

#### **International Port Security Program**



### **Port Facility Cyber Security**





#### Overview



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Methods and templates presented throughout this course are derived from U.S. and other international best practices and are not considered a comprehensive list.





Cyber security can be defined as "the collection of tools, policies, security concepts, security safeguards, guidelines, risk management approaches, actions, training, best practices, assurance and technologies that can be used to protect the cyber environment and organization and user's assets."





Within this definition, 'cyber environment' comprises the interconnected networks of both information and cyber physical systems that use electronic, computerbased and wireless systems, including information, services and social and business functions that exist only in cyberspace.





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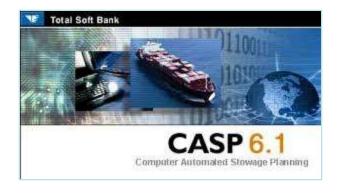


The organization and user's assets' includes connected computing devices, personnel, infrastructure, applications, services, telecommunication systems, and the totality of transmitted, processed and/or stored data and information in the cyber environment.









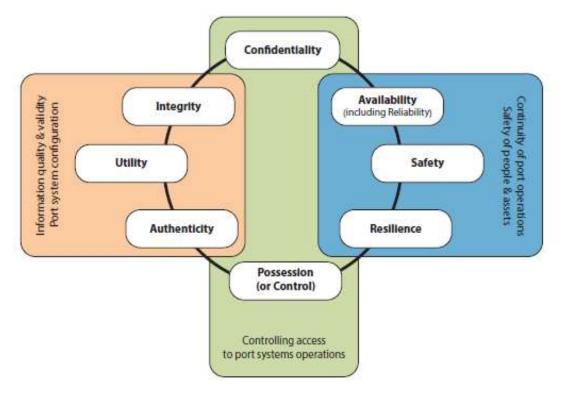








Cyber security strives to attain and maintain eight general security objectives.

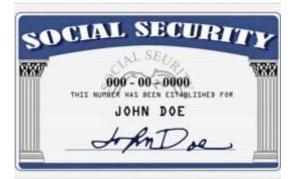


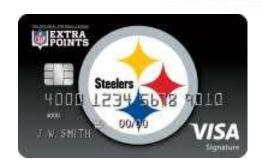




Confidentiality – the control of access and prevention of unauthorized access to port data, which might be sensitive in isolation or in aggregate.













Integrity – maintaining the consistency, coherence and configuration of information and systems, and preventing unauthorized changes to them.









Authenticity – ensuring that inputs to, and outputs from, port systems, the state of the systems and any associated processes and port data, are genuine and have not been tampered with or modified.





Availability (including reliability) – ensuring that the asset information, systems, and associated processes are consistently accessible and usable in an appropriate and timely fashion.





Availability (cont) – A loss of availability could occur through the failure of a system component, such as a disk crash, or from a malicious act such as a denial of service attack that prevents the use of a system connected to the Internet.











Utility – ensuring that asset information and systems remain usable and useful across the lifecycle of the port asset.





Utility (cont) – An example of loss of utility would be a situation where a port system has been changed or upgraded and the file format of historic data is no longer intelligible to the system. There has been no loss of availability but the data is unusable.





Safety – the design, implementation, operation and maintenance of port systems and related processes so as to prevent the creation of harmful states that may lead to injury or loss of life, or unintentional physical or environmental damage.











Safety (cont) – A safety issue could arise through malware causing a failure to display or communicate port systems alarm states. For example, the failure of a motion or proximity detector or other sensors could result in damage to property or loss of life.





Resilience – the ability of the asset information and systems to transform, renew and recover in a timely way in response to adverse events. The design, implementation, operation and maintenance of port systems and associated processes should be such that cascade failures are avoided.





Resilience (cont) – In the event that either a system or associated process suffers disruption, impairment or an outage occurs, it should be possible to recover a normal operating state, or acceptable business continuity state, in a timely manner.







What motivates groups/individuals to conduct cyber attacks?













Espionage – seeking unauthorized access to sensitive information (intellectual property, commercial information, corporate strategies, personal data, pattern of life) and disruption for state or commercial purposes.



Conspiring to Commit Computer Fraud; Accessing a Computer Without Authorization for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage and Private Financial Gain; Domaging Computers Through the Transmission of Code and Commands; Aggravated Identity Theft; Economic Espionage; Theft of











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Activist Groups (also known as 'hacktivism') - seeking publicity or creating pressure on behalf of a specific objective or cause, for example, to prevent the handling of specific cargos or to disrupt construction of a new port facility.









Criminal – largely driven by financial gain, this can include criminal damage, theft of cargo, smuggling of goods and people, and attempts to evade taxes and excise duties.





Terrorism – use of the port to instill fear and cause physical and economic disruption.









Warfare - conflict between nation states, where the aim is disruption of transport systems/infrastructur e to deny operational use or disable specific port facilities, such as bulk terminals.





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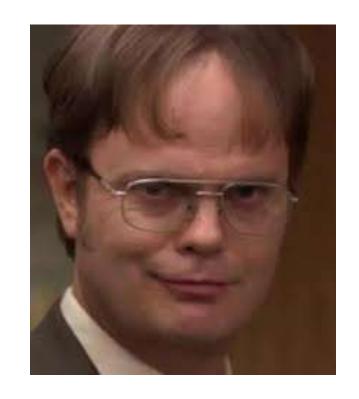
Individual: The severity and sophistication of the threat will be determined by the individual's capabilities.







A negligent, careless or ignorant employee or contractor fails to follow acceptable use or other security policies, or through error or omission compromises system security.







"Friendly" individuals who are not seeking to harm systems or data, but may access the systems without the permission or knowledge of the owner and may cause accidental damage. The motivation of such agents is generally to investigate weaknesses and vulnerabilities in systems.





A disaffected employee or contractor with limited IT skills – motivations will vary; the intent may be to steal or leak sensitive information, to sabotage or disrupt port occupancy or operations, etc. The amount of damage they can inflict will depend on their role, system access rights and the efficacy of cyber security measures related to the port systems and data.





Disaffected employee or contractor with significant IT skills, including system administrators - these individuals can do significant damage, particularly if they have wide-ranging systems access with administrative privileges.







They may have sufficient knowledge and ability to bypass controls and protective measures, and may be adept at removing evidence of their activities, for example, deleting or modifying entries in system logs.





Script kiddies – individual hackers with limited knowledge who use techniques and tools devised and developed by other people. The ready availability of hacking and denial-of-service tools on the Internet means that the level of technical understanding required to launch an attack has been significantly reduced.





Cyber Vandals – such individuals can be very knowledgeable and may develop or further expand their own tools. Their motives are neither financial nor ideological they carry out hacks or develop malware because they can and want to show what they can do. They may, for example, deface a website to demonstrate their ability.





Lone Wolf – an individual outside of the organization possessing advanced technical knowledge. Such an individual may be adept at removing evidence of their activities, for example, deleting or modifying entries in system logs. They may also have sufficient knowledge and ability to bypass controls and protective measures.





Activist Groups: Often referred to as activists, these groups comprise ideologically motivated individuals that may form dynamic groups or sub-groups.







Activist Groups (cont): Their actions are effectively online protests, which may have the aim of disrupting systems or acquiring confidential or sensitive information for publication or dissemination so as to embarrass their target(s).





Cyber Criminals: These are sophisticated criminal groups perpetrating a wide range of illegal IT-enabled crime. The motivation is to profit from illegal activities, and their focus has mainly been on fraud, thefts from accounts and theft of intellectual property.





Cyber Criminals (cont): In respect of ports, cyber criminals may seek to intercept or access information related to cargo shipments or to security arrangements as a precursor to criminal activities or a physical attack on these premises.







Terrorists: Terrorists are becoming increasingly IT aware, and already make extensive use of the Internet to distribute propaganda and for communications purposes. Well-funded groups could take advantage of the service offered by cyber criminals, seek support from a nation state or encourage internal members to adopt these methods of attack.





Nation States: It is acknowledged that some nation states are actively involved in cyberattacks on a wide range of organizations to acquire state secrets or sensitive commercial information and intellectual property.



# Questions







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