

A person is shown from the side, working at a computer workstation in a server room. The room is dimly lit with blue and purple ambient lighting. In the background, several server racks are visible. The person's hands are on a keyboard. A network overlay of white lines and dots is superimposed over the entire scene. The text "Establishing an Incident Response Plan" is centered in white, bold font.

Establishing an Incident Response Plan



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AGENDA

- Incident Response Landscape
- Incident Response Considerations
- NIST Framework
- Elements of an IR Plan Lifecycle
- Q&A



77% of organizations do not have an IR plan in place consistently across their enterprise

54% of organizations do not test their IR plan regularly

75% of organizations have difficulty hiring and retaining skilled cybersecurity personnel

*2019 Annual Study: IBM Security & Ponemon Institute

Internal Organizational Considerations



Building an IR plan that fits business objectives



Acceptance that incidents will occur



Gaining management engagement



Employees and other stakeholder education



How to work together in together in a crisis



Understanding the potential pitfalls in writing an IR plan

Information Governance Considerations



Who are you?



What kind of data do you have?

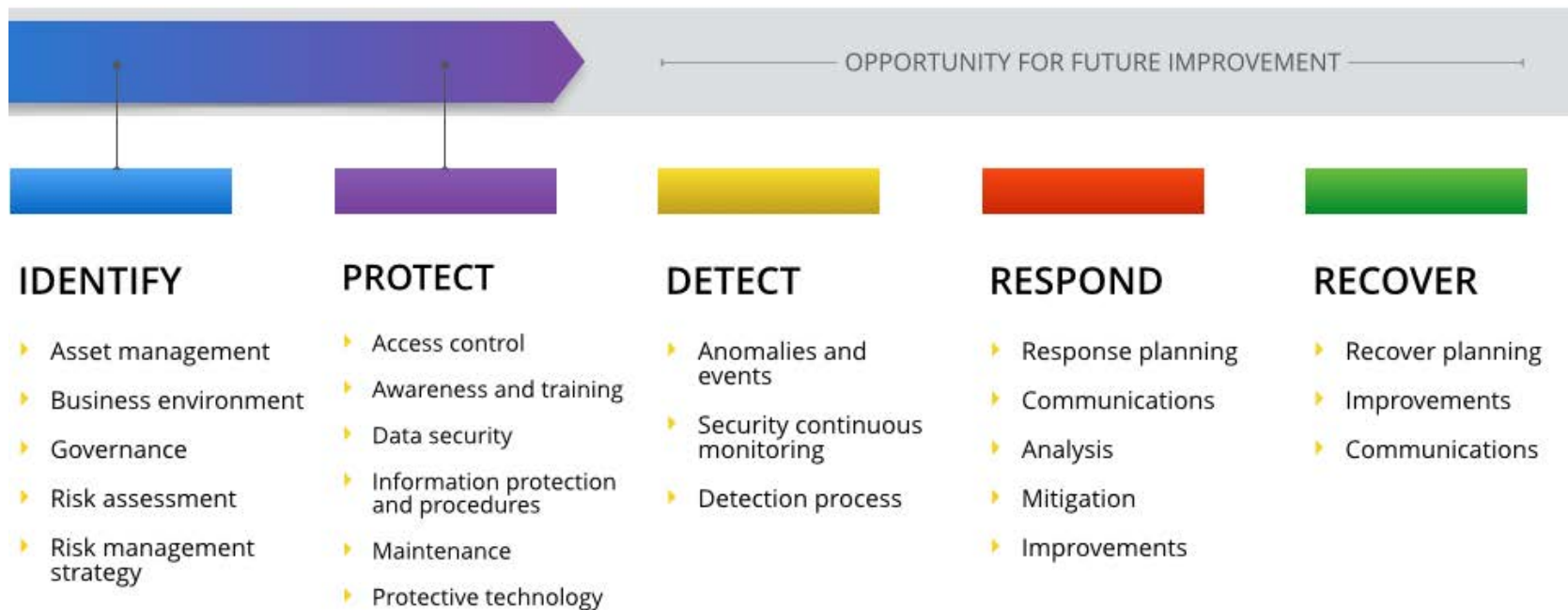


Where is your data?



How are you protecting your data?

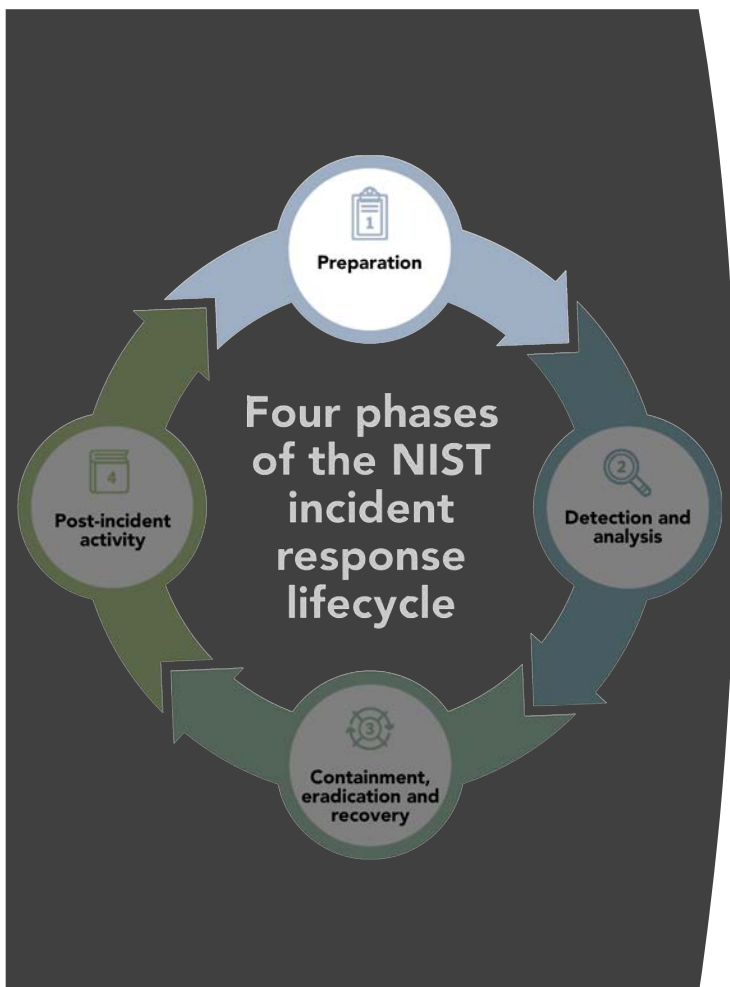
NIST Cybersecurity Framework



NIST IR Lifecycle

Incident management is NOT linear – new threats lead to new policies and procedures and will inform each other constantly.





Risk Assessment



Identify Team, Define Roles, and Train



Threat Modeling



Establish Policies, Procedures & Agreements



List Assets



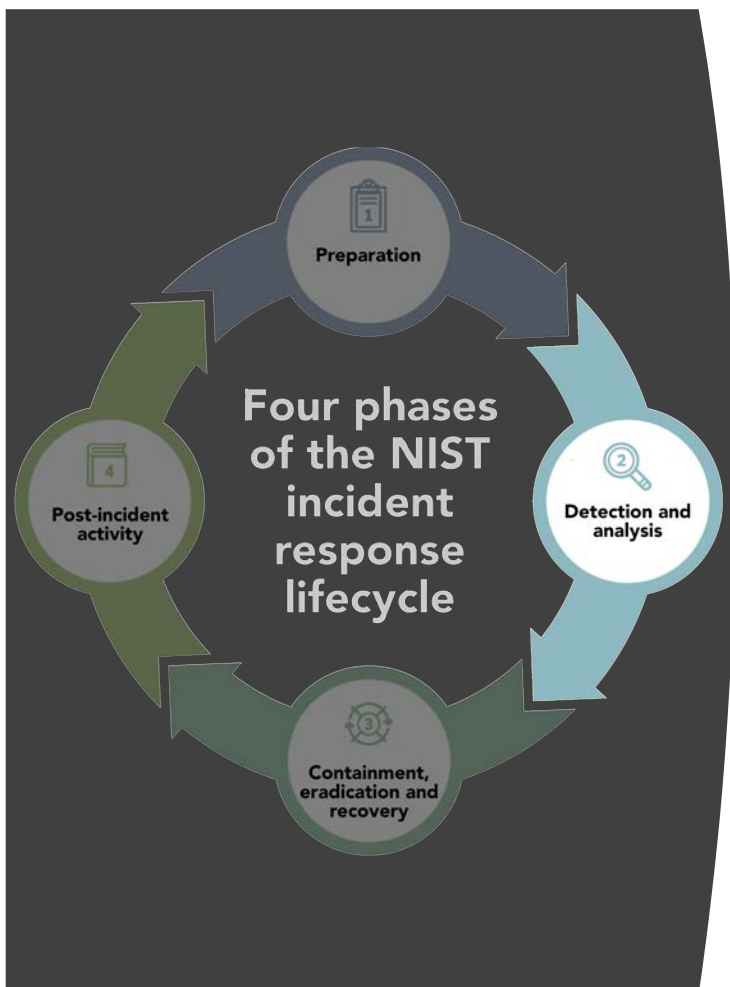
Develop Playbooks & Communication Plans



Prepare Incident Log

IR Simulation Exercises

- Nominate the Simulation Architect & Facilitator
- Planning: Number of scenarios, timing, location, participants, establishing goals
- Design an effective scenario
 - Format/Structure
 - Scenario
 - Props/Tools
 - Scenario inspiration can be found on The Office of Cyber Security for the State of Washington



Do you have the tools/technology to identify root cause issues?



Who, What, Where, When, How?



Endpoint Analysis



Threat Hunting



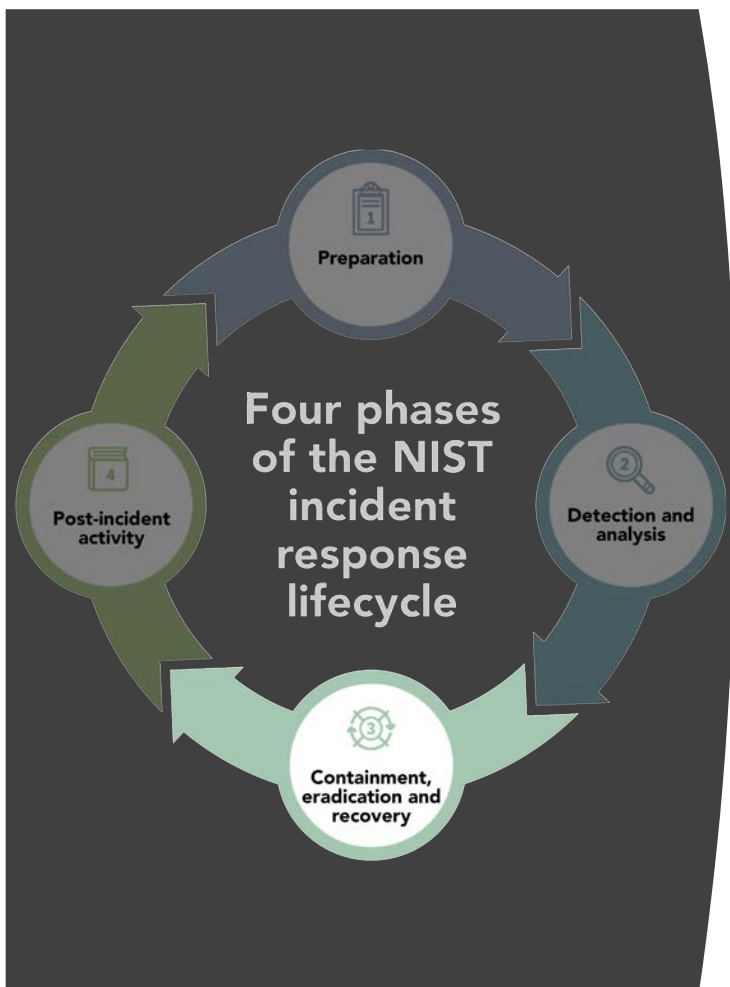
Defense in Depth



Vulnerability Management



Purple Team



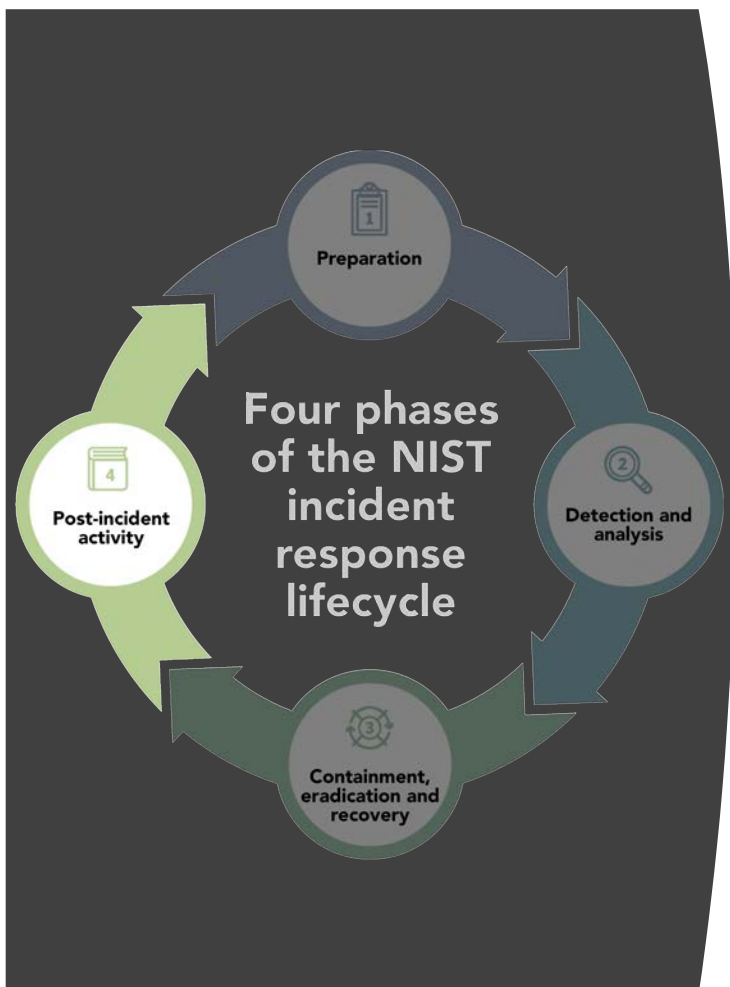
With your current technology, how can you **contain** a bad actor, malware, etc.?



How will you ensure that the root cause AND incident artifacts are **eradicated**?



Do you currently possess the capability to **recover** from a breach/ransomware outbreak, security event, etc.?



Postmortem update with key stakeholders

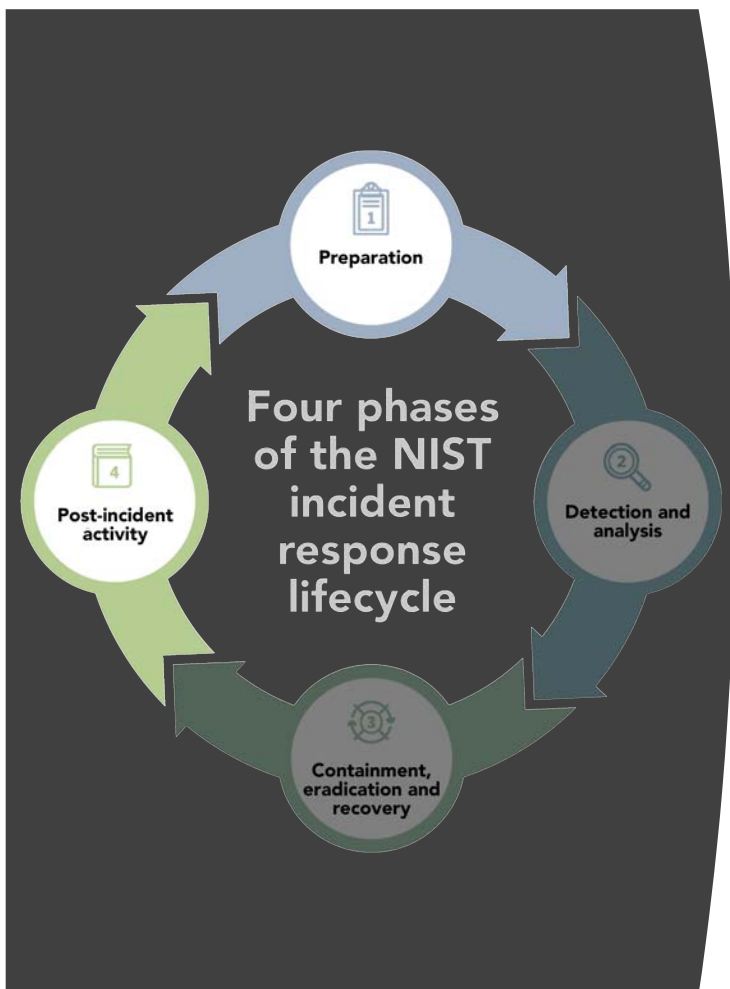


Root Cause Analysis (RCA) of incident



Questions to drive a “Lessons Learned” discussion:

- What changes need to be made to the cybersecurity posture?
- How should employees and incident responders be trained differently?
- What weaknesses did the breach exploit? (Hard and soft included)
- How will you ensure a similar breach doesn't happen again?
- What changes are needed to the IR plan based on outcome?



Update Risk Assessment



Revise Team, Define Roles, and Update Training Materials



Threat Modeling



Revise Policies, Procedures, and Agreements



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Thank you for listening!