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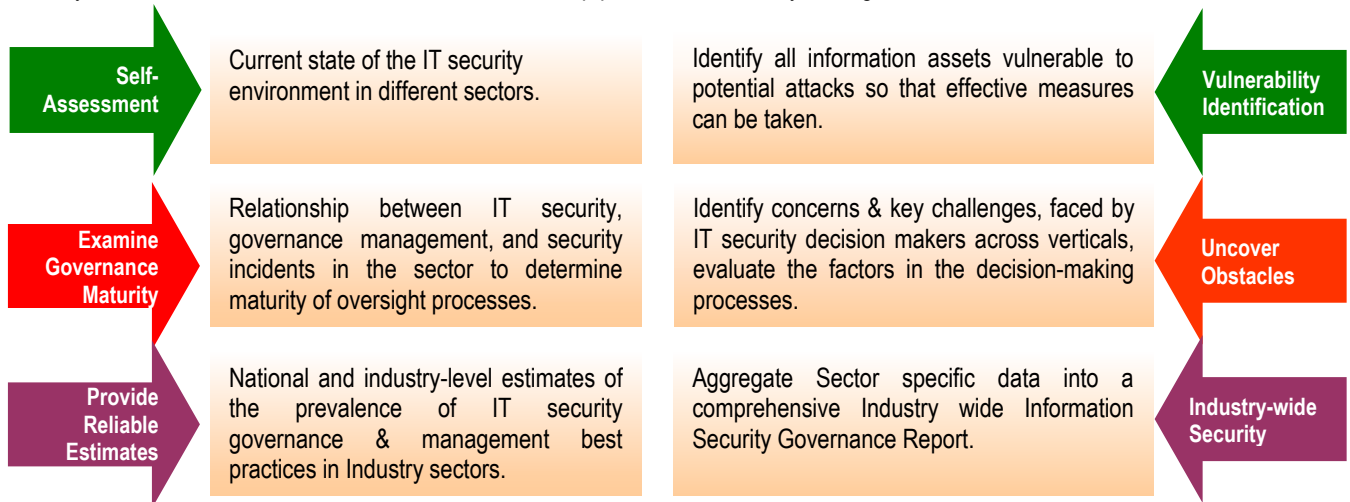
The State of Information Security Governance Surveys



SURVEYS BY CII AND SECURESYNERGY (2006-07)

- **The Challenge:** To manage information risk in a growing environment of ubiquitous computing and easily available free to use attack tools. This has created an insecure environment, which is aggravated by a growing dependence of industry on IT, and by potential liabilities inherent in compliance mandates. Rapidly changing threats and vulnerabilities force the industry to adopt highly dynamic risk mitigation postures. There is an urgent need to identify a well-defined process for aligning security to business objectives.
- **Information Security Governance and Management:** Often viewed as a technical issue, it is essentially a governance challenge that requires involvement of the Board and Executive management for its success. Information risk governance, has at its nucleus risk management, reporting, and accountability – all of which are vital to improving the organisation’s operational and business efficiency. The need is to maximize its ROI on information security spending.
- **CII Initiative:** To bridge the gap between the technical aspects and bring in a focus on the Governance aspects, CII with SECURESYNERGY has initiated a series of surveys covering different industry verticals, to gain a perspective into the state of their information security governance and management processes. Access Media International would collect the primary data for the survey from medium and large organizations with an employee base ranging between 250 and 10000.

Survey Objectives: Insights gained from the surveys will enable the different sectors in which the surveys are undertaken, and the industry as a whole to make informed decisions and develop policies to effectively manage their information risks.



Information Security Survey Verticals: Requirements vary in different sectors, depending on the nature of business, degree of dependence on IT, complexities of IT infrastructures, and the targeted attacks on them. Key difference in IT security approaches in different sectors lies in the differing levels of sensitivity that is accorded to IT assets and data management. Assets with different levels of sensitivity require correspondingly different levels of focus by the management.

Surveys will be done on different vertical segments. Starting with release of the survey report on the **Manufacturing Sector in June 2006**, eight survey reports of sectors given below would be released over 12 months. Cross-sector reports would be released six-monthly and the **Annual Industry survey report will be released in June 2007.**

