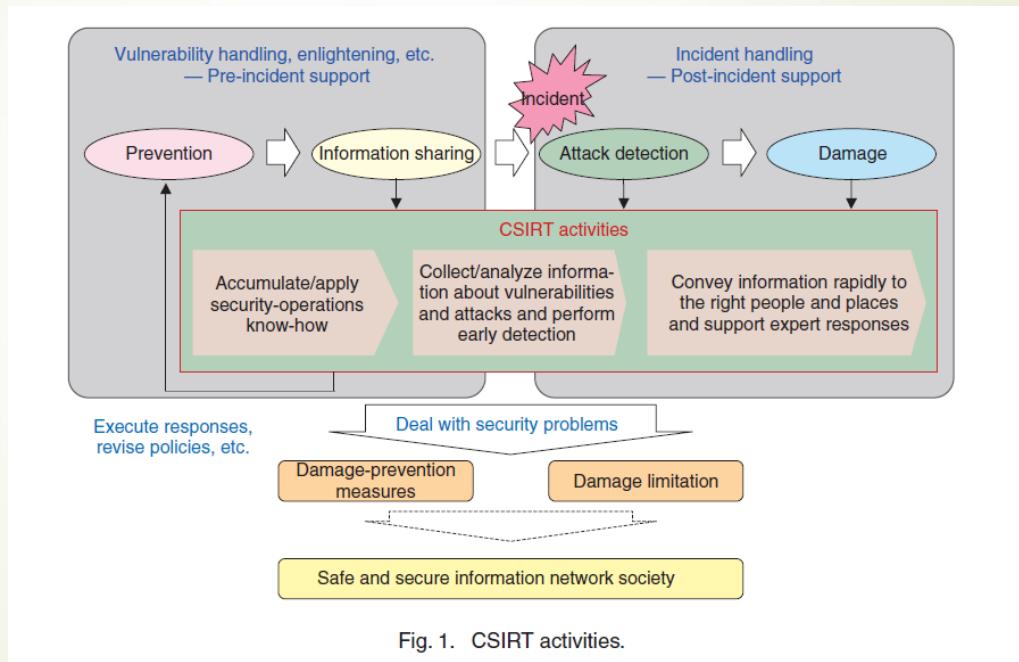




# COM DIG 10. Classificazioni, tassonomie, ontologie nella cybersecurity

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# Le attività CSIRT



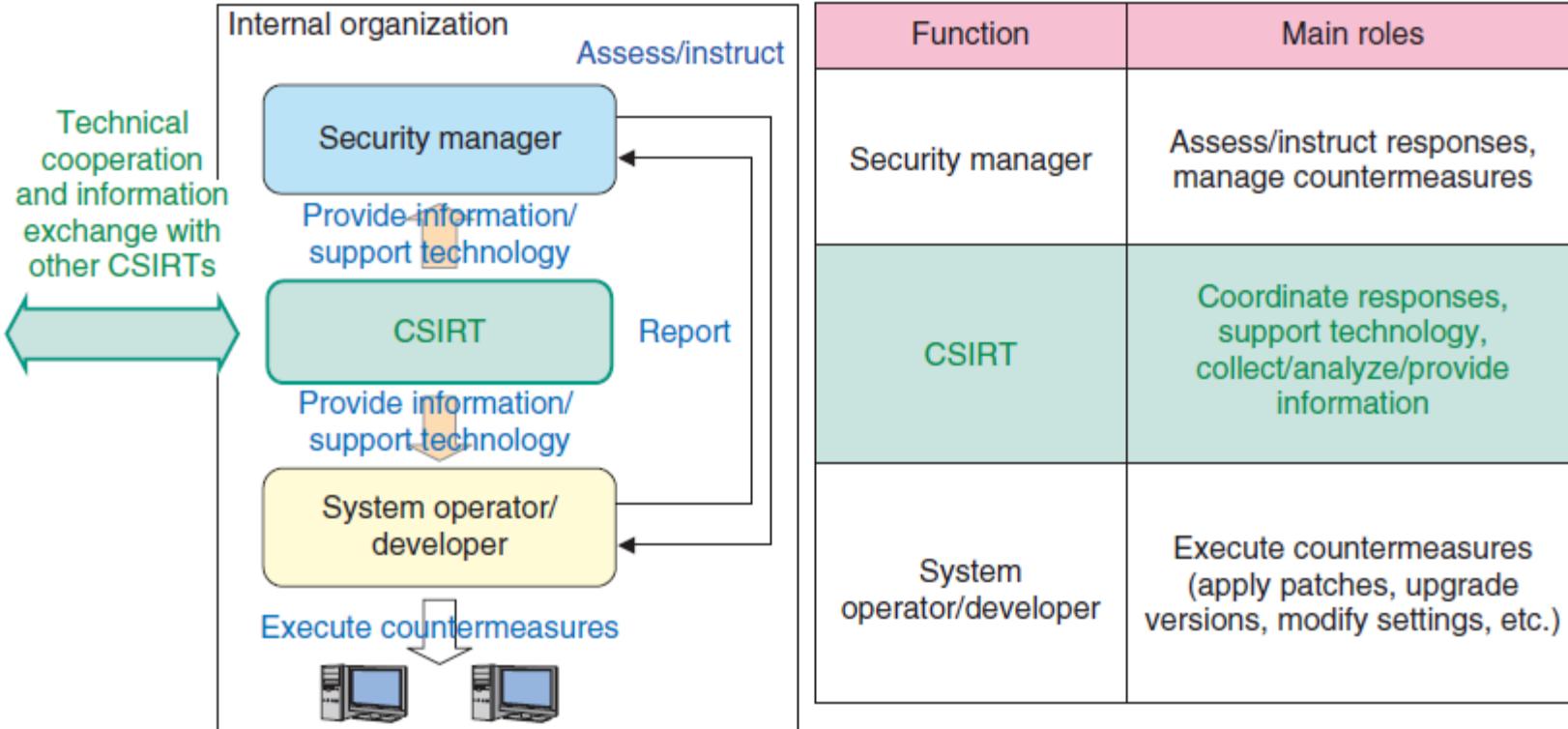


Fig. 2. CSIRT roles.



## Taxonomies

A taxonomy is a system of classification which allows the unique identification of object

Bishop, M., Bailey, D.;1996

A taxonomy...

- organizes domain specific information
- in a hierarchically structure
- over relationships.



## Well-known Taxonomies

### PLANT KINGDOM



### ANIMAL KINGDOM



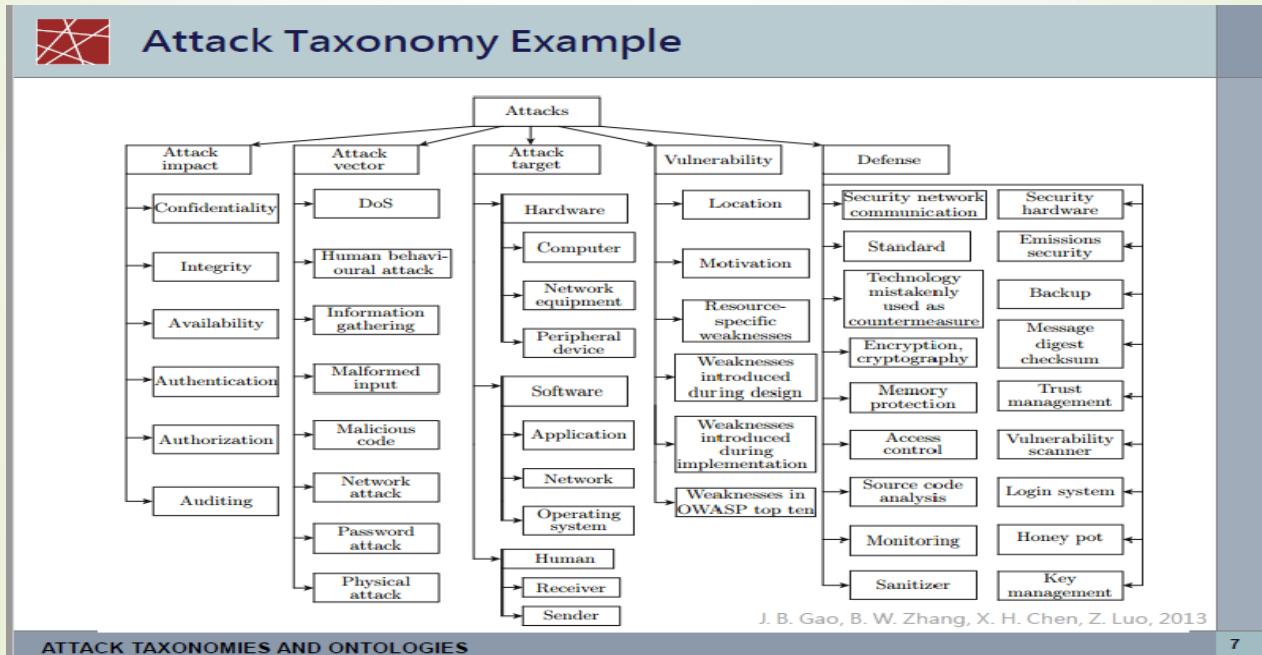
# Tassonomie e menù

The screenshot shows the navigation bar of the Amazon.de website. On the left, there's a red arrow pointing right. The main navigation bar includes links for "Main Amazon", "Angebote", "Gutscheine", "Verkaufen", and "Hilfe". Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar with dropdown menus for "Alle Kategorien" and "Suche". The page title is "A Commonly Used Taxonomy". The content area displays a hierarchical menu structure:

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  - Instant Video Shop
  - Meine Wunschliste
  - Meine Video-Bibliothek
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  - Erfrischen Sie mehr
  - Laden Sie Ihre Apps
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  - Erschließen eBooks
- Fire-Tablets**
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  - Kindle Fire HDX
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  - Meine Inhalte und Geräte
- Amazon Fire TV**
  - Amazon Fire TV
  - Amazon Fire Gamecontroller
  - Prime Instant Video
  - Amazon Instant Video
  - Fire TV Apps und Spiele
  - Amazon Cloud Drive
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  - Handy & Verträge
  - Fernseher & Heimkino
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  - Navigations
  - Elektronik-Zubehör
  - Computer & Games-Zubehör
  - Heimheizgeräte & Steuergeräte
  - Elektro-Geräte
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  - Smartphones
  - Software
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  - Gamer-Downloads
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  - Accessoires & Zubehör
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  - Haarpflege
  - Drogerie, Kosmetik & Schönheit
  - Spa & Health, Mobilfunk & Sehhilfen
  - Lebensmittel & alkoholfreie Getränke
  - Bier, Wein & Spirituosen
  - Reiseprodukte
  - Sendungsabholer
  - Super-Abo
- Spielzeug & Baby**
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  - Baby
  - Kindervelt
  - Reiseprodukte
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- Kleidung, Schuhe & Ohren**
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  - Uhren
  - Amazon BuyVIP
- Sport & Freizeit**
  - Alle Sport-Produkte
  - Camping & Outdoor
  - Räder

At the bottom of the page, there's a footer bar with the text "ATTACK TAXONOMIES AND ONTOLOGIES" and the number "6".

# Esempio di tassonomia degli attacchi



# Ontologie



## From Taxonomies to Ontologies

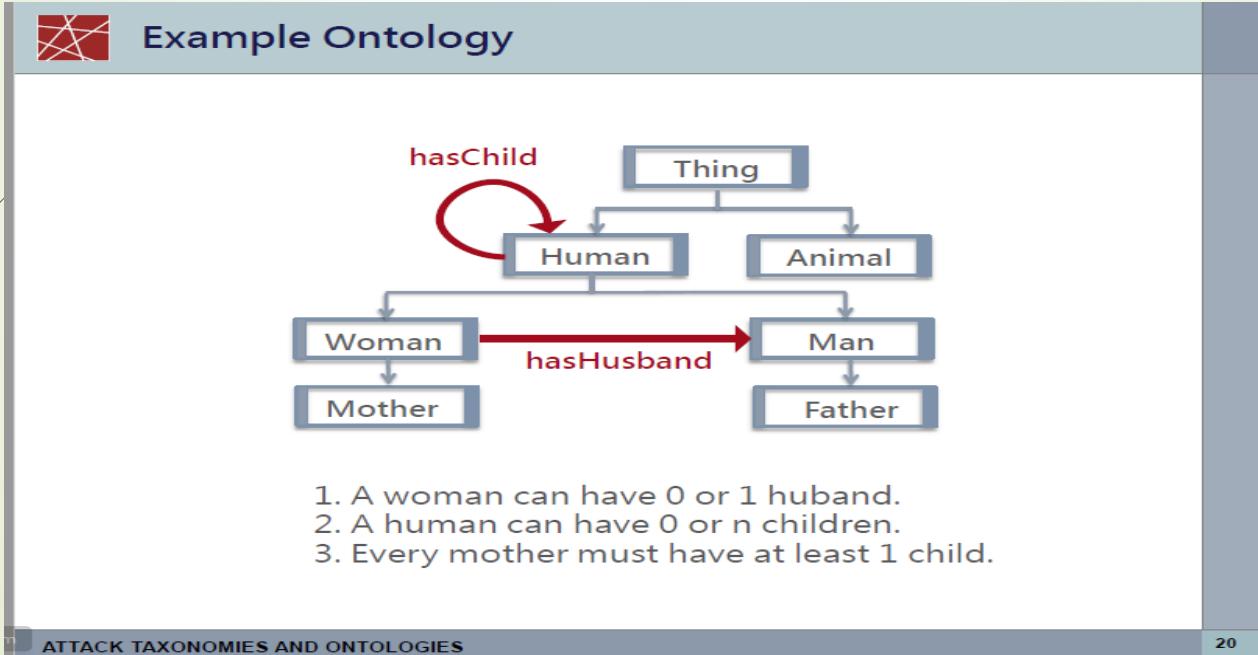
An ontology is an explicit specification of conceptualization.

*Gruber, T. R., 1993*

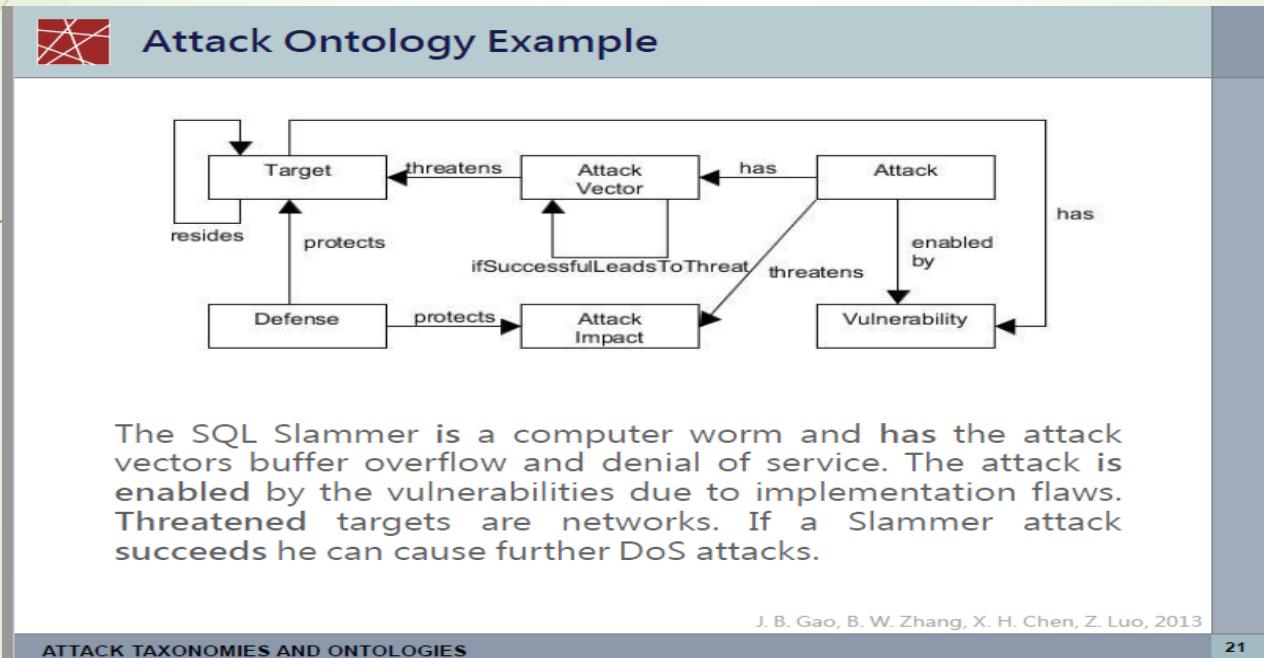
An ontology consists of...

- classes to describe a domain
- slots to describe relationships in a taxonomy
- facets to describe restrictions for slots

# Esempio di ontologia



# Esempio di ontologia dell'attacco





ENISA, A good practice guide of using taxonomies in incident prevention and detection, dicembre 2016

## ► **Taxonomy**

- □ a form of **classification scheme** to group related things together and to define the relationship these things have to each other
- □ a **semantic vocabulary** describes knowledge and information assets
- □ a **knowledge map** gives users an immediately grasp of the overall structure of the knowledge domain covered by the taxonomy, which should be comprehensive, predictable and easy to navigate.



# Enisa 2016

- **inheritance:** different kinds of objects often have a certain amount in common with each other
  
- **differentiation:** characteristics of an object, which allows to differentiate an object from another object. For example, in case of malware you can have the category “malware” with the related characteristics “downloaders”, “rootkits”.
- ▶ <https://www.avast.com/it-it/c-rootkit>

# Example of a comparison between different versions

## Abusive Content

Spam

Harassment

Child/sexual/  
violence/...

## Malicious Code

Virus

Worm

Trojan

Spyware

## Information Gathering

Scanning

Sniffing

Social  
engineering

## Intrusion Attempts

Exploitation of  
known  
vulnerabilities

Login attempts

New signature

## Information Security

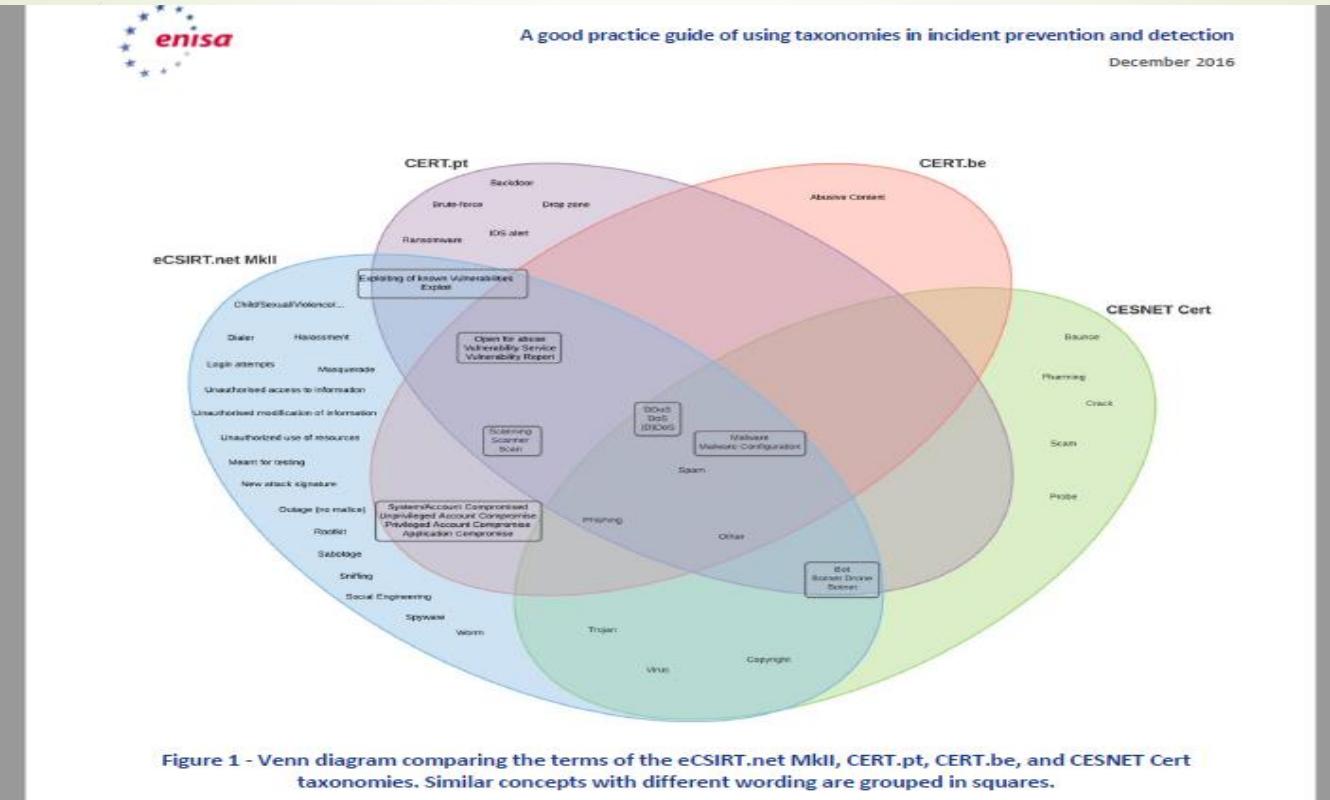
Unauthorised  
access to  
information

Unauthorised  
modification of  
information

# FNISA 2016

CERT.PT	CERT.BE	CESNET CERT	ECSIRT.NET MKII
Malware	Spam	Spam	Spam
Botnet Drone	Abusive Content	Bounce	Harassment
Ransomware	Malware	Virus	Child/Sexual/Violence/...
Malware Configuration	Scan	Malware	Virus
C&C	System/Account Compromised	Trojan	Trojan
DDoS	(D)DoS	Malware	Spyware
Scanner	Phishing	Probe	Dialler
Exploit	Vulnerability Report	Crack	Rootkit
Brute-force	Other	Botnet	Scanning
IDS alert		Dos	Sniffing
Defacement		Copyright	Social Engineering
Compromised		Scam	Exploiting of known Vulnerabilities
Backdoor		Phishing	Login attempts
Drop zone		Pharming	New attack signature
Phishing		Other	Privileged Account Compromise
SPAM		Unknown	Unprivileged Account Compromise
Vulnerability			Application Compromise
Service			Bot
Other			DoS

# Confronto terminologico





# Enisa 2016 Conclusioni

- There is currently **no consensus on concepts and definitions** related to taxonomies. Clear definitions reflecting the operational interpretation of the CSIRTs should be considered as **a key success factor** towards increasing cooperation between EU Member States.
- **Taxonomies currently lack terms to properly handle the impact of an incident**, incidents with no malice intended, explicit fields for ransomware, whether the incident is confirmed, and the differentiation between intrusion attempts and intrusions.
- The identified areas for potential improvement of existing taxonomies are based on the **complexity, contextual information, mutual exclusivity or ambiguity, performance measurement, impact, sensitivity, confidentiality, and purpose of taxonomies**.



## **Human interventions/organization**

- (CERTs, CSIRTs, CIRTS, SIEM, SOC)
- Legislation
- Education and training: awareness
- R&D
- Public private partnerships
  
- Cybersecurity diplomacy
- Cybersecurity by design

## **Cybersecurity as a service**

- Big data analytics
- AI applications: ontologies, taxonomies, data architectures
- Knowledge representation and info-sharing
- Resilience
- Technological solutions (detection, removal, alarm, etc.): prevention and prediction

# The cybersecurity ecosystem and knowledge representation

- ❑ Conceptual definitions and analyses of the cybersecurity domain and sub-domains:  
**prospective standards for cybersecurity digital knowledge representation and related tools**
- ❑ Applications needed in risk assessment and evaluation: ISO, COBIT, NIST framework, etc.
- ❑ Quality/quantity metrics for risk evaluation
- ❑ Standards and tools for cyber security analytics and applications in defense and resilience:  
taxonomies /ontologies
- ❑ vulnerabilities/threats
- ❑ semantic web metalanguages/logical semantic modeling

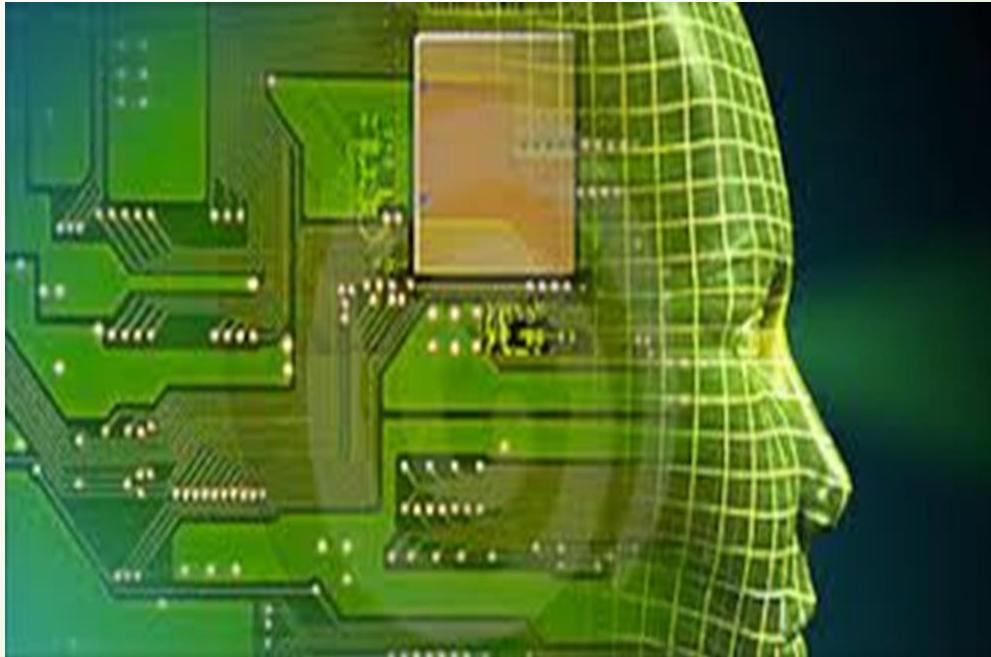


## Tipologia di impatto logico

- ❑ Espionage (political, institutional, industrial, commercial, etc.)
- ❑ Data exfiltration
- ❑ Data destruction
- ❑ Data manipulation
- ❑ Denial of service
- ❑ Data encryption

- Some twenty years ago Guarino postulated the increasing relevance of ontology in the fields of **Artificial Intelligence, Computational Linguistics and Database Theory** and mentioned specific research fields such as **knowledge engineering, knowledge representation, qualitative modelling, language engineering, database design, information modelling and integration, object oriented analysis, information retrieval and extraction, knowledge management and organization, agent-based systems design.**
- At the methodological level he stressed the main peculiarity of an **ontology as its being a highly interdisciplinary approach where philosophy and linguistics play a fundamental role**

# The digital mind, artificial intelligence and big data architecture





# Ontologie e tassonomie

- ❑ Ontologies: logical semantic systems of entities and relationships based on a high level definition as applied to the cybersecurity domain
- ❑ Best definitions are contextualized entities and relations
  
- ❑ Taxonomies: mainly hierarchical classes with single decontextualized entities



# Artificial intelligence e dati

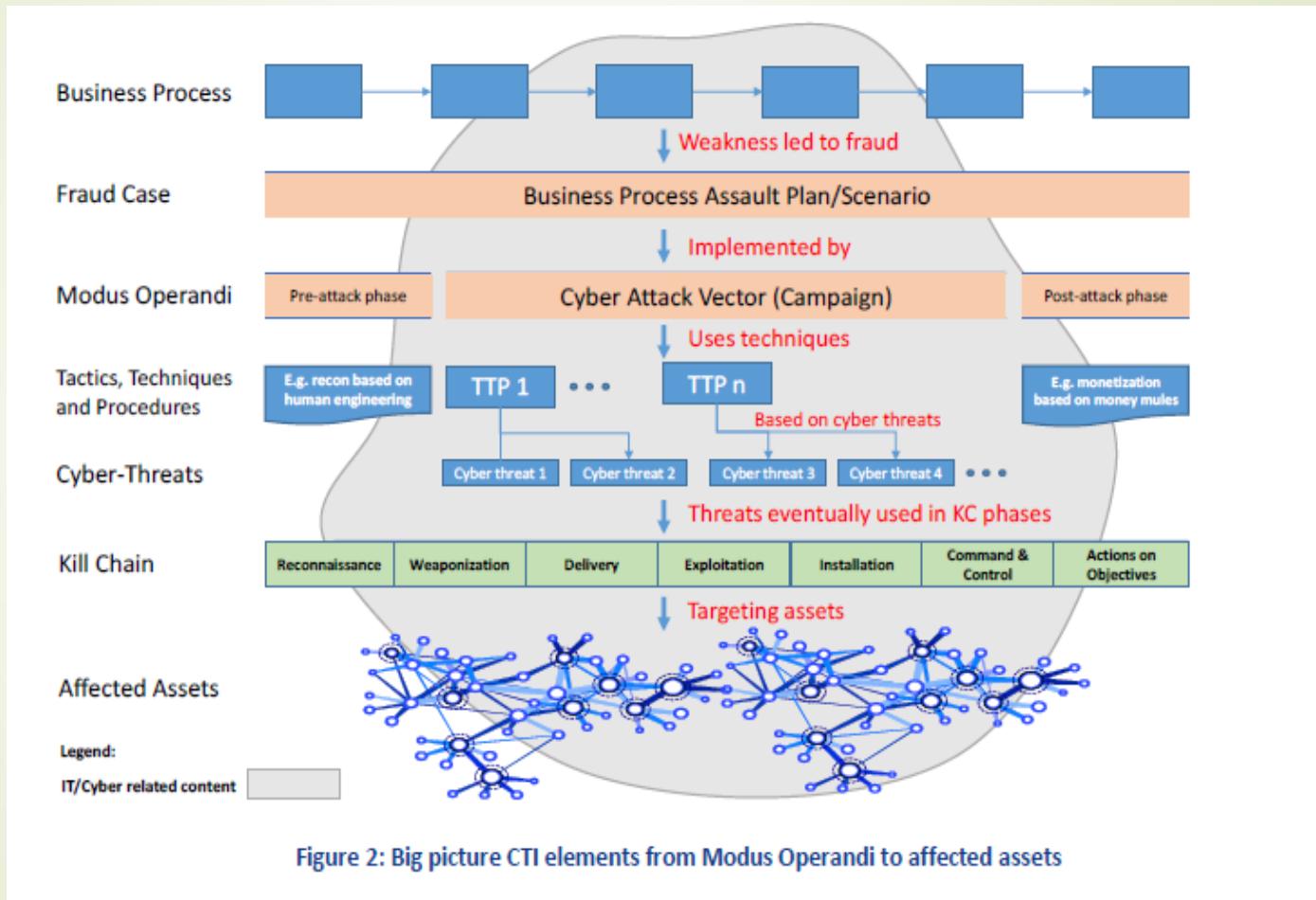
- ❖ Modeling of data and of logical semantic relationships
- ❖ Design and development of the model: data cluster, univocal definition of terminology, search functions
- ❖ Technological translation into the platform and data insertion
- ❖ Metadata languages
- ❖ Metadata applications
- ❖ Data representation formats



# Ontologies and taxonomies: tools and standards

- Definition and approaches
- Top level, middle level, domain ontology, pragmatic ontology
- Conceptual specifications: metalanguages for technological interoperability and logical semantic relationships
- Domains and subdomains

# ENISA NIS 2017: the modus operandi





# Artificial intelligence and data

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## The Babel conceptualization: typology of analysis

- General vs domain and subdomain ontologies
- Ontologies and taxonomies relationships
- Vocabulary standards
- Goals of description

# General and domain subdomain ontologies

- ❑ Oltramari et alii 2014: **ontology of cybersecurity**/Dolce/ Secco/Osco
- ❑ Syed et alii 2016: UCO **a unified cybersecurity ontology** (semantic web languages and UCO)
- ❑ Pragmema/Zuanelli 2017: the Poc **ontology platform** / 3level and pragmatic domain ontology)
- ❑ Mavroeidis and Bromander 2017 : **cyber threat intelligence** comparison and model

# Domain/sub-domain ontologies

- Enisa 2011: Ontology and taxonomy of **resilience**
- Bromander et alii 2017: **Semantic threat modeling** (threat agent/threat scenario)
- Mavroeidis and Bromander 2017: **Cyber threat intelligence** model/Taxonomies, ontologies in cyberthreat intelligence
- Nistir 2016: **Vulnerability ontology**
- Silva and Rodriguez 2017: **Network ontology/Cyber threat intelligence** comparison and model

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- ▶ **Attack taxonomies**
  - ▶ Van Heerden et alii 2015: attack taxonomy
  - ▶ **Taxonomies in incident prevention and detection**
  - ▶ Enisa 2016

# The NIST/Mitre corporation

## Machine processable data

## Ontologies, Controlled Vocabularies and Semantic Interoperability

	Controlled Vocabulary	Ontology
Definition	A controlled vocabulary (CV) is a set of lexical expressions that are vetted according to some criteria, such as their accepted usage in a community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CVs are structured by one or more ordering relations, such as "narrower-than," "broader-than," or "related-to."</li><li>Structure is machine processable and semantics are <b>human</b> interpretable.</li></ul>	An ontology specifies the meaning of a controlled vocabulary in the form of a conceptual model. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ontologies can be independent of any given controlled vocabulary.</li><li>Structure is machine processable and semantics are <b>machine</b> interpretable.</li></ul>
Example	Terms	Relation
	entity	broader-than person broader-than organiz.
	> person	narrower-than entity
	>> eye color	related-to person
	>> SSN	related-to person
	>> employer	related-to person
	> organization	narrower-than entity
	>> EID	related-to organization

The diagram illustrates a semantic graph with nodes and edges. Nodes include entity, human, property, person, organization, eye color, SSN, unique tax ID, and EID. Edges represent relationships: entity is kind of person; entity is kind of organization; entity is kind of property; person is same as human; person has attribute eye color; person has ID SSN; person employer of ? organization; organization has ID EID; and unique tax ID is kind of EID.

# Controlled Vocabularies for Standards: contents and representation NIST/MITRE

- ▶ – CEE: Common Event Expression
  - ▶ – CPE: Common Platform Enumeration
  - ▶ – CRE: Common Remediation Enumeration
  - ▶ – CVE: Common Vulnerability Enumeration
  - ▶ – CWE: Common Weakness Enumeration
  - ▶ – MAEC: Malware Attribute Enumeration and Characterization
  - ▶ – OVAL: Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language
  - ▶ – XCCDF: Extensible Configuration Checklist Description Format
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- ▶ ■ Both MITRE and NIST maintain public repositories and Web sites for
  - ▶ the various standards: <http://nvd.nist.gov/> <http://oval.mitre.org/repository/>  
<http://measurablesecurity.mitre.org/>

# CVE (SR-13/03/2018)/MITRE

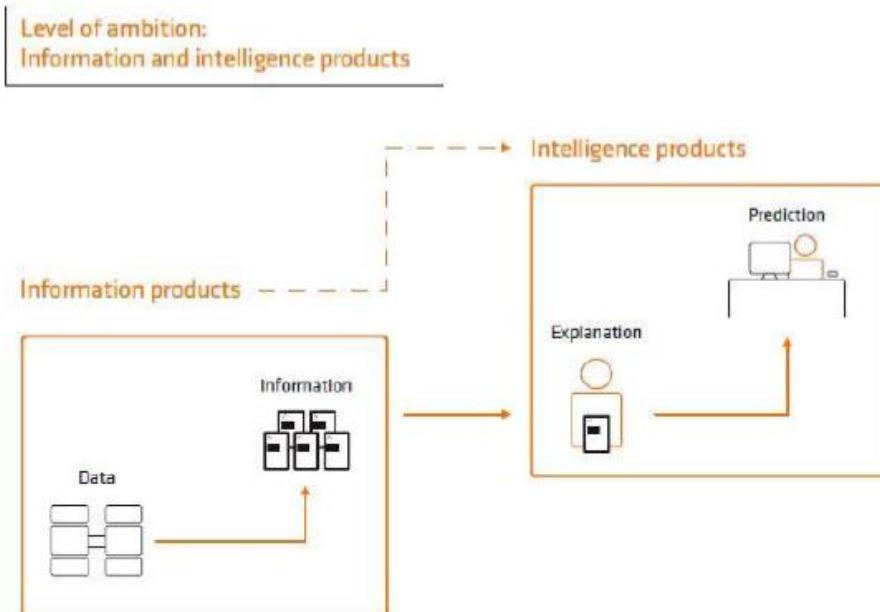
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# ACT, TOCSA and Oslo Analytics (2017)

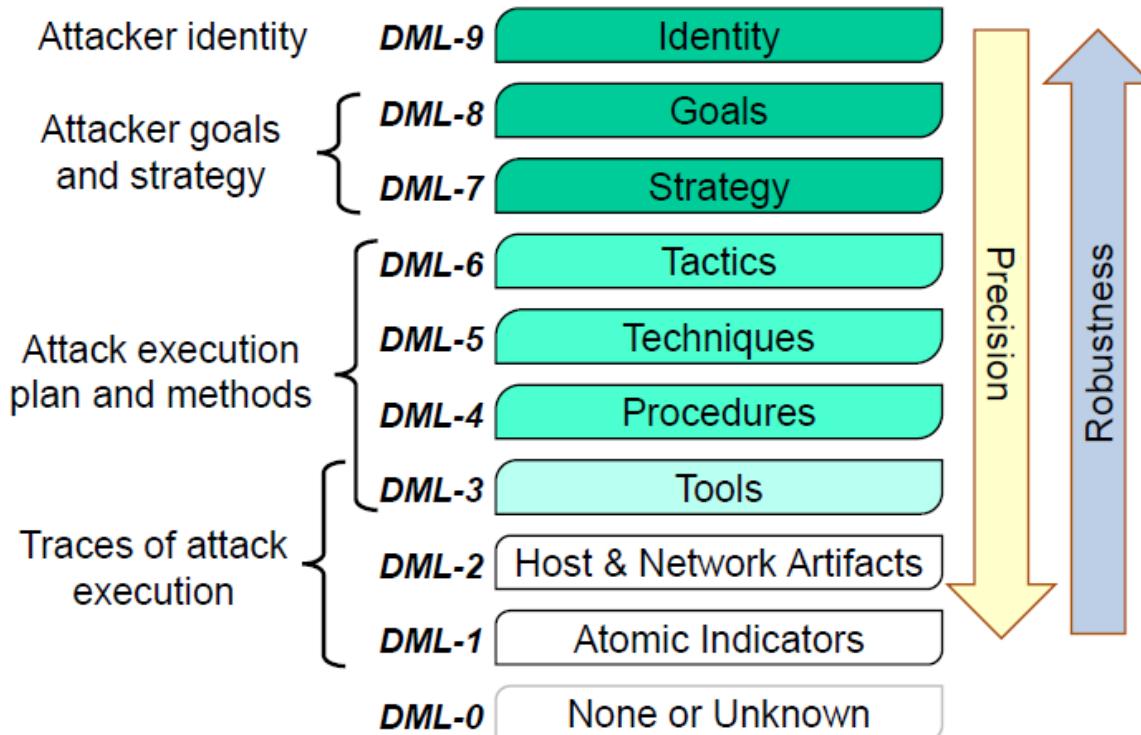
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- Threat Ontologies for Cyber Security Analytics (TOCSA)
  - Ontologies
  - PhD Project
  - <https://www.mnemonic.no/no/research-and-development/threat-ontologies-for-cybersecurity-analytics/>
  - <http://www.mn.uio.no/ifi/english/research/projects/tocsa/>
- Operable Subjective Logic Analysis Technology for Intelligence in Cybersecurity (Oslo Analytics)
  - Analytics
  - Subjective Logic (quantifying uncertainty)
  - Trust Networks
  - Academic
  - <http://www.mn.uio.no/ifi/english/research/projects/oslo-analytics/>

# The approach

## | Threat Information vs Threat Intelligence |



# The Detection Maturity Level (DML) Model



# Semantic Feature Extraction

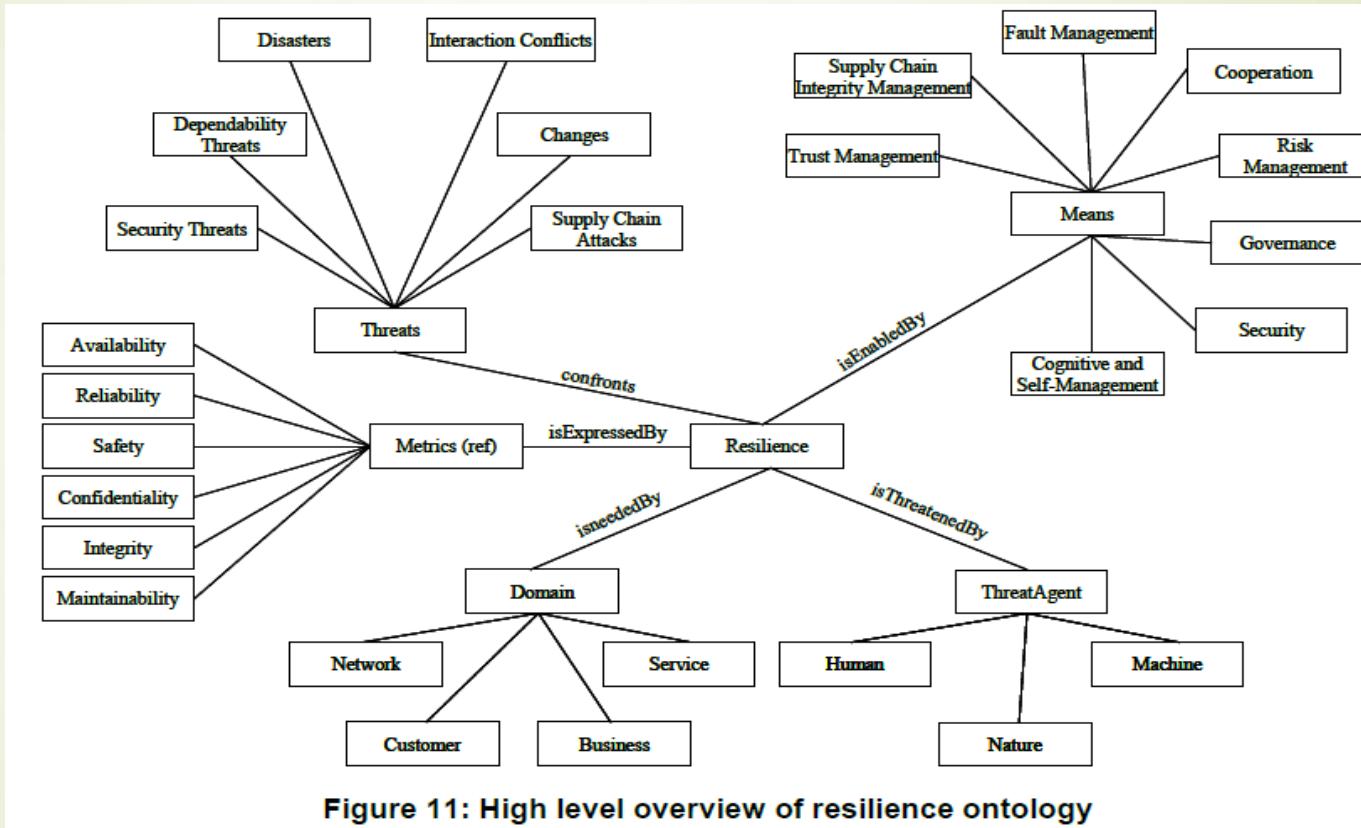
- Formal definitions of
  - Goals
  - Strategy
  - Tactics
  - Techniques
  - Procedures
- Relevant initiatives
  - MITRE CAPEC
    - <https://capec.mitre.org>
  - MITRE ATT&CK
    - <https://attack.mitre.org>
  - MITRE CAR
    - <https://car.mitre.org>

The screenshot shows the CAPEC View: Mechanisms of Attack interface. The main title is "CAPEC - Common Attack Patterns Illustration and Classification". Below it is a sub-section titled "Mechanisms of Attack". A sidebar on the left lists categories such as "Attack Pattern", "Attack Type", "Attack Subtype", "Mechanism", "Mechanism Subtype", and "Mechanism Examples". The main content area displays a hierarchical tree of attack mechanisms under the heading "1000 - Mechanisms of Attack". The tree includes nodes like "Catching in the socket" (171), "Digital Forgery" (1237), "Exploiting Interactions" (448), "Exploiting Weaknesses" (1722), "Misuse of Functionality" (173), "Misuse of Shared Resources" (203), "Modifying or Destroying Data" (232), "Modifying or Destroying Functionality" (233), "Obtaining or Exploiting Privileges" (234), "Obtaining or Exploiting Weaknesses" (235), "Phishing" (236), "Reusing Code" (244), "Cross-Site Scripting" (252), "Other External Dependencies" (253), and "Unintended Disclosure of Assets" (252).

ATT&CK Matrix							
Permissible	Prerequisite	Defense Bypass	Effectual Access	Discovery	Limited Movement	Infiltration	Exfiltration
Attackers' Features	Accessibility, Portability	Mean Pathing	Style Path	ACTIVATION (DISCOVERY)	Application Deployment Interface	Communication Interface	Automated Defense
Attack DLLs	Apprnd DLLs	Dynamic User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Application Window Disclosure	Clipboard API	Clipboard Data	Data Compromised
Basic Infrastructure System	Attack User Account Control	User Keylog	Credential Manipulation	File and Directory Disclosure	Device Throughput	Clipboard Data	Communication Through Remora File Ingest
Beast	DLL Injection	Component Persistence	Credentials in-Play	Local Network Configuration	File Share	Data from Local Registry	Data Transfer over LAN
Change Default File Association	DLL, Win32-Order Hijacking	Compressed Object Hijacking	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Local Network Connection Disclosure	PowerShell	Data from Network Shared Drive	Clipboard Cryptographic Protocol
Component Principle	Copyation of Value Identity	DLL Injection	Input Capture	Network Service	Remote Desktop Protocol	Data from Network Shared Drive	Editor for Order Configuration
Component Object Model Hijacking	Legitimate DLL Search Order hijacking	Nativie API Shelling	Prepared Device Disclosure	Remote File Copy	Resource Recycling	File from Local Filesystem	File and Session Channel
DLL, Win32-Order Hijacking	Local File Ingestion	Tool-Father	Premission Draggable Disclosure	Resource Reboot	Email Collection	External File-Over Other Network Medium's	Feedback Channels
Hijacker	New Service	Obfuscating Security Tools	Process Discovery	ReportUp	Input Capture	External File-Over Physical Medium	Multi-stage Operations

# Network resilience ontology

## Enisa 2011



# Business ontology (sub-domain)

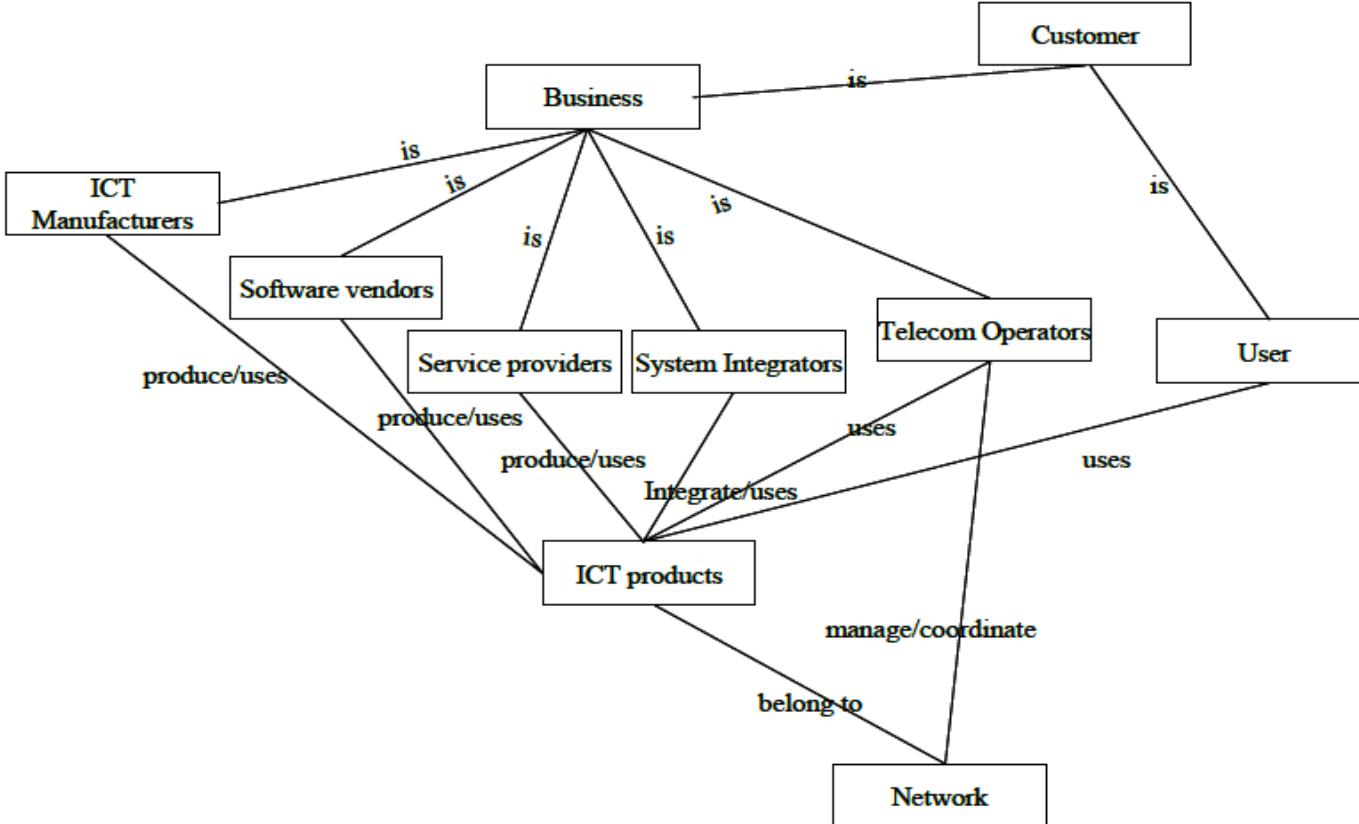
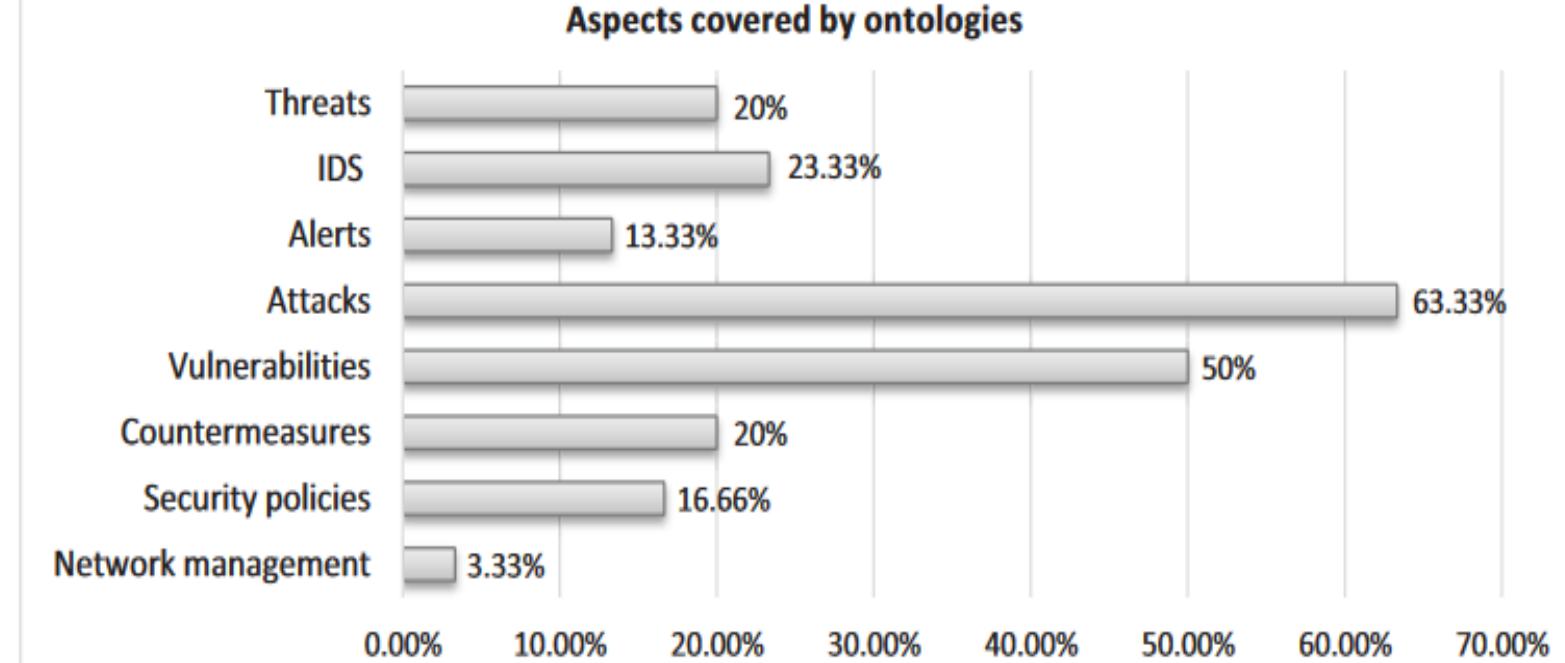


Figure 19: Business domain

# Network ontologies

- Network security ontologies: aspects/ comparison (v. Silva and G. Rodriguez 2017 in <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.02441>)



**Figure 1:** Aspects covered by ontologies

## Comparison features (Silva & Rodriguez 2017)

- 63.33% of the ontologies make reference to attacks and their taxonomical structure. Their focus is mainly on the network layer **missing attacks at the application layer**.
- 80% of the papers reviewed **do not present the results obtained from test scenarios**, and therefore it is unachievable to evaluate the ontology and determine if it adapts to the requirements or to measure its effectiveness.
- Only 13.33% of the papers validate their proposals, trying to identify the **correct use of the language, the accuracy of the taxonomic structure, the validity of the vocabulary, and the adequacy of the requirements** for the purpose of documenting the process of development to verify if the proposal complies with the terms specified ...

## ...Comparison features

- One of the challenges that constitutes a potentially interesting area arises when data is collected from **different safety equipment** (IDS, Intrusion prevention system, firewall, antivirus system, system security audit, honeynet,etc.).
- The **safety equipment is distributed in different domains in the network**, which is required to develop an ontology that can integrate real-time data from this safety equipment and allows the captured data to be properly administered

# The proposal: neither ontology nor taxonomy (Silva and Rodriguez)

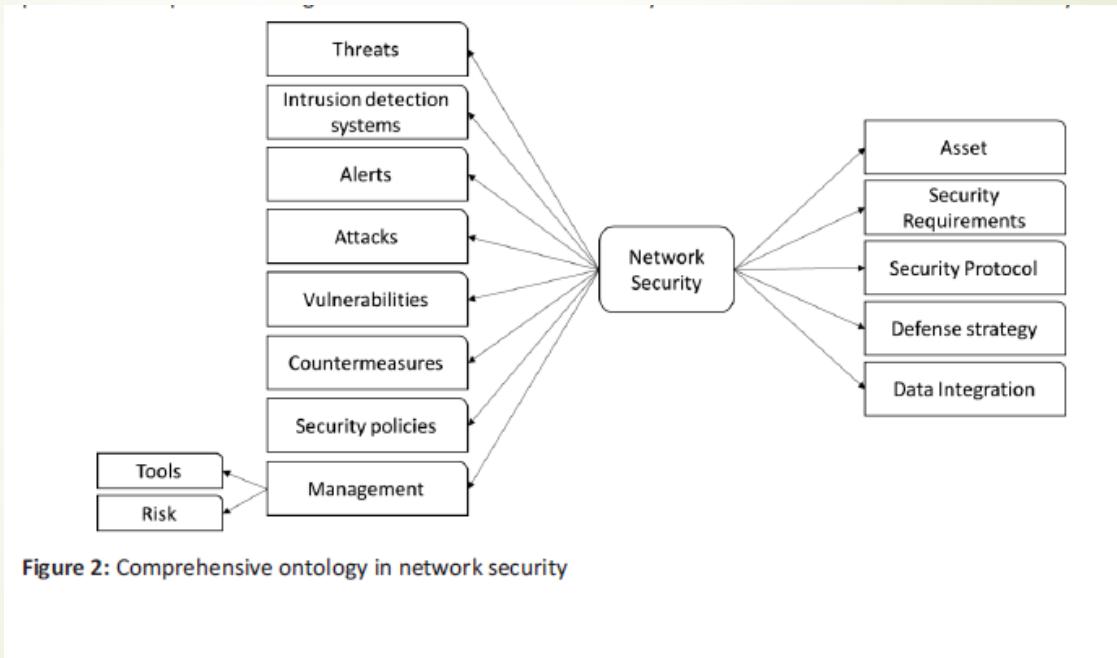


Table 1: Syntax and Semantics of Description Logic constructors

Name	Syntax	Semantics	Symbol
Top	$\top$	$\Delta^I$	$\mathcal{AL}$
Bottom	$\perp$	$\phi$	$\mathcal{AL}$
Intersection	$C \sqcap D$	$C^I \cap D^I$	$\mathcal{AL}$
Union	$C \sqcup D$	$C^I \cup D^I$	$\mathcal{U}$
Negation	$\neg C$	$\Delta^I \setminus D^I$	$\mathcal{C}$
Value restriction	$\forall R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \forall b. (a,b) \in R^I \rightarrow b \in C^I\}$	$\mathcal{AL}$
Existential quant.	$\exists R.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid \exists b. (a,b) \in R^I \wedge b \in C^I\}$	$\mathcal{E}$
Nominal	$I$	$I^I \subseteq \Delta^I$ with $ I^I  = 1$	$\mathcal{O}$
Qualified Number restriction (less than)	$\leq nR.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid  \{b \in \Delta^I \mid (a,b) \in R^I \wedge b \in C^I\}  \leq n\}$	$\mathcal{Q}$
Qualified Number restriction (equal than)	$= nR.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid  \{b \in \Delta^I \mid (a,b) \in R^I \wedge b \in C^I\}  = n\}$	$\mathcal{Q}$
Qualified Number restriction (greater than)	$\geq nR.C$	$\{a \in \Delta^I \mid  \{b \in \Delta^I \mid (a,b) \in R^I \wedge b \in C^I\}  \geq n\}$	$\mathcal{Q}$
Role Hierarchy	$R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$	$\{(a, b) \in \Delta^I \times \Delta^I \mid (a, b) \in R_1^I \rightarrow (a, b) \in R_2^I\}$	$\mathcal{H}$
Role Inverse	$R^-$	$\{(b, a) \in \Delta^I \times \Delta^I \mid (a, b) \in R^I\}$	$\mathcal{I}$
Role Composition	$R_1 \circ R_2$	$\{(a, c) \mid \exists b. (a, b) \in R_1^I \wedge (b, c) \in R_2^I\}$	$\mathcal{R}$

# UCO conceptual relationships

- ❑ In addition to mapping to STIX, UCO has also been extended with a number of **relevant cybersecurity standards, vocabularies and ontologies** such as CVE4, CCE5, CVSS6, CAPEC7, CYBOX8, KillChain9 and STUCCO10
  
- ❑ To support diverse use cases, UCO ontology has been mapped to general **world knowledge** available through Google's knowledge graph, Dbpedia knowledge base (Auer et al. 2007), Yago knowledge base (Suchanek, Kasneci, and Weikum 2008) etc.
  
- ❑ Linking to these knowledge sources provides **access to large number of datasets for different domains** (e.g. geonames) as well as terms in different languages (e.g. Russian)

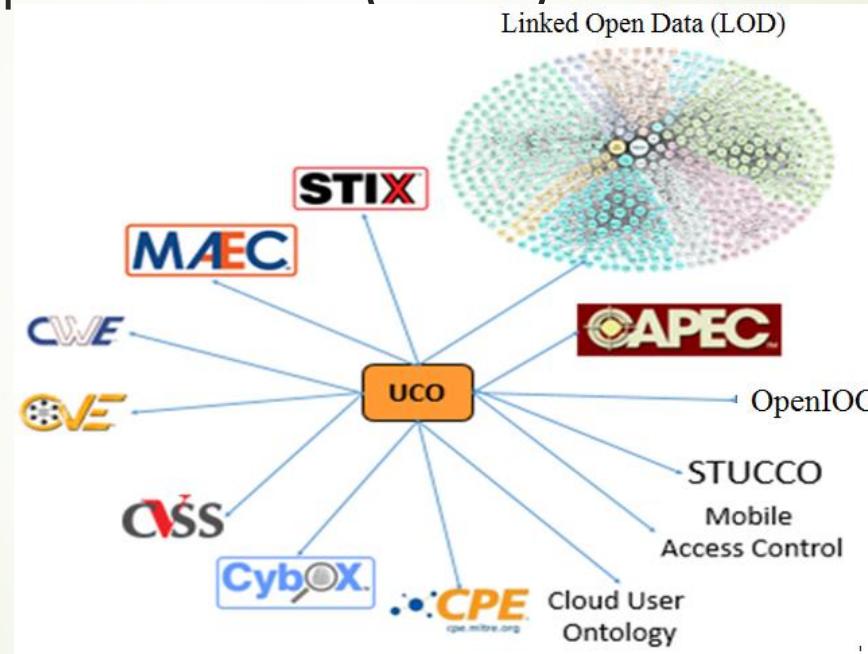
# UCO's 'important' classes present in UCO ontology

- ▶ 1. **Means:** This class describes various **methods of executing an attack** and consists of sub-classes like BufferOver-Flow, SynFlood, LogicExploit, TcpPortScan etc., which can further consist of their own sub-classes. The Means class maps to TTP field in STIX which characterizes specific details of observed or potential attacker Tactics, Techniques and Procedures.
- ▶ 2. **Consequences:** This class describes the **possible outcomes of an attack**. It consists of sub-classes like DenialOfService, LossOfConfiguration, PrivilegeEscalation, UnauthUser, etc. It maps to Observables in STIX.
- ▶ 3. **Attack:** This class characterizes a **cyber threat attack** and is mapped to Incident in STIX.
- ▶ 4. **Attacker:** This class represents **identification or characterization of the adversary** and is mapped to ThreatActor in STIX.

# UCO classes

- 5. **Attack Pattern:** Attack Patterns are **descriptions of common methods for exploiting software** providing the attackers perspective and guidance on ways to mitigate their effect. An example of attack pattern is Phishing.
- 6. **Exploit:** This class characterizes **description of an individual exploit and maps** to ExploitType in STIX schema.
- 7. **Exploit Target:** **Exploit Targets are vulnerabilities or weaknesses** in software, systems, networks or configurations that are targeted for exploitation by the TTP (cyber threat adversary Tactic, Technique or Procedure).
- 8. **Indicator:** A cyber threat indicator is made up of **a pattern identifying certain observable conditions as well as contextual information** about the patterns meaning, how and when it should be acted on, etc. This class is mapped to IndicatorType in STIX schema and Indicator class in CAPEC ontology.

# UCO ontology serves as the core for cybersecurity Linked Open Data (LOD) cloud





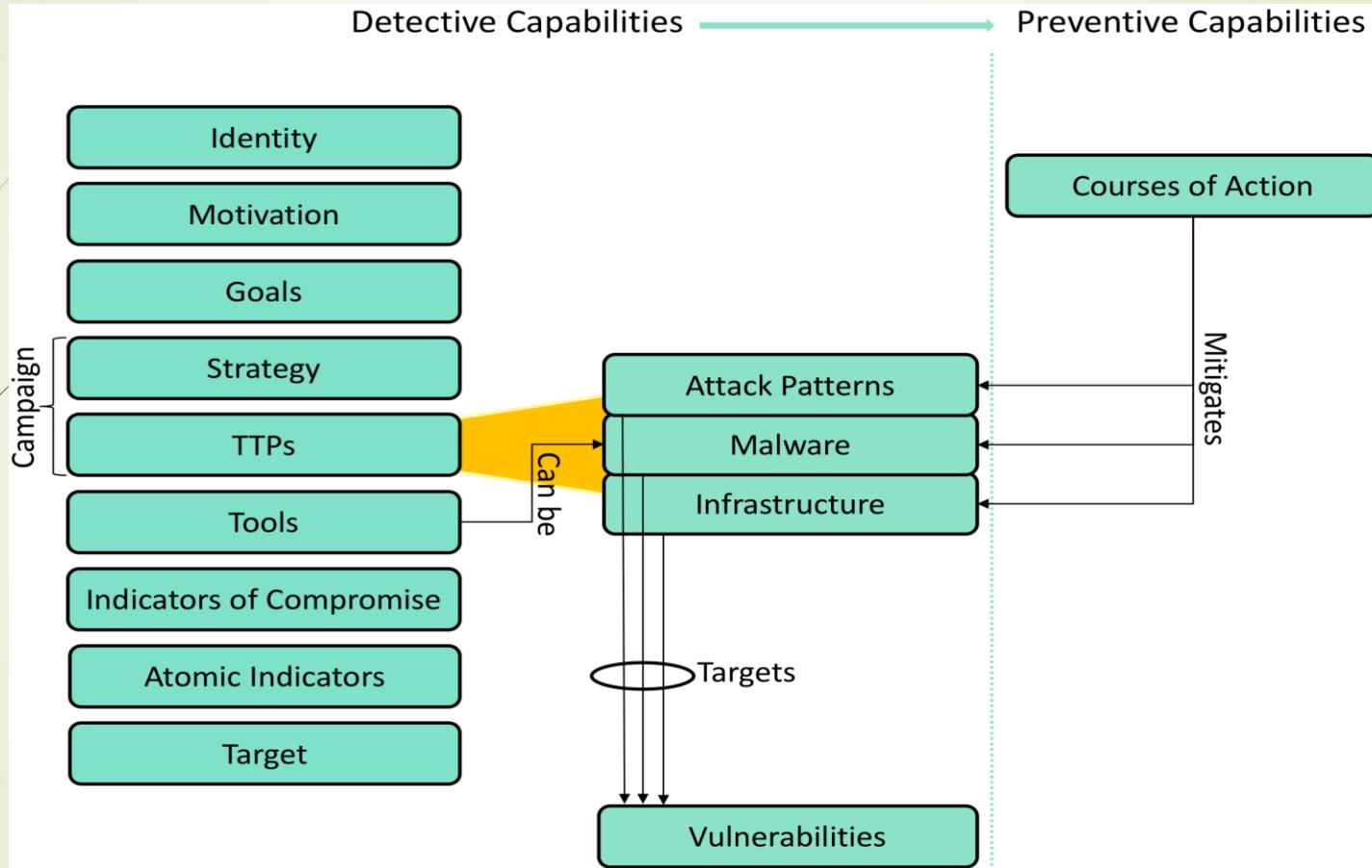
## Limitations of approach

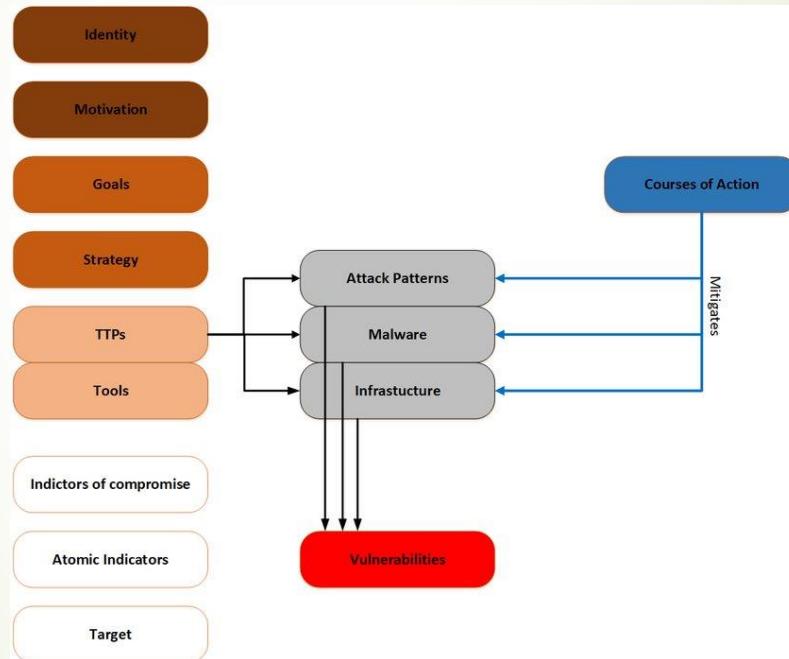
- ❑ **Difference of conceptual relational descriptors** in a metadata language such as OWL as opposed to logical semantic entities as defined by (fuzzy) logic criteria in terminology
- ❑ UCO classes are **loose entities definition**: no logical semantic definition
- ❑ **Useful linked open data**

# Cyber threat intelligence model: taxonomies, sharing standards and ontologies

**TABLE I**  
**CTI EVALUATION: TAXONOMIES, SHARING STANDARDS, AND ONTOLOGIES**

# Cyber threat intelligence model







## Le premesse metodologiche

- ▶ Cybersecurity, data analytics, AI
- ▶ Le tassonomie, le classificazioni e le ontologie della cybersecurity
- ▶ La soluzione POC: tool/piattaforma automatica di intelligenza artificiale cybersecurity/protezione dati e servizi

## Quale cybersecurity: una delimitazione del campo

- La sicurezza informatica è la condizione in cui il **ciberspazio è protetto**, rispetto a **eventi volontari** o accidentali consistenti , grazie ad appropriati sistemi di sicurezza.
- Queste misure includono **verifiche di sicurezza, gestione degli aggiornamenti o correzioni, procedure di autenticazione, gestione degli accessi, analisi dei rischi, individuazione e risposta a incidenti/attacchi, mitigazione degli impatti, recupero delle componenti soggette ad attacco, addestramento ed educazione del personale**, verifica e incremento della sicurezza fisica dei locali dove sono situati i sistemi di informazione e comunicazione.

# La funzione dei dati: masse di dati del contesto/corpora di dati d'attacco, minacce, vulnerabilità (eventi e incidenti)

**Finalità:** pronti interventi, mitigazione, resilienza, prevenzione, predittività

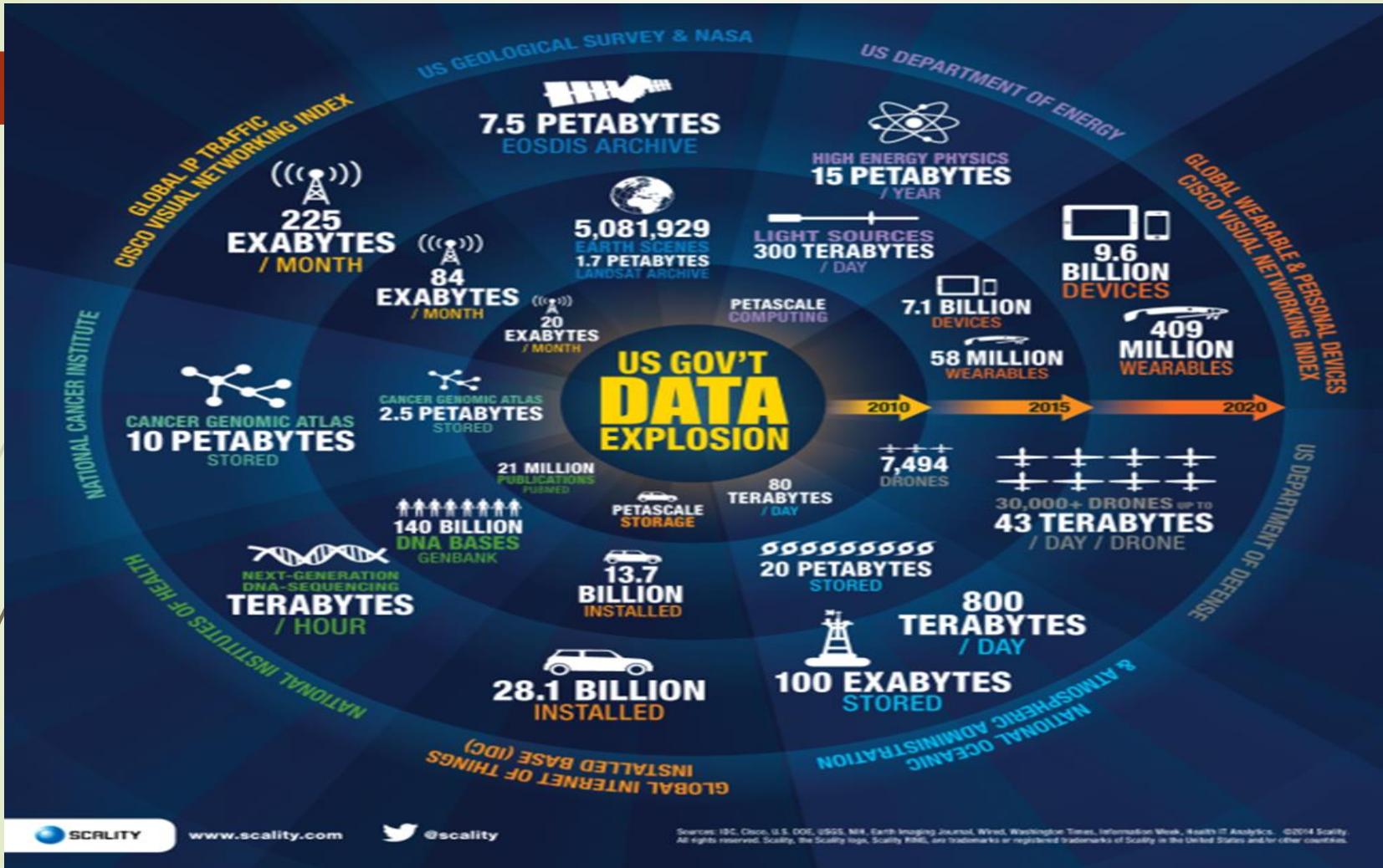
- Reportistica
- Metriche dei danni
- Statistiche
- Standard
- Certificazioni di sicurezza dei prodotti e dei servizi

**Percorsi d'azione:**

- L'acquisizione dei dati (detentori dei dati)
- Le tassonomie dei dati
- Le classificazioni dei dati



# Cybersecurity, dati, big data analytics



## Big data analytics: masse astrutture (e strutturate) di dati da analizzare e strutturare (ri-strutturare)

- Obiettivi: analisi e classificazione per scopi rimediali e preventivi nei diversi settori: militari, industriali, istituzionali, economico-finanziari, sanitari, ecc.
- Tecnologie disponibili per l'analisi: *libraries*, *big data software*, nuove logiche di storage ed elaborazione
- Limiti: carenza di modellizzazioni e applicazioni: tassonomie, classificazioni, ontologia
- Ambiguità semantiche: dati e metadati (XML, OWL)
- Utilità: destinazioni tecniche (CERT, CSIRT, SIEM, ecc.) e laiche
- Formalizzazione e gestione automatica dei dati

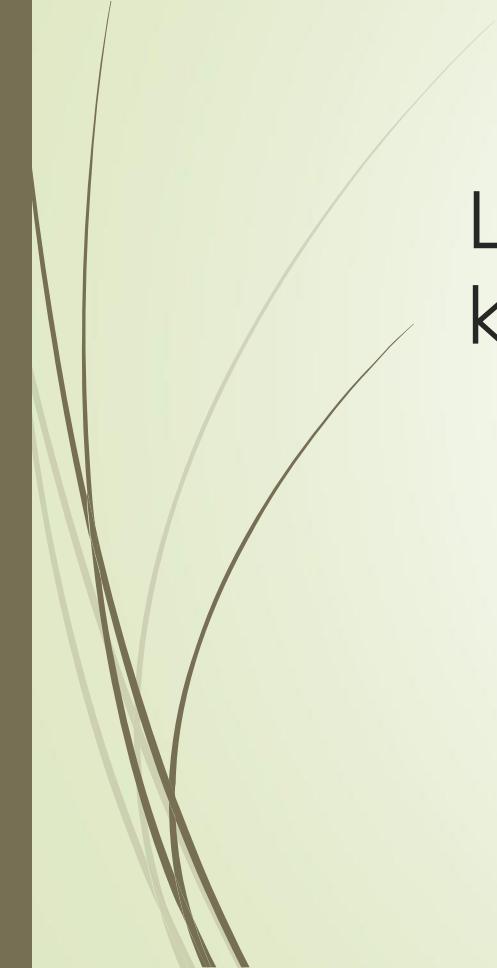


# Soluzioni

- Modellistica ontologica di utilità generale
- Definizione, correlazione e valore univoco dei dati
- Sviluppo tecnologico interoperabile di piattaforme di analisi, assessment e valutazione del rischio
- Implementazione additiva dell'architettura

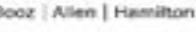


# L'intelligenza artificiale: knowledge, informazioni, dati



# Stima del mercato di AI

► Crescita stimata del mercato AI al 2022: 16,06 miliardi di dollari. Top investitori Amazon e Google

 1178 Jobs \$193,352 Net Avg. Salary \$20,349,001 Total Investment	 547 Jobs \$230,992 Net Avg. Salary \$10,046,389 Total Investment	 275 Jobs \$273,300 Net Avg. Salary \$16,188,033 Total Investment	 175 Jobs \$195,887 Net Avg. Salary \$14,286,790 Total Investment
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# L'intelligenza artificiale: knowledge, informazioni, dati

- ❑ Immissione di informazioni sensoriali multiple dal mondo esterno
- ❑ Utilizzo di diverse tipologie di input sensoriale/modale
- ❑ Canalizzazioni sensoriali: specificità dei dati
- ❑ Interpretazione e modellizzazione dei dati
- ❑ Linguaggi ibridi
- ❑ Linguaggi traduttori



# Ontologie e tassonomie: la modellistica

Riferimento: N. Guarino (ed.), Formal Ontology in Information Systems, IOS Press, Amsterdam, 1998

- Some twenty years ago Guarino postulated the increasing relevance of ontology in the fields of **Artificial Intelligence, Computational Linguistics and Database Theory** and mentioned specific research fields such as **knowledge engineering, knowledge representation, qualitative modelling, language engineering, database design, information modelling and integration, object oriented analysis, information retrieval and extraction, knowledge management and organization, agent-based systems design.**
- At the methodological level he stressed the main peculiarity of an **ontology as its being a highly interdisciplinary approach where philosophy and linguistics play a fundamental role.**



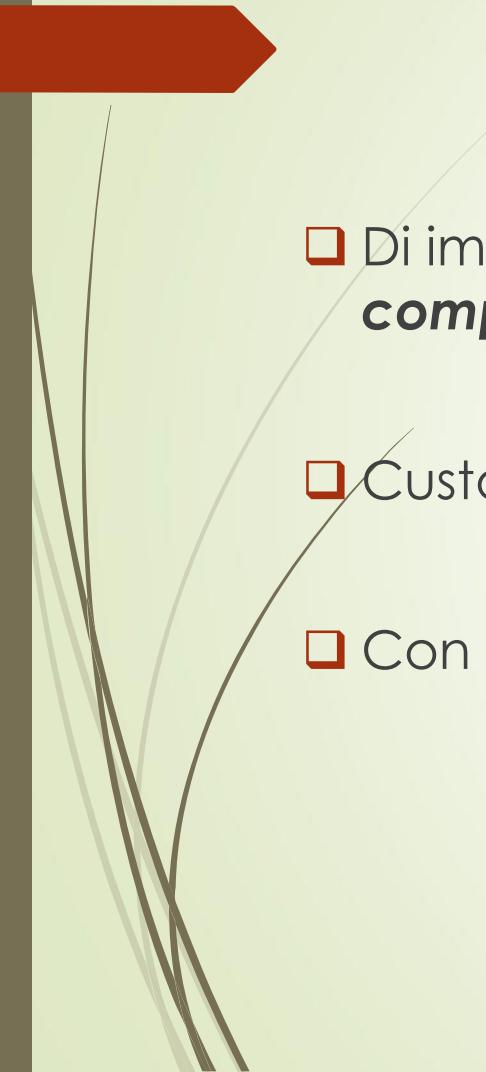
## La piattaforma ontologica per la cybersecurity POC Pragmema

- ▶ La piattaforma POC su infrastruttura Liferay, è la prima nel contesto europeo e internazionale
- ▶ POC integra la *Vulnerability ontology* del NIST, classificazioni ENISA, analisi e proposte ontologiche e classificatorie specifiche (TOCSA) riformulandone la valenza e l'impianto strutturale e ampliandone la portata conoscitiva e applicativa
- ▶ Necessaria per l'analisi e la classificazione dei dati e la descrizione univoca degli eventi e incidenti

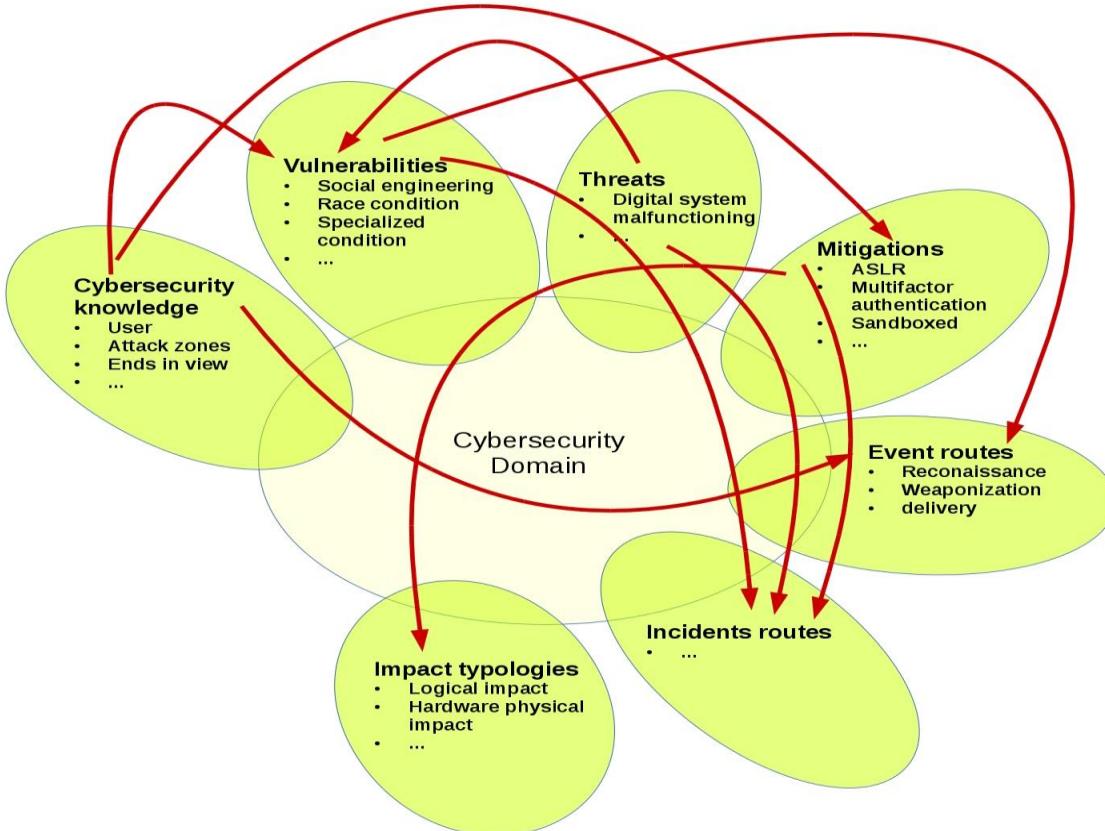


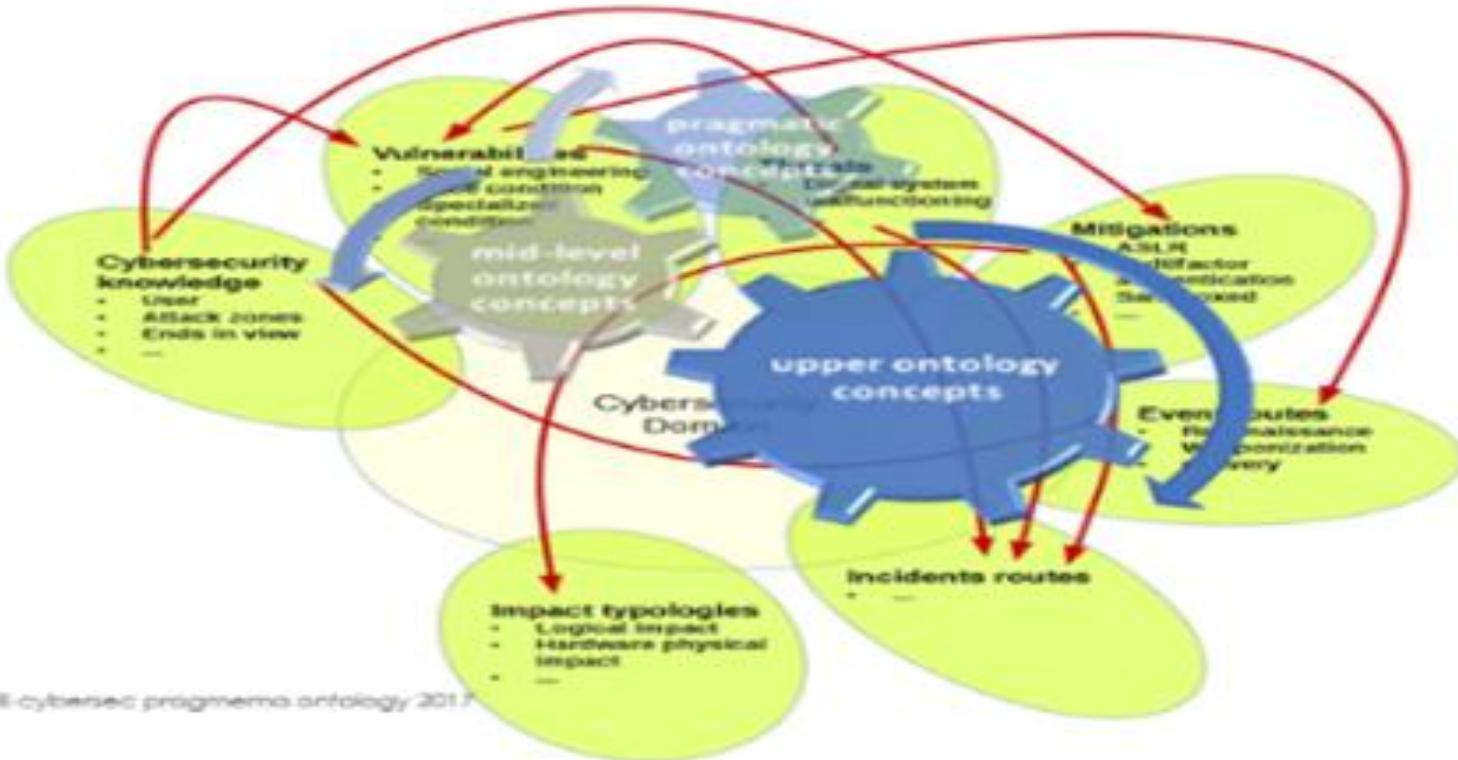
# Criteri definitori ontologici

- Entità
- Attributi
- Proprietà
- Relazioni logico-semantiche (sintattiche-testuali)
- Vocabolari controllati
- Traduzione tecnologica

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- Di immediato interesse applicativo nel contesto normativo di **compliance** per la sicurezza nella Direttiva NIS e nel GDPR
  - Customizzabile per utenti diversi nel pubblico e nel privato
  - Con funzioni di interoperabilità

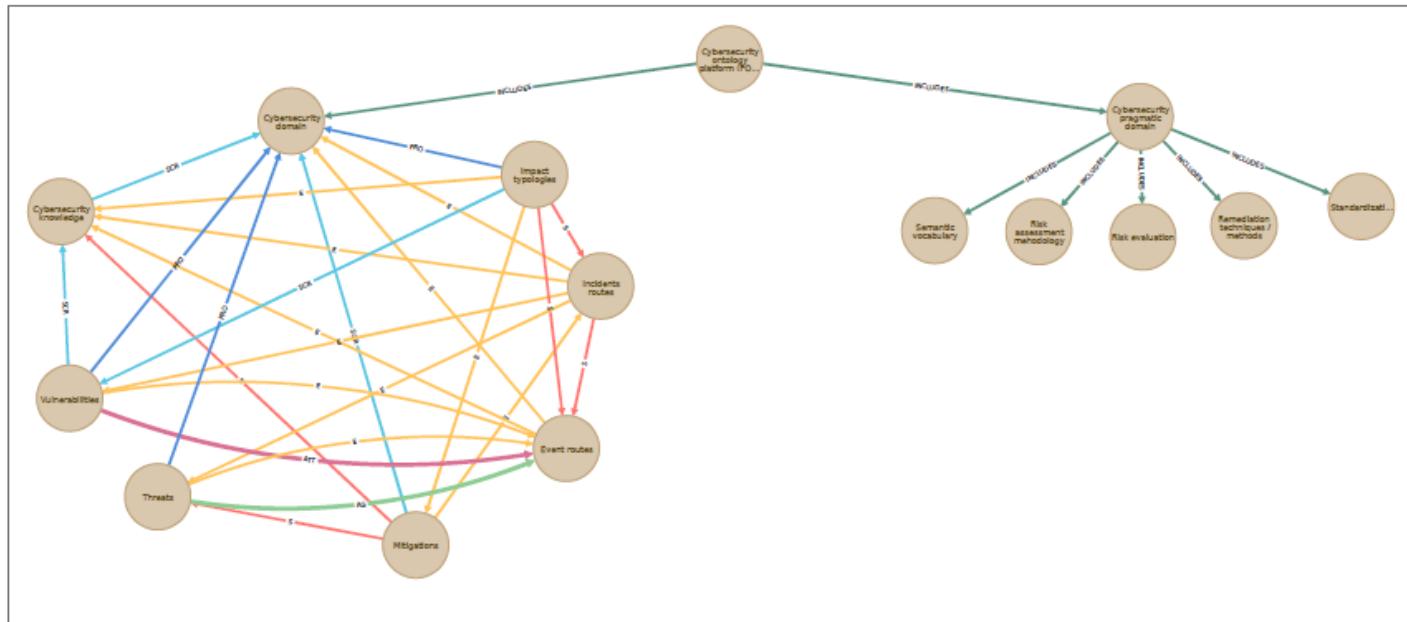
# La rete di relazioni su entità di primo livello



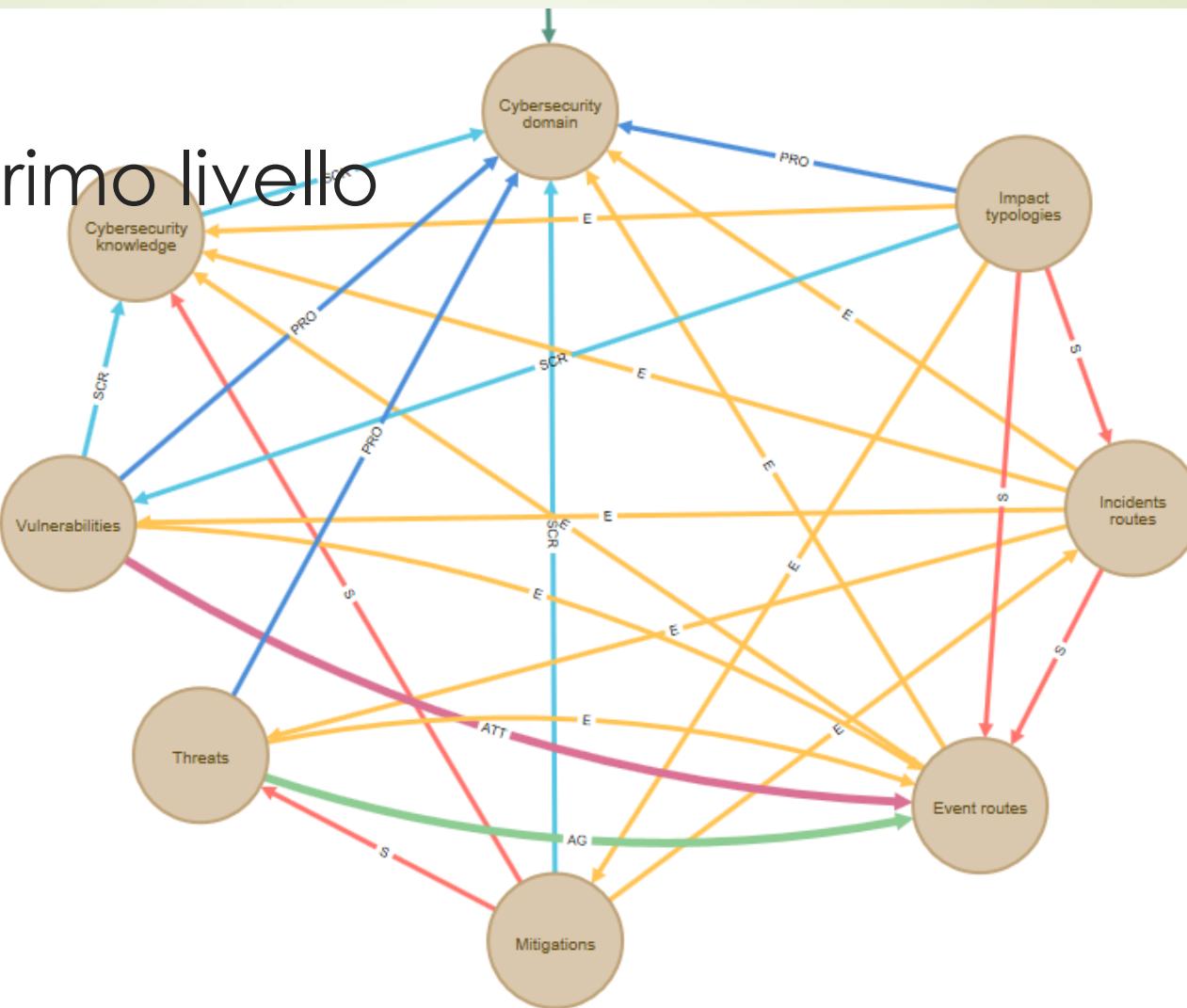


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# Il modello a grafi



# Reti di primo livello



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- ❑ POC dispone di due livelli corrispondenti a due oggetti ontologici/tecnologici: l'**ontologia di dominio cybersecurity** e l'**ontologia pragmatica di servizi** alla cybersecurity
  - ❑ I due oggetti sono **commerciabili separatamente o in combinazione**. Possono essere **integrati ai dispositivi aziendali cybersecurity già installati o da installare**, costituendo un livello di automazione e data analytics unico

# Le funzioni dell'ontologia di dominio

Oltre 600 entità del dominio cybersecurity e relativi nodi relazionali di tipo logico-semantico

La rappresentazione ontologica della cybersecurity knowledge e delle vulnerabilità, threat, impatto, resilienza, ecc. consente:

- la possibilità di **prevenire e individuare** eventi e incidenti cibernetici
- la definizione di **metodi e tecnologie per il risk assessment e la risk evaluation**
- l'applicazione di **sistemi rimediali**, tecnologici e comportamentali
- l'impiego di **standard** per l'automazione della sicurezza
- la conoscenza, la definizione e la rappresentazione degli **elementi costitutivi di eventi e di incidenti cybersecurity**, necessarie per la reportistica dei dati
- **l'analisi automatica delle variabili tipologiche** che definiscono gli eventi e gli incidenti
- modalità di **rappresentazione dei dati**



## Le metriche

- ❑ L'ontologia ricomprende la rappresentazione strutturata di masse di dati
- ❑ Correlazione tra asset tecnologici dell'ente/azienda, cybersecurity implementation, eventi e incidenti
- ❑ Tipologia di registrazione del valore di rischio e assessment degli incidenti



## La Direttiva NIS e il GDPR (DPIA): correlazione e automazione compliance

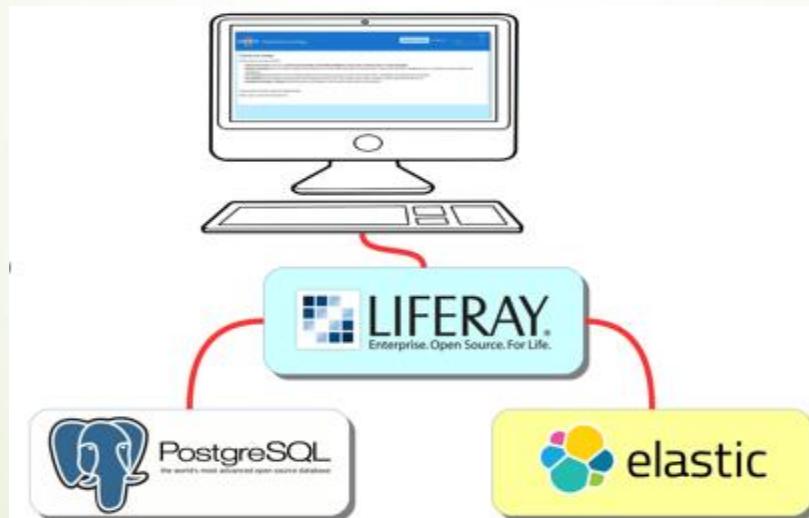
- ❑ Operative da maggio 2018
- ❑ Risk assessment e risk evaluation
- ❑ Adozione standard tecnologici sicurezza (NIS) per aziende di servizi essenziali e aziende di servizi digitali (search engine, e commerce, cloud, DNS, IXP e Registrar)

# Stakeholder privilegiati

- ❑ **CERT, CSIRT, SIEM, SOC e aziende di infrastrutture critiche e servizi essenziali** come da Direttiva NIS, GDPR e standard sicurezza internazionali
- ❑ I dati aziendali inseriti nel database customizzato consentono di analizzare le evoluzioni del sistema di sicurezza nella logica della **big data analytics e AI**. La correlazione dei dati consente di pervenire a una interpretazione preventiva e, in prospettiva, predittiva degli attacchi
- ❑ La piattaforma ontologica può essere trasferita su tool tecnologici di AI e big data: varie *libraries*, ecc.

# Architettura e infrastruttura tecnologica

- ❑ POC è sviluppato su Liferay, portale orizzontale scritto in Java;
- ❑ Post-gres, database relazionale e ricerca elastic; motore di ricerca scritto in Java





# La forza dell'architettura POC: il parametro strutturale

- ❑ Il **server applicazioni**: Liferay è costruito sui microservizi Java e progettato per essere un server a *clustered persistence*
- ❑ Il **database relazionale** Postgres è progettato per essere replicato
- ❑ Il **server di indicizzazione e ricerca** Elastic search è progettato per gestire ricerche distribuite



I servizi tecnologici alla cybersecurity della piattaforma POC





# I servizi della piattaforma/ontologia pragmatica POC Pragmema

Tutti i servizi sono retti dall'ontologia di dominio cybersecurity:

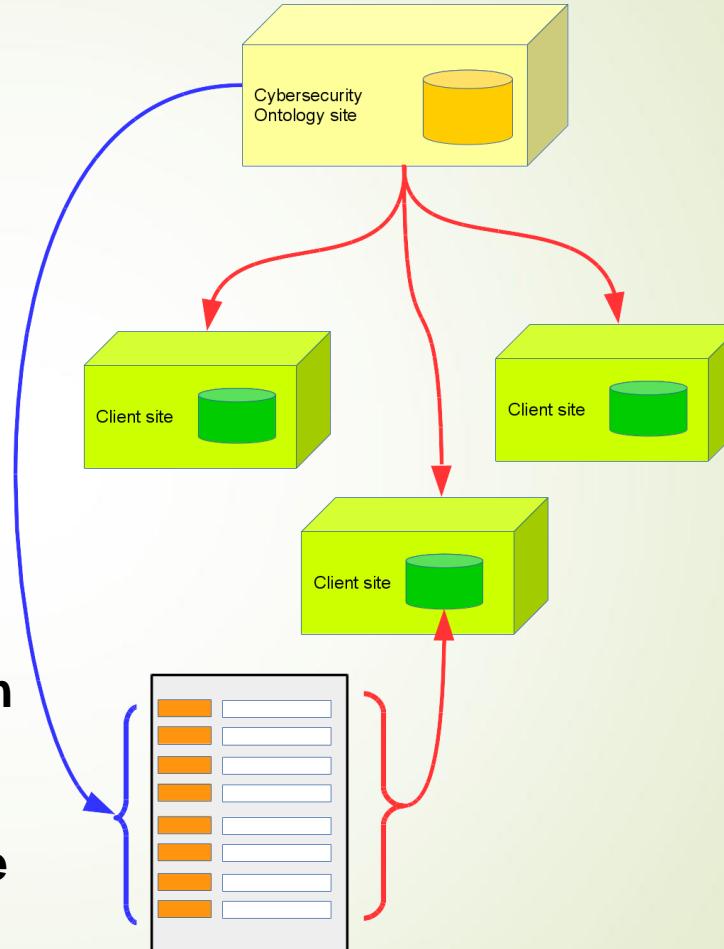
- il **vocabolario semantico controllato** della cybersecurity (VSC) (e i vocabolari generici) è il servizio di definizione delle informazioni e dei dati utili per gestire univocamente le attività di cybersecurity
- **risk assessment**: il servizio consente di verificare lo stato dell'arte preliminare e in progress del sistema e nel tempo l'andamento ovvero il check di sistema di sicurezza inherente dati e tecnologie delle aziende e delle istituzioni. Su richiesta del cliente il modello check può essere personalizzato e interrelato ai sistemi tecnologici di cybersecurity aziendali/istituzionali
- **risk evaluation**: il servizio consente di valutare il rischio economico dell'azienda in caso di attacchi cyber. Può essere customizzato ...

# I servizi alla cybersecurity

- **remediation techniques**: il servizio consente di definire le attività di resilienza in caso di attacchi. Può essere customizzato
- • **standard references**: il servizio offre e correla la gamma di standard internazionali richiesti per la cybersecurity. E' connesso ai **form/application tools**
- • gli **application tools** contengono form/schemi da compilare e memorizzare sul data base dell'azienda o dell'istituzione correlandosi ai servizi di sicurezza presenti nel sistema informativo informatico ed effettuare le seguenti attività: reportistica di eventi ed incidenti, statistiche, valutazione del rischio, **assessment**, ecc. Consente **l'automazione del servizio** e dei **segnali di rischio**

# Features of all services

- Every client has **his/her own service site**
  - Only subscribed services are accessible
  - **Client data remain in the client site**
- Each service displays:
  - Structured forms to **gather field data**
  - Each field data has a **contextual explanation/implementation** based on the Cybersecurity Ontology
  - Forms data **are stored in the client site and represent a time series**



# Risk assessment service

- Acquisition forms for:
  - Asset analysis
  - Reporting
  - Incidents identifiers
  - Event description
  - Metrics
  - Statistics
- Search and correlation of the acquired data
- Access to the related knowledge base in the Cybersecurity Pragmatic Domain

# Risk evaluation service

- Acquisition forms for:
  - Metrics
  - Statistics
- Search and correlation of the acquired data
- Access to the related knowledge base in the Cybersecurity Pragmatic Domain



# Remediation techniques service

- Acquisition forms for:
  - Preparation
  - Identification
  - Containment
  - Eradication
  - Recovery
  - Post-incident activity
- Search and correlation of the acquired data
- Access to the related knowledge base in the Cybersecurity Pragmatic Domain

# Risk evaluation service

- Acquisition forms for:
  - Metrics
  - Statistics
- Search and correlation of the acquired data
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# Standards reference service

- Access to the knowledge base in the Cybersecurity Pragmatic Domain
  - Access to relevant standards with annotated focal points
  - Standard documents correlation with Cybersecurity Ontology structure
  - Standard documents are organized following the Cybersecurity Ontology structure



## Controlled Semantic Vocabulary service

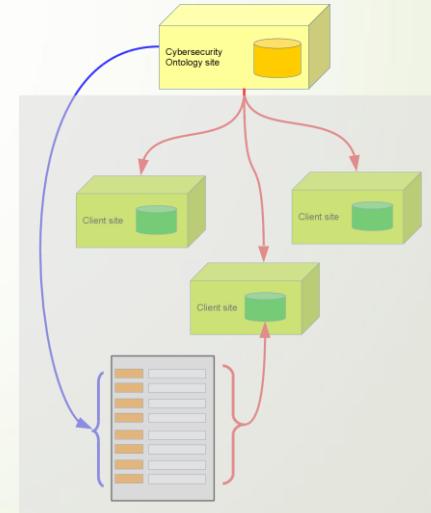
- Access to the knowledge base in the Cybersecurity Domain
- Multiple vocabularies with search functions
  - Cybersecurity Ontology Domain Vocabulary
  - Common attack Pattern Enumeration and Classification (CAPEC™)
  - Others

# Pragmema Cybersecurity Ontology Domain

- Cybersecurity domain is structured in:
  - Cybersecurity knowledge
  - Vulnerabilities
  - Threats
  - Mitigations
  - Event routes
  - Incidents routes
  - Impact typologies

The screenshot shows a web interface for the Pragmema Cybersecurity ontology. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Pragmema logo, the text "Cybersecurity ontology", and several tabs: "Cybersecurity domain" (which is highlighted), "Cybersecurity pragmatic domain", "Search", and a search bar. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with links: "Cybersecurity knowledge", "Vulnerabilities", "Threats", "Mitigations", "Events routes", "Incidents routes", and "Impact typologies". The main content area is titled "Cybersecurity domain" and contains a detailed description of its structure, listing seven components with their definitions:

- **Cybersecurity knowledge** that represents the articulation of the cybersecurity ontology as related to specific conceptual fields
- **Vulnerabilities** that are the ontology components describing weaknesses in the computational logic found in products or devices that could be exploited by a threat
- **Threats** is the typology of prospective cybersecurity exploits / attacks as a result of vulnerabilities / weaknesses.
- **Mitigations** are the ontology components such as techniques, methods, software, devices, etc. that constitute a barrier or a resilience tool against cyber attacks
- **Event routes** that are the ontology components that describe cybersecurity attack routes from reconnaissance to logical impacts
- **Incidents routes** are the ontology components that describe the incident routes / paths of the attack from installation / delivery / activation of malware to the harmful exploitation of the system
- **Impact typologies** that are the ontology components that represent the types of damages caused to the system by malicious attacks



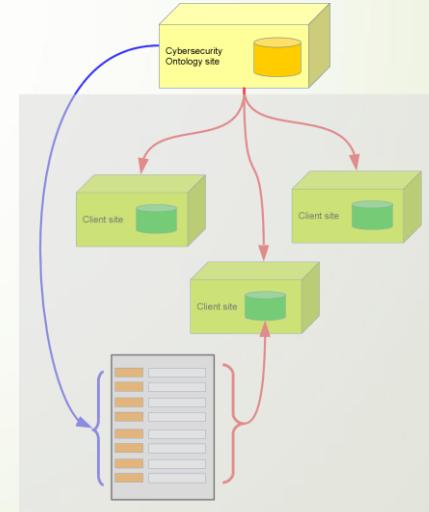
# Pragmema Cybersecurity Pragmatic Domain

- Cybersecurity pragmatic domain is structured in:
  - semantic vocabulary
  - risk assessment
  - risk evaluation
  - remediation techniques / methods
  - standardizations reference

The screenshot shows a blue-themed web interface for 'Cybersecurity ontology'. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs: 'Cybersecurity domain' (which is active), 'Cybersecurity pragmatic domain' (highlighted in blue), 'Search', and a magnifying glass icon. Below the navigation, there are several links: 'Semantic Vocabulary', 'Risk assessment methodology', 'Risk evaluation', 'Remediation techniques / methods', 'Standardizations references', and 'Application tools'. The main content area is titled 'Cybersecurity pragmatic domain' and contains a detailed description of its structure:

The cybersecurity pragmatic domain is structured in:

- **semantic vocabulary** that is a controlled vocabulary whose contents are univocally defined and related to ontology entities. Entries can be consulted in alphabetical order or by cybersecurity domain categories and subcategories
- **risk assessment** that represents the chain of linked activities and actions that are necessary to keep control of cyber threats, vulnerabilities and cybersecurity risk evaluation
- **risk evaluation** that is the system of structured items that configure the levels of risk. They normally include metrics, standards, systems cybersecurity barriers, etc.
- **remediation techniques / methods** that describe a path to be undertaken in order to take the system back to normal functions
- **standardizations reference** standards in cybersecurity reflect the mandatory rules to be applied by suppliers of online digital services
- **application tools** comprise diverse typologies of operative schemes that automatically report risk assessment / evaluation and remediation techniques as a result of the correlation of the cybersecurity ontology



Gli sviluppi

❑ Machine learning

❑ Predittività

❑ Resilienza automatica