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# Model of Risk Estimation using Multiple Criteria of Business Perspective

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**Abstract**—Currently, digital information is essential asset for supporting business of enterprises where it can be categorized as sensitive information and public information. However, security threat of sensitive information causes incident that it has impact to business of enterprises. Therefore, information security becomes important element where it must be applied to protect sensitive information from illegal access. However, analysis of threat and risk must be performed before implementing protection method for sensitive information. In order to analyze threat and risk, enterprises need risk model as a reference where it must consider priority of business aspects. Several existing models actually have included business aspects, but they still need development related priority feature of aspects. Therefore, this study has objective to develop risk estimation model where it involves priority of business aspects to result risk profile. In order to reach objective, this study uses Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) as weighting method. Experimental part in this study results weight of metrics where they have different portion. Weight of metrics is tested to two different enterprises to measure value of risk. In experimental condition, both of enterprises have same threat of information security. Output of testing indicates that two different characteristic of enterprises result two different level of risk eventhough they have same type of threat. The high value of information security threat in risk estimation process indicates that threat has high priority of risk. If enterprise has high priority of threat then enterprise must give more concern in mitigation solution to that threat.

**Index Terms**—business aspects; information security; multiple criteria; risk estimation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, information technology is an essential component in business of enterprises. Implementation of information technology has reached in almost all sectors of enterprises business such as marketing, finance, operations, etc. Implementation of information technology in enterprises generally involves assets such as infrastructure, services, software and information.

Some assets have critical category where it has high impact to business of enterprises. Therefore, enterprises need to consider security aspects to protect critical assets. In context of information asset, enterprises need to perform security assessment. Security assessment is a process for evaluating information security by looking at the threats and impacts. The output of the security assessment is used as input for the company to formulate policies related mitigation procedures.

In order to determine impact of information security threats, enterprises need risk model [1]. Several risk models commonly used by enterprises are Common Vulnerability Score System (CVSS), The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) and DREAD. However, risk models above have limitations regarding business approach and priority feature. In DREAD model, business perspectives are less involved as determining metrics [2]. Business approach has been involved in OWASP metrics, but it does not have priority. OWASP uses equal weight for measuring impact of information security threat [3]. In CVSS model, weighting has been implemented on its metrics. However, CVSS model has high complexity and implicit metrics to represent business perspectives [4].

Limitation in priority feature and business approach in metrics of risk model becomes important issues where it needs to be resolved to accommodate the need of enterprises related risk model. Therefore, this paper aims to develop risk model where it considers priority options and business approach.

## II. RELATED WORK

Studies of risk model in security of information technology had been conducted and published by the researchers. Ghani et al. studied model of risk estimation with quantitative approach where it referred to economic-driven [5]. Ghani et al. used Multiplicative Analytic Hierarchy Process (MAHP) as method and involved some metrics like Reputation Loss, Investor Loss, Customer Loss and Revenue Loss metrics in the

Potential Damage category and Investigation, Personnel, Customer Support, Repair and Recovery metrics in the Ex-Post Response Cost category. MAHP includes in Multiple Criteria Decision Algorithm (MCDA).

In order to develop risk estimation model, Tianshui et al. involved three elements, namely assets, vulnerability and threat [6]. Elements above were processed using three methods, namely: Decision Making Trial and Evaluation Laboratory (DEMATEL) to identify elements and evaluate the relationship between elements, Analytic Network Process (ANP) to give the distribution ratio to elements and Gray System Theory to generate risk level.

Alpcan et al. also conducted risk model development using linkages of business units (Nb), security threats (Nt) and people (Np) [7]. Risk Rank method was used to determine ranking and risk priority of security threat. Alpcan et al. stated that people (Np) can make mistakes in implementation of information technology. That mistakes can cause error and security threat (Nt) where it has impact to business unit (Nb) of enterprise. In order to estimate risk of security threat, enterprises must have capability to define the total value of inter-dependencies (Dpb) between Np and Nb. If the value of inter-dependencies between Np and Nb is represented by  $\epsilon_{pb}$ , then process of risk estimation can be illustrated in equation 1.

$$D_{pb} = \{N_p, N_b, \epsilon_{pb}\} \quad (1)$$

Studies above have involved business approach such as cost, business assets and business units. However, business approaches have not involved business characteristics from enterprises explicitly. As an illustration, an attack of security threat in large and small enterprises have different risk values. Large enterprise may have greater impact than small enterprises. It was stated by result of survey from Kaspersky Lab and B2B International that large enterprise has financial impact from IT security incident about US\$ 649.000 per year and SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) only has financial impact about US\$ 50.000 per year [8].

Therefore, this paper tries to use different perspectives related metrics of business characteristics to develop risk model. In our previous work, we have validated five metrics to measure risk of security threat so this paper uses that metrics. Metrics used in this paper are organization size, organizational type, critical level, reputation and financial impact [9].

### III. METHOD

This paper uses a quantitative approach to estimate the risk of security threat because quantitative approach

is considered more reliable [10]. In order to generate weight of metrics, this paper uses Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) method which refers to Multi Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) algorithm. MCDM is generally used by decision makers for making alternative rankings. The alternative in MCDM can be defined as choice of solution in a problem [11].

One type of MCDM is a compensatory type where it has capability to evaluate several criteria and support trade-off system between attributes [12]. Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) is one of MCDM methods where it implements compensatory characteristic [12]. AHP can apply to qualitative and quantitative attributes [13] and it uses a linear structure (hierarchy) for making decisions [14]. In this paper, AHP is used as a weighting method for making decision from metrics namely critical level (CL), financial impact (FI), reputation (RE), organization size (OS) and business type (BT) [9]. Steps of measuring risk with AHP method is explained below.

#### A. Building of Hierarchy

Hierarchical structure of AHP is built using metrics of risk model as attribute of AHP. Output of AHP is risk value of information security threat. Therefore, hierarchical structure in this paper will be shown in Figure 1.

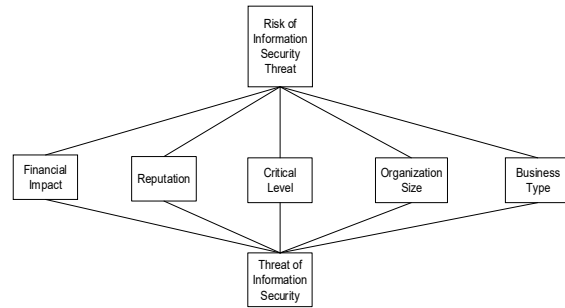


Figure 1: Hierarchy of AHP for measuring risk

#### B. Forming of Pairwise Comparison Matrix

Pairwise comparison matrix is formed by following hierarchy structure. The pattern of matrix can be shown Figure 2.

	FI	RE	CL	OS	BT
FI	1	a	b	c	d
RE	1/a	1	e	f	g
CL	1/b	1/e	1	h	i
OS	1/c	1/f	1/h	1	j
BT	1/d	1/g	1/i	1/j	1

Figure 2: Matrix of pairwise comparison

### C. Calculation of normalized eigen

If  $n \times n$  ( $M$ ) matrix condition is multiplied by a non-zero column vector ( $v$ ), it will produce value that equal with value of multiplication from scalar coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) with nonzero column vector ( $v$ ). The condition can be represented in equation 2.

$$M \cdot v = \lambda \cdot v \quad (2)$$

So it can be concluded that the scalar coefficient is characteristic value from  $M$  variable. The scalar coefficient in this condition is often called eigen coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) and the non-zero column vector is often called the eigen vectors ( $v$ ). In this study, the eigen vectors ( $v$ ) represents weight of each metrics.

Based on equation 2 above, eigen coefficient can be generated by following steps (equation 3 and 4).

$$(M - \lambda)v = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$(M - \lambda) = 0 \quad (4)$$

In order to perform reduction operation to the matrix, the scalar coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) must be multiplied by the identity matrix ( $I$ ) to produce matrix in same order (equation 5 and 6).

$$(M - \lambda \cdot I) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\det[M - \lambda \cdot I] = 0 \quad (6)$$

Eigen coefficient is produced by calculation from equation 6 and eigen vectors are produced by calculation from equation 2.

### D. Consistency testing

Consistency testing for judgements of attributes is conducted using coefficient of consistency ratio ( $CR$ ). The judgements of attributes are consistent if coefficient of consistency ratio is equal or less than 0.1 [15]. Consistency ratio can be computed using equation 7.

$$CR = \frac{\text{consistency index}}{\text{random consistency index}} \quad (7)$$

However, consistency ratio can be defined if consistency index ( $CI$ ) and random consistency index have been calculated. In order to compute consistency index, eigen vectors from previous step are involved to generate  $\lambda_{max}$ . Consistency index can be computed with equation 8.

$$CI = \frac{\lambda_{max} - n}{n - 1} \quad (8)$$

In order to generate random consistency index, number of attributes or metrics ( $n$ ) in matrix must be mapped in table of random consistency index. Table of random consistency index is shown in Table 1 [16], [17].

Table 1  
Table of random consistency index

n	Random consistency index
1	0
2	0
3	0.58
4	0.9
5	1.12
6	1.24
7	1.32

### E. Estimating Risk

Weight of metrics ( $w$ ) is represented by eigen vectors. Weight of threat ( $M$ ) can measured by number of exposed sensitive information. If value of risk is represented by variable  $R$ , then calculation of risk value can be conducted using equation 9.

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i \times w_i \quad (9)$$

$n$  is number of metrics. In this paper, number of metrics is five, i.e. organization size, reputation, business type, critical level and financial impact.

## IV. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

This part needs two type of data. First data contains expert opinion related valuation of metrics. It is processed in AHP method to result weight of metrics. In order to gather first data, this paper uses questionnaire. All respondents in this study have work experience more than five years and they have education

background in information technology. They also have good understanding in information security field. It can describe that respondents have capability to understand questionnaire and problem in this study. Second data contains value of threat where it is gathered from two different enterprises.

AHP method processes data of metrics valuation. The output from AHP process is matrix of normalized eigen (Figure 3) and eigen vectors (Figure 4).

	FI	RE	CL	OS	BT
FI	0.48	0.627	0.466	0.302	0.235
RE	0.16	0.209	0.349	0.302	0.294
CL	0.12	0.070	0.116	0.302	0.176
OS	0.12	0.052	0.029	0.075	0.235
BT	0.12	0.042	0.039	0.019	0.059

Figure 3: Normalized eigen matrix

0.422
0.263
0.157
0.102
0.056

Figure 4: Eigen vectors

In order to generate value of threat, this paper assesses data from disclosed information in two enterprises. Steps of gaining disclosed information in this experimental is show in Figure 5.

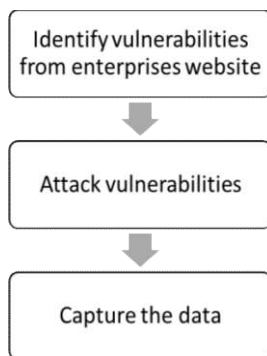


Figure 5: Steps of disclosed information gathering

## V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Experimental process in previous part results two things, namely weight of metrics and value of threat. Eigen vectors are defined as weight of metrics where it is specifically shown in Table 2.

Table 2  
Weight of metrics

Metrics	Weight
Financial Impact (FI)	42,2 %
Reputation (RE)	26,3 %
Critical Level (CL)	15,7 %
Organization Size (OS)	10,2 %
Business Type (BT)	5,6 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>

In order to compute value of threat, this paper uses classification method where it is based on sensitivity of information from disclosed data. The result is shown in Table 3.

Table 3  
Value of threat from two enterprises

Metrics	FI	RE	CL	OS	BT
Enterprise 1	308.660	0	1	3	0
Enterprise 2	0	349.866	1	3	0

In Table 3, enterprise 1 has number of sensitive information about 308.660 records where it has financial impact to enterprises 1. Enterprise 2 has number of sensitive information about 349.866 records where it has effect to reputation of enterprise 2. Organization size is divided by three categories namely small (1), medium (2) and large (3) and both of enterprises are large enterprises. Both of enterprises also have information as critical asset for organization. It indicates that exposing information illegally may cause serious failure for all sectors in enterprise. Business type in this paper is categorized by two class namely financial organization (1) and non-financial organization (0). It is based on perspective that financial organization generally has higher potential in threat than non-financial organization [18]. In this paper, enterprise 1 has business type in hotel company and enterprise 2 has business type in health organization.

In order to measure weight of risk, this paper uses equation 9 above and the result can be shown in Table 4.

Table 4  
Weight of risk in AHP method

Metrics	FI	RE	CL	OS	BT	Weight of Risk
Enterprise 1	130.25	0	0.157	0.306	0	130.72
Enterprise 2	0	92.01	0.157	0.306	0	92.48

In Table 4, risk estimation of information security threat can be performed and it results weight of risk. Enterprise 1 has higher risk than enterprise 2. It describes that enterprise 1 has higher priority than enterprise 2 in implementing of mitigation procedures.

This model is also possible to apply in an enterprise where it has several threats. It can be used to make mitigation priority between threats in an enterprise. Weight of risk in this model also accommodates business perspective where it has been represented by five metrics namely financial impact, critical level, reputation, organization size and business type.

## VI. CONCLUSION

Risk estimation from information security threat is important process to map weight of risk to threat. The result of mapping is used to consider mitigation priority. High value of weight becomes high priority for enterprise to apply mitigation procedures quickly. However, in order to obtain proper weight of risk from information security threat, risk estimation must accommodate business approach so several business aspects is needed to be involved as metrics like financial impact, critical level, reputation, business type and organization size. In order to determine weight each business aspects, Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) is possible to be applied as method of priority calculation. Result from experimental states that combination between business aspects and Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) can be used to develop risk model where it can handle priority feature. The model can be implemented to measure risk priority between enterprises and it also possible to be implemented to measure risk priority between threats in an enterprise.

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