

Management Information System

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9. Risk, Ethics, and Trust



Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, students should be able to:

- Identify Vulnerabilities: Spot IT risks, ethical dilemmas, and trust breakdowns in case studies. and distinguish between intentional threats (malware) and human error.
- Evaluate Business Impact: Quantify financial, legal, and reputational damages from MIS failures, and explain compliance needs for corporate governance (SOX, GDPR, HIPAA).
- Apply MIS Frameworks: Use Laudon's Five Moral Dimensions to assess digital firm ethics., and apply Bidgoli's Three Security Controls (Technical, Operational, Managerial).
- Design Internal Controls: Mix accounting with IT to design General and Application Controls and draft disaster recovery plans that balance risk mitigation with cost.
- Build Digital Trust: Evaluate corporate policies on data privacy and employee monitoring and connect robust digital trust to customer loyalty and competitive advantage.

Part 1: The Anatomy of Digital Risks

Real-world Scenarios and the Fragility of Systems

Case Study: The Invisible Thief

Imagine a global retail giant. A single unpatched server allows a hacker to sit silently in the network for 6 months.

Result: 150 million credit card records sold on the dark web. The CFO faces a \$2 billion cleanup bill.

Is this a technical failure or a management failure?



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Case Study: Algorithmic Injustice

A bank implements an AI for loan approvals. It's efficient, but later discovered to systematically deny loans to specific zip codes.

- **Ethical Dilemma:** Efficiency vs. Fairness.
- **Accountability:** Who is responsible? The coder? The manager? The machine?



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The Trusted Accountant

A senior accountant uses "Super-User" access to bypass internal controls and embezzle \$500,000 over three years by creating ghost vendors.

The Breach of Trust: The system worked exactly as programmed. The flaw was in the **governance** and **segregation of duties**.



Class Discussion

“Are we too reliant on Information Systems? If your company's database disappeared today, could you still do business tomorrow?”

Phase 2: Why it Matters

Analyzing the Multi-Dimensional Impact

The Cost of System Failure



\$4.45M

Average Cost of a Data Breach (2023)

Compliance: The Carrot and the Stick



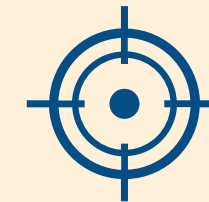
GDPR

Fines up to 4% of global annual turnover for privacy violations.



SOX Act

Ensures accuracy of financial statements through strict internal controls.



CCPA

California's landmark privacy act protecting consumer data rights.

The Digital Handshake

Trust is the foundation of the digital economy.
Once lost, it takes years to rebuild.

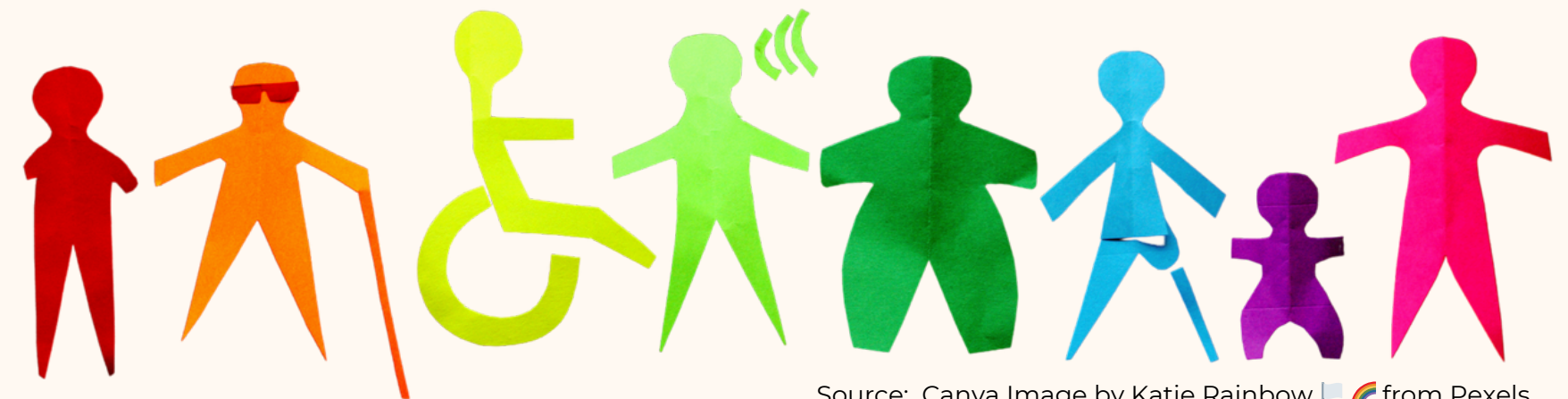
81% of consumers stop engaging after a data breach

60% of small businesses close within 6 months of an attack

The Information Society

MIS trends have created social tensions:

- The Digital Divide: Disparity between those with access and those without.
- Profiling & NORA: Ability to combine data from disparate sources to create a "digital twin."
- Mental Health: The "Always-On" culture and technostress.



Critical Thought

**“In the age of Big Data,
is privacy a right, a privilege, or an illusion?”**

Phase 3: The Theory

Frameworks for Moral Decision-Making

Five Moral Dimensions



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Information Rights:
What do we own?

Property Rights:
Intellectual Property.

Accountability & Control:
Who is liable?

System Quality:
Standards of data.

Quality of Life:
Social impact.

Classic Ethical Benchmarks

Golden Rule

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Categorical Imperative

If an action is not right for everyone to take, it is not right for anyone (Kant).

Rule of Change

If an action cannot be taken repeatedly, it is not right to take at all (Descartes).

Utility and Risk

Utilitarian Principle

Take the action that achieves the higher or greater value for all.

Risk Aversion Principle

Take the action that produces the least harm or the least potential cost.

The "No Free Lunch" Rule

"Assume that virtually all tangible and intangible objects are owned by someone else unless there is a specific declaration otherwise."

Fundamental for Intellectual Property and Software Piracy issues.

How to Analyze a Dilemma

- **Identify the Facts:** Who did what to whom?
- **Define the Conflict:** Higher-order values involved.
- **Identify Stakeholders:** Groups with a vested interest.
- **Identify Options:** Realistic actions you can take.
- **Consequences:** Potential outcomes of those options.

Professional Ethics

ACM & AIS Codes:

- Contribute to society and human well-being.
- Avoid harm to others.
- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Respect the privacy of others.

"The profession of MIS is not just about moving bits; it's about managing the truth."



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Part 4: Risk Theory

Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Internal Controls

Risk Management Basics

Risk: The potential for loss, damage, or destruction of an asset as a result of a threat exploiting a vulnerability.

Risk = Probability of Event × Impact of Event

The CIA Triad (Bidgoli)

- **Confidentiality:** Only authorized users can access data.
- **Integrity:** Accuracy and reliability of information.
- **Availability:** Systems are accessible when needed.



Categories of Threats

Technical



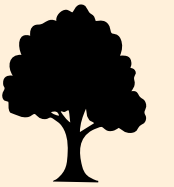
Software bugs, hardware failure, power outages.

Human



Social engineering, insider fraud, poor passwords.

Natural



Floods, fires, earthquakes (Force Majeure).


Cybercrime 101

- **Phishing:** Deceptive emails to steal credentials.
- **Ransomware:** Encrypting data for payment.
- **Spyware:** Monitoring user activity.

**Lateral Phishing:
When Internal Emails Can't Be Trusted**

From: Trusted Coworker...?

Lateral phishing occurs when a cybercriminal **gains control of an internal account** to send phishing emails to other employees, vendors, or customers. These emails look legitimate but are **meant to steal credentials or spread malware.**

cybersafework.com  **CYBER SAFE WORK** *Creating A Culture Of Security*

Part 5: Protecting Assets

Security Tools and Defensive Strategies

Network Defense

Firewalls

Hardware or software that filters traffic based on security rules.

VPN

Secure "tunnel" for remote workers to access internal systems safely.

Cryptography

Transforming readable data into scrambled "**ciphertext.**"

Type	Mechanism	Use Case
Symmetric	One key for both	Internal DBs
Asymmetric	Public/Private key pair	Internet Banking

Access Control

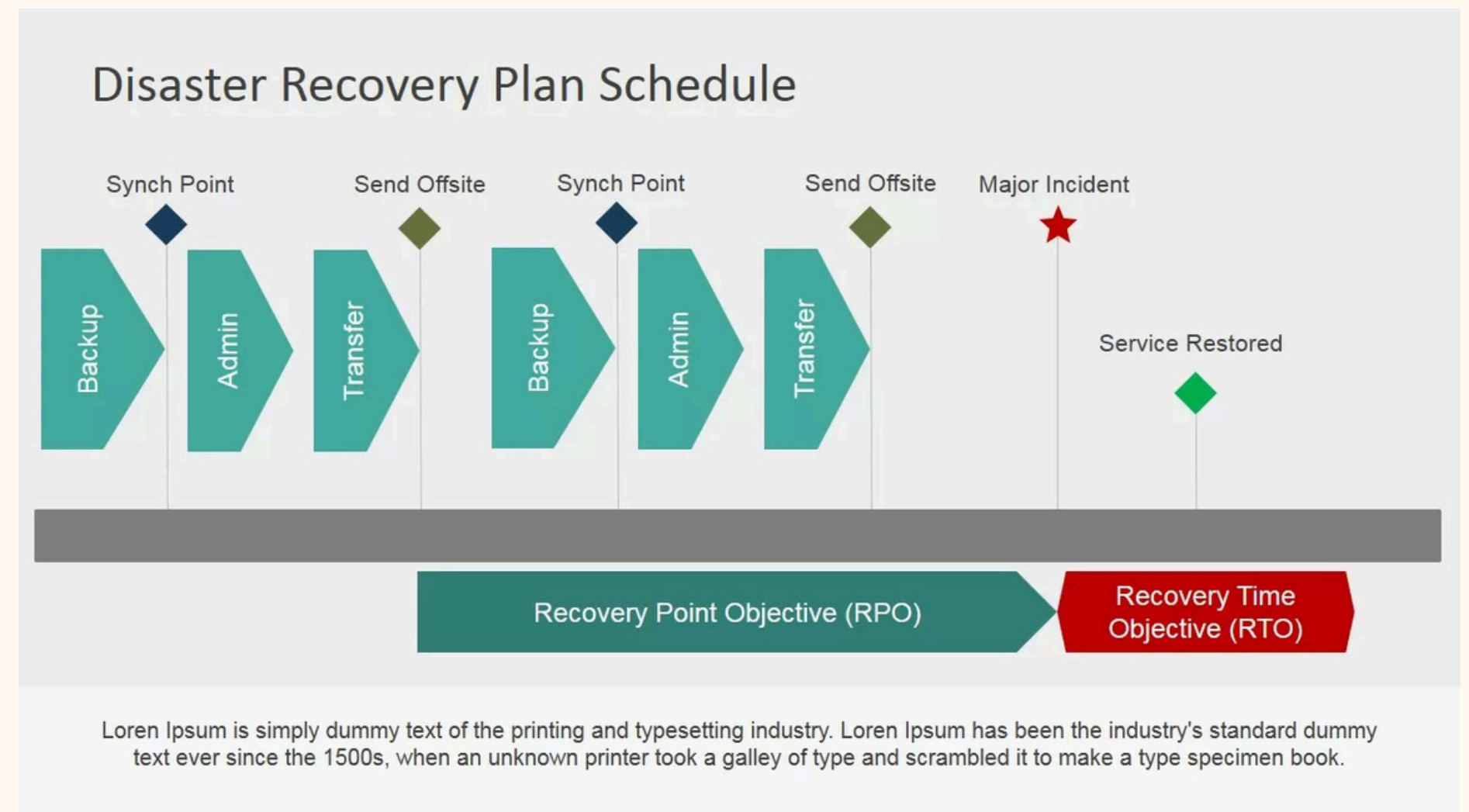


Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):

- Something you KNOW (Password).
- Something you HAVE (Phone/Token).
- Something you ARE (Fingerprint/Face).

Planning for the Worst

- **Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP):**
Technical steps to restore systems.
- **Business Continuity Plan (BCP):**
How the “entire business” operates during the outage.



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The Role of the Auditor

Internal and external auditors verify that security policies are followed.

- Testing user permissions.
- Verifying backup integrity.
- Checking the physical security of server rooms.

Part 6: Building Trust

The Future of Digital Integrity

What Makes a System Trustworthy?

Transparency

Users know what is being collected.

Predictability

The system behaves as expected.

Benevolence

The intent of the system is to help, not exploit.



N O R A

Non-Obvious Relationship Awareness

The ability to connect records across diverse systems (phone bills, criminal records, flight data) to find "hidden" threats.

The ultimate test of Privacy vs. Security.

The AI Frontier

Trusting black-box algorithms:

Explainability:

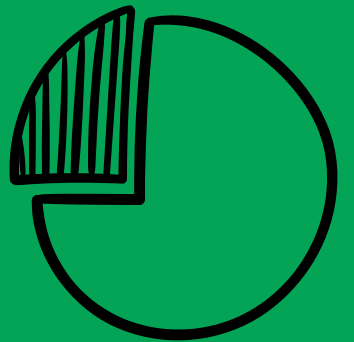
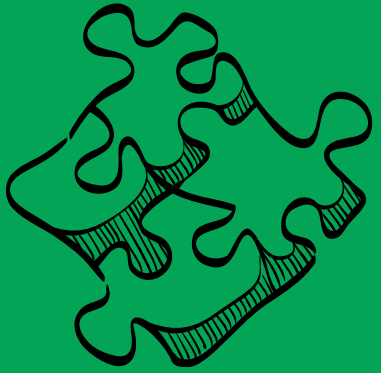
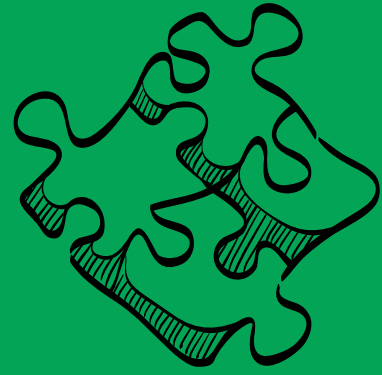
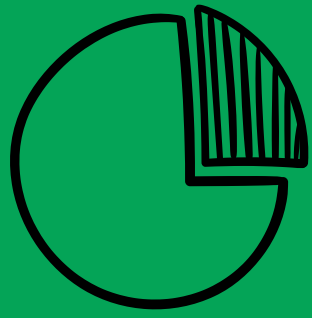
Can the AI tell us
why it made a decision?

Bias Mitigation:

Constantly auditing data for
historical prejudice.

Conclusion

- As we move toward autonomous systems, the human element becomes **more** important, not less.
- **Final Takeaway:** Technology provides the power, but Ethics provides the direction. Trust is the currency of the information age.



Thankyou!

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