

# Trustworthy Systems Manifesto

Executive Policy Governing  
Cyber Risk to the Mission and  
Business

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## Cyber Crime Costs Projected To Reach \$2 Trillion by 2019



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'Crime wave' is an understatement when you consider the costs that businesses are suffering as a result of cyber crime. 'Epidemic' is more like it. IBM Corp.'s Chairman, CEO and President, Ginni Rometty, recently said that cyber crime may be the greatest threat to every company in the world.

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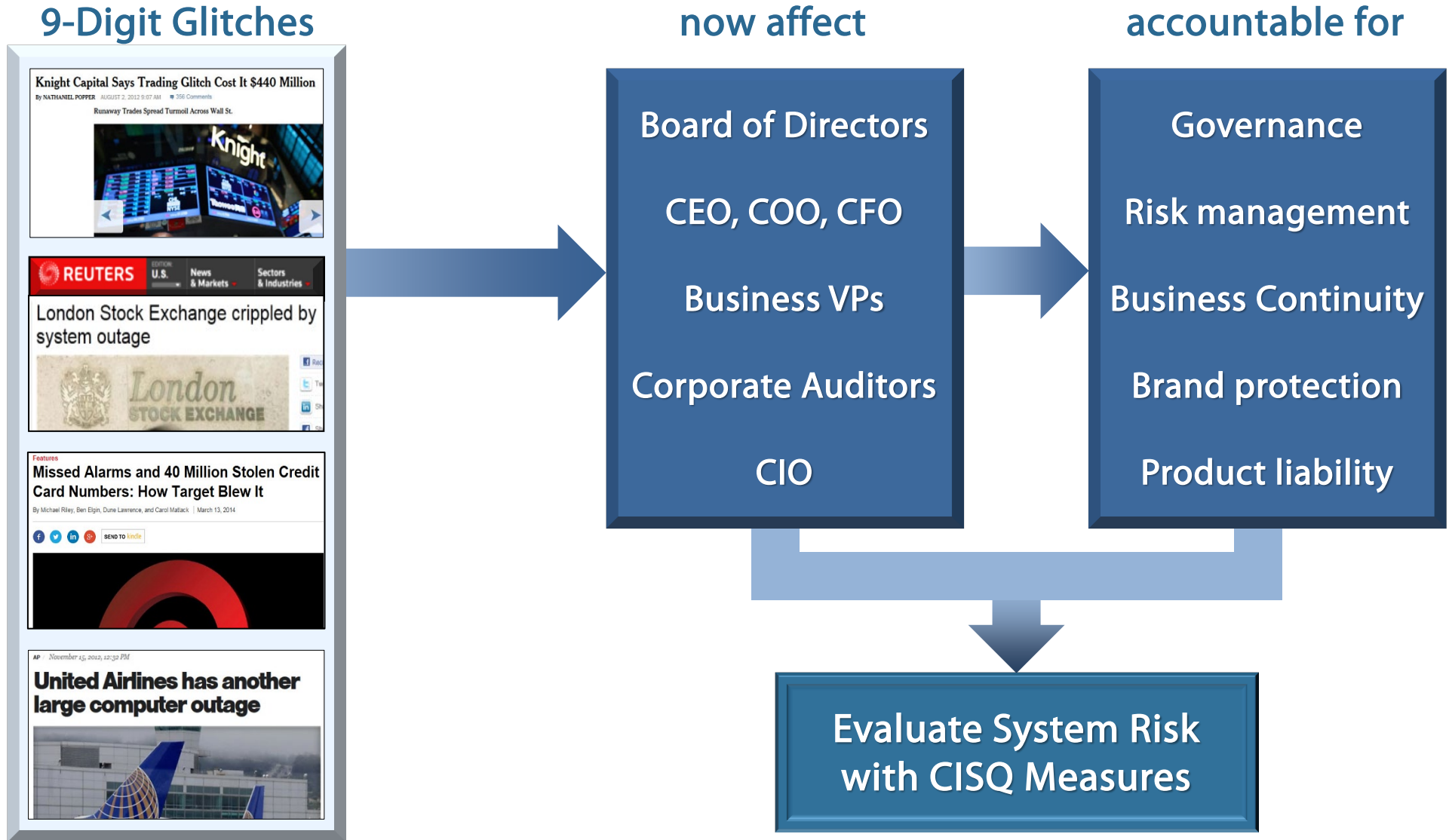
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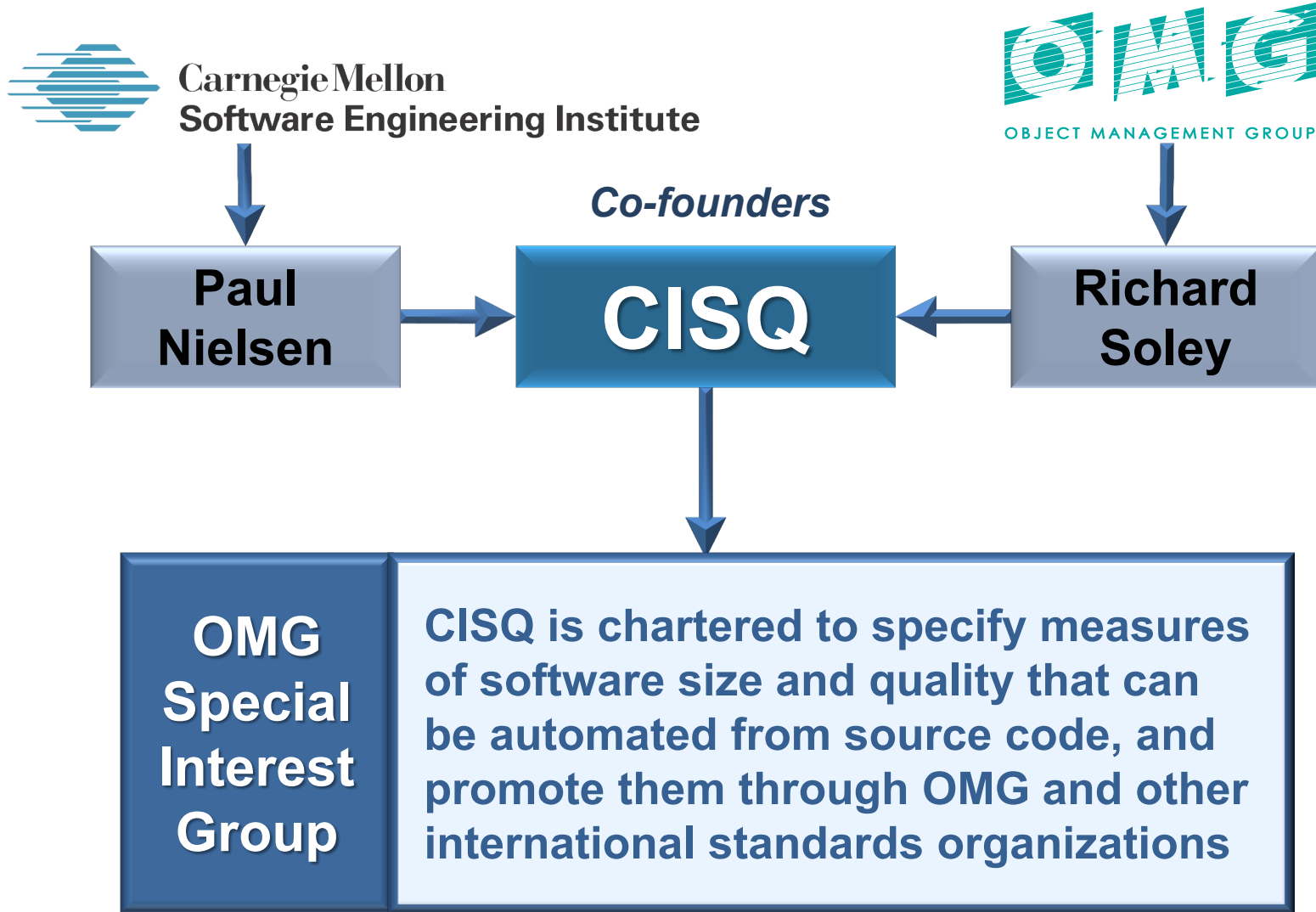
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The Cost of Poor Quality Software in the US:  
A 2018 Report

In summary, the cost of poor-quality software in the US in 2018 is approximately \$2.84 trillion



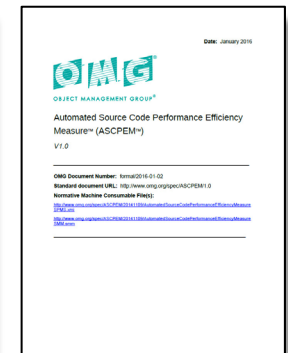
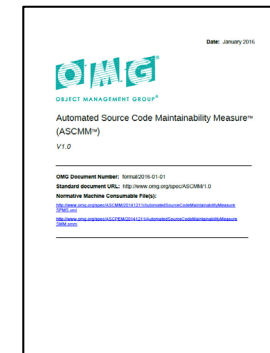
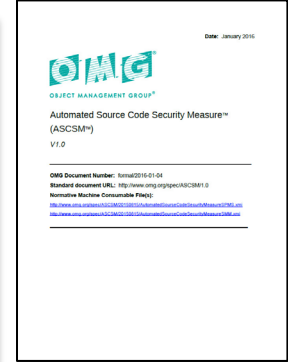
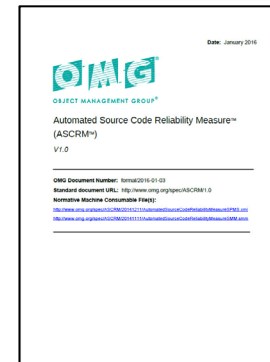
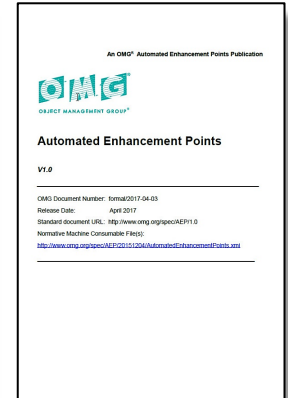
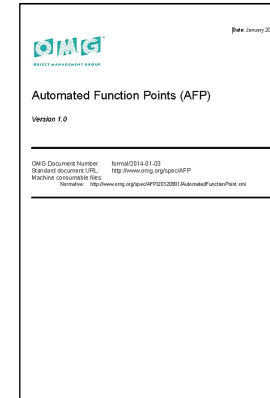
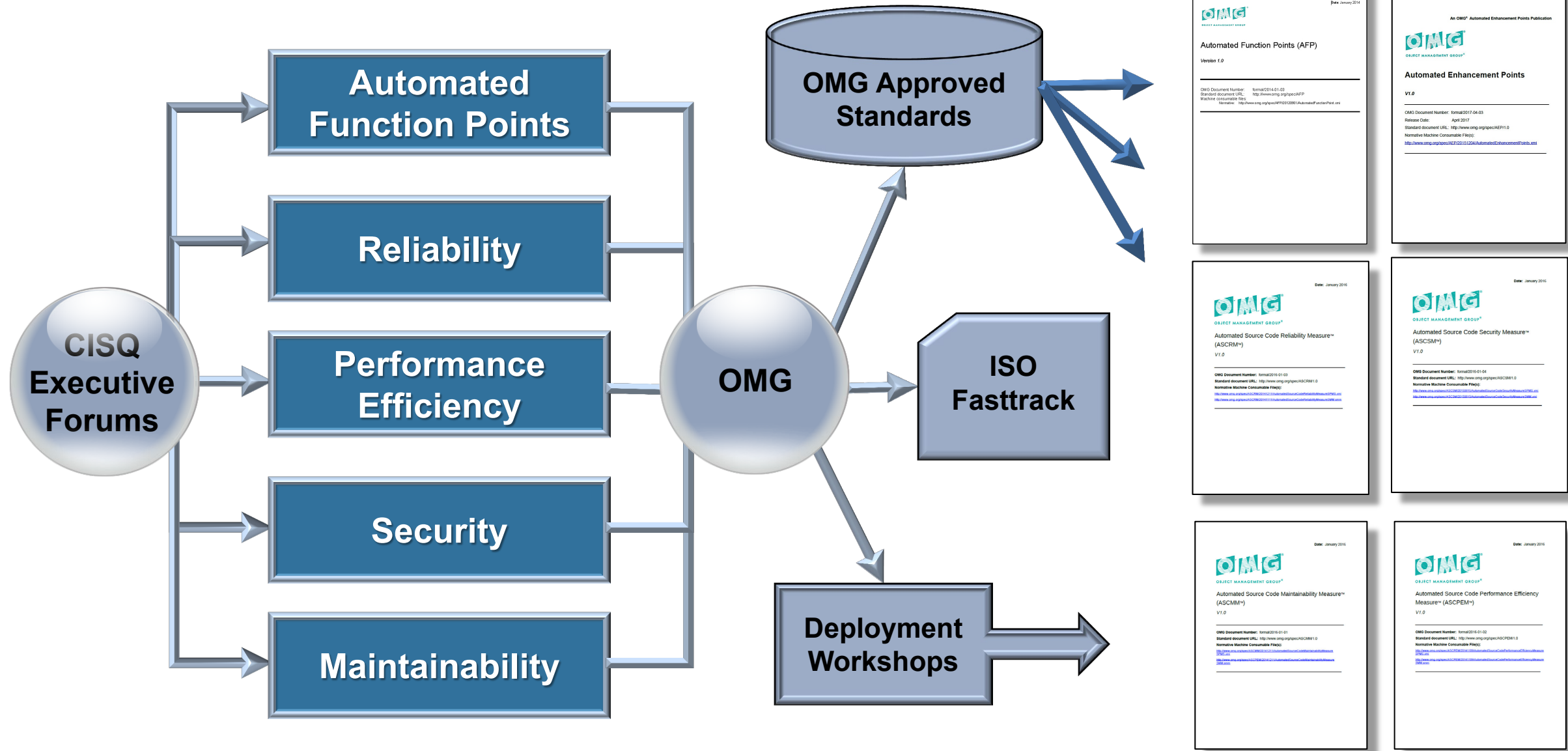


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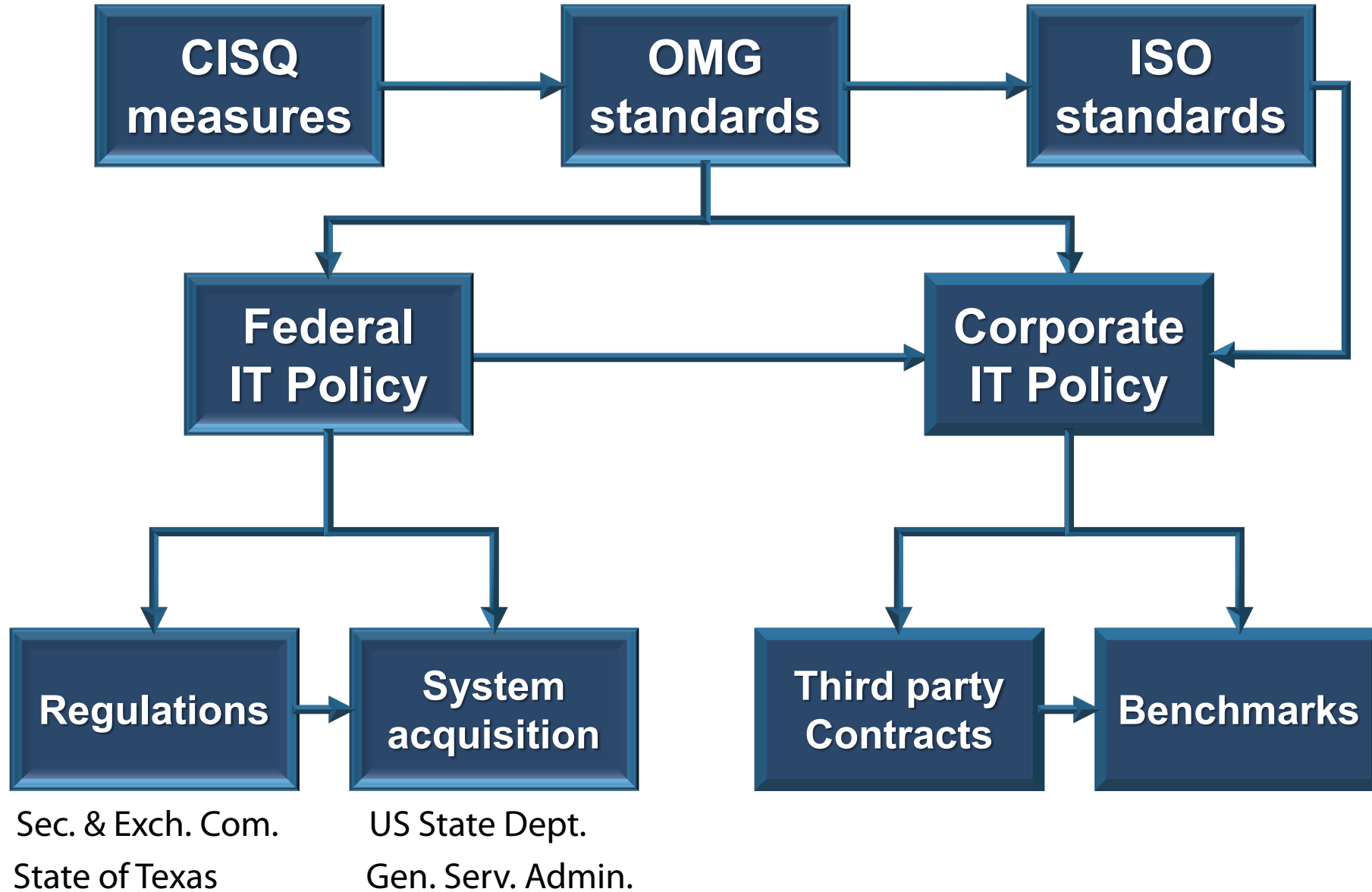


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# Deploying CISQ Measures



## Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

**Individuals and interactions** over processes and tools  
**Working software** over comprehensive documentation  
**Customer collaboration** over contract negotiation  
**Responding to change** over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

## The Rugged Manifesto

I am rugged and, more importantly, my code is rugged.

I recognize that software has become a foundation of our modern world.

I recognize the awesome responsibility that comes with this foundational role.

I recognize that my code will be used in ways I cannot anticipate, in ways it was not designed, and for longer than it was ever intended.

I recognize that my code will be attacked by talented and persistent adversaries who threaten our physical, economic and national security.

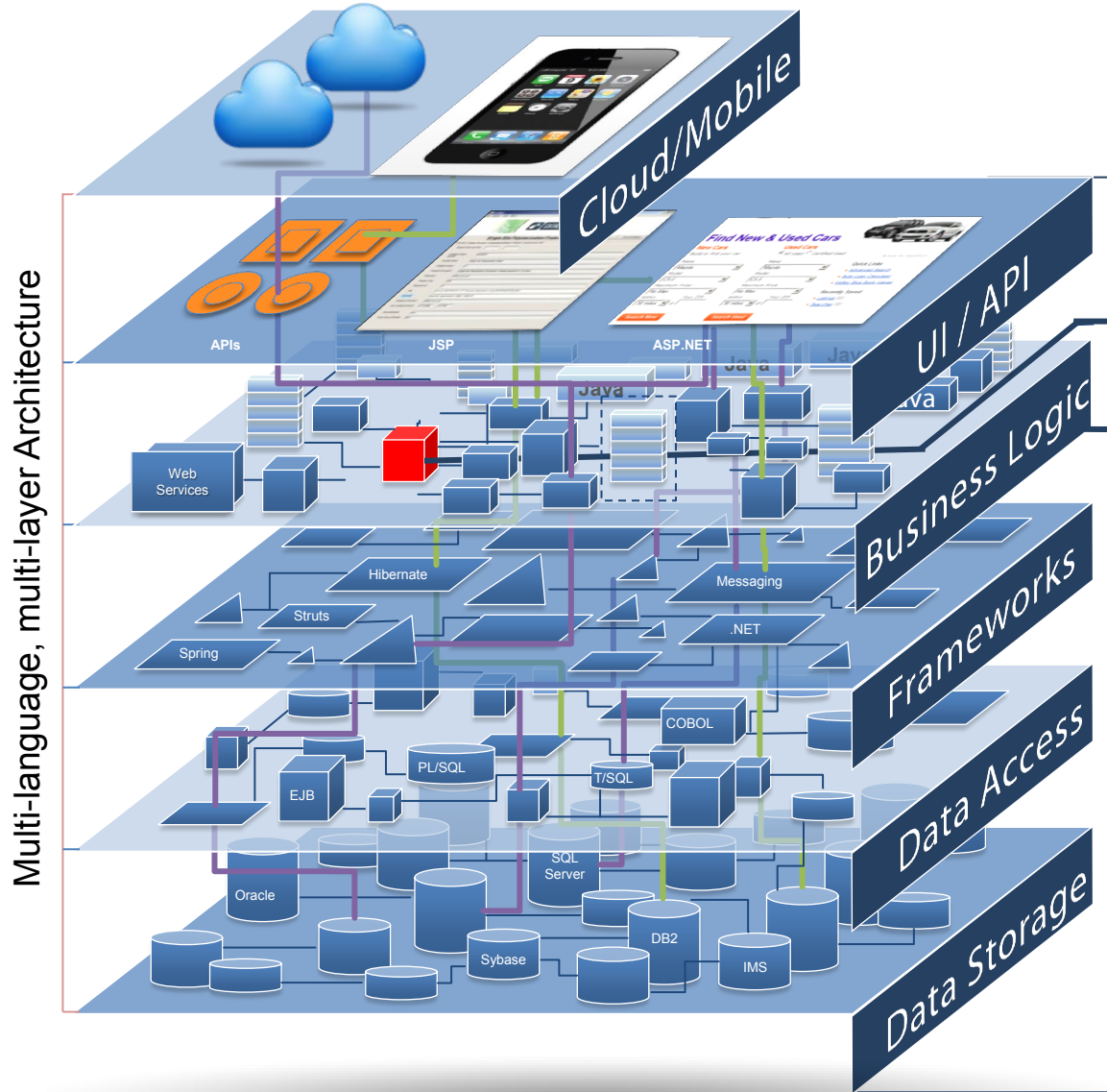
I recognize these things – and I choose to be rugged.

I am rugged because I refuse to be a source of vulnerability or weakness.

I am rugged because I assure my code will support its mission.

I am rugged because my code can face these challenges and persist in spite of them.

I am rugged, not because it is easy, but because it is necessary and I am up for the challenge.



## 1 Unit Level

- Code style & layout
- Expression complexity
- Code documentation
- Class or program design
- Basic coding standards
- Developer level

## 2 Technology Level

- Single language/technology layer
- Intra-technology architecture
- Intra-layer dependencies
- Inter-program invocation
- Security vulnerabilities
- Development team level

## 3 System Level

- Multiple languages
- Architectural compliance
- Risk propagation
- Application security
- Resiliency checks
- Transaction integrity
- Function points
- Integration quality
- Data access control
- SDK versioning
- Calibration across technologies
- IT organization level





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- 4. Proactive defense of the system and its data**
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- 1 — The principles and practices of software engineering must predominate other considerations in developing software-intensive systems
- 2 — Trustworthy systems do not emerge from haphazard development and deployment processes
- 3 — The shorter the time, the greater the need for process discipline
- 4 — Developers and operators must be supplemented by automated technologies that can reduce complexity and improve their visibility into systems and operations
- 5 — Organizations must ensure that developers have the knowledge and skills needed to build and deploy trustworthy systems.

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- 2 — Quality assurance must ensure the system operates within risk tolerance thresholds
- 3 — Executives must establish policy that critical systems have evidence they can perform within risk thresholds before being released to operations
- 4 — Executives must enforce that time be devoted to remediating high priority defects

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- 2 — Evidence of provenance and trustworthiness should be carried forward with components and shared across the supply chain

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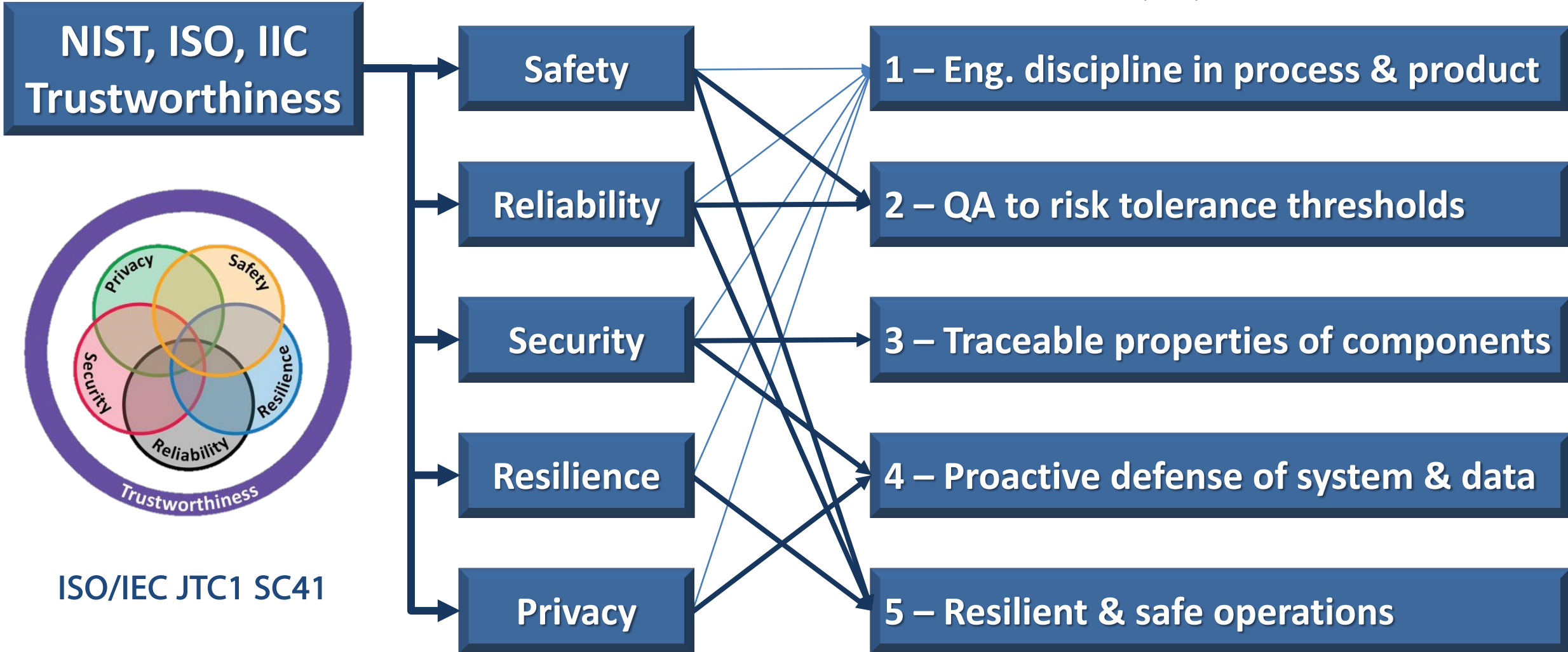
- 1 — Protection of the system and its data from malicious actors requires several layers of defense
- 2 — System behavior should be continuously monitored to detect suspicious actions and data movements
- 3 — Track and patch known vulnerabilities
- 4 — Security practices must also cover the behavior of authorized system users to ensure system defenses are not circumvented

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- 1 — To sustain the business or mission, systems must be able to continue operations in the face of unexpected events, or if interrupted, recover their operations efficiently
- 2 — Failsafe properties of software-intensive systems should be designed in and verified

## Trustworthy Systems Manifesto





## Charter of Trust For a secure digital world



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**The digital world is changing everything.** Artificial intelligence and big data analytics are revolutionizing our decision-making; billions of devices are being connected by the Internet of Things and interacting on an entirely new level and scale.

As much as these advances are improving our lives and economies, the risk of exposure to malicious cyber-attacks is also growing dramatically. Failure to protect the systems that control our homes, hospitals, factories, grids, and virtually all of our infrastructure could have devastating consequences. **Democratic and economic values need to be protected from cyber and hybrid threats.**

Cybersecurity is and has to be more than a seatbelt or an airbag here; it's a factor that's crucial to the success of the digital economy. People and organizations need to trust that their digital technologies are safe and secure; otherwise they won't embrace the digital transformation. **Digitalization and cybersecurity must evolve hand in hand.**

In order to keep pace with continuous advances in the market as well as threats from the criminal world, **companies and governments must join forces and take decisive action.** This means making every effort to protect the data and assets of individuals and businesses; prevent damage from people, businesses, and infrastructures; and build a reliable basis for trust in a connected and digital world.

Hedging the all-encompassing impact of digitalization and cybersecurity and creating a holistic basis of trust can't be achieved by a single company or entity; it must be the result of close collaborations on all levels. **In this charter, the signing partners outline the key principles we consider essential for establishing a new charter of trust between society, politics, business partners, and customers.**



### Our principles

**1 Ownership of cyber and IT security** | Anchor the responsibility for cybersecurity at the highest governmental and business levels by designating specific ministries and CISOs. Establish clear measures and targets as well as the right mindset throughout organizations – "it is everyone's task."

**2 Responsibility throughout the digital supply chain** | Companies – and if necessary – governments must establish risk-based rules that ensure adequate protection across all IoT layers with clearly defined and mandatory requirements. Ensure confidentiality, authenticity, integrity, and availability by setting baseline standards, such as

- **Identity and access management:** Connected devices must have secure identities and safeguarding measures that only allow authorized users and devices to use them.
- **Encryption:** Connected devices must ensure confidentiality for data storage and transmission purposes wherever appropriate.
- **Continuous protection:** Companies must offer updates, upgrades, and patches throughout a reasonable lifecycle for their products, systems, and services via a secure update mechanism.

**3 Security by default** | Adopt the highest appropriate level of security and data protection and ensure that it is preconfigured into the design of products, functionalities, processes, technologies, operations, architectures, and business models.

**4 User-centricity** | Serve as a trusted partner throughout a reasonable lifecycle, providing products, systems, and services as well as guidance based on the customer's cybersecurity needs, impacts, and risks.

**5 Innovation and co-creation** | Combine domain know-how and deepen a joint understanding between firms and policymakers of cybersecurity requirements and rules in order to continuously innovate and adapt cybersecurity measures to new threats; drive and encourage i.a. contractual Public Private Partnerships.

**6 Education** | Include dedicated cybersecurity courses in school curricula – as degree courses in universities, professional education, and trainings – in order to lead the transformation of skills and job profiles needed for the future.

**7 Certification for critical infrastructure and solutions** | Companies – and if necessary – governments establish mandatory independent third-party certifications (based on future-proof definitions, where life and limb is at risk in particular) for critical infrastructure as well as critical IoT solutions.

**8 Transparency and response** | Participate in an industrial cybersecurity network in order to share new insights, information on incidents et al.; report incidents beyond today's practice which is focusing on critical infrastructure.

**9 Regulatory framework** | Promote multilateral collaborations in regulation and standardization to set a level playing field matching the global reach of the WTO; inclusion of rules for cybersecurity into Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

**10 Joint initiatives** | Drive joint initiatives, including all relevant stakeholders, in order to implement the above principles in the various parts of the digital world without undue delay.

# Use the Manifesto to Start Dialogues



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**Development**



**QA**



**Operations**



**Audit**



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