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# INFORMATION SECURITY & IT COMPLIANCE

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## ➤ Information Security & IT Compliance

- ◆ In times past, the sole yardstick of an Enterprise's IT department was business application availability. Today, however, a multitude of both internal and external requirements are applied to IT, along with a host of metrics. IT Policies are now driven by a need for compliance with national and international legislation on information security (e.g. HIPPA, Sarbanes-Oxley), various standardized and industry-developed regulatory frameworks (e.g. ISO 17799, COBIT), auditing standards, and even risk management requirements derived from insurance coverage. IT metrics include not only demonstrating compliance to the requirements but also such items as e-discovery response times, intrusion detection tests, and data retention periods.
- ◆ This session will describe SNIA Best Practices addressing data security compliance, understanding risks, and utilizing event logging. Commonly encountered requirements will be identified, and approaches to creating IT Policies and collecting evidence that enable appropriate metrics to be used to demonstrate compliance will be described.

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## ➤ Introduction

- ◆ Why all this attention?
- ◆ It's simple, right?.....
- ◆ Not that simple!
- ◆ The four dimensions of IT Risk Management
- ◆ Terminology
- ◆ Approach

## ➤ SNIA-developed Best Current Practices (BCPs)

## ➤ IT Compliance from the Top Down

## ➤ Summary

# Why All This Attention?

***“There are more and more of these breaches, because information is money. The more computerized we are the more true that is. It’s not that hard to turn a piece of information into cash, by opening a fake cell phone account or a fake credit card account.”***

Gail Hillebrand

Senior Attorney, Consumers Union

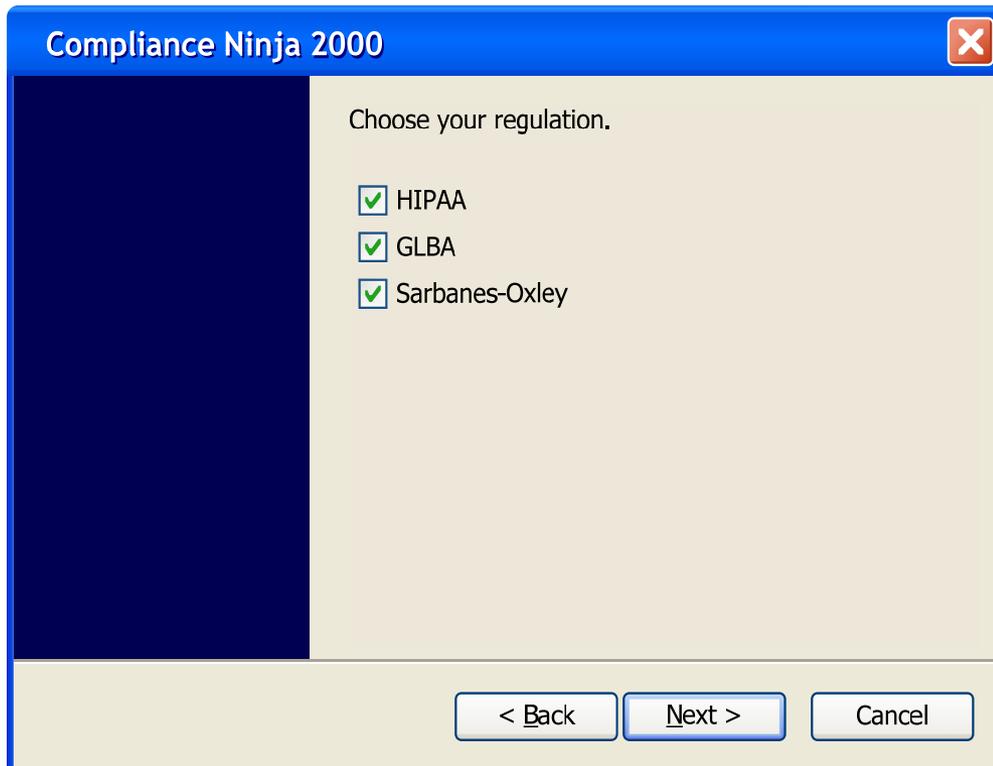
# Why All This Attention?

- Now not only time is money, apparently
- For 100+ years the financial departments of companies have had to:
  - ◆ Follow defined processes
  - ◆ Keep “legal quality” logs of those processes
  - ◆ Have both processes & logs regularly audited by an outside entity
- Because information is now money, the same sort of controls are now applied to the processing of information

# It's Simple, Right?



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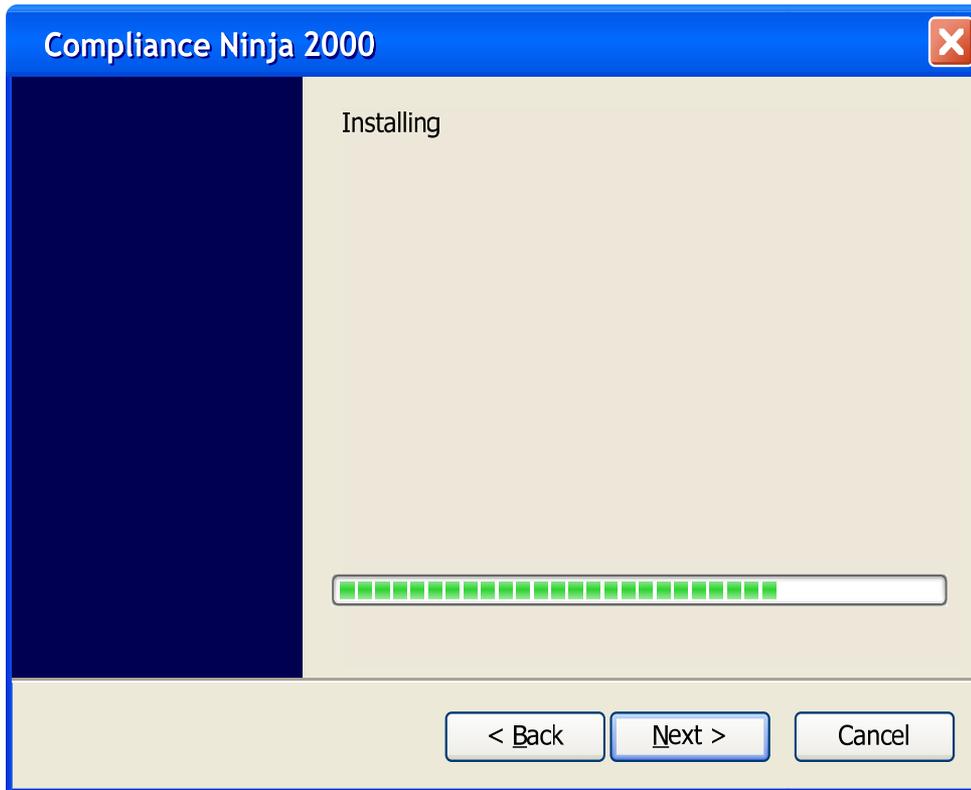
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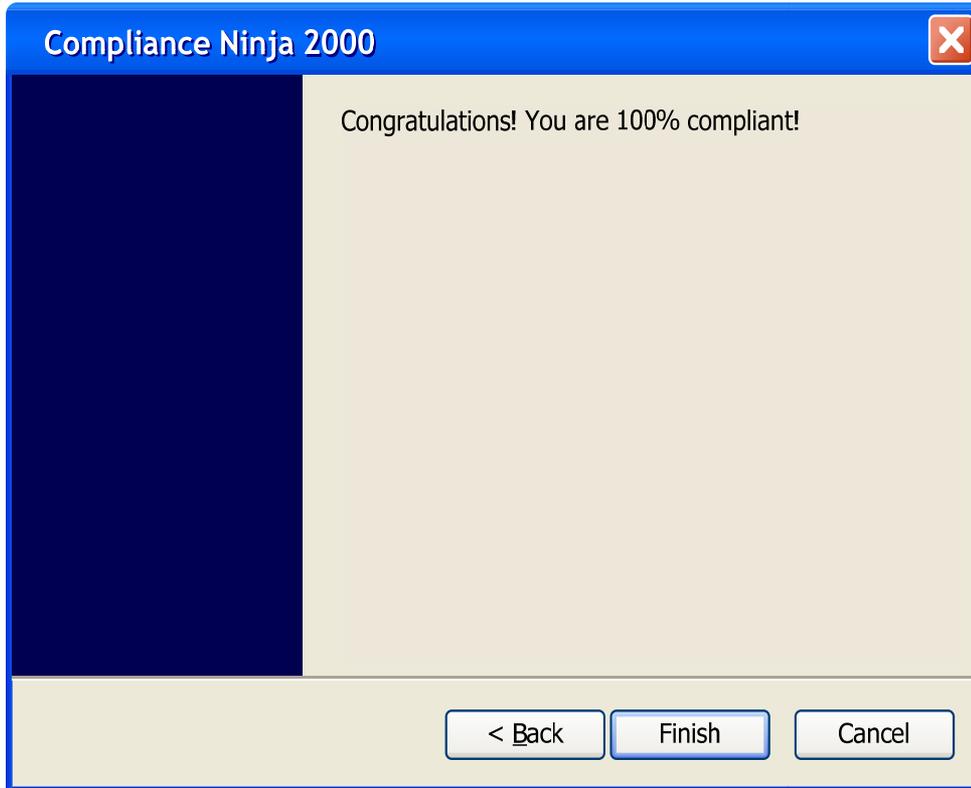
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# It's Simple, Right?



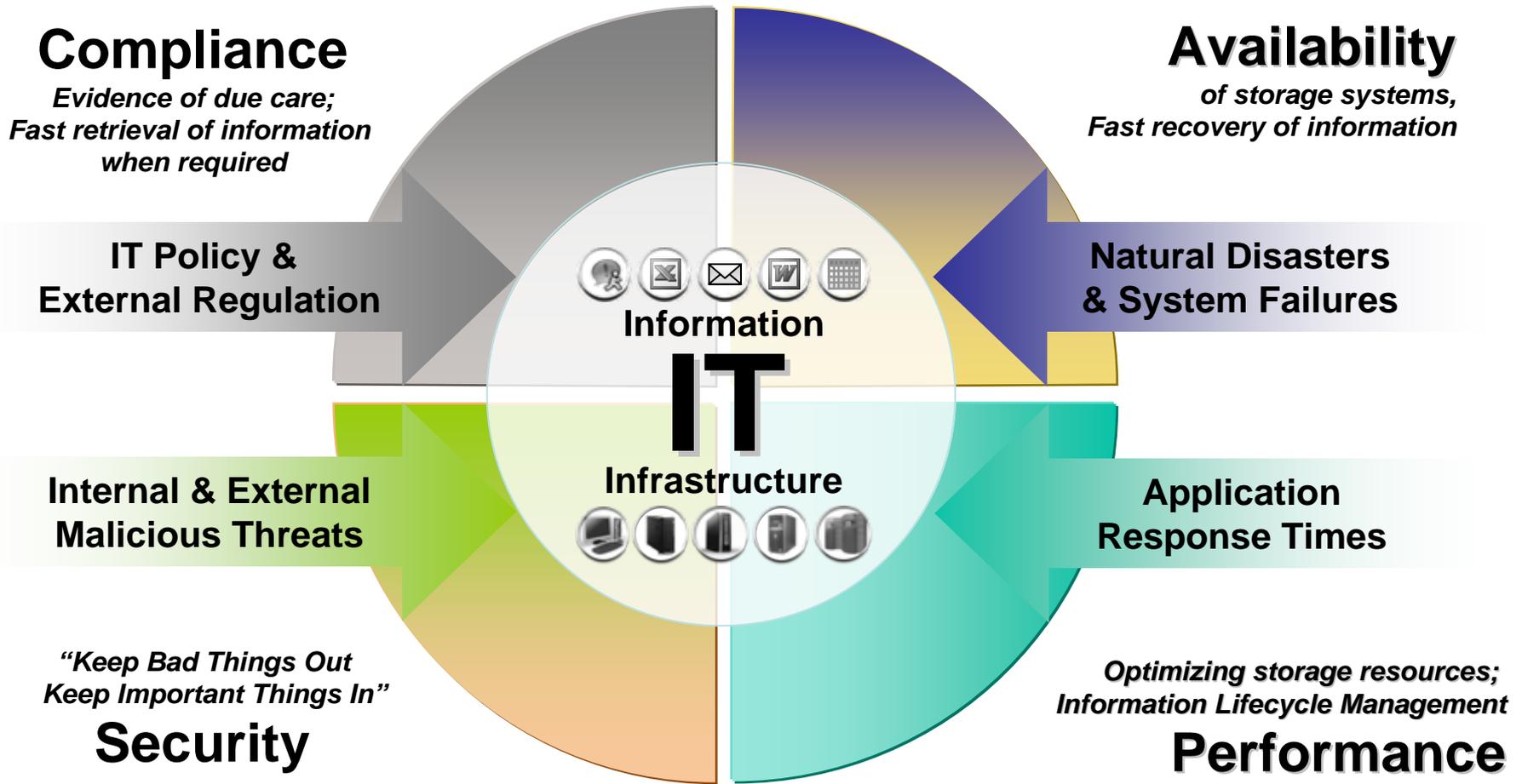
# Too Good to be True



# Not That Simple!

- Cannot be as simple as installing a single piece of software
  - ◆ Although automation is a key part of making this problem tractable
- The entire IT infrastructure has to be addressed
- Education & training is a must
- Defined and repeatable processes are the key
- And compliance is only one part....

# .... Of The 4 Dimensions of IT Risk



# Definition of Terminology

## Compliance:

The state of being in accordance with the relevant Government authorities and their requirements.

Conformance with a standard, law, or specification that has been clearly defined.

Acting according to company defined policies and procedures.



# Approach

- IT compliance doesn't have to be driven by legal & government requirements
  - ◆ There's value in IT being able to demonstrate compliance to existing company procedures
  - ◆ IT risk management in general can be as well be driven by internal business requirements as externally
- Existing standards & audit guidelines can be used as a basis for IT risk management activities
  - ◆ SNIA has developed Best Current Practices (BCPs) on that basis
  - ◆ Creating controls & processes NOW based on those definitions will likely save you considerable time & effort in the future

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  - ◆ Introduction
  - ◆ Storage Security BCP structure
  - ◆ Relevant BCPs
    - › Address Data Security Compliance
    - › Understand the exposures
    - › Utilize Event Logging
- IT Compliance from the top down
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# Introduction

- Storage Security BCPs available from
  - ◆ [http://www.snia.org/forums/ssif/programs/best\\_practices/](http://www.snia.org/forums/ssif/programs/best_practices/)
- BCPs created from review of existing standards definitions
  - ◆ ISO/IEC 27001 & 17799 (Now 27002)
  - ◆ ISACA Audit Guidelines
  - ◆ PCI Security Standards Council's Data Security Standard
- In many cases there's existing information on how specific legal & government requirements map to these documents
  - ◆ Thus they define a set of “common approaches”
  - ◆ This view “from the top down” will be addressed in last section of the tutorial

# Storage Security BCP structure

## ➤ Core (applicable to storage systems)

- ◆ General Storage Security
- ◆ Storage System Security
- ◆ Storage Management Security

## ➤ Technology-specific

- ◆ Network Attached Storage
- ◆ Block-based IP Storage
- ◆ Fibre Channel Storage
- ◆ Encryption for Storage
- ◆ Key Management for Storage
- ◆ Archive Security

# Relevant BCPs

- BCPs described in more detail in the following slides
  - ◆ General Storage Security
    - › Address Data Security Compliance
  - ◆ Storage System Security
    - › Understand the Exposures
    - › Utilize Event Logging
- Other BCPs that have some relevance
  - ◆ General Storage Security
    - › Implement Appropriate Service Continuity
  - ◆ Storage Management
    - › Tightly Control Access and Privileges

# Address Data Security Compliance

## ➤ Accountability

- ◆ No shared accounts, uses roles when possible
- ◆ Log all attempted (successful and unsuccessful) management events and transactions

## ➤ Traceability

- ◆ Ensure logged event/transaction data contains sufficient application and/or system detail to clearly identify the source & a user
- ◆ When appropriate, treat log records as evidence (chain of custody, non-repudiation, authenticity, etc.)

## ➤ Detect, Monitor, and Evaluate

- ◆ Monitor the audit logging events and issue appropriate alerts

## ➤ Information Retention & Sanitization

- ◆ Implement appropriate data retention, integrity & authenticity measures
- ◆ Sanitize data upon deletion, repurposing or decommissioning of hardware

## ➤ Privacy

- ◆ Consider both data and metadata (e.g., search results)
  - Assume a least privilege posture whenever possible
- ◆ Prevent unauthorized disclosure

# Understand the Exposures

## ➤ Perform Vulnerability Assessments

- ◆ Perform security scans against the elements of the storage ecosystem to understand the security posture of the technology
  - Use known default passwords, test field & service accounts
- ◆ Maintain awareness of advertised vulnerabilities in platforms supporting management applications

## ➤ Maintain Security of Systems

- ◆ Install security patches and fixes in a timely fashion
- ◆ Consider upgrading applications/software when end-of-life products contain exploitable, but unpatchable vulnerabilities

## ➤ Monitor for Zero-day Events

- ◆ Integrate intrusion detection/prevention technology

# Utilize Event Logging

- **Include Storage Systems & Devices in Logging Policy**
  - ◆ Policy should include evidentiary expectations (authenticity, chain of custody) how & when retained etc.
- **Employ External Event Logging**
  - ◆ Collect events from all sources in a single repository
  - ◆ Use a common, accurate time source
  - ◆ Log events to one, and preferably multiple, external servers (preferably syslog).
  - ◆ Log events on a transactional basis (no buffering)

# Utilize Event Logging

- **Ensure Complete Event Logging**
  - ◆ Log both in-band and out-of-band activity
  - ◆ Log many kinds of events
    - › Good list of suggestions in the BCPs
  - ◆ Each entry should include:
    - › Timestamp (date and time)
    - › Severity level (
    - › Source of the log entry (distinguishing name, IP address, etc.)
    - › Description of the event
- **Use automation to correlate audit log records to identify significant security events**



- Introduction
- An Information Security Architecture
- SNIA-developed Best Current Practices
- IT Compliance from the Top Down
  - ◆ The Top Challenges
  - ◆ From Regulations ... to Policies .. to Controls
  - ◆ The To-Do list
- Summary

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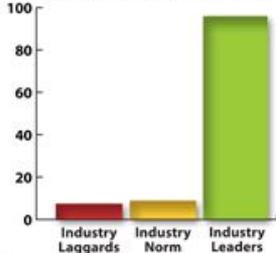

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- b.  Sarbanes Oxley (SOX)
- c.  Federal information security management act (FISMA)
- d.  Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- e.  Workplace employment practices (WEP)
- f.  Data protection and privacy(DP/P)
- g.  Data retention, destruction and legal discovery (DR/D/LD)
- h.  Basel II
- i.  PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

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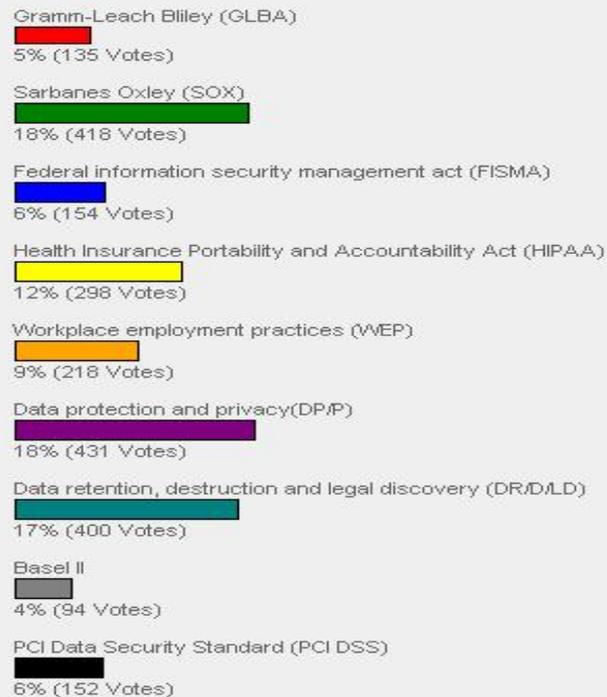
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# From Regulations to ...

Regulation

**SOX 404(a)(2)** [The Commission shall prescribe rules requiring each annual internal control report, which shall]...contain an assessment, most recent fiscal year of the issuer, of the effectiveness of the internal control structure and procedures of the issuer for financial reporting.

Framework

**COBIT DS5.19** Malicious Software Prevention, Detection and Correction - software, management should establish a framework of detective and corrective control measures, and occurrence response and reporting.

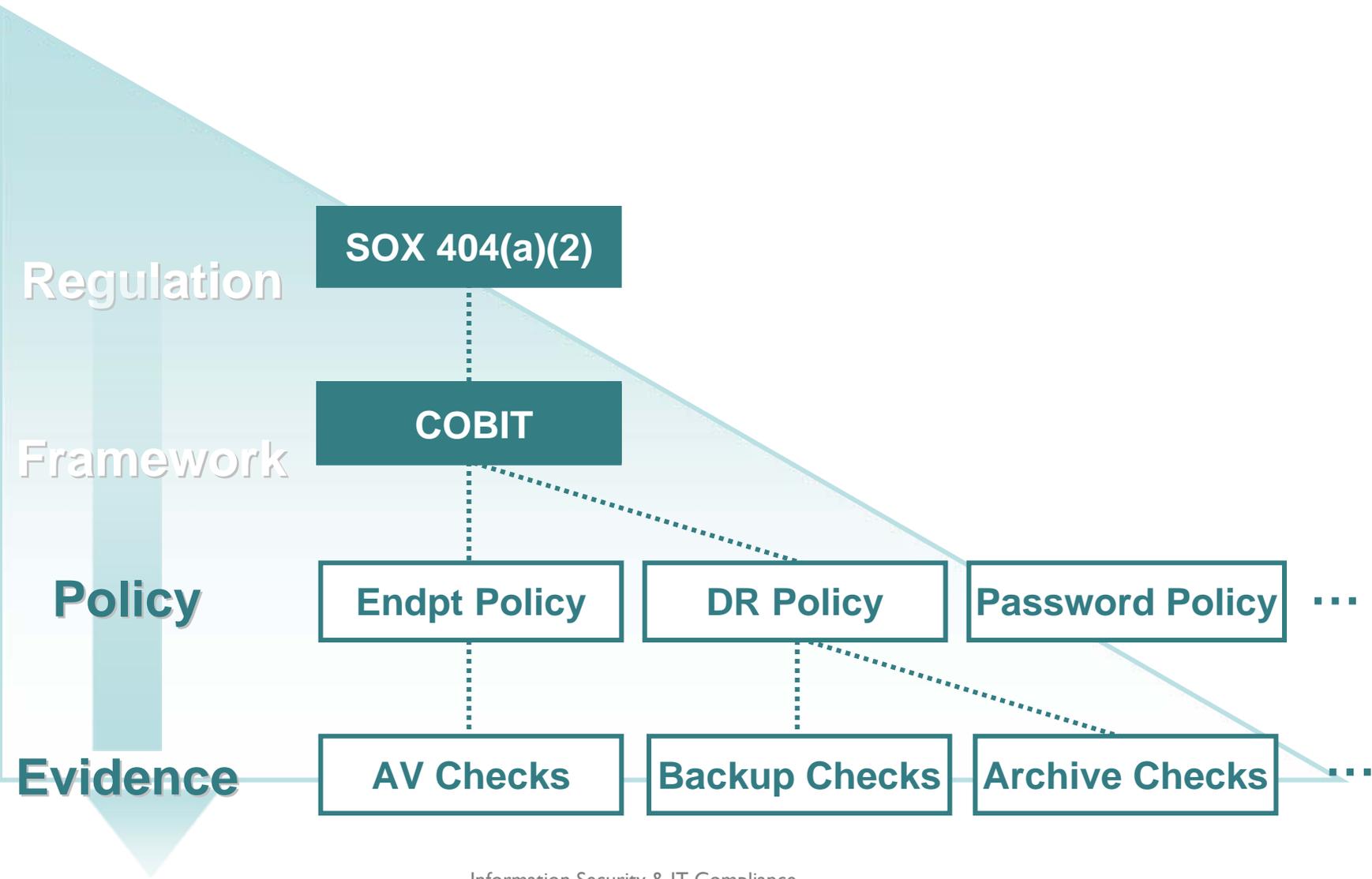
Policy

**Endpoint Protection Malware Policy**  
**Endpoint Policy** software Is Installed  
 software Is Running  
 Anti-Virus & Firewall Software Is Up To Date

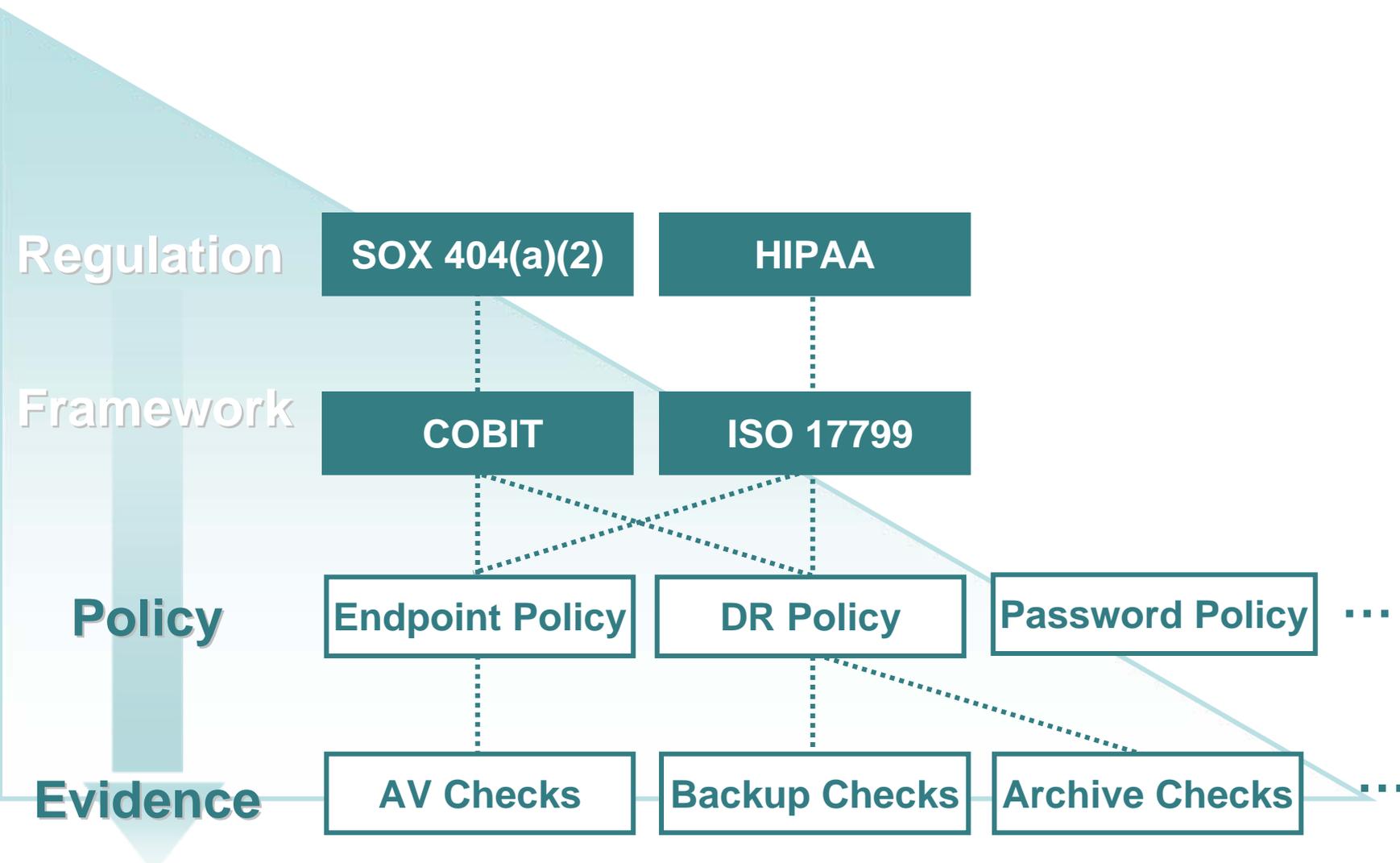
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Evidence

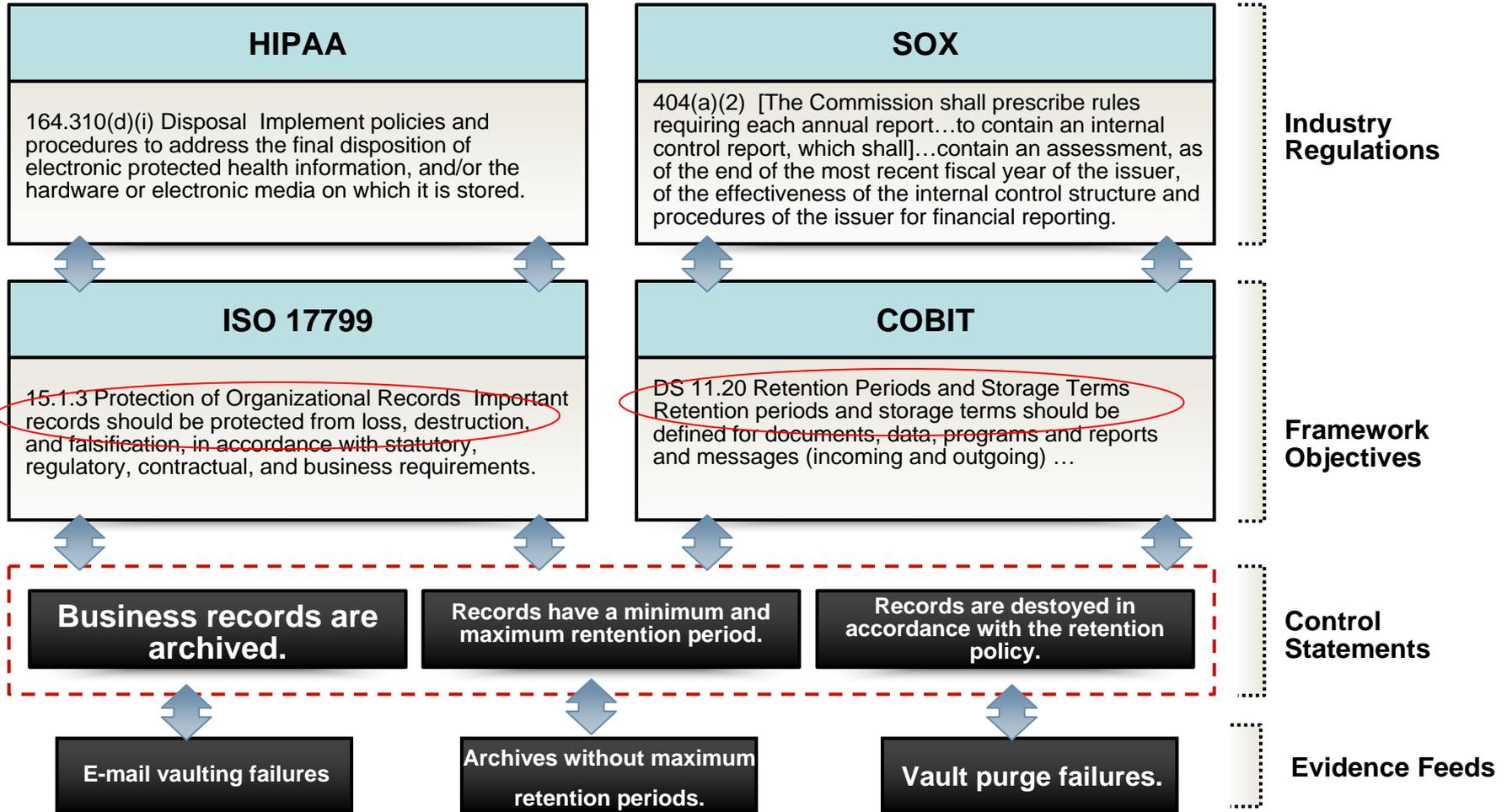
# ... Multiple Policies that ...



# Show Coverage across Regulations

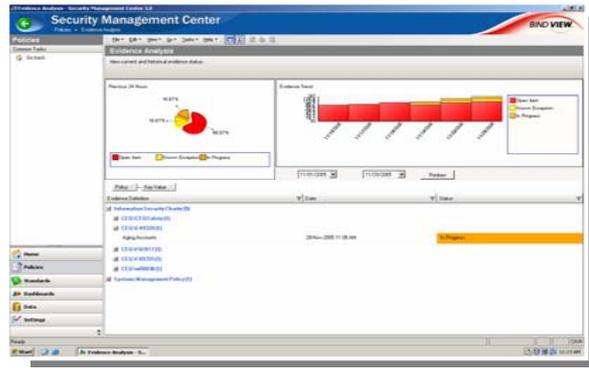
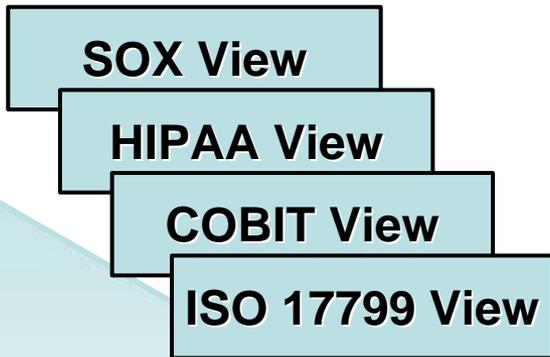


# Map Policies to IT controls - Archiving



# Management of IT Compliance

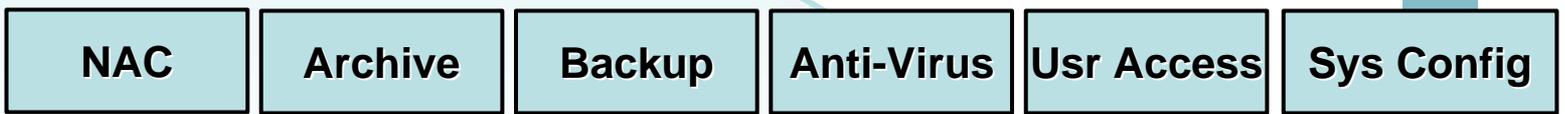
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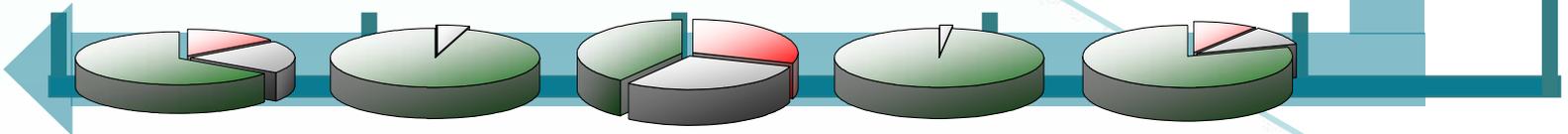
Framework



Policy



Evidence



# Focus On IT Controls

TYPE	TASKS	FREQUENCY / YEAR	COST (Days)	TOTAL COST / YEAR (Days)
<b>NON IT Related</b>	Create compliance scope of work	10	10	10
	Establish/review policy	10	10	10
	Project Mana	20	20	20
	Design/Review	10	10	10
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	Design/Review	10	10	10
	Design/Review	10	10	10
	Design/Review purchasing inventory controls	5	5	5
	Design/Review other systems controls	15	15	15
	Design/Review HR process	5	5	5
	Implement/update controls	60	60	60
	Test controls	40	40	40
	Evaluate Material Weaknesses	40	40	40
Submit Exem	40	40	40	
		<b>NON IT RELATED TOTAL MAN DAYS</b>		<b>295</b>
<b>IT Related</b>	Design/Review	4	4	40
	Run It Contr	52	10	520
	Disseminate	52	2	104
	Remediation	52	5	260
			<b>IT RELATED TOTAL MAN DAYS</b>	

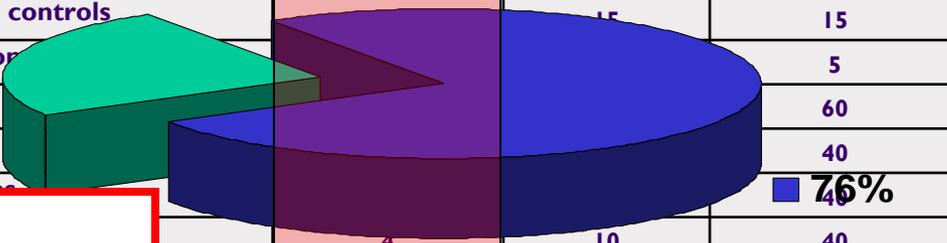
Majority of compliance tasks are not related to IT

Tasks are performed once a quarter or year

Tasks are performed every week

NON IT Related Tasks  
Majority of compliance tasks  
due to high frequency of IT tasks

NON IT Related Hours/Year  
IT Related Hours/Year



# Key to success – Frequent Auditing

## MORE FREQUENT AUDITING TRANSLATES INTO BETTER SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE RESULTS

Success Factors	Leaders (10%)	The Rest (90%)
Freq of internal audits	21 days	8 Months
IT time on compliance	33%	24%
IT budget on security	10.4%	7.0%
# of overall deficiencies	20	40
# of significant deficiencies	2	13

Leaders are ~6x better because they do more audits...  
 ...But they spend ~50% more because of lack of automation

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# The reality – the To Do List

- **Assess your industry sector's regulatory requirements**
  - ◆ In collaboration with corporate legal & the business units
- **Define, document, and disseminate policies**
  - ◆ Utilize software and/or templates to create policies
  - ◆ Maximize commonality across all business units
- **Implement and manage controls**
  - ◆ Map policies to IT Controls
  - ◆ Use as much automation as possible today
    - › Ad hoc tools & spreadsheets end up costing more money!
- **Audit and improve process in a controlled environment**
  - ◆ Start with self-audits before external ones
- **Report results and demonstrate compliance internally or to external auditors**

# Summary

- **IT Risk Management is an essential component of business effectiveness**
  - ◆ More than Information Security
  - ◆ More than Compliance (both internal & external)
  - ◆ A process, not a project
  - ◆ Requires a holistic approach to managing the entire IT infrastructure
  - ◆ Education & training are key aspects
  - ◆ Logging all relevant information is vital
- **The process MUST have a significant degree of automation to be tractable**
  - ◆ Single approach across an entire enterprise
  - ◆ Start with few most important controls first and build over time
  - ◆ Use common tools rather than ad hoc ones
  - ◆ Exploit efficiencies of scale

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