

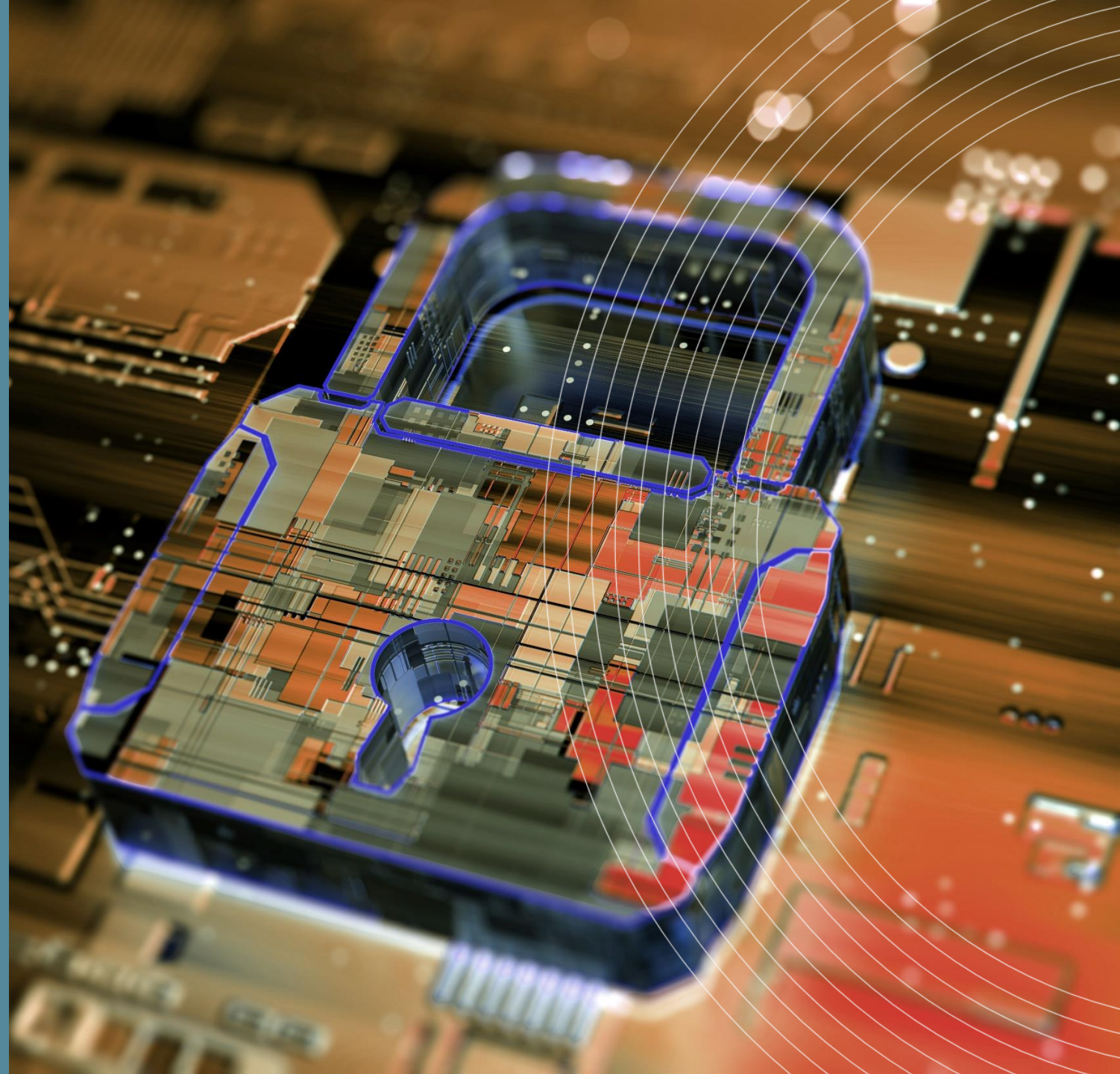
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# How to Conduct an IT Risk Assessment

A Case Study

April 28, 2021



Conducting a Risk  
Assessment

# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Background
- Why Do You Need a Risk Assessment
- Risk Assessment Steps
- Wrap Up

# TODAY'S WEBINAR PRESENTERS



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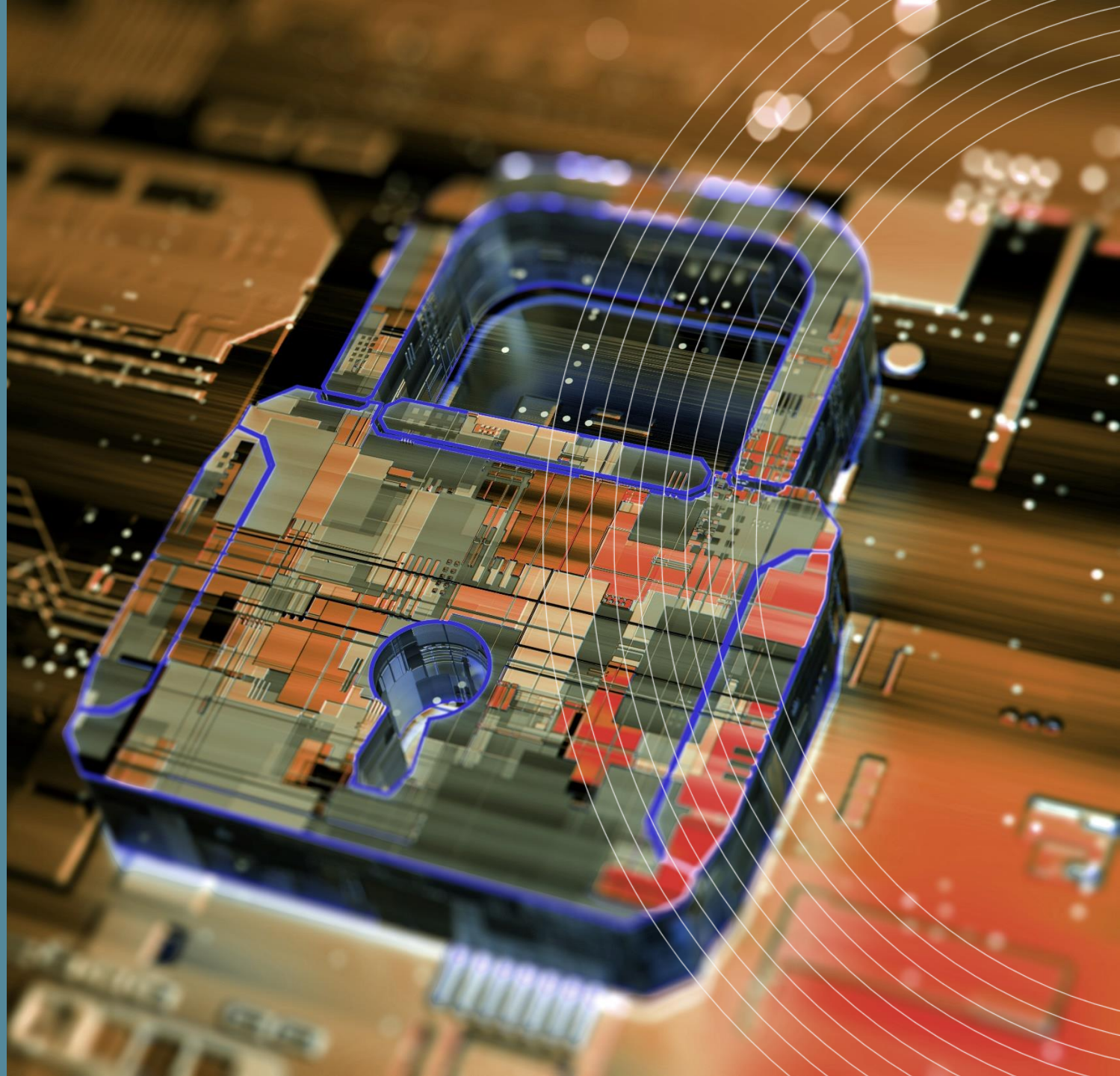
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# How to Conduct an IT Risk Assessment

Background



## Background

### Key Terms and Definitions

- Risk
- Asset
- Threat
- Vulnerability
- Residual Risk
- Inherent Risk

## Key Terms and Definitions

### Risk

- The combination of the probability of an event and its consequence

## Key Terms and Definitions

### Asset

- Something of either tangible or intangible value that is worth protecting



## Key Terms and Definitions

### Threat

- Anything that is capable of acting against an asset in a manner that can result in harm

## Key Terms and Definitions

### Vulnerability

- A weakness in the design, implementation, operation or internal control of a process that could expose the system to adverse threats from threat events

## Key Terms and Definitions

### Residual Risk

- Remaining Risk after the implementation of a risk response

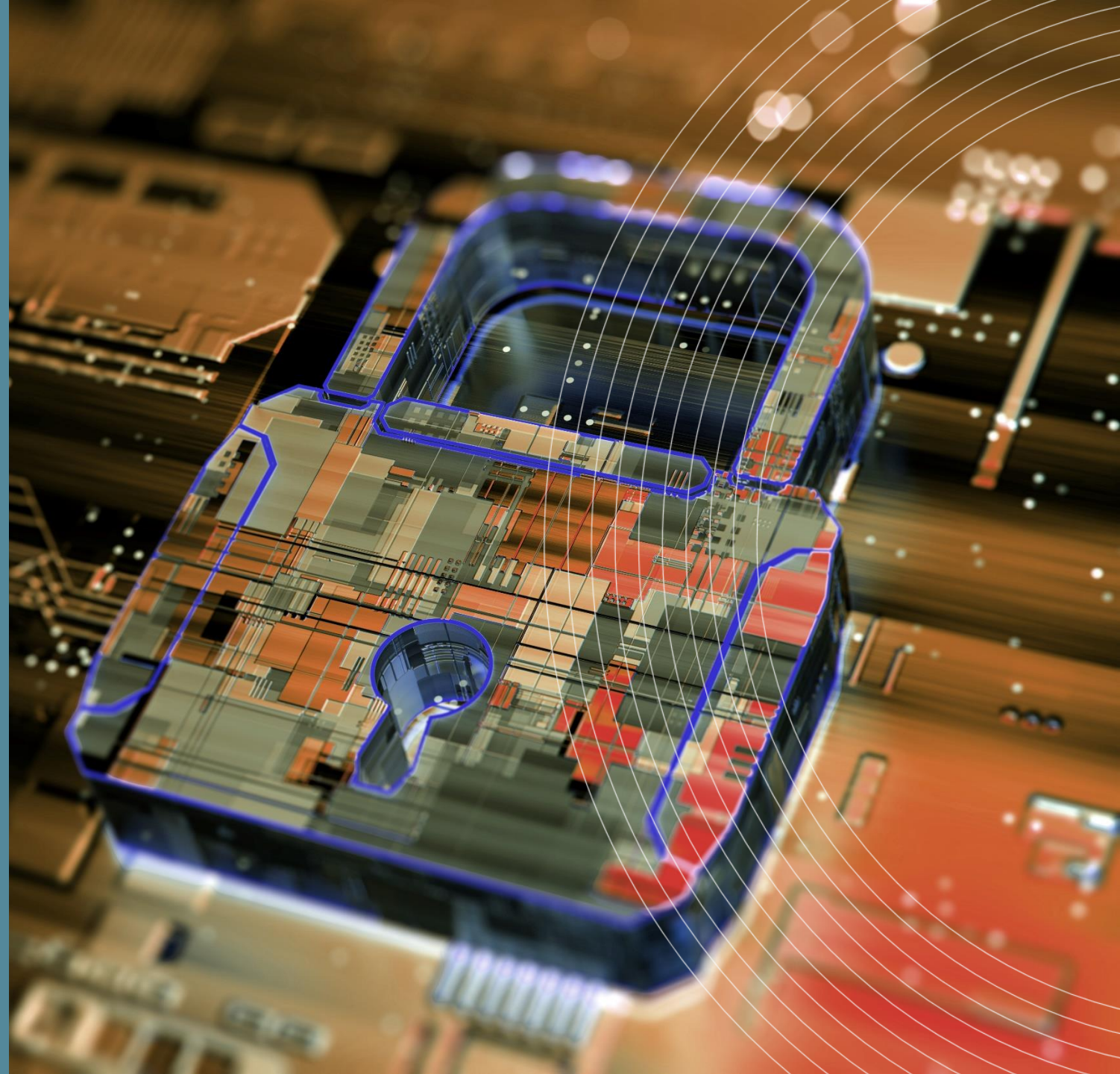
## Key Terms and Definitions

### Inherent Risk

- The level of risk present without taking into account the actions that were or could be taken for mitigation

# How to Conduct an IT Risk Assessment

Why do you need a Risk Assessment?



Why?

## Should you perform a Risk Assessment?

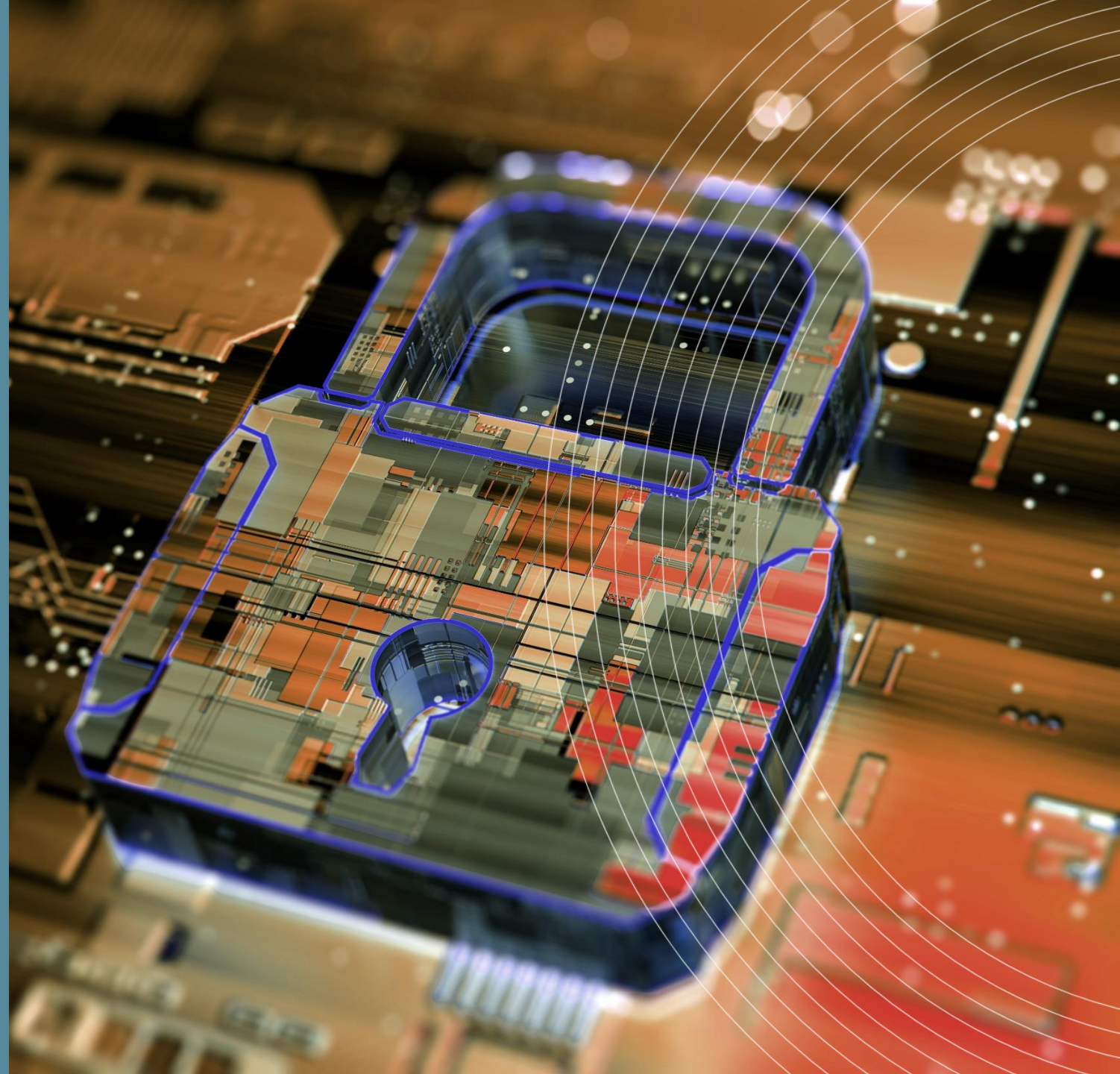
- Regulatory Requirement
- To Reduce Operational Risks
- To Improve Safety Performance
- To Improve the Probability of Achieving Organizational Objectives

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# How to Conduct an IT Risk Assessment

Details / Steps



Risk Assessment  
Details / Steps

1. Establish a Risk Assessment Framework
2. Identify Risks
3. Analyze Risks
4. Evaluate Risks
5. Apply Risk Management Options



## Risk Assessment Details / Steps

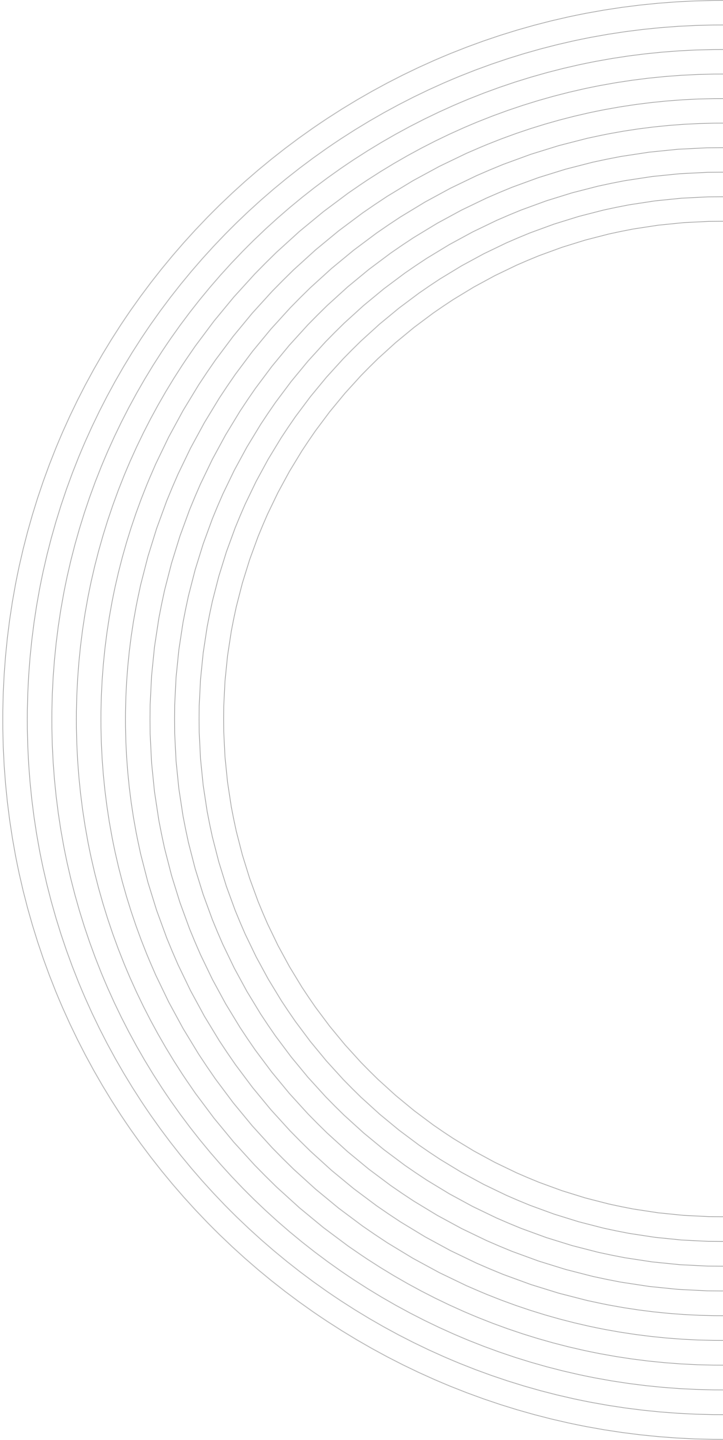
### Step 1

#### Establish a Risk Assessment Framework

- Conduct at regular Intervals
- Consistent and Repeatable Process
- Retain documentation regarding the process
  - Objective
  - Transparent
  - Auditable
- Baseline Security Criteria
- Determine your approach
  - Asset Based
  - Scenario Based

### Asset Register

Asset	Asset Owner	Risk Owner
Desktop PC		
Laptop PC		
Printer		
Apple iPhone 10		
Apple iPad Pro		
Firewall		
Network Router		
Quick Books		
Windows 10		
Microsoft 365		



# Risk Assessment Details / Steps

## Step 2

### Identify Risks

- Threats
- Vulnerabilities

### Asset Register - continued

Asset	Asset Owner	Risk Owner	Threat	Vulnerability
Desktop PC			Ransomware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees
Laptop PC			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions
Printer			Saved copies on internal storage	Information Disclosure
Apple iPhone 10			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access
Apple iPad Pro			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees
Firewall			Missed Security Patches	Kerberos Exploit
Network Router			Denial of Service Attack	Remote code execution
Quick Books			Powershell attack vector	Inadequate user rights
Windows 10			Easy to Guess Passwords	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees
Microsoft 365			Credential Theft	Lack of Security Training



## Risk Assessment Details / Steps

### Step 3

#### Analyze Risks

- Risk Appetite
- Risk Scale
- Risk Calculation
  - Risk = Impact x Likelihood

## Asset Register - continued

Asset	Asset Owner	Risk Owner	Threat	Vulnerability	Impact (H/M/L)	Likelihood (H/M/L)	Risk (I x L)
Desktop PC			Ransomware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9
Laptop PC			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions	3	2	6
Printer			Saved copies on internal storage	Information Disclosure	2	1	2
Apple iPhone 10			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access	3	1	3
Apple iPad Pro			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6
Firewall			Missed Security Patches	Kerberos Exploit	3	3	9
Network Router			Denial of Service Attack	Remote code execution	3	2	6
Quick Books			Powershell attack vector	Inadequate user rights	3	2	6
Windows 10			Easy to Guess Passwords	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9
Microsoft 365			Credential Theft	Lack of Security Training	3	3	9

# Risk Assessment Details / Steps

## Step 4

### Evaluate Risks

- Considerations
- Risk Matrix

Risk Matrix

Likelihood	H	3	6	9
	M	2	4	6
	L	1	2	3
		L	M	H
		Impact		





## Asset Register - continued

Asset	Asset Owner	Risk Owner	Threat	Vulnerability	Impact (H/M/L)	Likelihood (H/M/L)	Risk (I x L)	Controls
Desktop PC			Ransomware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9	Security Awareness Training
Laptop PC			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions	3	2	6	IT Security Training / User Permissions / Security Log Monitoring
Printer			Saved copies on internal storage	Information Disclosure	2	1	2	IT Security Training / Asset Disposal Process
Apple iPhone 10			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access	3	1	3	Security Awareness Training / End Point Management
Apple iPad Pro			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6	Security Awareness Training / Security Log Monitoring
Firewall			Missed Security Patches	Kerberos Exploit	3	3	9	Vulnerability Management / Security Log Monitoring
Network Router			Denial of Service Attack	Remote code execution	3	2	6	Vulnerability Management / User Permissions
Quick Books			Powershell attack vector	Inadequate user rights	3	2	6	User Permissions / Security Log Monitoring
Windows 10			Easy to Guess Passwords	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9	Security Awareness Training
Microsoft 365			Credential Theft	Lack of Security Training	3	3	9	Security Awareness Training / Security Log Monitoring

## Risk Assessment Details / Steps

### Step 5

#### Apply Risk Management Options

- Risk Reduction
- Risk Avoidance
- Risk Transfer or Sharing
- Risk Acceptance

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### Risk Reduction

- The Implementation of controls or countermeasures to reduce the likelihood or impact of a risk to acceptable levels

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### Risk Avoidance

- Avoiding risk by not participating in an activity or business

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### Risk Transfer or Sharing

- Transferring risk to a third-party (i.e., insurance) or share with a third-party via contractual agreement

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### Risk Acceptance

- Assuming the risk and absorbing losses if the risk is within tolerance or the cost of mitigation exceeds the potential loss

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## Next Steps

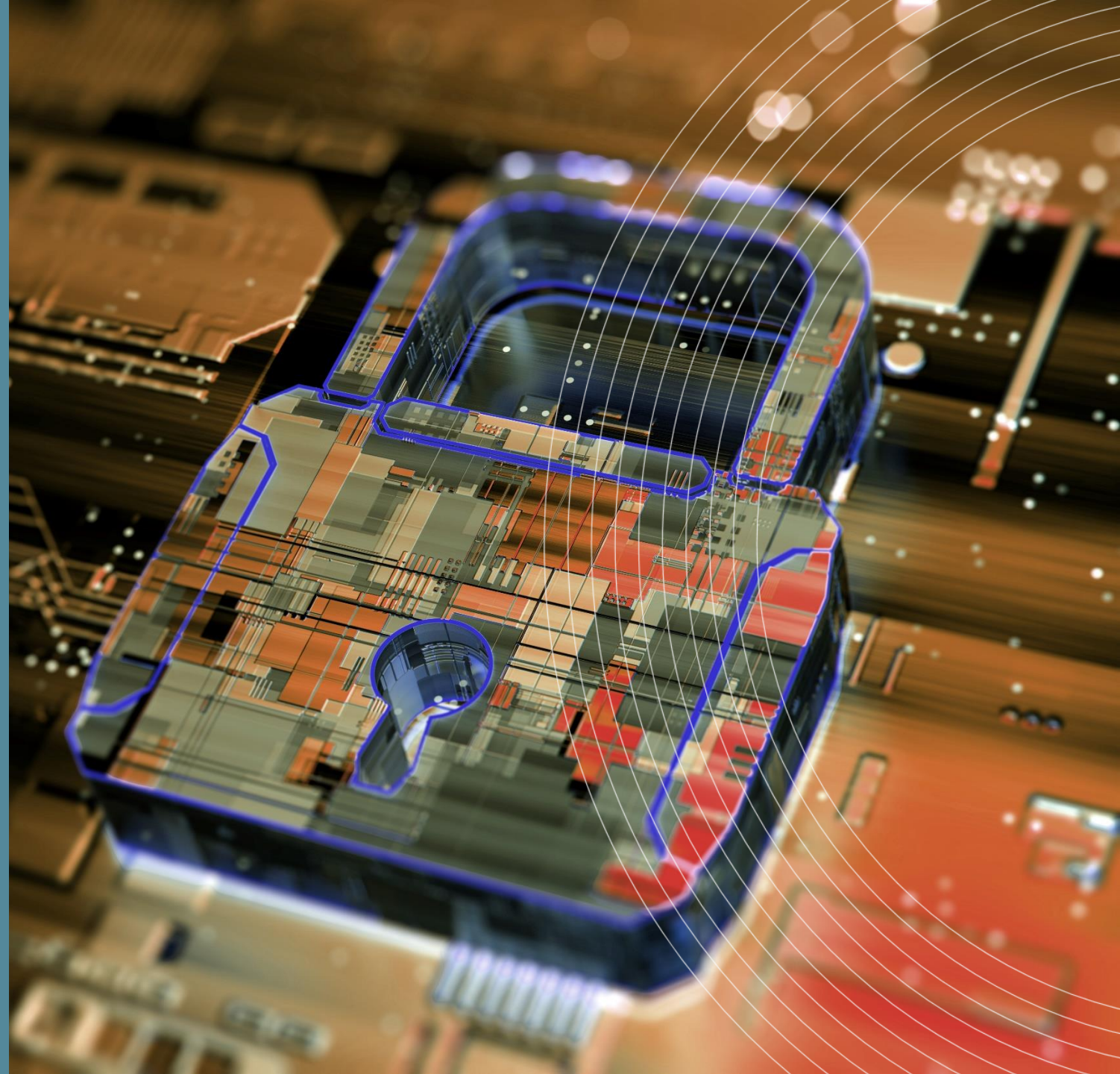
- ❖ Take Action
  - ❖ Risk Assessment Policy
  - ❖ Build your Asset Register (if approach)
  - ❖ Determine Threats and Vulnerabilities
  - ❖ Conduct your Risk Assessment
  - ❖ Risk Treatment Plan

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Wrap Up





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- ❖ Why Do You Need a Risk Assessment
- ❖ Risk Assessment Steps

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# QUESTIONS?

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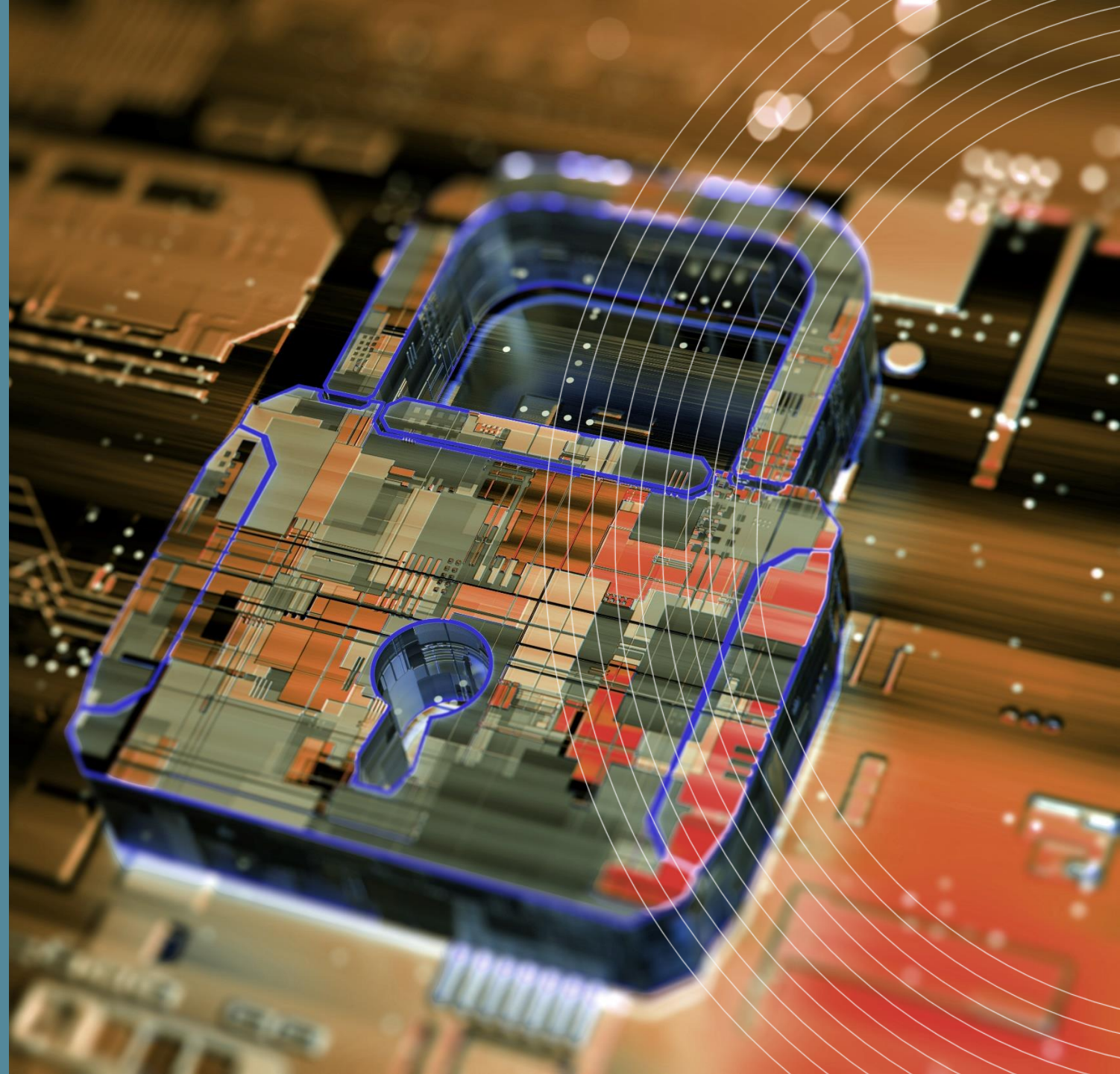
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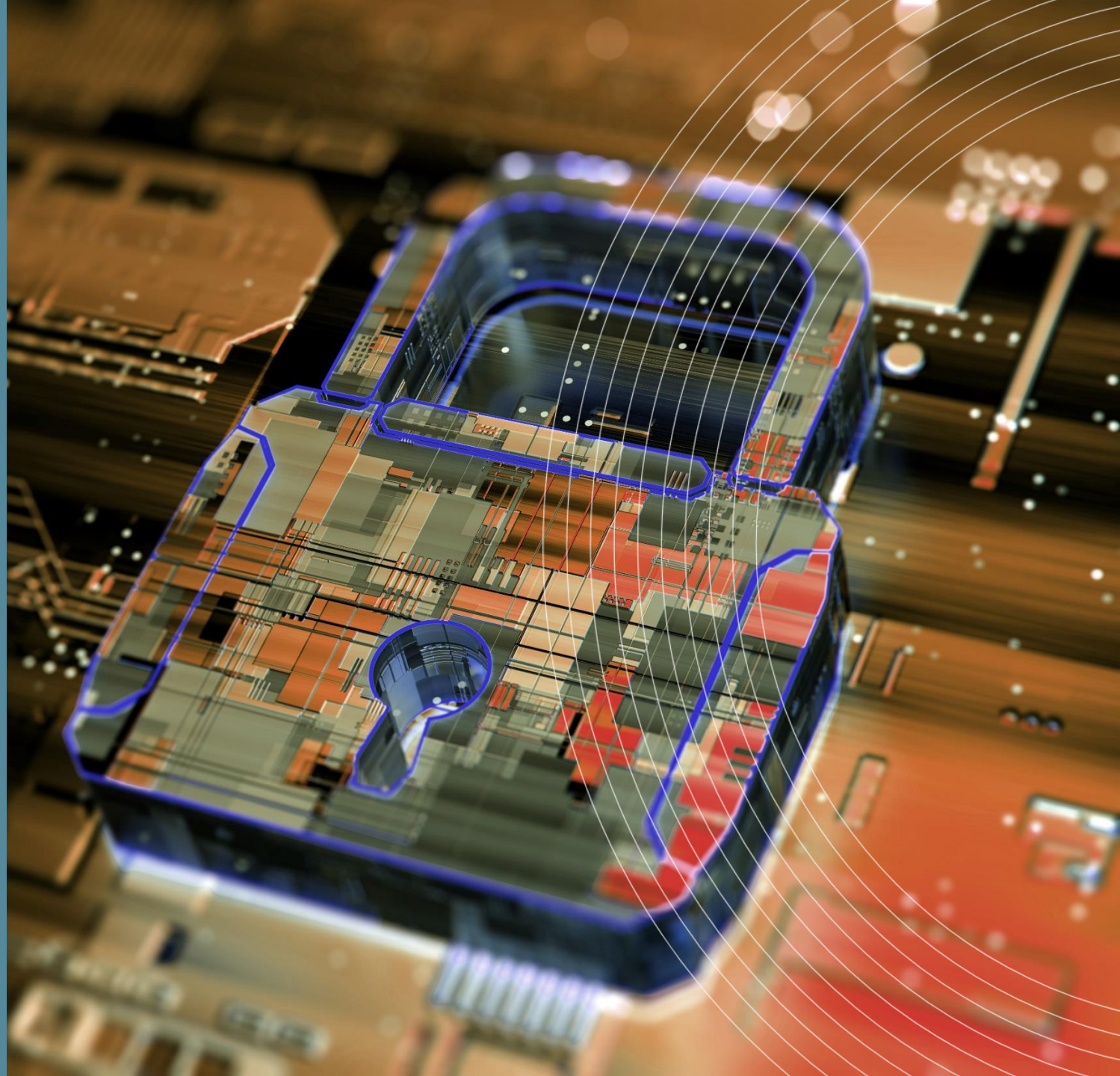
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Desktop PC			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6
Laptop PC			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access	3	1	3
Laptop PC			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions	3	2	6
Laptop PC			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6
Printer			Unauthorized changes to configuration settings	Privilege Escalation	2	2	4
Printer			Saved copies on internal storage	Information Disclosure	2	1	2
Printer			Internet access Attack Vector	Print Job Manipulation/ Information Disclosure	3	1	3
Apple iPhone 10			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access	3	1	3
Apple iPhone 10			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions	3	2	6
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Apple iPad Pro			Lost or Stolen device	Unprotected device/ network access	3	1	3
Apple iPad Pro			Unauthorized Access to Information Systems	Inadequate user rights/ permissions	3	2	6
Apple iPad Pro			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6
Firewall			Configuration Error	Weak Password / Inadequate user rights / Credential Theft	3	2	6
Firewall			Distributed Denial of Service Attack	VPN Vulnerability	3	2	6
Firewall			Missed Security Patches	Kerberos Exploit	3	3	9
Network Switch			Configuration Error	Weak Password / Inadequate user rights / Credential Theft	3	2	6
Network Switch			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Authentication Bypass	3	2	6
Network Switch			Denial of Service Attack	Remote code execution	3	2	6
Network Router			Configuration Error	Weak Password / Inadequate user rights / Credential Theft	3	2	6
Network Router			Router Table Poisoning Attack	Unauthenticated command injection	2	1	2
Network Router			Denial of Service Attack	Remote code execution	3	2	6

Quick Books			Powershell attack vector	Inadequate user rights	3	2	6
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Quick Books			Ransomware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9
Windows 10			Configuration Error	Weak Password / Inadequate user rights / Credential Theft	3	2	6
Windows 10			Easy to Guess Passwords	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	3	9
Windows 10			Phishing / Virus / Malware	Inadequate level of Awareness / Knowledge of employees	3	2	6
Microsoft 365			Credential Theft	Lack of Security Training	3	3	9
Microsoft 365			Out of date software / missed patches	Java Script / Web Page Vulnerability	3	3	9
Microsoft 365			Configuration vulnerabilities	Weak Password / Inadequate user rights / Credential Theft	3	2	6

<b>Controls</b>
Security Awareness Training
IT Security Training / User Permissions / Security Log Monitoring
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