

The Parkerian Hexad

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The Classic Triad

“I would say that Vulnerability would be a frequently involved given the context of the incidents. Most incidents take advantage of how certain systems are designed, implemented, and/or how a system may be configured.”

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The Parkerian Hexad

Protect the 6 atomic elements of INFOSEC:

- Confidentiality
- Possession or control
- Integrity
- Authenticity
- Availability
- Utility

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Why “Parkerian?”



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Confidentiality

Restricting access to data

- Protecting against unauthorized disclosure of *existence* of data
 - ❑ E.g., allowing industrial spy to deduce nature of clientele by looking at directory names
- Protecting against unauthorized disclosure of *details* of data
 - ❑ E.g., allowing 13-yr old girl to examine HIV+ records in Florida clinic



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Possession

Control over information

- Preventing physical contact with data
 - ☐ E.g., case of thief who recorded ATM PINs by radio (but never looked at them)
- Preventing copying or unauthorized use of intellectual property
 - ☐ E.g., violations by software pirates



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Confidentiality & Possession Losses

- Locating
- Disclosing
- Observing, monitoring, and acquiring
- Copying
- Taking or controlling
- Claiming ownership or custodianship
- Inferring
- Exposing to all of the other losses
- Endangering by exposing to any of the other losses
- Failure to engage in or to allow any of the other losses to occur when instructed to do so

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Integrity

Internal consistency, validity, fitness for use

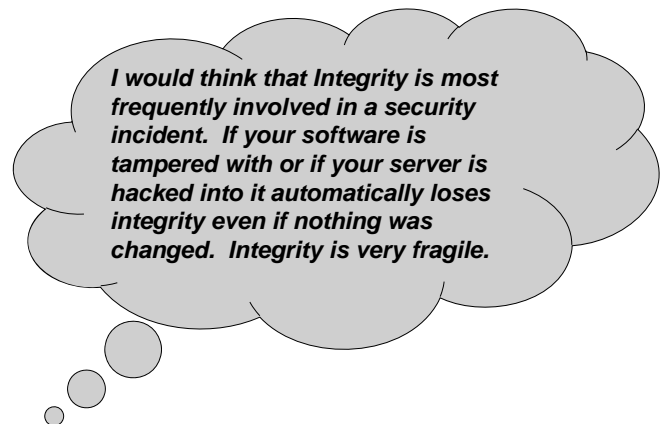
- Avoiding physical corruption
 - ☐ E.g., database pointers trashed or data garbled
- Avoiding logical corruption
 - ☐ E.g., inconsistencies between order header total sale & sum of costs of details



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Integrity: JIT Comment



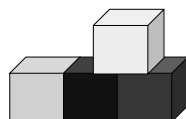
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Authenticity

Correspondence to intended meaning

- Avoiding nonsense
 - ☐ E.g., part number field actually contains cost
- Avoiding fraud
 - ☐ E.g., sender's name on e-mail is changed to someone else's



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Integrity & Authenticity Losses

- Insertion, use, or production of false or unacceptable data
- Modification, replacement, removal, appending, aggregating, separating, or reordering
- Misrepresentation
- Repudiation (rejecting as untrue)
- Misuse or failure to use as required

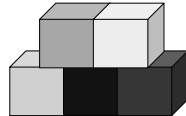
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Availability

Timely access to data

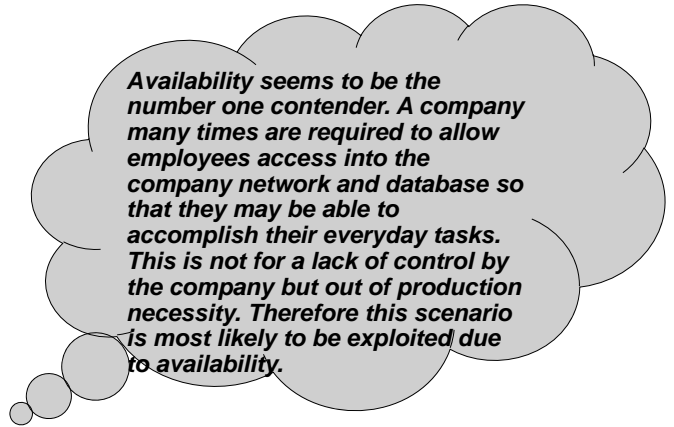
- Avoid delays
 - ❑ E.g., prevent system crashes & arrange for recovery plans
- Avoid inconvenience
 - ❑ E.g., prevent mislabeling of files



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Availability: JIT Comment



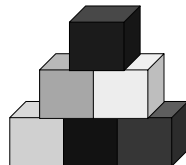
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Utility

Usefulness for specific purposes

- Avoid conversion to less useful form
 - ❑ E.g., replacing dollar amounts by foreign currency equivalent
- Prevent impenetrable coding
 - ❑ E.g., employee encrypts source code and "forgets" decryption key



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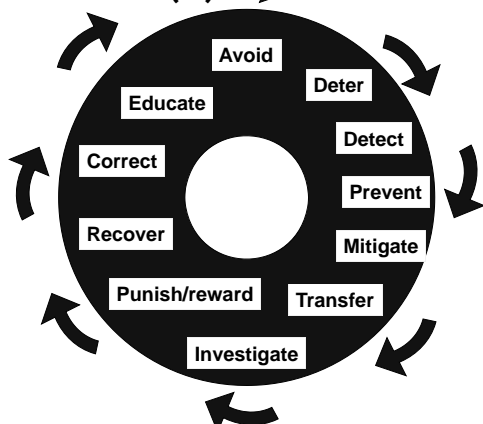
Availability & Utility Losses

- Destruction , damage, or contamination
- Denial, prolongation, acceleration, or delay in use or acquisition
- Movement or misplacement
- Conversion or obscuration

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Functions of INFOSEC Personnel (1)



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Functions of INFOSEC Personnel (2)

- Avoidance: e.g., prevent vulnerabilities and exposures
- Deterrence: make attack less likely
- Detection: quickly spot attack
- Prevention: prevent exploit
- Mitigation: reduce damage
- Transference: shift control for resolution

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Functions of INFOSEC Personnel (3)

- **Investigation:** characterize incident
- **Sanctions & rewards:** punish guilty, encourage effective responders
- **Recovery:** immediate response, repair
- **Correction:** never again
- **Education:** advance knowledge and teach others

DISCUSSION