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# Be the captain in a cyber security budget discussion

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# WHO AM I?

# /THIS IS NOT AN EXISTENTIAL QUESTION/

- ◆ Name: Chara Vassiliadou
- ◆ Background: Computer Engineer with MS in Cyber Security
- ◆ Current Role: Commercial Director
- ◆ Some Previous Roles: Information Security Manager, Product Manager of IT Sec Solutions
- ◆ Working in this sector since 2006
- ◆ Still, I know nothing. Just like John Snow

# WHAT AM I GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT /I KNOW THE ANSWER. WORRY NOT/

## Agenda

- ◆ Let me introduce CENSUS in 3'
- ◆ What is Cybersecurity (I know you all know)
- ◆ What is ROI... Baby don't hurt me
- ◆ The good, the bad and the ugly of security investments
- ◆ And now what?
- ◆ Questions and possible Answers





Let me introduce CENSUS in 3'

## CENSUS at a glance

- ◆ **CENSUS** is an **internationally acclaimed** Cybersecurity services provider, supporting the needs of **multiple industries**.
- ◆ We are offering state-of-the-art services to organizations **worldwide** to cover the complex needs of today's **IT & OT ecosystems**:
  - ◆ Organisation Security
  - ◆ Product Security Assessments
  - ◆ Secure Systems Development Lifecycle
  - ◆ Vulnerability Research
  - ◆ Information Security Consulting
- ◆ Services built upon the **company's leading research** to provide high quality InfoSec services.
- ◆ We are very proud of our **ethos**, as we care about **quality (in) systems**.

**65** Security engineers

**12+** Years of innovation

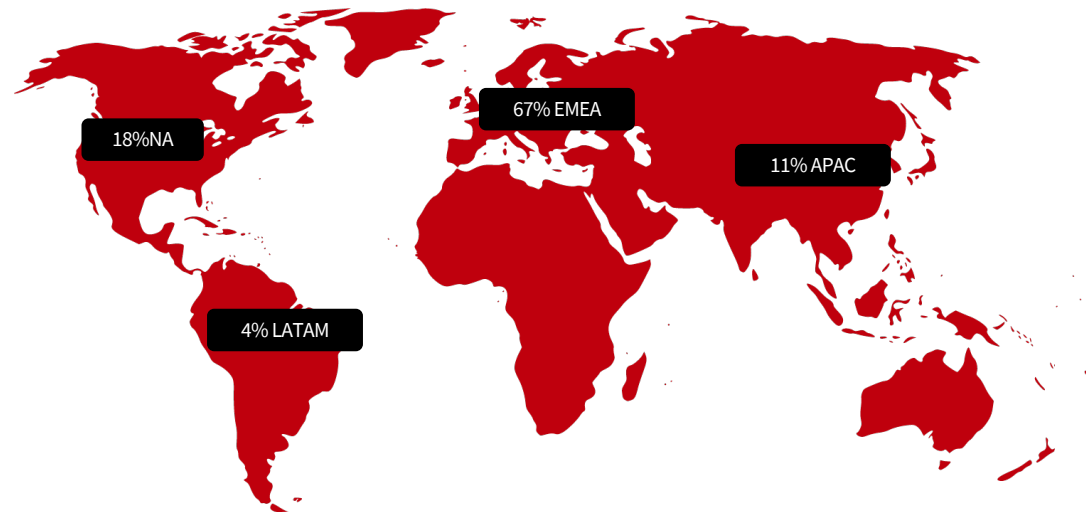
Company certified for quality and security management systems



CENSUS at a glance

## Global presence

We help clients with their **cybersecurity maturity journey** by providing **end to end** state of the art **assessment of their security posture** to improve their **cyber resilience** and leverage the benefits of **digital transformation**.



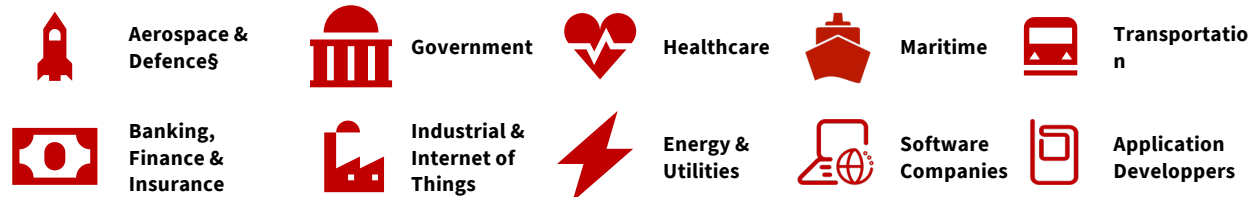
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Countries

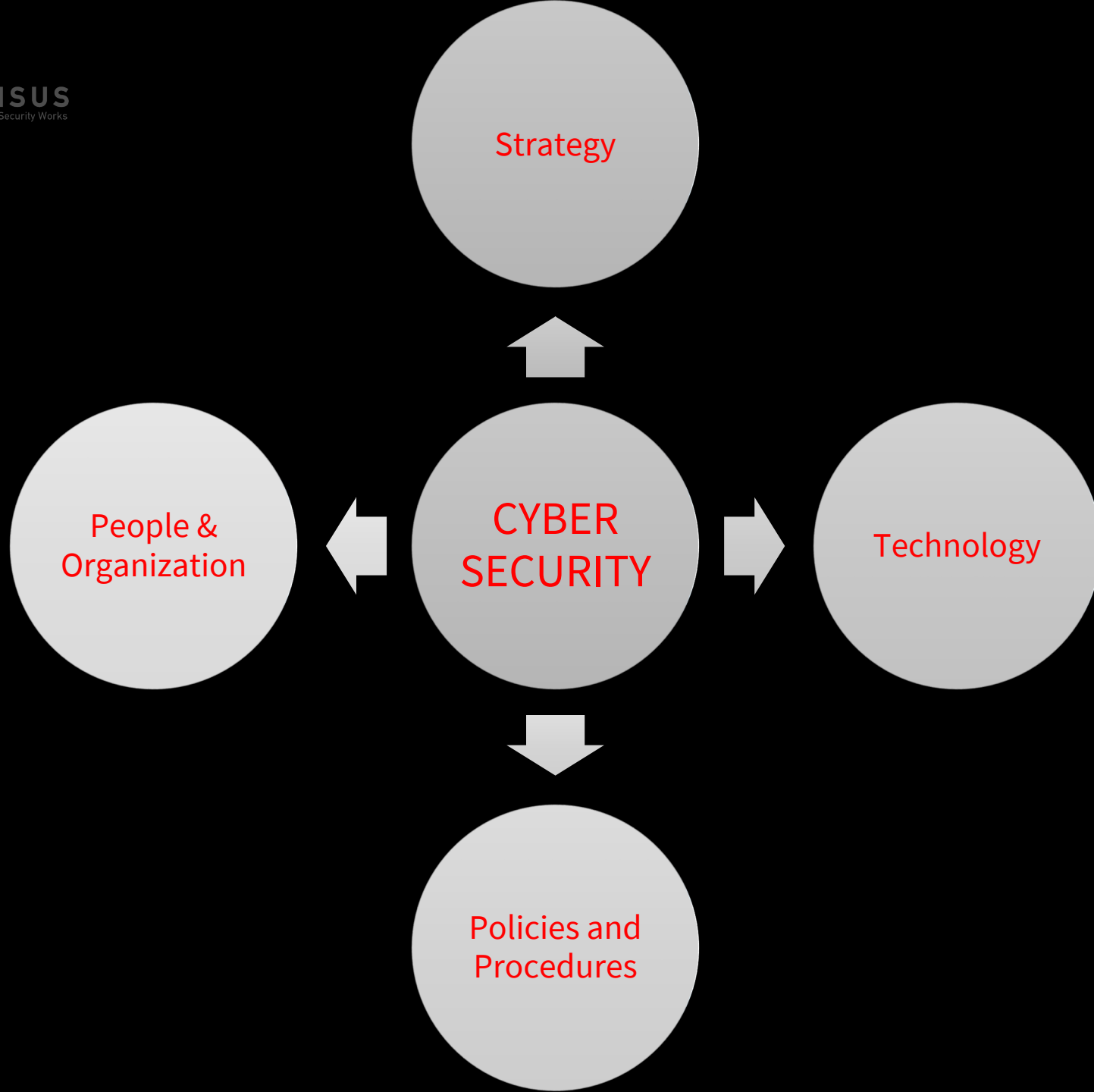
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Clients  
80+ Fortune 500

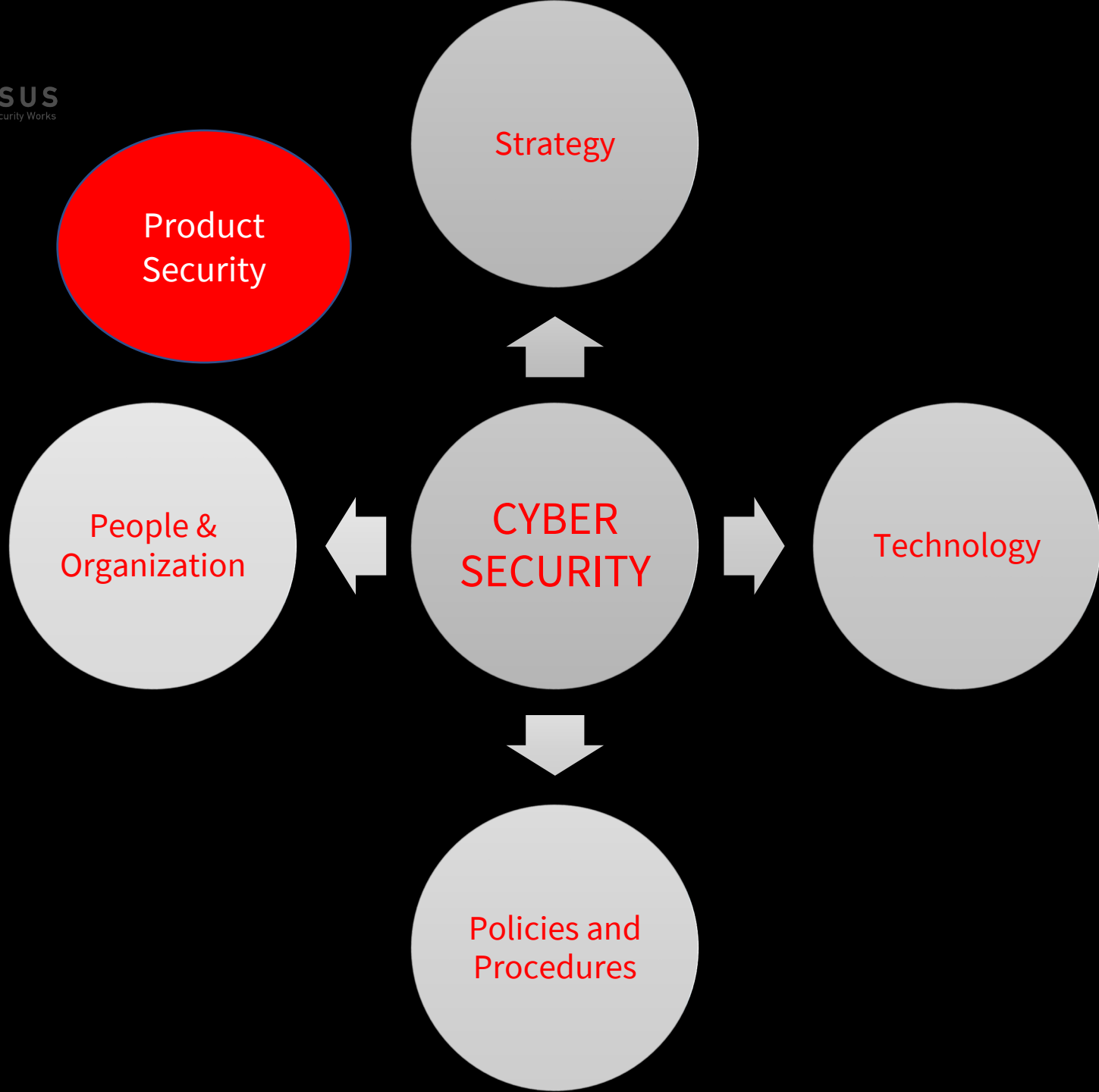
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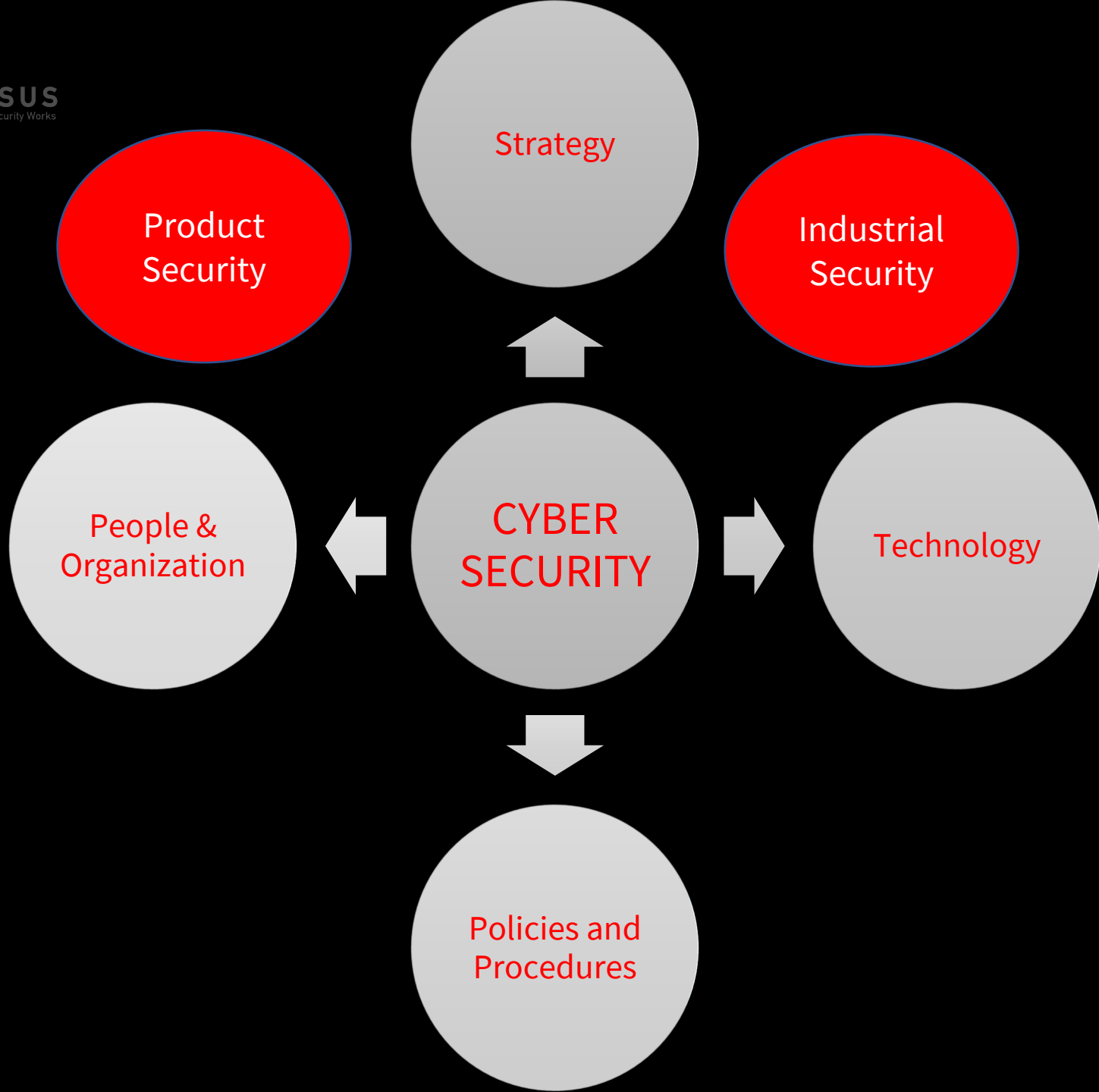


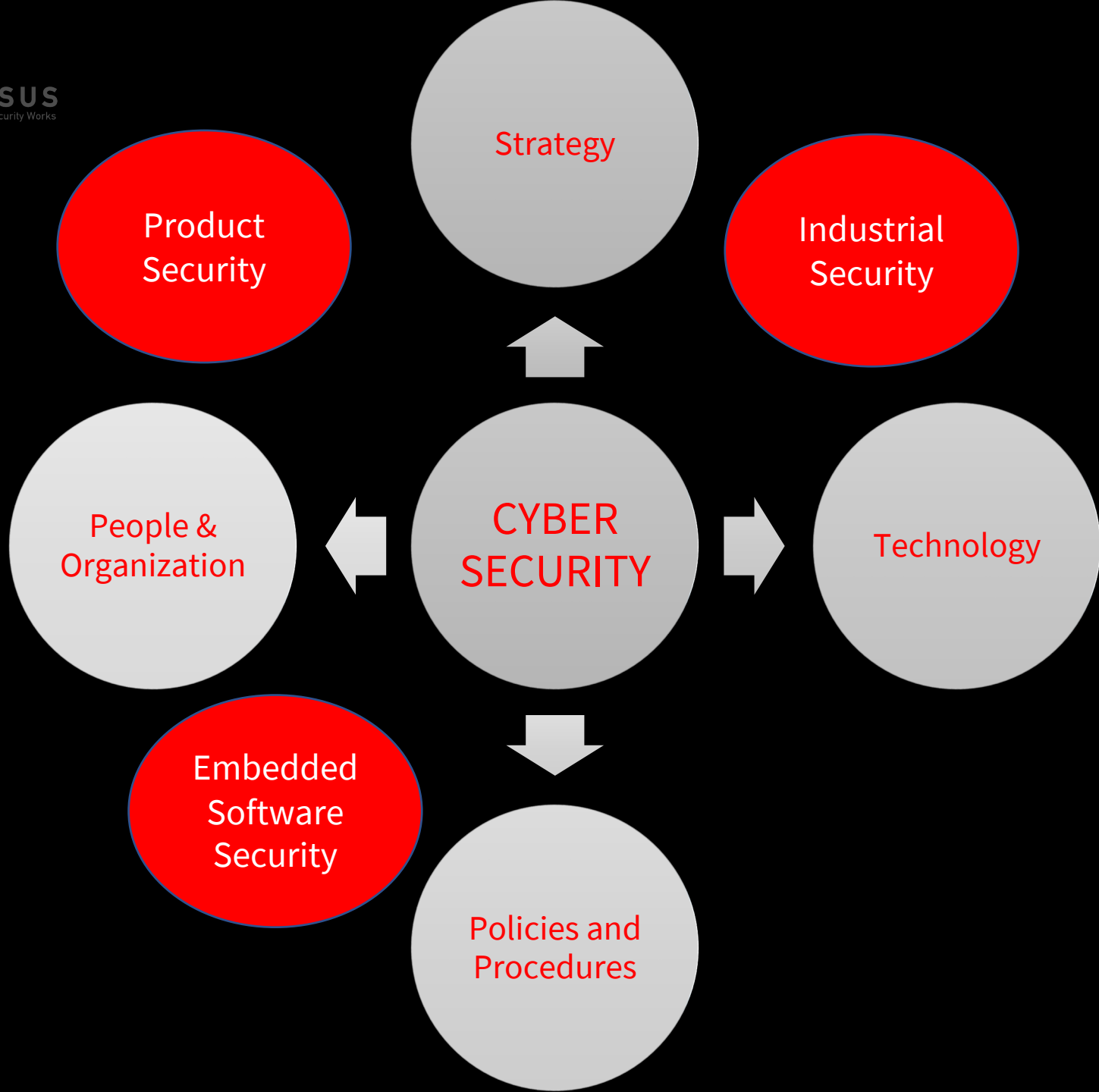
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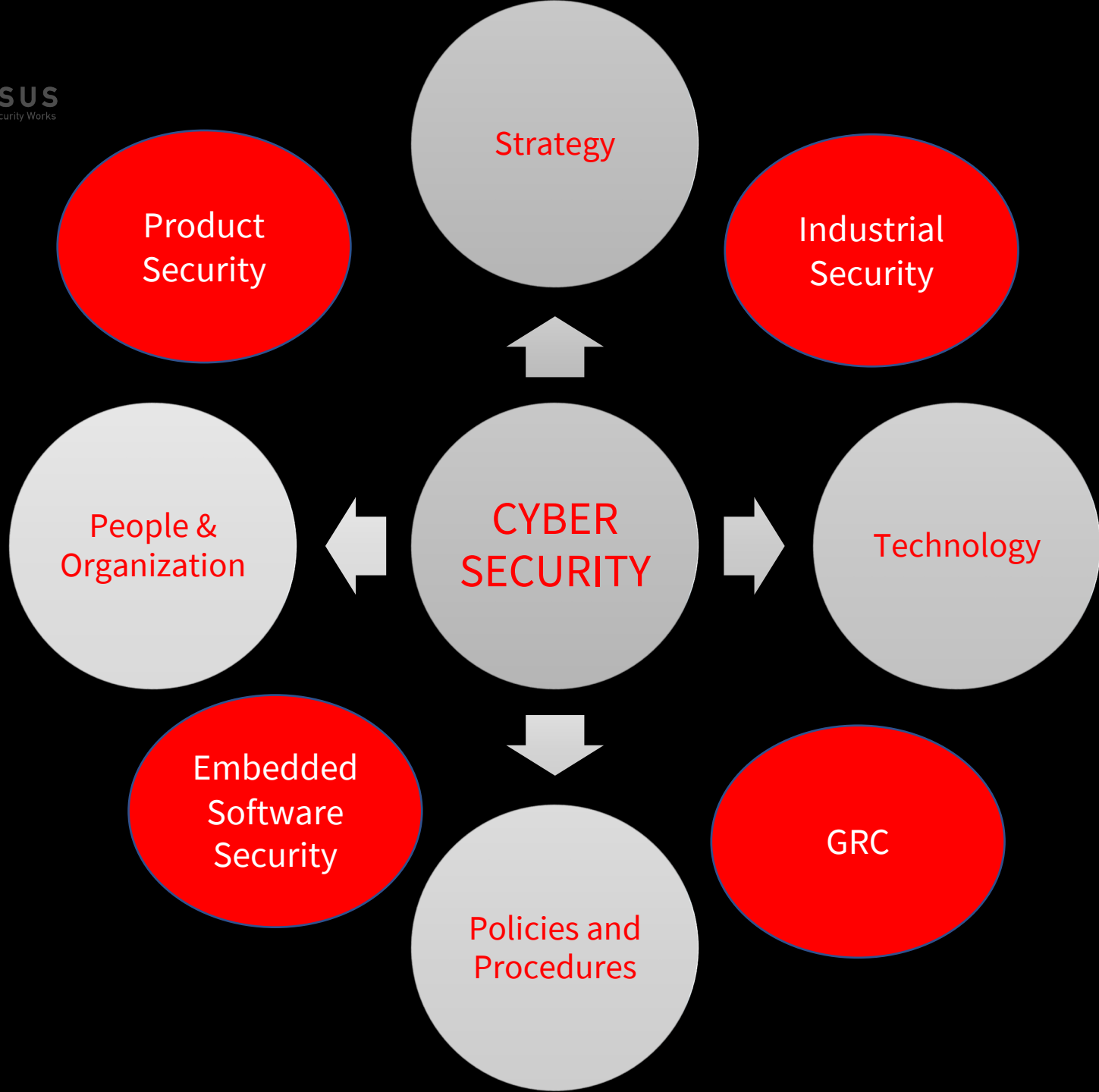




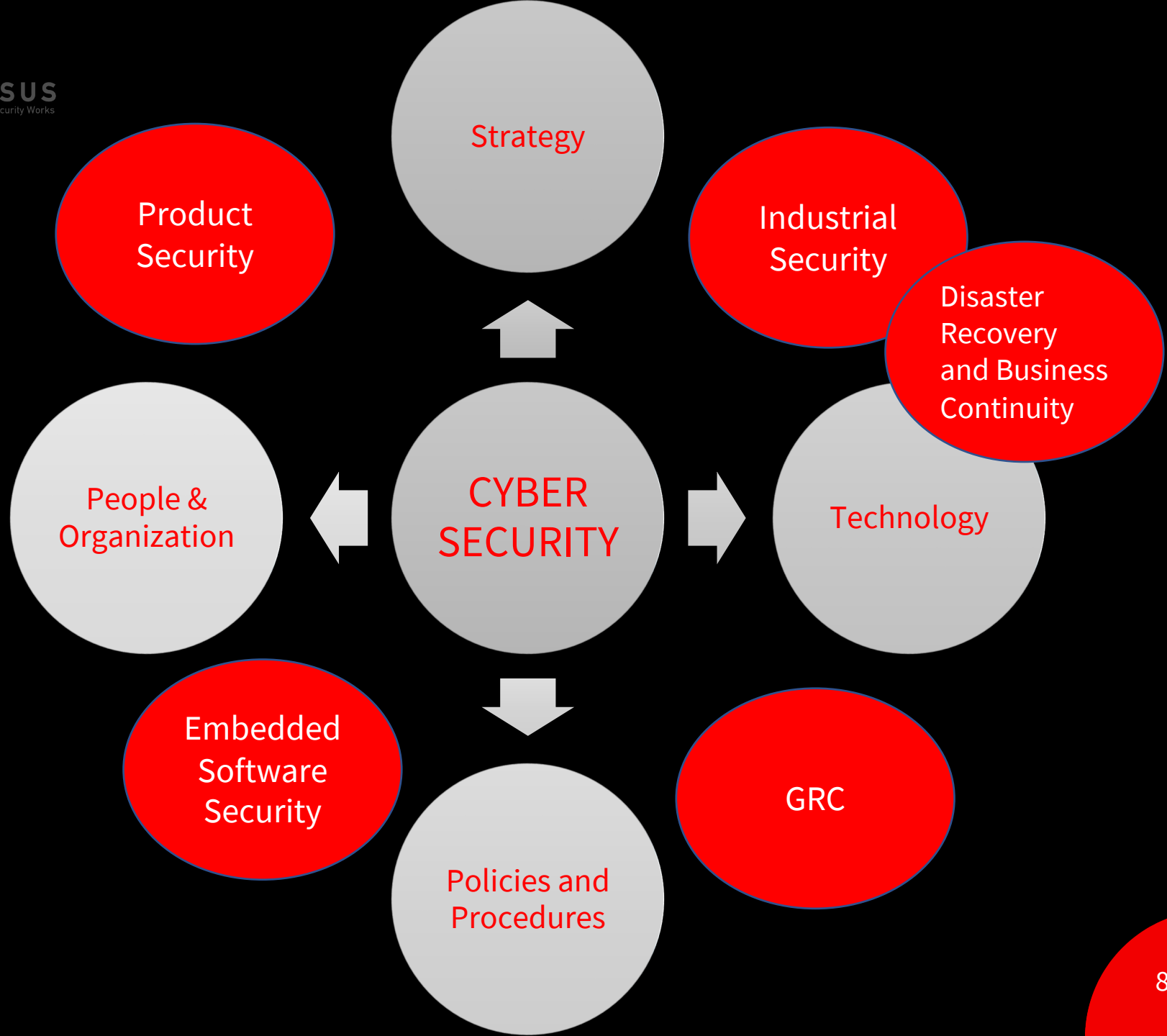


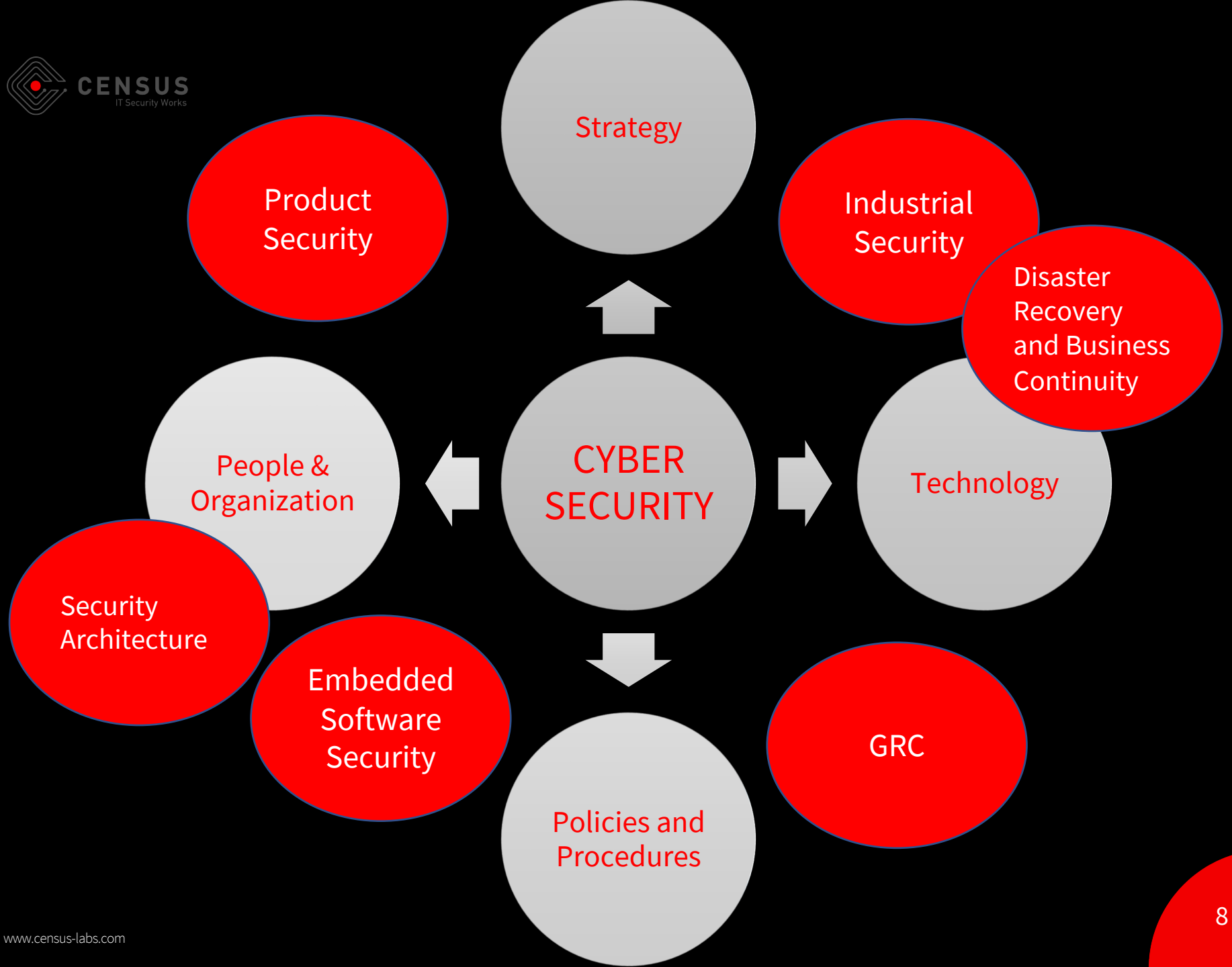


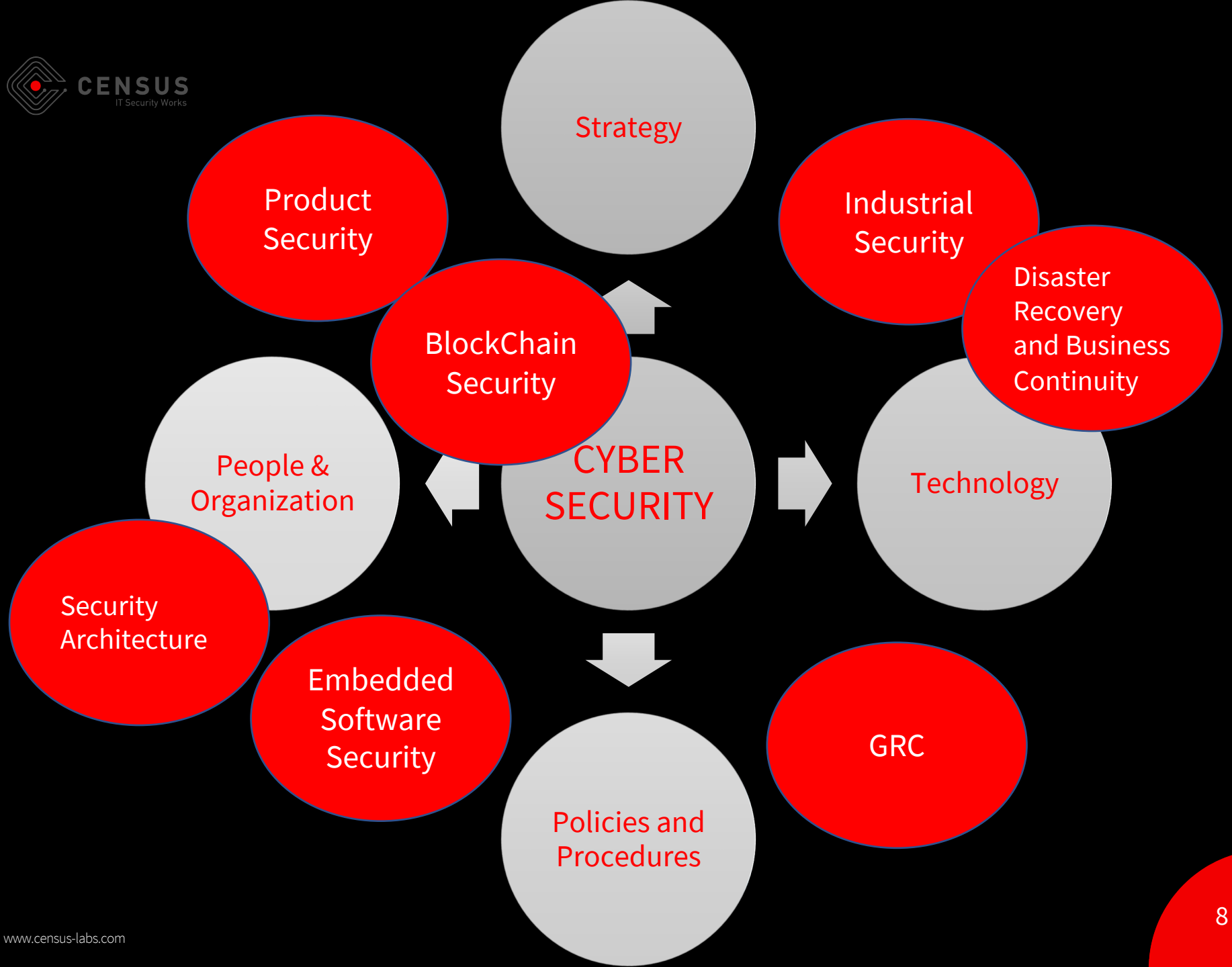


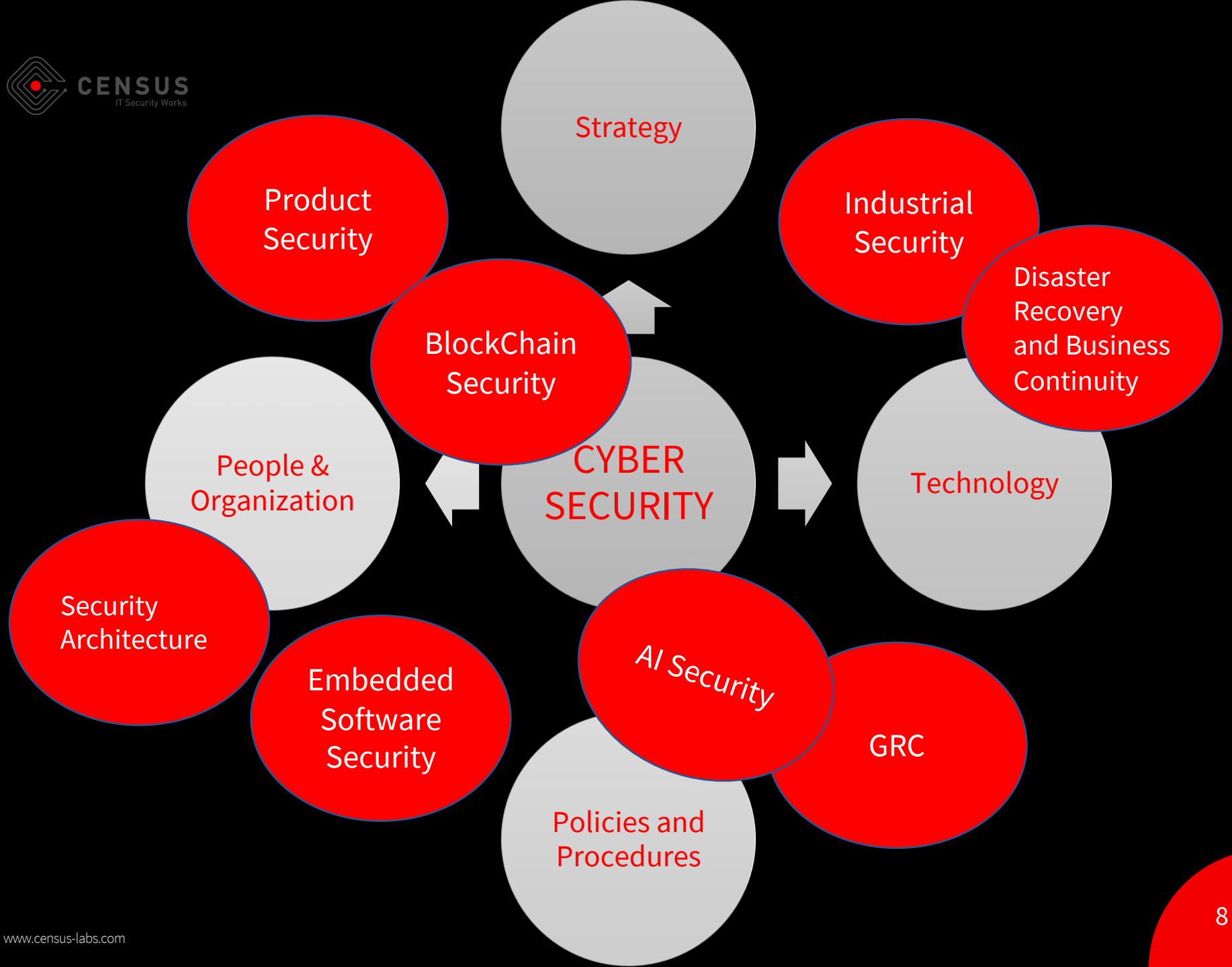














# Everything Security

Security  
Architecture

Procedures

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What is ROI... Baby don't hurt me

## Return of Investment

- ◆ Return on investment (ROI) is the key measure of the **profit** derived from any investment. It is a ratio that compares the **gain or loss** from an investment relative to its cost.

### ROI Example

Assume an investor bought 1,000 shares of the hypothetical company Worldwide Wickets Co. at \$10 per share. One year later, the investor sold the shares for \$12.50. The investor earned [dividends](#) of \$500 over the one-year [holding period](#). The investor spent a total of \$125 on trading [commissions](#) in order to buy and sell the shares.

The ROI for this investor can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{ROI} = \frac{(\$12.50 - \$10) \times 1000 + \$500 - \$125}{\$10 \times 1000} \times 100$$
$$= 28.75\%$$

# What is ROI for a board of directors

- ◆ Return on investment (ROI) in Cyber Security is NOT about the **profit**
- ◆ The below approach is based on a specific method where an organisation has defined its Thread Model and already evaluated the cost / loss of every possible event.

Assume in the event of a specific **threat** (eg Distributed Denial of Service Attack) taking place, the Company will lose 10M.  
The investment for one mitigation action (eg a DDoS protection solution) will cost 50K.  
The reduced risk will be for example 1M.  
The **Risk Reduction** will be 9M and the investment 50K.

# What about ROI in Cyber Security



- ◆ The previous approach covers some portion of the investments on Cyber Security
- ◆ But does this approach applies to all the cyber attack cases?

Assume in the event of a specific **threat** (eg the cargo and loading management application gets hacked) taking place, the Company will lose ???.

The investment for a mitigation action (eg Annual S-SDLC processes for the development, Vendor assessments etc) will cost 200K.

The reduced risk will be ???.

The Risk Reduction will be ??? and the investment 200K.

How can you define the exact cost?

Can you calculate the impact on the reputation?

Can you calculate the time required for the mitigation actions to take place?

Can you be sure about your insurance backpay?

Are there any suppliers' contractual fees?

# What about ROI in Cyber Security

# Some good, bad and ugly security investments

Create a Cyber Security Awareness training strategy  
Calculate the current level of your employees security awareness  
Calculate the current people related incidents  
Implement the awareness training  
Run a test to the participants after the training  
Implement a more targeted follow up training  
Follow the number of incidents in the upcoming months  
Communicate the above metrics internally and in the BoD

Company has implemented cyber security measures for the perimeter of the network while the internal network is not segmented at this point.  
A new regulatory framework includes the requirement of a security assessment policy and procedures for the company's infrastructure.  
The CISO requests approval for external and internal penetration test to be completed in the next 4-6 months.

The CISO / CSO includes in the annual budget the cost patching a specific set of company's servers.  
At the same time, the CIO or the CTO has added the cost of purchasing new servers to replace the same set of servers.

**The good**  
Clear strategy

**The bad**  
Unnecessary  
investment

**The ugly**  
Security in a silo/  
Conflict of interest



And now what?





## Cyber Security is a Strategic Investment and not a Cost or Loss

- ◆ Start speaking the same language with the BoD
- ◆ Use the tools you already have: RISK ASSESSMENT
- ◆ Create a clear strategic and update it annually
- ◆ Be sure you understand the Risk Appetite of the company
- ◆ Use metrics and collect KPIs (eg: Level of Preparedness, Unpatched Systems, Intrusion attempts, Response time data during an event etc)
- ◆ CISOs and / or CSOs should be the leadership team

Don't give  
up.  
We can do  
it.

# Questions and possible Answers

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Thank you!