

TODAY'S GOAL: Enhanced understanding of scenario-construction, structuring, and planning related barriers to successful decision support, techniques for overcoming those barriers, and a conceptual framework for operationalizing those techniques.

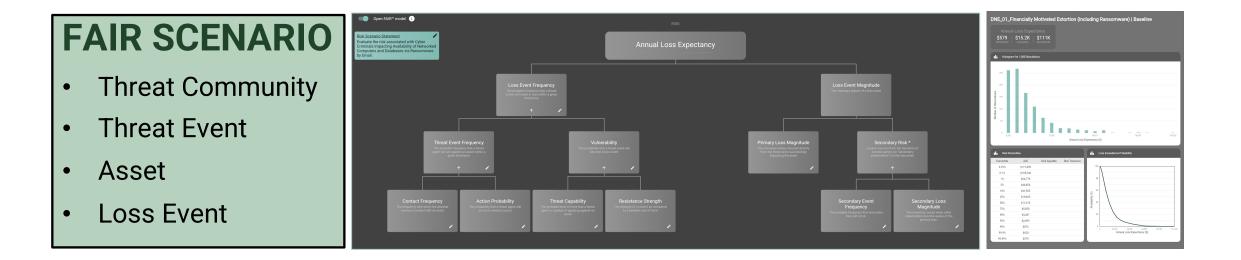
WHY? Quantifying one scenario once is relatively easy. Providing useable decision support with CRQ over time and scale becomes increasingly complex and needs to be planned with intent.



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SCOPING AND QUANTIFYING *A* SCENARIO





HAVE YOU CONSIDERED YOUR CONSTRAINTS?



IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

- Environmental/Org Specifics
- Decision Support Criteria
- "Reporting Formats"
- Operating Business Constraints

IMPLICIT REQUIREMENTS

- Measurement Integrity
- Domain Model Accuracy (Infosec / Business)

ANALYTIC REQUIREMENTS

- Process & Resource Constraints
- Scope to Scenario to Factor to Indicator Model
- Estimation Model Choices

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED <u>ALL</u> OF YOUR CONSTRAINTS?



Decision Support Criteria Set 1 Decision Support Criteria Set 2 Decision Support Criteria Set 15

> Environmental Specifics Last Year Environmental Specifics Next Week

 "Reporting Formats" For Stakeholder Set 9

 "Reporting Formats" For Stakeholder Set 1

 "Reporting Formats" For Stakeholder Set 2

Business Constraints Today

Business Constraints Next Quarter

Business Constraints Yesterday

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WE ALSO HAVE STRUCTURAL CO-DEPENDENCIES





- Scenario Sets (Must Work Jointly)
- Estimation Model Choices
- Data Source & Applicability Choices
- Reporting Choices





1. FAIR IS LOSSY: World->Scenario->Factors->ALE but not reverse

2. FAIR IS FLEXIBLE: But approaches end up bespoke

3. FAIR IS ONTOLOGICALLY SOUND: Human thinking is not

4. FAIR MEASURES ACTUALS: And that's not always what's available



SO WHAT DO WE DO?



Proper Measurement Planning can combine and simplify requirements where possible to maximize the degree to which CRQ requirements can be met by a given set of resources with a single approach and a common set of scenarios.

We can reduce the impact of constraint variance over time, improve quality and efficiency, and improve ability to estimate and describe resource requirements.



WHAT GOES INTO A MEASUREMENT PLAN?



Remember these?

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Plan Manages Constraint Coordination

(Example) MEASUREMENT PLAN STEPS

- Document & Maintain Environmental/Org Specifics | *Routine* Create/Execute Decision Support Criteria Management Cycle | *Annual* Manage & Maintain CRQ Output Reporting Templates vs Others | *Routine* Identify, Document, Communicate Business Constraints | *Annual*?
 Manage "Scenario Set <u>Design</u>" lifecycle (Implicit/Analytic) | *Annual* Manage "Theory of Risk <u>Design</u>" lifecycle (Implicit/Analytic) | *Annual* Derive Standing "Data Requirements" to be fulfilled at cadence | *Annual* Document gaps -> Start new plan if needed | at Ops Cadence
- 1. "Ops": Data Gathering / Quant / Analyze / Report / Support | Quarterly?
- 2. Intermittent Updates: Use Existing to Provide Ad-Hoc Support

IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: Environmental/Org Specifics

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"ABOUT US"

	Current Information	Refresh Process	POCs
People, Process, Technology, Data			
Security Equities & Stakeholders			
Enterprise Risk & BIA Scenarios			
Strategic Threat Landscape			
TTP & Surface Sets			
Control Framework			
Data Sources			

"REFERENCE CLASS LEXICON"

	Stakeholders		Business C	lutcomes		Stakeholder Expectations		Loss Scenarios	Cost Drivers
y		_Any			_A		_Any		_Any
		_All			_A	I surate and secure financial information	_AII NONE ***		_All Capital Expense Increase
	nity SUSCEPTIBILITY SCOPE	AVAIL	ABILITY: _ANY		Ac	curate and secure financial information	_NONE ***		Capital Expense Increase
	Initial Access VECTORS		Assets	Threat Events /	Actions on Objectives	Surf	ace Areas	Control Domains ()	hatever the NISTCSF Term Is)
	All	All	Assets	_All	Actions on objectives	ASDESIGNED: _Any	ace Areas	Analysis (RS.AN)	natever the wistCSF term is)
	_Any	_Any	THREAT EVENT FREQUENCY			, second to		sumption (statistics)	
	_Other	_Other	Threat Motivat		Th	reat Communities		Target Criteria	Initial Access LEVELS
	Phishing: Bespoke	TECHNIC		IUIS	All	reat communities	All	Target Criteria	All
	Phishing: Focused Phishing: General	TECHNIC/ TECHNIC/			-				-
	Public Facing Services	TECHNIC	_Any		_Any		_Any		_Any
	Supply Chain Insertion	TECHNIC	_Other		_Other	•	_Other		_None
	Third Party Credential Compromise		Coincidental: _All		Hacktivists: _Al		Data: _All		_Other
	Verbal Social Engineering		Coincidental: _Any		Hacktivists: _Ar		Data: _Any		Contact: Routable
	Insider Collaboration	CONTENT	Coincidental: _Other		Hacktivists: _O		Data: _Other		Full: Supply Chain Trust
		CONTENT	Espionage (Non-Conflict): _/	All	Hacktivists: Coo	rdinated Unaffiliated Groups	Data: Marketa	ible (any type)	Full: System Root/Adm
		CONTENT	Espionage (Non-Conflict): _/	Any	Hacktivists: Lor	e Wolf	Data: Opportu	inistic	Full: User Credentialed
			Espionage (Non-Conflict): _0		Hacktivists: Spo	onsored	Data: Owner (Ops-Critical	Some: Credentialed
		CONTENT	Espionage (Non-Conflict): Co	orporate/Private	Legitimate Acc	ess Actors: _All	Data: Owner-	Sensitive	Some: Supply Chain Tru
		CONTENT	Espionage (Non-Conflict): G	eopolitical	Legitimate Acc	ess Actors: _Any	Data: Threat-I	Jseful	Some: System User
			Financial: All		Legitimate Acc	ess Actors: _Other	Data: Volume		
		PROCESS	Financial: _Any		Legitimate Acc	ess Actors: Contractors	Human: All		
		PROCESS	Financial: Other		-	ess Actors: Employees	Human: _Any		
		PROCESS	Financial: Data Sale		-	ess Actors: Supply Chain	Human: _Othe	er	
			Financial: Extortion: _All		-	ess Actors: Vendors	Limited Resou		
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			Financial: Fraud: Technical F	unction/Process			Process: _Oth		
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			Geopolitical Conflict: _Any		Nation States:		Process: Tech		
			Geopolitical Conflict: _Other		Nation States:		Process: Vulne		
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			Geopolitical Conflict: Demor	nstration/Threat	Nation States:	United States	Technology: _	Any	
			Geopolitical Conflict: Future	Positioning	Organized Crim	inals: _All	Technology: _	Other	
			Red Herring		Organized Crim	inals: _Any	Technology: A	rchitecture: Public Facing	
			Red Herring: _All		Organized Crim	inals: _Other	Technology: B	usiness Function	
			Red Herring: _Any		Organized Crim	inals: Access Resellers	Technology: B	usiness Function: Customer Cr	tic
			Red Herring: _Other		Organized Crim	inals: Informstion Resellers	Technology: O	pportunistic	
			Technical Resource Theft: _/	All	Organized Crim	inals: Ransomware Gangs	Technology: S	tack	
			Technical Resource Theft:	Any	Organized Crim	inals: Thieves		echnical Function	
			Technical Resource Theft:	Other	Unaffiliated Ma	alicious: All		ulnerable Surface	
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			Technical Resource Theft: P			alicious: _Other			
			Technical Resource Theft: St	-					
			Thematic: _All						
			Thematic: _Any						
			Thematic: _Other						
			Thematic: ESG/Political						
			Thematic: Nationalist Thematic: Personal						

IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: Decision Support Criteria



		Depth / Precision
	Threat Commmunities	
	Motives	
	Target Criteria	
	Initial Access Vectors	
	Key Assets	
Breadth	Key TTPs	
Brei	Key Surfaces	
	Key Controls	
	Key Business Events	
	Key Security Equities	
	Key Stakeholder Reactions	
	And So On	

	Group By Theme	Depth/Precision
Aggregate		
Time Trend		

	Fixed/Assumed	Variable
Residual		
A/B		

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	Group By	Loss Counting Scope	Threshold
Tail Impact (STORM)			
moothed Impact (ALE)			

DECISION CONTENT:

- What needs to be in the scenario(s)?
- Where can we *stop* with precision and detail?

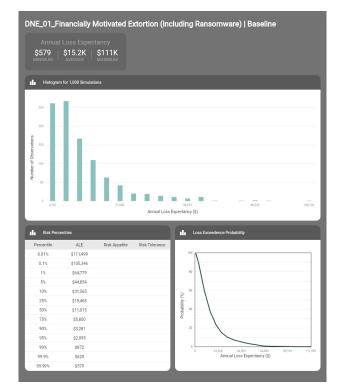
REPORTING APPROACH:

- What needs to be compared?
- What needs to be combined?

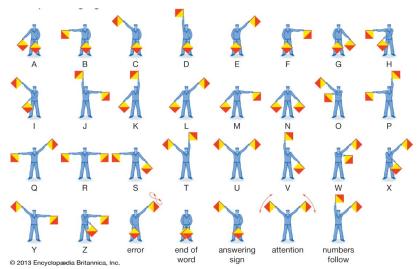
- Decision Indicators?
- Decision Metrics?

IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: "Reporting Formats"





	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Significant 3	Major 4	Severe 5
5 Almost Certain	Medium 5	High 10	Very high 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25
4 Likely	Medium 4	Medium 8	High 12	Very high 16	Extreme 20
3 Moderate	Low 3	Medium 6	Medium 9	High 12	Very high 15
2 Unlikely	Very low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
1 Rare	Very low 1	Very low 2	Low 3	Medium 4	Medium 5



Wok wok wok wok....In this scenario, the same cybercriminal group as in the previous scenarios targets an organization, but with a different approach. They gain initial access to the network through a supply chain attack, compromising a third-party vendor's systems. The attackers then leverage this access to infiltrate the targeted organization's network. Once inside, they deploy ransomware, but instead of encrypting the data, they steal sensitive information and threaten to release it publicly unless a ransom is paid. The organization faces potential reputational damage, financial loss, and legal consequences....wok wok wok wok

IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS: Business Constraints



Compliance	
Culture Alignment	
Assumption Consensus	
Process Integration	
Consumers & Purposes	
Production Cadence	
Transparency	
Efficiency	
Version Control	
Communication Channels	
Business Lifecycle	



IMPLICIT & ANALYTIC REQUIREMENTS:

Scenario Set Design: Process, Resource, Measurement Constraints

• Systems Modeling:

- Scenarios describe a situation (Dimensions and Units)
- Stocks/Flows describe how it may vary and impact FREQ/MAG
- Stressors/Inputs describe why and when FREQ/MAG may vary
- Metrics/Measures describe by how much

Stock/Flow Variables Stressors Causative Drivers (Indicators) Indicator Sources of Record

System

Description

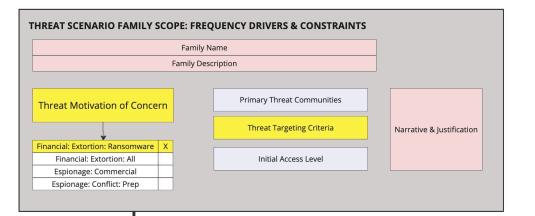
Measures & metrics

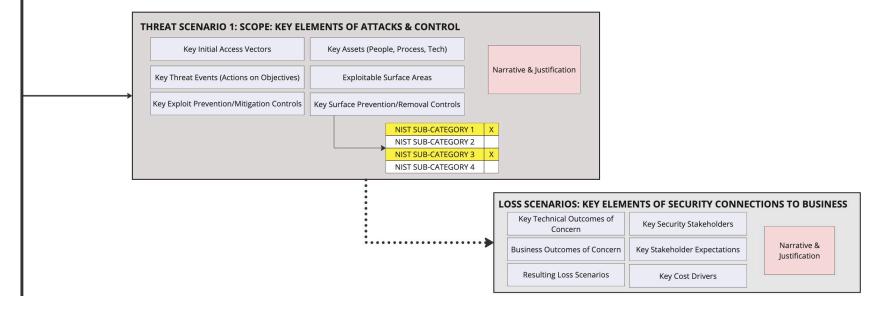
- Modularity (LEGOS): Sticky Data, Recombination, Aggregation, etc
- Sample Sets for Ranges: Representative down to decision precision (DJI)
- **Reference Classes:** I know something about sub-classes, super-classes, peer classes
- Scenario Families: Assure common purpose but along measurement rigor lines (oversampling protection)
- Scenario Sets: represent the widest ranges for factors needed for the broadest decision and reporting criteria that need to be combined



IMPLICIT & ANALYTIC REQUIREMENTS: Requirements Scenario Example







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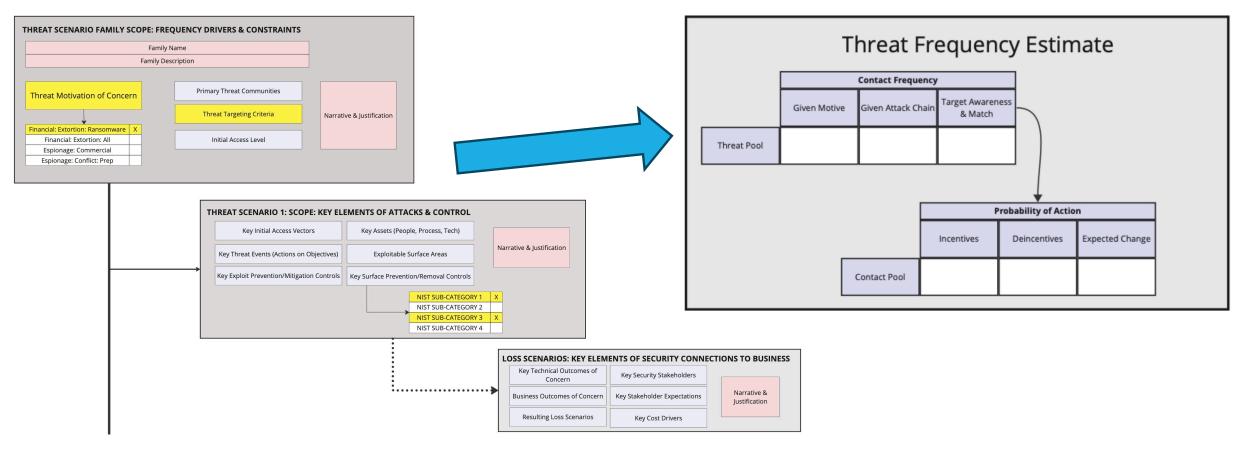
Stack requirements into common ranges where constraints allow. Create additional scenarios only when needed.



IMPLICIT & ANALYTIC REQUIREMENTS

Theory of Risk Design: Model Accuracy, Estimation Models, Data Sources





- Estimation Models Need to be documented and re-used
- Estimation Models affect how scenarios are built, what data is required, and vice versa -> Back-test!!
- Modularity and Coherent Structure over time allows for standing "Data Sources of Record" vs "Go find data where you can"

PLAN MODEL: PLEASE DON'T DO ALL OF THIS! ③



		C	RQ Meas	uremen	t Plannin	g	
	Models	I/O	Metrics	Process	Stakeholders / RACI	Tools & Views	Maturity Plan
Environmental Specifics							
Decision Alignment							
Reporting Formats							
Business Constraints							
Scenario Set Design							
Theory of Risk Design							
			Data l	Require	ments	L	
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			CRQ	Operat	ions		



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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Ask me about additional upcoming webinars!







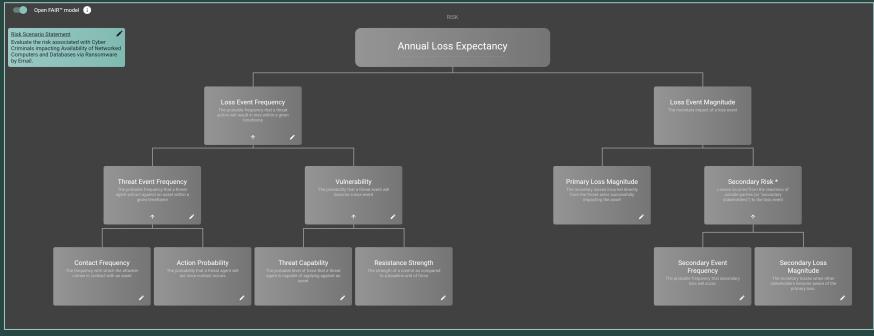


FORECASTING RISK



VALUE PROPOSITION: ALL FACTORS CONSIDERED





BEST USE OF KNOWLEDGE AND DATA AVAILABLE TO REDUCE UNCERTAINTY & IMPROVE OBJECTIVITY

CRQ helps you identify and describe why risk drivers MAY be of concern



WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT?

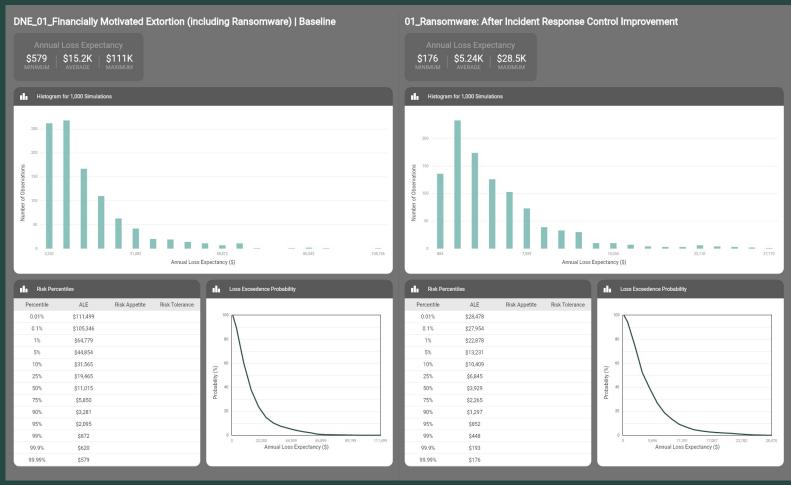


THESE ARE NOT MEASUREABLE OR ACTIONABLE RISK STATEMENTS

	Threat Communities	Motives	Target Criteria	Initial Access Vectors	Threat Event	Other TTPs	Exposed Surfaces	Target Assets	Controls	Loss Events	Costs
Ransomware		"Risk"									
Phishing				"Risk"							
Perimeter Risk									"Risk"		
Cloud Vuln Scanning								"Risk"			
Identities									"Risk"		
MFA									"Risk"		

FORECASTING RISK

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT WHAT?





- "Manage Risk to Goals"
- Determine Fit for Purpose Funding
- Evaluate Control Efficacy
- Compare Investment ROR (Return on Risk)
- Evaluate Third Party, Vendor, M&A, etc. Risk
- Evaluate Externalities (e.g. Pandemic) Risk
- Adjust workflow (Assessment Question Selection)
- Identify Risk Drivers and Control Opportunities
- Justify Compensating Controls
- Drive Decision Consensus
- Reduce Rework & Duplication
- Identify Visibility Risk
- Interpreting Metrics

CRQ is exploratory and can be used to support nearly any decision with an element of "risk".

ZB EXAMPLE 1: RANSOMWARE SCENARIO 1 OF 3



A financially motivated cybercriminal group targets an organization with ransomware. They gain initial access to the network through a spear-phishing email, which an employee unwittingly opens. The attackers then exploit a vulnerability in the organization's web application to escalate their privileges. They proceed to deploy ransomware on the network, encrypting sensitive data and demanding a ransom for decryption. The attack causes business disruption, financial loss, and reputational damage.

Scenario Family:

Threat Community Attack Motives: Financial: Extortion: _All

<u>Threat Communities:</u> Organized Criminals: Ransomware Gangs & Unaffiliated Malicious: _Any

Target Criteria: Sensitive Data

Threat Event Chain: Ransomware encryption

Threat Community Initial Access Vector: Phishing: General

Threat Community Initial Privilege: Some: Credentialed

Targeted Assets: TECHNICAL: Computers and servers; CONTENT: CORP SENSITIVE; CONTENT: CUSTOMER SENSITIVE

Threat Events/Actions on Objectives: Data: Availability: Encrypt

<u>Vulnerable/Exposed Surfaces:</u> MISCONFIG: OS; KNOWN VULNS: Application; COMMON WEAKNESSES: Lack of Input Validation;

ontrols: Anomalies and Events (DE.AE); Protective Technology (PR.PT)

Loss Scenario:

<u>Security and Business Stakeholders:</u> Customers; Employees; Financial Institutions, Market, Insurance Companies

Business Outcomes: AVAILABILITY: DATA: Data not available to Operations; AVAILABILITY: FUNCTION: Business interruption or downtime

<u>Stakeholder Expectations:</u> Reliable and efficient technology systems; Protection of proprietary information; Safe and secure technology systems

Loss Chains: Failure to properly manage contracts and agreements; Inadequate emergency response planning

<u>Cost Drivers:</u> Capital Expense Increase; Revenue: Current Change; Spend to Recover; Spend to Replace



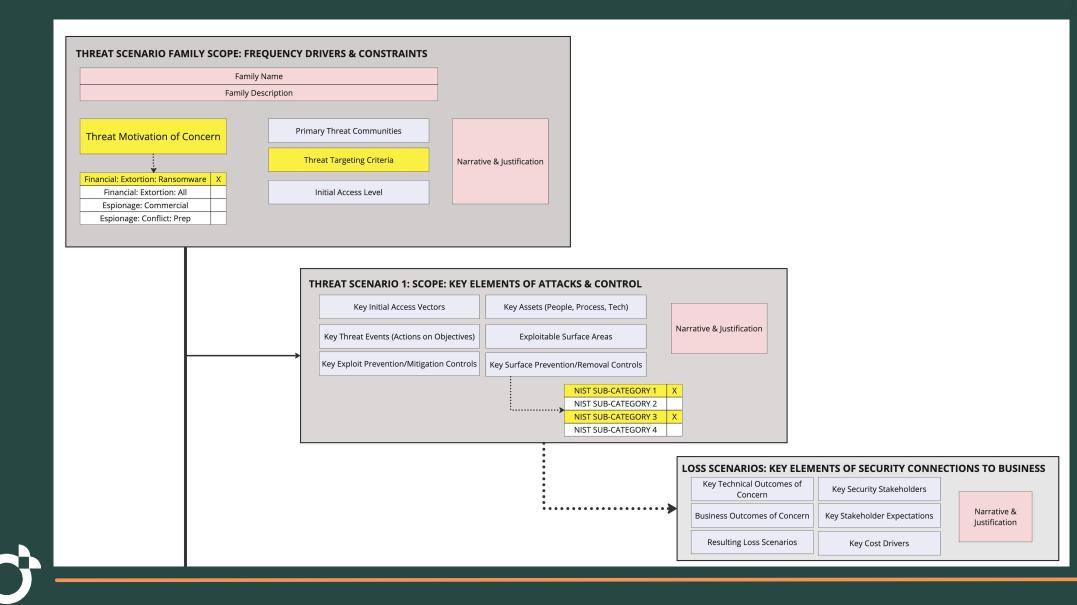
Scenario 2: The same financially motivated

cybercriminal group from Scenario 1 uses a watering hole attack to gain initial access. The attackers compromise a website frequently visited by the organization's employees, and when employees visit the site, their devices become infected. The attackers then use the devices to move laterally within the network, deploying ransomware that encrypts critical systems and data. The organization suffers business disruption, financial loss, and reputational damage. **Scenario 3:** In this scenario, the same cybercriminal group as in the previous scenarios targets an organization, but with a different approach. They gain initial access to the network through a supply chain attack, compromising a third-party vendor's systems. The attackers then leverage this access to infiltrate the targeted organization's network. Once inside, they deploy ransomware, but instead of encrypting the data, they steal sensitive information and threaten to release it publicly unless a ransom is paid. The organization faces potential reputational damage, financial loss, and legal consequences.



- Identify the main dimensions of the risk scenario (e.g., threat actors, attack vectors, assets, etc.)
- Break down each dimension into smaller, measurable units (e.g., number of threat actors, frequency of attacks, asset values, etc.)
- Establish relationships between units across dimensions to create a holistic view of the risk scenario
- Data
- Etc

ADVANCED SCENARIO SCOPE MANAGEMENT



TOPICS

CRQ DECISION SUPPORT METHODOLOGY



QUALITY METRICS	
Compliance	
Alignment	
Integration	
Transparency	
Efficiency	
	Compliance Alignment Consensus Integration Application: Use Breadth and Fit Availability

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cc	ONTEXT MANAG	EMENT	Models & Assumptions	Information In/Out	ocesses / Aethods	Tools RACI & Metrics	GUIDANCE
Core Conte Identifica	ext Component ("LEGO") tion and Documentation	People, Processes, Technologies Business Loss Scenarios Security Equities Surface & TTP Classes Control Classes Decision Sets (for Measurement Plans) Stressor Sets		Image:			This is scope information you will need to re-use over time. Maintain currency as able.
Decision Support Planning	Content Requirements	Topical Breadth and Depth Question Modeling Decision Criteria					Think of the decisions you will be supporting. You'll want one measurement plan for every set of decisions needing new output. Try and consolidate and standardize. BASELINE Decision Requirements gathered ANNUALLY - Faster is unsustainable (?)
Measurement Planning	Scenario Family Selection	Threat Motive Threat Communities Target Criteria					These anchor your work over time, allow input data re-use, assure scenarios are thematically stackable, etc - they will not change much. Review annually, but avoid changing unless absolutely required.
	Scenario Flow & Scope Development (Dimensions & Units) Stressor & Variance	Attack Chains TTPs, Surfaces, Controls Loss Chains Scenario Variables					Attack Chains, Control Chains, Loss Chains, etc. are all detailed "examples" of Scenario Families constructed to make risk measurable. Your BASELNE assumptions here should be reviewed annually, but your comparative and one-off scenario formulations may need out of cycle work - just remember to keep? Turrent version" baseline separate from custom or out of cycle. Roll out-of cycle work here into baseline annually if it needs to be re-used. If you structure this work apportately, it can be kept in pieces (el loss scenarios, test of controls that work together to accomplish a common objective, etc) NOTE: THIS ALLOWS YOU TO XEEP RELATIVELY STATIC DATA SOURCES OF RECORD EVEN XYOUR MASUREMENT PLAN NOTE DETEST CHAINES. This BARELY happens with "complete FARR Scenarios". It is also worth merioning that A COMPLETE STO FWELT HOUGHT OUT SCHAINES CAN ASSUBE PRE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE COME COMPONENTS AND DATA NECESSARY TO QUANTIFY NEARLY ANYTHING with much lower effort and much higher quality.
	Modeling (Stocks and Flows) Data Source of Record Selector	Variable Change Drivers Change Indicactors Requirements Available Option Selection					
	CRQ OPERATIO	Best Fit Heuristics Applied	Models & Assumptions	Information Pro	ocesses / Aethods	Tools RACI	GUIDANCE
Measurement Execution	Data Collection / Receipt	Manual Input Estimation Validation Frequency					In a perfect world, "Nisk Data Requirements' should be developed annually and delivered to agreed on data-provisioning sources of record who will provide you new or updated answers to the same questions/requirements every quarter (for BASELINE cadence), but manual estimates are sometimes needed and validation turns up errors. A solid measurement plan will make this is repeatable and painless as possible.
	FAIR <u>Factor</u> Estimation	Susceptibility Loss Update Existing Data					Even with the best data in the world, forecasts are estimates. There is always some amount of human touch and subjectivity. Try and re-use the came roles every time an estimate is made. Consider standing up an estimation committee and calibrating them.
	Estimation Application	Enter New Data Simulate QA Results					Straightforward. Enter estimates into Ostrich Birdseye CRQ
	DECISION SUPP	ORT	Models &	Information Pro	ocesses /	Tools RACI	GUIDANCE
Reporting	Baseline Risk	Total By Scenario By Theme					Your BASELINE reporting not only provides your "AI Eke Being Equal" risk forecast, it also provides the starting point for any Comparative Risk Analysis. Further, it assures you have robust set of components (built in the measurement planning and operations phases) to have a reasonably advanced starting point for any unplanned analysis work. As mentioned earlier, gather data quarterly for this and publish quarterly. You need version control of this because If everyone is porating off of a different forecast, they're making decisions with different assumptions and this breaks operations. It's the same reason we version control orbitive.
	Comparative Risk	Residual Future A/B Comparison					Pre-plan this work if possible. Identify recurring decisions needing comparative reporting. Identify which key factors will need to vary, and why, and develop repeatable heuristics for varying them so that your comparative work is always consistent and transparent. Vary from the Baselines for "How much more / less than expected" or to start off "Option R" and "Option B" in those cases. If this is not pre-planned, review amnually for incorporation into planning
	One-Off	Formally Out of Scope New-new in-scope Testing / Theorizing					Just what it says.
Decision	Results Analysis	Amounts Causes					This is all about appetites, tolerances; and decision criteria. Consider using GQIM as an aid. Make assumptions about decision-makers where they are unwilling or unable to provide input. This phase should close the loop with and match up to "Decision Support Planning" in context management.









CRQ: Systematic Analysis, Measurement, & Decision Support



1. What are our concerns?

- Risk Drivers:
 - Threat Events (Causes)
 - Loss Events (Effects)
 - Specific Uncertainties
- Risk Questions & Decisions:
 - Themes (Breadth)
 - Precision (Depth)
 - Appetite & Decision Criteria

2. Why are they concerns?

- What might play out?
 - TTPs?
 - Vulnerable Surfaces?
 - <u>Control Objectives?</u>
 - Control Availability?
- Uncertainty (Min, Max, Most Likely)
 - Frequency / Magnitude
 - Susceptibility (Vulnerability)



5. VISIBILITY?

Where tasks are difficult to complete, this is evidence of "visibility" risk and indicates that your organization may be making decisions without sufficient insight into its risks. **Consider documenting and acting on remediating these gaps as a form of risk reduction**.

3. How much risk?

- Benchmark: "Similar Classes"
- Triage: Calibrated Estimation
- Evidence: Data & Metrics say what?
- Math (E.g. Monte-Carlo)

4. How should we respond?

- Loss Manifestation
 - Average Exposure over time
 - Probability of exceeding / year
- Risk <u>Factor</u> Analysis
 - Frequency vs Magnitude
 - Min vs Max vs Most Likely

The process of CRQ largely consists of the same analytical steps that should have been occurring already



You were going to make the same decisions with:

- 1. The same data
- 2. Less reliable processes
- 3. More uncommunicated assumptions
- 4. Incomplete / Discordant models
- 5. Additional subjectivity
- 6. Unarticulated uncertainty

CRQ Improves Risk Decisions:

- 1. Communicability & Tangibility
- 2. Confidence & Transparency
- 3. Quality & Outcomes
- 4. Objectivity & Defensibility
- 5. Consensus & Acceptance
- 6. Hidden Ops Costs of "Scores"



Where should CRQ be applied?



1. Objectives of CRQ

- Develop Consensus
- Provide & normalize risk objectives
- Make better decisions than before
- Quantify & Communicate confidence and uncertainty

2. CRQ & Complexity

- CRQ does not complicate cyber risk management
- Instead, it increases precision and identifies gaps in risk visibility
- You were already going to make a decision with the same information

3. When to Implement CRQ

- For high-stakes decisions
- Where decisions have unclear criteria
- Where consistency is vital for success
- When there is a fragmented context
- When there is difficulty achieving consensus

4. Making CRQ useable

- Not every aspect demands the same level of thoroughness
- Take advantage of "ranges" and "samples"
- Decide what information is needed to govern ahead of time
- Quantification of qualitative inputs is accepted science
- The process and math improve what you already know

POTENTIAL "RISKS" FROM TRADITIONAL APPROACHES



- Decision Quality: Improper or incomplete risk factor assessment
- Ops Efficiency: Prioritizing poorly doesn't reduce work
- Uncertainty: Lack of confidence/assurance awareness limits agility



END OF MAYBE



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