

Adapting to the *'New Normal'*

Managing cyber risks to the Utilities Sector beyond COVID-19



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Introduction

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- ▲ Working with customers to understand the holistic and Enterprise level Cyber Risk associated with operating complex capabilities
- ▲ Developing architectures and approaches to cyber security and business transformation that enable operation within a stated risk appetite



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Summary



INTRODUCTION

- ▲ Challenges facing the utilities sector: immediately and in the future
- ▲ Impact of COVID-19

SECURITY CULTURE AND HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

- ▲ What changes do we see due to COVID-19
- ▲ Optimising security attitudes and behaviours in the utilities sector

ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES TO SUPPORT A RISK MANAGED APPROACH FOR UTILITIES ORGANISATIONS

- ▲ Use of a robust Risk Management Framework
- ▲ Approaches to delivering Security Architecture



Leonardo Overview

Leonardo is a global high-tech company and one of the key players in Aerospace, Defence and Security worldwide

UK Divisions



Helicopters

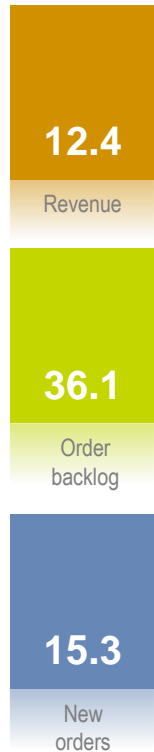


Electronics



Cyber Security

2018 Results (€bn)



Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures

Leonardo DRS
100% Leonardo



Telespazio
67% Leonardo
33% Thales



Thales Alenia Space
67% Thales
33% Leonardo



MBDA
37.5% BAE Systems
37.5% Airbus Group
25% Leonardo

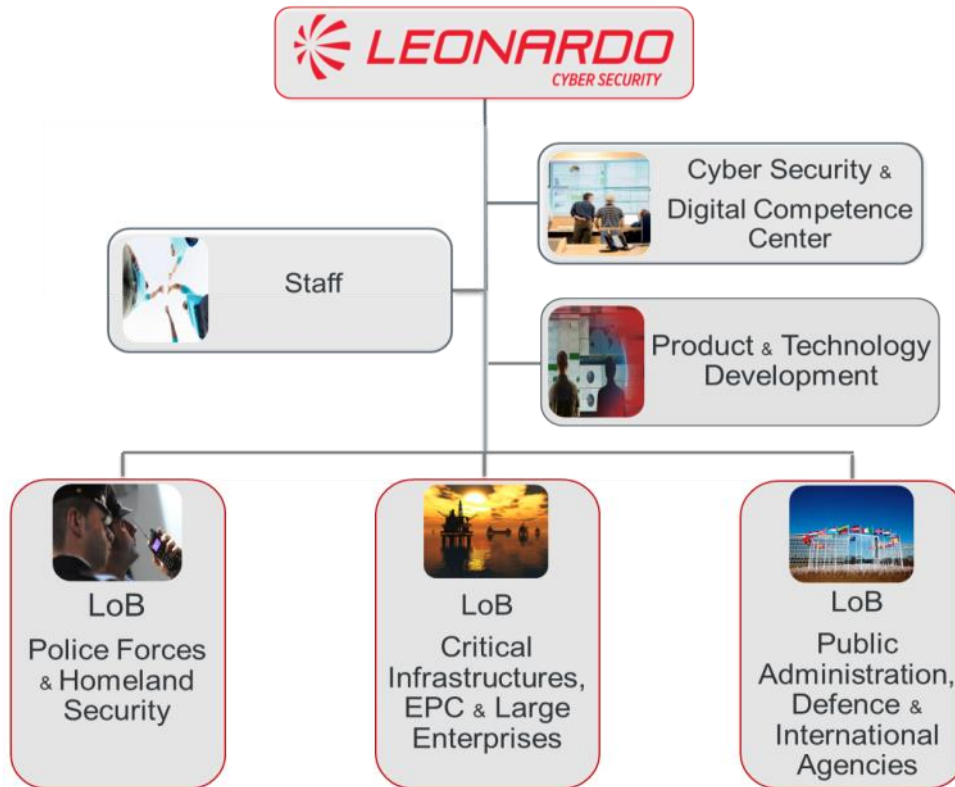


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50% Leonardo
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Spotlight on the Current Challenge

Challenge

- ▲ Net zero, sector crowding, economic volatility, regulatory oversight

Response

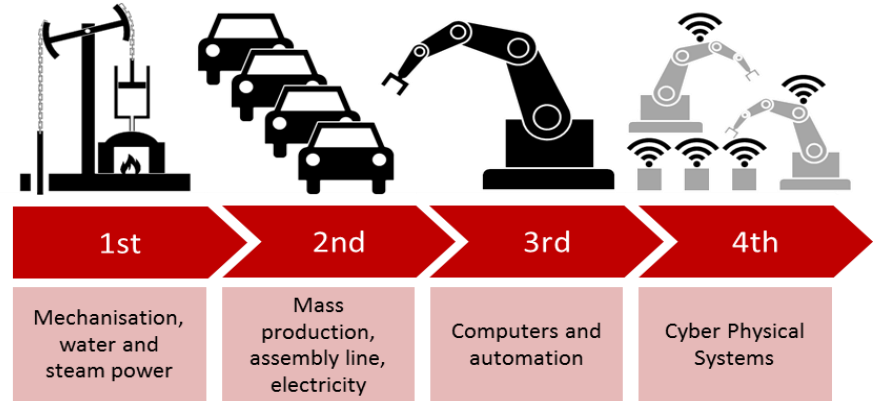
- ▲ Convergence of previously segregated operational networks and corporate IT

Enabling

- ▲ Efficiency through remote management and administration
- ▲ Ability to provide holistic performance metrics

Leading to

- ▲ Increase in organisational attack surface
- ▲ Cascading and aggregated security risk
- ▲ Significant reputational and service delivery risks



Christoph Roser at AllAboutLean.com



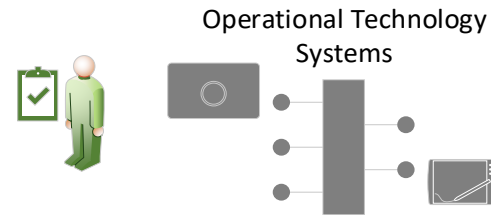



'Traditional' Operational Technology Setup

Air-gapped and Analogue deployments protected from physical attack.

1 Access to OT devices via dedicated systems only.

- Operational Technology estate deployments typically relied on physical air gaps and manual controls to mitigate security risks
- Threats largely centred around local or direct physical access to the environment
- Security controls designed, tested and deployed in order to counteract this physical threat



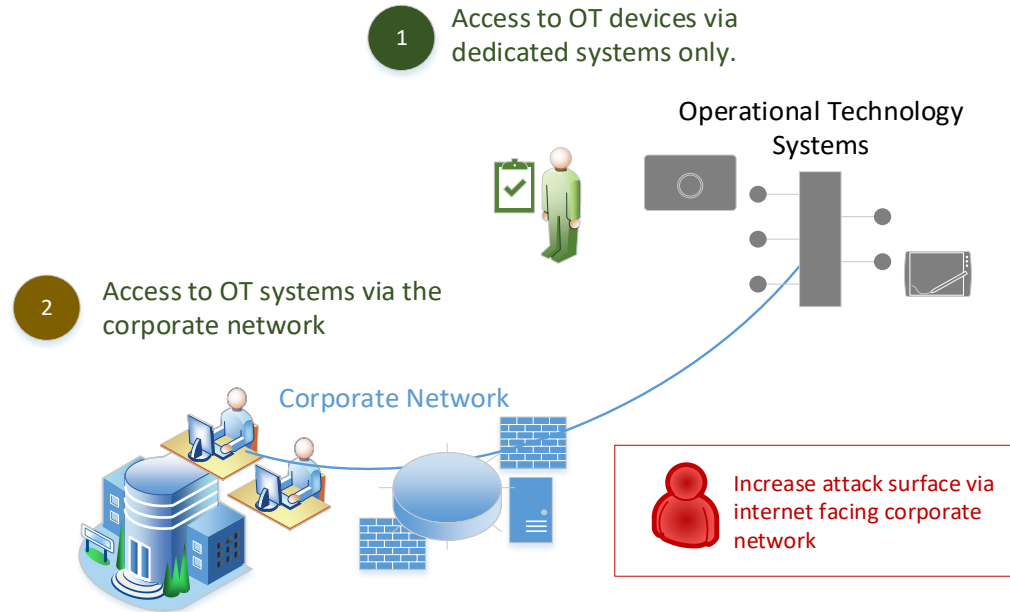
 Direct attacks generally require physical access or close proximity



A Transition has been ongoing to support improved outcomes

Connected and Digital deployments converged with internal corporate IP networks

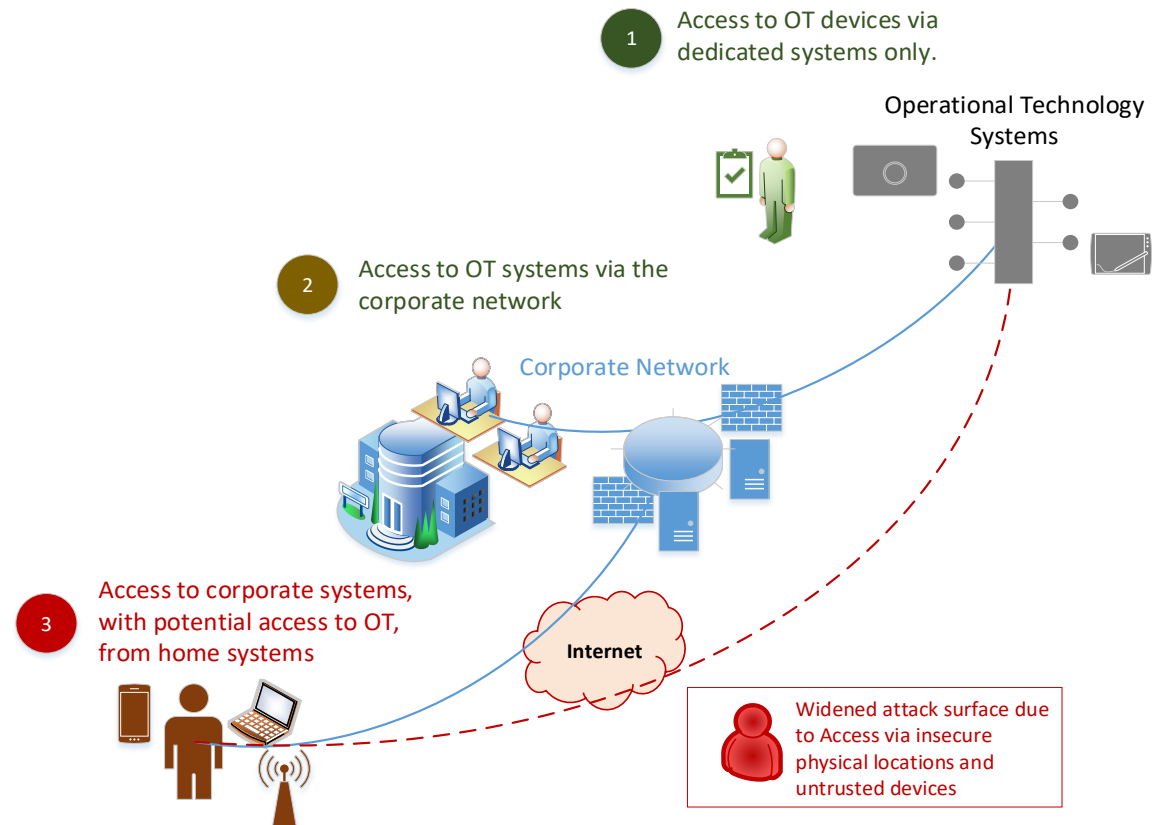
- ▲ In recent years, these systems have converged with enterprise IT estates, to enable improved efficiency, increased performance and centralised reporting
- ▲ This increases threat landscape and attack surface of the operational estate
- ▲ Risk management framework and security architecture is now mal-aligned with the technology architecture



Impact of COVID-19

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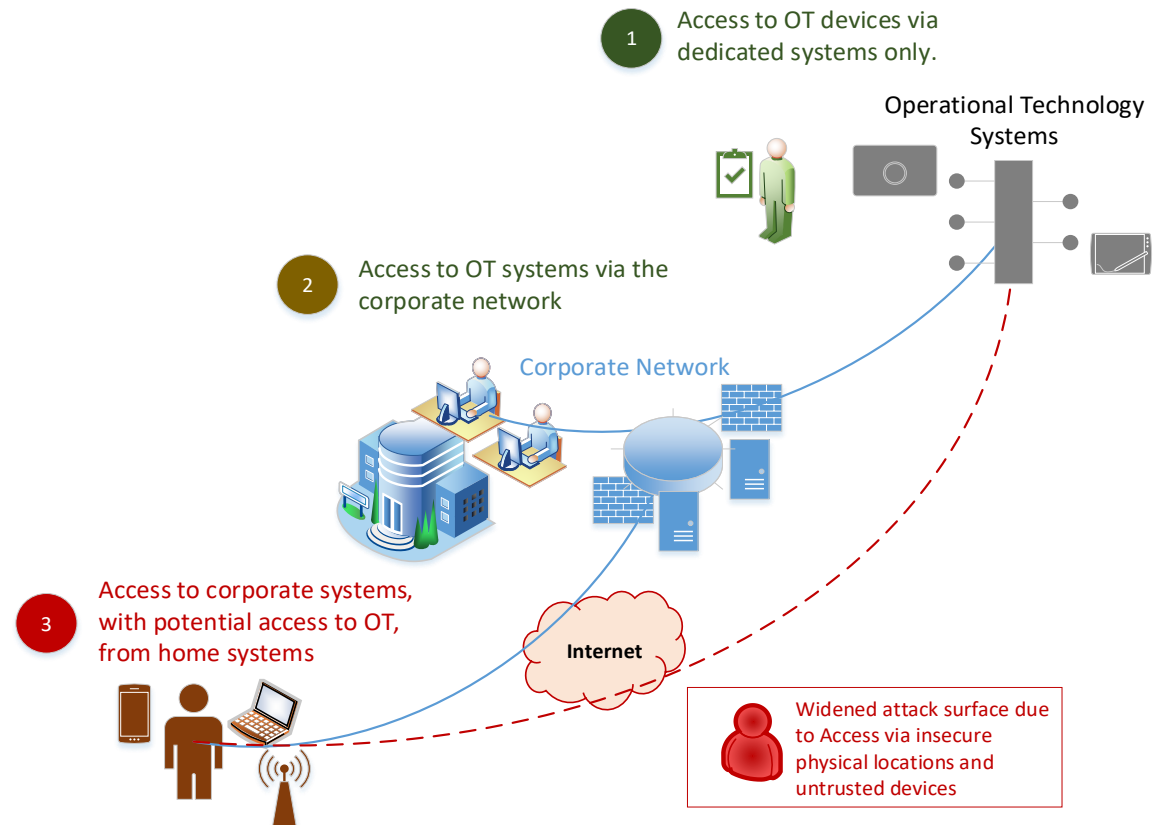
- ▲ Further changes have been implemented to support continued delivery of critical functionality
- ▲ The most obvious changes are technical in nature, e.g.
 - ❑ Implementing VPN solutions
 - ❑ Bring Your Own Device solutions



Impact of COVID-19

Unforeseen and sudden disruption to both technical and cultural aspects

- ▲ Less tangible are the behavioural changes – a broader shift in the culture and expectations
- ▲ As these changes persist, creating a ‘**new normal**’, these changes will become embedded leading to a digital transformation of the workplace



Impact of COVID-19

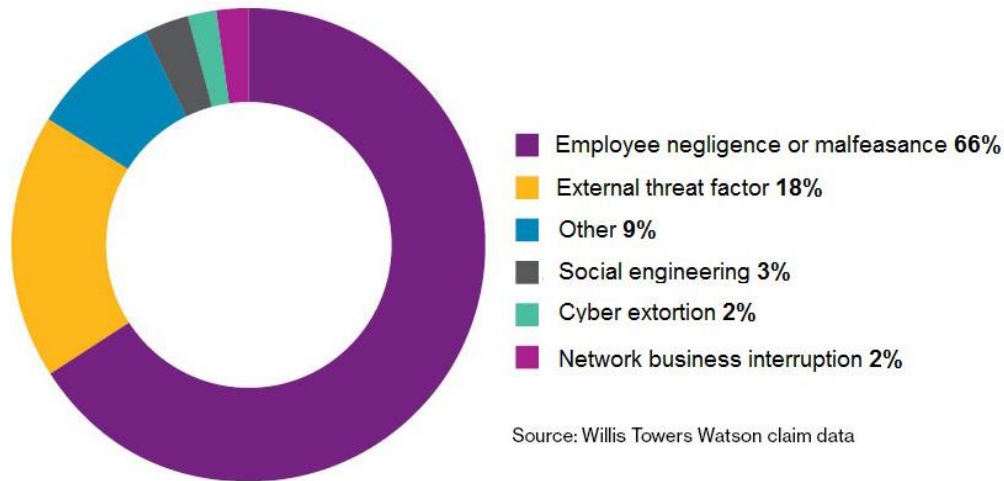
- ▲ In the majority of shifts in approach, the change in culture lags behind the change in technology
- ▲ In the case of changes driven by COVID-19, this pattern is reversed and technical changes are being implemented to catch up with new ways of working
- ▲ This reversal means that the ability to carefully design processes to integrate with technical solutions is significantly reduced





Understanding the Impact of Human Behaviour

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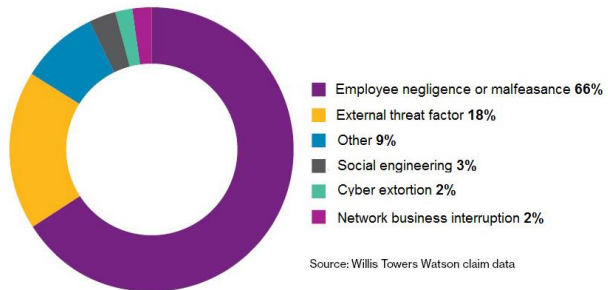
Source: Willis Towers Watson claim data

- ▲ The number varies, but there is broad consensus that human behaviours or actions are a significant cause or contributing factor to cyber incidents
- ▲ This is not necessarily malicious behaviour, it could be inadvertent, via not following a process, or following an incorrect process

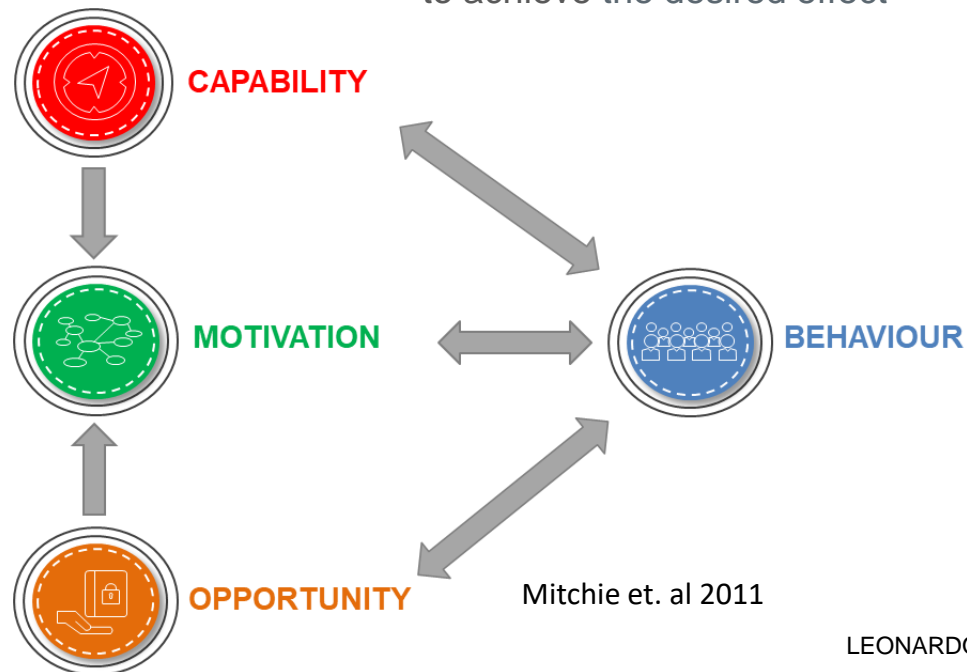


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- ▲ The COM-B model provides a way to understand the root cause of behaviours, enabling targeted actions to deliver positive change
- ▲ Simply delivering more online training is unlikely to achieve the desired effect





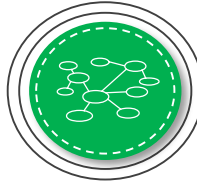
How does this apply to the COVID scenario?

Understanding of remote working processes



CAPABILITY

Continue to work and meet other commitments



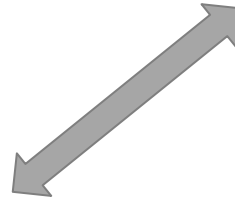
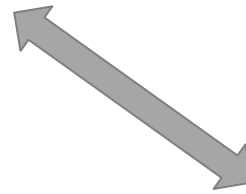
MOTIVATION

Enforced periods of time working at home; Technical solutions (VPN / BYOD)



OPPORTUNITY

Recent events have provided the **capability** and **opportunity**, leading people to **work remotely**



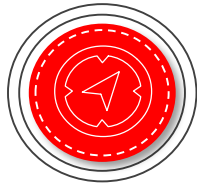
BEHAVIOUR

Alteration of 'life patterns' to conduct work from home

Mitchie et. al 2011

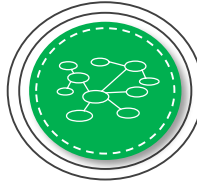
This can also be used to analyse security concerns

Processes for new technology are not well defined



CAPABILITY

Complete their job effectively

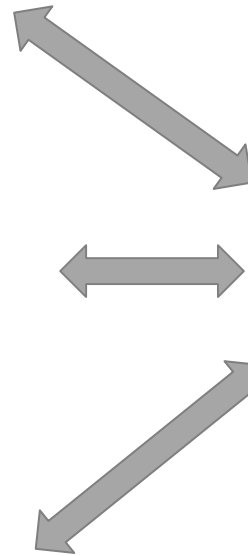


MOTIVATION

Poor VPN implementation on corporate devices with reduced functionality



OPPORTUNITY



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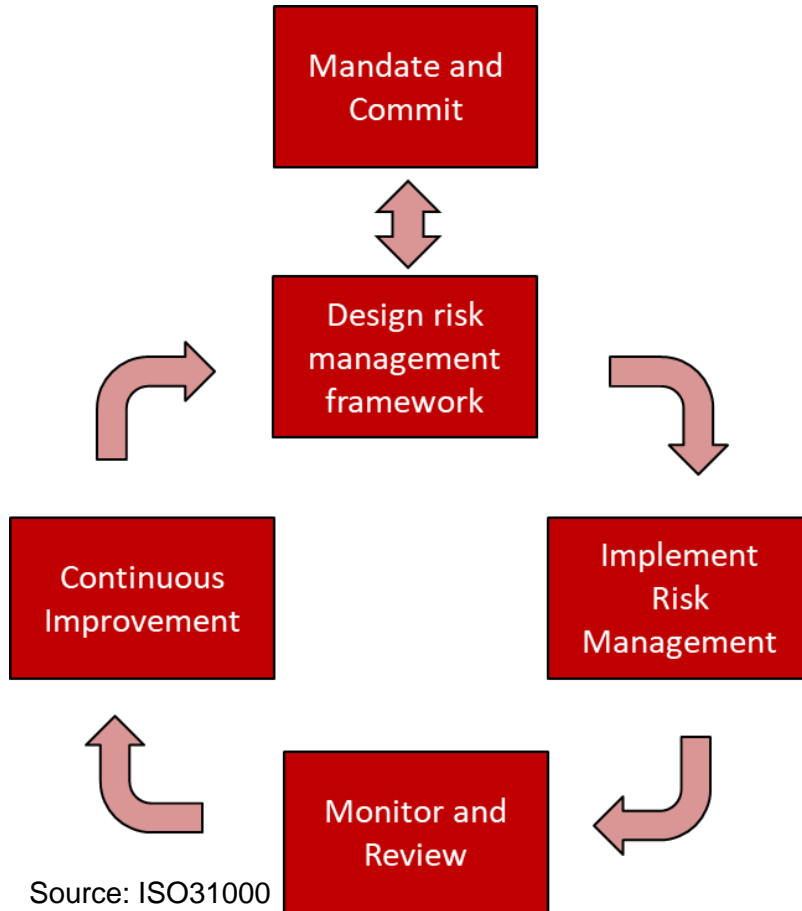
Use of personal device to access sensitive systems

- ▲ This analysis allows us to target remedial actions at the root cause of the behaviour
 - In this case, the inability of the employee to effectively do their role via corporate systems
- ▲ Tools and processes should support secure working practices, through a combination of Capability, Motivation and Opportunity

Mitchie et. al 2011



Applying a systematic, risk management framework to address these challenges

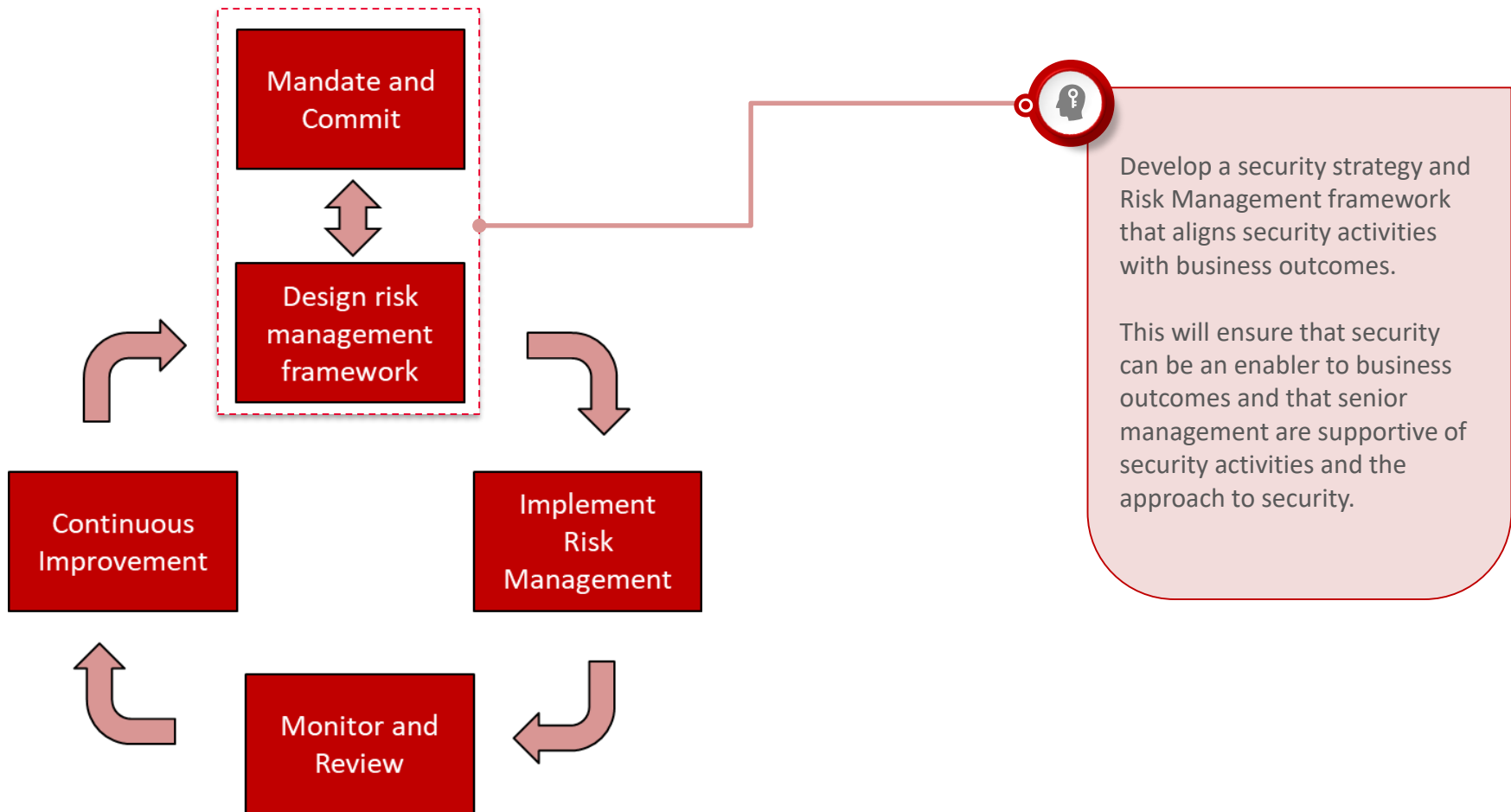


- ▲ Ultimately, any approach needs to ensure that the Security objectives are aligned to and support those of the business
- ▲ Achieving these objectives means balancing security activities against the costs versus benefit to the business
- ▲ Such an approach requires a consistent a defined approach to managing risk throughout its lifecycle
- ▲ This enables any control, technical, physical or administrative to have clear business justification enabling wider support and adoption of security

Source: ISO31000

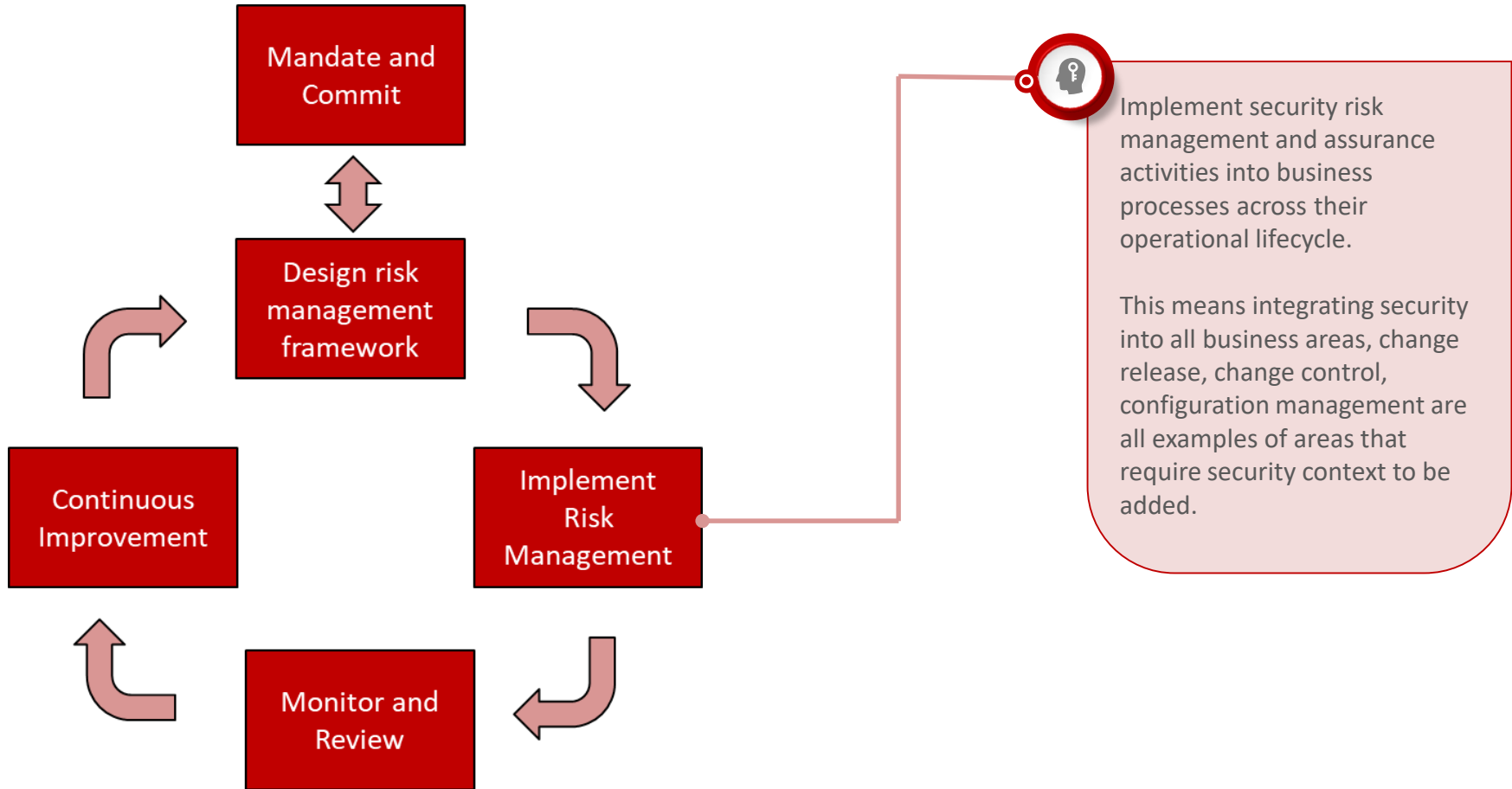


A defined and endorsed Security Strategy is a critical starting point



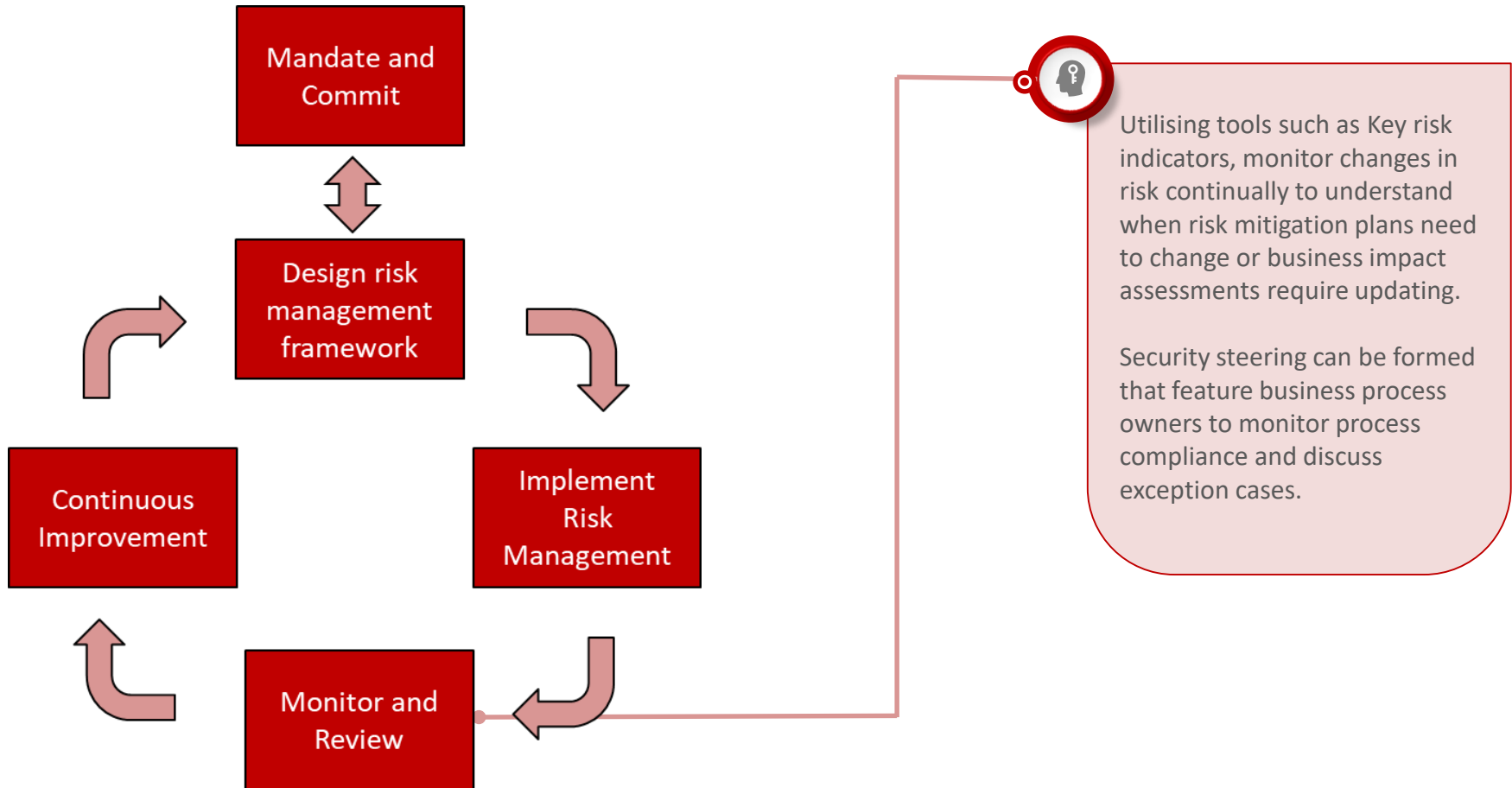


Risk Management needs to be integrated into business processes





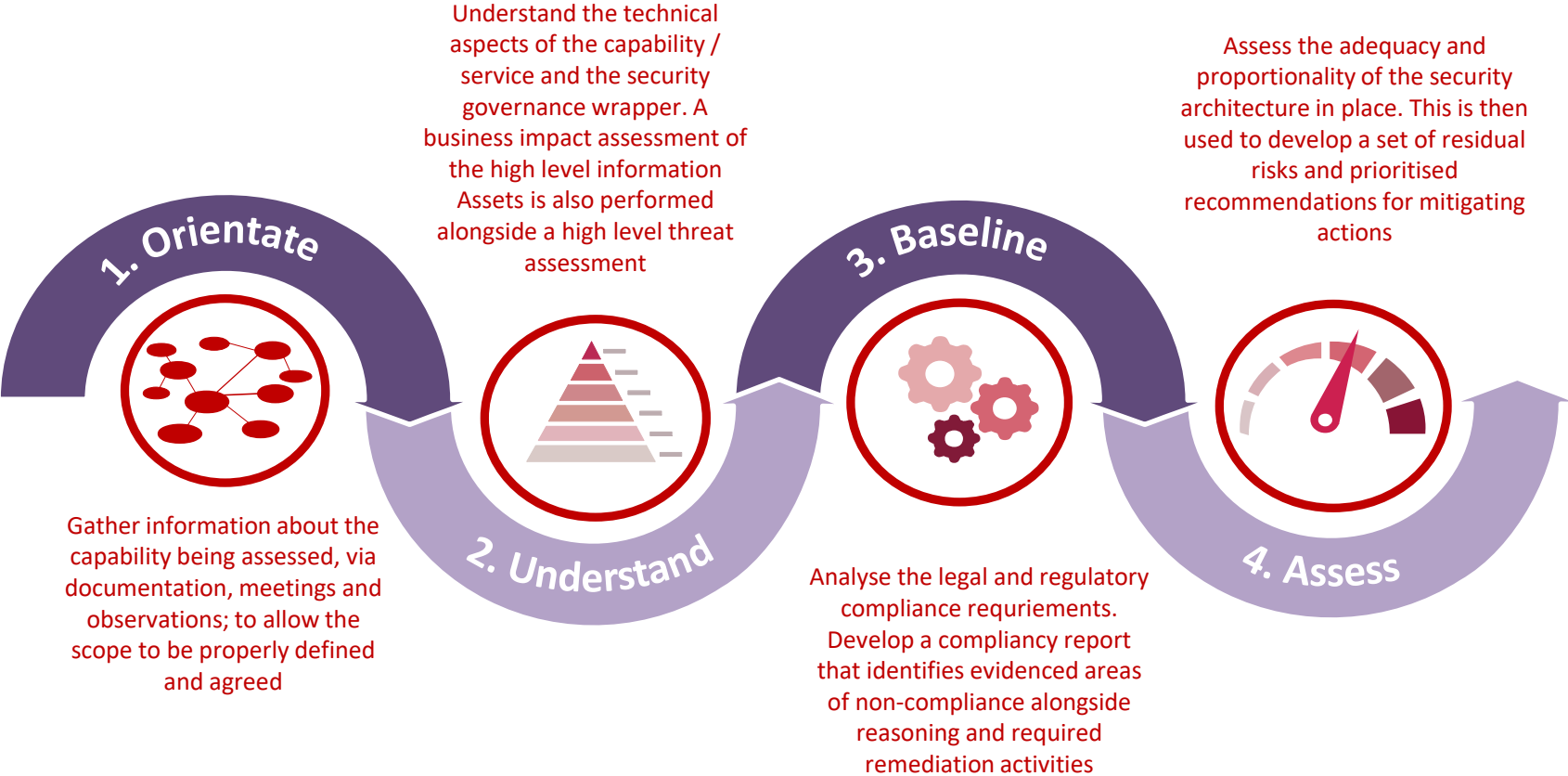
Risk is not static and requires continual review





Service Risk Assessment

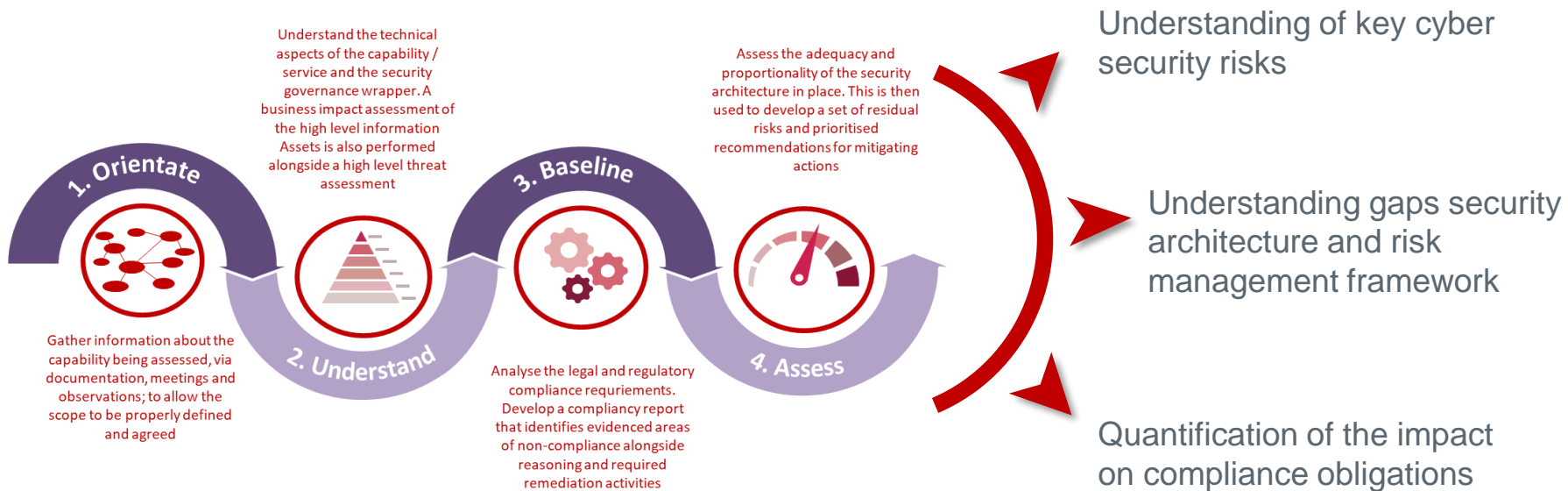
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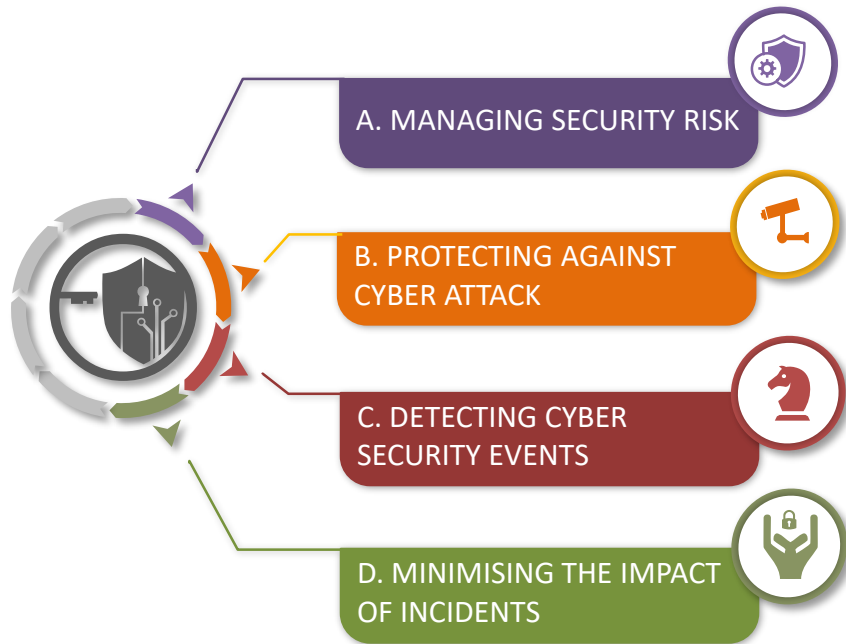
Service Risk Assessment - Benefits

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NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework



- ▲ NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework provides an approach to understanding operational cyber security maturity
- ▲ Especially relevant to Utilities as it is designed to cover both enterprise IT as well as Operational Technology systems

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/caf/cyber-assessment-framework>



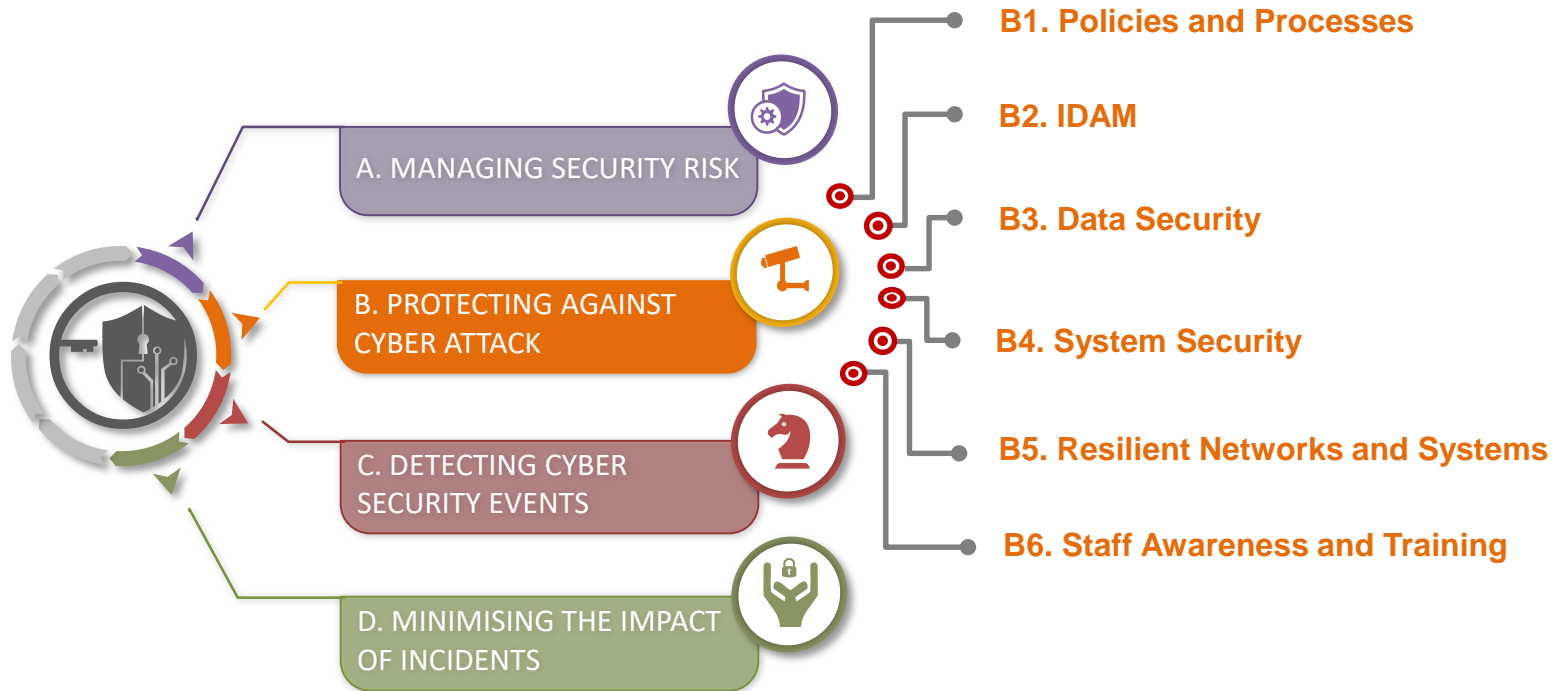
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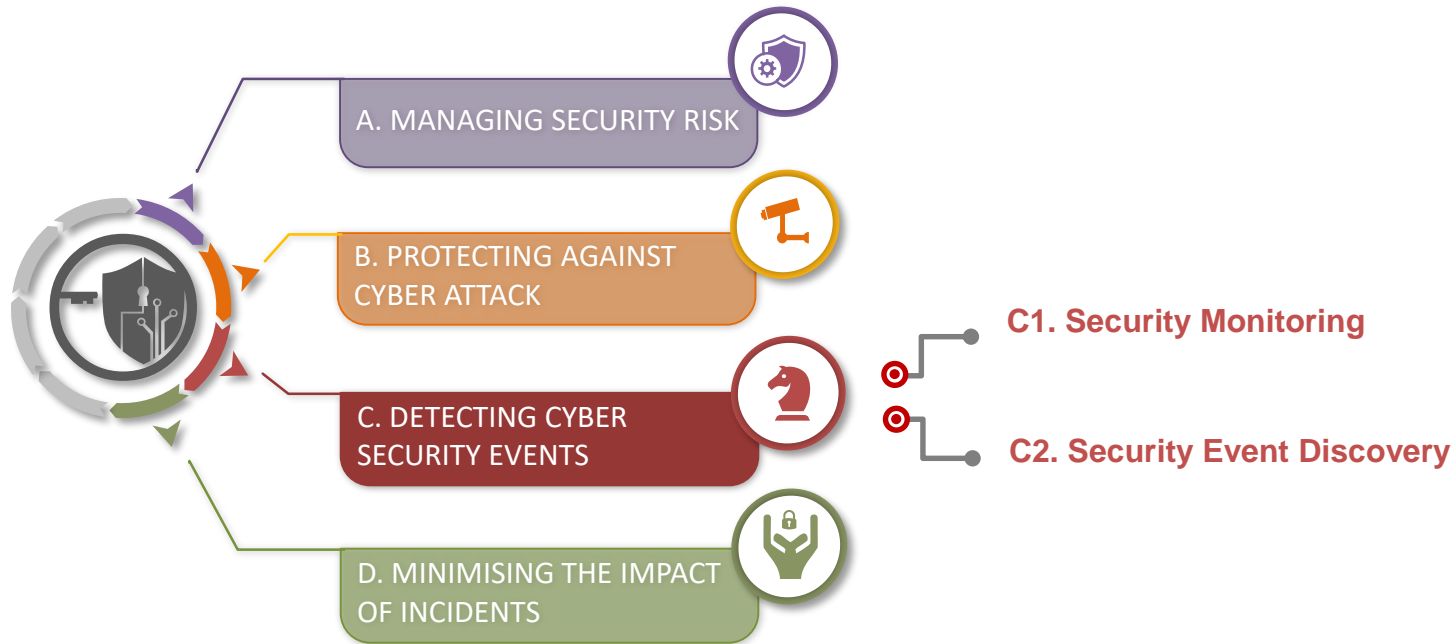
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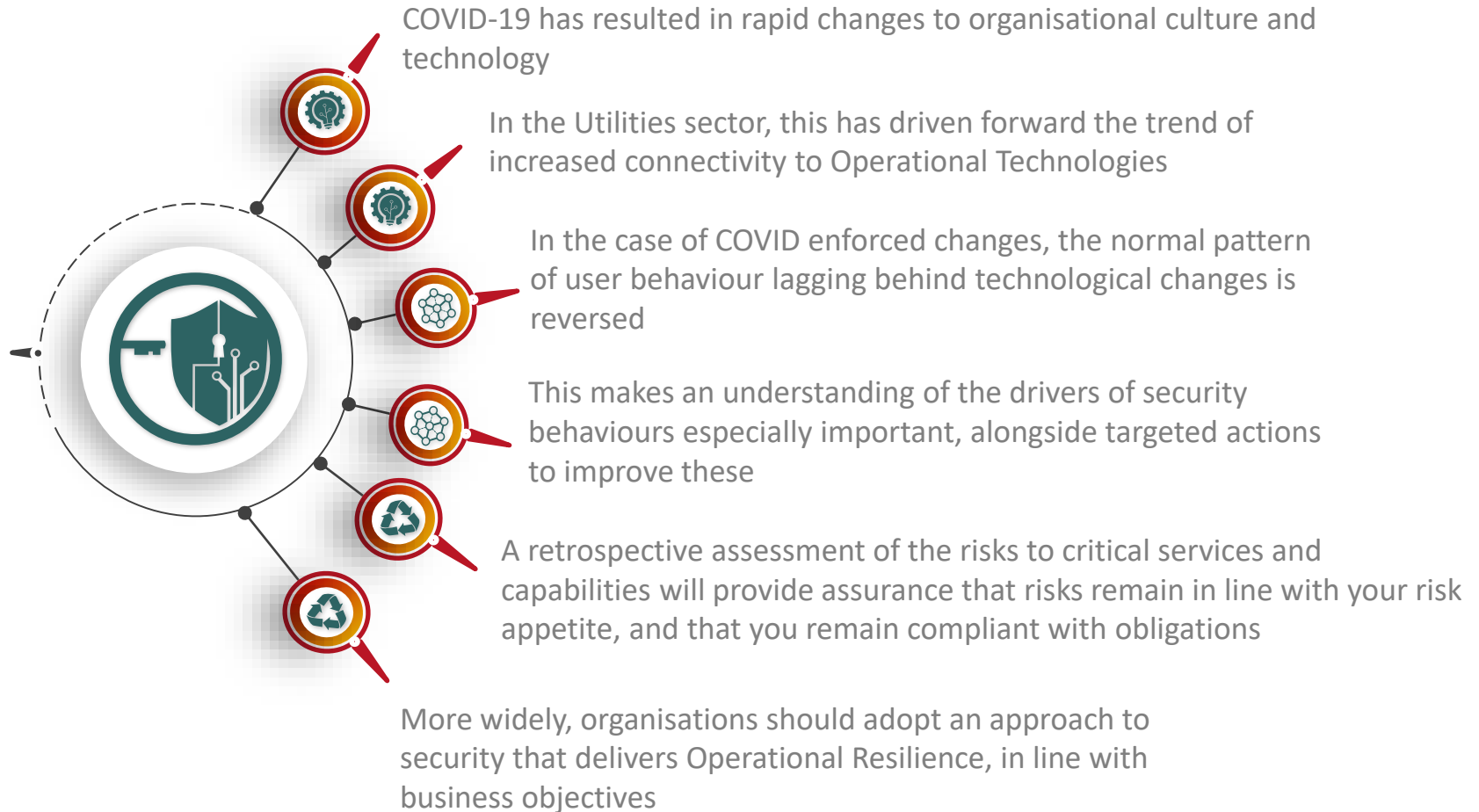
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Concluding Remarks



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