

DSSA Update

Costa Rica – March, 2012



Goals for today

- Update you on our progress
- Raise awareness
- Solicit your input



Charter: Goals and Objectives

Report to participating SO's and AC's on:

- Actual level, frequency and severity of **threats to the DNS**
- Current efforts and activities to mitigate these
- Gaps in the current response to DNS issues
- Possible additional risk mitigation activities that would assist in closing those gaps



Unpacking some terms

Our charter speaks to “Threats”

Threat-events (what happens) should not be confused with:

- **Adverse impacts** - that may result
- **Vulnerabilities** - that allow them to happen
- **Predisposing conditions** - that help prevent them
- **Threat-sources** – that initiate them
- **Controls and mitigation** – that reduce likelihood and impact



Activity since Singapore

- The working group has:
 - Developed a **protocol for handling confidential information**
 - Selected, and begun to tailor, a **methodology** to structure the remaining work
 - Begun the **detailed analysis** of the risk assessment



Methodology – NIST 800-30

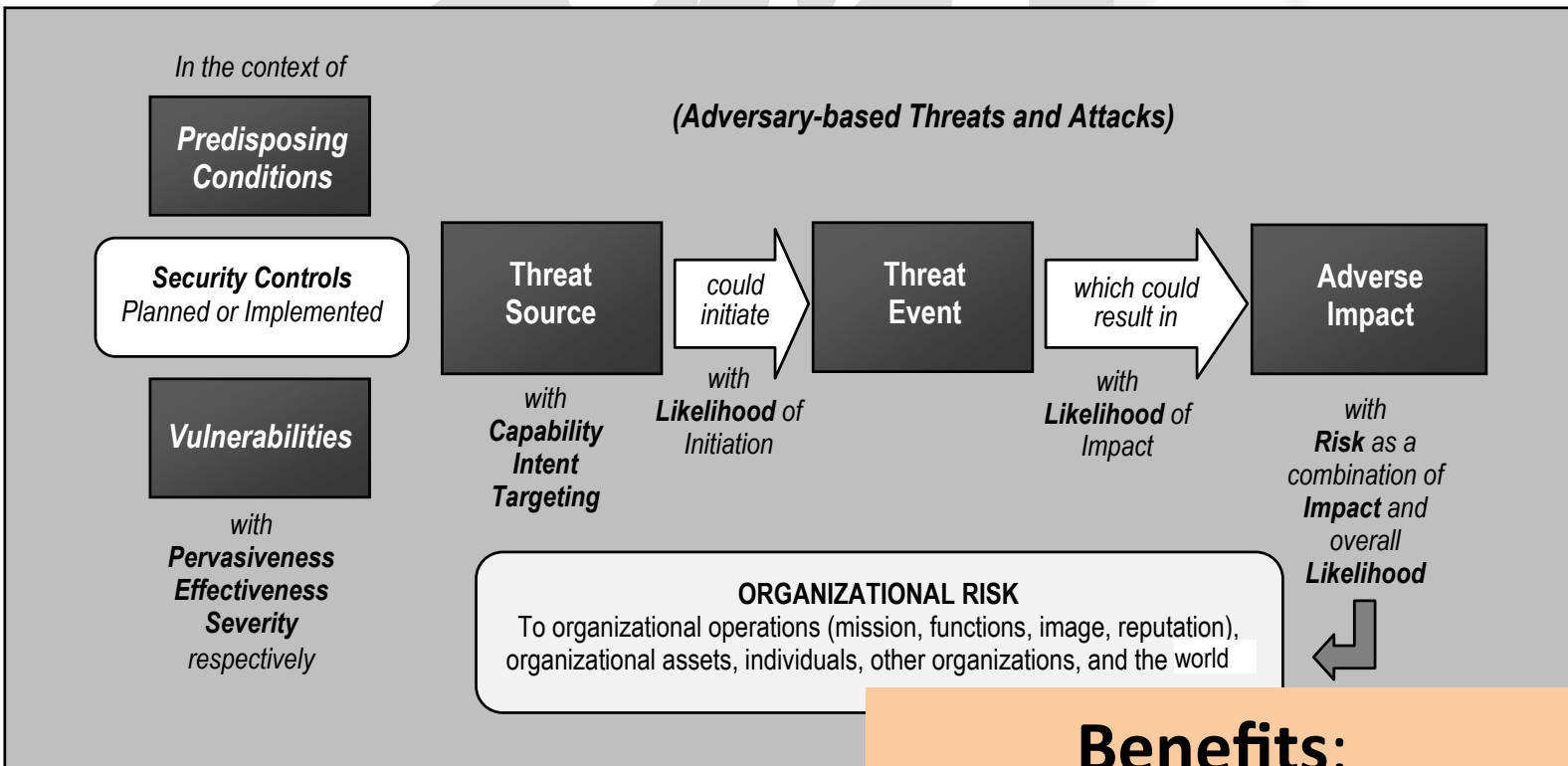
Rationale

- Using a predefined methodology will save time and improve our work product
- Reviewed several dozen alternatives
- We selected this one because it's:
 - Available at no cost
 - Actively supported and maintained
 - Widely known and endorsed in the community
 - Reusable elsewhere in ICANN



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Example – Adversarial Risk Model



Benefits:

- Consistent terminology
- Shared model
- Structured work
- Sample deliverables

Where we are...

Approach

Launch

Identify Threats &
Vulnerabilities

Analyze
Threats & Vulnerabilities

Report

We are here – getting started
with this phase of the work

We are hoping to have a high-level
version of this done by Prague



Where we are...

Status

- 43 weeks (or 43 hours) in
- We've developed substantial (and reusable)
 - **Data**
 - **Methods**
- Given our **resources**, pick any 2 of 3 going forward
 - **Detail** (identify vs. analyze high-risk scenarios)
 - **Speed** (6 months vs. 36)
 - **Accuracy**



Where we are...

Determinations – Threat events and level of impact

Level of Impact:

In the worst case there would be broad harm/consequence/impact to operations, assets, individuals, other organizations and the world if any of these threat-events occur. And in all cases there would be significant problems for registrants and users **in the zone**.

Threat events:

- Zone does not resolve
- Zone is incorrect
- Zone security is compromised



Where we are...

Determinations – Nature of impact

- Damage to a critical infrastructure sector
- Damage to trust relationships or reputation
- Harm to individuals
- Harm to assets
- Harm to operations



Where we are going

- **Vulnerabilities** – severe and widespread?
 - **Predisposing conditions** – pervasive?
 - **Controls and mitigation** – effective and deployed?
- **Threat sources** – how broad is range of impact, what are their capabilities, how strong is their intent, are they targeting the DNS?
 - **Initiation** – what is the likelihood that a threat-event will happen?
- Given all of the above – **what are the high-risk scenarios?**



Questions?



How we work

(design credit -- CLO)

The screenshot shows an Adobe Connect meeting window titled "Joint DNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group (Sharing) - Adobe Connect". The interface includes a chat window on the left, a central shared document window, and a right-hand sidebar with attendees and sharing options. The shared document is a spreadsheet with columns for "Description", "Identifier", "Range of effects (see 'Scales' tab)", and "Relevance to the DNS (see 'Scales' tab)". The spreadsheet contains 22 rows of data, with some cells highlighted in yellow. Below the spreadsheet are three smaller windows: "Threat sources -- range of effects", "Threat events -- relevance", and "Agenda". The chat window shows a conversation between participants, and the polling window shows a "View Votes" section with a bar chart and a "Broadcast Results" checkbox.

Description	Identifier	Range of effects (see "Scales" tab)	Relevance to the DNS (see "Scales" tab)
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-40	1 7 3.25	4 4 2.00
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-50	8 1 1.00	7 1 0.88
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-60	1 1 1.00	10 1 1.00
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-70	1 1 1.00	1 8 2 2.82
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-80	3 7 5.90	2 8 5.60
Configuration errors by privileged users	NATE-90	4 6 1.80	7 1 2.75
Business failure of a key provider	NATE-10	7 5.00	7 1 1.00
Business failure of a key provider	NATE-20	6 3.00	10 1 9.82
Business failure of a key provider	NATE-30	2 3 1 8.17	6 3 3.00
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Business failure of a key provider	NATE-70	6 1 7.00	2 1 7.75

Live chat

Participants

Polling

Definitions

Agenda



Charter: Background

At their meetings during the ICANN Brussels meeting the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Number Resource Organization (NROs) acknowledged **the need for a better understanding of the security and stability of the global domain name system (DNS)**. This is considered to be of **common interest** to the participating Supporting Organisations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs) and others, and should be preferably **undertaken in a collaborative effort**.



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Risk Management Hierarchy

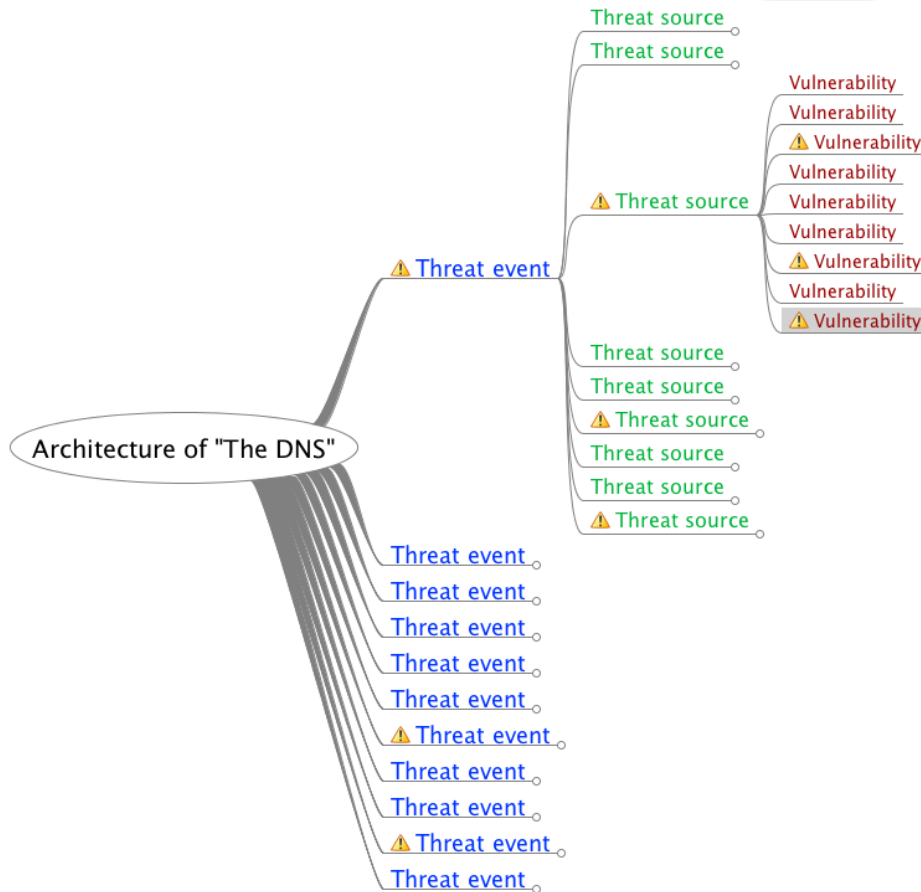
The methodology presumes a tiered approach to the work



- DSSA is chartered to look at the broadest, most general tier
- However it may be useful to pursue one or two deeper, narrower analyses of specific threats once the “survey” work is complete

Problem: the evaluation per NIST methodology does not scale

It's all about choices



- Threat tree could easily grow to over 1000 permutations
- Prune the tree along the way, in order to focus on the highest risks
- Leave a framework that can be used to address:
 - New things
 - Changes
 - Greater detail



Confidential information

<p>Note: Sensitivity, attribution and release to public are determined by info-provider</p>	<p>Sensitive</p>		<p>Not sensitive</p>
<p>Not attributed to source (transmitted through trusted 3rd party or summaries of Type 1 developed by sub-group)</p>	<p>Type 2: Distributed to sub-groups only. (Info-providers determine ultimate distribution)</p>	<p>Info-provider authorizes release</p>	<p>Type 3: Distributed to DSSA and public ("sanitized" info from sub-groups and other non-attributed information)</p>
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