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Vendor Management

Are You “Really” Managing Your Vendors,
Or Are You Just “Checking a Box”?



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Agenda

- **Understanding the Current Vendor Management Environment**
 - Knowing your vendors and the current regulatory environment
- **How to Build a Vendor Management Program That Provides Value**
 - Vendor risk assessments, questionnaires and ongoing monitoring through the use of tools and reviews of SOC reports
- **Vendor Management Takeaways**
- **Questions**



Understanding the Current Vendor Management Environment

Know Your Vendors

An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water surface, while the much larger, jagged base is submerged underwater. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue with some clouds. The iceberg is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its tip pointing towards the top center.

Core processing system

Anti-money laundering, fraud detection systems

Loan origination and loan management systems

Website hosting and online banking systems

HR/payroll systems

Data warehouse

Audit firms



Regulatory Environment

FFIEC Information Technology Examination Handbook

Architecture, Infrastructure, and Operations

JUNE 2021

“Third-party assurance reviews (e.g., SOC reviews, penetration tests, and vulnerability assessments) can provide an understanding of the cloud service provider’s control environment and its ability to meet an entity’s control expectations (e.g., compliance with applicable laws and regulations).”

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

Joint Statement

Security in a Cloud Computing Environment

“As part of sound risk management, entities engage in more comprehensive and rigorous planning, due diligence, oversight, and management of third-party relationships that support higher-risk development, acquisition, and maintenance activities, including critical activities.”

FFIEC Information Technology Examination Handbook

Development, Acquisition, and Maintenance

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Financial Institution Letter

Interagency Guidance on Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management

Third Parties – not just Vendors

4th Party Risks

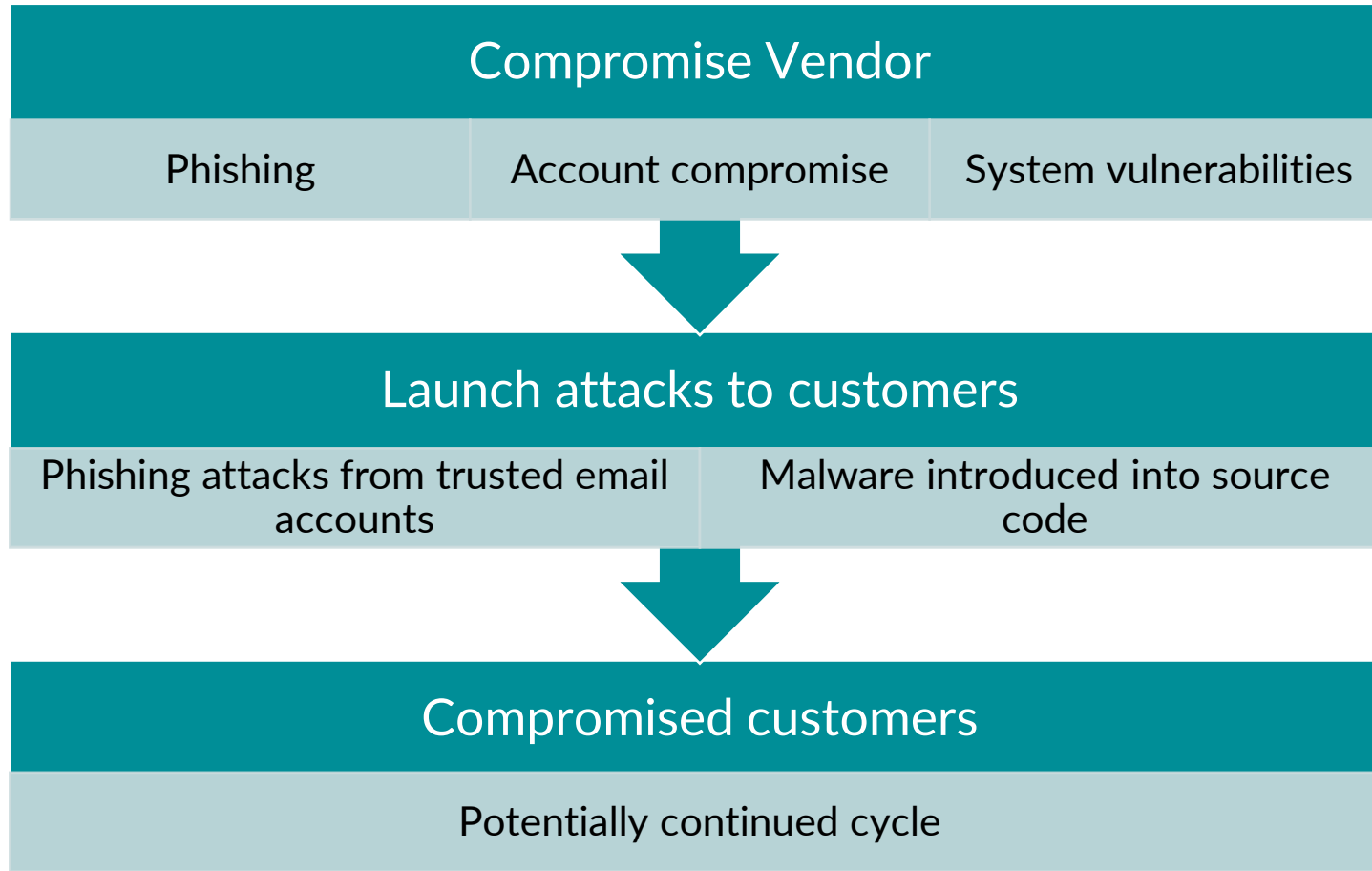
Board Oversight

Vendor Management Tools – Outsource Task, not Responsibility

Foreign Based Third Parties



Vendor Risks





MOVEit Zero Day Vulnerability

MOVEit Cyber Attack - Affected organizations (as of December 20, 2023)

By country



KonBriefing Research

2,700+ organizations

>94 million individuals



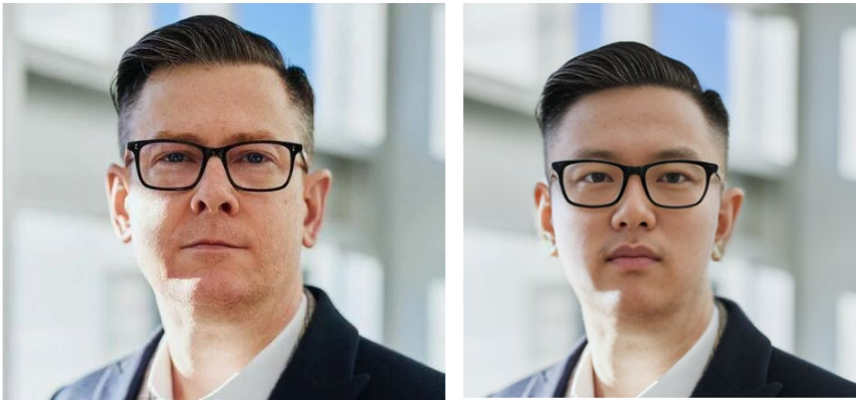
Lessons Learned from CrowdStrike



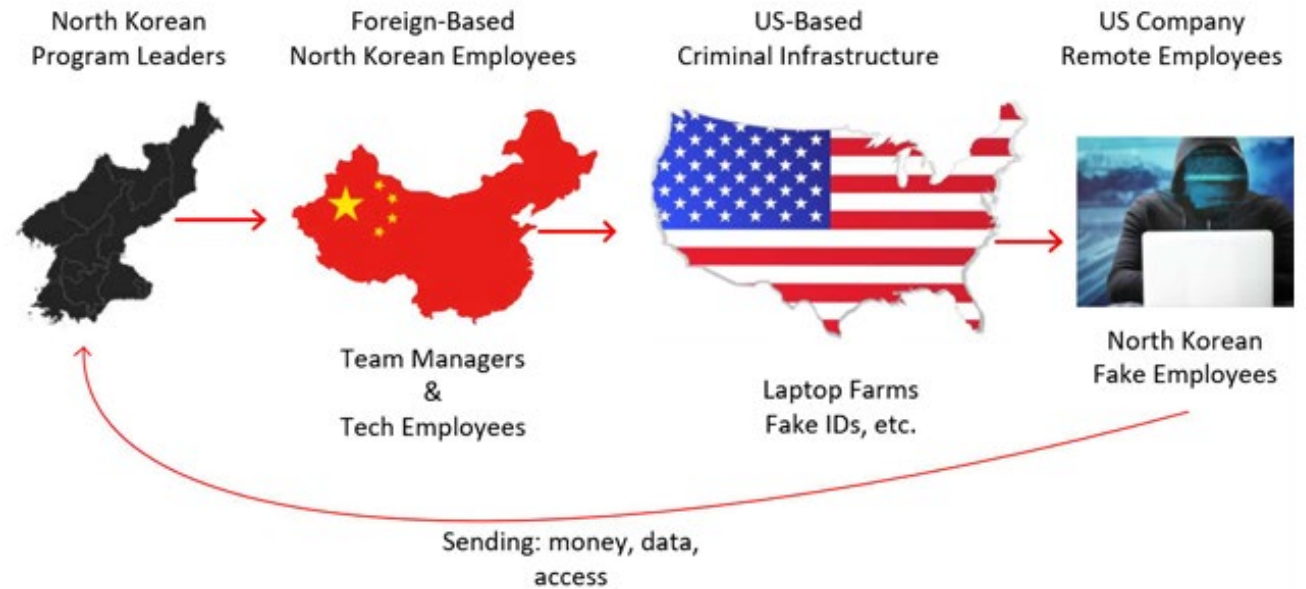


Lessons Learned from KnowBe4

How a North Korean Fake IT Worker Tried to Infiltrate Us



“Within a few weeks, we heard from over a dozen other companies who either hired North Korean employees or had been besieged by a multitude of fake resumes and applications...”





Ransomware trends

Attacks on cloud service providers

Ransomware writers are now targeting cloud service providers with network file encryption attacks as a way to hold hostage the maximum number of customers possible.

Intelligence gathering

Ransomware crime groups gather intelligence on intended victims, like studying SEC filings for an organization's financial position and use the information to scale ransom demands.

Source = Unit42 Ransomware Threat Report 2022

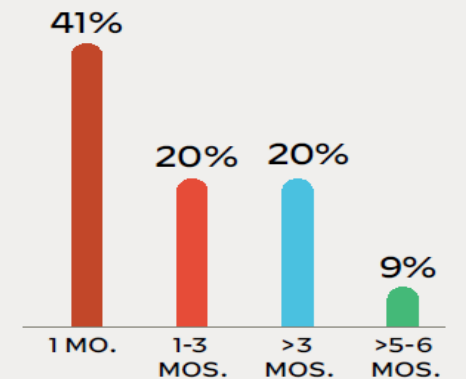
58%

ORGANIZATIONS
PAID THE RANSOM

14%

ORGANIZATIONS PAID
MORE THAN ONCE

RANSOMWARE ATTACK
RECOVERY TIME





Casino Ransomware and Data Theft

Caesars

- Social engineering of IT vendor
- Likely paid \$15M ransom

MGM

- Social engineering call to IT
- Cost expected to exceed \$100M





Contract Security Requirements



Equipment Return

It is solely your responsibility to secure any sensitive data and permanently delete such data from the internal media storage prior to returning the equipment.

You shall hold _____ harmless from your failure to secure and permanently delete all such customer data.

*“During the **term of this Agreement and for a period of one (1) year** thereafter, Consultant will not directly or indirectly disclose any such information, and will secure and protect such information...”*



How to Build a Vendor Management Program That Provides Value

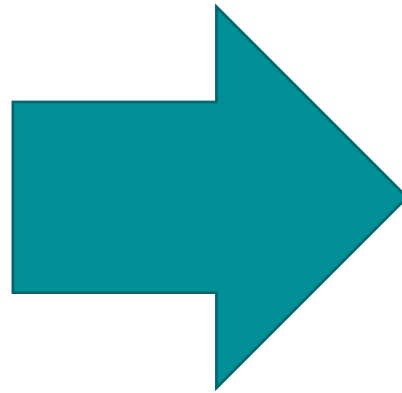


Risk Assessment

Information security

SOC, Penetration Test,
Security Questionnaire

Operational criticality



BCP, Insurance, Source code
escrow, Alternate Vendors

Strategic risk

Strategic planning,
Planned system updates



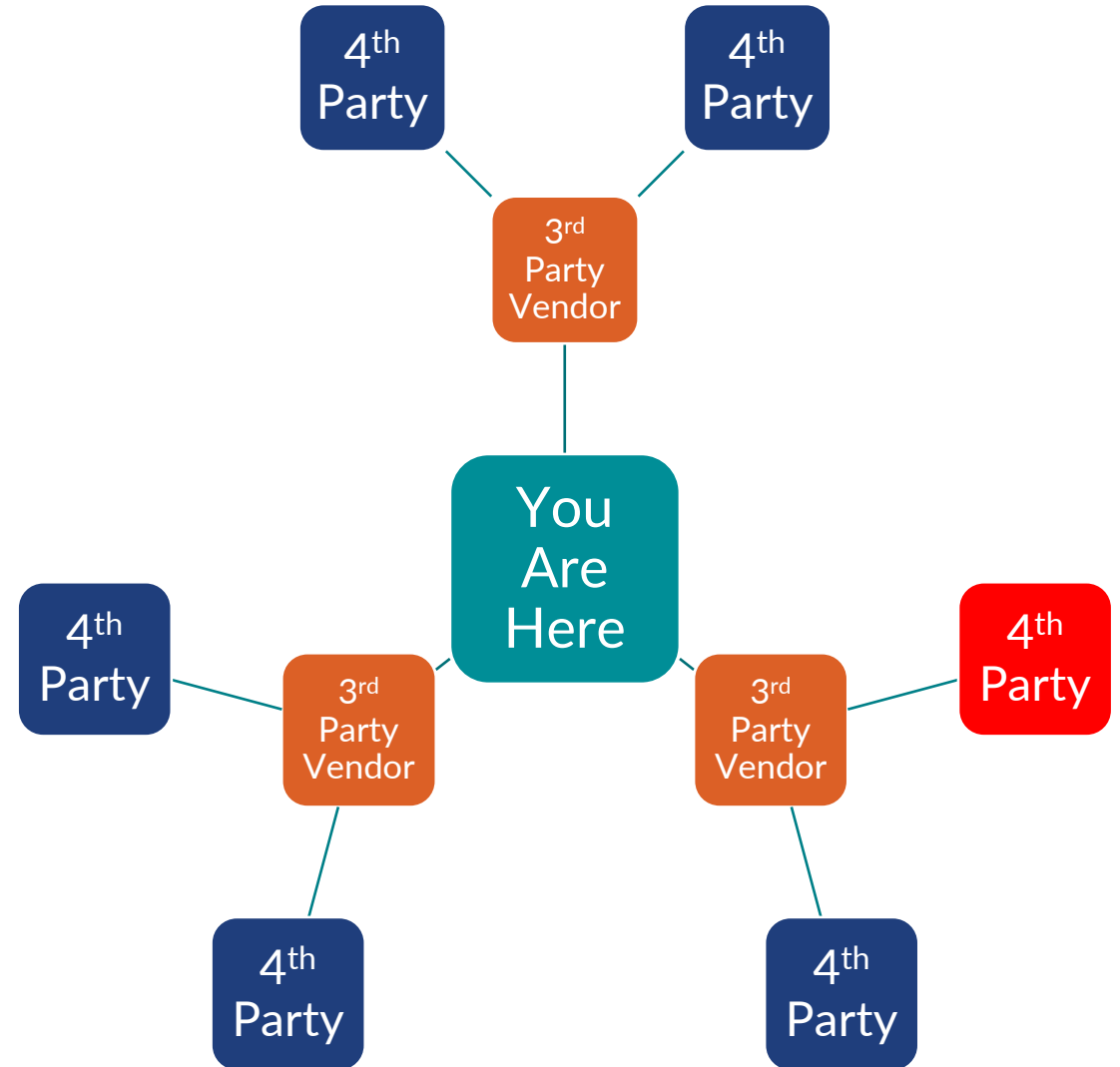
4th Party Security

Know your Vendors' Vendors –
Contract, SOC Reports

Risk-Based Decisions

3rd Party Due Diligence Program

4th Party SOC Report



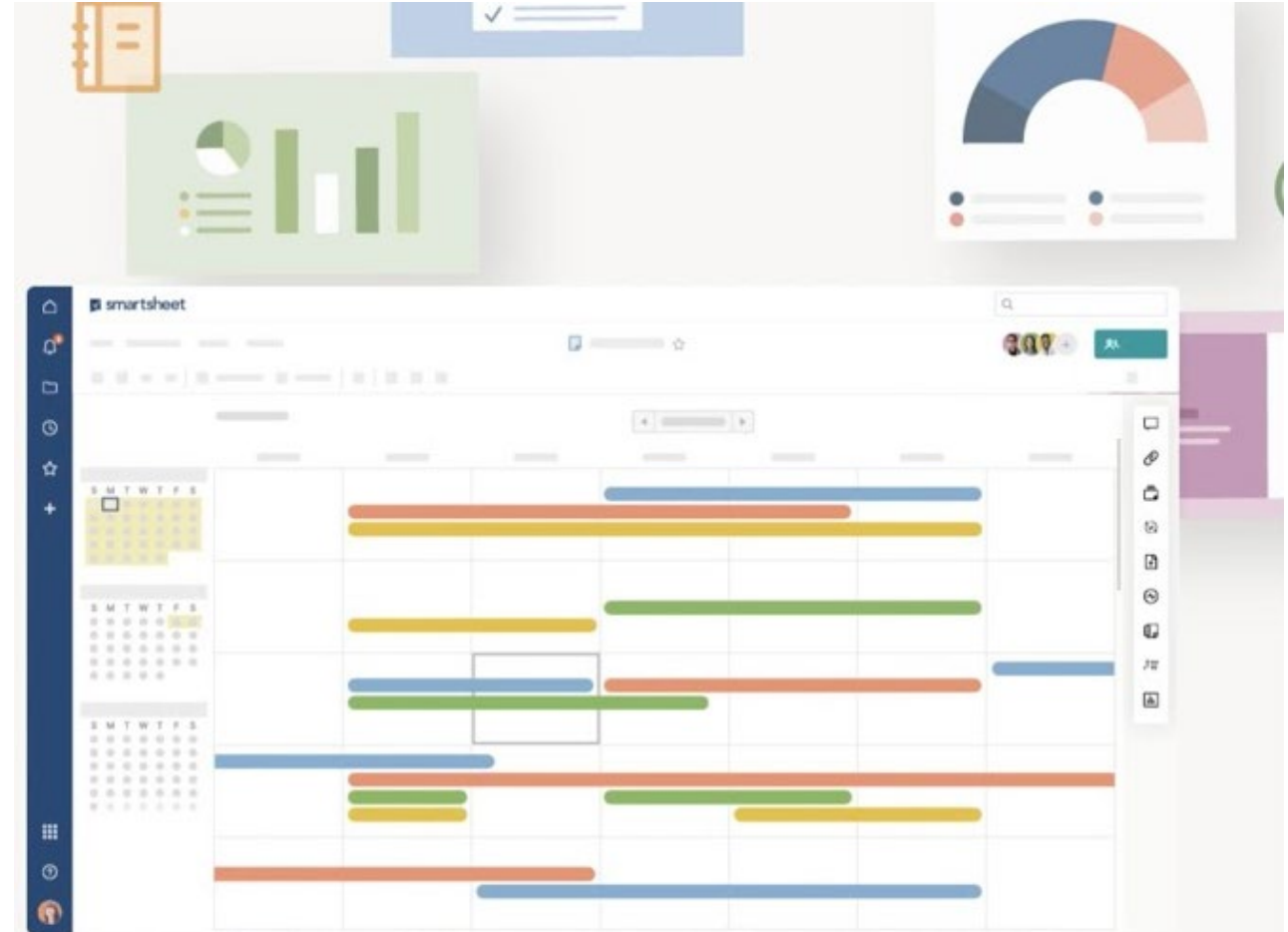


Initial and Ongoing Due Diligence

New Vendor Lead Time

Recurring Reviews - year-round

Team Responsibilities





Key Solution Benefits

Inventory

Risk Rating

Due Diligence Schedule and Storage

System Integration





Solution Risks

Disconnected from Management's Processes

Outsourcing Task, not Responsibility





System & Organizational Controls (SOC) Reports



What's in the report?



Who is the report for?

Type	What's in the report?	Who is the report for?
SOC 1	Internal controls over financial reporting and the related IT general controls	Intended audience is management, existing users (i.e., customers) of the system, and the user's financial auditors
SOC 2	Controls related to security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, and/or privacy	Intended audience is management and existing, prospective users of the system
SOC 2 +	Controls related to security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, and/or privacy plus additional subject matter such as HIPAA, HITRUST, CSA	Intended audience is management and existing, prospective users of the system
SOC 3	Controls related to security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, and/or privacy	For public use
SOC for Cybersecurity	Controls related to the cybersecurity risk management program	Perfect for management, board of directors, audit committee, investors, business partners, and other key stakeholders



Managing Third Party Risk through SOC Reports

SOC 1 – Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to User Entities’ Internal Control over Financial Reporting

SOC 2 – Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy

SOC 1 or 2 Report	Type 1	Type 2
Management’s description of the service organization’s system	As of a specified date	Throughout a specified period
The suitability of the design of the controls		
The operating effectiveness of controls	Not Applicable	



System & Organizational Controls (SOC)

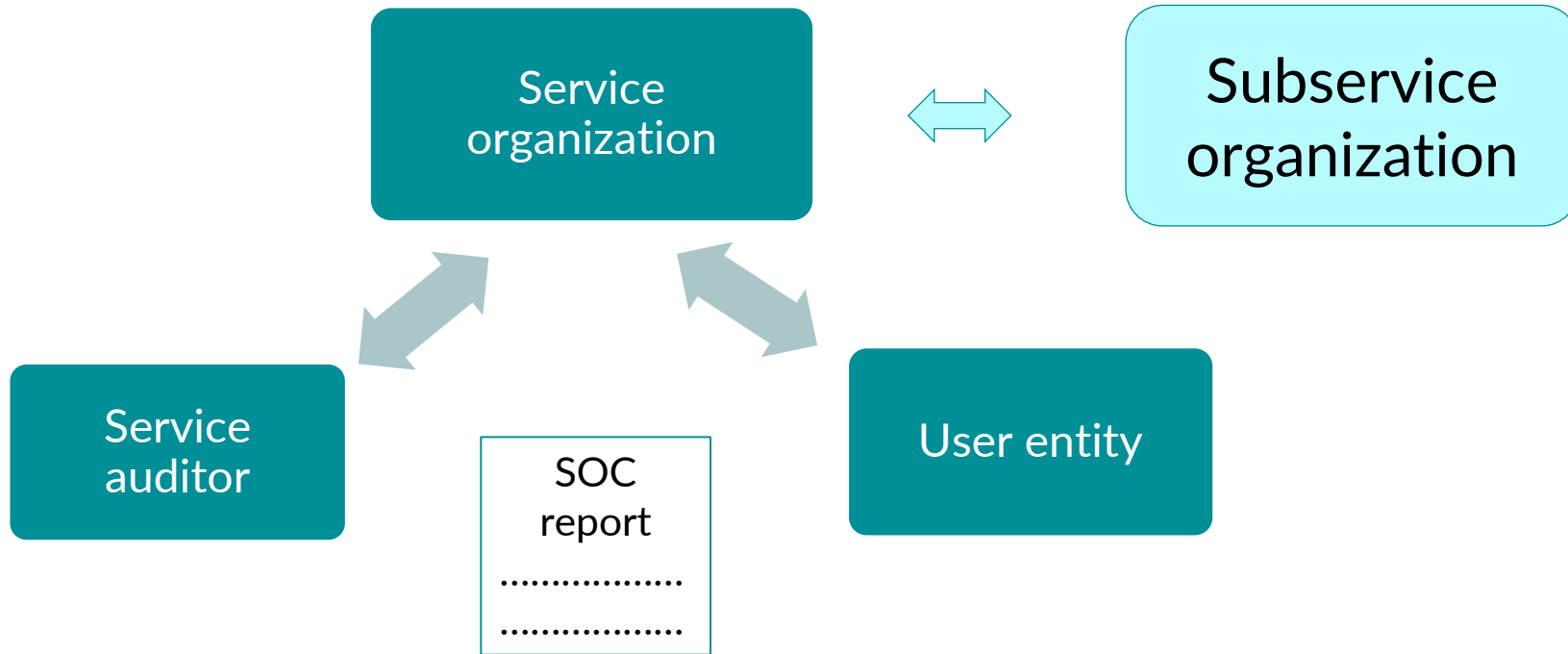
Type 1



Type 2



Who's Who





What's in a SOC Report

Section 1 – Service Auditor's Opinion

Section 2 – Management's Assertion

Section 3 – Management's Description of their System

Section 4 - Control Objectives, Controls, Tests of Operating Effectiveness and Results of Testing



What to Evaluate





Some Important Definitions

Complementary user entity controls (CUECs)

- Controls assumed in the design of the service organization's system to be implemented by user entities and are necessary to achieve the control objectives stated in management's description of the service organization's system.

Complementary subservice organization controls (CSOCs)

- Controls assumed in the design of the service organization's system to be implemented by subservice organizations and are necessary to achieve the control objectives stated in management's description of the service organization's system.



System & Organizational Controls (SOC)

TRUE

— OR —

FALSE

What it is = An independent attestation of a service organization's controls

What it's not = Absolute assurance



Vendor Management Takeaways



Vendor Management Takeaways

1. Reconcile your vendor inventory
2. Include security requirements in contract reviews
3. Follow risk-based decisions –What matters to you?
4. Ensure SOC report address your concerns (Read it!)
5. Manage your vendor management solution



Questions?



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