



# Best Practices and Tools for Reducing Insider Threats

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# SolarWinds at a Glance



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Austin, TX headquarters  
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Management<sup>2</sup>

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in Systems  
Management<sup>3</sup>

55+  
IT management  
products

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Portfolio

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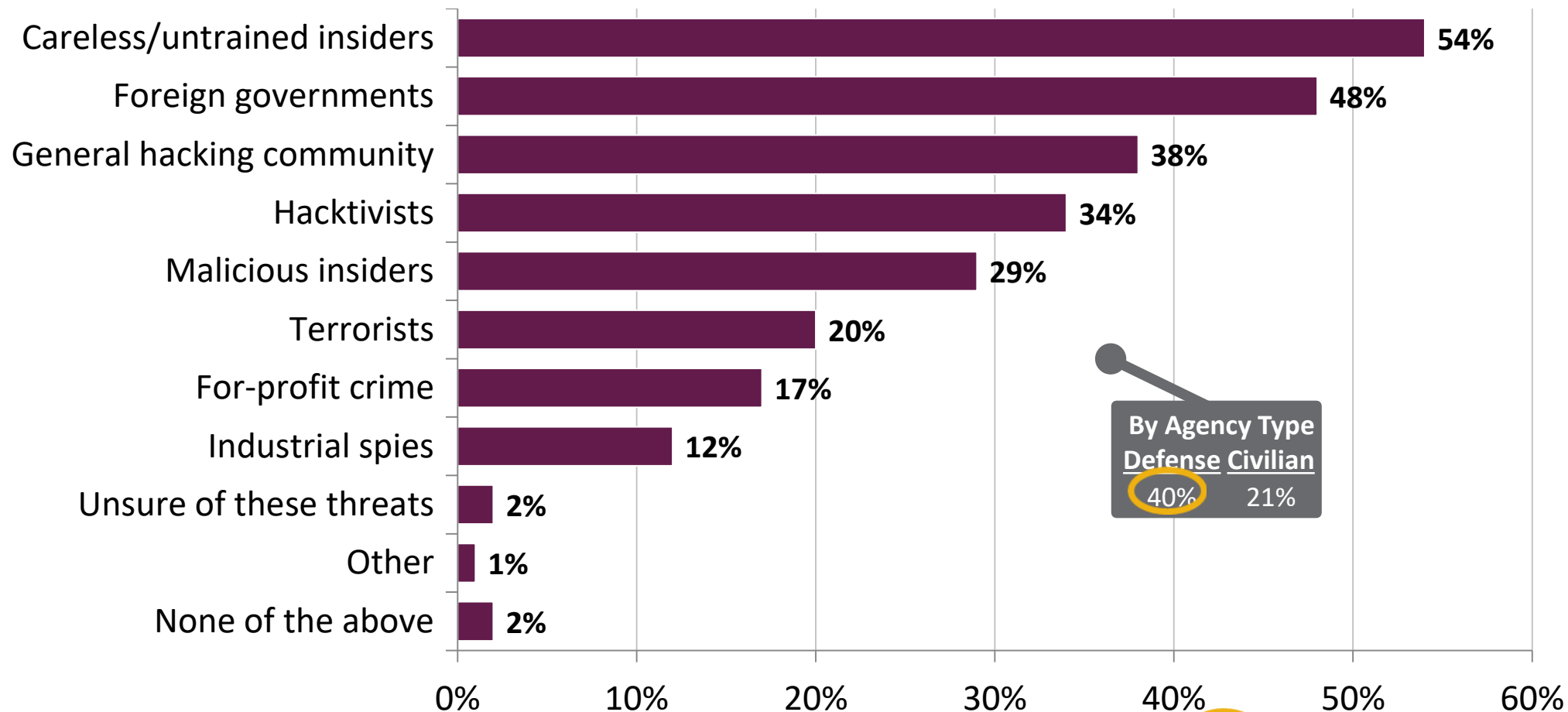
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2. IDC defined Network Management Software functional market, IDC's Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, April 2018.
3. Source: Gartner, Market Share Analysis: ITOM: Performance Analysis Software, Worldwide, 2017. July 9, 2018. (AIOps/ITIM/Other Monitoring Tools Software Market ). SolarWinds term, Systems Management, refers to the AIOps/ITIM/Other Monitoring Tools Software Market Taxonomy referenced in the Gartner report. All statements in this report attributable to Gartner represent SolarWinds interpretation of data, research opinion or viewpoints published as part of a syndicated subscription service by Gartner, Inc., and have not been reviewed by Gartner. Each Gartner publication speaks as of its original publication date (and not as of the date of this [presentation]). The opinions expressed in Gartner publications are not representations of fact and are subject to change without notice.

# Sources of Security Threats



= statistically significant difference

N=200  
Note: Multiple responses allowed

What are the greatest sources of IT security threats to your agency? (select all that apply)

# Sources of Security Threats - Trend



	2014	2015	2016	2017
Careless/untrained insiders	42%	53%	48%	54%
Foreign governments	34%	38%	48%	48%
General hacking community	47%	46%	46%	38%
Hacktivists	26%	30%	38%	34%
Malicious insiders	17%	23%	22%	29%
Terrorists	21%	18%	24%	20%
For-profit crime	11%	14%	18%	17%
Industrial spies	6%	10%	16%	12%

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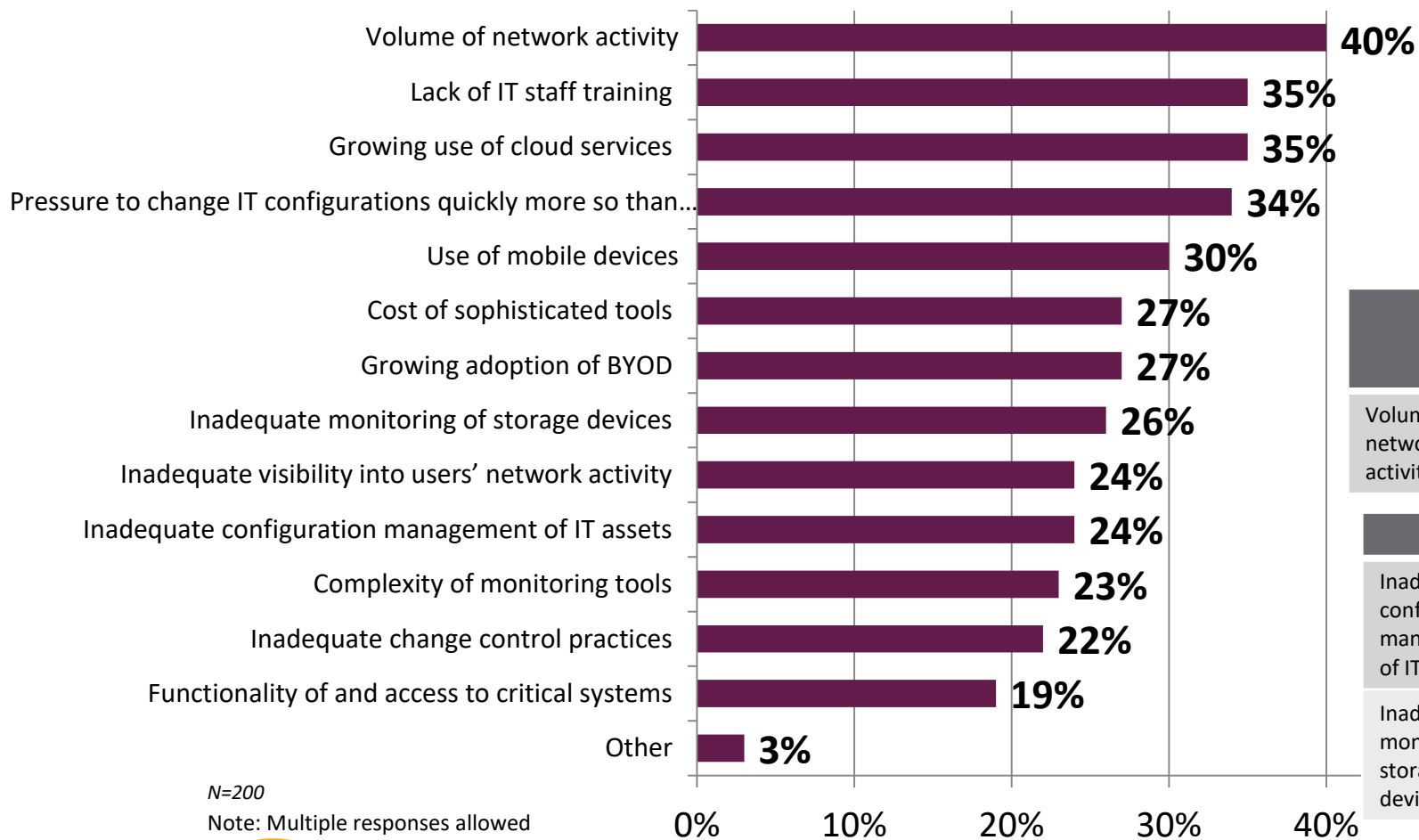
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# Insider Threat Detection Difficulties



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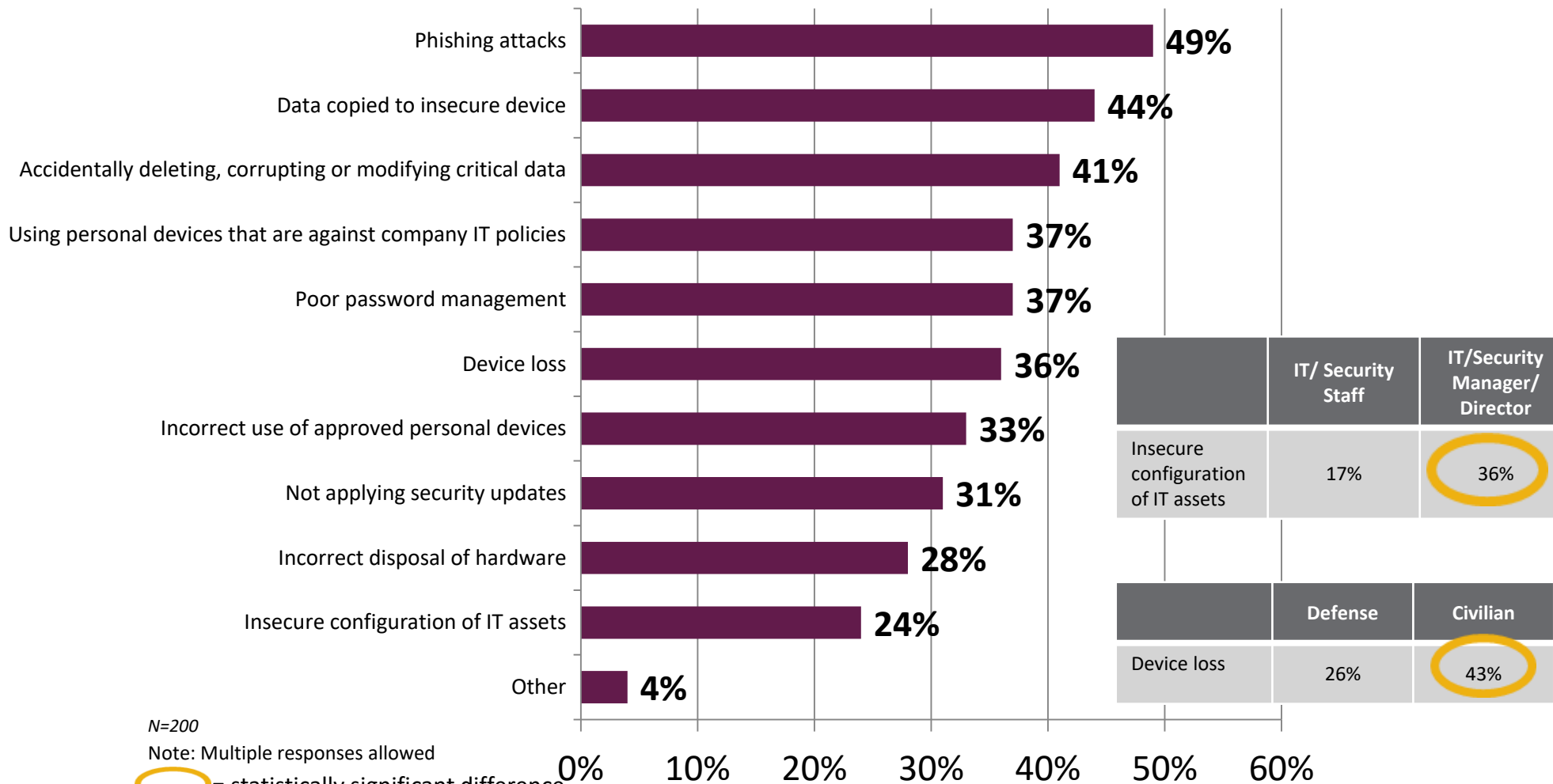
	IT/ Security Staff	IT/Security Manager/ Director
Volume of network activity	29%	<b>44%</b>

	Defense	Civilian
Inadequate configuration management of IT assets	17%	<b>28%</b>
Inadequate monitoring of storage devices	18%	<b>32%</b>

**Q** In today's environment, what makes insider threat detection and prevention more difficult?

# Accidental Insider Breach Causes



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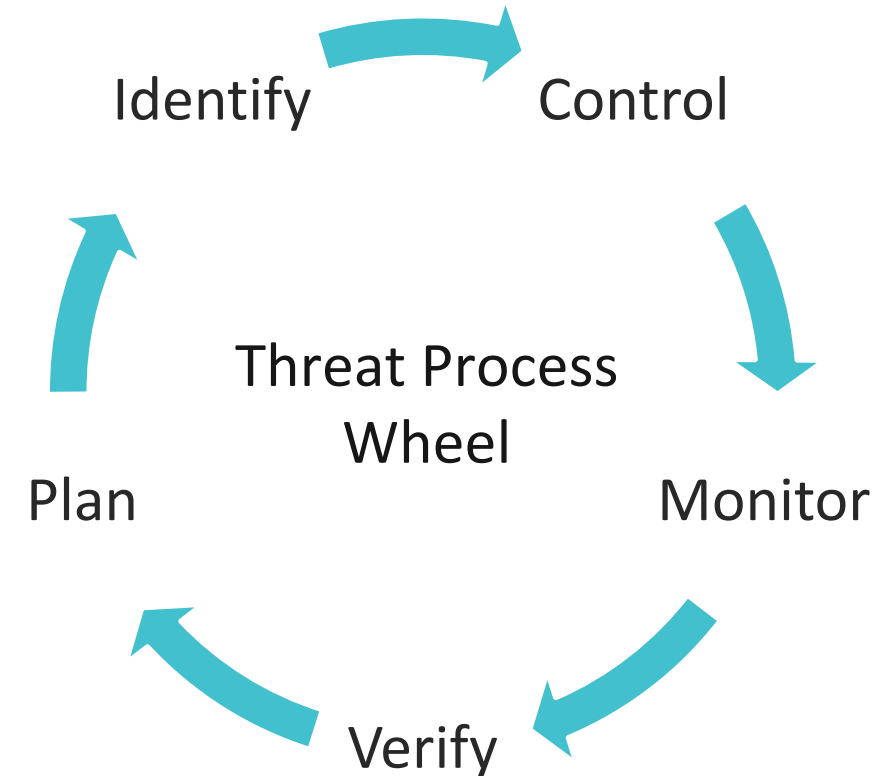
What are the most common causes of accidental insider IT security breaches caused by the untrained or careless employee?

# Insider Threat Flow Response Process



## Policy Implementation:

- Reduced risk of outages and security breaches
- Help assure service health and performance
- Stricter control of change and configuration management process
- Faster problem identification and resolution
- Visibility to design changes that avoid future problems



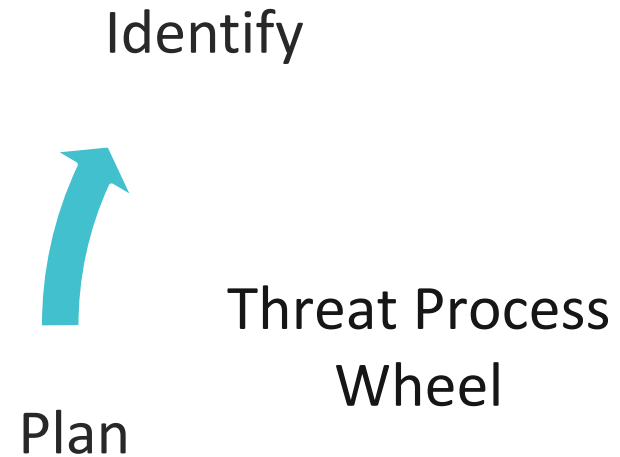


# Insider Threat: Identify



## Identify:

- Updated Inventory of Infrastructure
- Understanding of your Area of Responsibility
- Know and protect your critical assets



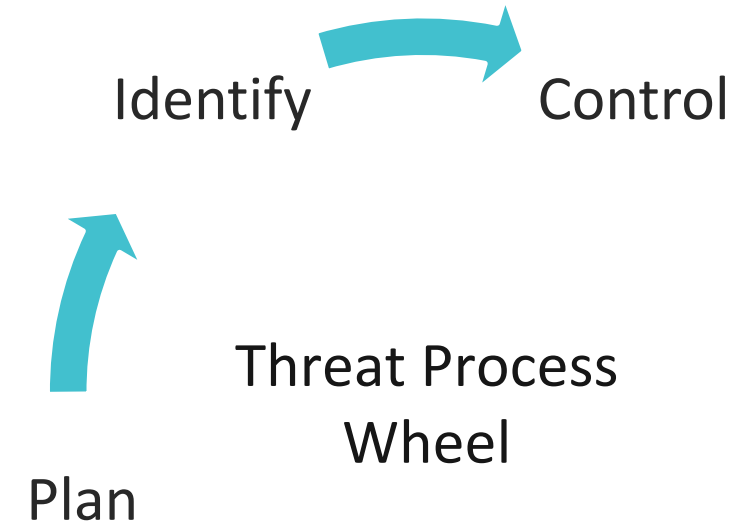
# Insider Threat: Control



## Control:

Organizations typically have a number of tools and processes to *plan for and document* expected changes

- Develop a formalized insider threat program
- Configuration management tools can help inventory network device configurations, assess them for compliance, and automate change and configuration management
- Configuration Control and automation
- Security Event Appliance (SEIM) Tools to collect, correlate, and respond to threats through automation rulesets

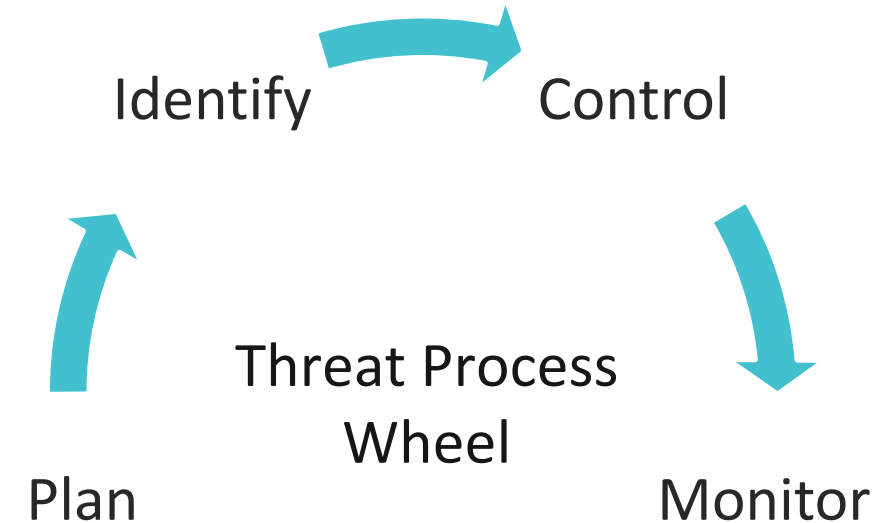


# Insider Threat: Monitor



## Monitor:

- Deploy solutions for monitoring employee actions and correlating information from multiple data sources
- Network, application, and system monitoring, and management tools, provide needed visibility
- These tools continuously collect data on IT operations and alert on anomalies
- Infrastructure performance monitoring metrics can compliment your other security tools to help detect and mitigate issues, such as Advanced Persistent Threats
- Infrastructure broken into different focuses:
  - Systems
  - Network
  - Management/Mission Impact

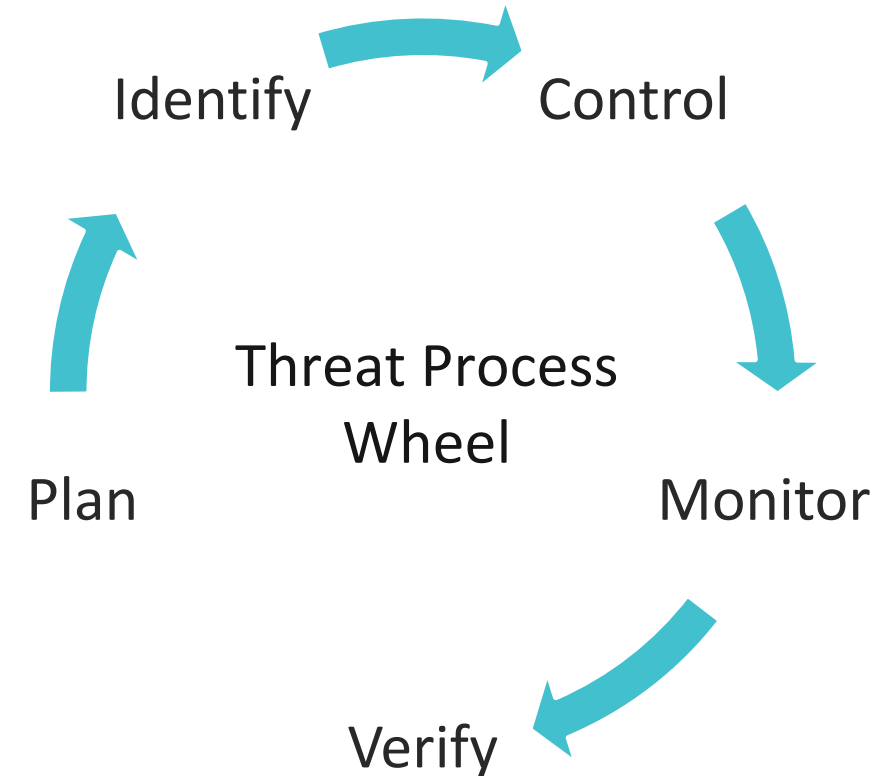


# Insider Threat: Verify



## Verify:

- Performance baselines can help identify threats, and provide constant and valuable insight into network activities
- Clearly document and consistently enforce policies and controls
- Device tracking provides forensic data to help locate, identify, and isolate threat sources, or enforce your BYOD/mobility policies
- Key Areas:
  - Reports
  - Compliance
  - Thresholds

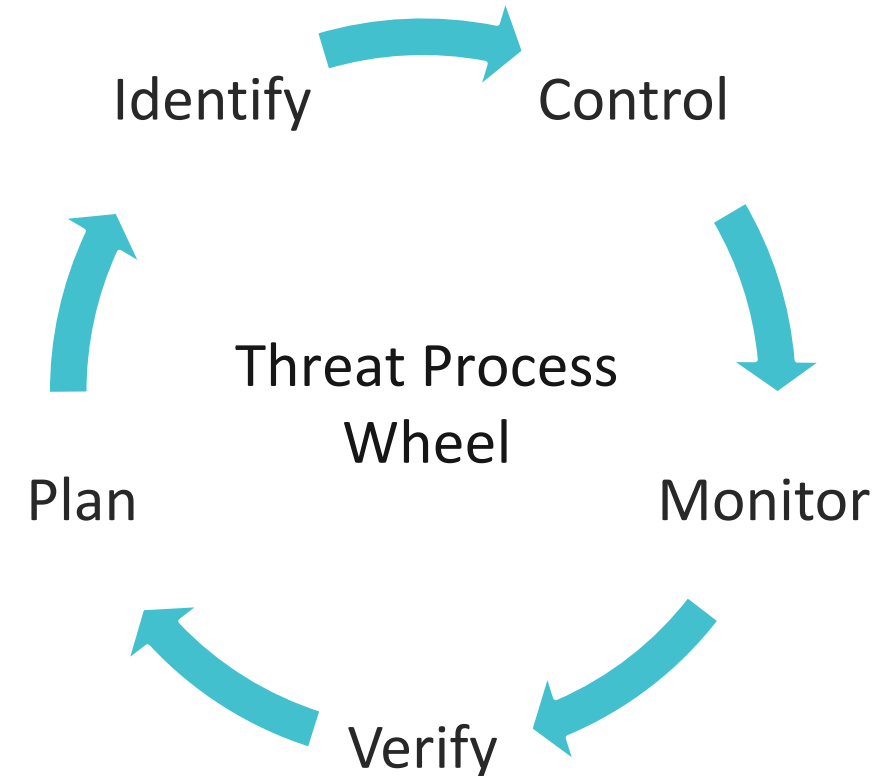


# Insider Threat: Repetition



## Process Repetition:

- Policy strategy, success for all
- Simple: simplicity is key with an emphasis on ease of use to utilize configuration monitoring, alerting, and auditing
- Incorporate malicious and unintentional insider threat awareness into periodic security training for all employees



# Security and Network Management Tools Can Help



Security and network management tools can help with compliance

**Network Configuration Manager**



**Network Performance Monitor**



**Access Rights Manager**



**IP Address Manager**



**Log & Event Manager**



**Patch Manager**



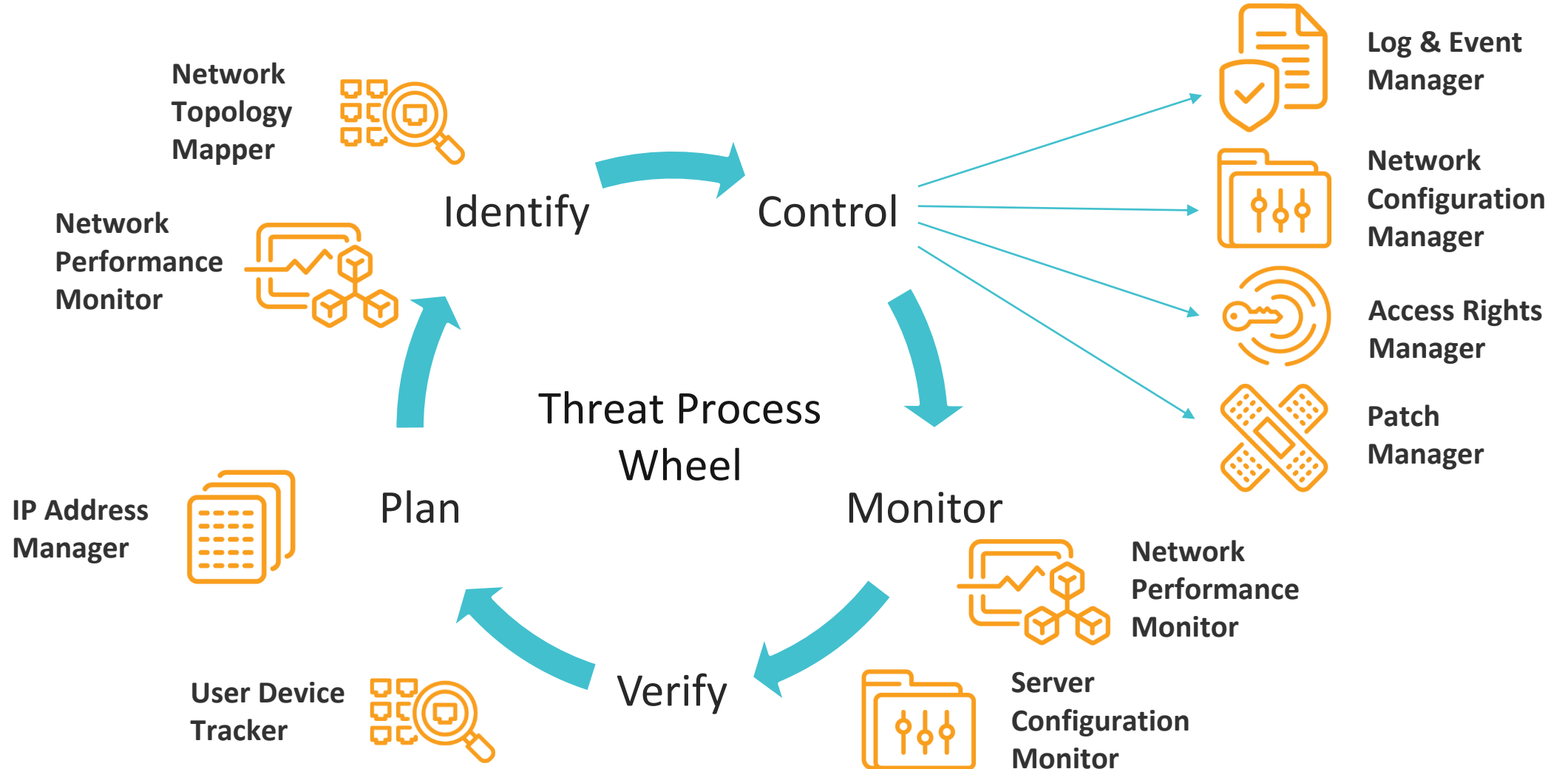
**Server Configuration Monitor**



**User Device Tracker**

More information: <https://www.solarwinds.com/it-security-management-tools>

# Threat Process Wheel Aligned to SolarWinds Products



# Build Security Into Your Community



- Embed security practices and conversations about good security habits within your daily office environment
  - Gamifying security training
  - Document and test your security policies
  - Conduct annual security awareness training
  - Leverage cyber security certification training (e.g., DOD 8570)
  - Document security incident reporting procedures (e.g., wallet cards, desk references, etc.)
  - Utilize Two Factor Authentication



# Build Security Into Your Community



- Implement an approach styled after a Secure Development Lifecycle (SDL)
  - SDLs consist of the security processes and activities performed for every software release
  - Although conceived for development, their principles can be applied across your company
  - For example, by agreeing upon standard security practices for processes that involve sensitive data, you can help instill Information Security (InfoSec) into your company

# When Combating the Insider Threats



- Meeting compliance standards does not mean you are secure
- Careless or untrained insiders can be the largest source of security threats
- High-performing companies with excellent IT controls experience:
  - Fewer cyberthreats
  - Faster response time to threats
  - Positive results from IT modernization initiatives
- Continuous review of your IT controls may help to improve your security posture
- SolarWinds has tools designed to help

# Compliance Resources



- **Review** a blog on how SolarWinds software can help with NIST FISMA/RMF compliance:  
<https://thwack.solarwinds.com/community/solarwinds-community/product-blog/blog/2015/08/01/fisma-nist-800-53-compliance-with-solarwinds-products>
- **Review** a blog on how SolarWinds software can help with DISA STIGS compliance:  
<https://thwack.solarwinds.com/community/solarwinds-community/product-blog/blog/2011/09/07/disa-stig-compliance-with-log-event-manager>
- **Watch** a federal security compliance video:  
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