

# Classification Levels Workshop

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# Agenda

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- Background Information
- Classification Levels
- Classifying Items – Things to Think About
- Available Resources
- Q&A



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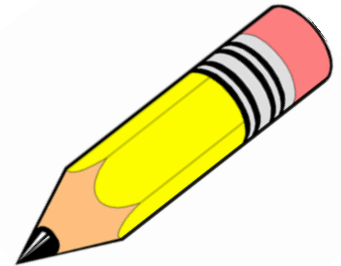
# Terminology

## **Institutional Information = Data**

- A term that broadly describes all data and information created, received and/or collected by UC.

## **IT Resource = Assets, Systems, etc.**

- A term that broadly describes IT infrastructure, software and/or hardware with computing and networking capability.



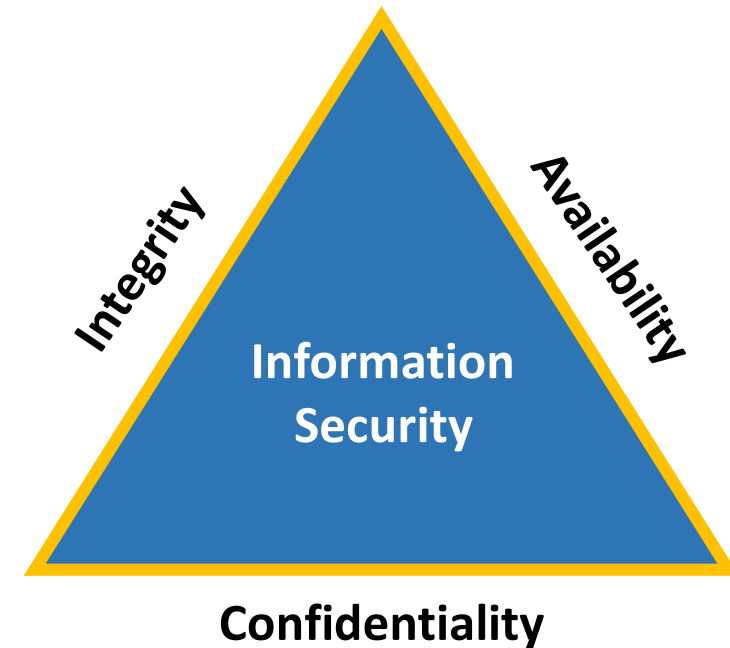
# UC Classification Types

- **Protection Levels**

- P1 – P4 (most significant)
- Designed around confidentiality and integrity
- Driven by security needs

- **Availability Levels**

- A1 – A4 (most significant)
- Designed around availability
- Driven by Unit



# Availability Levels

- A-Levels are driven by the Unit

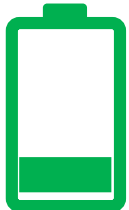
Availability Level 1 Minimal	Availability Level 2 Low	Availability Level 3 Moderate	Availability Level 4 High
Loss of availability poses <b>minimal</b> impact or financial losses.	Loss of availability may cause <b>minor</b> losses or inefficiencies	Loss of availability would result in <b>moderate</b> financial losses and/or reduced customer service	Loss of availability would result in <b>major</b> impairment to the overall operation of the Location and/or essential services, and/or cause significant financial losses.  IT Resources that are required by statutory, regulatory and legal obligations are major drivers for this risk level

# Protection Levels



Protection Level  
**P1 - Minimal**

- Public Information
- Integrity still important
- Unauthorized modification is the primary concern
- Minimum security requirements sufficient



Protection Level  
**P2 - Low**

- Internal use, not generally intended for public use.
- Small financial or reputational risk to UC
- Minor privacy impacts to individuals or groups



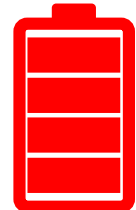
Protection Level  
**P3 - Moderate**

- Proprietary
- Moderate fines, penalties, civil actions
- Moderate financial loss, reputational damage
- Moderate harm to the privacy of individuals or groups



Protection Level  
**P4 - High**

- Statutory
- Significant fines, penalties, civil, criminal, regulatory action, financial loss, reputational damage
- Significant harm to individuals, groups



# Classification – Things to Think About

**What Do I  
Have?**



**How Toxic is  
it?**



**How Much Do  
I Have?**





# What Do I Have

## Institutional Information

- Identify the Proprietor and ask about the classification level
- Any special data handling requirements?
- Is the data the master source of record?

## IT Resource

- What type of data does it process, transmits, or stores?
- What other assets does it communicate with?
- Any special security control requirements?
- Is it considered Critical Infrastructure?



# How Toxic Is It?



## Things to Think About:

- What would be the impact if the data or resource was ever compromised or exposed?
- Would it cause any harm?
- How comprehensive is the data?
- What can someone do with the data elements?

# How Much Do I Have?

The number of records can impact the risk level

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**Large  
Data Sets**

**Vs.**

**Small Data Sets**

# Critical Infrastructure

- CISO works with UCI leadership and Units to identify CI Resources
- Unique requirements are needed beyond standard Protection Level and Availability Level Controls to properly protect the IT Resource due to:
  - A high degree of risk
  - Complexity of the Resource
  - Specialized nature of the resource
  - Shared IT Resources, that if compromised it would impact the security of other systems.
- Unique requirements need to be CISO approved.
- Special risk assessment will be needed



# Critical Infrastructure - Examples

- Authentication and Authorization Services (Active Directory, Kerberos, KSAMS, etc.)
- Domain Name System (DNS)
- Network and Security Hardware (routers, switches, firewalls, etc.)
- Management Tools
  - Backup, patch, or software management consoles
  - Network and firewall management tools
  - VMware vCenter and disk array management consoles
  - Encryption key management systems
- Specialized Systems (FacNet, etc.)



# Classification Resources

- [UCI Classifying Institutional Information and IT Resources](#)
- [UC Protection Level Classification Guide](#)
- [UC Availability Level Classification Guide](#)
- [Classification Decision Tree](#)
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