



WLCG Security: A Trust Framework for Security Collaboration among Infrastructures

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Outline

- What is Trust and why do we need it?
- Early days of cooperation in security policy
- Building a new Trust Framework
 - *Security for Collaborating Infrastructures (SCI)*
- The SCI document
- Assessment versus SCI requirements
- Future plans

Trust?



A better definition of *Trust*

- eXtreme Scale Identity Management for Scientific Collaborations XSIM (Bob Cowles)
 - “Trust is a disposition willingly **to accept the risk of reliance** on a person, entity, or system to act in ways that benefit, protect, or respect one’s interests in a given domain.”

Based on Nickel & Vaesen, Sabine Roeser, Rafaela Hillerbrand, Martin Peterson & Per Sandin (eds.),
Handbook of Risk Theory. Springer (2012)

Risk Management & Trust

- Management of IT security
 - Management of risk
 - balanced with availability of services
- Risk analysis
- Security Plan
 - to mitigate and manage the risks
- Security Plan includes various “Controls”
 - Technical
 - Operational
 - Management
- **Security Policy is part of Management Controls**
- Agreed policy framework – part of building **trust**

Early days of Grid Security Policy

- Joint (WLCG/EGEE) Security Policy Group
- We (EGEE, OSG, WLCG) agreed a common version of the *Grid Acceptable Use Policy*
- EGI and WLCG in general continue to use the same Security Policies
- BUT often not easy to agree on identical policy words
- We need a better way of agreeing policy

And now to SCI ...

Security for Collaborating Infrastructures (SCI)

- A collaborative activity of information security officers from large-scale infrastructures
 - EGI, OSG, PRACE, EUDAT, CHAIN, WLCG, XSEDE, ...
- Developed out of EGEE – started end of 2011
- We are developing a *Trust framework*
 - Enable interoperation (security teams)
 - Manage cross-infrastructure security risks
 - Develop policy standards
 - Especially where not able to share identical security policies

SCI Document

- V1 of the SCI document was submitted to ISGC 2013 proceedings
 - Will (hopefully) be published soon
- Latest public draft always at <http://www.eugridpma.org/sci/>

SCI: areas addressed

- Operational Security
- Incident Response
- Traceability
- Participant Responsibilities
 - Individual users
 - Collections of users
 - Resource providers, service operators
- Legal issues and Management procedures
- Protection and processing of Personal Data/Personally Identifiable Information

SCI example text: Incident Response

Imperative that an infrastructure has an organised approach to addressing and managing events that threaten the security of resources, data and overall project integrity.

Each infrastructure must have:

[IR1] Security contact information for all service providers, resource providers and communities together with expected response times for critical situations.

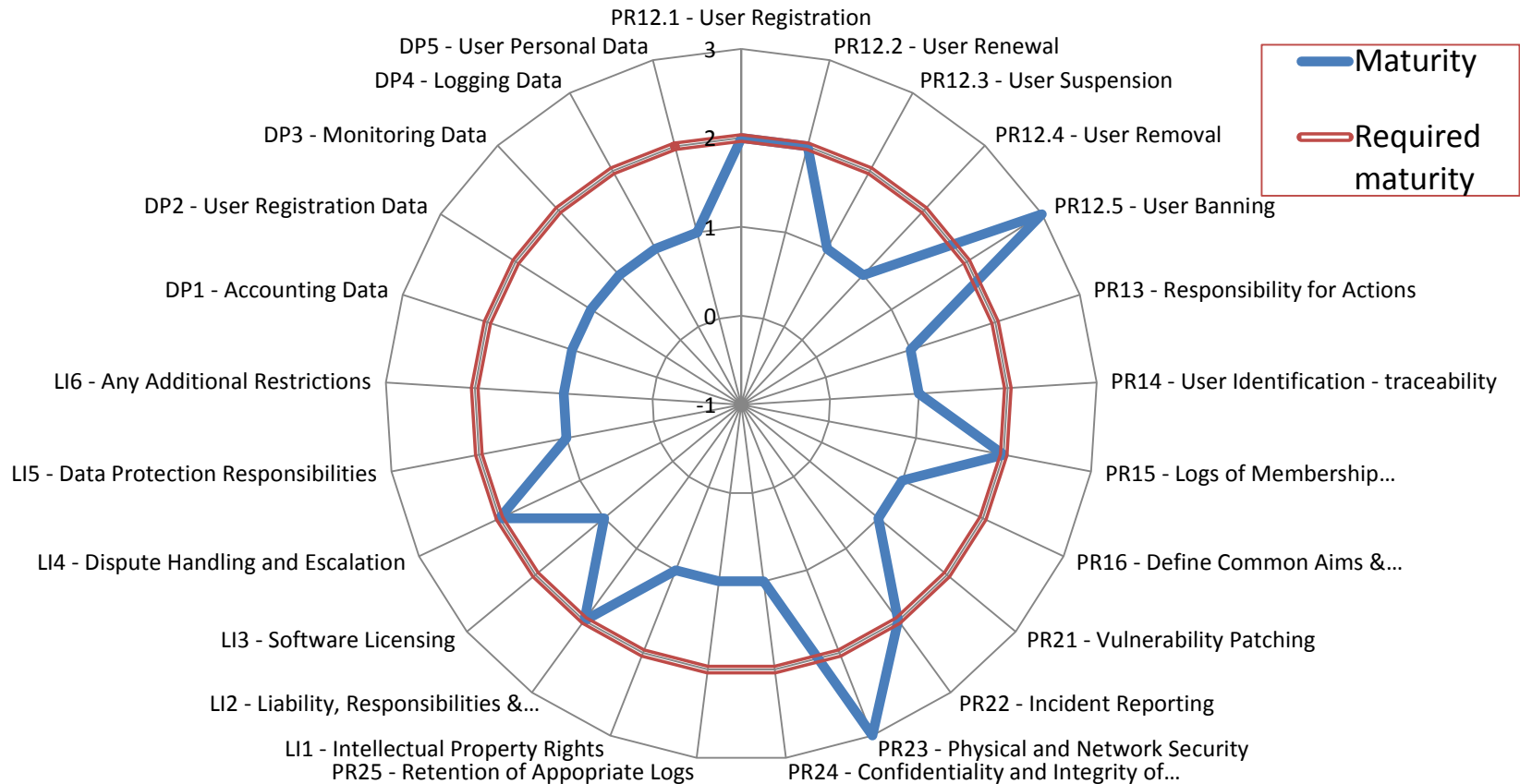
[IR2] A formal Incident Response procedure, which must address roles and responsibilities, identification and assessment of ... *(text continues)*

And continues ...

SCI Assessment of maturity

- To evaluate extent to which requirements are met, we recommend Infrastructures to assess the maturity of their implementations
- According to following levels
 - Level 0: Function/feature not implemented
 - Level 1: Function/feature exists, is operationally implemented but not documented
 - Level 2: ... and comprehensively documented
 - Level 3: ... and reviewed by independent external body

A fictitious assessment



Future plans

- Version of 1 document
 - Now working on a background section and a glossary
- Consult Infrastructure Management
 - Feedback on SCI document
- Perform self-assessments
- Refine the SCI document
- Others are welcome to join
 - Contact me

Further info

- Security for Collaborating Infrastructures

<http://www.eugridpma.org/sci/>

- SCI meetings

<https://indico.cern.ch/categoryDisplay.py?categId=68>

Questions?