

# Why organizations keep getting breached.... *Still, in 2015.*

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Your Answer to Information Security™





“There seems to be  
some **perverse human  
characteristic** that likes  
to make easy things  
difficult.”

- Warren Buffett

# 2015 Verizon DBIR



80% of attacks are external

Discovery times are too long

Flaws still not being patched

Phishing more effective





You *cannot* secure  
*(or respond to)*  
what you don't  
acknowledge  
*(or know about).*

Once the breach  
occurs...



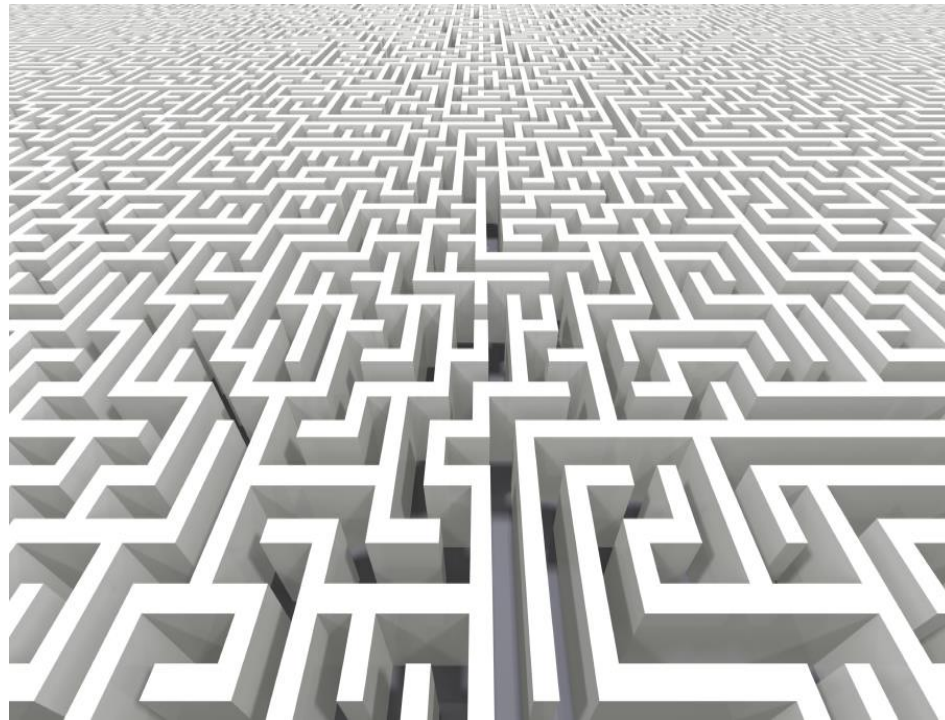
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# Root Causes





Threats are getting  
bigger and better.



Attack surfaces are  
growing.



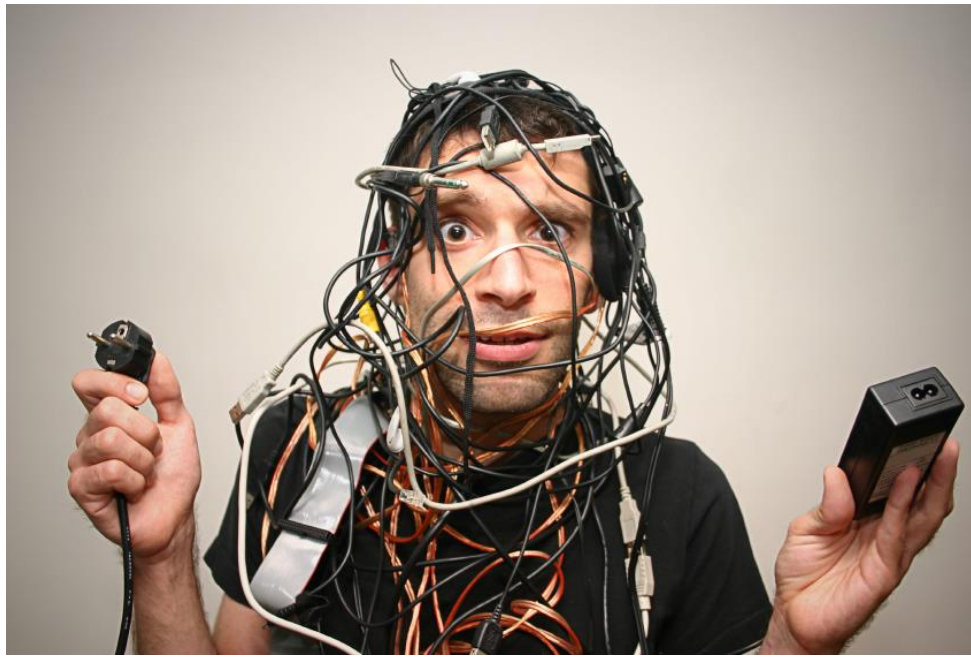
Bad (or no)  
information.



Lack of **situational**  
**awareness.**



Improperly set  
expectations.



**Response** is becoming  
more difficult.





**Indecisiveness** – no  
goals, no direction.

# The 3 Steps You Have to Take.

# Step #1

**Know** what you've got.

# First Things First

What are your  
specific  
requirements?

What's expected of  
you?

What information are  
you collecting?

Where are critical  
assets located?

# Information & Systems to Protect

Customer  
Information

Employee  
Information

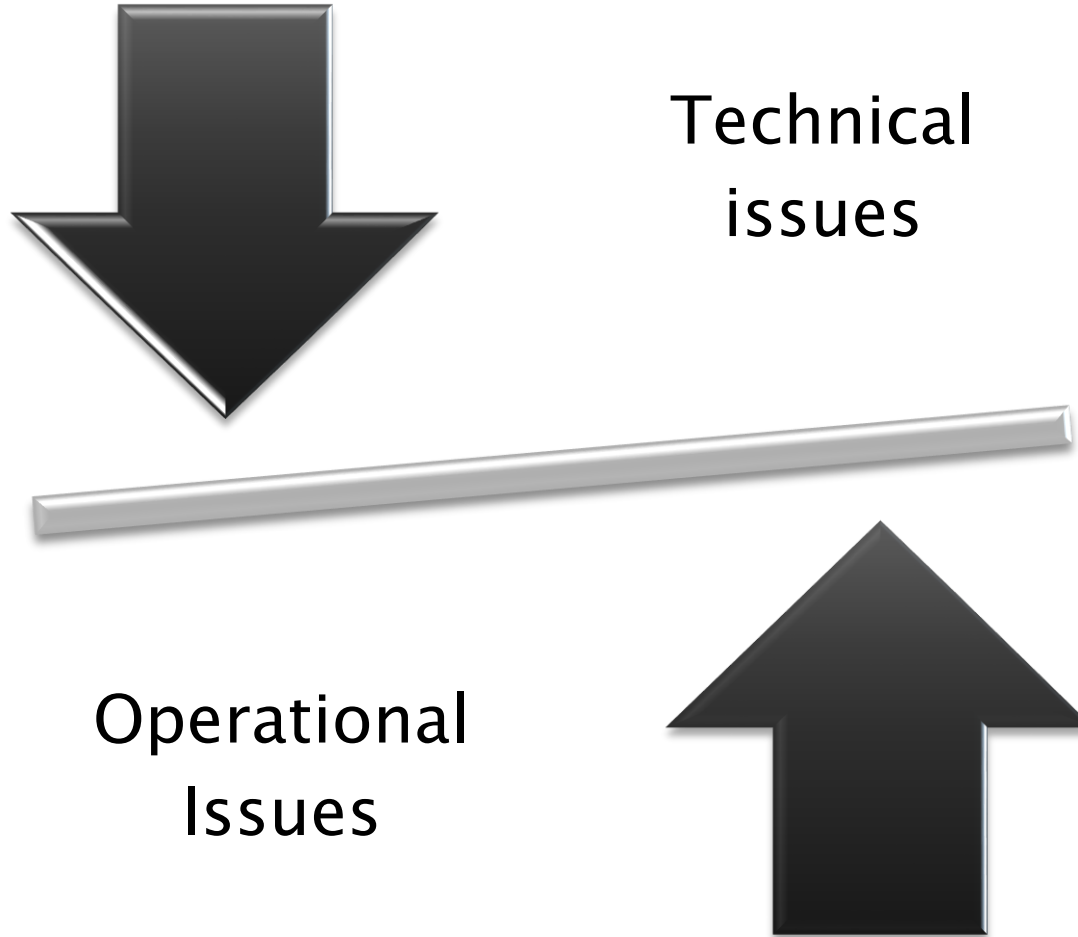
Intellectual  
Property

Applications

Network  
Systems

Vendor  
Connections

# Look at Both Sides





## Step #2

Understand how  
it's at risk.



All's  
well  
in IT....

Right?

# The Givens

Passwords

Encryption

Patches

Malware  
Protection

Wireless

Web  
Applications

Physical  
Security

Unstructured  
Information

Phishing

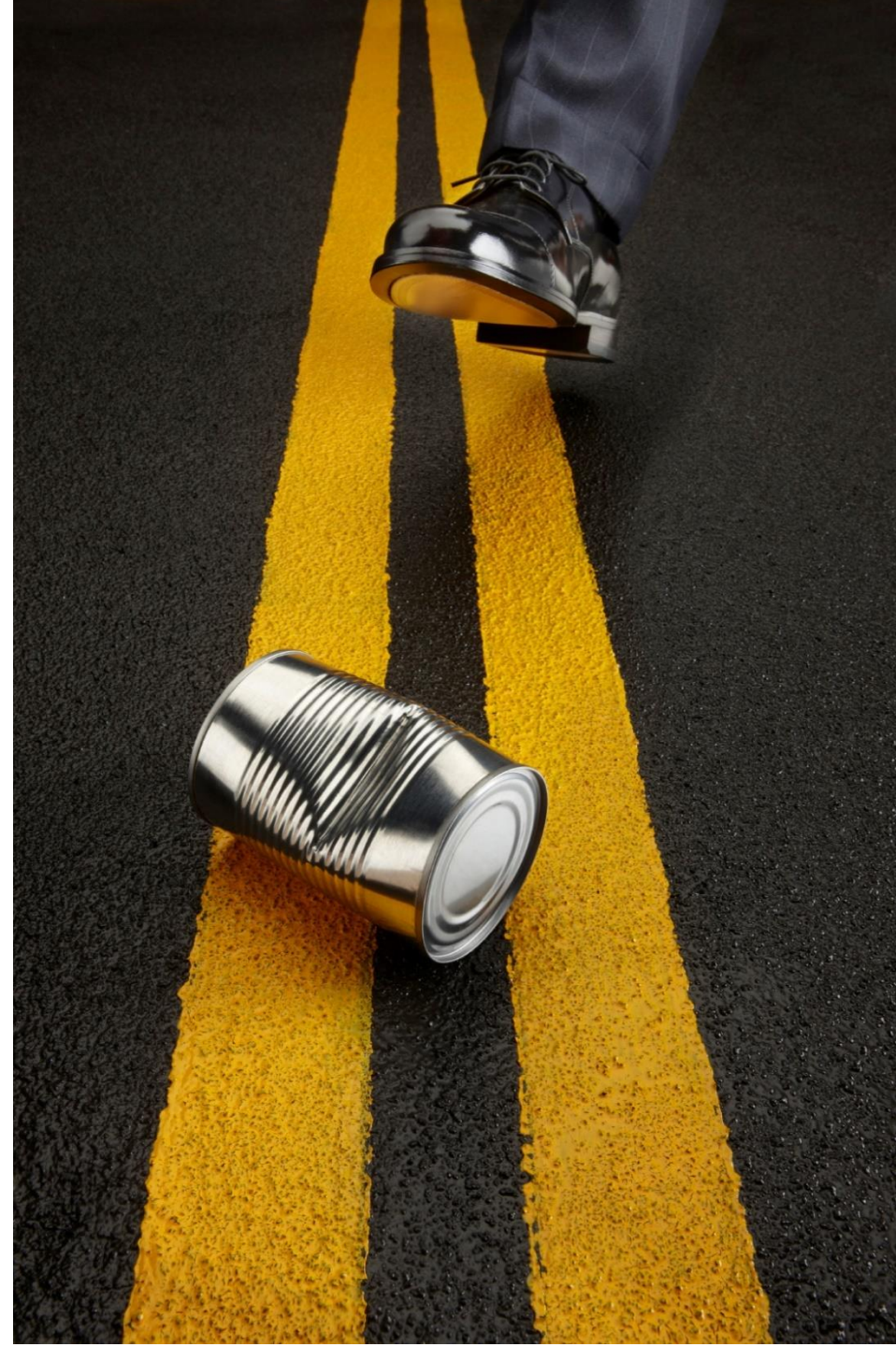
Most **urgent** flaws.

*on your*

Most **important** systems.

“**Avoidance** is the best short-term strategy to escape conflict and the best long-term strategy to ensure suffering.”

-Brendon Bruchard



# Step #3

Do something  
about it.



- ✓ Where does **management** stand?
- ✓ Are your policies **documented**?
- ✓ Are your policies **reasonable**?
- ✓ Are you actually **following** AND **enforcing** your policies?

Technology enforces  
policies.

Or does it...?

“underimplemented”

Who do you have  
on your side?

What's the **worst**  
that could happen?

(minimax regret analysis)

# Two modes:

- 1) Reactive
- 2) Responsive





Response-ability



What is normal?

Has something gone wrong?

What has actually happened?

How did it happen?

What was impacted?

Who was involved?

What are the next steps?

"Divide each difficulty into as many parts as is feasible and necessary to resolve it." -Rene Descartes

# Your Plan of Action

Step 1: Understand what's at stake.

Step 2: Develop goals.

Step 3: Prioritize.

Step 4: Outline specific steps.

Step 5: Set deadlines.

...Get help when you need it.



A photograph of a rectangular chalkboard with a light-colored wooden frame. The chalkboard is dark and shows some faint, curved chalk marks. The text "Zero-Based Thinking" is written in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font, arranged in two lines.

# Zero-Based Thinking

# Ask Yourself

- 1.If our security program was perfect in every way, it would have these things...
- 2.Knowing what we now know, what would we have more of?  
Less of?

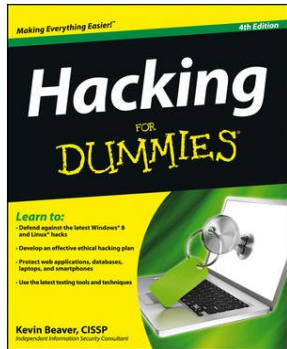
Facts  
vs.  
Problems

80/20 Rule

for **your** situation.

# Additional Resources

- ▶ My website: [principlelogic.com/resources](http://principlelogic.com/resources)
- ▶ My blog: [securityonwheels.com/blog](http://securityonwheels.com/blog)
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~~Reactive~~

Proactive







**Expect** it  
to spill.