



FLUSHING AWAY PRECONCEPTIONS OF RISK

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- our interpretation of risk
- our measurement of risk
- our effective treatment of risk















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49 sq/in



1,676 sq/in



3,295 sq/in



20,961 sq/in





2540/2541 sd/in



“*perceived*” risk





“hygiene” risk

“*actual*” risk



THE MEASUREMENT OF RISK



Malik, Javvad
(2014-05-12). The
CISSP companion
handbook: A collection
of tales, experiences
and straight up
fabrications fitted into
the 10 CISSP domains
of information security
(Kindle Locations
918-923). . Kindle
Edition.

The Malik Risk Model Ver 1.0		Impact			
		Won't Hurt	Is that the best you got?	Ouch!	Holy Crap!
Likelihood	Ain't Happening	"a swift half"	"it's your round"	"easy Tiger..."	"hold my drink Steve"
	Possibly	"it's your round"	"easy Tiger..."	"hold my drink Steve"	"Get off him Dave, he ain't worth it"
	It's On	"easy Tiger..."	"hold my drink Steve"	"Get off him Dave, he ain't worth it"	"cab to A&E please"
	Holy Crap!	"hold my drink Steve"	"Get off him Dave, he ain't worth it"	"cab to A&E please"	"Ambulance please"

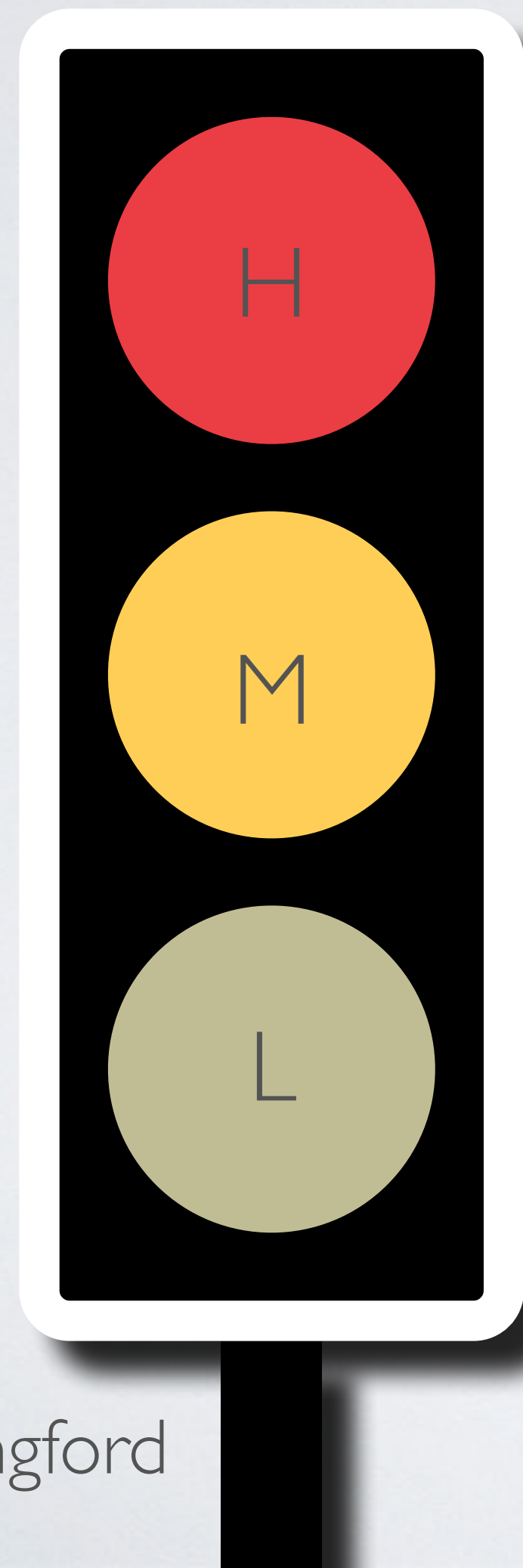
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	Testicles	"get off him Dave"	"Let's 'ave it then"	"cab to A&E please"	"Let's 'ave it then"	"cab to A&E please"	"Ambulance please"	"cab to A&E please"	"Ambulance please"	"Mortuary please"

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ISO 27005 Risk Model	Likelihood of threat	Low			Medium			High		
	Ease of Exploitation	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Asset Value	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	4
	1	1	2	3	2	3	4	3	4	5
	2	2	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	6
	3	3	4	5	4	5	6	5	6	7
	4	4	5	6	5	6	7	6	7	8

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ORDINALS?



And nobody uses “red” because it means failure

Therefore the risk world becomes “amber”

Nobody uses “green” because it means no more budget



Nassim Nicholas Taleb,
"The Black swan"



THE TREATMENT OF RISK





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@ThomLangford @jack_daniel @mduren all together, is it like one inch? Still arguing over the head? youtube.com/watch?v=EMGsAD...



sir jester @sirjester
@EdwardPrevost @J4vv4D @ThomLangford @jack_daniel @mduren The collective power of our beards is underrated! pic.twitter.com/ECbw0uuCWB

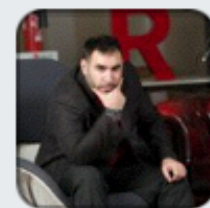


Edward Prevost @EdwardPrevost
@sirjester @J4vv4D @ThomLangford heh You'll be fashionable when you sport an epic beard. (cc @jack_daniel @mduren)

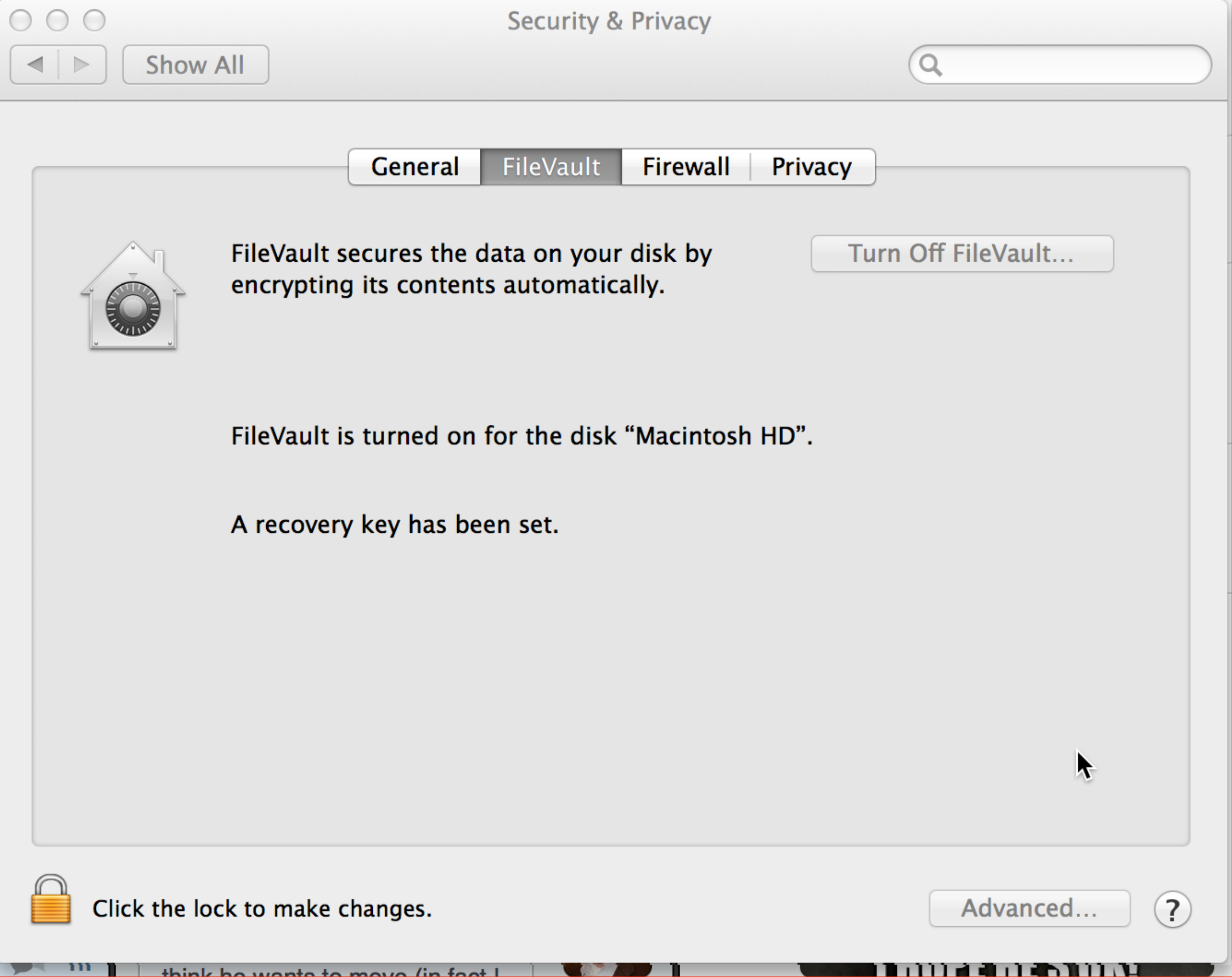


sir jester @sirjester
@J4vv4D @ThomLangford I'll concede they're better than the sexist swag you produce! :)

TheAnalogies Project @TheAnalogiesProject 4h

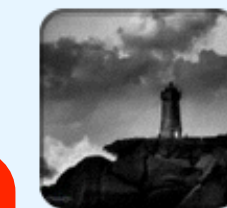


People these days just don't respect embargoes!



naked selfies, had them hacked, but nobody seems to want to share them (or admit to having them).

HostUnknownTV @HostUnknownTV 32d



Debasish @thisisdebasish
@sirjester @chrisriceuk @HostUnknownTV Enjoy the evening brothers! Cheers! 19d



sir jester @sirjester
@thisisdebasish @chrisriceuk We're already planning the next @HostUnknownTV hit (not in pwnie terms but as an ear-worm) ;) 19d



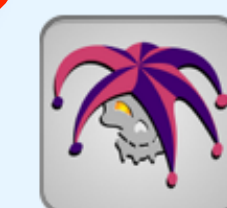
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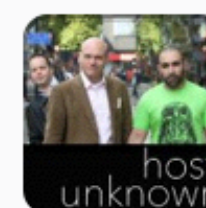
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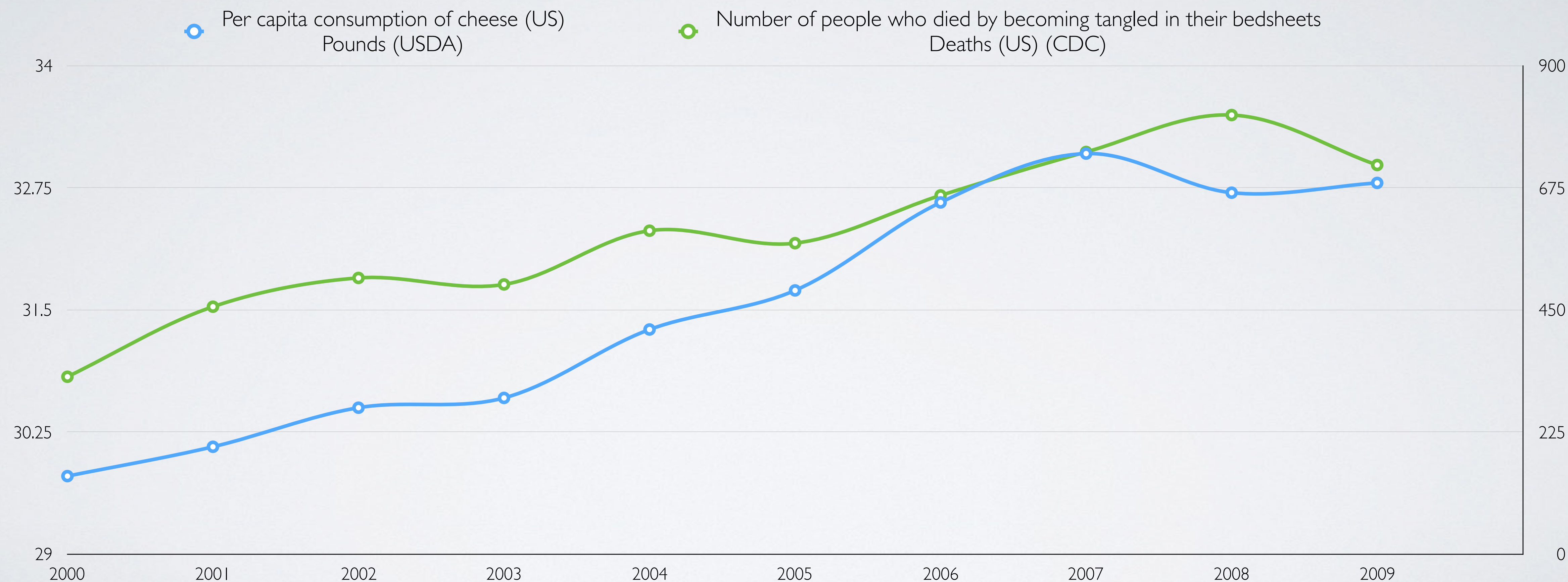


sir jester @sirjester
@HostUnknownTV @RANTConference Um, I have some bad news about that champagne... 32d



HostUnknownTV @HostUnknownTV 43d
To all of our Indian fans, "AP BINDAAS HO!"
#HostUnknownTVLovesIndia

CAUSATION VS CORRELATION

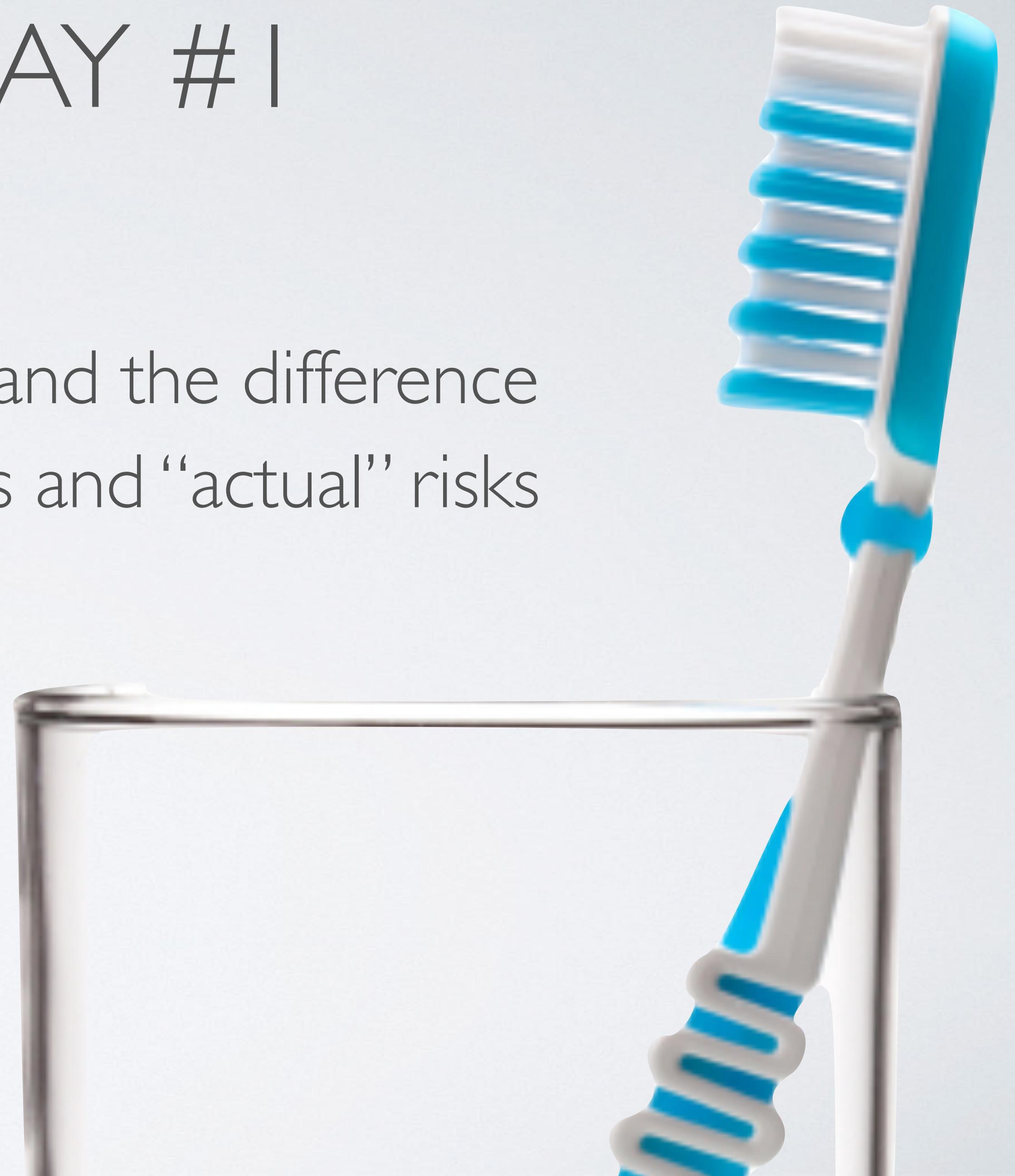


FLEXIBLE RISK RESPONSE



TAKEAWAY #1

- Recognise and understand the difference between “hygiene” risks and “actual” risks



TAKEAWAY #2

- Spot patterns in your risks over time.
What has become a commodity?
What were the black swans?



TAKEAWAY #3

- A risk hasn't been mitigated just because it hasn't happened; don't suffer a placebo effect.





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