



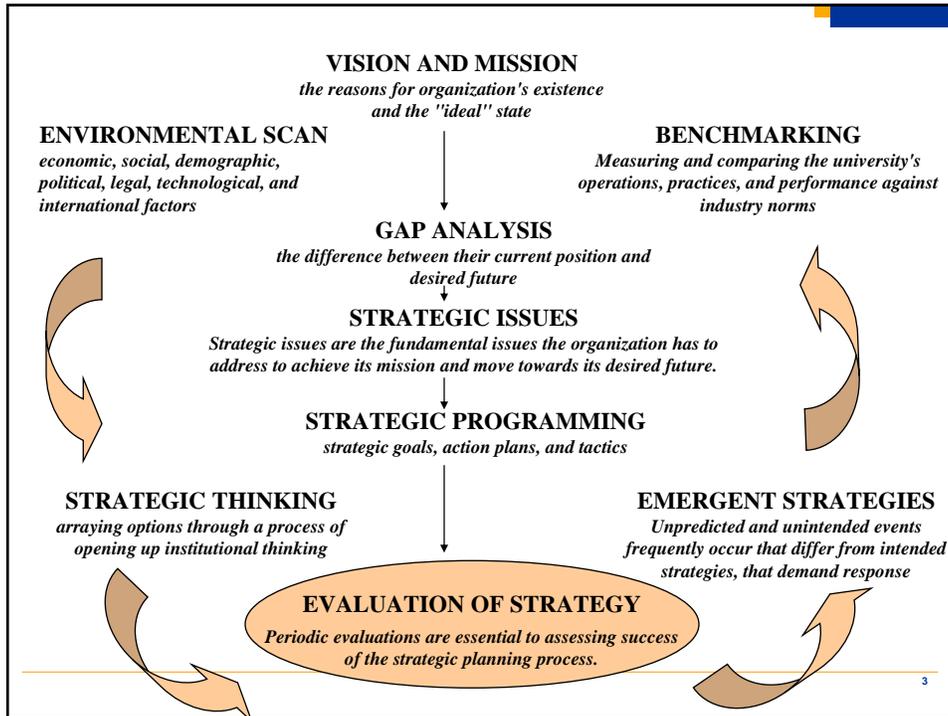
DoD's Approach to IA Metrics

Feeding Leaderships Information Needs

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Discussion Points

- **Metrics in Perspective**
 - Key Principles; Aligned to goals
 - Enterprise vs organization
 - Quantitative vs qualitative
- **Where we are today**
 - Technical; Quantitative
- **Pilot Methodology**
 - Strategic Execution
 - Operational
- **Next Steps**
 - Operational metrics development
 - Issue Guidance (Assessment Teams/FISMA)
 - Communications & Collection Mechanisms



Vision: Dynamic Information Assurance for the GIG

Mission: Assure DoD's Information, Information Systems, Information Infrastructure and support the Departments Transformation to Network and Data-Centric Operations and Warfare

Core Competencies

Goal #1 – Protect Information
(Secure, Verifiable, Available)

Goal #2 – Defend Systems & Networks
(Resist, Recognize, React, Recover, Reconstitute)

Goal #3 – Situational Awareness/C2
(Shared awareness, Synchronized response, C2)

Goal #4 – Transform & Enable IA Capabilities
(Adaptation, Visibility & Alignment, Innovation & Agility)

Goal #5 – Create an IA Empowered Workforce
(Identification, Alignment, Competency Development & Maintenance, Resource Availability)

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Goals of the 1st Phase of Metrics Initiative

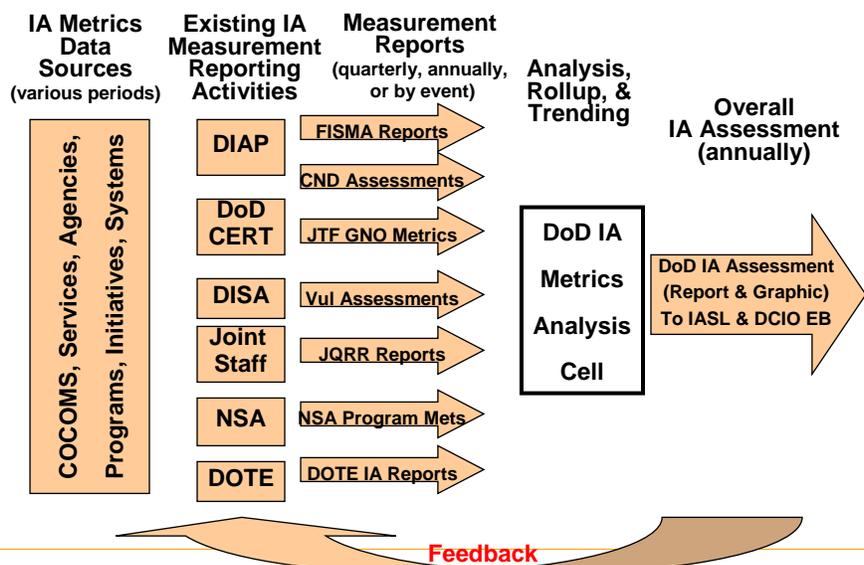
- What is being collected today
 - who's doing what?

- Evaluate 'quality' of metrics aligned to objectives
 - Will the metrics we collect today meet the needs of the seniors?

- Generate Increased Awareness
 - Initial assessment
 - Warning Order

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Methodology



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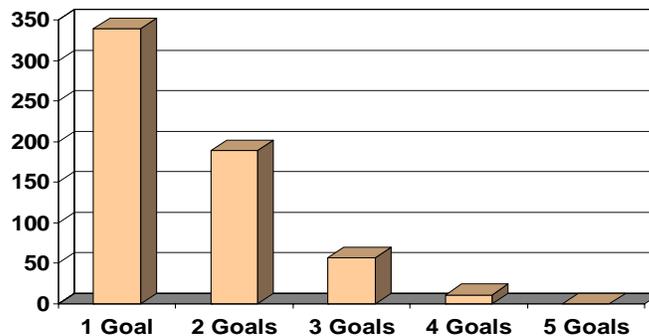
IA Metrics Working Group Results

- Collected, Documented, Categorized over 700 metrics from existing metrics efforts across the DoD
 - JTF-GNO, DISA, NSA, JQRR, & DOTE metrics
 - FISMA and CND Assessments
- Analyzed the knowledge needs for assessing each goal area of the strategic plan
- Analyzed the existing metrics from two perspectives:
 - Which ones supported our knowledge needs to assess our progress towards our goals
 - What is the quality of each metric... based on solid data? or more subjective?
- Aligned & assessed if adequate for our needs
- Here is what we discovered:
 - Over 200 existing metrics weren't 'good metrics' for our purposes
 - We have a lot of gaps in our current knowledge base

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Metrics Overlap Across IA Goals

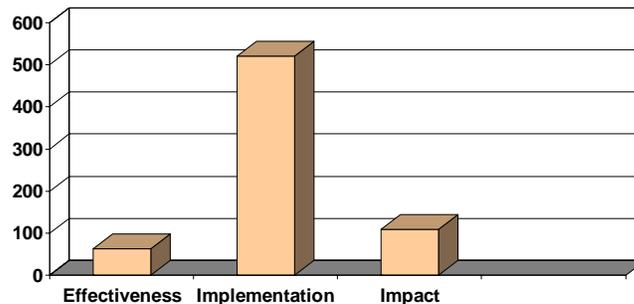
- Over half of existing metrics apply to only one IA Goal
- Only ~10% of existing metrics apply to more than two IA Goals
 - Should result in reasonably clean relationship between changes in metrics and progress towards reaching Goal



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Effectiveness versus Implementation Metrics

- Most existing metrics are implementation metrics
- Candidate metrics sources to consider for increasing number of effectiveness metrics:
 - Incident metrics from JTF GNO
 - Red team result metrics
 - Vulnerability assessment results



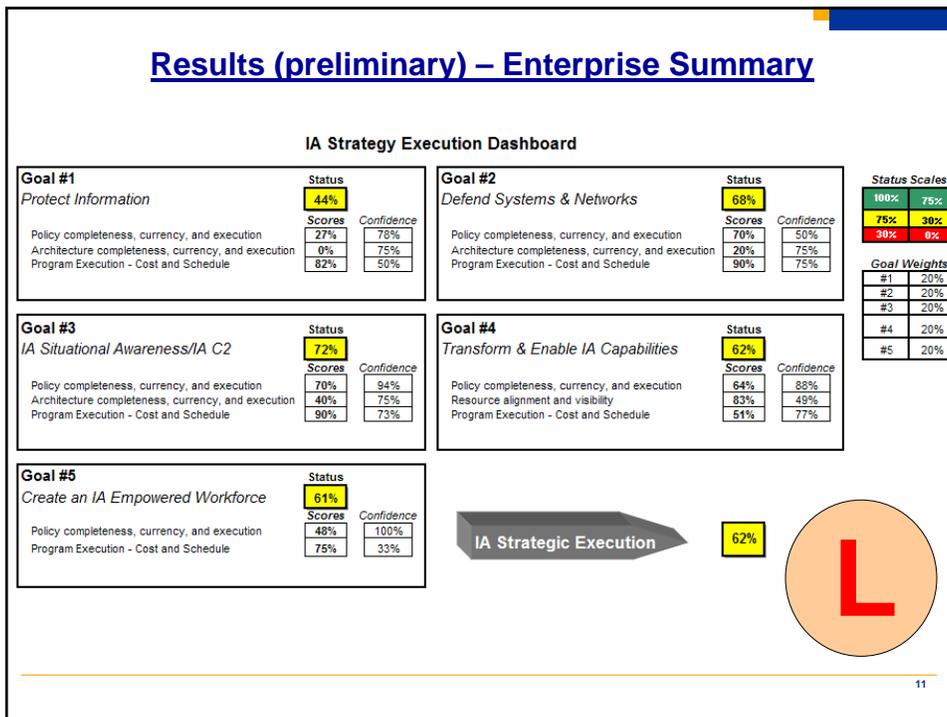
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Some Insights...

- DoD is really good at implementation metrics; not so good at outcome & really not good at linkages
- Senior leadership does not spend enough time identifying what is important to mission success or does not communicate it effectively to providers
 - Need to identify what is important to them
 - Need repeatable ways to communicate & track
 - Need dedicated investment in management of the process
- Bottom up → quantitative, standards driven, tool based implementation of collection mechanisms
- Top down → qualitative, simplified, yet tied to 'real data'
- Do not have a good understanding of risk & no good way to frame investment decisions in terms of risk to mission, function, forces
- Really complicated; not enough time spent on analysis

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Results (preliminary) – Enterprise Summary



DoD IA Program – Leadership Responsibilities

“Operate today, plan for tomorrow,
invest for the future & guide the transformation”

-Minimize Risk to Mission-

Requires:

1. Understanding of the operational environment (*operations*)
-what should I invest in now to mitigate risk to operations?
2. Knowledge of gaps between as-is and to-be (*strategy*)
-what investments do I need to make for tomorrow?
3. Assumed Risk (today vs. tomorrow) (*risk mitigation*)
-what are the tradeoffs in terms of risk to mission?

Today's Vulnerabilities

-systemic vulnerabilities -

Perimeter Security

Policy (ports & protocols)
Technology (IDS, firewalls...)
Patch Management
Configuration Management
Password Management

Remote Access

Wireless Services
VPN connections
dial-up access
dual-use laptops

Protecting Critical Servers

Domain Controllers
Legacy applications
Integrated UNIX/Windows
domain authentication

Data Management

“hard & crunchy on the
outside, soft & gooey on the
inside”

Social Engineering –

“100% effective”

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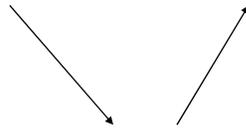
Guess What?...

SOFTWARE VULNERABILITIES OUTPACE CAPABILITIES TO REMEDY THEM: Microsoft issued 40 security patches for IE and 13 security patches for Outlook during the course of 15 months AND In 15 months there were 261 listed vulnerabilities for Microsoft O/S. 92 were vulnerable to user action; 169 vulnerable to network award code exploits

CURRENT IAVM PROCESS IS NOT EFFECTIVE: Patches existed for 12 of 14 worms analyzed in that exploited network aware code.

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Cost – Risk - Benefit

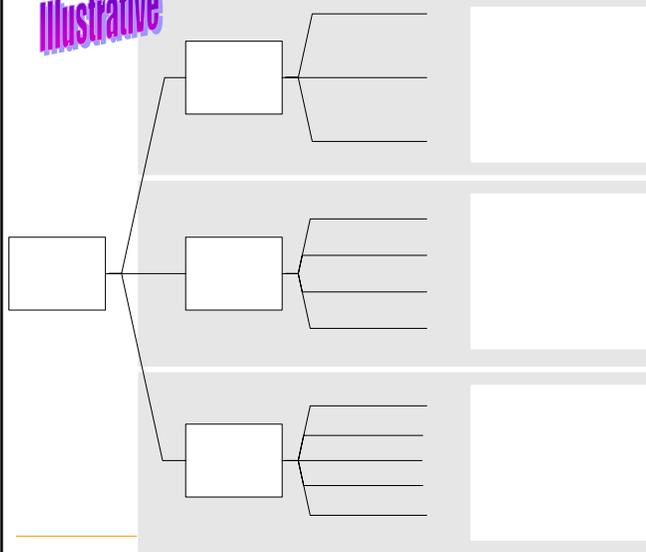


Real Problem

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RFID Security Taxonomy: Three Areas Of Concern

Illustrative



■ Network-Based Risks are related to traditional network security risks already being addressed by the IA community

■ Mission assurance risks become important as the department becomes increasingly dependent on AIT

■ Order of battle risks are being studied, but are not currently well understood

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Core Principles for a Successful Executive-Level Metrics Program

- Measures of progress (metrics) must be tied to specific goals that are important to management.
- Staff should understand the importance of the goals and the role of the metrics in accomplishing them- help them to become excited about the metrics.
- Executive-level metrics should be understandable to management.
- Metrics are indicators that the goals are being achieved - they are not themselves the goals.
- It's important to find good metrics - bad metrics can impede progress towards the goals (outcome & goal focused)
- Metrics will likely change as progress is made towards the goals.
- Tracking metrics requires gathering and analyzing data periodically (quarterly) - establish efficient mechanisms to do this.
- Different parts of organizations will require varying levels of detail - try to establish executive level metrics that are rollups or extracts from lower level metrics. Lower level organizations should own the metrics at their level.

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KISS S S

Keep it Simple, Staff!

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On strategy...

If you don't know where you want to go, all directions are equally good



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On metrics...

We truly understand only those things we can measure. - Isaac Newton

If you aren't keeping score, you are only practicing. - Anonymous

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