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# *Defending Against Cybersecurity Threats from Using Big Data*

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# Security Concerns



- Database structures
- Scalability
- Configuration management
- Cost
- Operations





# Database Structures



- Although most traditional database vendors support big data, they operate as SQL-based or another type of relational structure.
- Hadoop (open source project for big data) and other next-generation databases are designed for unstructured data

# Scalability



- Most structured database systems are designed to “scale up” based on the size of the host machine, next-generation technologies are often designed to “scale out,” or cluster
- Instead of having a single large database server, an agency may have 500 smaller systems operating together as a cluster. Some of these systems could be virtual, some physical, and some in the cloud.

# Configuration Management



- Traditionally, FISMA (through FIPS-200) has required agencies to develop robust configuration management plans, develop configuration and change management boards, and ensure that security impact analysis is performed as part of system changes
- With big data, mature and robust configuration and change management is a must.

# Cost



- Since new nodes could be spun up in almost any cloud provider's environment, or even on additional desktops within an agency, tight control over IT resources and spending must be in place

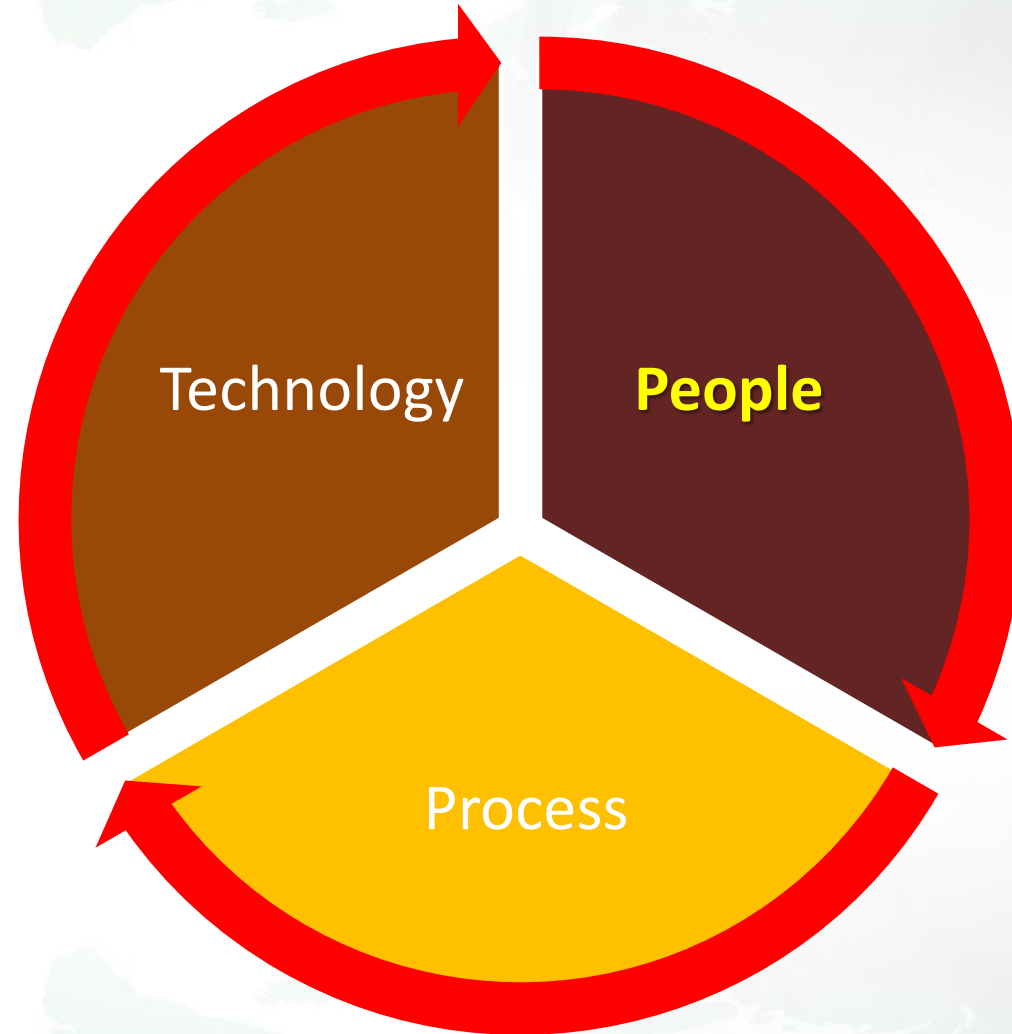


# Operations



- Who is responsible for patching? Who is responsible for vulnerability scanning? What happens if the software has a vulnerability and there is no vendor to contact for support?
- Many big data platforms are capable of utilizing cloud services out of the box, the security team must be aware of any changes being performed as part of the system lifecycle
- Security teams must look at big data from a holistic perspective of protecting the infrastructure and operating system, applying as much automation and existing policy as possible.

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- Big Data is more about the processing techniques and outputs than the size of the data set itself, so *specific skills* are required to use Big Data effectively
- There is a general shortage of *specialist skills* for Big Data analysis, in particular when it comes to using some of the less mature technologies.

# Workforce Development

- People & skills are critical and vital
- Having the *right people* and skill sets that form a specialized team is a critical success factor for Big Data deployment
- As big data is “scale-up”, various skills are needed and certified professionals in various areas are crucial.



# Right Skills Set?



- The need to ask the questions for specific operations and functions
- Knowing how to use big data for business transformation
- The main factor: Having qualified and certified professionals who knows how to view security from a holistic point of view and have a solid security strategy to prevent and defend against cyber attacks and threats

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# Summary



- Big data is complex and requires analytical capabilities for success
- The key differentiating factor is the human factor
- A successful organization have the right skills and expertise with a qualified workforce to make big data a success.

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