

# Information Security: Challenges to Compliance

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## Information Security: Agenda

- The State of Security, 2016:  
A View from the Trenches
- Security & Compliance Challenges:  
Social Media, the "Cloud", the Internet of Things
- Security, Privacy, Compliance:  
Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns

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## Information Security: Words of Wisdom

"He who defends everything,  
defends nothing."

- Frederick the Great



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# The State of Security, 2016:

A View from the Trenches on  
Security Core Functions and the Current Landscape

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## The State of Security: My Organization



- UT IT security at a glance:
- State University with teaching hospital
    - >20,000 Students
    - >9,000 Employees, Affiliates
  - Self-hosted infrastructure
    - 2 primary datacenters
    - Utility, PV, wind, gas co-gen power
    - 2 "class b" networks; OARNet fiber
    - 3500 servers, 14,000 UT owned "things"
  - Merged institutions, centralized IT
    - 1 Security Officer, 4 FT staff, 3 graduate workers
    - Pure security & investigations function
    - HIPAA handled in-house with external support
  - Cybersecurity reports through CIO/CTO
    - Dotted line to Audit/Compliance and Legal
  - Privacy and Compliance under CCO/Dir. Internal Audit




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## The State of Security: The Core Functions of a Security Office

Identify, Prevent, Detect, and Respond to and Recover from security threats, by:

- Identifying security requirements
- Using a framework for alignment
- Discovering the environment
- Conducting a security risk analysis
- Developing a security plan, strategy
- Prioritizing improvement activities
- Monitoring & measuring progress




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### The State of Security: Security Landscape

Trends putting stress on the standard security operating model:

- Ubiquitous, continuous attacks of all types and from all actors
  - Nation-states, criminal gangs, hackers, ???
- Malware is more dangerous, and there's more of it
  - 0-Days, exploit kits, cryptomalware/ransomware, forensic-resistant malware
- Commoditization of security and hacking tools
  - Barriers to entry are low
- Traditional security tools losing effectiveness on their own:
  - Antivirus, firewalls, complex passwords

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### The State of Security: Security Landscape (cont'd)

Trends putting stress on the standard security operating model:

- Large increase in quantity and variety of devices and systems
- Users expect mobile & "consumer-like" experiences
- Bring-Your-Own Device ("BYOD")
  - Learn to defend a network with no perimeter
- Increasing executive, regulator, and consumer attention
  - Civil Suits, Fines, Loss of Business, Pink Slips
- Increasing resource demands, increasing compliance burden
  - Tight market for security talent, not enough capacity for workload

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### Security & Compliance Challenges:

Social Media, "Cloud", the Internet of Things  
Stretching the Security

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### Security & Compliance Challenges: Social Media, "Cloud", & the Internet of Things

- Social Media
- Cloud Services
  - IAAS
  - PAAS
  - SAAS
- Internet of Things

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### Security & Compliance Challenges: Social Media



Courtesy Overdrive Interactive

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### Security and Compliance Challenges: Social Media

"Social Media" defies definition

Example categories:

Attributes:

- Web-based technologies
- User generated content
- Individual user profiles
- Service facilitates connections between users

- Social Networks
- Blogging
- Media sharing
- Location services
- Streaming
- Gaming
- Employment sites
- Wikis

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### Security and Compliance Challenges: Social Media



Know what's in your public profile.

- Security issues include:
- Oversharing, Overpublication
  - Hacker reconnaissance
  - New vectors for cyberattack
    - URL shorteners
    - XSS and web attacks
    - Insecure apps
  - Credential re-use
  - Account compromises
    - "Twitter Hacks"

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### Security and Compliance Challenges: Social Media (cont'd)

- Security issues include:
- Public relations mishaps
  - Identity Theft
  - Doxing / Identity dumps
  - Cyberstalking
  - "Real World" crimes: Burglary, Assault, Stalking/Harassment



Do you know where this sends you?

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### Security & Compliance Challenges: Cloud Computing




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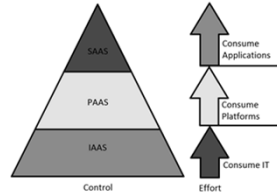
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### Security & Compliance Challenges: What is the "Cloud" Anyway?

Three traditional flavors:

- SAAS: Software as a service
  - "Cloud" for end users
- PAAS: Platform as a service
  - "Cloud" for application developers
- IAAS: Infrastructure as a service
  - "Cloud" for IT folks




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### Security & Compliance Challenges: Cloud Computing

Cloud computing issues to look out for:

- Shadow IT
  - Is there unmanaged or unauthorized use of cloud apps?
- Licensing
  - Is the cloud service licensed for business or personal use?
- Governance (which cloud services get bought/used and how)
  - Do end users choose the applications? IT? A committee?
- Monitoring capabilities – users, software, platforms, infrastructure
  - What's going on in an environment you don't totally control?

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### Security & Compliance Challenges: Cloud Computing (cont'd)

- Business Associate Agreements
  - Necessary for cloud services dealing with ePHI
- Contractual security controls
  - Do they meet your organization's security standards?
  - If so, will they agree to be bound by them contractually?
- Contractual right to audit
  - Do they do what they say they do?
- Contractual allocation of risk (indemnification, limits on damages)
  - Healthcare is #1 industry for breach costs on a per-capita basis

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### Security & Compliance Challenges: The Internet of Things



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### The Internet of Things: What is the Internet of Things?

“Stuff” connected to a network (the Internet) for some purpose.

Examples:

- Webcams
- Industrial control systems
- Traffic control devices
- Household Appliances
- Medical Equipment, such as:
  - Pumps
  - Monitors
  - Imaging modalities

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### Security and Compliance Challenges The Internet of Things:

**How a security researcher easily hacked a hospital and its medical devices**  
By Jason Murbick  
February 15, 2016 10:56 GMT

**IT'S FINALLY EASY TO HACK HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT**

**Medical devices vulnerable to hackers**  
© 28 September 2015, Technology

**MEDICAL DEVICES THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO LIFE-THREATENING HACKS**

December 18, 2015 2:02 am  
**Lack of cyber security draws hackers to hospital devices**  
Hannah Kuchler

**HACKED MEDICAL DEVICES MAY BE THE BIGGEST CYBER SECURITY THREAT IN 2016**

**THROUGH INSULIN PUMPS AND PACEMAKERS, HACKERS COULD HOLD YOUR LIFE RANSOM**  
By Alexandra Oswald  
Printed November 23, 2015

**Thousands of medical devices are vulnerable to hacking, security researchers say**  
The security flaws put patients' health at risk

**What's To Stop Hackers From Infecting Medical Devices?**

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### Security and Compliance Challenges: The Internet of Things

- If it's directly exposed to the Internet, it will be found:



- If it's connected to a network, it's a target for compromise



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### Security and Compliance Challenges: The Internet of Things

Factors impacting medical device cyber (in)security:

- Weak to nonexistent security controls
- Long device service lives, infrequent security fixes
- Legacy, outdated commodity operating system software
- Device vendor sales and support model
- Confusion over FDA regulations
- Lack of device vendor enforcement and security oversight

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## Security, Privacy, Compliance:

Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Navigating the Security Landscape

You've already been and will continue to be compromised, now deal with it:

- Have a strategy, develop a plan
  - Compliance ≠ Security...but compliance is not a bad place to start
  - The HIPAA security rule: You're in healthcare, so look here first
  - Be agile, but have guiding principles and know your boundaries
- Vision, swiftness and competence of execution are vital
  - Something is better than nothing, so focus on high-risk/low-maturity areas first
  - Don't let perfect become the enemy of the good – there is no perfect security
- Establish cross-functional ownership of the plan and oversight of execution
  - Get buy-in and participation
  - Typical players include:
    - Cybersecurity, IT, Business Units, Privacy Office, Legal, Risk Management, Compliance, Internal Audit, Human Resources, Safety/Corporate Security, Marketing/Communications

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Navigating the Security Landscape

Factor relative cost/benefit into your security plans:

- Take advantage of low investment, high return activities
  - Risk Analysis
  - Asset Inventories
  - Training and Awareness
  - Operating Policies and Procedures
  - Security Standards and Baselines
- Consolidate spending to targeted investments in big ticket items
  - Advanced security technologies (APT defenses, NGFW's, SIEMs and UBA)
  - Additional staffing, consultants and managed services

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Social Media

To manage risks associated with Social Media:

- Understand your compliance environment
- Survey social media use among user population
  - Network analysis (DNS, IPS/IDS, Firewalls)
  - Web usage reporting tools
  - Third party cloud security tools (CASB)
- Identify problematic cloud services
- Investigate the "Enterprise Edition"
- Develop organizational policies for social media use at work and away
- See what the hackers see: Use social media for threat intelligence

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Additional Tips for Consumers of Social Media

For individual users of social media services, think about:

- Burner accounts
- Credit monitoring
- Privacy settings
- App permission creep
- Pruning your networks periodically (“Defriending”)

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Cloud Services

To manage risks associated with cloud services:

- Establish governance over technology acquisitions and procurement
- Survey cloud service usage among employees
- Consider embracing popular services (e.g., Gmail for Business)
- Develop policies and standards for use of cloud services
- Have security strategies that cover all cloud models:
  - SaaS: Define security controls for application access
  - PaaS: Protect data and application customizations
  - IaaS: Secure the computing environment, protect data and applications

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Internet of Things

To manage risks associated with smart devices:

- Don’t let the problem get (further) out of control
  - Establish governance over technology selection and acquisition
  - Build checkpoints into your procurement processes
  - Conduct security analysis on proposed device purchases
- Develop technical security standards for networked devices
  - Windows XP should not be on the table in 2016
- Trust, but verify device vendor claims
  - Ask vendors for security testing reports of their devices
  - Get written responses to your identified security concerns
    - Flag outliers in your HIPAA covered entity risk analysis

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### Strategies to Manage Technology Concerns: Internet of Things (cont'd)

To manage risks associated with smart devices:

- Know what you own, what you acquire, and what you dispose of
  - Establish inventory processes that include all network enabled assets
- Know your exposures
  - Perform external and internal scans to learn your security vulnerabilities
- Limit the potential damage to at-risk systems
  - Implement firewalls and compartmentalize your networks ("segmentation")
- Understand the attendant risks with different types of "things"
  - Evaluate special controls for mobile devices (MDM, MAM, MCM)

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### Information Security: Parting Words of Wisdom



- "Everything is Awesome"
- Emmet the Lego guy

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