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**Fraud Detection and  
Prevention in an Automated  
World**

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# Agenda

- What is Fraud
- Internal Auditor Role - IIA Standards
- IT Fraud Schemes
- IT Fraud Risk Assessment
- Fraud Detection using Data Analysis

# What is Fraud

- “The SEC named the CEO and/or CFO for some level of involvement in 89% of financial reporting fraud cases.”

COSO Fraud Study May 2010

- “some 59 percent of employees who leave a company are stealing company data, .....

Ponemon Institute

CSO magazine July/August 2009

- “**Insiders**, by virtue of legitimate access to information, systems, and networks, **pose a significant risk to employers**”

Carnegie Mellon publication May 2008

# What is Fraud

*"... any illegal act characterized by deceit, concealment, or violation of trust.*

*Frauds are perpetrated to obtain money, property, or services; to avoid payment or loss of services; or to secure personal or business advantage."*

**IIA's International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF)**

# What is Fraud

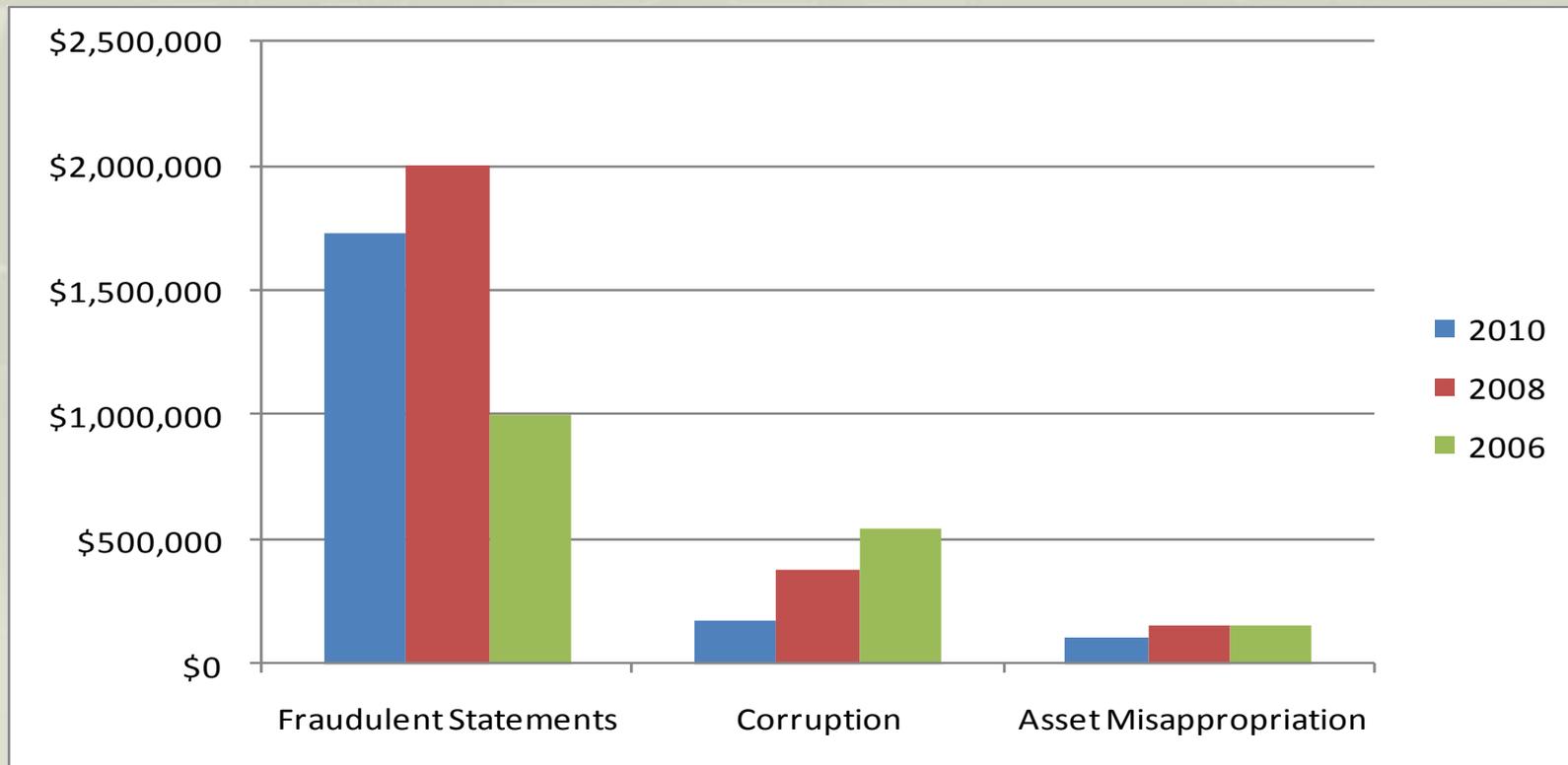
*Occupational fraud* – “the use of one’s occupation for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of the employing organization’s resources or assets.”

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

# Cost of Fraud



## Occupational Fraud by Category (U.S. only) – Median Loss



Source: ACFE's "Report to the Nation on Occupational Fraud & Abuse" (2010, 2008, 2006)

# Internal auditor role

## IIA standards

### Internal auditor must:

- *have sufficient knowledge*
- *exercise due professional care*
- ***Report to senior management and the board***

IPPF (1210.A2) (1220.A1)(2060)

# Internal auditor role

## IIA standards

### Internal auditor must:

- *evaluate the potential for fraud*
- *evaluate how fraud risk is managed*
- *consider the probability of significant **fraud**, when developing engagement objectives.*

IPPF (2120.A2) (2210.A2)

# Internal auditor role

## Other fraud guidance

- **Internal Auditing and Fraud**

IPPF Practice Guide - December 2009

- **GTAG 13 – Fraud Prevention and Detection in an Automated World**

IPPF Practice Guide - December 2009

- **Managing the Business Risk of Fraud: A Practical Guide**

The IIA, ACFE, and AICPA - 2008

# Internal auditor role

## Other fraud guidance

- **Report to the Nations: 2010 Global Fraud Study**  
ACFE - 2010
- **Fraudulent Financial Reporting: 1998 - 2007**  
COSO – May 2010

# Fraud Risks

<b>Examples</b>	
<b>Asset misappropriation</b>	<b>Information misrepresentation</b>
<b>Skimming</b>	<b>Corruption</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Bribery</b>
<b>Expense reimbursement</b>	<b>Conflict of interest</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Related parties</b>
<b>Financial statements</b>	<b>Tax evasion</b>

# IT Fraud Risks

- Access to systems or data for personal gain
- Changes to systems or data for personal gain
- Fraudulent activity by an independent contractor
- Conflicts of interest with suppliers
- Copyright infringement

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## Computer Crime

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- [Houston Computer Administrator Sentenced to Two Years in Prison for Hacking Former Employer's Computer Network \(July 15, 2009\)](#)
- [Miami Man Sentenced in Computer Fraud Offense \(July 14, 2009\)](#)
- [DMCA Conspiracy Indictment Filed Involving Efforts to Crack DISH Encryption System \(July 13, 2009\)](#)
- [Virginia Software Writer Pleads Guilty to Aiding and Abetting Detroit Spam Conspiracy \(July 7, 2009\)](#)
- [FBI Arrests Man behind a Host of Website Attacks- Including Rollingstone.com \(June 30, 2009\)](#)
- ["Iceman," Founder of Online Credit Card Theft Ring, Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud Charges \(June 29, 2009\)](#)
- [Detroit Spammer and Four Co-Conspirators Plead Guilty to Multi-Million Dollar E-mail Stock Fraud Scheme \(June 22, 2009\)](#)
- [Houston Man Indicted for Trafficking Counterfeit Computer Products \(June 12, 2009\)](#)
- [International Telephone Hacking Conspiracy Busted; Indictment in the United States, Arrests and Searches in Italy, and Continued Operations in the Philippines \(June 12, 2009\)](#)
- [Ohio Man was Sentenced to 21 Months in Prison in Connection with Recent Conviction for Violation of the Telephone Records and Privacy Act of 2006 \(June 3, 2009\)](#)
- [New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty to Launching Attack That Shut down Church of Scientology Websites \(May 11, 2009\)](#)
- [Swedish National Charged with Hacking and Theft of Trade Secrets Related to Alleged Computer Intrusions at Nasa and Cisco \(May 5, 2009\)](#)

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# Access to systems or data for personal gain

Scenario	Fraud
<p>An employee in the payroll department <b>moved to a new position</b>. Upon switching positions, the employee's <b>access rights were left unchanged</b>.</p> <p>Source: 2008 Insider Threat Study, US Secret Service and CERT/SEI</p>	<p>Using the retained privileged access rights, the employee <b>provided an associate with confidential information</b> for 1,500 of the firm's employees, including 401k account numbers, credit card account numbers, and social security numbers, which was then used to commit over <b>100 cases of identity theft</b>. The insider's actions caused over \$1 million in damage to the company and its employees.</p>

## Changes to system programs or data for personal gain

Phase	Fraud	Oversights
<p>Requirements Definition</p> <p>Source: 2008 Insider Threat Study, US Secret Service and CERT/SEI</p>	<p><b>195 illegitimate drivers' licenses were created and sold</b> by a police communications officer who accidentally discovers she can create them.</p>	<p>Ill-defined authentication and role-based access control requirements.</p> <p>Ill-defined security requirements for automated business processes.</p> <p>Lack of segregation of duties.</p>

## Changes to system programs or data for personal gain

Phase	Fraud	Oversights
System Design	An employee realizes there <b>is</b> no oversight in his company's system and business processes, so he works with organized crime to enter and profit from \$20 million in <b>fake health insurance claims</b> .	Insufficient attention to security details in automated workflow processes.  Lack of consideration for security vulnerabilities posed by authorized system overrides.

Source: 2008 Insider Threat Study, US Secret Service and CERT/SEI

## Changes to system programs or data for personal gain

Phase	Fraud	Oversights
System Maintenance	A foreign currency trader covers up losses of \$691 million over a five-year period by making <b>unauthorized changes to the source code.</b>	Lack of code reviews.  End-user access to source code.

Source: 2008 Insider Threat Study, US Secret Service and CERT/SEI

## Fraudulent activity by an independent contractor

Scenario	Fraud
<p>A disgruntled independent contractor was fired from his current employer.</p> <p>Source: U.S. Department of Justice</p>	<p>An independent contractor, a UNIX engineer, was fired and told to turn in all client equipment including laptop. On the day of termination, the <b>contractor imbedded malicious code designed to propagate throughout the network and destroy all financial, securities and mortgage information.</b></p> <p>A senior engineer discovered the malicious script before it executed. The contractor faces up to 10 years in prison.</p>

# IT Fraud Risk Assessment Key Elements

- Types of frauds
- Inherent risk of fraud
- Existing controls
- Control gaps
- Likelihood
- Business impact

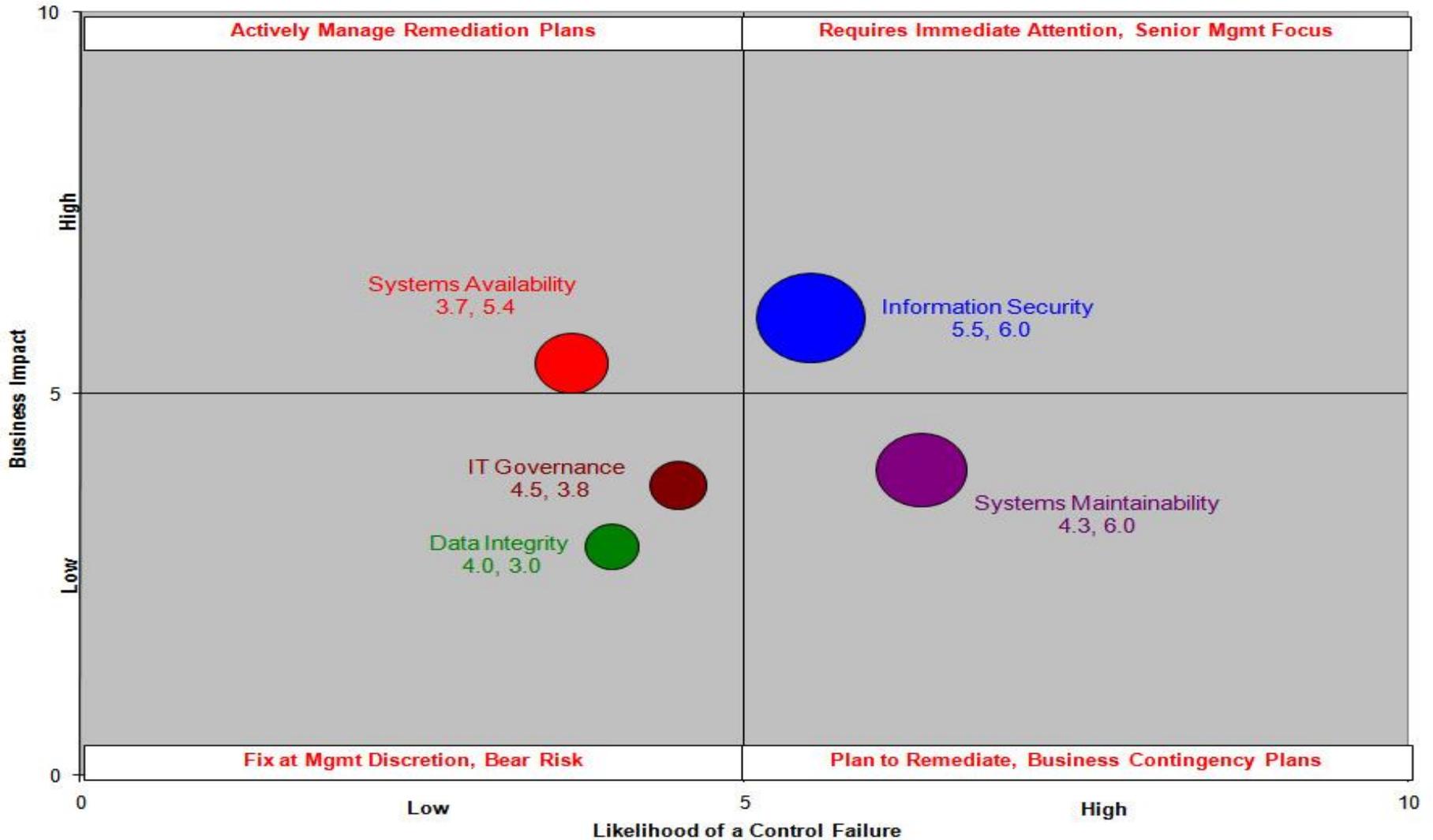
# IT Fraud Risk Assessment Template - Example

Business Owner-	Fraud Risks	Controls	Preventive or Detective	Monitoring	Likelihood	Impact
IT - CIO	<p>Access to systems or data for personal gain. (Logical Access)</p> <p>Access to customers' or employees' personal information (e.g., credit card information, payroll information)</p> <p>Access to confidential company information (e.g., financial reporting, supplier data, strategic plans)</p> <p>Copying and use of software or data for distribution</p>	<p>Identity management (e.g. individual user IDs, automated password complexity rules, password rotation)</p> <p>Access controls</p> <p>Authentication controls</p> <p>Authorization controls</p> <p>Access control lists</p> <p>Network controls</p> <p>Anti-virus and patch management</p> <p>Restricted access to software code</p>	Both	<p>Information security</p> <p>System administrators</p> <p>Business owners</p> <p>Internal auditing</p>	Medium	High

# IT Risk Assessment Tool

IT Risk Assessment Criteria	Criteria Description	Likelihood of a Control Failure	Business Impact	Effort/Cost to Mitigate
<b>System Availability (SA)</b>	<b>Risk: Inefficient use of computing resources resulting in lost sales, profits and associate productivity.</b>	3.2	6.0	4.0
<b>SA - Service Level Agreements</b>	<b>Service level agreements are defined and met for critical systems availability and response time.</b>			
IT Auditor 1		5	5	5
IT Auditor 2		2	5	5
IT Auditor 3		5	8	5
IT Manager 1		2	8	5
IT Manager 2		5	5	5
IT Manager 3		5	5	5
	<b>Scoring Average</b>	4.0	6.0	5.0
<b>SA - Responsibility Assigned</b>	<b>Responsibility and accountability for systems availability are assigned in job descriptions and appropriately aligned within the organization.</b>			
IT Auditor 1		2	5	2
IT Auditor 2		5	5	2
IT Auditor 3		2	5	2
IT Manager 1		5	5	2
IT Manager 2		5	5	5
IT Manager 3		5	5	5
	<b>Scoring Average</b>	4.0	5.0	3.0

# High Level IT Risk Assessment - 2008



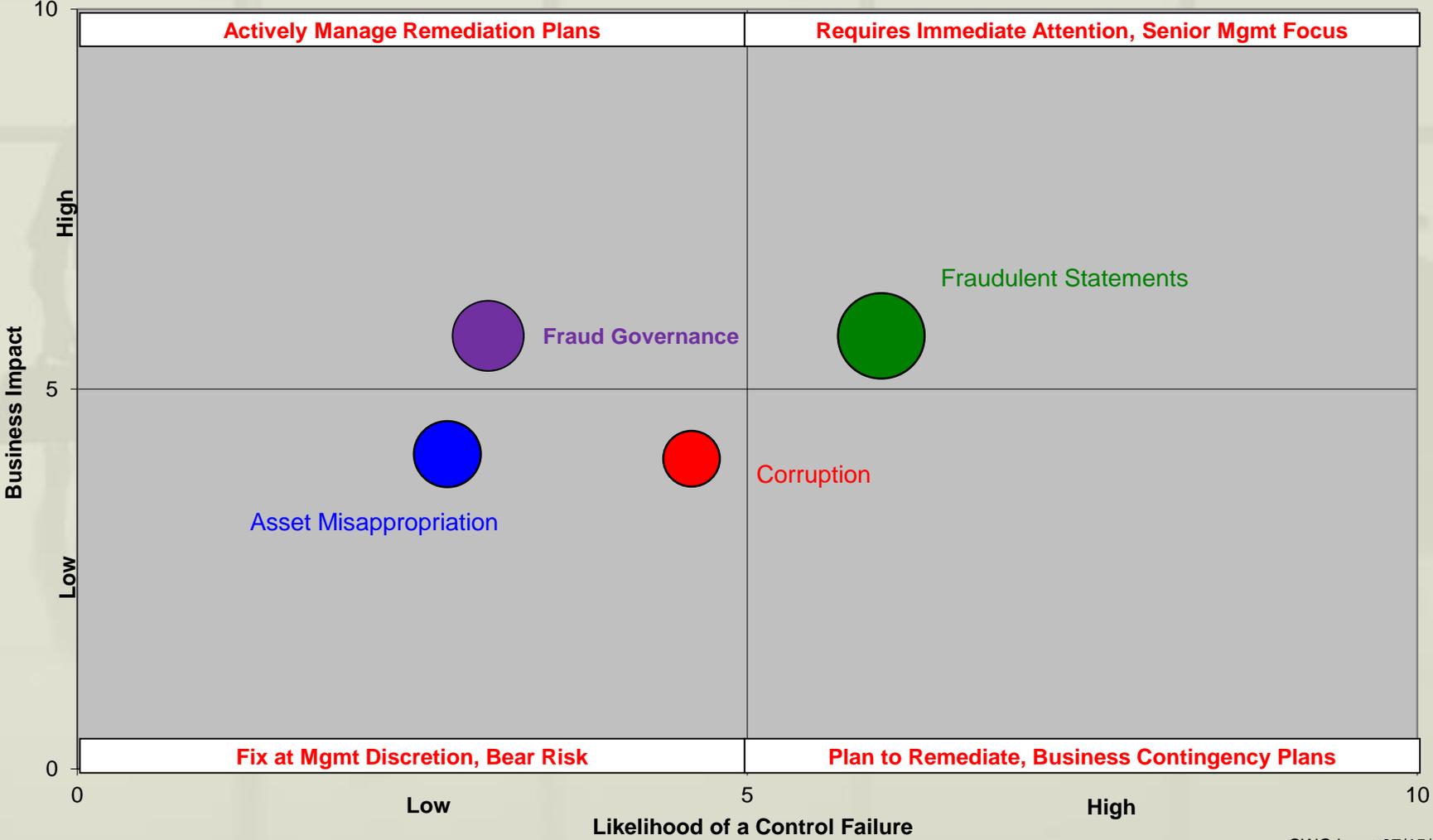
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# Fraud Risk Assessment Tool

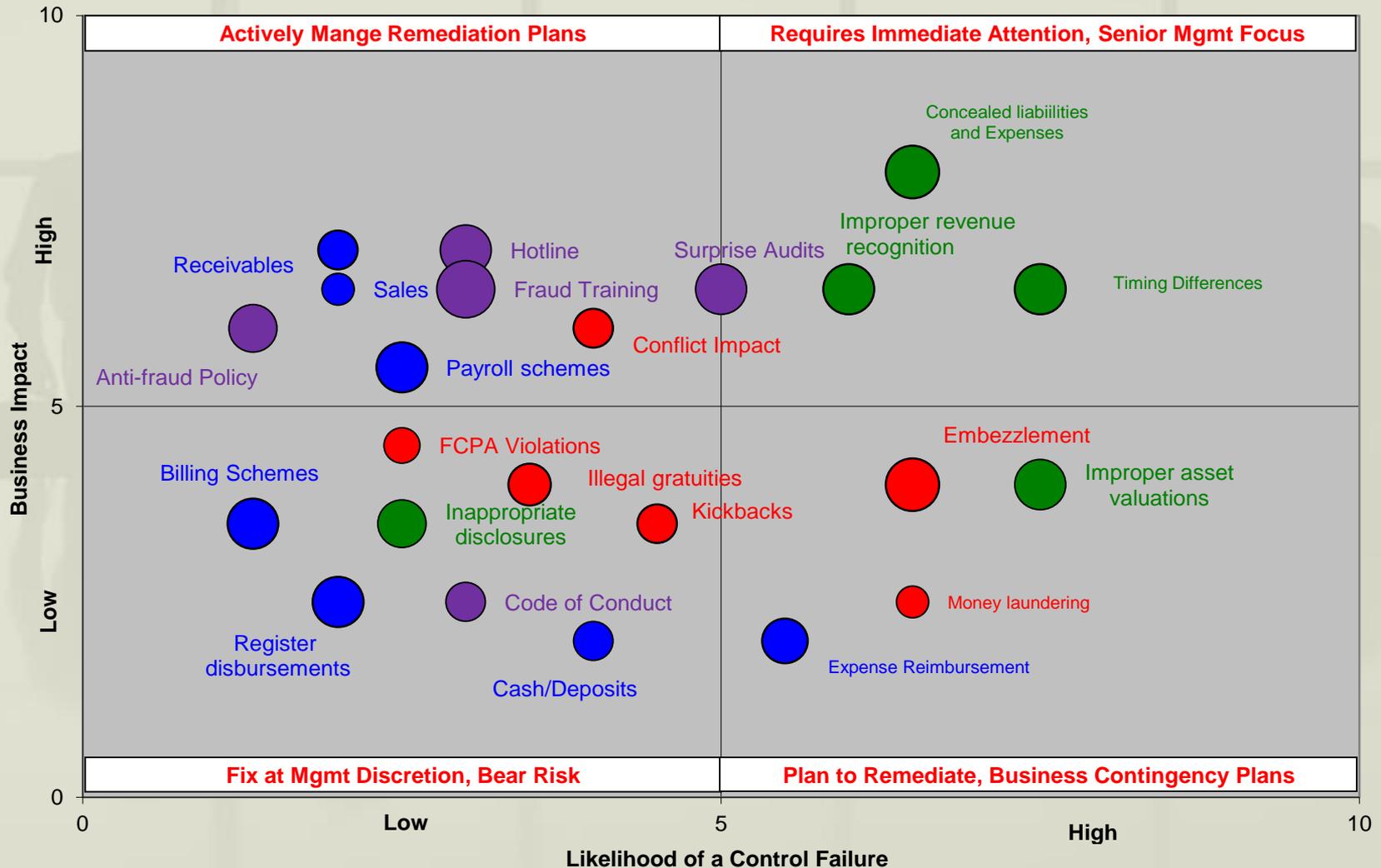
		Scoring Scale:		
		Low = 2	Medium = 5	High = 8
Fraud Risk Assessment Criteria	Criteria Description	Likelihood of Fraud	Business Impact	Effort/Cost to Mitigate
<b>Corruption</b>	Fraud schemes that involve employee's use of influence in business transactions that violates duty to employer for personal gain.	4.6	4.1	3.3
<b>Conflicts of interest</b>	Employee diverts sales to a supplier where the employee has an ownership interest.			
Auditor 1		2	5	2
Auditor 2		2	5	2
Auditor 3		5	5	2
Manager 1		5	5	2
Manager 2		5	8	5
Manager 3		5	8	5
<b>Scoring Average</b>		4.0	6.0	3.0
<b>Kickbacks</b>	Employee receives money from supplier based upon purchase volumes or supplier provides unauthorized travel and entertainment benefits based upon purchase volumes.			
Auditor 1		5	2	2
Auditor 2		5	2	2
Auditor 3		2	2	2
Manager 1		5	5	2
Manager 2		5	5	5
Manager 3		5	5	5
<b>Scoring Average</b>		4.5	3.5	3.0

# High Level Fraud Risk Assessment



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## Detailed Fraud Risk Assessment



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# Risk Assessment Tool

## Demonstrate Tool

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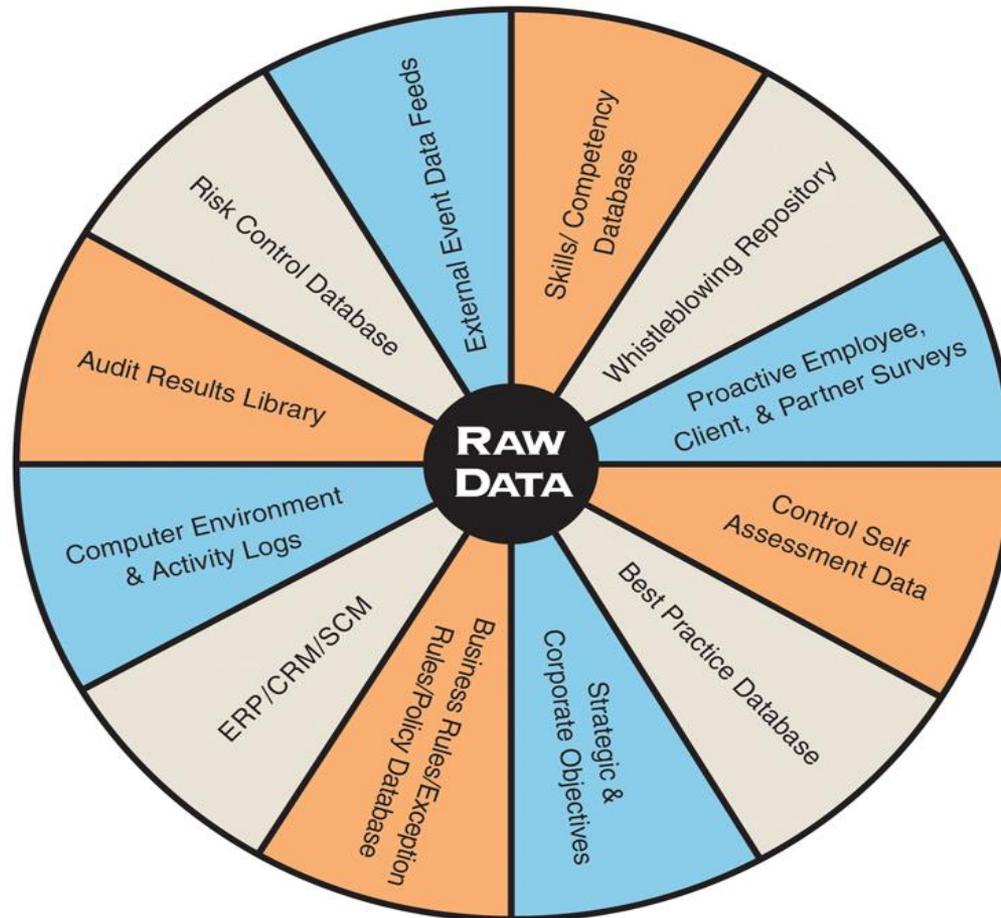
# **Data Analytics And Its Use at General Motors**

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# Why Data Analytics?

- **Internal control system weaknesses**
- **Examine 100% of transactions**
- **Compare data from different applications**
- **Perform tests designed for fraud detection and control verification**
- **Automate tests in high-risk areas**
- **Maintain logs of analytics performed**

# Diversified Data Sources



# Fraud Audit Program Components

1. **Build** a profile of potential frauds to be tested
2. **Analyze** data for possible indicators of fraud
3. **Automate** the detection process through continuous auditing/monitoring of high-risk business functions to improve controls
4. **Investigate** and drill down into emerging patterns
5. **Expand** scope and repeat as necessary
6. **Report**

# Analytical techniques

- Calculate **statistical parameters**
- **Classify** to find patterns
- **Stratify** to identify unusual values
- **Digital analysis**, to identify unlikely occurrences
- Joining or **matching data** between systems
- **Duplicates** testing
- **Gaps** testing to identify missing data
- Summing and totaling to check **control totals** that may be falsified
- **Graphing** to provide visual identification of anomalous transactions

# Fraud Test Examples

Type	Tests used
Fictitious vendors	Run checks to uncover post office boxes used as addresses and to find any matches between vendor and employee addresses and/or phone numbers.
Altered invoices	Search for duplicates. Check for invoice amounts not matching contracts or purchase order amounts.
Duplicate invoices	Review for duplicate invoice numbers, duplicate dates, and duplicate invoice amounts.
Duplicate payments	Search for identical invoice numbers and payment amounts.
Payroll fraud	Check whether a terminated employee is still on payroll by comparing the date of termination with the pay period covered by the paycheck, and extract all pay transactions for departure date less than the date of the current pay period.

# Key Characteristics of a Successful Data Analysis Group

- Support of the Chief Audit Executive and the Audit Committee
- Well balanced staff that have knowledge of the organization's global business processes as well as other skills which include a thorough understanding of technical accounting, fraud and information technology
- Staff within this group need to have the necessary computer assets to effectively perform their work (i.e. analytic software, fast computers with adequate memory capacity, and secure network storage areas to conduct analysis)
- Unobstructed access to all data sources (Internal Audit Charter provides clear authority to obtain data)
- Follow a consistent methodology to perform analytic work (analysis should stand on its own)
- Procedures are documented and stored for future use (repeatable process)
- Group maintains access to key data systems (i.e. People Directory or Site Locations) to enable an easier "connect the dots" on future projects
- Know the boundaries of the group (Where do the analytics stop and the audit work begin?)

# What Do We Hope to Accomplish (Data Analysis Group at GM)?

- Support evolution from traditional cyclical approach to one which continually assesses areas of greatest risk and performs in-depth analysis in specific areas (Audit process support)
- Maintain robust test / procedures library for CAAT and other control tests
- Collaborate with Audit group and Management to identify “High Risk” projects with high data analytic ROI
- Proactively maintain data access to major systems
- Work with system developers to ensure that the audit role is included with selected high risk new systems
- Maintain an effective training framework and promote data analytic skills within the audit team



# Vision / Mission Example (General Motors Audit Services)

## Vision

*Lead GM and GMAS in the strategic use of data analytics to reduce risk exposure and enable the company to combine data intelligently to provide meaningful information to management.*

## Mission

*Ensure that data analytics is embedded into the audit process and is used to effectively drive efficiencies, identify truly high risk areas, target strategic reviews, and allow management to derive useful information from the data contained within the many siloed organizations (Mining data that can provide indicators of the health of risk management and related controls).*

## Objectives

- 1. Maintain robust test / procedures library for CAAT and other control tests (Routine repository, repeatable efficient processes)*
- 2. Audit process support (From planning through audit completion)*
- 3. Strategic Analytics (Special Projects)*
- 4. Continuous Auditing (key high risk activities derived from data analytic work performed through special projects or audits that require intensive monitoring and review)*
- 5. Obtain / Maintain Access to Key Data Sources (Over 50 key systems identified)*
- 6. Professional Development / Training (Conduct training of GMAS team in the use of various technical tools such as ACL, Excel, Access, SQL, SAS, etc. as well as new tools)*

# Data Analysis Project Examples

- **Manual Journal Entries (Continuous Auditing)**
- **Expense Reporting (Continuous Auditing) - In Process**
- **Worldwide Real Estate** - testing for duplicates, changes in leases, payment outside of terms, high / negative payments from or to business
- **IT Asset Management Audit** - Performed comparison between leasing and asset management systems
- **Indirect Purchasing** - Connect to regional SAP servers to extract purchasing data and combine them using data analytic routines to conduct comprehensive analytic tests
- **IT Security Management** - Databases - Assist business team by validating data and performing initial analytics on Service Continuity Management (SCM) and Application Tracking System (ATS) databases to determine if there are any data integrity issues.
- **Network Security Audit (Firewall Rules)** - Broke rule extract into a fully exploded view of rules down to the IP Address / Service protocol level

# Thank You For Joining Us!



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# Q & A

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