

IT Risk Assessment

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Define risk
- ✓ Define risk assessment
- ✓ Understand how an IT Risk Assessment fits into an organization's overall Risk Assessment activities
- ✓ Describe an IT Risk Assessment Approach
- Describe how risks are identified and prioritized
- ✓ Define Risk Oversight Responsibility
- ✓ Distinguish between Assessments for Internal Audit vs. the CIO



Setting the Foundation



What is Risk?

COSO Definition:

The possibility that an event will occur and adversely affect the achievement of objectives



What is Risk Assessment?

Risk assessment is the identification and analysis of relevant risks to achievement of the objectives, forming a basis for determining how the risks should be managed.

COSO Internal Control Integrated Framework



What Protiviti's specialists say about risk assessment?

"The process applied through quantities and qualitative means to consider both:

- (a) The likelihood of potential events occurring over a clearly defined time horizon and
- (b) The impact of those potential events, if they were to occur on the achievement of key business objectives.

Risks may be assessed on both an inherent and a residual basis.

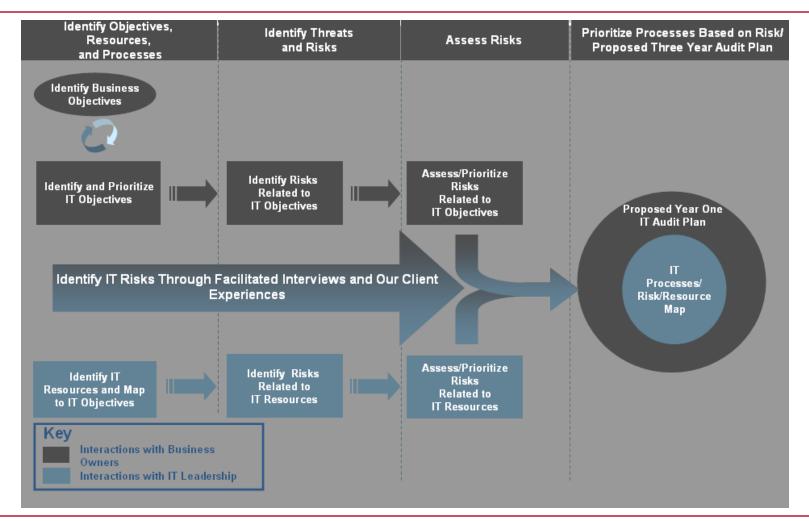
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IT Risk Assessment Overview

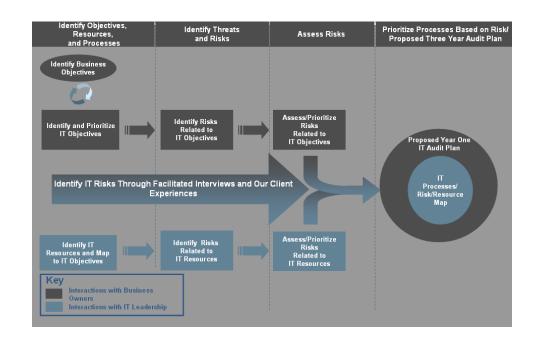






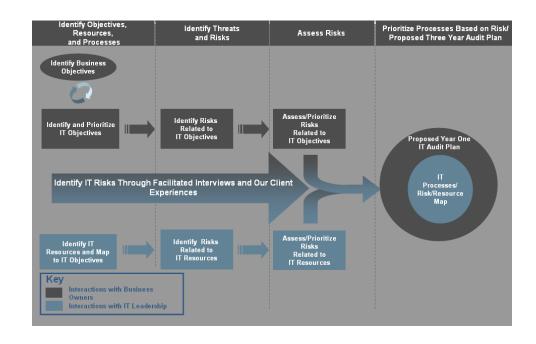
Drivers:

- ✓ Scope
- Resources
- ✓ Objective / Audience



Approach:

- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ Surveys
- ✓ Use of Tools



Step 1 – Identify Business Objectives



Identify and Assess Risk at Entity Level

Approach

Identify Business Objectives Define and Assess

Business Risks

Related to Business

Objectives

Determine
Risk Oversight
Responsibility

Design Internal Audit Plan

Objectives

Identify, define and understand operational, compliance and financial reporting objectives

Key Tools

- Risk Models (industry, etc)
- Internal and external sources of information

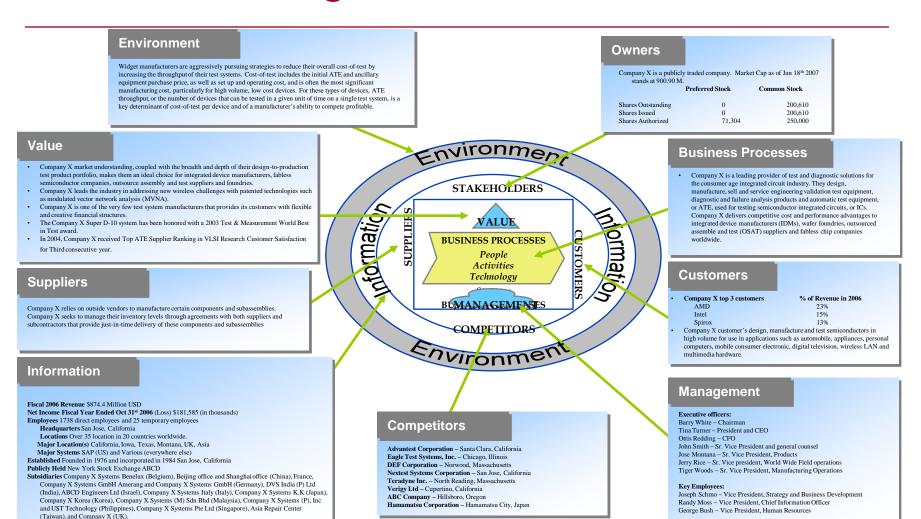


Identifying Business Objectives

- ✓ Objective setting is a key part of the management process
- Objectives are prerequisites to and enablers of internal control
- ✓ Objectives may be explicitly stated, or be implicit
- ✓ Sub-Objectives, or activity-level objectives, should be included

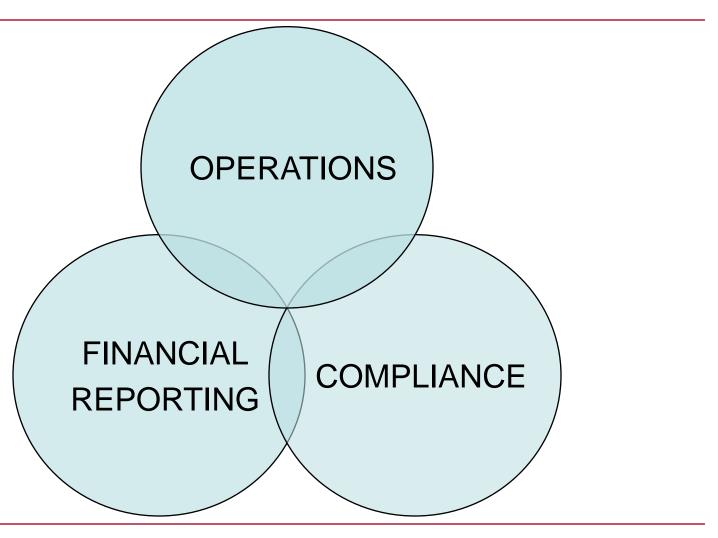


Understanding the Business





Business Objectives





Operations Objectives

Operations Objectives relate to achievement of an entity's basic mission. For Example:

Objective	Example	
Growth	Grow Revenue by 20%	
Geography	Enter Japanese Market	
Infrastructure	Install New ERP application	
Profitability	Earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.25	
Product	Develop second generation of product X	
Customer Quality	Rating 4.5 out of 5	



Compliance Objectives

An entity must conduct it's activities, and often take specific actions, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, such as:

- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)
- Sarbanes-Oxley
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Incorporation Improvement Act (FDICIA)
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Tax status
- Human resources regulations (e.g. I-9)



Financial Objectives

Since the advent of SOX, financial objectives have been most of the focus from:

Objective	Example		
Accuracy	Capture every transaction at the correct amount		
Timeliness	Capture every transaction in the proper period		
Completeness	Capture all necessary transactions that occurred		
Valid	Each transaction represents an actual event		
Efficiency	Close books within 8 business days		



Key Ideas

- Objectives must first be identified before risks to their achievement can be identified
- Risk is the possibility that an event will occur and adversely affect the achievement of objectives
- Risk assessment is the identification and analysis of relevant risks to achievement of objectives, forming a basis for determining how the risks should be managed



Key Ideas (cont.)

- The overall business must be understood in order for objectives and risks to have the proper context
- The IT Risk Assessment process must be tailored based on the final objective and the level of effort that can be dedicated





Step 2 – Define and Assess Technology Risks



Identify and Assess Risk at Entity Level

Approach

Identify
Business
Objectives

Define and Assess
Technology Risks
Related to Business
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Objectives

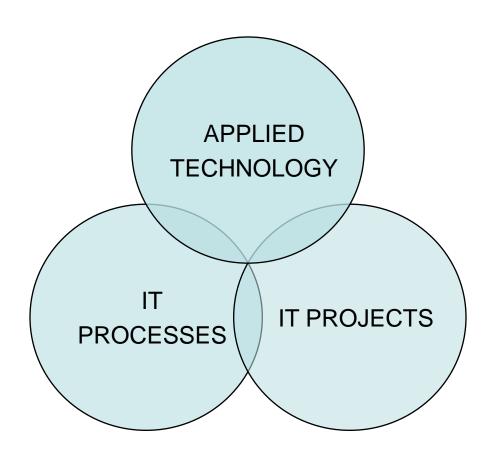
 Identify, define and understand technology risks as they relate to the areas of the business they support

Key Tools

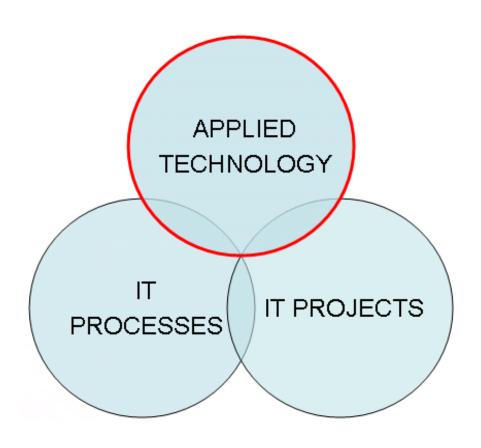
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The 3 Areas of IT Risk Impact.

- Applied Technology
- IT Processes
- IT Projects



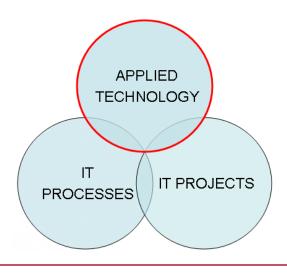
Applied Technology





Applied Technology

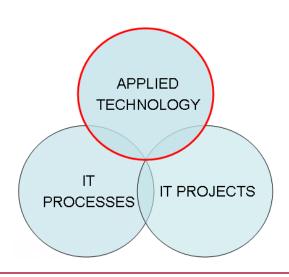
- Applications
- Key Devices
- Utilities
- The Context
 - Business Cycles
 - Business Entities
 - Business Partners





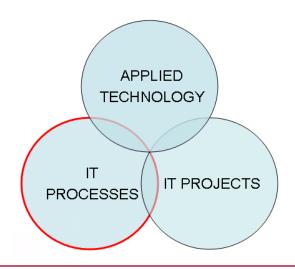
Risk Ranking – Applied Technology

- Criteria Evaluated:
 - Stability
 - Integrity
 - Sensitivity
 - Complexity
 - Financial Exposure



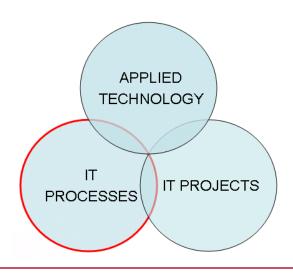
IT Processes

- Framework
 - CobiT
 - ITIL
 - ITPI
- The Context
 - Organizational Structure
 - "Rogue" IT Groups
 - Business Partners



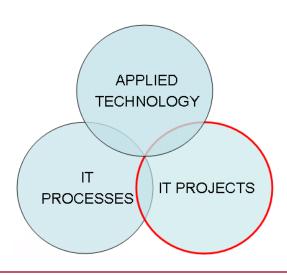
Risk Ranking – IT Processes

- Criteria Evaluated:
 - Reliability and Efficiency
 - Consistency
 - Technology Leverage
 - Results Management
 - Human Capital
 - Complexity



IT Projects

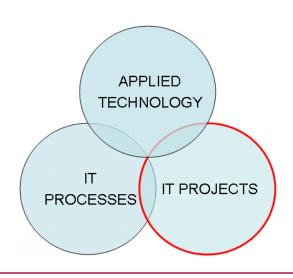
- Considerations
 - Timing
 - Area(s) Impacted
 - Ownership
 - PMO?





Risk Ranking – IT Projects

- Criteria Evaluated:
 - Criticality
 - Project Management Experience
 - Executive Ownership
 - Process and Control Reengineering
 - Development Platform
 - Custom Programming
 - Project Budget



Putting It All Together



Identifying Risk

- Not all risks in a given Risk Model must be addressed by every organization
- Management should determine how they will quantify:
 - Their risk appetite
 - The likelihood a risk may occur
 - The potential impact to the business should a risk occur
- Evaluate each risk in the Risk Universe
- The cumulative results of this evaluation are used to prioritize the attention to and method of responding to each risk



Risk Inventory

- Catalogue results
- Source as inherent or residual

	Risk Area	Description of Risk	Who?	Residual Risk	
				Impact	Likelihood
1	Project: Outsource Manufacturing to Asia	IT may not be prepared to support new business initiatives IT operations do not exist in Asia	CFO, CIO	Н	Inherent - H
2	Applications - SAP	SAP as currently implemented does not sufficiently support the following business needs: Order Management, bookings, consolidation Product and cost hierarchies for computation of COGS Workflow - purchase reqs, travel expenses, signoffs	CFO, CIO	Н	Residual - H
3	Intellectual Property – Data Privacy	Poor structure around data privacy coupled with incidents in the following areas: SSN Project underway but no structure exists around data privacy / data classification / data protection Increased risk in Asia outsourcing and 3rd party partners Japanese and European Data Privacy laws	CFO, Ctlr Legal	Н	Both - M



Responding to Risk

Acceptance

 The organization chooses to accept that a risk may occur. No additional changes to business processes are made.

Avoidance

The organization changes their business plans to eliminate the risk.

Transference

The organization shifts the risk to another party.

Mitigation

 The organization takes some action to lessen the likelihood and impact should a risk occur.



Step 3 – Determine Risk Oversight Responsibility



Determine Risk Oversight Responsibility

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Objectives

Determine who will be responsible for responding to each key business risk

Key Tools

 Risk Oversight Responsibility Document

Document Risk Oversight Responsibility

- Identifies who will have oversight responsibility for each risk
- Allows IA to determine risk coverage

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Step 4 – Design IT Internal Audit Plan



Design IT Internal Audit Plan

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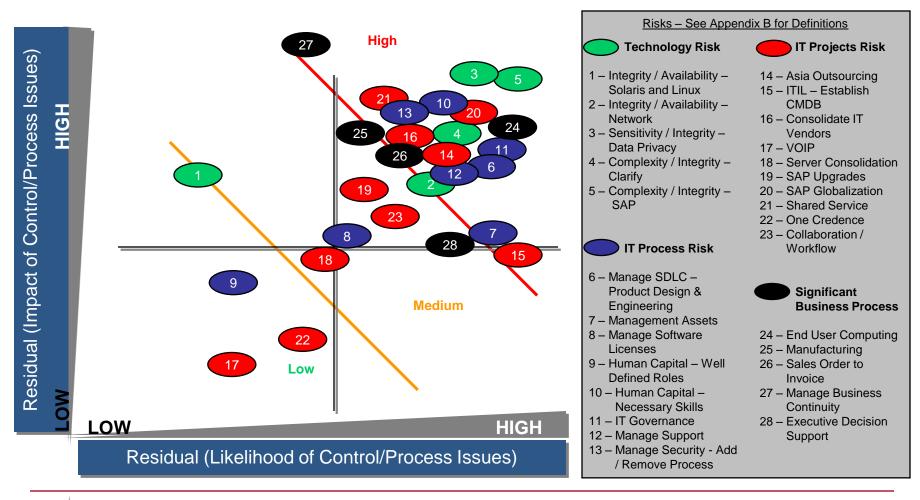
Key Tools

 Translate Identified Risks Into Project Coverage

- Risk Map
- Audit Plan



Evaluate Risk Impact / Likelihood





Design IT Internal Audit Plan

Audit	Risks	2007	2008	2009	Beyond 2009
IT Service Management Baseline Review	(1) Integrity / Availability – Solaris and Linux, (2) Integrity / Availability – Network, (4) Complexity / Integrity – Clarify, (7) Manage Assets, (10) Human Capital – Necessary Skills, (12) Manage Support (15) ITIL – Establish CMDB		•		
IT Asset Management (ITAM) Baseline Review	(1) Integrity / Availability – Solaris and Linux, (2) Integrity / Availability – Network, (4) Complexity / Integrity – Clarify, (7) Manage Assets, (8) Manage Software Licenses, (10) Human Capital – Necessary Skills, (15) ITIL – Establish CMDB	•			0
Globalization Project Risk Management Review	(5) Complexity / Integrity – SAP, (20) SAP Globalization Project Risk				
Shared Service Project Controls SME	(5) Complexity / Integrity – SAP, (21) Shared Service Project Risk, (26) Sales Order to Invoice			0	
Outsource Manufacturing - Asia Project Controls SME	(3) Sensitivity / Integrity – Data Privacy, (4) Complexity / Integrity – Clarify, (5) Complexity / Integrity – SAP, (21) Asia Outsourcing Project Risk, (26) Manufacturing		•		
Data Privacy Review	(3) Sensitivity / Integrity – Data Privacy			•	
Business Impact Assessment	(27) Manage Business Continuity				
IT Account Management Review	(13) Manage Security		0		
Integrated Manufacturing Audit	(4) Complexity / Integrity – Clarify, (25) Manufacturing				0
Integrated SAP Audit	(5) Complexity / Integrity – SAP, (26) Sales Order to Invoice	0			









Summary

- Objectives must first be identified before risks to their achievement can be identified
- Risk is the possibility that an event will occur and adversely affect the achievement of objectives
- Consider the level of effort, your audience and your organization's risk appetite in determining the risk assessment approach
- Understand your organization proper context



Summary (cont.)

- To catalogue IT Risks, consider key technology applied, IT processes and IT projects
- Once complied, determine WHO will be responsible for each
- Rank Focus on high / high
- Develop plan



Questions

