

# Metrics Management

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# Introduction

- Betsy Nichols
  - Academia: Mathematics
  - Industry: Apollo, War Gaming, Process Control, NSM + Agents, Metrics Automation
- GENI Relevant Work
  - Instrumentation Frameworks: CMIS/CMIP, SNMP, CIM, WEBM, JMX, CAIDA
  - hyperPlex: Grid, WebServices, P2P, Service Orchestration, Distributed Programmability
  - MetricsCenter: Acquisition(less), Analysis (more)

# Presentation

- Terminology
- Metrics Management: Two Layers
- Example Metric Layer Requirement
- Thoughts on GENI
- References

# Terminology

- **Instrumentation:** Generates raw observations
  - **Sensor = Listens to Instrumentation and produces ...**
  - **Measures = Quantitative value**
- Dimension
  - Usually not quantitative: ex: protocol, owner, criticality, time
  - Captures context: technical, location, business, policy, ...
- Metric
  - Derived via analysis applied to measures and dimensions
  - Can cross sensor boundaries
- Key Goal Indicator & Key Performance Indicator
  - Characterize target levels and goal attainment

# Metrics Management: Two Layers

- Instrumentation Layer
  - Heterogeneous and dispersed silos
  - Localized data quality control
  - Anonymization
  - Persistence
- Metric Layer
  - Life Cycle: Design+Deploy+Deliver
  - Specialized Services + Object Models
  - Privacy + Re-Identification

# Metric Design Phase

- What question does this metric answer?
- What data does it need?
- What terminology needs definition?
- What analysis (and assumptions) does it use?
- What results will it produce?
- What contexts does it map to?
- How should results be published?
- What revisions have occurred ?
- How do users rate its effectiveness ?

Deliverable: Catalog

# Catalog: One Embodiment

Home → Metrics Catalog Hi EA Nichols

## CIS MetricsCenter

Home   Dashboard   **Metrics Catalog**   Survey   Resources   Admin   Store Editor   PlexLogic   Joomla Admin

Metric ▾ Context ▾

### Navigator

Contexts

- [-] PCI DSS-1.1
- [-] NIST Metric Type
- [-] NIST SP800-53 Controls
- [-] ISO/IEC 27002
  - [-] 0. Introduction
  - [-] 1. Scope
  - [-] 2. Terms and Definitions
  - [-] 3. Structure of the Standard
  - [-] 4. Risk Assessment
  - [-] 5. Security Policy
  - [-] 6. Organization of Information Security
  - [-] 7. Asset Management
  - [-] 8. Human Resources Security
  - [-] 9. Physical and Environmental Security
  - [-] 10. Communication and Operations Management
  - [-] 11. Access Control
  - [-] 12. Information Systems Acquisition, Development, and Maintenance
  - [-] 13. Information Security Incident Management
  - [-] 14. Business Continuity Management
  - [-] 15. Compliance
- [-] Computer Information Security Working Group (CISWG)
- [-] CIS Consensus Metrics
- [-] Enterprise Metrics
  - [-] DTCC
  - [-] ADS

### Metrics

Number of New Vendor Profiles   Number of Open Security Assessments   Percent of Code Analyzed

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<b>Number of New Vendor Profiles</b>	LATEST VERSION
The Number of New Vendor Profiles metric is designed to track the new vendor profiles in the CIS portal. 11/03/2008	
<b>Number of Open Security Assessments</b>	LATEST VERSION
The Number of Open Security Assessments is designed to track the number of security assessments under way for vendors. 11/03/2008	
<b>Number of Viruses detected by Envision</b>	LATEST VERSION
The purpose of this KPI is to provide measurement of virus prevalence, as detected by Envision each month. 11/03/2008	
<b>Percent High Marked 'Not an Issue' from total LOC</b>	LATEST VERSION
Percent High Marked "Not and Issue" from total LOC represents the Percentage of High Vulnerabilities that are marked 'NOT an Issue' in Fortify from analyzed code. 11/03/2008	
<b>Percent High Vulnerabilities per Lines of Scanned Code</b>	LATEST VERSION
The purpose of this KPI is to provide the percentage of high vulnerabilities from analyzed code. 11/03/2008	
<b>Percent of Code Analyzed</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI represents the percent of code Scanned via a vulnerability scanner. 11/03/2008	
<b>Percent of Total Vulnerabilities per Lines of Scanned Code</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI represents the percentage of vulnerabilities from analyzed code. Low numbers tells that a better quality of code is generated. 11/03/2008	
<b>Percent of Projects passing Fortify</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI indicates the percentage of projects rolled out to QA and higher environment. Includes conditional approvals. 11/03/2008	
<b>PSA Response Time</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI demonstrates our ability to respond to PSA's requests within 3 days. 11/03/2008	
<b>Access Control - Termination Notification</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI demonstrates the ability of key departments to remove access in a timely manner. 11/03/2008	
<b>Anti-Virus</b>	LATEST VERSION
The purpose of this KPI is to answer the following questions: Do we have latest anti-virus signature files on all x86 systems? How quickly do we update signature? How many systems are not updated w... 11/03/2008	
<b>Appsense policy compliance</b>	LATEST VERSION
This KPI tracks if CIS has identified inconsistencies in applying Appsense policy request by NTP-Citrix team. This compliance validation will improve that process. 11/03/2008	

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# Thoughts about GENI

- A Metrics Layer for GENI delivers
  - User Context
  - Better Business Decision Support
  - Enhanced Transparency & Trust
- GENI Metrics Layer could be:
  - A “long running” experiment
  - Instrumented and Managed by GENI O&M



# Metrics Layer Resources

- <http://www.MetricsCenter.org> - Go to the resources page for pointers to lots of additional resources
- <http://www.SecurityMetrics.org>
- <http://www.cert.org/podcast> - Several podcasts on metrics have been produced by CERT and are published here
- <http://www.itpmi.org> - The IT Metrics and Process Institute
- <http://www.qop-workshop.org> - The Quality of Protection web site
- <http://www.itpi.org> - The IT Process Institute web site
- <http://cisecurity.org> - The Center for Internet Security will be publishing consensus metrics soon

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