FISA SECURITY ASSESSMENT

WHAT IS A FISASCORE™?

The FISAScore is the numeric value cumulative high-risk score assigned to your company based on the information security assessment report (FISA®). The score range indicates critical vulnerabilities, control strength inefficiencies, and applicable threats to the security of your company.

WHAT IS FISA?

FISA is a proprietary assessment tool created by Evan Francen in collaboration with industry experts. FISA encompasses the ISO, IEC, COBIT5, CCS CSC, NERC and the NIST Cybersecurity Frameworks. These combined standards create a new baseline to measure Information Security best practices. In addition, FISA takes the subjective nature common among many industry assessments and makes them objective.

FISA is the comprehensive and expert assessment of your current security risks by licensed FISA security professionals. It assesses the likelihood and impact of a breach and measures the maturity of your security program. This in-depth and high-level reporting allows recommendations to be made that enable you to better your security posture in the most efficient way.

The FISA framework consists of a thorough evaluation of risks within each of four phases: Administrative Controls, Physical Controls, Internal Technical Controls, and External Technical Controls.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS There are two common characteristics to Administrative Controls; they are sometimes referred to as the "human" part of information security and/or these controls are used to govern other parts of information security. Common administrative controls include policies, awareness training, guidelines, standards, and procedures.

PHYSICAL CONTROLS are the security controls that can often be touched and provide physical security to protect your information assets. Common physical controls include doors, locks, camera surveillance, and alarm systems.

INTERNAL TECHNICAL CONTROLS are the controls that are technical in nature and used within your organization's technical domain (inside the gateways or firewalls). Internal technical controls include things such as firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, anti-virus software, and mobile device management (MDM).

EXTERNAL TECHNICAL CONTROLS are technical in nature and are used to protect outside access to your organization's technical domain (outside the gateways or firewalls). External technical controls consist of search engine indexes, social media, DNS, port scanning, and vulnerability scanning.

WHO NEEDS A FISASCORE?

The short answer is all businesses, but small to medium sized organizations are especially vulnerable. Though most of the cyber-breach headlines in the news are about large, national companies, the breaches affecting smaller local companies are far greater in number. 62% of cyber-breach victims are small to mid-sized businesses, which are at the greatest risk for an attack.Their level of preparation is low, and the costs of customer notification alone can be enough to do a small company irreparable financial harm.   Source: Travelers Insurance, NYC

WHY IS A FISASCORE IMPORTANT?

A FISAScore allows businesses and organizations to know and understand their vulnerabilities and how they compare with peers within similar industries. The FISAScore is constantly calibrated to the latest security threats used by attackers with controls that are designed to medicate those threats and protect data from unauthorized access, disclosure, distribution and destruction.

WHY IS USING THE FISA FRAMEWORK IMPORTANT?

Since 2016, the FISA framework has been used by licensed practitioners to identify the unknown vulnerabilities of businesses and organizations, as well as providing road mapping to systematically address discovered weakness. This assists clients in determining new budgetary outlay for future IT and information security expenditures, and improves the information security posture of the organizations in an expedient manner.

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Reach out to Xigent Solutions to get your FISAScore consultation today and learn how it can help protect your business and get you on the path towards Business Efficient IT.

ABOUT XIGENT SOLUTIONS

Xigent Solutions specializes in IT services and solutions for mid-market organizations. By partnering with our customers holistically, we engage on both strategic and tactical levels to help them drive greater business outcomes from IT. We do this by helping our clients create and manage Business Efficient IT (BEI) where IT resources – people, process, and technology – are more fully utilized with Xigent's enterprise based methodology to deliver greater outcomes while minimizing IT cost and inefficiency.