

Practical Application of Software Assurance Assessment



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Cyber Threats to the Enterprise



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Many Types of Attacks...

- known vulns in OS & packaged apps; misconfigured systems; unknown vulns in own apps; aimed at DB, applications, and web sites

Need to Master Many Technologies...

- firewalls; anti-virus; anti-spyware; app firewalls; IDS; SIMS; vulnerability scans; patching

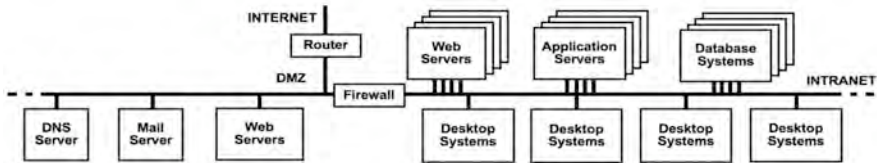
More Vulnerable Because of...

- exposed backend & homegrown apps; increased sophistication & volume of attacks; more malicious intent; lack of senior attention; incompatible security products; unable to adapt policies/configuration rules; outsourcing

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Enterprise Networks



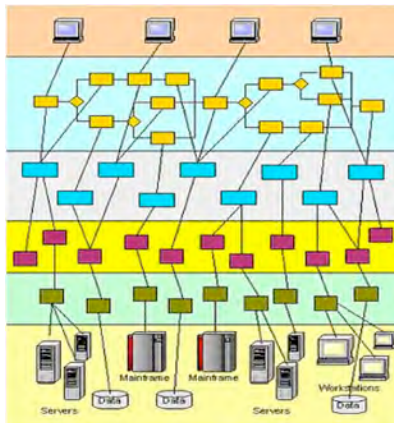
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Real Enterprise Networks



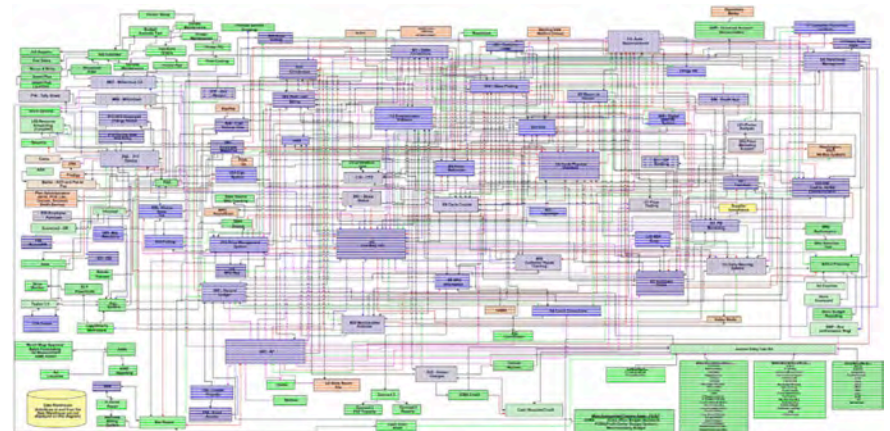
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Information Technology-Based Business Capabilities As Conceived



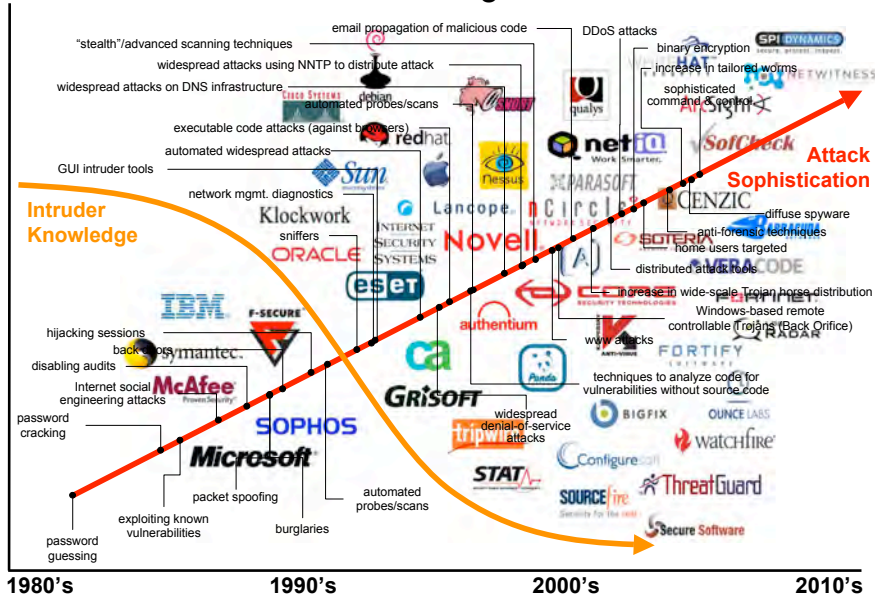
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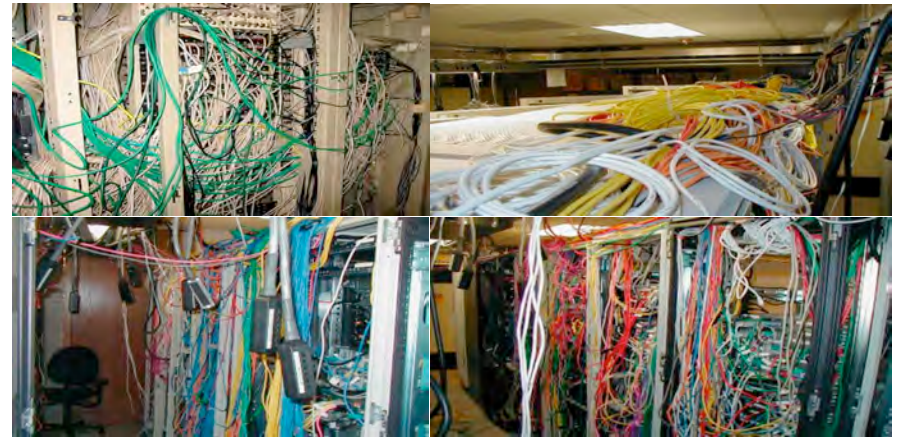


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Solutions Also Emerged Over Time



Like Security - Networks Evolved



Each new solution had to integrate with the existing solutions --> every enterprise ends up with a "unique" tapestry of solutions



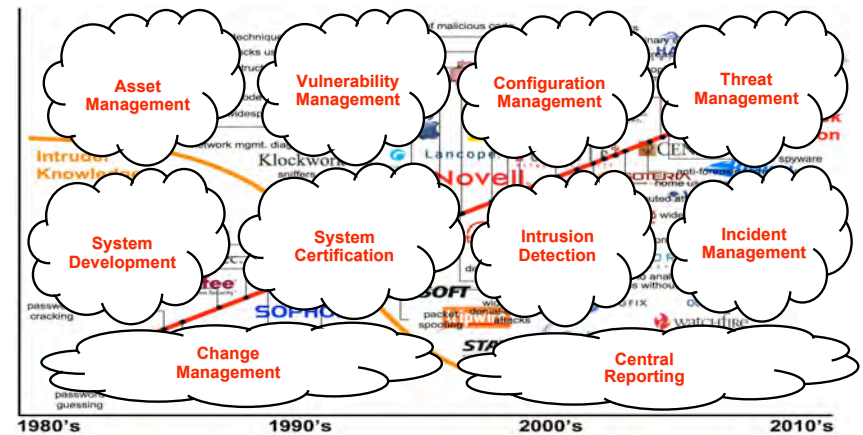
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But A More Supportable Solution Is Possible with Standards and Architecture Principles



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Architecting Security



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In Summary: Today Every Organization Has a Different Way of Doing Cyber Security...

- Cyber security, tools, practices and technology have evolved dramatically over the last 10 years
- The result has been that most enterprises have been buying each new tool & training their people on it & integrating it as they realize they need to address a new area of Cyber Security...
- Then they buy another tool & train their people on that one too & integrate it with the other tools...
- Repeat for each “type” of security tool/challenge that appears...
- Result - each organization has a different tapestry of tools/processes integrated together trying to do the Cyber Security job...
 - Assets, Configuration, Vulnerabilities, Patches, Intrusions, Malware, Malicious Code, etc.



Instead we should be architecting our security measurement and management method and get tools to implement and support it.



What Do The Building Blocks for “Architecting Security” Look Like?

- Standard ways for enumerating “things we care about”
- Languages/Formats for encoding/carrying high fidelity content about the “things we care about”
- Repositories of this content for use in communities or individual organizations
- Adoption/branding and vetting programs to encourage adoption by tools and services

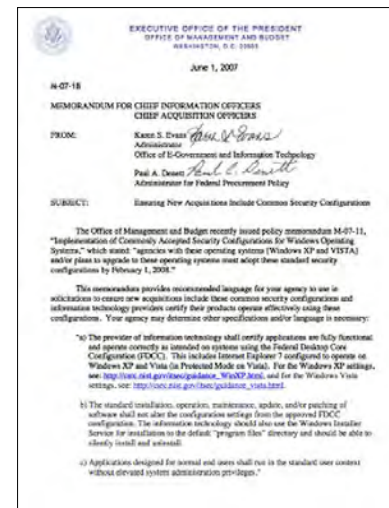


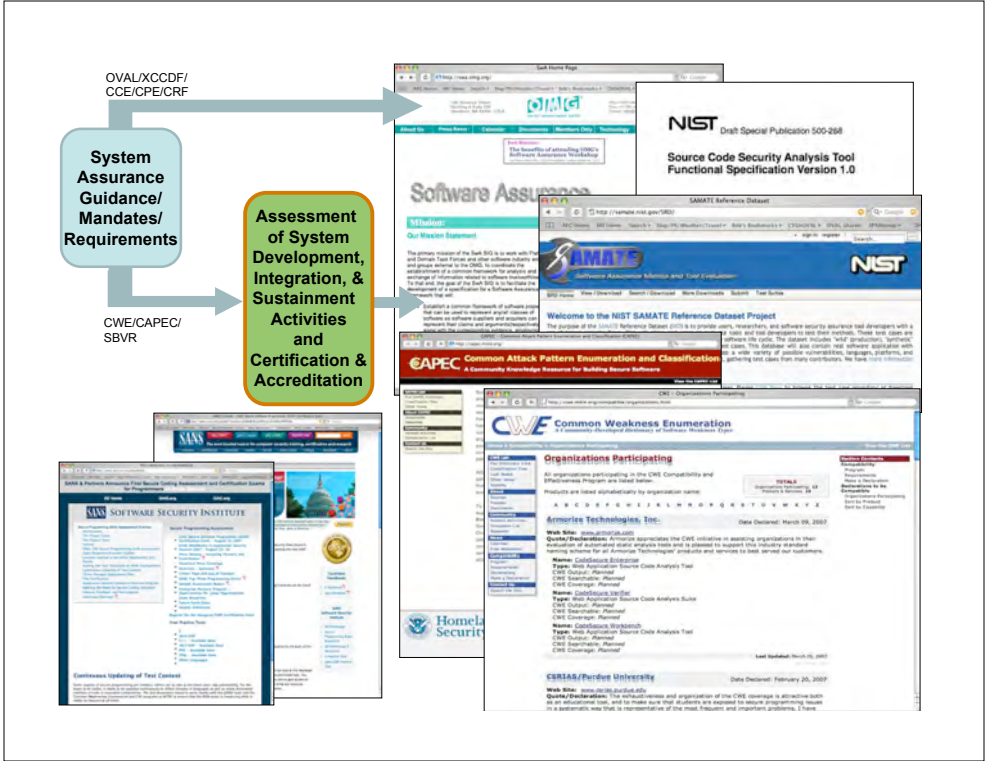
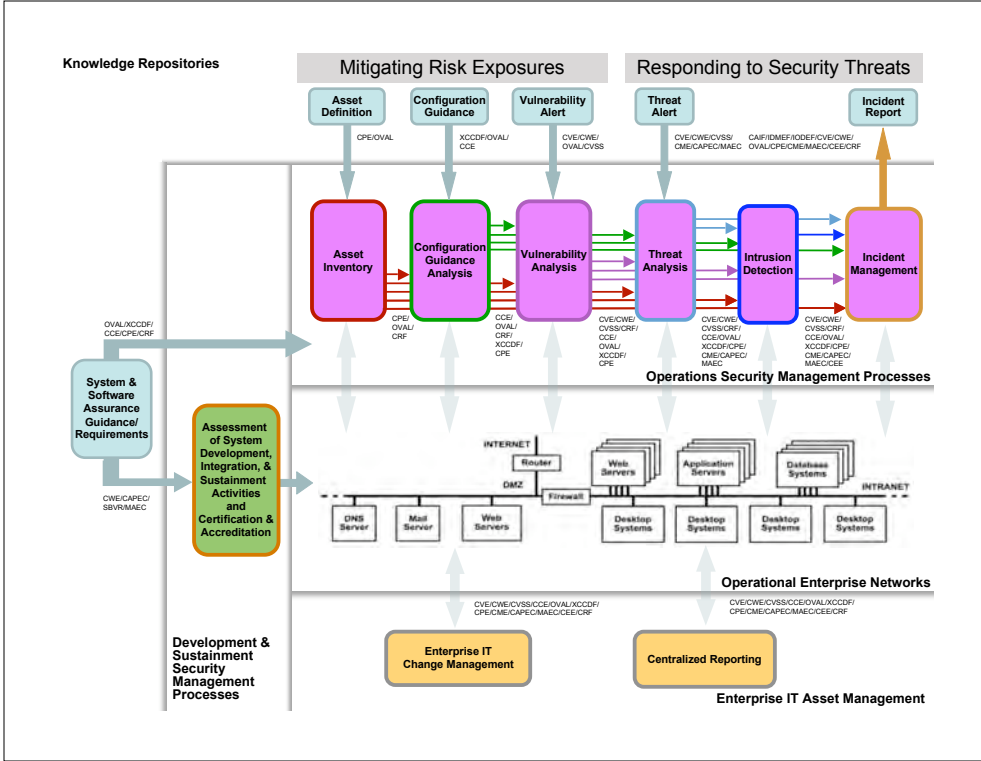
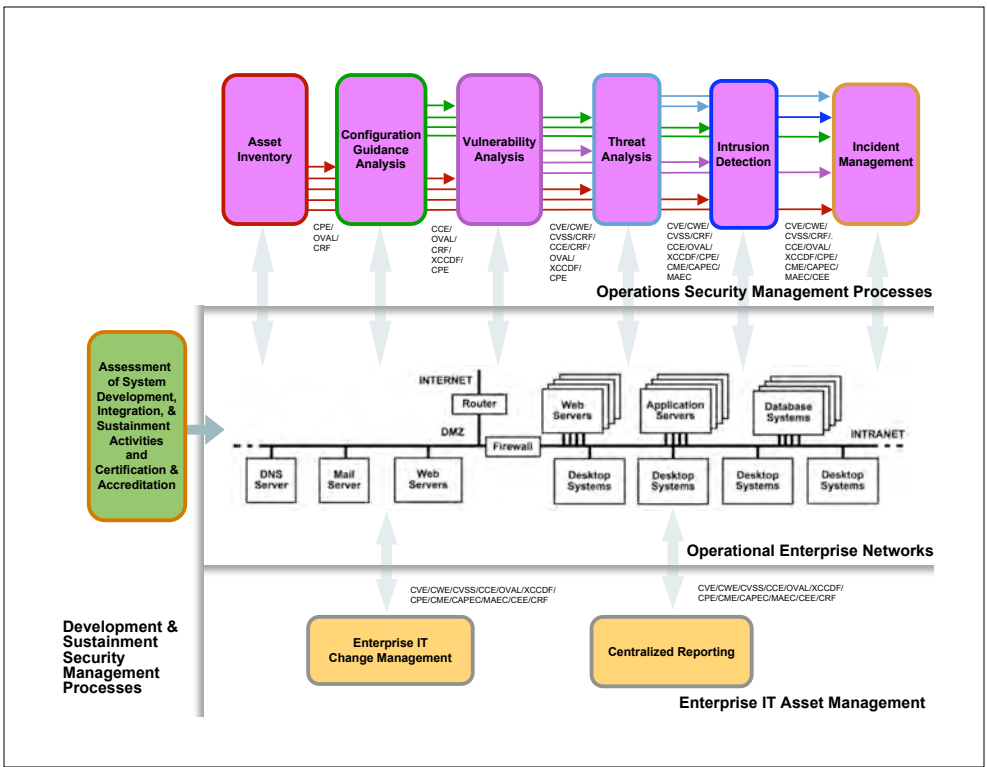
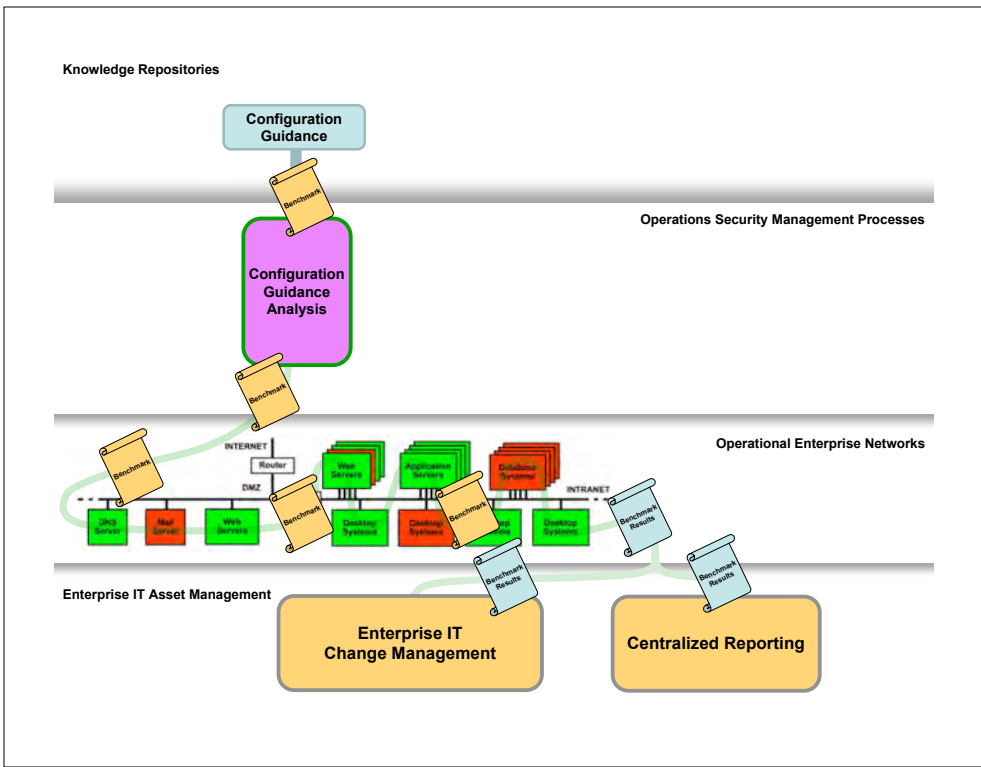
The Building Blocks Are:

- Enumerations
 - Catalog the fundamental entities in IA, Cyber Security, and Software Assurance
 - Vulnerabilities (CVE), misconfigurations (CCE), software packages (CPE), malware (CME), attack patterns (CAPEC), weaknesses in code/design/architecture (CWE)
- Languages/Formats
 - Support the creation of machine-readable state assertions, assessment results, and messages
 - Configuration/vulnerability/patch/asset patterns (XCCDF & OVAL), results from standards-based assessments (CRF), software security patterns (SBVR), event patterns (CEE), malware patterns (MAEC), risk of a vulnerability (CVSS), information messages (CAIF & *DEF)
- Knowledge Repositories
 - Packages of assertions supporting a specific application
 - Vulnerability advisories & alerts, (US-CERT Advisories/IAVAs), configuration assessment (NIST Checklists, CIS Benchmarks, NSA Configuration Guides, DISA STIGS), asset inventory (NIST/DHS NVD), code assessment & certification (NIST SAMATE, DoD DIACAP & eMASS)

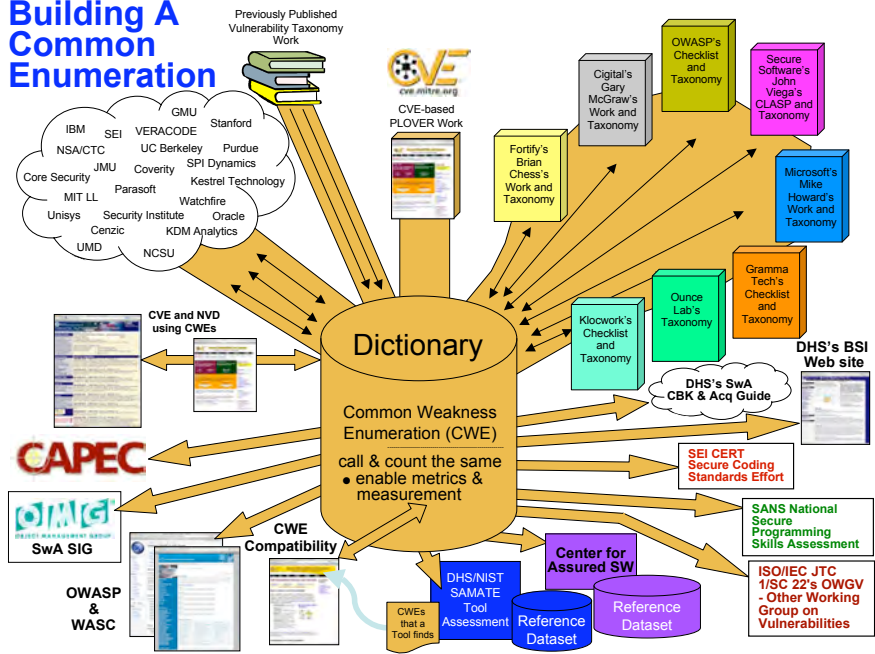
Tools

- Interpret IA, Cyber Security, and SwA content in context of enterprise network
- Methods for assessing compliance to languages, formats, and enumerations





Building A Common Enumeration



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