

The CEO gets it. Now you have to deliver!

Defining, Implementing and Executing a
Contemporary Information Security Strategy

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One fine day...

"Are we ready to face the challenges of Cyber Security?"

Executive board



"Are we secure?"

CEO



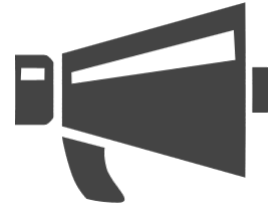
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ISF Threat Horizon 2016

On the board's radar

New target audience



Increased visibility ... and exposure!



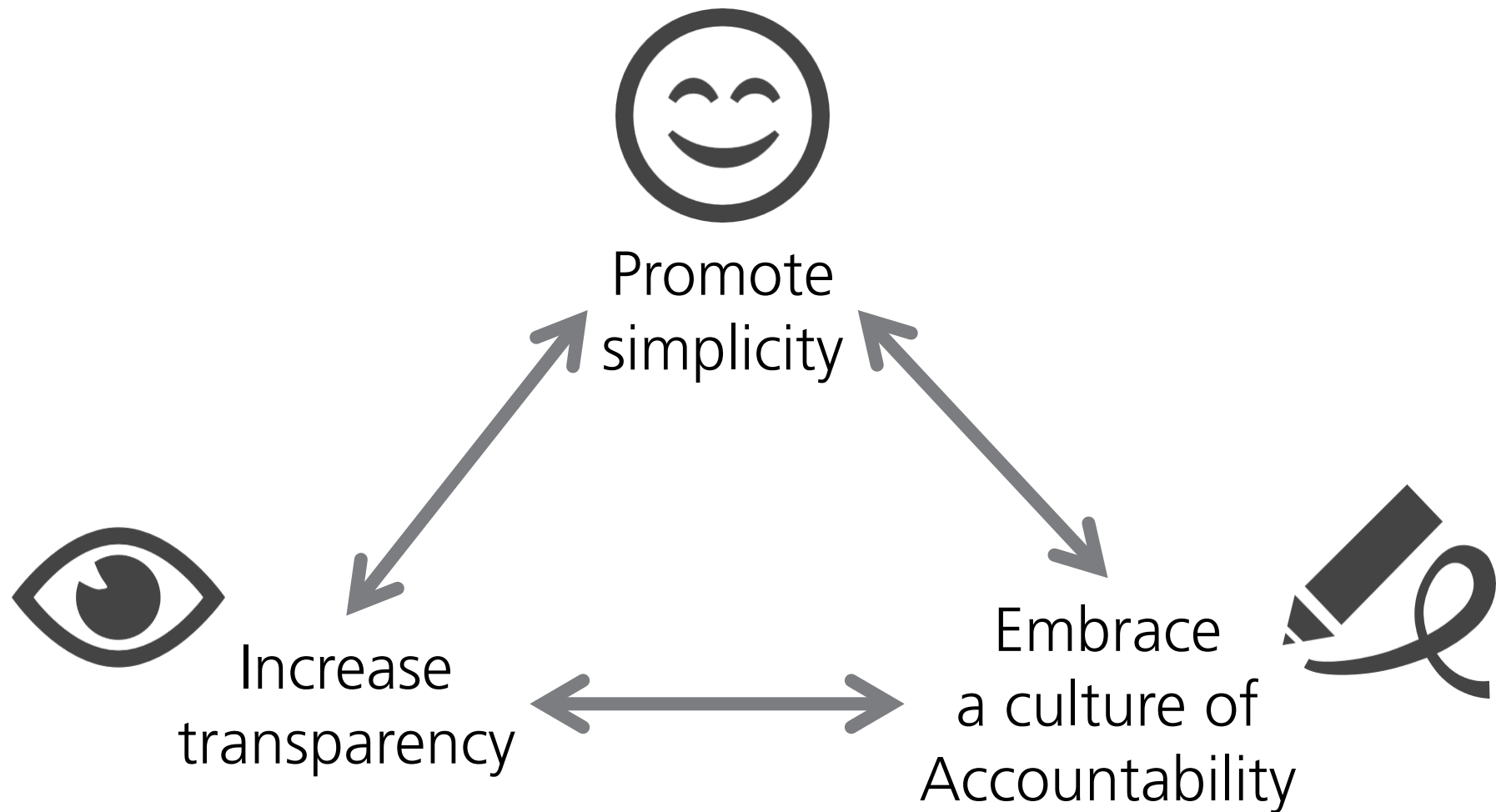
Answers instead of questions –

Solutions instead of problems



Where to start?

A set of guiding principles – to life, the universe and everything



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Characteristics

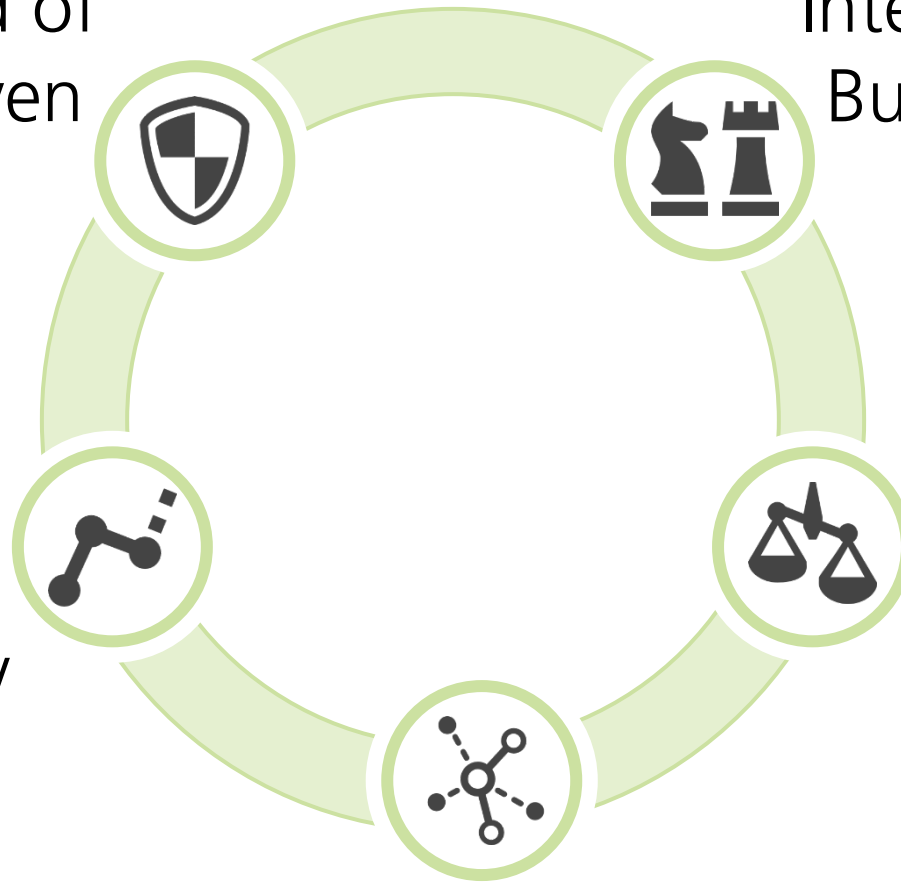
Security- instead of compliance-driven

Integrated into the Business Strategy

Active and anticipatory

Risk-based

Pragmatic



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Integrated into the Business Strategy  

- Digitalisation: Business Products/Services become S.M.A.R.T.
 - Dependency on Information Security increases
- Sound understanding of firm's business, and context it is operating in (P.E.S.T.L.E)
- Derive:
 - Key valuable information assets
 - Business services/products depending on these

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Risk-based ☺ 👁️ ✍️

- Information security incident: Not "if" but "when"
- You cannot afford 100 % security
- Residual risk = risk appetite?
 - Adjust risk response
 - Adjust business product/service
 - Adjust risk appetite
- Residual Risk Response: R³ – Repellence, Resilience, Recovery!
- Information security risk = simply another type of risk

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Pragmatic ☺ 👁️ ✍️

- World is inherently complex
- Perfect = "good enough"
- Focus on standard cases
- Robust and resilient exception management

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Active and anticipatory 

- "Everything changes, nothing stands still" Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher, 535 – 475 BC
 - Business environment
 - Threat landscape
- Collect, Relate, Create, Disseminate

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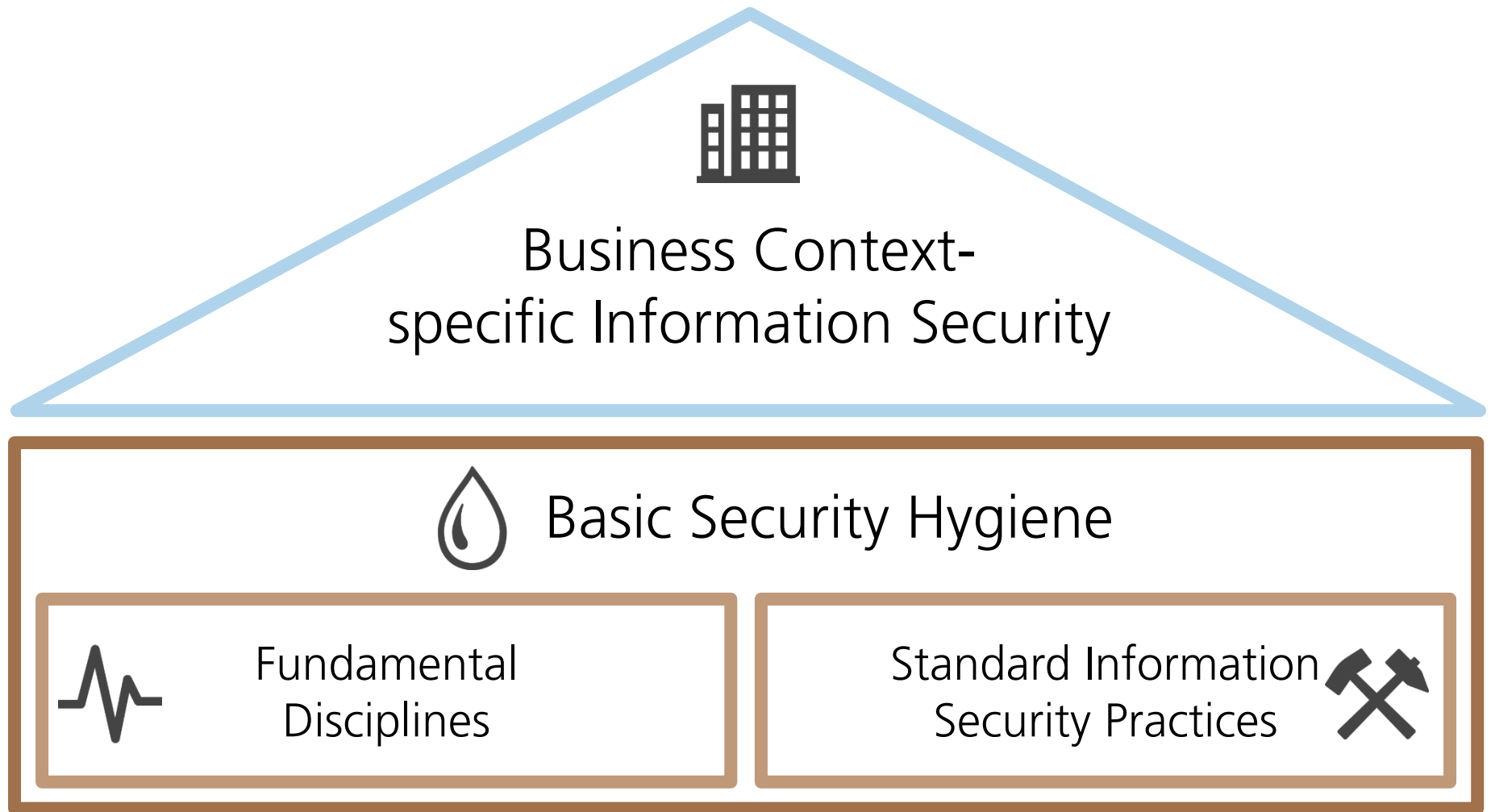


Security- instead of compliance-driven

- It is called Information Security (not Compliance) Strategy
- Relationship: "Security" and "Compliance" \neq causal!

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Two-pronged approach ☺ 👁



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Basic Security Hygiene ☺ 👁️ ✍️

📊 Fundamental Disciplines



Organisation & Governance

Set-up, Operating Model, Policies, Roles, RACI, etc.



Risk Management

Enable a sensible risk dialogue



Information Security Intelligence

Collect, relate, create, disseminate



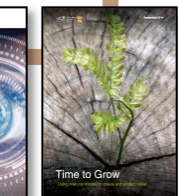
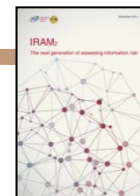
Information Security Awareness

From promoting awareness to changing behaviours



Quality & Performance Management

Efficiency, effectiveness, maturity, benchmarking



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🔨 Standard Information Security Practices



Secure Operations

Recommended priority 1 topics

Incident management

Vulnerability & Patch Management

Configuration management

Privileged access management



Secure Development

Recommended priority 1 topics

Security requirements management

Vulnerability Scanning

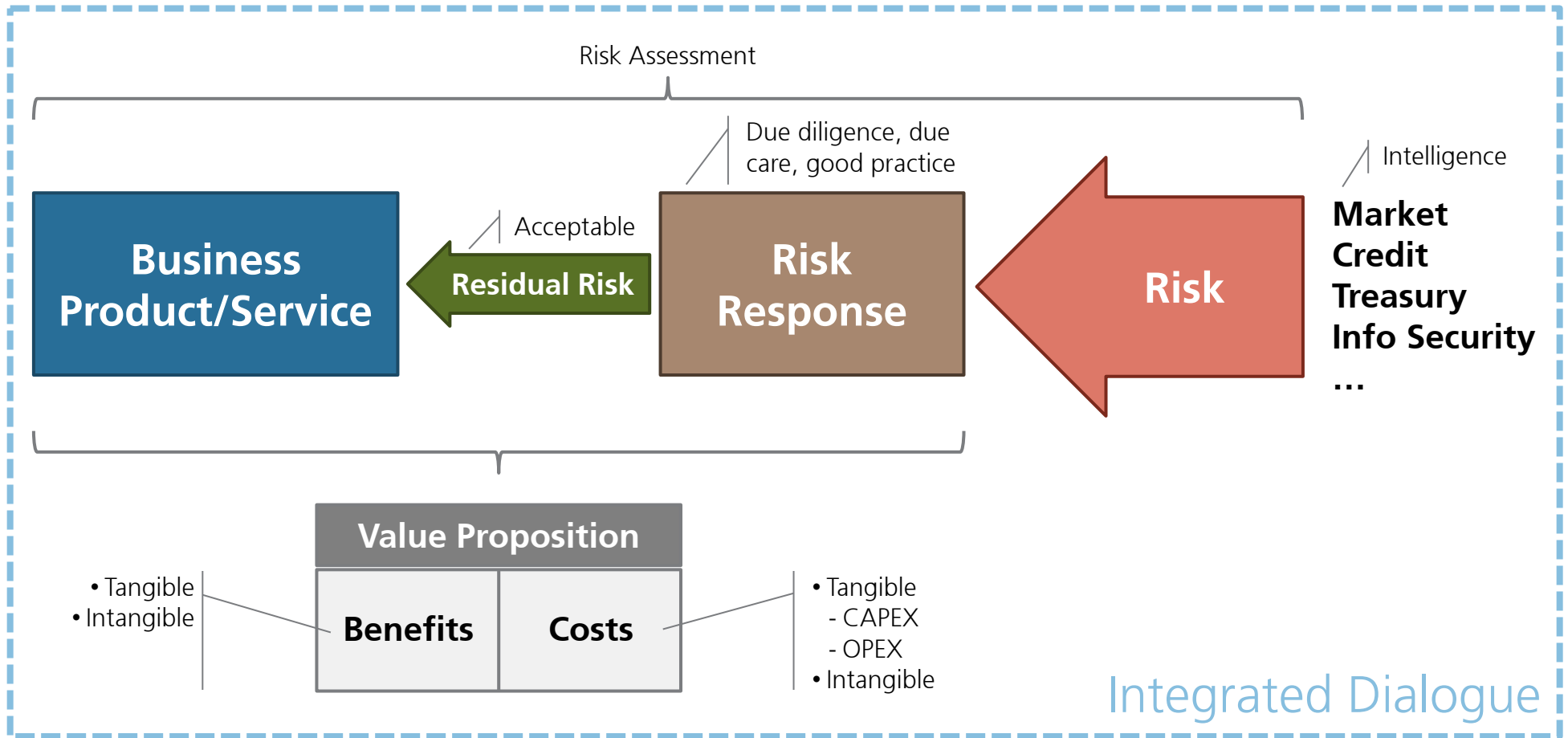
Penetration testing



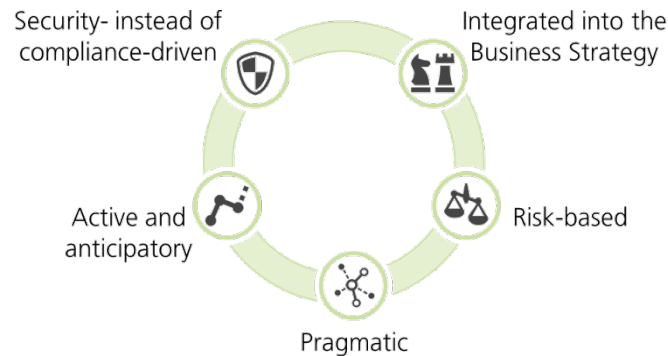
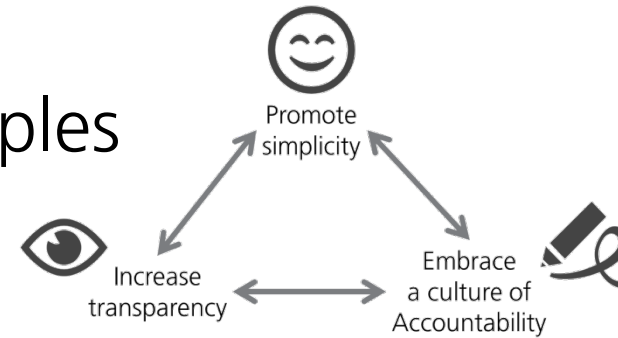
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Business Context-specific Information Security ☺ 👁️ ✍️



Define your guiding principles and stick to them!



Ensure your Information Security Strategy addresses the important characteristics!

Follow a two-pronged Approach – start lean and grow!

