Building a quantitative Cyber Risk Program Based on FAIR

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What is a CRQ (FAIR) Program?



Special Use Case

Hybrid with Qualitative

Everything Quant

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These challenges will exist whether you do things "right" or "wrong," but having an effective and thoughtful approach to building a FAIR program makes these challenges speedbumps rather than insurmountable roadblocks.

The 3 Segment Approach to Building a FAIR Program





Information to drive analysis

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Codify the program to be resilient

Governance

3(1/2) Sides of a CRQ Program

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Data Libraries

Information to drive analysis





What are Data Libraries

Repository of all information gathered from history, telemetry, SME estimates, SME rationale, and industry benchmark, that are organized in a meaningful and useful way manner



Goals of Data Libraries





Collect once, and then monitor, rather than recollecting each analysis. Ensure that data is collected by the right SMEs.

Be crystal clear on data you *have* vs what you *assume*.

"More data selection, less collection"

"Always have Obi Wan's force ghost in the room" "To know thyself is the beginning of wisdom"



How to Build Data Libraries

Question

Identify all of the contextual questions: *what do we need to know?*

- Incident metrics
- Control efficacy
- Fines per outage/breach
- Customer churn per breach/outage
- Breach response costs

...and so on

Context

Build data libraries based on attack model: *in what context should we collect data?*

- External actor footholds
- Ransomware
- Malicious insiders
- Churn at different loss severities
- Revenue loss per RTO

...and so on

Relevance

Identify critical assets and build data around those assets: *how can we collect meaningful data?*

- Biggest repositories
- KTLO business processes
- Critical secrets
- Critical pipelines (ie CI/CD, manufacturing)
- Key customer apps

...and so on



Stitch all available data together in meaningful ways



Governance





Program is depended on a person Program is depended on the process



Use-cases

Prescriptive guidelines on what circumstances we do analysis work

Ownership

Have an ownership model to be prescriptive on what happens with results – the 'so what' factor



Processes

A comprehensive process for how FAIR analysis is conducted

Roles/Responsibilities

Have clear boundaries on who is responsible for what in the program





Organize the messy complexities of the real world



Resourcing



People and tools to run the program



Goals of Resourcing

Prevent the program from getting 'stuck'





What is Resourcing





Providing the people and tools needed to run the program









You can have a field and a playbook, but without players and equipment there's no game





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Provision End-Goal

Document very clear expectations about how the 'final product' should operate



An operational program



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Get the best available information from the right people to enable high quality, refined analysis in a short amount of time. Do this by collecting contextual information that is tied to key assets.

Governance

Codify your quant risk program in a document to ensure that your program is depended on the process and not a person. Key components that the governance document should outline are prescriptive use-cases, processes, ownership policy, and responsibility guidelines

Resourcing

Provide the people and tools needed to operationalize your program. These tools should enable people to perform analysis, track analysis, communicate results, train stakeholders, and manage the program towards a vision.

Thank you

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