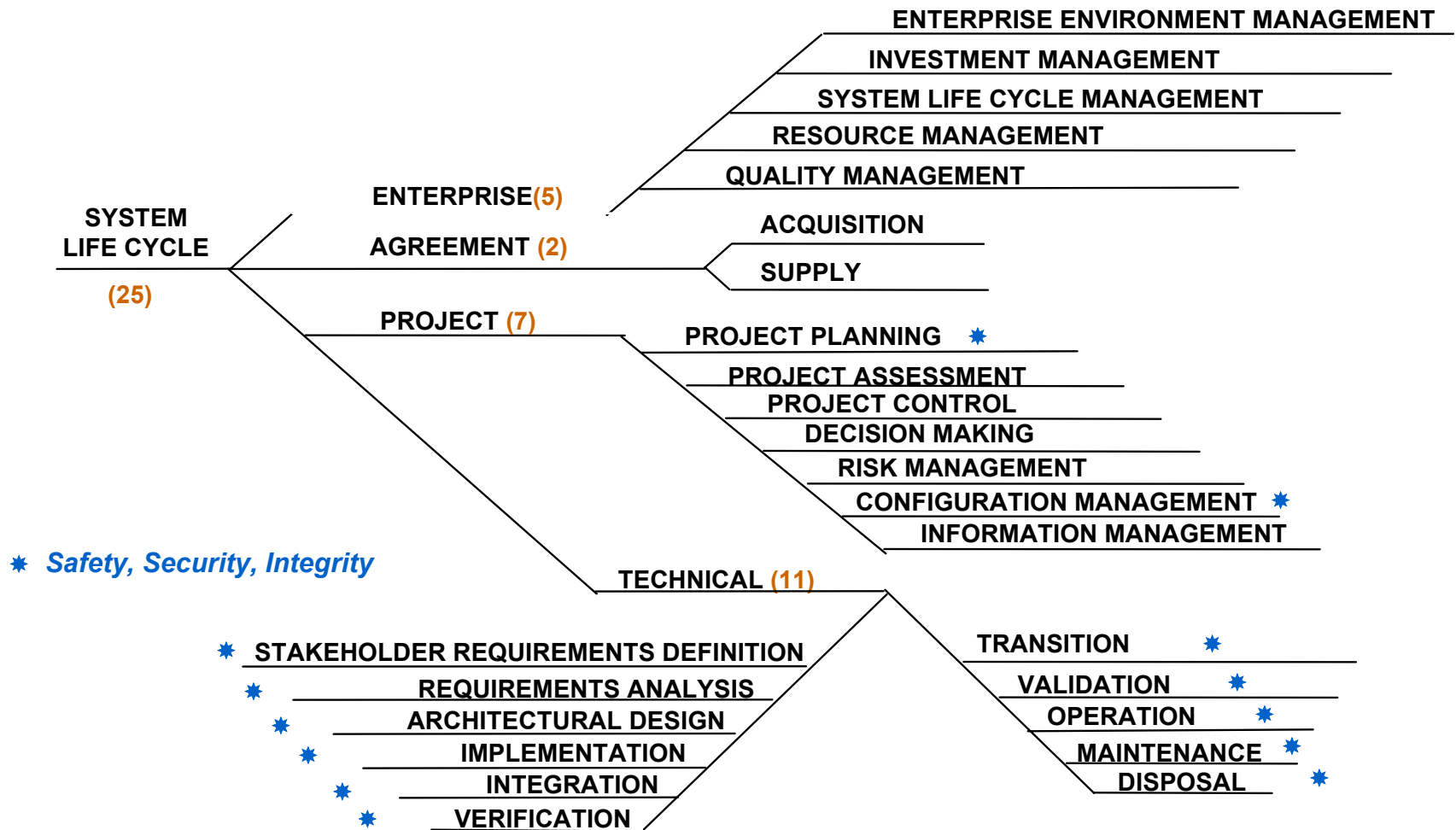
Dependability Standards



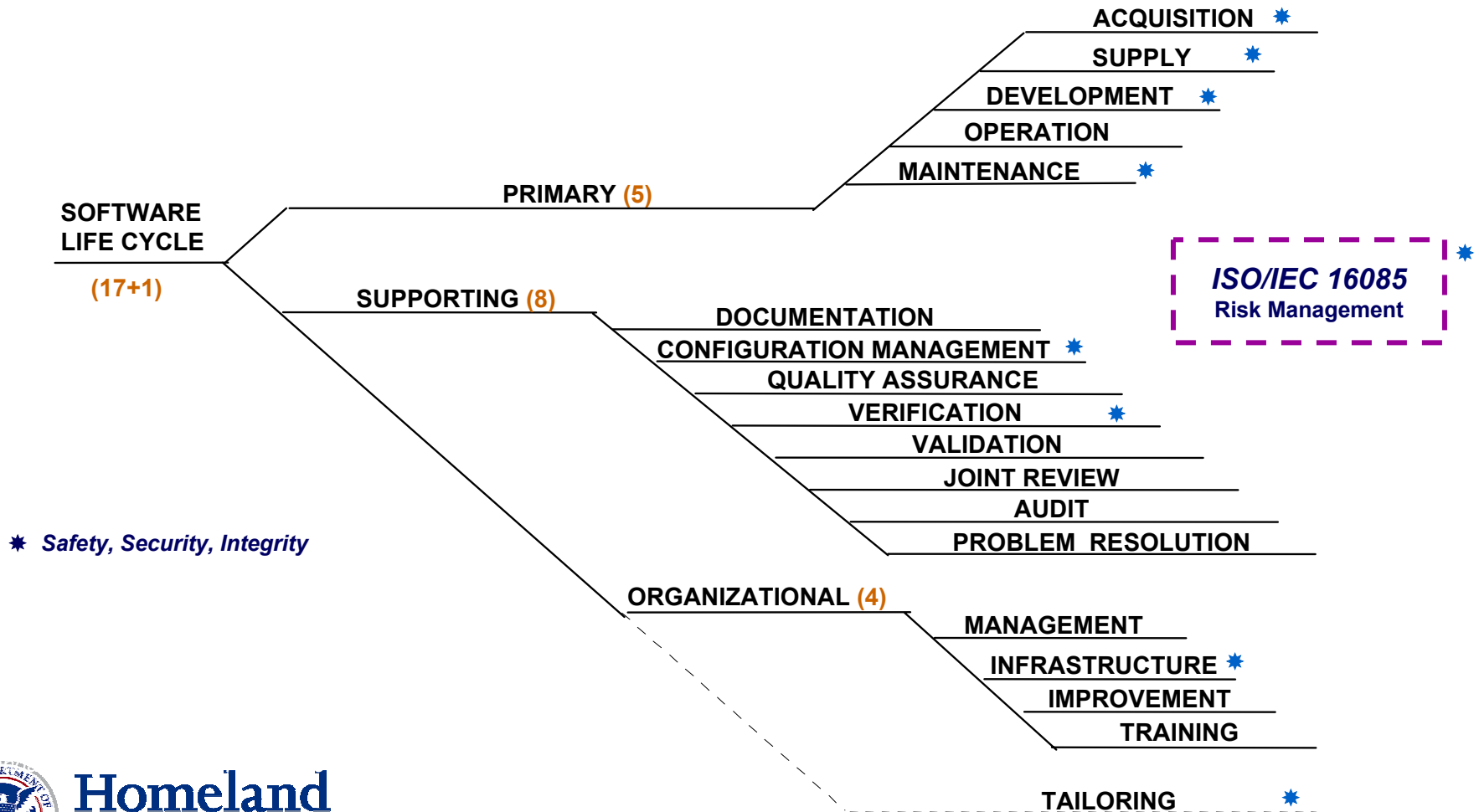
Safety and Security Standards



Assurance in the ISO/IEC 15288 System Life Cycle Process Framework

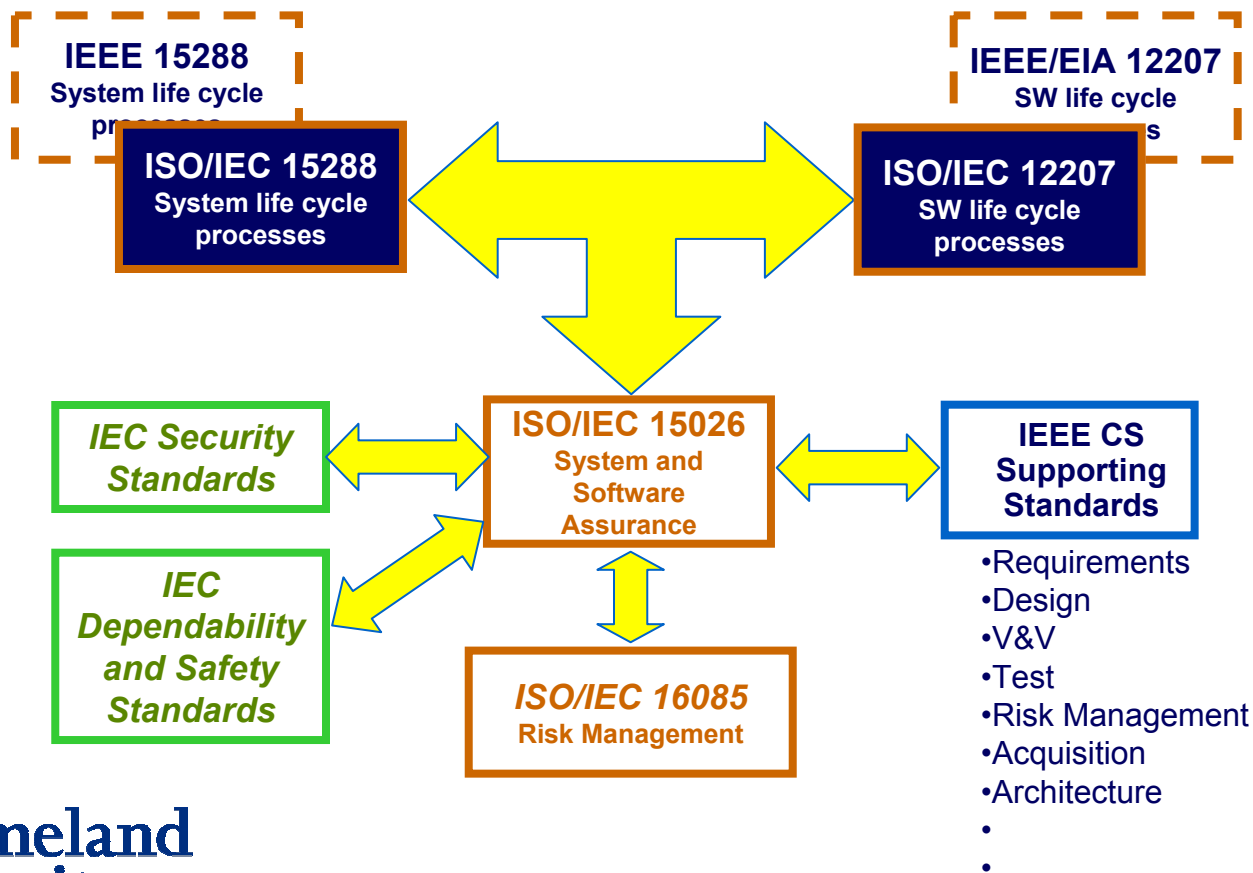


Assurance in the IEEE/EIA 12207 Software Life Cycle Process Framework



Harmonization Efforts Impacting Systems and Software Assurance

What's Being Harmonized

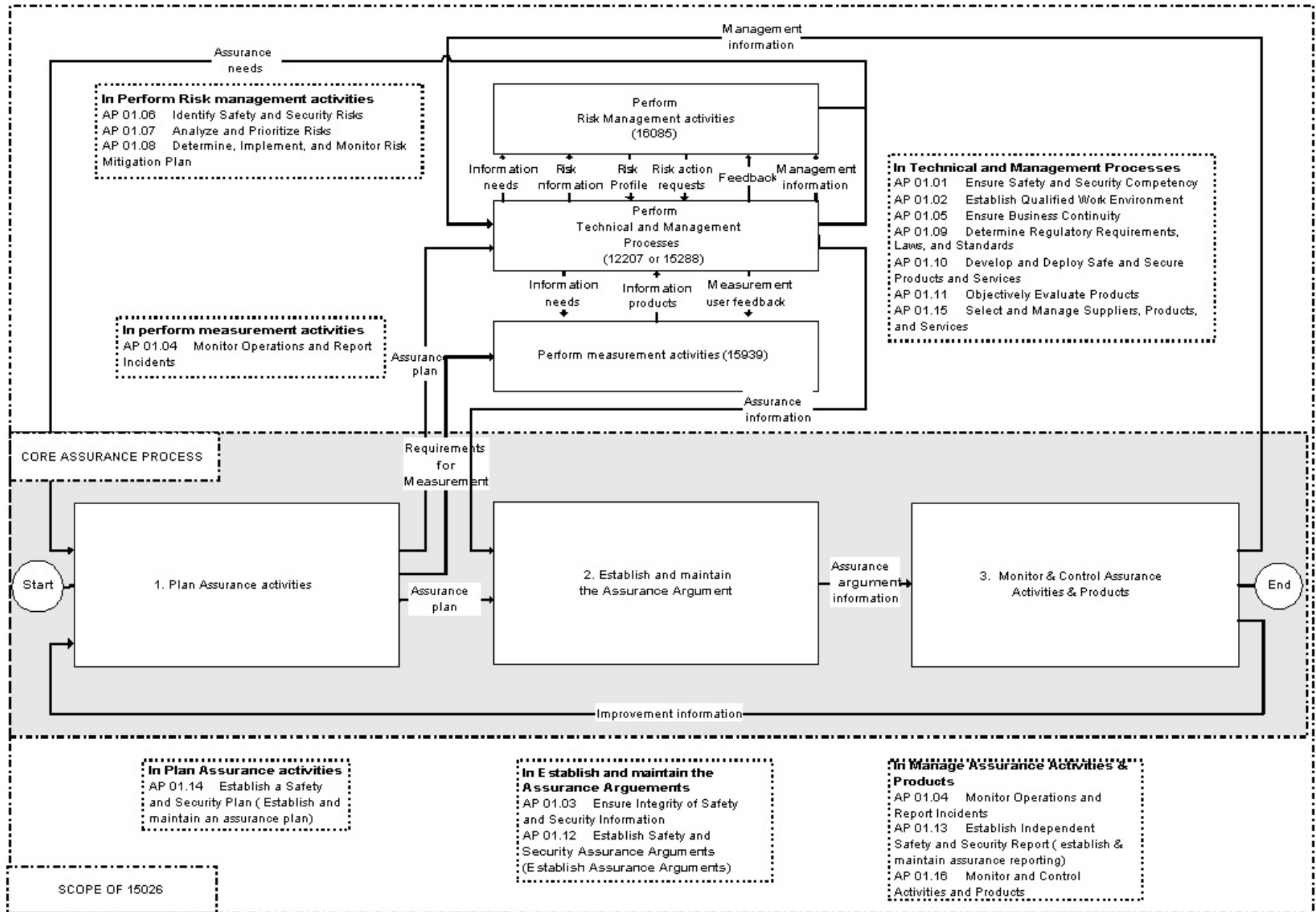


Safety/Security Meta-Practices for ISO 15026*

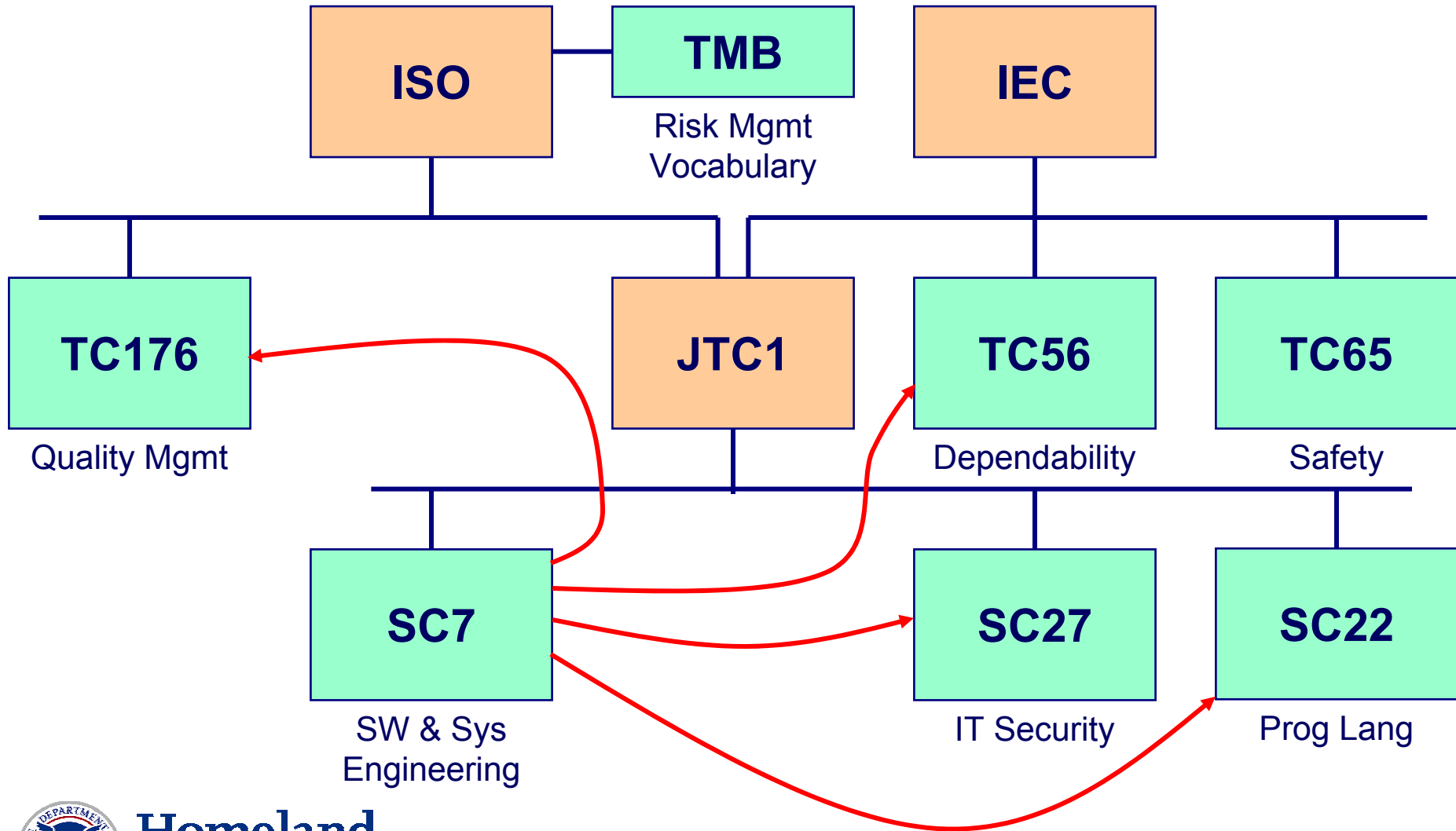
1. Ensure Safety and Security Competency
2. Establish Qualified Work Environment
3. Ensure Integrity of Safety and Security Information
4. Monitor Operations and Report Incidents
5. Ensure Business Continuity
6. Identify Safety and Security Risks
7. Analyze and Prioritize Risks
8. Determine, Implement, and Monitor Risk Mitigation Plan
9. Determine Regulatory Requirements, Laws, and Standards
10. Develop and Deploy Safe and Secure Products and Services
11. Objectively Evaluate Products
12. Establish Safety and Security Assurance Arguments
13. Establish Independent Safety and Security Reporting
14. Establish a Safety and Security Plan
15. Select and Manage Suppliers, Products, and Services
16. Monitor and Control Activities and Products

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration, www.faa.ipg, Safety and Security Extensions for Integrated Capability Maturity Models, September 2004

* Represents a synthesis/harmonization of 4 Security Standards with 4 Safety Standards



Who are the Players? – International



INCITS CS1 Standardization Areas

► Management

- Information security and systems
- Third party information security service providers (outsourcing)

► Measurement and Assessment

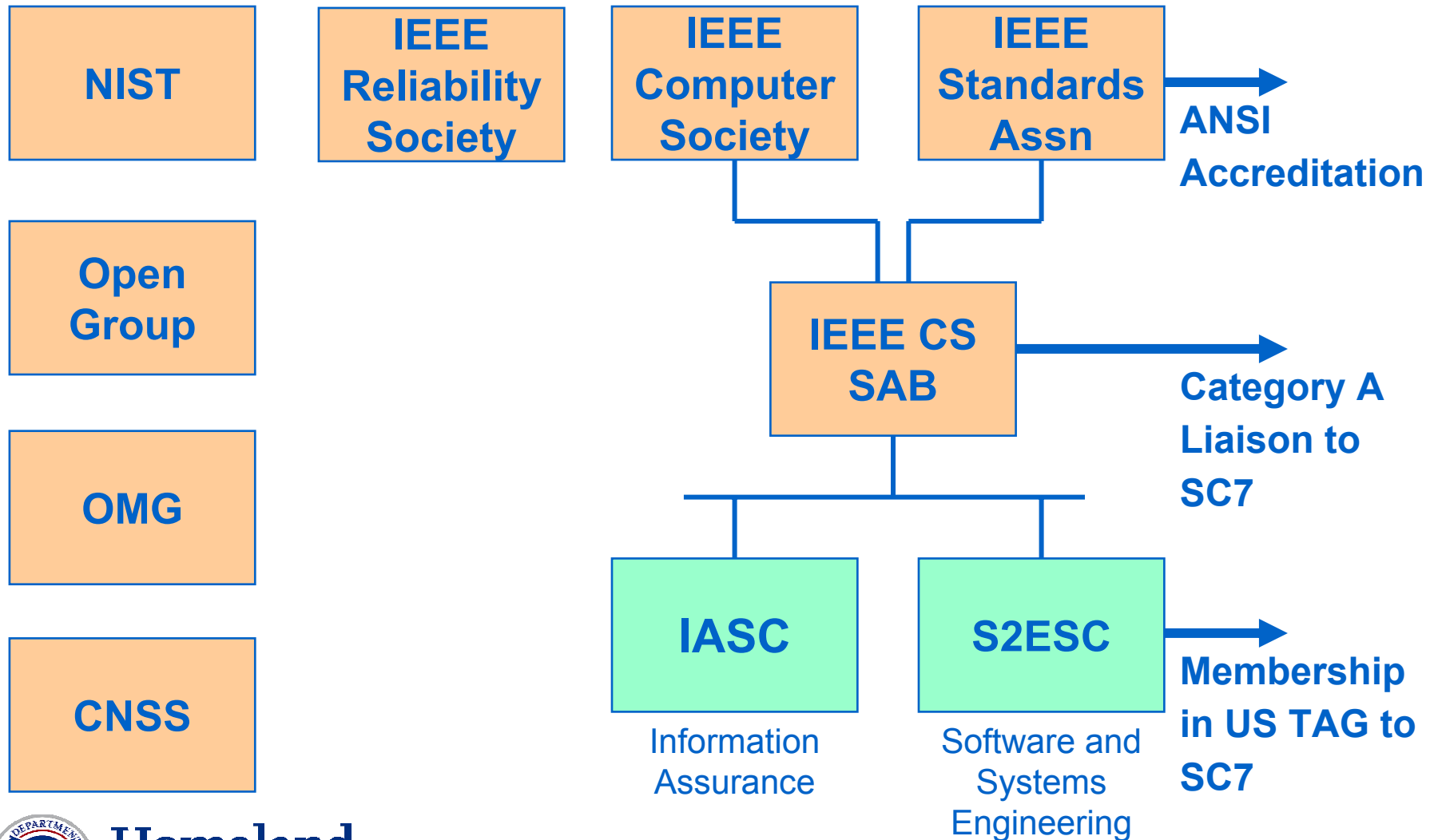
- Security Metrics
- Security Checklists
- IT security assessment of operational systems
- IT security evaluation and assurance

► IA & Cyber Security Requirements and Operations

- Protection Profiles
- Security requirements for cryptographic modules
- Intrusion detection
- Network security
- Incident handling
- Role based access control

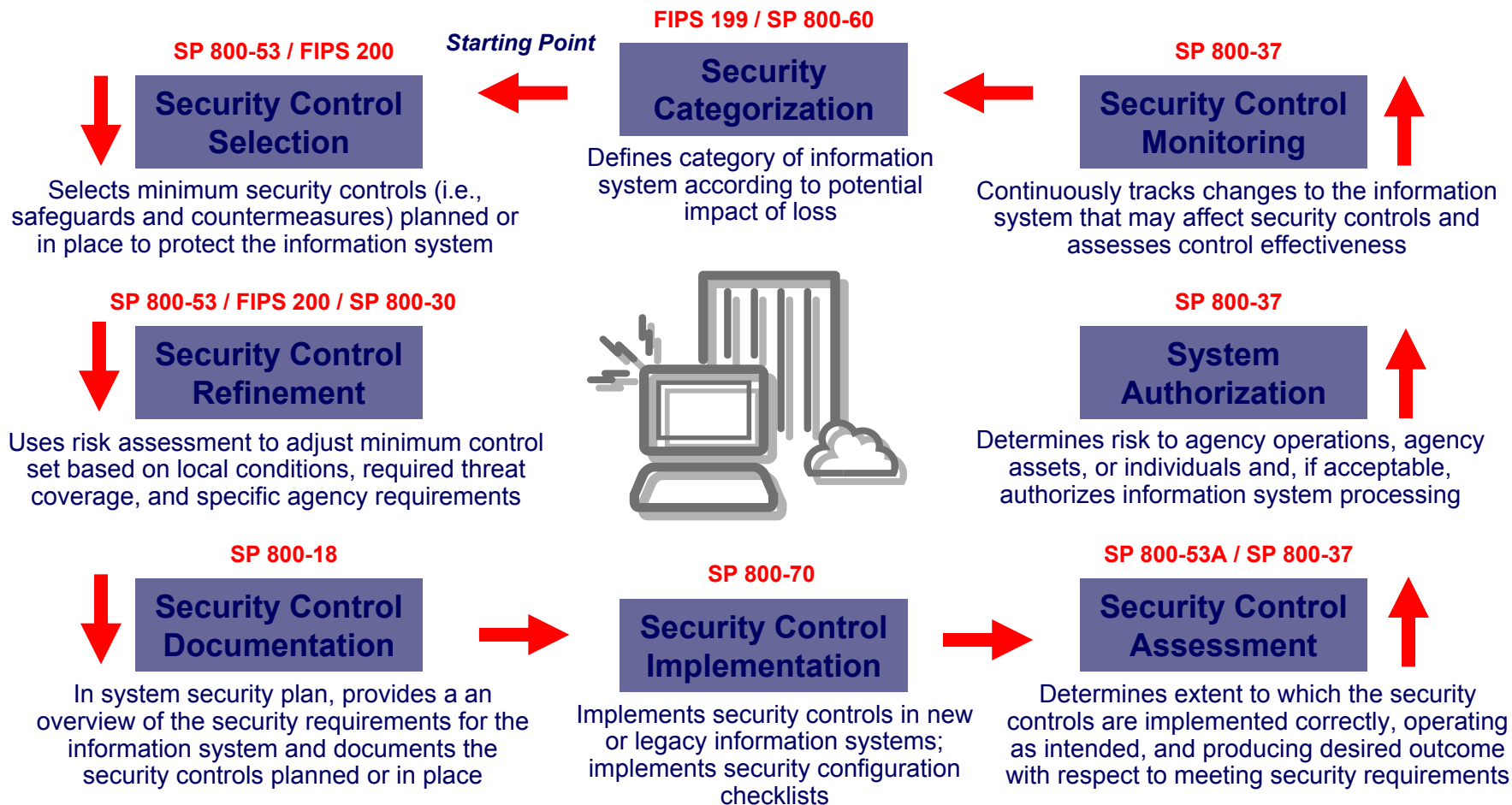


Who are the Players? – in the US



**Homeland
Security**

NIST Enterprise Risk Management Framework



**Homeland
Security**

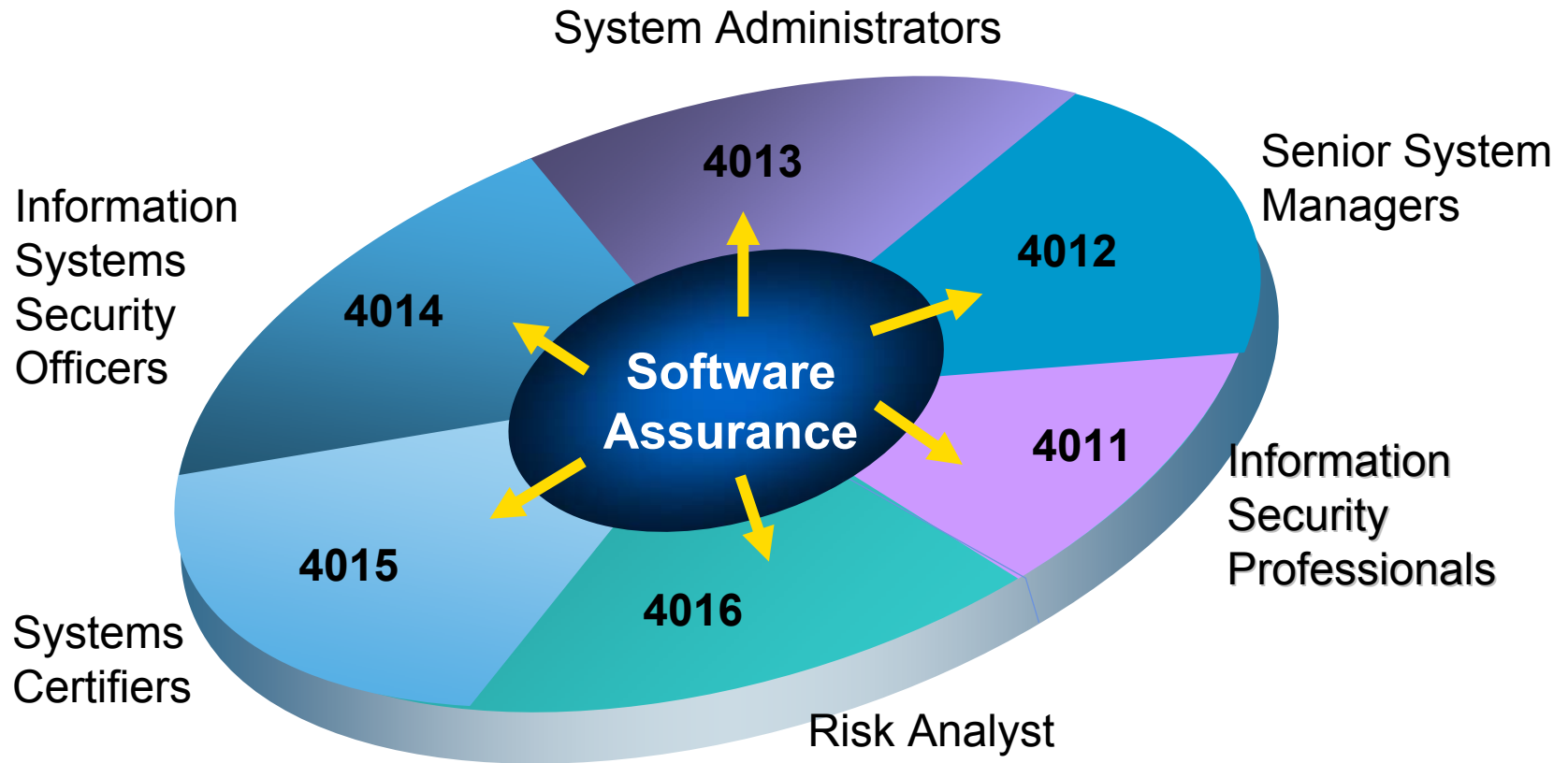
Source: FISMA Implementation Project, Dr. Ron Ross, NIST, April 2004

FISMA Implementation Project Standards and Guidelines

- ▶ FIPS Publication 199 (Security Categorization)
- ▶ NIST Special Publication 800-37 (Certification & Accreditation)
- ▶ NIST Special Publication 800-53 (Security Controls)
- ▶ NIST Special Publication 800-53A (Assessment)
- ▶ NIST Special Publication 800-59 (National Security)
- ▶ NIST Special Publication 800-60 (Category Mapping)
- ▶ FIPS Publication 200 (Minimum Security Controls)



Integrating SwA CBK with CNSS IA Standards



- Software Assurance considerations for IA functional roles:
- add SwA material in each CNSS 4000 series standard
 - add a new CNSS 4000 series standard on SW Assurance

Bottom Line

► The problem

- A broad range of organizations
- A broad range of technical committees
- A broad range of standards and other documents that have developed more or less independently

► We need

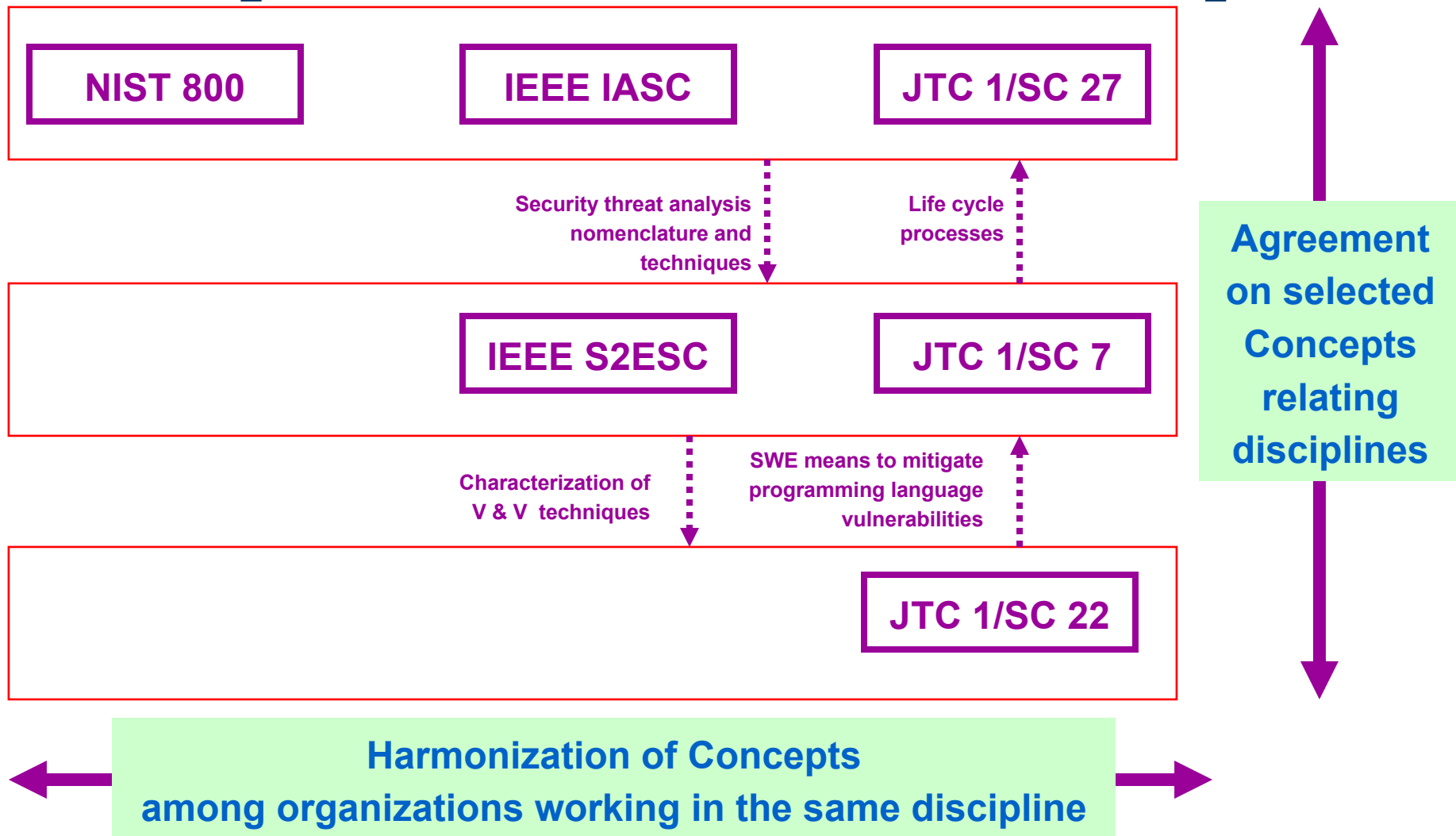
- Knowledgeable representation in the various committees of interest
- A coordinated approach advocating convergence on the needs of SWA

► Recommended approach

- Use subject matter experts as representatives to various committees
- Achieve agreement on a set of concepts that can link the various standards
- Work together to drive our committees toward the agreed concepts
- Meet frequently to assess progress



Examples of Desired Relationships



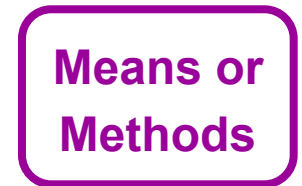
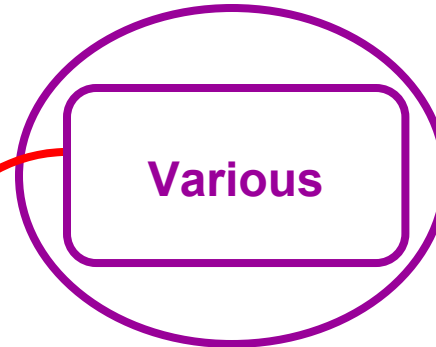
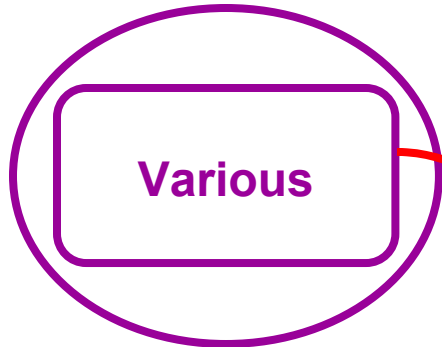
**Homeland
Security**

(Over) Simplified Relationships among Disciplines

Software Engineering

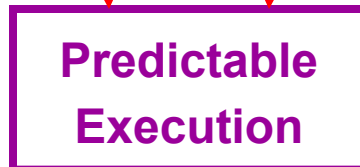
Software Assurance

Key



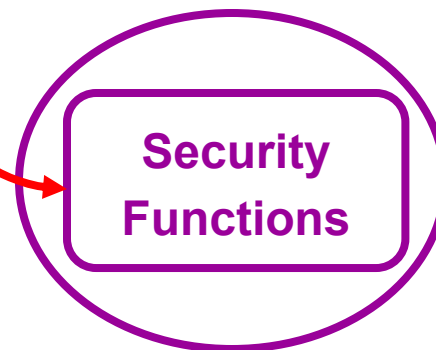
Achieves desired function

Precludes undesired function
despite attempts to exploit



Permits confidence in

Permits confidence in



Safety

Information Assurance

Possible Concepts from SW Engineering Standards

- ▶ A set of reference processes for describing the life cycle of software and systems
- ▶ Vocabulary related to software and systems
- ▶ Model for system and software measurement and process for doing so
- ▶ Model of product quality characteristics
- ▶ Generalized risk management process



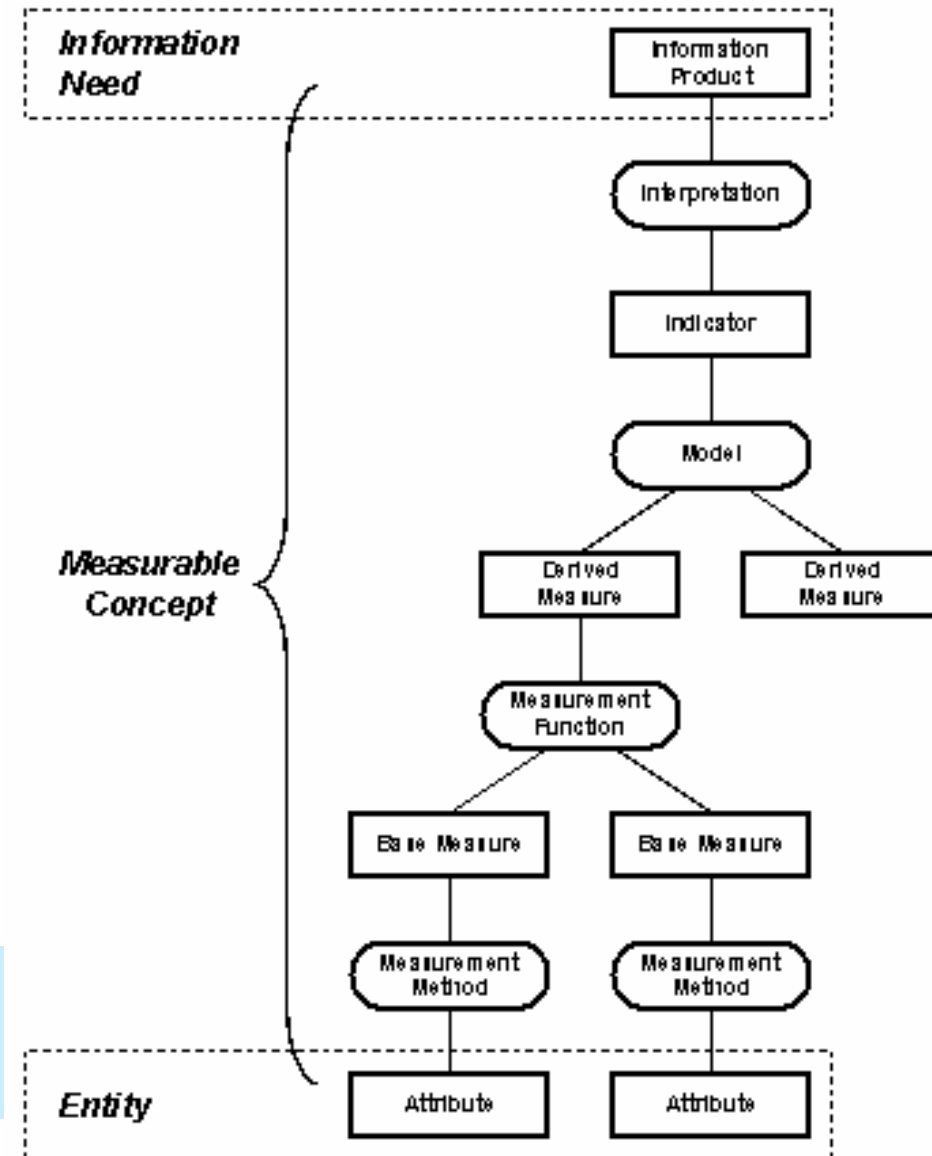
Key Standards for Software and System Processes

- ▶ ISO/IEC 15288, System Life Cycle Processes
 - 25 processes spanning the life cycle of a system.
 - The standard is primarily descriptive.
- ▶ ISO/IEC 12207:1995, Software Life Cycle Processes
 - 17 processes spanning the life cycle of a software product or service.
 - The standard is somewhat prescriptive in defining a minimum level of responsible practice.
 - Describes processes meeting the needs of organizational process definition.
- ▶ ISO/IEC 12207:Amd 1
 - Redescribes processes to meet the needs of process assessment and improvement.
- ▶ ISO/IEC 15026, Integrity Levels → Assurance
 - Describes additional techniques needed for high-integrity systems.
 - Currently, not process-oriented, but is being repositioned.
- ▶ ISO/IEC 16085, Risk Management Process
- ▶ ISO/IEC 15939, Measurement Process
- ▶ Other standards treating specific processes in greater detail



Measurement Model

- ▶ IEEE adopted the measurement model of ISO/IEC 15389 ...
- ▶ ... which, in turn, came from the DoD Practical Software Measurement program.



http://standards.computer.org/sesc/sesc_pols



**Homeland
Security**

Measurement Information Model

Vocabulary

- ▶ IEEE 610.12, Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology.
- ▶ JTC 1 doesn't have a system and software engineering vocabulary but does have a few near-misses of varying ages:
 - ISO/IEC 2382-1:1993, Information technology–Vocabulary–Part 1: Fundamental terms
 - ISO/IEC 2382-7:2000, Information technology–Vocabulary–Part 7: Computer programming
 - ISO/IEC 2382-8:1998, Information technology–Vocabulary–Part 8: Security
 - ISO/IEC 2382-14:1997, Information technology–Vocabulary–Part 14: Reliability, maintainability and availability
 - ISO/IEC 2382-20:1990, Information technology–Vocabulary–Part 20: System development



Some Current Efforts

► SC7

- Incorporate “raise the floor” assurance practices into life cycle standards.
- Incorporate “raise the ceiling” practices into separate standards strongly related to the life cycle standards.
- Use “16 Practices” as a benchmark for measuring success.

► SC22

- Develop coding guidelines for common programming languages.

► SC27

- Expand their perceived context to include assurance concerns.

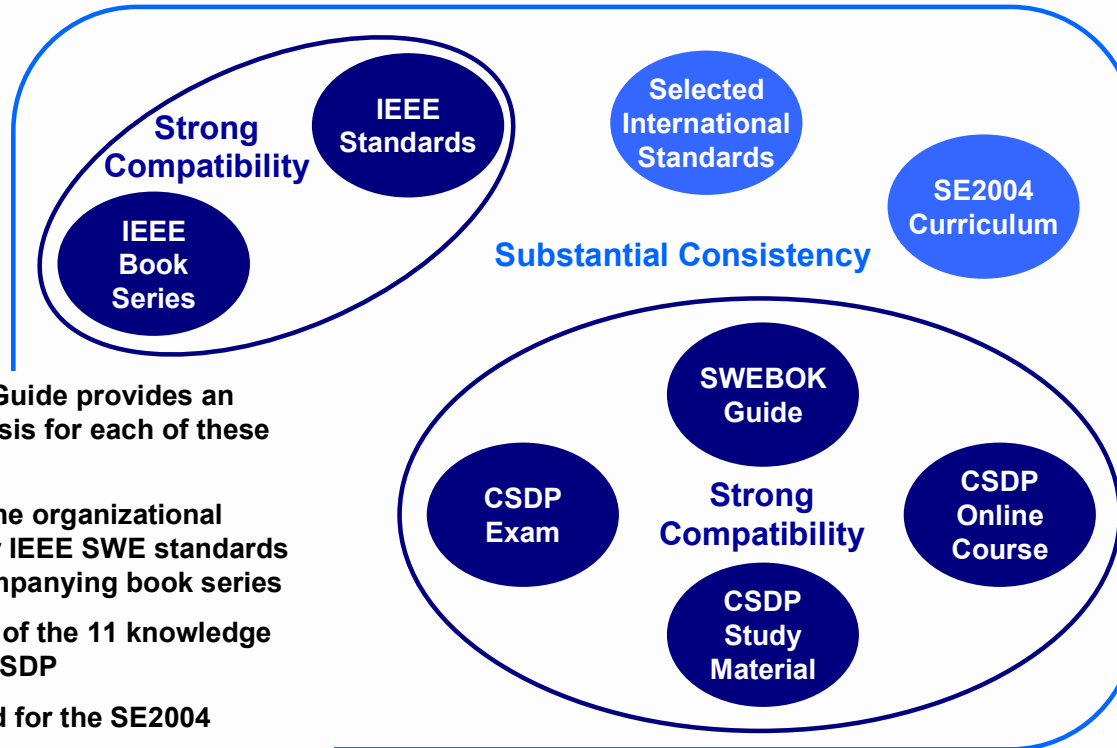
► IEEE S2ESC

- Use as an “integrator” of standards for packaging and transition to industry.



Success of IEEE with this Strategy

A Success Story: Harmonization of SW Engineering Standards and Professional Development



The SWEBOK Guide provides an underlying basis for each of these items:

- It is used as the organizational framework for IEEE SWE standards and the accompanying book series
- It provides 10 of the 11 knowledge areas of the CSDP
- It was adapted for the SE2004 curriculum
- It has been adopted by ISO.

The success of the IEEE CS SWE harmonization happens to benefit the goals of software assurance.

It also provides a model for future efforts by software assurance.

Technology Transition Vehicles

► Professional Societies

- Utilize professional societies as a source of expertise and as a mechanism for technology transition to individual practice.

► Body of Knowledge and Curriculum

- Provide an authoritative overview of the knowledge needed by practitioners
- Provide curriculum guidance for educators and industrial trainers

► Standards Infrastructure

- Use standards as a mechanism for recording good software assurance practices and transitioning them to commercial usage.
- Provide named benchmarks for use in contracting, license agreements, insurance ratings, etc.

► Product Assessment

- Provide a framework for assessing the security and assurance characteristics of products and providing appropriate product certifications, e.g. NIAP and improvements.

► Organizational Assessment

- Provide a framework for assessing the capability of an organization to develop and sustain products demonstrating desired characteristics of software assurance, e.g. CMMI (and iCMM) supplemented by “Sixteen Practices” for software assurance

► Critical Infrastructure Applications

- Provide technologies, practices, standards and guidance for incorporating assurance practices into products and services applied to critical infrastructure.



Software Assurance: Acquisition

- ▶ Enhance software supply chain management through improved risk mitigation and contracting for secure software**
 - Collaborate with CNSS and industry working groups to identify needs for reducing risks associated with software supply chain
 - Develop and disseminate templates for acquisition language and evaluation based on successful models
 - Develop and disseminate common or sample statement of work / procurement language that includes provisions on liability for federal acquisition managers
 - Provide materials to organizations providing acquisition training and education

**NCSD Goal Action 2.3.4



**Homeland
Security**

Software Assurance: Technology

- ▶ Enhance software security measurement and assess Software Assurance testing and diagnostic tools**
 - Collaborate with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to inventory software assurance tools and measure effectiveness, identify gaps and conflicts, and develop a plan to eliminate gaps and conflicts
 - Host workshops with NIST to assess, measure, and validate tool effectiveness
 - Develop R&D requirements for DHS S&T consideration; coordinating Software Assurance R&D requirements with other federal agencies
 - Fund a R&D project (through the DHS S&T Directorate) that will examine tools and techniques for analyzing software to detect security vulnerabilities.
 - Include techniques that require access to source code, as well as binary-only techniques
 - Collaborate with other agencies and allied organizations to mature measurement in security

**NCSD Goal Action 2.3.3



**Homeland
Security**



National Vulnerability Database

a comprehensive cyber vulnerability resource

The National Vulnerability Database (NVD) is new vulnerability resource tool co-sponsored by NIST and the DHS National Cyber Security Division/US-CERT, and:

- Is a comprehensive IT vulnerability database that integrates all publicly available U.S. Government vulnerability resources and provides links to industry resources
- Is built upon the CVE standard vulnerability nomenclature and augments the standard with a search engine and reference library
- Provides IT professionals with centralized and comprehensive vulnerability information in order to assist with incident prevention and management to mitigate the impact of vulnerabilities
- Strives to include all industry vulnerability databases, creating a “meta search engine”
- Provides official U.S. Government information on virtually all vulnerabilities
- Provides a fine grained search capability
- Provides user requested vulnerability statistics



NVD Search Capability

The NVD enables users to search a database containing virtually all known public computer vulnerabilities by a variety of vulnerability characteristics including:

- related exploit range
- software name and version number
- vendor name
- vulnerability type, severity, impact

Updated every 4 minutes, to date, the NVD contains:

- Over 12,000 vulnerability summaries
- 482 US-CERT Advisories
- 1095 US-CERT Vulnerability Notes
- 781 OVAL references
- 47,000 industry references
- 36 executable Cold Fusion programs

Sponsored by
DHS National Cyber Security Division/US-CERT

NIST
National Institute of
Standards and Technology

National Vulnerability Database

a comprehensive cyber vulnerability resource

[Search CVE](#), [Download CVE](#), [Statistics](#), [Contact](#), [FAQ](#)

Welcome to NVD!!

NVD is a comprehensive cyber security vulnerability database that integrates all publicly available U.S. Government vulnerability resources and provides references to industry resources. It is based on the [CVE](#) vulnerability naming standard.

Resource Status

NVD contains:
11966 Vulnerabilities
482 US-CERT [Alerts](#)
1095 US-CERT [Vuln Notes](#)
781 [Oval](#) Queries
Last updated:
08/07/05
Publication rate:
10 vulnerabilities / day

CVE Vulnerability Search Engine

(Perform Advanced Search)

Keyword search:

Try a product or vendor name
Try a CVE standard vulnerability name or OVAL query
Only vulnerabilities that match ALL keywords will be returned

Show only vulnerabilities that have the following associated resources:

☐ US-CERT [Technical Alerts](#)
☐ US-CERT [Vulnerability Notes](#)
☐ US-CERT Technical Alerts or Vulnerability Notes
☐ [OVAL](#) Queries

Recent CVE Vulnerabilities

CAN-2005-2489 Publish Date: 8/7/2005 Severity: High
Web Content Management News System allows remote attackers to create arbitrary accounts and gain privileges via a direct request to Admin/Users/AddModifyInput.php.

CAN-2005-2488 Publish Date: 8/7/2005 Severity: Medium
Cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in Web Content Management News System allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via (1) the strRootpath parameter to validsession.php or (2) the strTable parameter to Admin/News/List.php.



Homeland
Security

<http://nvd.nist.gov>₅₈

Software Assurance Observations

- ▶ Business/operational needs are shifting to now include “resiliency”
 - Investments in process/product improvement and evaluation must include security
 - Incentives for trustworthy software need to be considered with other business objectives
- ▶ Pivotal momentum gathering in recognition of (and commitment to) process improvement in acquisition, management and engineering
 - Synergy of good ideas and resources will continue to be key ingredient
 - Security requirements need to be addressed along with other functions
- ▶ From a national/homeland security perspective, acquisition and development “best practices” must contribute to safety and security
 - More focus on “supply chain” management is needed to reduce risks
 - National & international standards need to evolve to “raise the floor” in defining the “minimal level of responsible practice” for software assurance
 - Qualification of software products and suppliers’ capabilities are some of the important risk mitigation activities of acquiring and using organizations
 - In collaboration with industry, Federal agencies need to focus on software assurance as a means of better enabling operational resiliency





Homeland Security

www.us-cert.gov

Joe Jarzombek, PMP
Director for Software Assurance
National Cyber Security Division (NCSD)
Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Joe.Jarzombek@dhs.gov
(703) 235-5126

Back-up Slides



**Homeland
Security**

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) Initiative

► An international security community activity

- to provide common names for publicly known security vulnerabilities and exposures

► Key tenets

- One name for one vulnerability or exposure
- One standardized description for each
- Existence as a dictionary
- Publicly accessible on the Internet
- Industry participation in open forum (editorial board)

The screenshot shows the CVE website with a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a large announcement, and a sidebar with statistics and search options.

GET CVE
View | Search | Download

CVE HOME
ABOUT CVE
NEWS AND EVENTS
PRESS VIEW
COMPATIBLE PRODUCTS
EDITORIAL BOARD
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FREE NEWSLETTERS
CONTACT US
INDEX

US-CERT
www.us-cert.gov

CVE List to be Renumbered in October

April 21, 2005 — Beginning October 19, 2005, there will be a one-time-only modification to the [CVE List](#) numbering scheme to enhance usability. This one-time change is a direct result of feedback from users. We are making this announcement now in order to give advance notice and to minimize the amount of work required for users and vendors from the changeover.

The CVE List numbering scheme is being modified to eliminate the CAN prefix in CVE names. Under the current system the "CAN-yyyy-nnnn" identifier is eventually changed to a "CVE-yyyy-nnnn" identifier, which can result in maintenance problems and confusion. The new numbering system will have the [Read more CVE news ...](#)

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE®) is:

- A [list](#) of standardized names for vulnerabilities and other information security exposures — CVE aims to standardize the [names](#) for all publicly known [vulnerabilities](#) and security exposures.
- A [Dictionary](#), NOT a Database
- A [Community-Wide Effort](#)
- [Freely Available for Review or Download](#)

Use of the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures List and the associated references from this Web site are subject to the [Terms of Use](#). For more information, please email cve@mitre.org.

CVE is sponsored by the [US-CERT at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#).
This Web site is hosted by [The MITRE Corporation](#).
View our [Privacy Policy](#).
Copyright 2005, [The MITRE Corporation](#). CVE and the CVE logo are registered trademarks of The MITRE Corporation.

Last updated: Friday, 04-Mar-2005 13:17:54

Can my organization register our product or service as CVE-compatible?

Yes. All [CVE Names](#) (also called "CVE Numbers" or "CVE IDs") with Entry or Candidate status, and their associated [references](#), are free to use and available to the public on the CVE Web site.

You may [search or download](#) CVE, copy it, redistribute it, reference it, incorporate it, and analyze it, provided you do not modify [CVE](#) itself.

You may also link to pages for specific CVE numbers from your Web site, product, publication, or other capability.

Total Unique CVE Names: 9529
Current CVE Version: 20040901

search CVE

compatible products

OVAl Concept

- The Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language Initiative

- ▶ Community-based collaboration
- ▶ Precise definitions to test for each vulnerability, misconfiguration, policy, or patch
- ▶ Standard schema of security-relevant configuration information
- ▶ OVAL schema and definitions freely available for download, public review, and comment
- ▶ Security community suggests new definitions and schema
- ▶ OVAL board considers proposed schema modifications



1,141 OVAL Definitions
security

OVAl - Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language

http://oval.mitre.org/

Home MIT Home Search Map/Ph/Weather/Travel Bob's Bookmarks CVEinOVAl SPAMmngt LogoutofSPAMmngt Apple

Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language

The language to determine the presence of vulnerabilities and configuration issues on computer systems

Latest Data Updates News — July 8, 2005 Mail Lists Sign-Up Search

TOTAL DEFINITIONS: 1118 Accepted: 1040 Interim: 31 Draft: 47

News

- Version 4.1 OVAL Schemas Now Available
- OVAL Introductory White Paper Updated
- Updated OVAL Brochure Now Available
- MITRE to Host OVAL Developer Days, July 18th & 19th
- Conference Photos of OVAL Booth at the NetSec 2005

more news and events...

What It Means to Be OVAL-Compatible

"OVAL-compatible" means that a tool, service, Web site, database, or advisory/alert uses or includes at least one of the following forms of OVAL data:

- OVAL Vulnerability Definitions - tests that determine the presence of vulnerabilities on systems
- OVAL Patch Definitions - tests that determine whether a particular patch is appropriate for a system
- OVAL Compliance Definitions - tests that determine whether the configuration settings of a system meets a security policy
- OVAL System Characteristics Schema - standardized format for collecting data about a system
- OVAL Results Schema - standardized format for presenting data from a system evaluated by OVAL

To make a [declaration](#), send an email to oval@mitre.org with your contact information, the name of your product or service, and 'OVAL Compatibility' in the message subject line.

MORE About OVAL Compatibility >>

US-CERT
www.us-cert.gov

Page Last Updated: July 20, 2005

OVAL is sponsored by the **US-CERT** at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. See our [sponsor page](#).
This Web site is hosted by **The MITRE Corporation**.
Copyright 2005, The MITRE Corporation. OVAL and the OVAL logo are trademarks of The MITRE Corporation.
Contact oval@mitre.org for more information.

[Privacy policy](#)
[Terms of use](#)
[Contact us](#)

http://oval.mitre.org
Public unveiling - December 2002

Common Malware Enumeration (CME) Initiative

“For those of your customers that use more than one companies anti-virus product, ... [the lack of common identifiers] left them with an even bigger mess than just the virus outbreak.... We should not have to work so hard to figure out if your products are keeping us protected.”

-Chris Mosby, SMS Administrator, open letter posted to SANS Internet Storm Center and directed toward Anti-Virus companies.

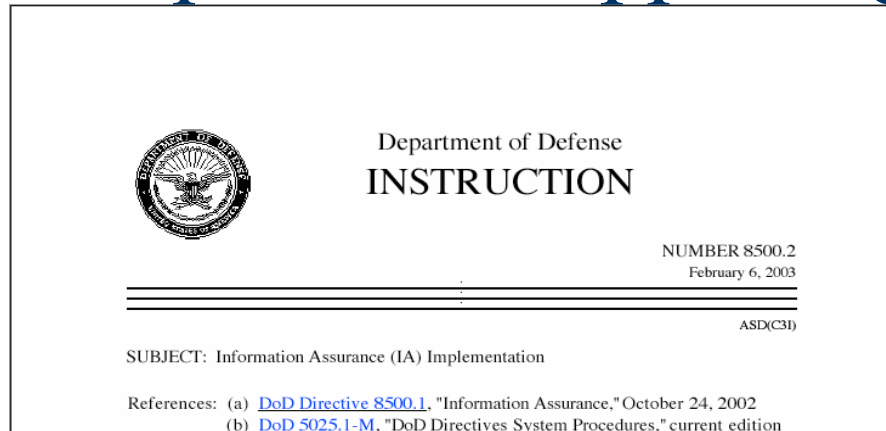
- ▶ Assign unique IDs to high profile malware threats
- ▶ Create a community forum for sample exchange and deconfliction
- ▶ Standardize malware analysis content to provide consistent information to incident responders and enable machine consumption by network management tools



**Homeland
Security**

Building on CVE and OVAL efforts

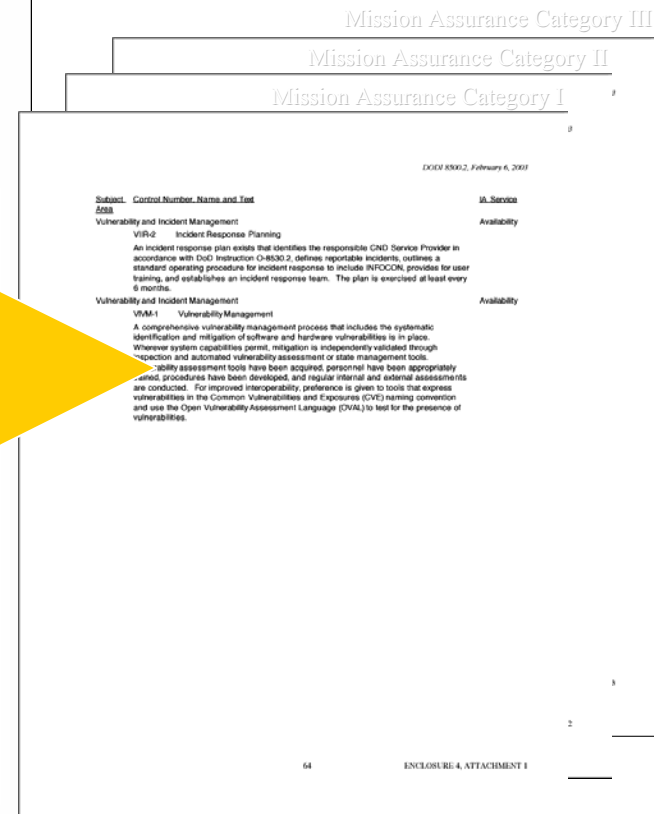
DoD 8500.2 IA Implementation Instruction gives *preference* to products supporting CVE & OVAL



The following appears for all three Mission Assurance Categories of DOD systems:

VIVM-1 Vulnerability Management:

A comprehensive vulnerability management process ... automated vulnerability assessment or state management tools ... regular internal and external assessments are conducted ... **For improved interoperability, preference is given to tools that express vulnerabilities in the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) naming convention and use the Open Vulnerability Assessment Language (OVAL) to test for the presence of vulnerabilities.**



Home
Security

CVE Editorial Board

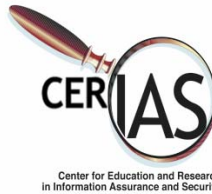
MITRE



Microsoft®



UC DAVIS



Computer Associates®



GENERAL DYNAMICS
Advanced Information Systems



OVAL Board



desktop**standard**

QuickTime and a
TIFF (Uncompressed) decompress
are needed to see this picture.

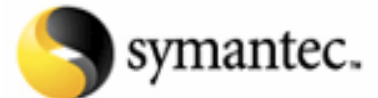


THE CENTER FOR
INTERNET SECURITYSM

QuickTime™ and a
TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.



Bastille Linux



MITRE



CME Preliminary Advisory Board

A partnership with industry

- ▶ Established CME Preliminary Editorial Board (CME-PEB) with top thought leaders in AV industry
- ▶ Gained agreement regarding membership and identifier assignment processes



Represents over 80% of world-wide market share as reported by IDC:
Symantec (40.4%), McAfee (20.5%), Trend Micro (14.2%)

Any network disruption can be detrimental to the critical infrastructure

► Disruptions include cyber threats such as:

- Viruses and worms
- Trojans and bots
- Identity theft

Examples of Losses and Damages

Love Bug: \$15B in damages 3.9M systems Infected/30 days to clean up 2000	Code Red: \$1.2B in damages \$740M to clean up the 360,000 infected servers 2001	Slammer: \$1B in damages 2002	Blaster: \$50B in damages 2003	My Doom: \$38B in damages Worldwide 2004
---	--	--	---	--

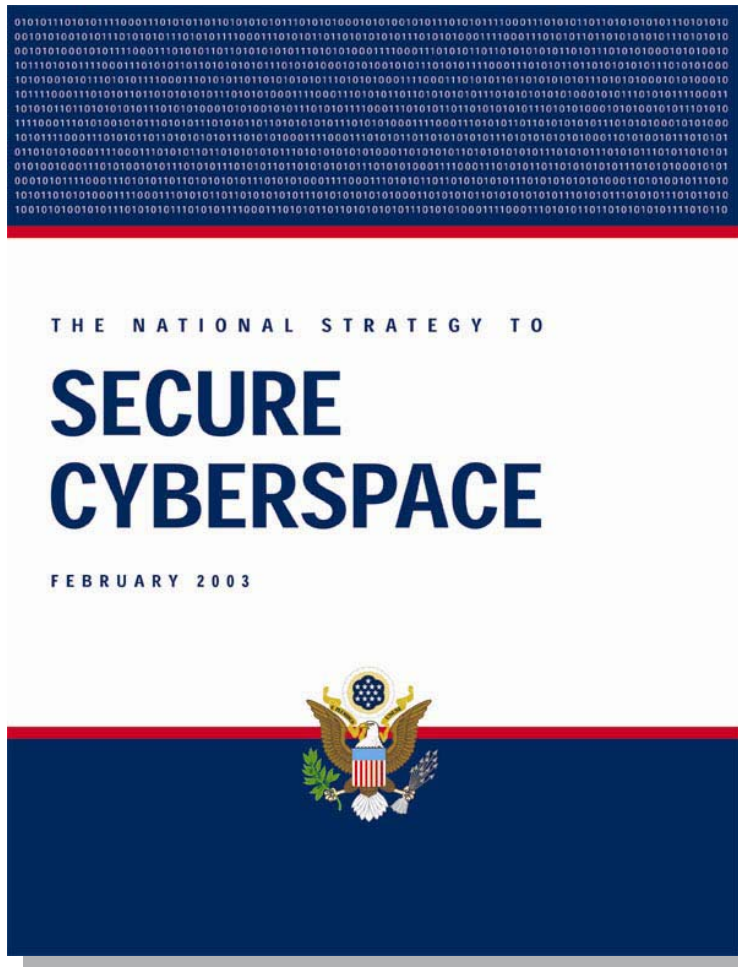
► System hacking affects national security and economy

► Concern about growth in use of malicious code, such as spyware



**Homeland
Security**

National Strategy – Five Priorities



- ▶ National Cyberspace Response System
- ▶ National Cyberspace Threat and Vulnerability Reduction Program
- ▶ National Cyberspace Security Awareness and Training Program
- ▶ Securing Government's Cyberspace
- ▶ International Cyberspace Security Cooperation



**Homeland
Security**

The National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace

“In the past few years, threats in cyberspace have risen dramatically. The policy of the United States is to protect against the debilitating disruption of the operation of information systems for critical infrastructures and, thereby, help to protect the people, economy, and national security of the United States. We must act to reduce our vulnerabilities to these threats before they can be exploited to damage the cyber systems supporting our Nation’s critical infrastructures and ensure that such disruptions of cyberspace are infrequent, of minimal duration, manageable, and cause the least damage possible.”

President George W. Bush

February, 2003



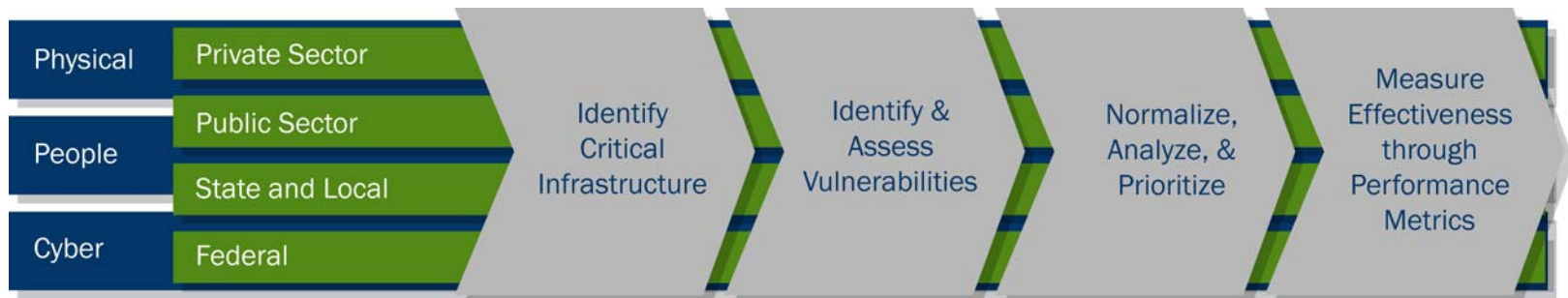
**Homeland
Security**



The National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) outlines a unifying structure

- ▶ Allows all levels of government to collaborate with the appropriate private sector entities
- ▶ Encourages the development of information sharing and analysis mechanisms and continues to support existing sector-coordinating mechanisms
- ▶ Broken down into 17 sector-specific plans to cover all areas of critical infrastructure, including the Information Technology sector

NIPP Risk Management Framework



**Homeland
Security**

NCSD goals are strategically aligned with the *National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace & HSPD-7 & NIPP*

NATIONAL STRATEGY PRIORITIES	
I.	National Cyberspace Security Response System
II.	National Cyberspace Threat and Vulnerability Reduction Program
III.	National Cyberspace Security Awareness and Training Program
IV.	Securing Governments Cyberspace
V.	International Cyberspace Security Cooperation
HSPD-7: "...maintain an organization to serve as a focal point for the security of cyberspace.."	



NCSD GOALS	
1.	Establish a National Cyber Security Response System to prevent, predict, detect, respond to, and reconstitute rapidly after cyber incidents.
2.	Work with public and private sectors to reduce vulnerabilities and minimize the severity of cyber attacks.
3.	Promote a comprehensive national awareness program to empower all Americans — businesses, the general workforce, and the general population — to secure their own parts of cyberspace.
4.	Foster adequate training and education programs to support the Nation's cyber security needs.
5.	Coordinate with the intelligence and law enforcement communities to identify and reduce threats to cyberspace.
6.	Build a world-class organization that aggressively advances its cyber security mission and goals in partnership with its public and private stakeholders.



NCSD provides the framework for addressing cyber security challenges & Software Assurance needs

