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Forebrook is a cybersecurity and IT governance consulting services firm based in Dubai. We are vendor-independent and specialise in **security assessments**, **risk assessments**, design & review of ISMS, and implementation of ISMS processes. Our assessments include practical recommendations and **actionable advice**, with prioritised roadmaps to implement controls.

We also provide IT Infrastructure Services, IT Asset Inventory, CMDB & Documentation services, Cloud Services, virtual-CIO and virtual-CISO services.

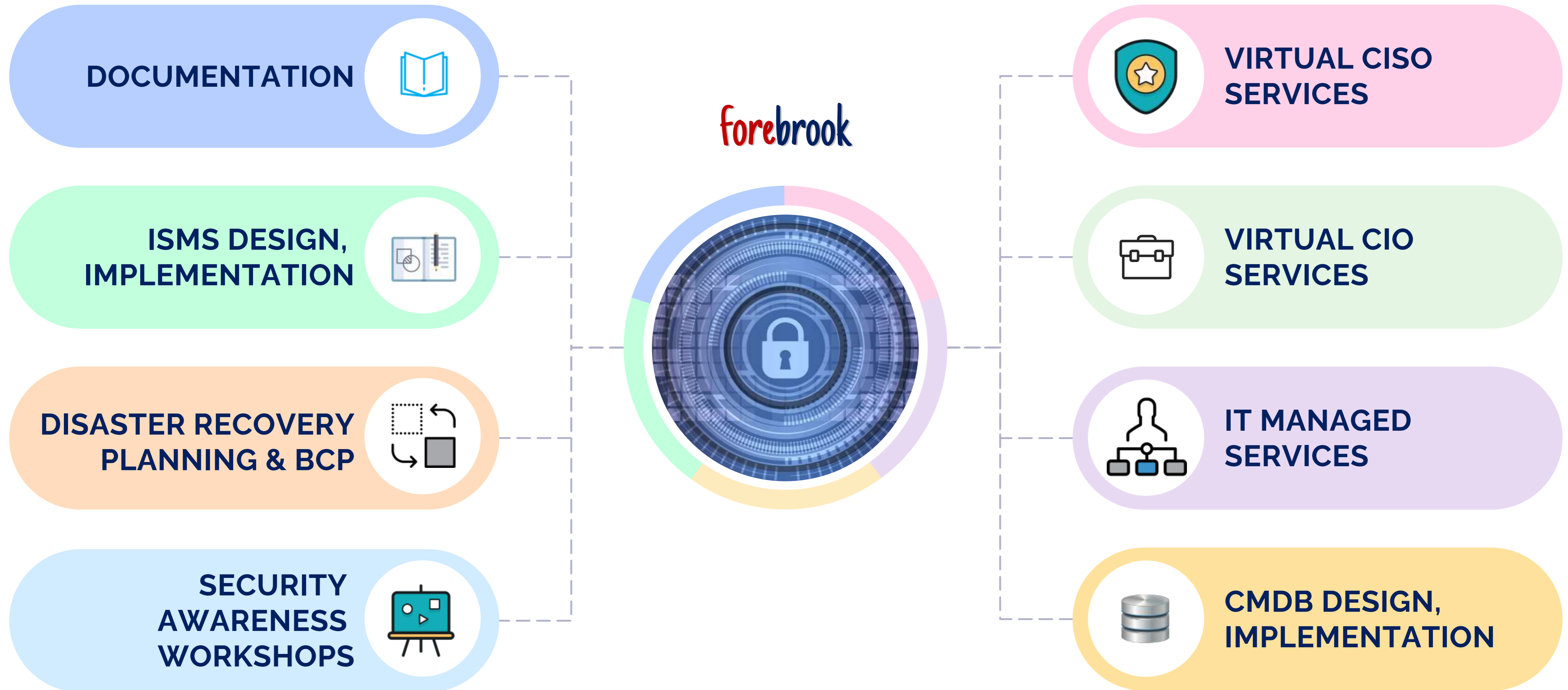
THINK SERVICES



ASSESSMENT SERVICES



IMPLEMENTATION & OTHER SERVICES



IT SECURITY ASSESSMENT

IT Security Assessments are indispensable for the security of information systems. In an environment with existing security controls, periodic assessments uncover gaps and help improve the security posture. If an ISMS is not in place, the **best place to start** is to conduct a preliminary assessment to identify applicable controls.

Our assessments are comprehensive and we produce detailed and bespoke reports.



COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

Organisations are required to comply with local and international standards. Many organisations also opt for ISO27001 or PCI-DSS certification.

We help organisation prepare for compliance and conduct 3rd party assessment against any local or international security standards (see the next slide).

A **gap-analysis report** and a **recommendations report** will help you improve security and achieve compliance.



SECURITY STANDARDS, REGULATIONS

- UAE Information Assurance Regulation
- ADSIC
- NESAS
- Dubai ISR
- ADHICS
- UAE DPL (Law No.45)
- CB UAE Regulations, Guidelines
- SAMA CyberSecurity Framework
- Oman CMA CyberSecurity Regulation



- ISO 27001:2013
- ISO 22301
- PCI-DSS v4
- HIPAA
- SWIFT v2022
- GDPR

IT RISK ASSESSMENT

This is a special kind of assessment where risks related to information systems are identified, classified and risk treatment options are investigated. A risk register is created where risks related to each information asset are recorded and risk response strategy for each of the identified risks is defined.

Asset	Threat	Vulnerability	Consequence

IMPACT/CONSEQUENCE			
LIKELIHOOD	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM

An accurate risk-assessment is the driving force of every security strategy.

- Risk Register**
1. ID
 2. Risk Description
 3. Priority
 4. Current Assessment: Likelihood
 5. Current Assessment: Impact
 6. Current Assessment: Exposure Rating
 7. Risk Response Type
 8. Risk Owner
 9. Status

CLOUD SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Organisations are rapidly moving to the cloud and security of data and IT assets on the cloud is now even more important than when resources and data were on your premises.

We conduct a **cloud security assessments** to identify the footprint, vulnerabilities and risks associated with cloud infrastructures and SaaS apps against **CSA CCM 4.0**. We also conduct assessments against security best practice documents by cloud service providers such as Microsoft (Azure) or Amazon (AWS).



IT INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

IT infrastructure assessment is required from time to time as an input to decision making - for strategic investments in technologies or for process improvement and optimisation.

The outcome of such an assessment will be detailed **documentation**, a **dashboard of the overall infrastructure**, **rich architecture diagrams**, identification of redundant systems and recommendations to upgrade/replace systems.

These reports can be used as a starting point to plan migration to the cloud.



- Services
- Applications
- Data Centres / Locations
- System Infrastructure
- Network and Wireless Infrastructure
- Virtualisation Infrastructure
- Storage and Backup Infrastructure
- Printers and Peripherals
- Communication Lines
- Access Control and CCTV
- Security Infrastructure

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

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VA is an automated scan using tools to identify attributes of hosts such as OS, Applications, open ports and vulnerabilities of these hosts

VA will help identify outdated software versions, misconfigurations and critical security issues.

Raw reports generated by the scanner will be reviewed by an experienced security consultant, who will prepare summaries and course of action for remediation.



IT SECURITY AUDIT

An IT Security Audit is similar to other assessments except that this is limited to **identifying gaps** in the system and reporting the same. Also, in this type of an assessment we rely upon the company's IT team and security officer to provide data.

This is a useful service for internal auditors and the management which seeks a third-party assessment report of the **as-is state**.



IT HEALTH CHECK FOR SMEs

Organisations need to have a good understanding of the IT environment and investigate whether IT is delivering value to the business. Without an up-to-date report of the existing environment, decisions for upgrades may not be aligned with business.

Conduct a **health check** to take stock of your IT environment and explore how new technologies can be adopted and processes can be optimized.

Recommendations for improvement often result in **huge cost savings**.

DOCUMENTATION

We believe that we are among the very few, if not the only service provider in the region offering **documentation** as a separate service.

If an organisation does not have current and updated documentation, it is counted as a key risk to information systems.

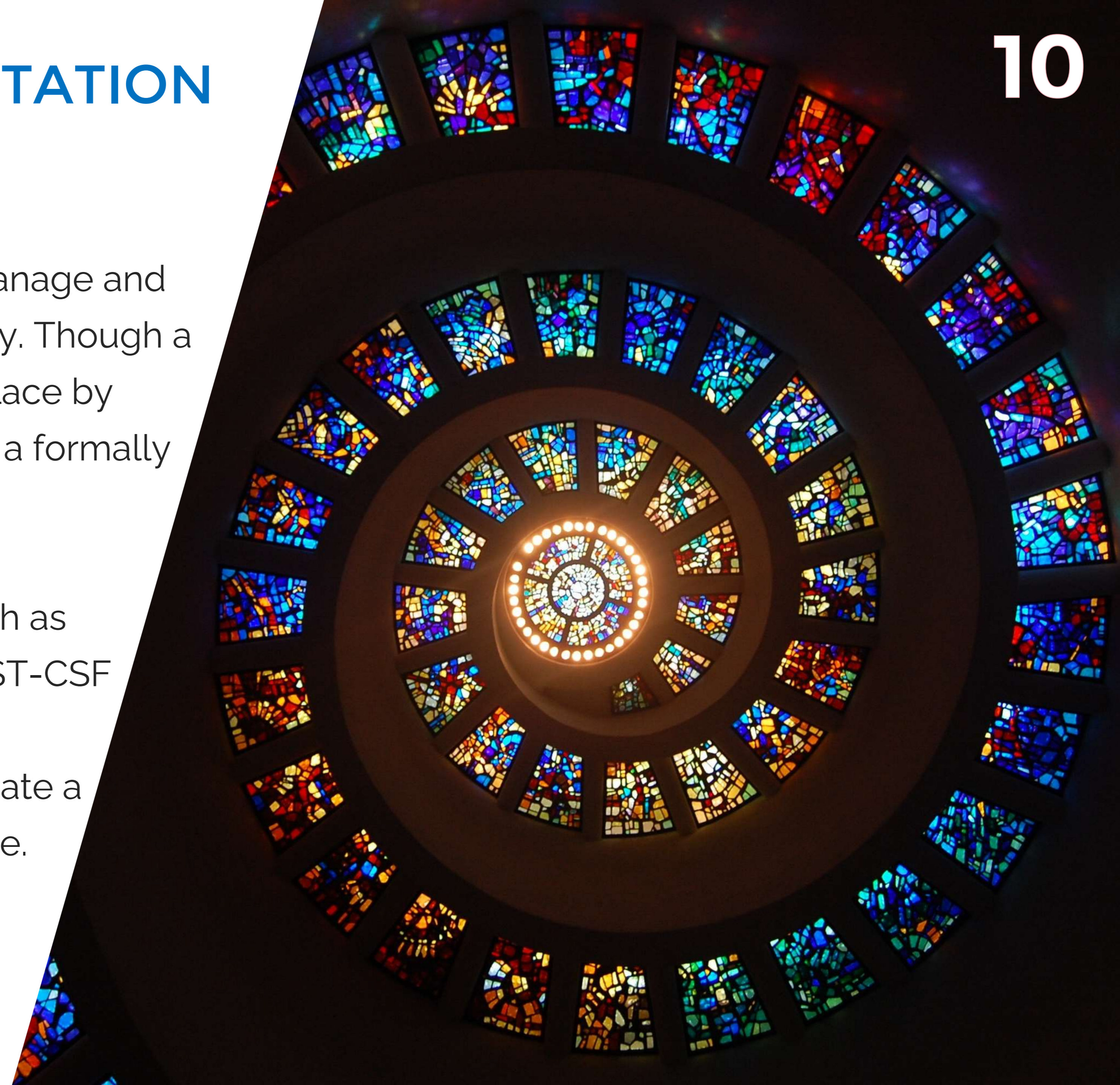
We create extensive documentation of applications, infrastructures, processes and procedures. We prepare manuals, architecture diagrams, user-guides and SOPs.



ISMS DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION

An ISMS is essential for organisations to manage and monitor security; and to measure efficiency. Though a number of controls and processes are in place by necessity, many organisations do not have a formally defined ISMS.

We can design an ISMS from scratch – such as an ISMS conforming to ISO27001 or the NIST-CSF and help you identify components that are required but not implemented. We can create a detailed roadmap to reach the desired state.



DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING

It is essential for organisations to have a comprehensive contingency plan in case of a disaster – whether natural or man-made. A continuity plan which can be invoked when a disruption occurs. A BCP/DR plan should be updated regularly and tested frequently for readiness and efficacy.

We help you identify critical services, business impact and draft a cost-optimized, practical BCP and help you select appropriate DR solutions.

- Business Impact Analysis
- Drafting a DR/BCP Strategy
- Draft Disaster Recovery Plan
- Review / Update DR Plans
- DR Training and Workshops
- Failover and Fail-back Testing
- Implement DR Technology
- Health-check of DRP/BCP

USER AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

We conduct engaging and content rich awareness workshops for different audience in the organisation

- The Board and Top Management
- Executives and Managers
- Audit and Compliance Team
- Systems Team
- Application Team
- End-Users
- Security Team

We create relevant topics for each of these groups and useful in their work.



VIRTUAL CISO SERVICES

There is a serious shortage of qualified security professionals worldwide. If the United States has 700K positions open, the rest of the world is worse off. Besides, highly qualified security professionals are very expensive hires.

We can take care of your security needs for a fraction of the cost you would pay a resident CISO.

Contact us today for details on our vCISO plans.

“With approximately 700,000 cybersecurity positions open, America faces a national security challenge that must be tackled aggressively.”

*Announcement of White House National Cyber Workforce and Education Summit **JULY 18, 2022***

VIRTUAL CIO SERVICES

Many organisations may not require a full-time CIO and even those organisations with a CIO may need to offload certain tasks from time to time. Forebrook can assist your organisation by performing some or all CIO tasks by drawing from a pool of experienced professionals.

With Forebrook, you can avail the services of senior consultants for a fraction of the cost of hiring highly experienced resources.

- IT Strategy & Roadmap
- IT Portfolio Review
- Due Diligence
- Feasibility Analysis
- IT Project Management
- Change Management
- Office Automation
- Optimising IT / Cost Optimisation
- IT Infrastructure Optimisation
- IT Financial Management / Budgeting
- Procurement / Vendor Management
- IT Policies and Procedures
- Recruitment, Interviews
- Performance Management
- Managing IT Outsourcing
- Cloud Technologies/Services
- Business - IT Alignment
- Enterprise Architecture
- IT Governance & Compliance
- IT Risk Management
- Information Security Review
- Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery



CLOUD SERVICES

We assist you in your cloud computing strategy, by doing assessments, identifying areas which can leverage cloud platforms, identifying potential risks, undertaking feasibility studies and computing total costs of moving to the cloud – including hidden costs - providing actionable intelligence to decide on your strategy for a private, public or hybrid cloud. We also manage resources on Azure, AWS and MS-365 for our clients.



CMDB DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION

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Design a robust CMDB based on the ITSM processes followed in the organisation or on a standard/framework such as ITIL or ISO 20000. We will review and update your CMDB and implement a suitable tool for managing the CMDB. A CMDB is essential for the following:

1. Application Mapping
2. Incident and Problem Management
3. Monitoring
4. Root Cause Analysis
5. Impact Analysis
6. Data Center Relocation/Consolidation



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Financial Sector Cybersecurity

Financial institutions are leading targets of cyber attacks. Banks are where the money is, and for cybercriminals, attacking banks offers multiple avenues for profit through extortion, theft, and fraud, while nation-states and hacktivists also target the financial sector for political and ideological leverage. Regulators are taking notice, and implementing new controls for cyber risk to address the growing threat to the banks they supervise. The Strategic Technologies Program studies the evolution of cyber threats to the financial system and legal and regulatory system and legal and regulatory when its defenses.

Gulf Business

The Middle East is one of the world's fastest-growing financial hubs with the banking and finance services sector having seen immense transformation and innovation in the past few years.

However, organisations in the financial sector face a hostile threat landscape, as they are often the preferred targets of profit-seeking cybercriminals. According to Group-IB, ransomware gangs published information about 127 financial sector victim-companies, including from the UAE, on data leak sites, while a year ago, the number was less than 50. Another threat came from initial access brokers: Group-IB's MEA Threat Intelligence & Research Center witnessed 95 cases of threat actors selling access to systems belonging to financial companies located in 25 countries, including organisations in the UAE and Saudi Arabia. In fact, a recent report by *Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Centre*, (FS-ISAC) predicted that financial firms may experience more cyber-attacks this year. In these difficult times, we need to use symmetrical measures to protect business, especially in the financial sector, as cybercriminals have become bolder and more aggressive.

Recognising the threat, countries in the Middle East regularly come up with new measures to curb cybercrime. For example, in November 2021, the UAE Central Bank established a new Networking and Cyber Security Operations Centre to help defend the financial system's IT infrastructure against cyberattacks. Moreover, the Saudi Arabia Monetary Authority (SAMA) has issued a cybersecurity framework to enhance the cybersecurity posture of financial institutions.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Cyber threats to the financial system are growing, and the global community must cooperate to protect it

In February 2016, hackers targeted the central bank of Bangladesh and exploited vulnerabilities in SWIFT, the global financial system's electronic payment messaging system, trying to steal \$1 billion. Most transactions were blocked, \$101 million still disappeared. The incident was a wake-up call for the finance world that systemic risks in the financial system had been severely underestimated. Today, the assessment that a major cyberattack poses a threat to financial stability is axiomatic— not a question of *if*, but *when*. Yet the

Figure 3: The United States was the costliest country for average total cost of a data breach for the 12th year in a row. The top five countries or regions with the highest average cost of a data breach were:

1. The United States – USD 9.44 million
2. The Middle East – USD 7.46 million
3. Canada – USD 5.64 million
4. The United Kingdom – USD 5.05 million
5. Germany – USD 4.85 million

Source: *Cost of a Data Breach Report 2022* / IBM Security

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Banks need best practices to fight rising cyberattacks

By Joseph Saracino
July 17, 2022 • 9 mins

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Montenegro's state infrastructure hit by cyber attack -officials

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SECURITYWEEK
INTERNET AND ENTERPRISE SECURITY NEWS, INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

After IT Outage, Carmakers Kia and Hyundai Say No Evidence of Ransomware Attack

By Eduard Kovacs on February 19, 2021

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Carmakers Kia and Hyundai, both owned by the South Korea-based Hyundai Motor Group, said they had found no evidence that the outages they suffered in the past week in the United States were the result of a ransomware attack.

GULF NEWS

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Big increase in cyber-attacks during the Covid-19 pandemic

Cyber crime will cost the global economy \$6.1 trillion annually if we are not careful

Published: January 12, 2021 12:09
Gulf News Report

Healthcare IT News

EMEA Privacy & Security

Emmanuel Macron pledges €1bn for cybersecurity after hospital ransomware attacks

Two French hospitals returned to paper systems after being targeted by hackers.

INQUIRER.NET

ONLINE TRANSACTIONS

Data of 3.3 million Cashalo users sold on dark web, says privacy body

By: Gabriel Pabico Lalu - Reporter / @GabrielLaluINQ
INQUIRER.net / 06:48 PM February 23, 2021

Anti-Phishing, DMARC, Breach Notification, Fraud Management & Cybercrime

Sequoia Capital Investigating 'Cybersecurity Incident'

Few Details Are Known, But Phishing Attack May Have Played a Role

Prajeet Nair (@prajeetspeaks) - February 22, 2021

Thunder Bay

Lakehead University extends winter study break after cyber attack

Classes set to resume on Feb. 26
CBC News - Posted: Feb 22, 2021 6:40 AM ET | Last Updated: February 22

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US cyber-attack: Around 50 firms 'genuinely impacted' by massive breach

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Hackers threaten to leak plastic surgery pictures

By Joe Tidy
Cyber reporter
24 December 2020

MAJOR THREATS

- Ransomware
- Phishing
- Shutdown of Websites
- Attack on Critical Systems
- Theft of Data / Data Leak
- Insider Threats
- Malware Attacks

SOME CONSEQUENCES OF A CYBER ATTACK

- Disruption of Business
- Financial Loss
- Reputational Damage
- Legal Ramifications
- Loss of Sensitive Data
- Identity Theft
- Operational Downtime

HOW TO SECURE YOUR IT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Identify your IT Assets – Build/Review **IT Assets Inventory**
- Prepare or Update your **IT Architecture (Maps, Diagrams)**
- Conduct a Vulnerability Assessment (**Tool Based**)
- Conduct Controls Assessment
(**ISO27K, HIPAA, PCI-DSS, NESA, CSA-CCM, NIST-CSF, SWIFT, ADHIC**)
- Identify Gaps
- Prepare a Response Plan

DO YOU HAVE GOOD VISIBILITY IN IT?

THE RISE OF THE BUSINESS-ALIGNED SECURITY EXECUTIVE

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Source: *Forrester Report, August 2020*



Just **53%** report that their security organization has a holistic understanding and assessment of the organization's entire attack surface.

Only **44%** say their security organization has good visibility into the state of security for their organization's most critical assets.

Note: A rating of 4 or 5, where 5 is "completely describes my organization"
Base: 416 security leaders with responsibility over cybersecurity/security strategies and budgets
Source: A commissioned study conducted by Forrester Consulting on behalf of Tenable, April 2020



We conduct detailed **Assessments**, Map the **IT Architecture**, Compile **Asset Inventory** for 360° visibility of your IT Infrastructure

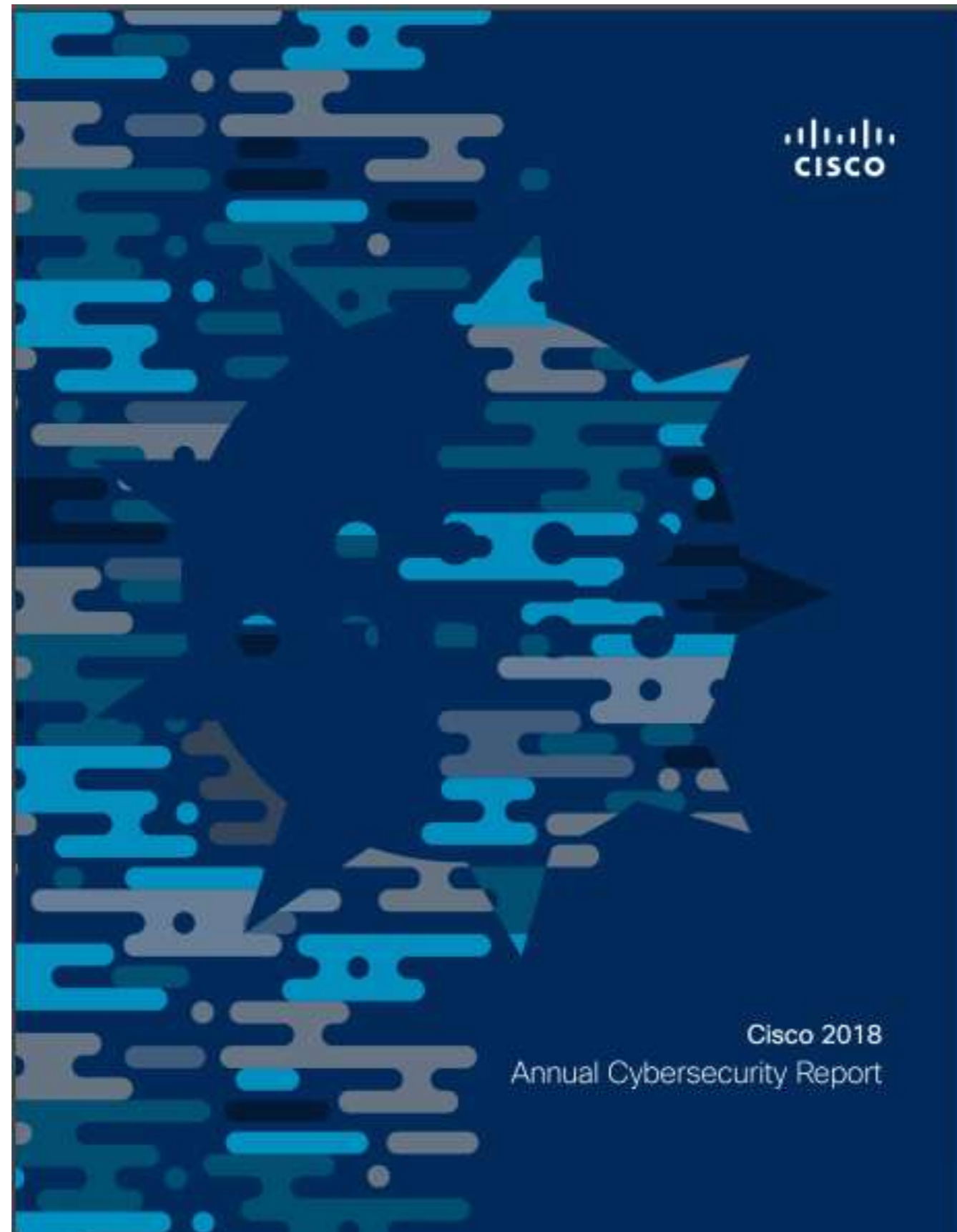
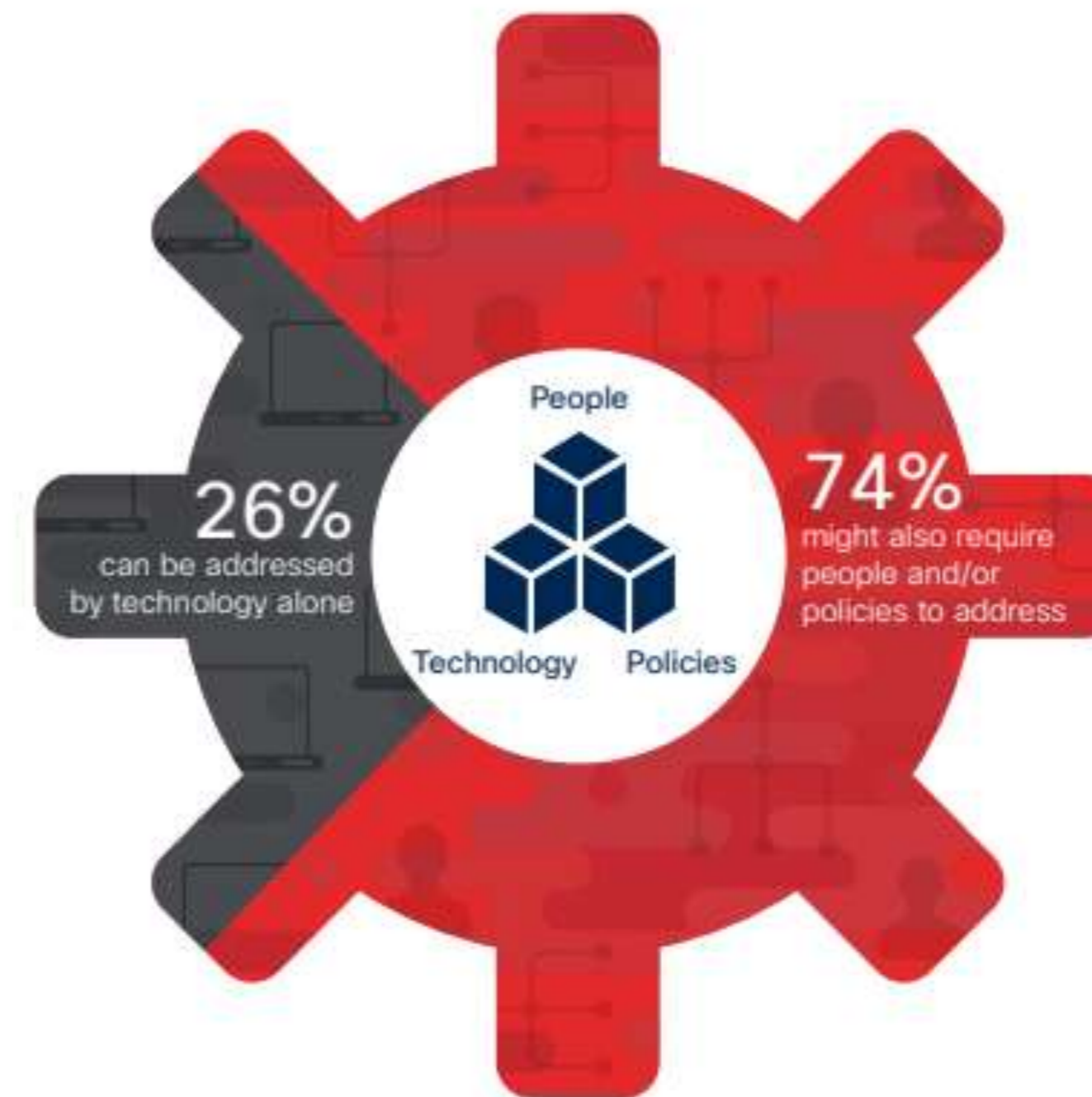


Figure 53 Only 26 percent of security issues can be addressed by products alone



Source: Cisco Security Research

“Only 26 percent of security issues can be addressed by products alone.
74% might also require people and/or policies to address”

REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES

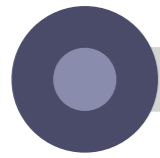
Internal and external information security assessments are required for compliance in a number of regulations in the GCC. For example, in the UAE:

- Central Bank Regulation for Finance Companies
- Central Bank Consumer Protection Regulation
- Central Bank Consumer Protection Standards
- CB: The Standards for Regulation regarding Licensing and Monitoring of Exchange Business

Other standards such as NESIA, ADSIC, UAE Information Assurance, Dubai-ISR, UAE Federal Data Protection Law (DPL, Law No.45), ADHICS, SAMA, CMA guidelines in Oman require that organisations conduct assessments regularly.

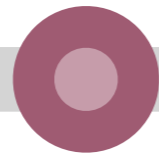
OUR APPROACH

Survey, Interviews



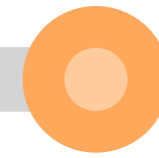
Documentation

Diagrams, Asset Inventory

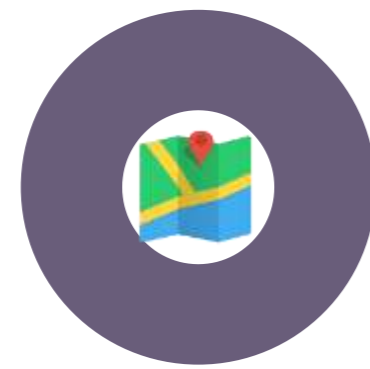
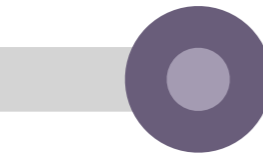
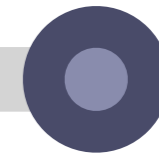
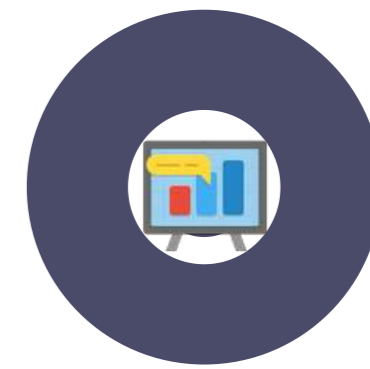


Technical Assessment

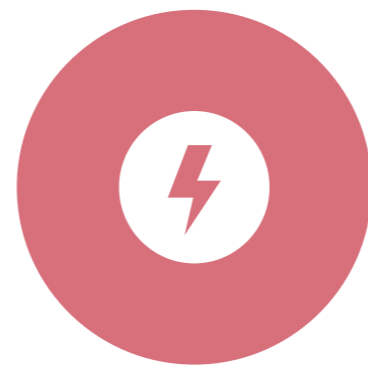
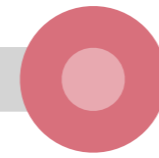
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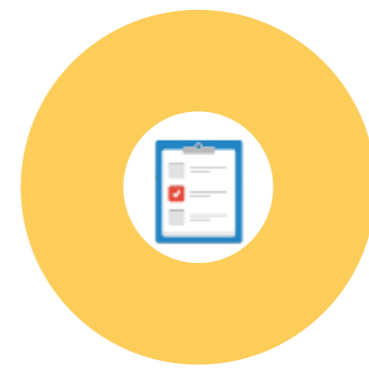
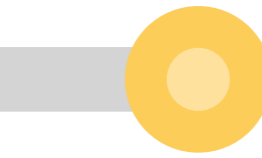
Presentation



Map Infrastructure



Gap Analysis
Based on Standards



Reports

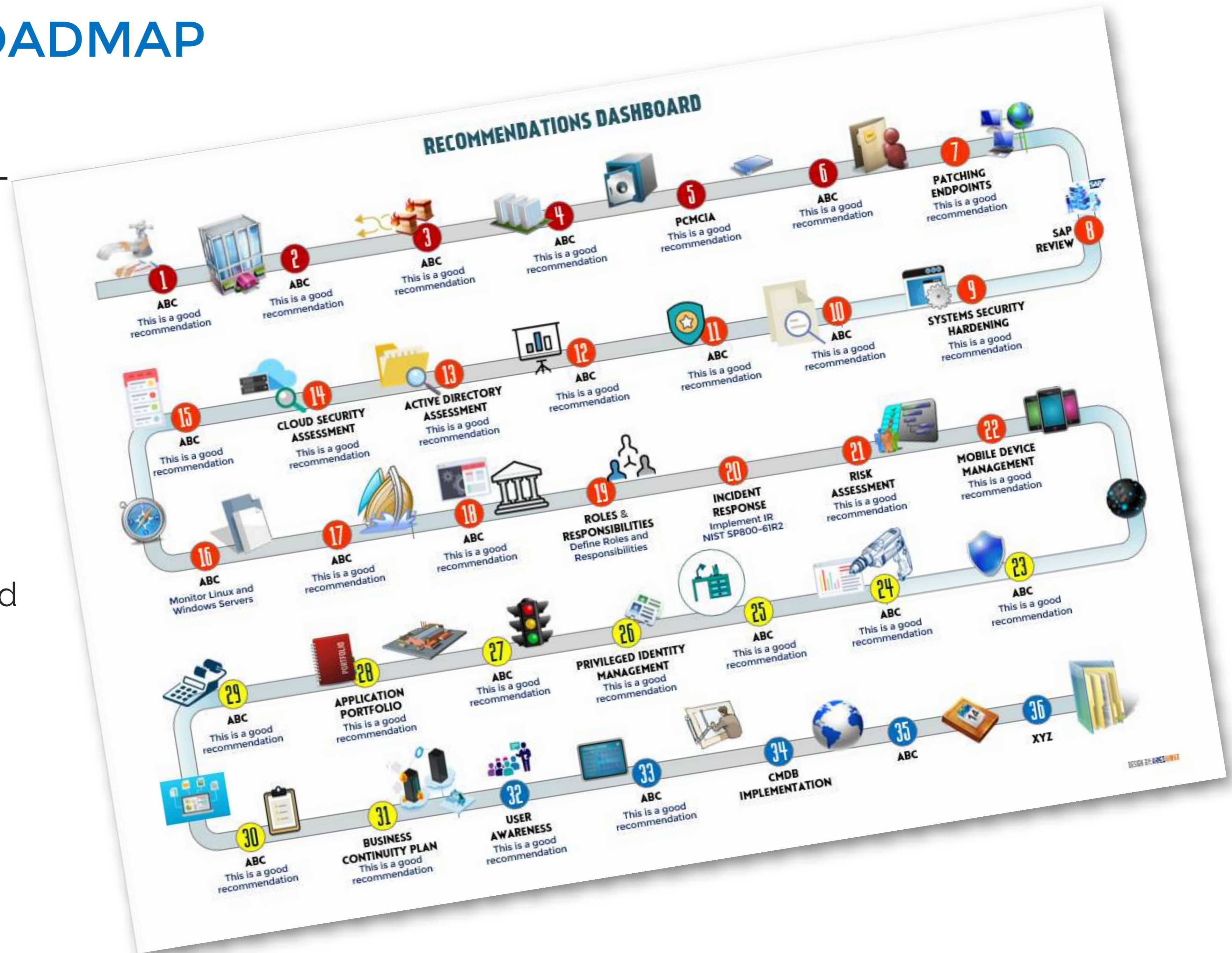
SAMPLE DELIVERABLES

- Documentation
Mapping the Security Architecture
- Gap Analysis Report
- Infographics
- Asset Inventory
- Risk Assessment Report
- Implementation Advice
- Recommendations
- Workshops



ACTIONABLE ROADMAP

One of the key products of our assessment is an action-plan and a prioritized list of activities, projects required as a roadmap towards info-sec maturity. In addition to detailed reports we create attractive dashboard that is easy for non-technical managers to understand and follow the progress.



FOREBROOK



Documentation

Security Architecture

IT Infrastructure Architecture

Diagrams: Network, Topology, etc

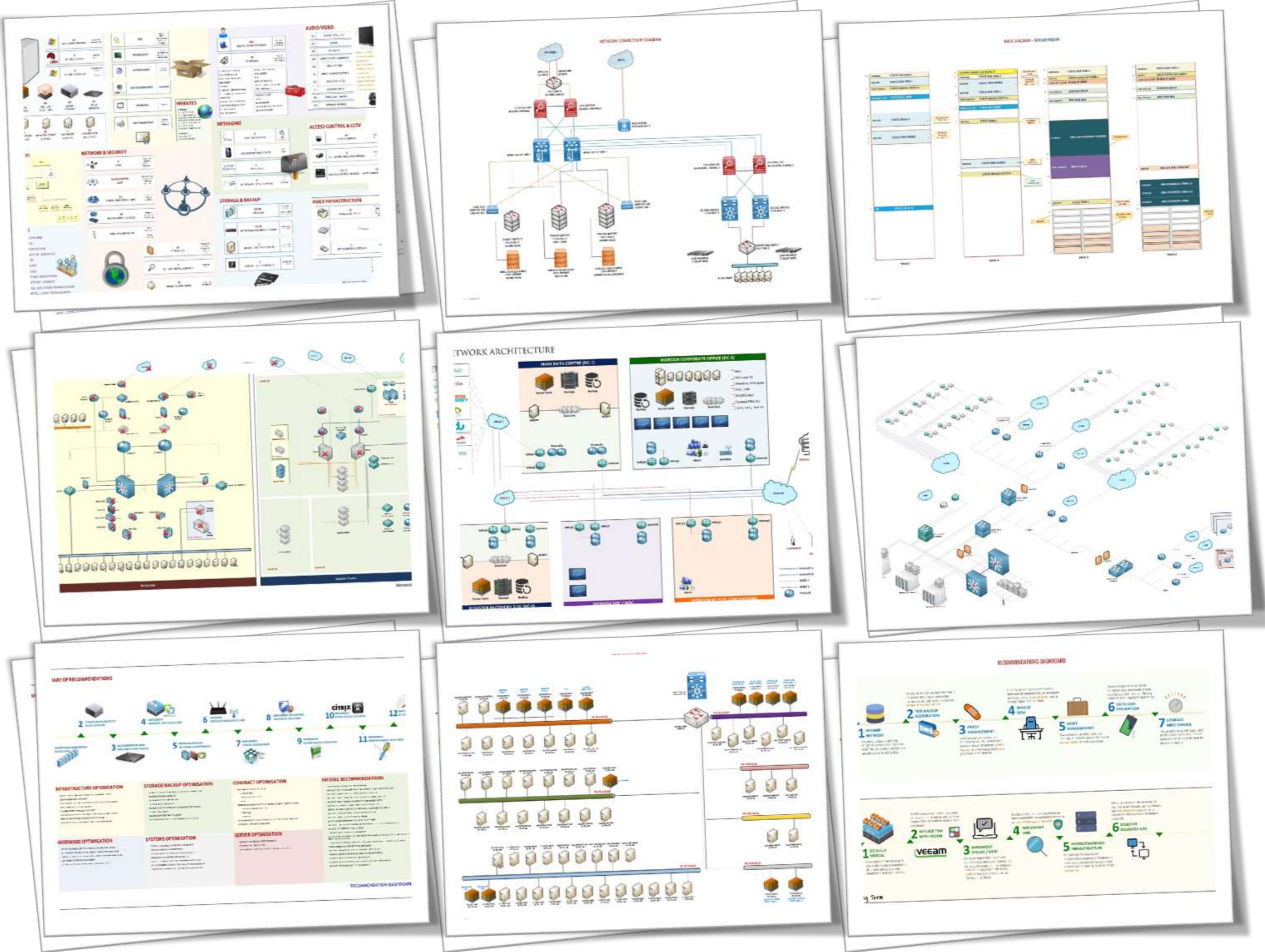
Asset Inventory

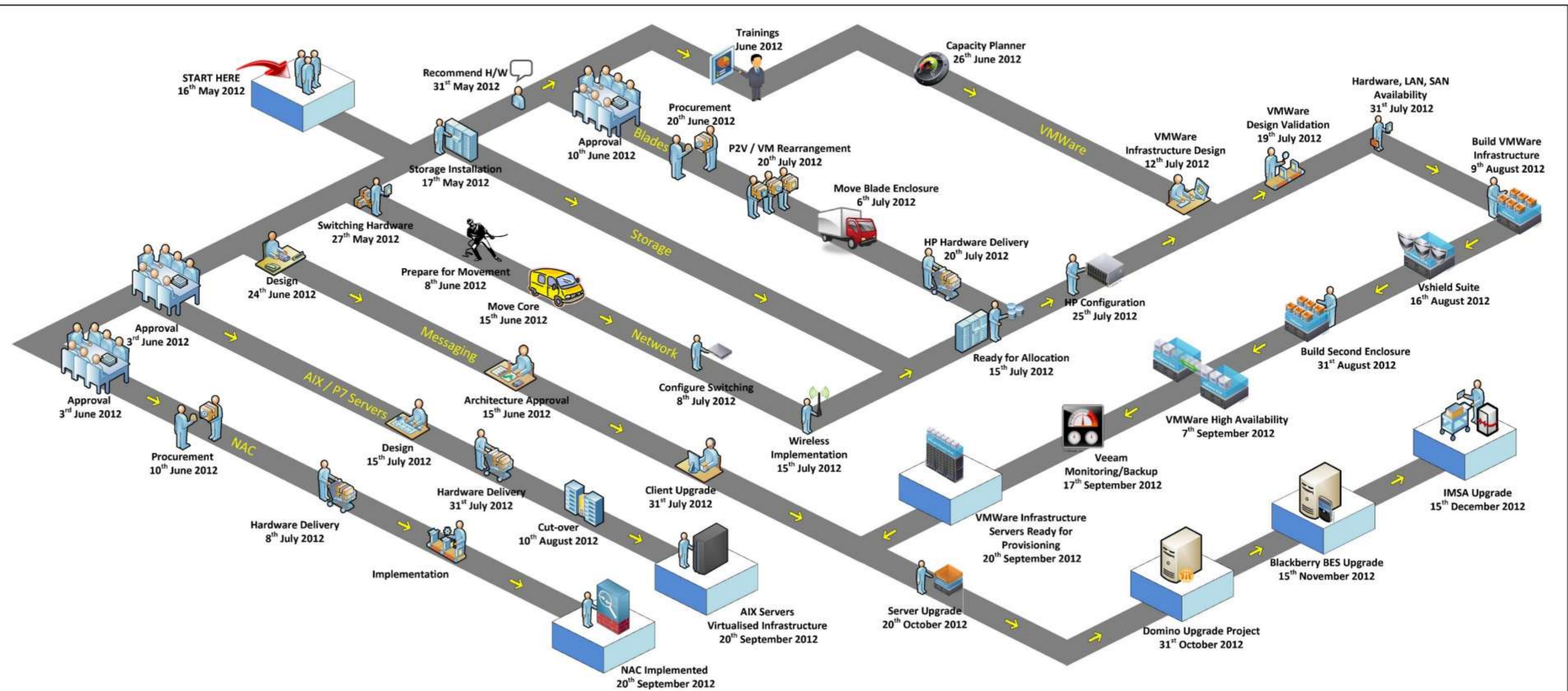
Application Portfolio

SECURITY

SAMPLE DIAGRAMS

We create diagrams of your infrastructure mapping the architecture and charting network topologies, server topologies, server distribution, infrastructure dashboards, recommendation roadmap etc.



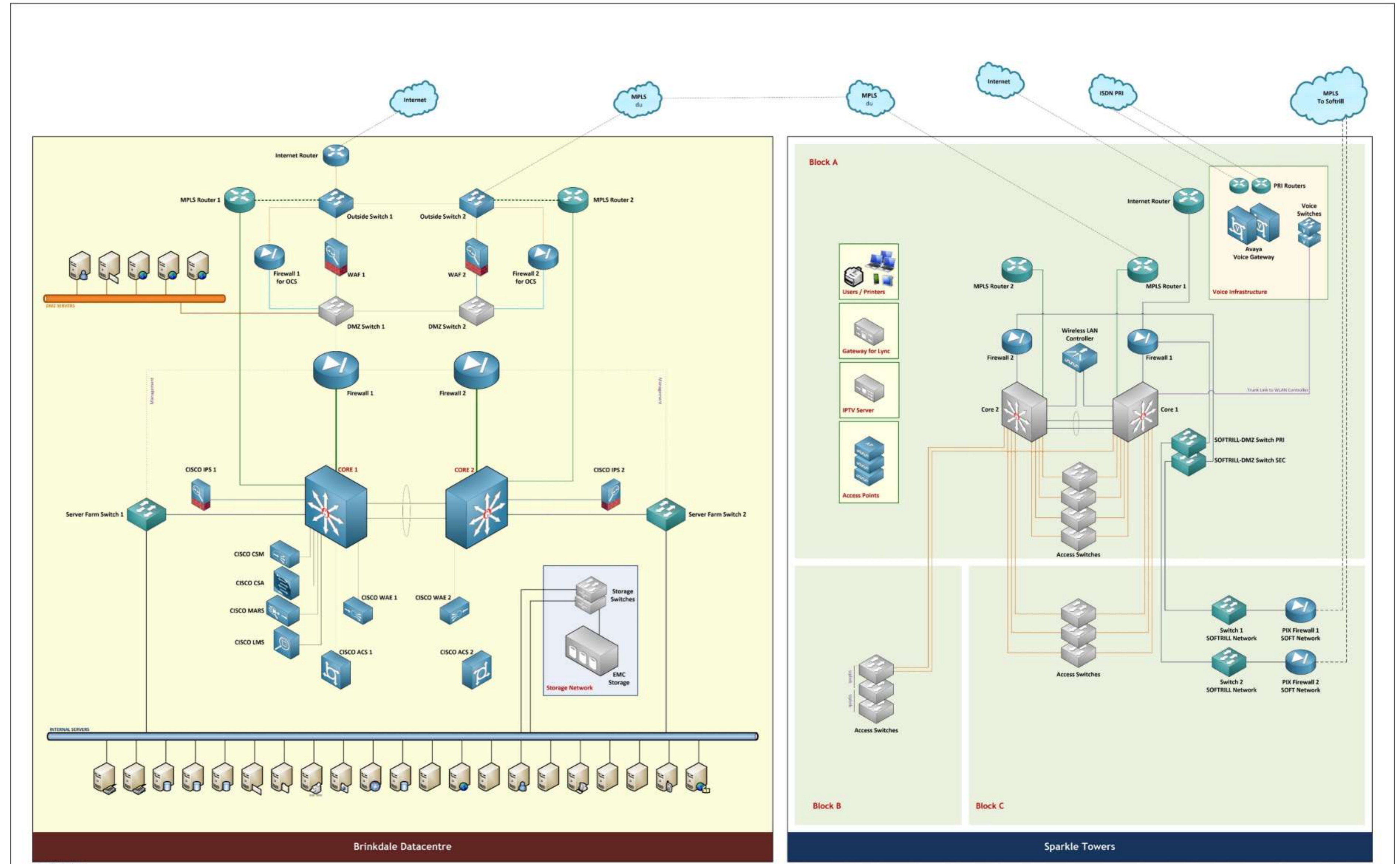


- PROJECTS**
1. VMWARE AUTOMATION
 2. NEW STORAGE
 3. SWITCHING REDESIGN
 4. HP/HARDWARE UPGRADES
 5. AIX/P7 TECHNOLOGY REFRESH
 6. CENTER DUBAI NETWORK
 7. NETWORK ACCESS CONTROL (NAC)
 8. DOMINO UPGRADE / REDESIGN
 9. IMSA REPLACEMENT / UPGRADE
 10. DATA WIRELESS / TEST NETWORK
 11. ANTIVIRUS UPGRADE
 12. LOCATION TERMINAL EXPANSION

- TENTATIVE DATES**
- SWITCHING PROJECT : 30th June 2012
 - STORAGE AVAILABILITY: 5th July 2012
 - HP/UPGRADE APPROVAL: 10th June 2012
 - HP HARDWARE DELIVERY: 15th July 2012
 - VMWARE DESIGN: 8th July 2012
 - HARDWARE AVAILABILITY: 31st July 2012
 - VMWARE IMPLEMENTATION: 9th August 2012
 - BACKUP / MONITORING: 15th August 2012
 - AIX HARDWARE: 15th July 2012
 - AIX REDESIGN/UPGRADE: 20th August 2012
 - NAC: 15th July 2012
 - DOMINO: 31st October 2012
 - IMSA/BLACKBERRY UPG: 15th December 2012

- THINGS TO DO**
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I. STORAGE | III. HP HARDWARE | IV. VMWARE | V. AIX |
| a) config | a) recommendation | a) design | a) procurement |
| b) network | b) procurement | b) design validation (vmware) | b) design |
| c) allocation/etc | c) delivery | c) final design / security | c) hardware delivery |
| | d) movement of enclosure | d) prepare VMs / P2V | d) build AIX/VMs - cluster |
| II. SWITCHING | e) reassignment of blades | e) prepare infrastructure | e) DBA test upgrade to AIX 7.x |
| a) hardware delivery | f) upgrade of blades ENC-1 | f) prepare vm environment | f) archive/restore PROD |
| b) cabling etc | g) config FLEX-10 switches | g) test functionality | g) cutover to new systems |
| c) movement of core | h) storage connectivity | h) rollover to 4 hosts (all) | |
| d) reconfiguration | i) network connectivity | i) build second enclosure | VI. NAC |
| e) connect blade switches | j) upgrade of blades ENC-2 | j) config failover/etc – redeploy | a) procurement |
| f) switches for storage | k) storage connectivity | k) config backup (veeam) | b) analysis/design |
| | l) network connectivity | l) monitoring | c) implementation |





Network Topology

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The summary figures for a comparison of similar workloads with additional requirements for managing the infrastructure are given below.

OPTION	MICROSOFT AZURE	AMAZON EC2	IN-HOUSE DC
1 No. of Workloads	200	200	200-400
2 Annual Cost for Above Workloads in AED	2,544,055	1,152,699	1,233,506
3 3 - Year Cost for Above Workloads in AED	7,632,166	3,458,099	3,700,520
4 Administration Cost (Yearly) in AED	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
5 Administration Cost (3-Years) in AED	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
6 Migration Cost of VMs	300,000	300,000	300,000
TCO for 3-YEARS	6,985,166	2,039,099	2,200,000

Note : Administration cost given above is a conservative figure for one administrator @ 25K per month. The environment may require 2 admins.

1-3 Additional Services

The above costs are only for computing power and internet facing machines are not considered. In case of both Amazon EC2 and Microsoft Azure, additional costs will have to be paid for IPs and network throughput. In the case of an in-house DC, a leased line will be required. Also in all the cases, network security equipment such as WAF would be required.

COST COMPARISON & FEASIBILITY

From a sample report where existing workloads were sorted and similar workloads were computed for cost and admin.



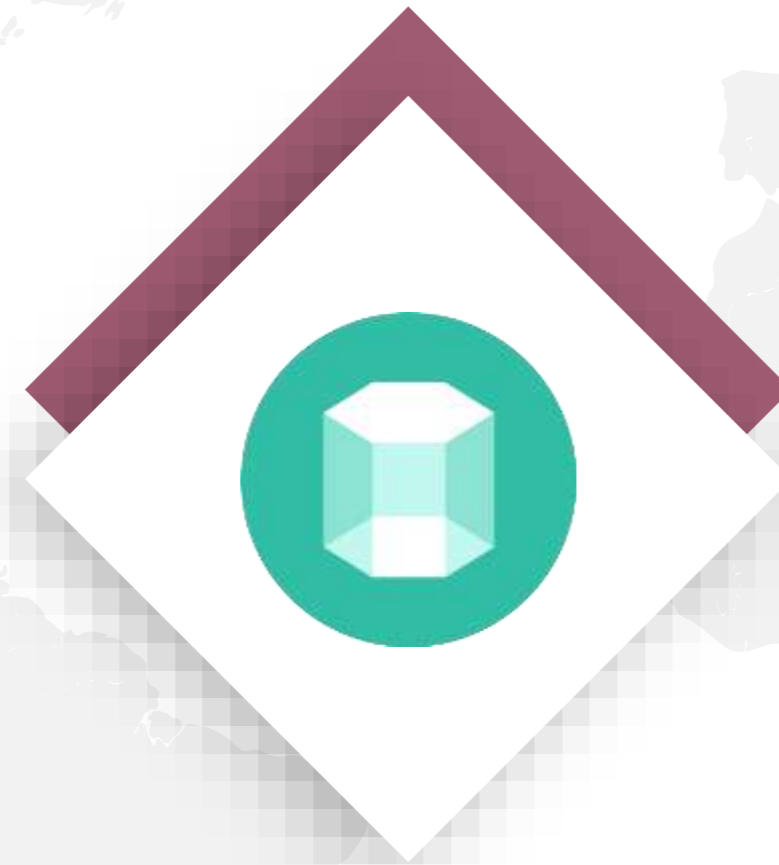


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