MSBO Technology Committee and VDA Labs



Cybersecurity: Where do I begin?

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- Over 25 years experience in the IT field, started in 1990.
- Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Management thru M5U, ITIL v3 Certified, Scrum Certified, Certified Novell Admin.
- Held Executive Director level positions in Non-profit, Manufacturing, Insurance, State Government and IT Consulting sectors.
- Owned and operated an IT consulting practice since 1998.

Focus knowledge areas at VDA:

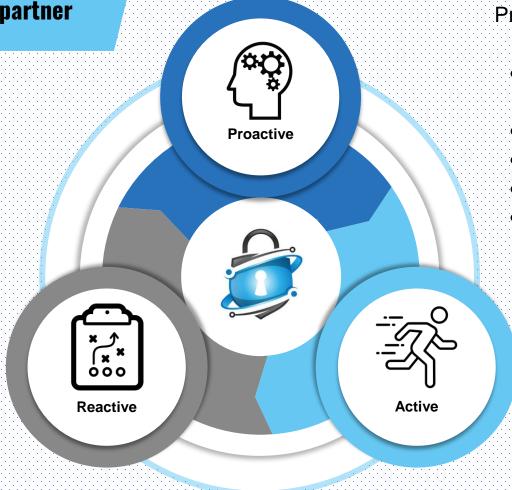
- Penetration testing "Red Team" attacks and Network Vulnerability assessments.
- Firewall security solutions Palo Alto and Fortinet.
- 2 Factor authentication solutions Okta & DUO
- EDR products Sentinel One, Palo Alto Cortex XDR
- SIEM / SOC / SOAR platforms VDA Vigilance, GrayLog, ElkStack, LogRhythm.
- GRC compliance frameworks NIST, CMMC, ISO27001, SOC2, PCI, HIPAA.
- End user security awareness training platforms VDA Aware, KnowBe4

VDA Labs Client Engagement

Your end-to-end cybersecurity partner

Reactive

- Incident Response Team
- Forensic Investigation
- Threat Hunting
- IR Planning & Roadmap
- Business Continuity
- Incident Response Events
 - Table Top
 - Active Hacking
 - Red Team Exercises
 - Simulated Disaster Recovery



Proactive

- Security Program Development
- Compliance Consulting
- Adversarial Testing
- Application Security
- Product Evaluation & Resale

Active

- VDA Vigilance
 - Managed SIEM
 - SOC-as-a-Service
 - Managed Detection & Response
 - Comprehensive Threat Intelligence
 - 24x7 Monitoring



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Why We're Here

 Preparation is the key to mitigating risk and/or crisis aversion

 Standardization of plans across districts with tailored practices towards educational institutions

 Keep operations running in the event of several common scenarios



Disaster Recovery

Patterns the recovery process back to normalcy. Focuses on system and data availability.

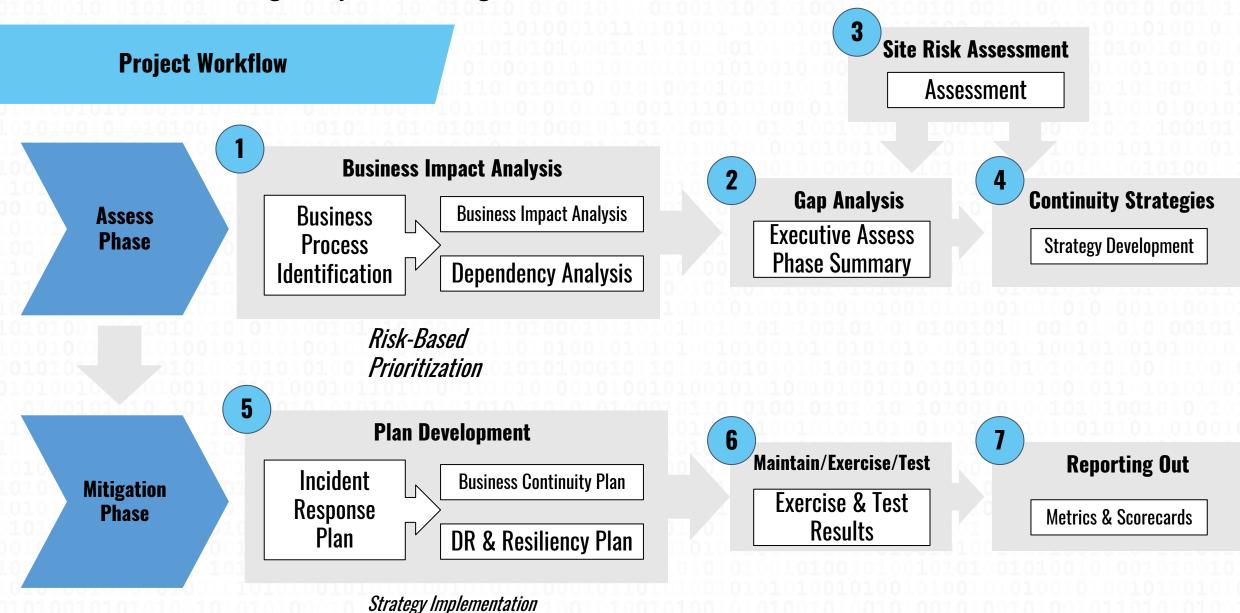
Incident Response

Documentation of how your district handles an incident from the start.

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Business Continuity

Keeps your organization running during the lifecycle of an incident.



BIA Homework Assignment

[School District]: District or School Impact Assessment

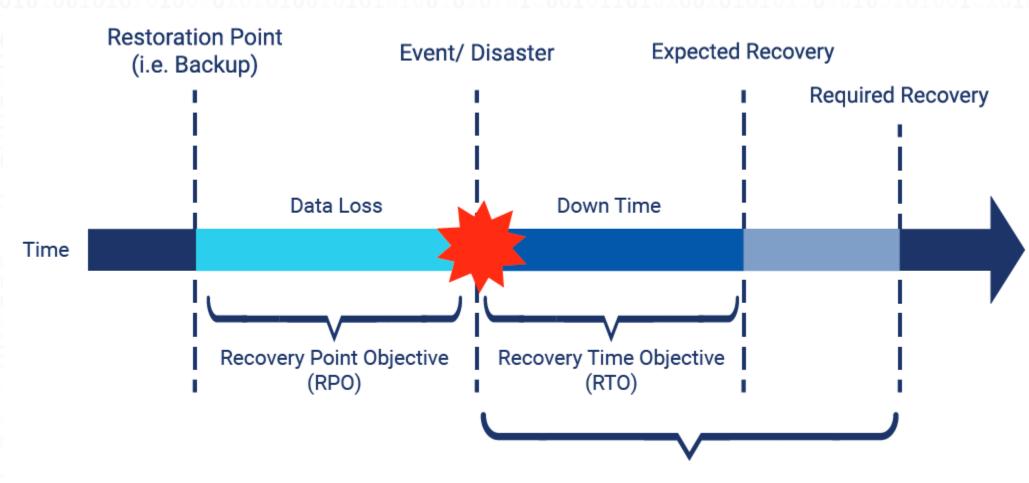
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People

- Develop a Business Impact Analysis document based on your environment
- Define Critical People, Systems, Applications and Locations
- Define the critically of the systems outages
- Define your RPO/RTO and Maximum Tolerable Downtime

Department / Function	Department / Function Priority	Head of Department / Function	Number of Full Time Staff	Number of Volunteers	Number of Part Time Staff	Number of Contractors	Work From Location		Impa
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What it does	What it is called	Who Uses It	Acceptable time to restore (RTO - Recovery Time	Acceptable Point of Recovery (RPO - Recovery Point	Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption	Impact Over time			
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What Does RPO & RTO Mean?



Maximum Tolerable Downtime (MTD)



Initial Disaster Recovery Workshop

Sample areas and topics of discussion as they relate to distributed template

- Insurance Compliance
- Identify Critical Operations Evaluate Possible DR Scenarios
- Develop a Communication
- Developing a Data Backup and Recovery Plan
- Testing Regime

Two working sessions will be made available between workshops for a duration of two hours per working session. These will be optional sessions for districts to follow up on any items covered in the initial

workshop.

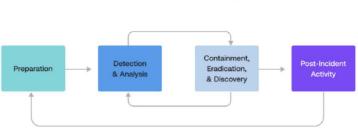
Follow-up Disaster Recovery Workshop

Topics of discussion and workshop structure will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Peer Review Process
- Testing Effectiveness (Applicability & Scenarios)
- Testing Cadence
- Plan Maintenance
- Plan Adaptability and Approval Processes



NIST Incident Response Cycle



Initial Incident Response Workshop

Sample areas and topics of discussion as they relate to distributed template

- Insurance Compliance
- Preparation
- Detection
- Analysis
- Containment
- Recovery User Response

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Additional topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to the following:

workshop.

- Reporting of cyber incidents
 - o Identification of affected systems
 - Detecting affected accounts
 - Detecting affected data
 - o Additional possible areas of compromise

Initial Business Continuity Workshop

Sample areas and topics of discussion as they relate to distributed template

- Insurance Compliance
- Business Impact Framework
- Outage Maps & Impacts
- Estimating Downtime
- Triaging Recovery Priorities Assigning Metrics & Cost
 - Assessment Communication Processes

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Plan Adaptability and Approval Processes

Services and solutions we recommend to reduce the attack surface:

Implement MFA
Update traditional AV to EDR
Implement SIEM/SOC/SOAR
Implement DLP
Implement PAM
Implement IAM
Regular Pen testing
Internal vulnerability management
Security GAP assessments following a framework
Creation of IR, DR and BC plans following NIST

Baseline / lower cost initial engagements:

CIS top 18 security controls assessment – aligned to NIST 800-171 / CSF

AD/Azure security review – Hardening and best practices

AWS container / workload security assessment – Container security / risk score improvement

O365 security audit – Hardening, attack surface reduction, secure score improvement

Vulnerability management – quarterly internal security scans

EUT and quarterly rotating phishing assessments — Implement a district wide user training platform Software / Hardware asset inventory scan — Utility used to scan the IT environment to report assets

MSSP offerings: Helping to remove the workload off small or overloaded IT teams

MSSP Offerings

VDA Labs is invested in bolstering security defenses against the constantly growing threat landscape in today's interconnected workplace. These offerings are structured to comply with today's typical cybersecurity insurance requirements, as well as best practice solutions to combat threat actors effectively, maximize uptime, and minimize the possibility of a breach scenario.

Cybersecurity Awareness Program

Web-based application designed to train personnel on the pressing need to be cyber vigilant. Includes 6 Modules & semi-annual phishing simulation tests (2 per year).



Filters/scans incoming emails for malicious attachments and/or links. Includes Secure Email Gateway, Targeted Threat Protection, and Internal Email Protect.



DNS Security

A protective DNS service that prevents access to domains known to be malicious. Cloud-delivered network security and threat intelligence that protects any device, anywhere.



Data backups are disconnected and inaccessible through the organization's network. Administered in a secure cloud environment, Includes regularly tested restoration & recovery.





Patch Management

Automate vulnerability identification and remediation with patch management, Includes service to install critical software security patches within 30 days.



MSSP Offerings







Endpoint Detection & Response Next-Generation Antivirus Static Al & Behavioral Al Prevention, Embedded Al Threat Intel & Threat Indicators, Recovery Sentinel

with 1-Click Remediation & Rollback, VDA Labs MDR included.



Password Management

Password manager that stores encrypted passwords online. Saves your passwords and gives you secure access from every computer and mobile device.



VDA Vigilance - SIEM /MDR - Monitoring

Managed log aggregation software to correlate security information and events to centrally managed platform with user and entity behavior analytics (UEBA). VDA Labs MDR included.



Mobile Device Management

Protect every endpoint with flexible device categorization, intelligent auto-deployment of configurations, and auto-mapping of identity to devices.





Vulnerability Management

Identification, handling, and reporting on security vulnerabilities in systems and the software that runs on them. Service (3) Nessus provided quarterly by VDA Labs.



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Incident Response Plan

VDA Labs will work to provide a set of tools and procedures that your security team can use to identify, eliminate, and recover from cybersecurity threats (including ransomware events).



MSSP Offerings

Active Threat Hunting

Huntress enables you to find and stop hidden threats that sneak past preventive security tools. This platform helps IT service providers protect themselves from persistent footholds, ransomware, and other attacks.



Multi-Factor Authentication (2FA/MFA)

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is used to protect against hackers by ensuring that digital users are who they say they are. Not having MFA is one of the most common means of account compromise.





Web Application Firewalls (WAF)

Web Application Firewalls (WAF) helps protect web applications by filtering and monitoring HTTP traffic between a web application and the Internet. Protects against cross-site scripting (XSS), SQL injection, cookie poisoning, and more.



A dedicated security practitioner who uses the culmination of their years of cybersecurity & industry experience to help organizations with developing and managing the implementation of the organization's information security program.



Value with Purpose

- Meets compliance requirements
- Proposed solutions managed by VDA Labs
- Modern tools & technologies for best-of-breed protection

Simple & Predictable Pricing

- Flexible Billing
- Priced by user, endpoint, or site (depending on solution)
- Multi-year options available

Fast Deployment

- Solutions deployed in 30 days or less
- Licensing issued within 48 hours
- Visibility gained immediately after onboarding



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QUESTIONS?

