

# “The convergence of IT Governance & Information Security Programs”

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# Key Thoughts

- Plenty of talk about Governance and Information Security Programs – when there is a breach, each can be looked at as a point of failure.
- Should the programs be interdependent or separate?
- Pros and cons of Governance and Security Programs,
- What does Governance mean to Security Programs and to The Business?
- What happened to just “doing the right thing”?

- **IT Security (Info Sec):** Is the practice of defending information from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, perusal, inspection, recording or destruction. It is a general term that can be used regardless of the form the data may take.
- **Webster:** the quality or state of being secure, freedom from danger, safety, freedom from fear or anxiety

- **Corporate Governance:**

In the case of a business or of a non-profit organization, governance relates to consistent enforcement and management, cohesive policies, guidance, processes and decision-rights for a given area of responsibility

- **IT Governance:**

A subset discipline of corporate governance focused on information technology (IT) systems and their performance and risk management

# Example of the Difference



**GoDaddy Sites Down, May Be Victim Of Anonymous Cyberattack**

## **Zappos cyber attack**

**ID info hacked**

**MasterCard website is target of cyber attack**

**Wells Fargo is latest victim in cyber attack spree**

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**6.5 Million of LinkedIn Passwords Stolen By Cyber Criminals**

Software news

**Cyber attacks on Android devices increasing**

**Banks on High Alert After Cyber Attacks**

**Cyber Breach Exposes EPA Staff's Bank Numbers, Addresses**

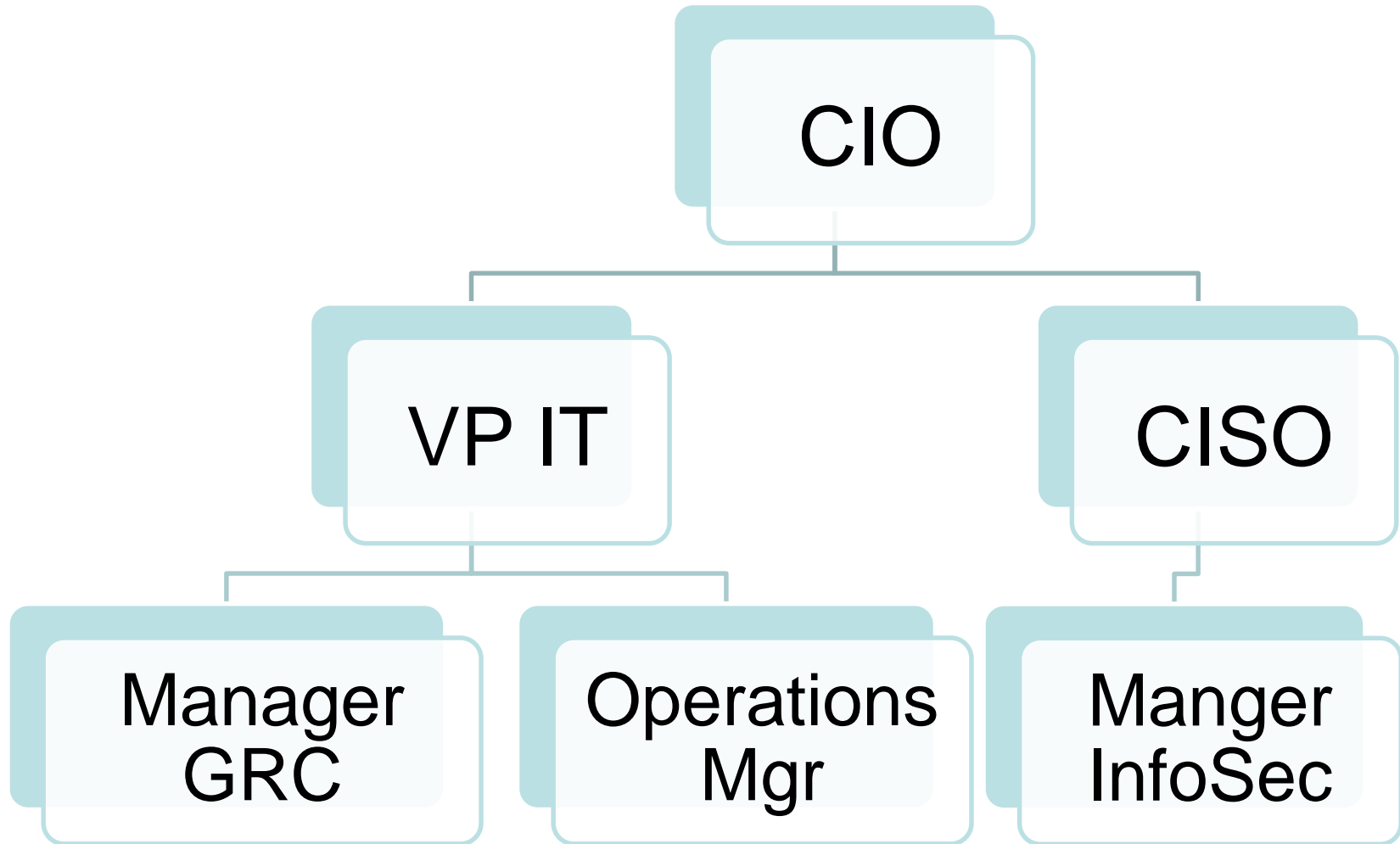
**Bank of America Hit By Cyber Attack**

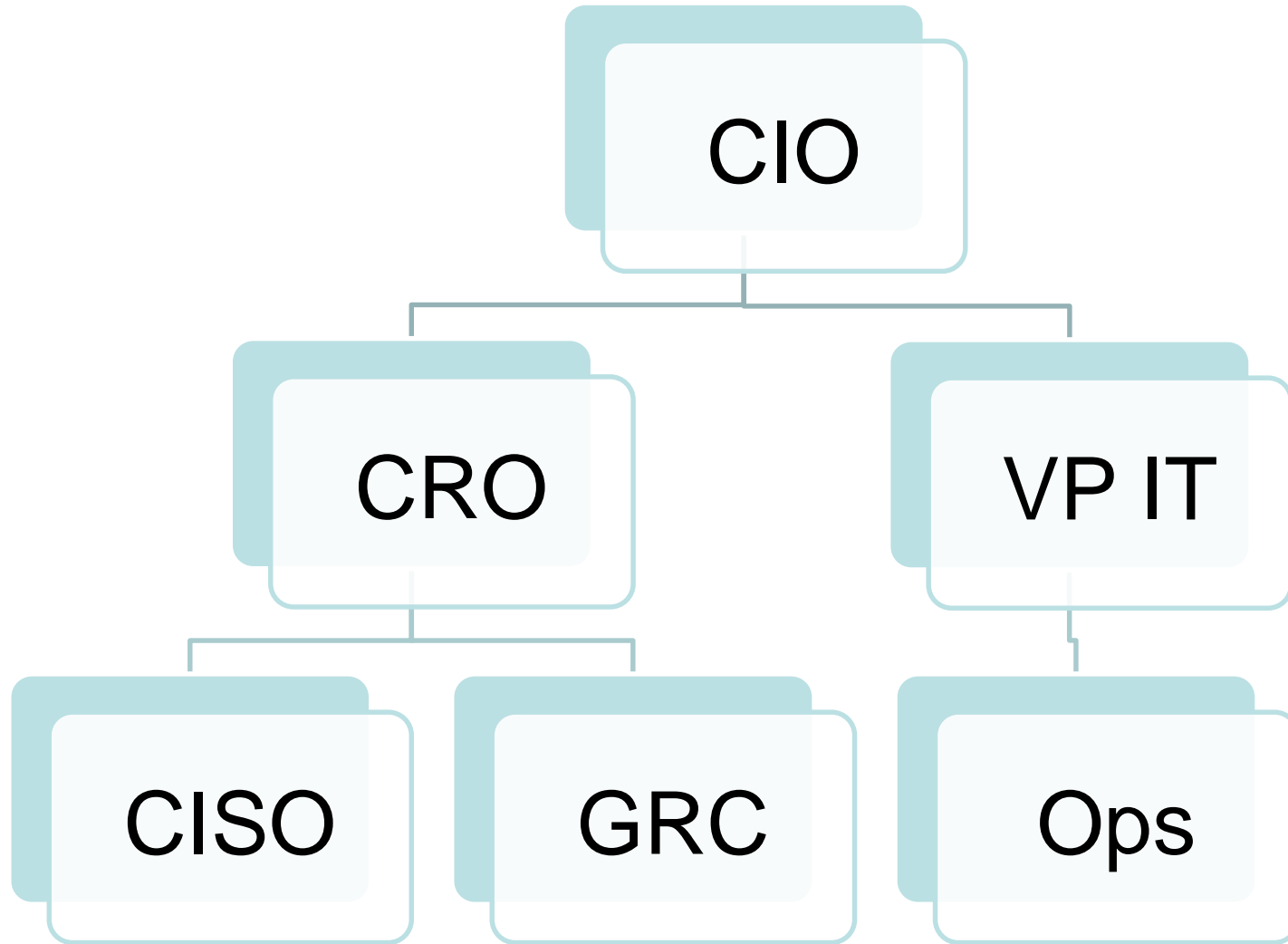
- Accountability
- Business objectives
- Compliance reports
- System outages
- Customer complaints
  - Internal/External
- Successful Compromises



- Vulnerability cans
  - Data at rest/in-transit
  - Networks
  - Applications
- Data loss prevention
- Continuous monitoring
- Penetration testing
  - Internal/external
  - Social engineering
- Technology Review Committee
- Security code reviews
- Log analysis
  - Firewall
  - System
  - Database

# Possible Reporting Structure





- United States Postal Service Inspection Service – external crimes against business, fraud, etc.
- Office of Inspection General- internal activities, audits, etc.



- Pros
  - Black and white issues
  - Solid tools to help
  - Deals with technology
- Cons
  - Not always business driven
  - Security is not compliance
  - Dynamic environment

- Pros:
  - Provides visibility
  - Provides control
  - Assigns accountability
  - Black and white
  
- Cons:
  - Potential of being Influenced
  - Not Security-focused
  - Compliance driven

Without controls, there is no governance and without security standards and policies, there are no controls.

Without either, a company's ability to protect and make available the data needed to make business decisions is at risk.

The future requires both to insure viability.

# The Linkage

