

# Safeguarding IoT Devices in Digital Age – Building IoT Test Lab

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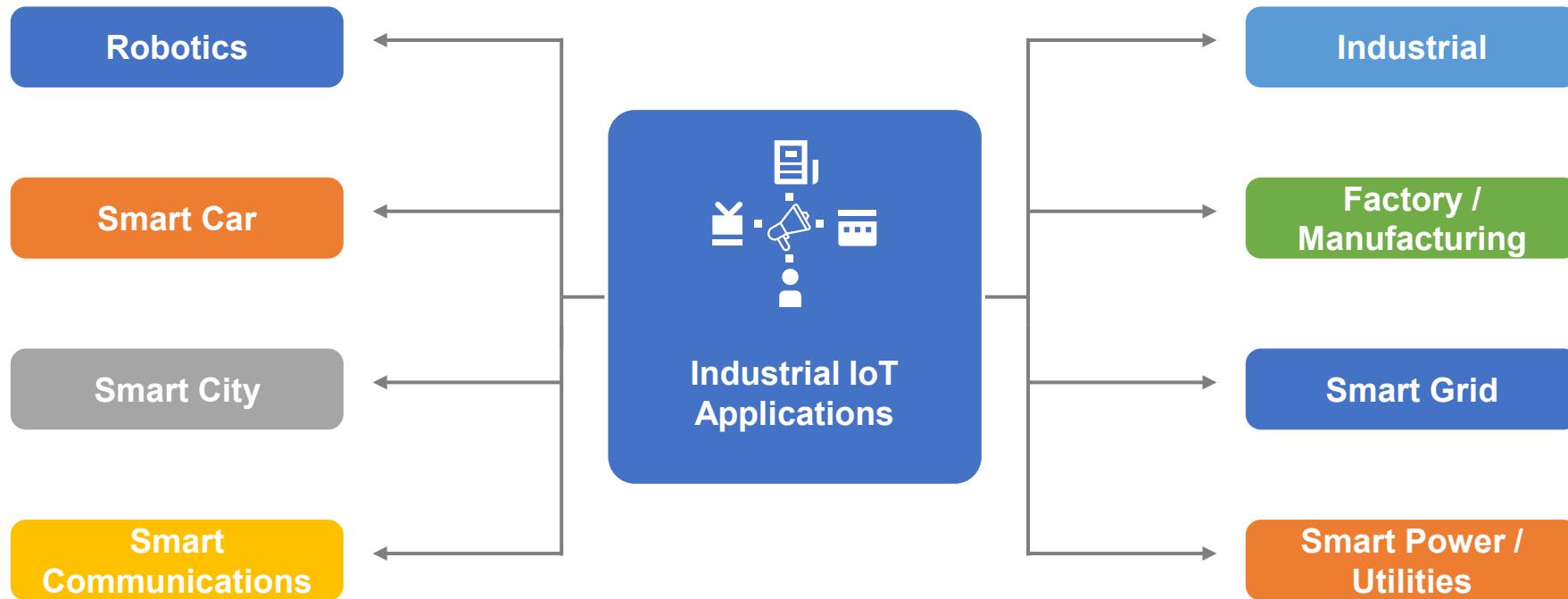
- Honoree of Asia Pacific Information Security Leadership Award from (ISC)2
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## Introduction

# Industrial IoT Applications



Source: Tech Target

# Are IoT Devices Safe?



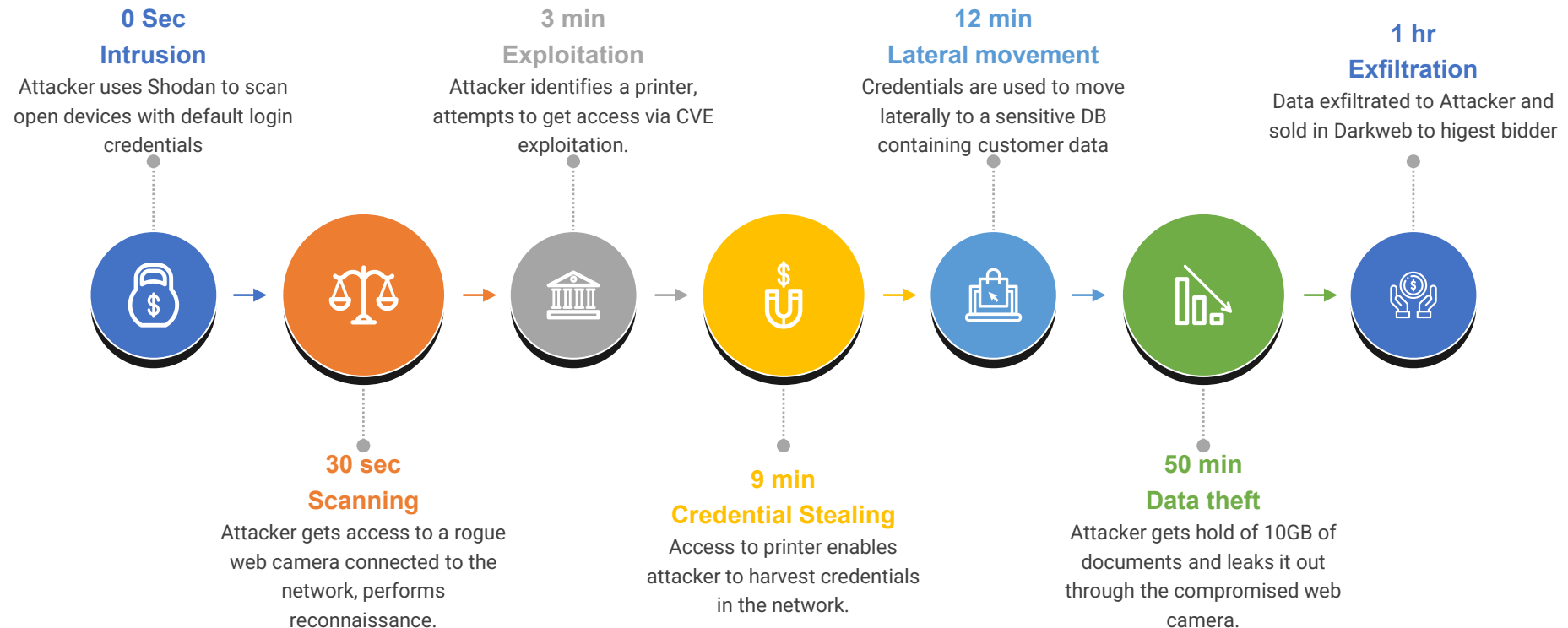
## IoT Characteristics

## Potential Security Weakness

IoT Category	IoT Characteristics	Potential Security Weakness
Web mobile application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed / open platforms</li> <li>High data volume handling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of penetration testing</li> <li>Weak User / Third Party Authentication</li> </ul>
Cloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public / private / hybrid</li> <li>Cloud deployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code</li> <li>Policy management</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSL, Fibre, LPWAN</li> <li>5G, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, MQTT, ZigBee etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insecure communications</li> </ul>
Smart Edge Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variable communications protocols</li> <li>Time-sensitive data analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denial-of-service</li> <li>No / insecure updates</li> <li>Poor hardware design</li> </ul>
IoT Sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited power, Low bandwidth</li> <li>Constrained capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design faults</li> <li>Software implementation faults</li> <li>Inability to update</li> </ul>
Data Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitive data: video, audio, location, personal information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Users</li> <li>Data storage</li> </ul>

Source: Security Boulevard

# Compromise Corporate Networks thru IoT



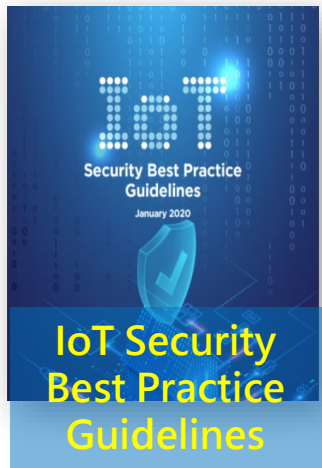
Source: Microsoft

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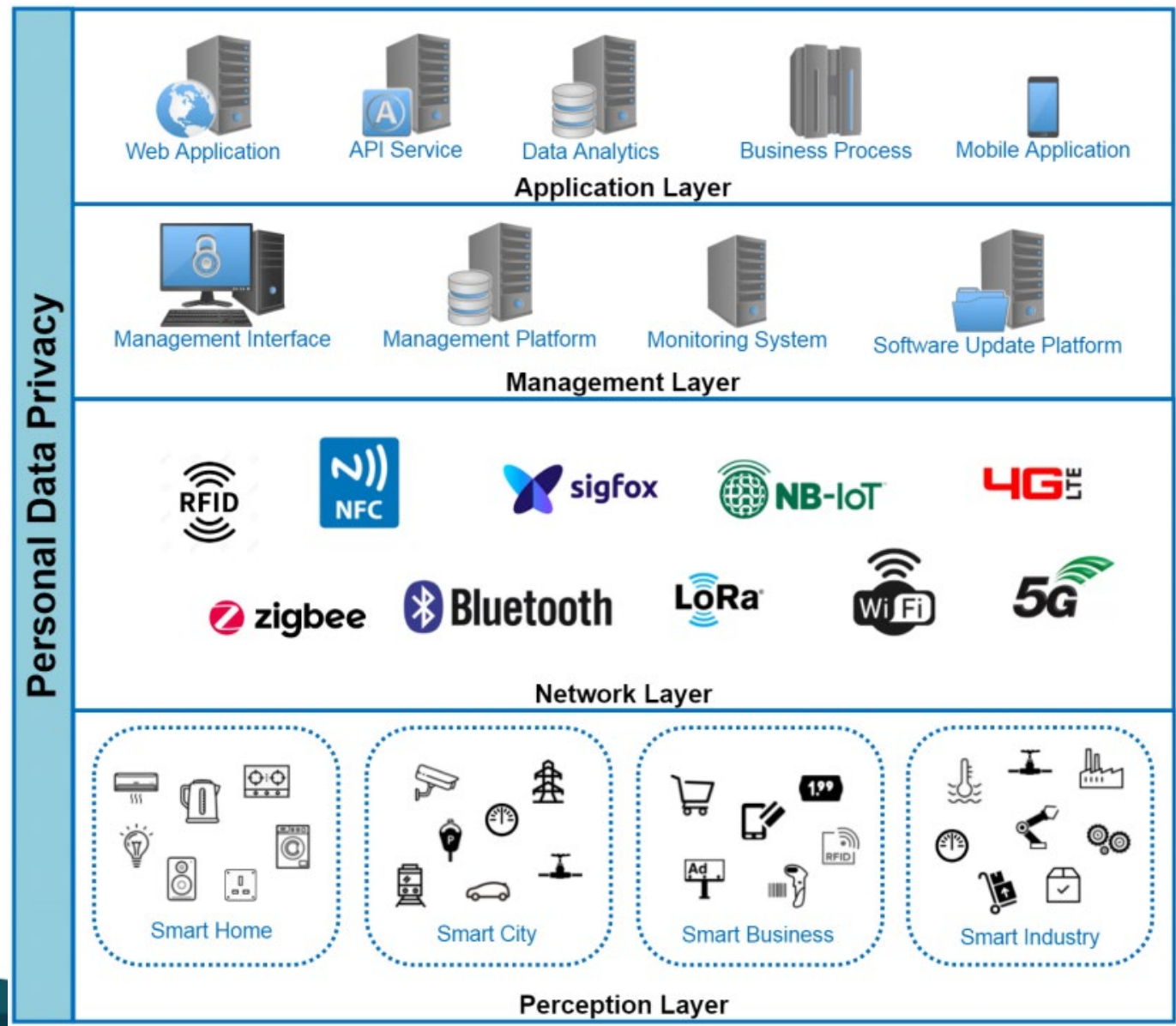


## IoT Test Lab Design and Implementation

# Layers of the IoT Testing Framework



- Follow Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance - Data processing lifecycle



- Web & API security
- OWASP Top 10
- Device registration with unique identifier
- Software Update Deployment
- Encryption
- Authentication (User side)
- Authenticity (Server backend)
- Device integrity
- Software Update Mechanism
- Mandatory change of default settings

Source: <https://www.hkcert.org/security-guideline/implementing-iot-security-best-practice>



# IoT Test Lab

- Compatibility Testing
- Device Interoperability Testing
- End-user application Testing
- Performance Testing
- Security Testing

# IoT Security Focus Areas

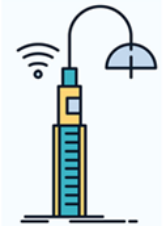
- Device Security
- Network Security
- Data Security
- Physical Security

# Basic IoT Test Lab (1)

## Sensors & Devices



Charging Station



WEBCAM

## Gateway & Network



IoT Gateway

## Testing

### Network Sniffer



### Vulnerability Scanner



### Mobile App Scanner

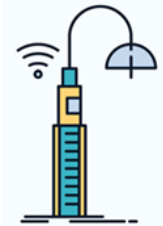
## Management



### Testing Console

# Basic IoT Test Lab (2)

## Sensors & Devices



## Gateway & Network

## Testing

## Management

- Assessing Security Risks of Exterior USB and Port Access
- Evaluating Location and Medium of Storage for Security Risks
- Analyzing the Availability of Serial and Debug Console Access for Security Risks
- Assessing Physical Security of the Device: Efforts Required for Disassembly
- Evaluating Risks of Compromise Based on Physical Access to the Device
- Analysing Security Risks Based on Allowed Connectivity Mediums (Wireless, Wired, Bluetooth, etc.)

# Basic IoT Test Lab (3)

## Sensors & Devices

## Gateway & Network

## Testing

## Management

- Assessing Conformance to Expected Encryption Techniques
- Evaluating Security of Component Pairing Processes Against Subversion
- Analysing System Vulnerability to Unauthorized Access or Control
- Assessing the Ease of Mapping Out Underlying Command and Control Traffic
- Evaluating Vulnerability to Replay Attacks

### Network Sniffer



### Vulnerability Scanner



### Mobile App Scanner



### Testing Console

# IoT Test Lab Core SW & HW (1)

- Penetration testing tools:
  - Software tools allow you to simulate attacks on your devices and networks.
  - Some popular penetration testing tools include Kali Linux, Metasploit, and Nmap.
- Vulnerability scanners:
  - Software tools scan your devices and networks for known vulnerabilities.
  - Some popular vulnerability scanners include Nessus, OpenVAS, and Qualys.

# IoT Test Lab Core SW & HW (2)

- Network sniffers:
  - Software tools allow you to capture and analyze network traffic.
  - Some popular network sniffers include Wireshark, tcpdump, and Fiddler.
- Firewalls:
  - Hardware or software devices allow you to control network traffic and block malicious traffic.
  - Some popular firewalls include pfSense, Fortinet, and Check Point.

# IoT Test Lab Core SW & HW (3)

- Network switches and routers:
  - Hardware devices that allow you to create a network topology for testing purposes.
  - Some popular network switches and routers include Cisco, Juniper, and MikroTik.
- Virtualization software:
  - Create virtual machines for testing purposes, which can help you simulate attacks and vulnerabilities in a controlled environment.
  - Some popular virtualization software includes VirtualBox, VMware, and Hyper-V.

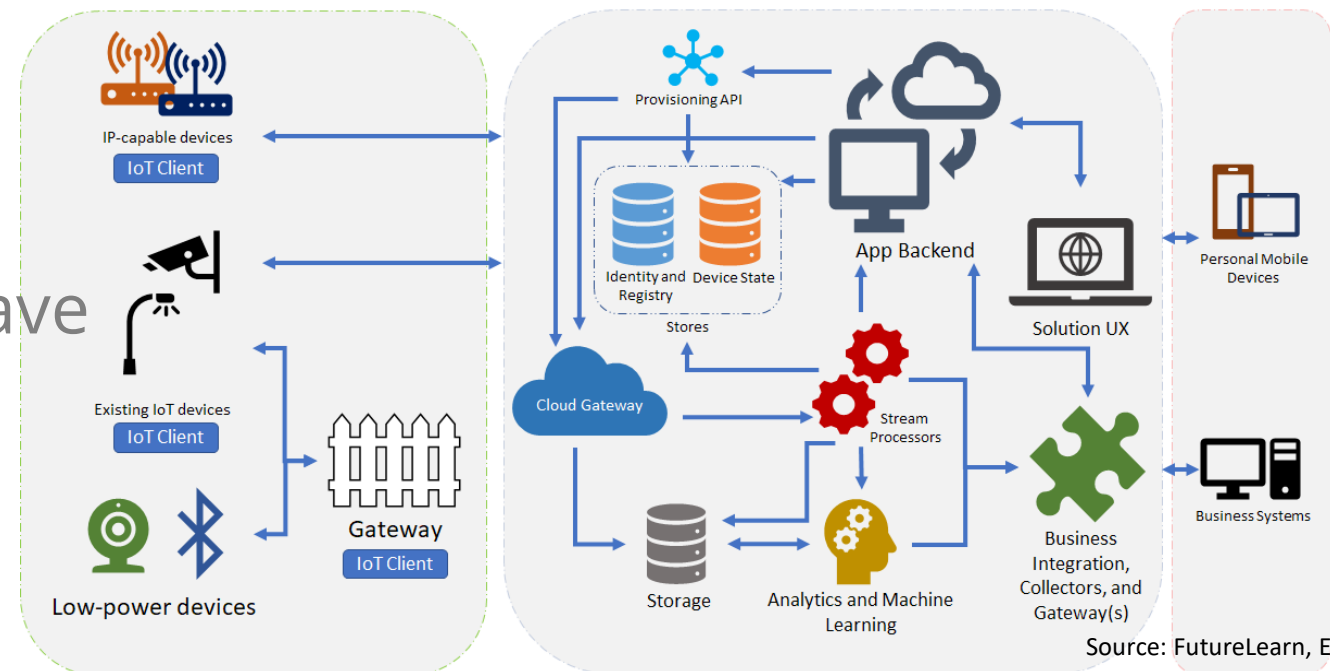
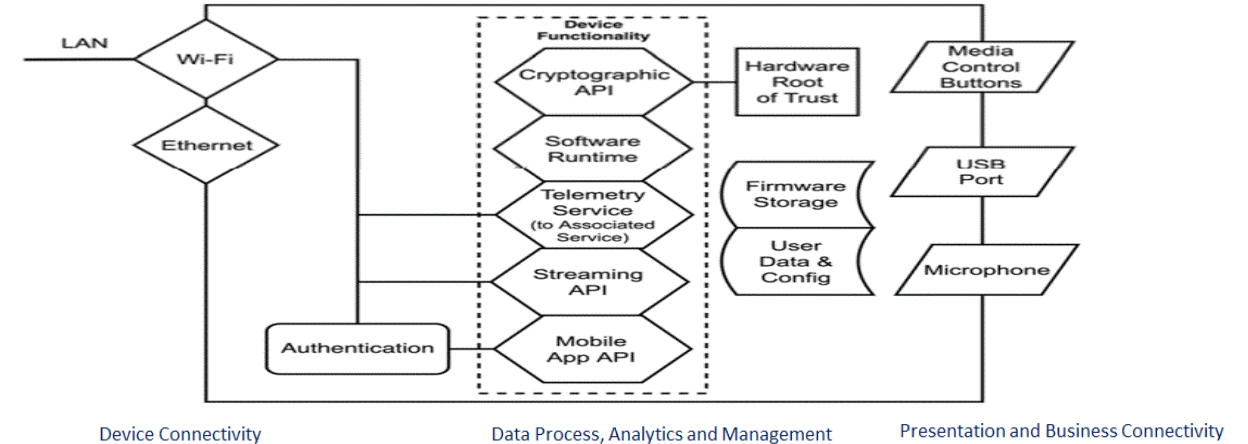


# IoT Test Lab Core SW & HW (4)

- IoT devices:
  - To simulate attacks and vulnerabilities on IoT devices, you will need a range of devices to test.
  - This can include smart home devices, industrial IoT devices, and wearables, etc.
- Code Scanners:
  - Software tools used to analyze the security of code used in IoT devices. These scanners are designed to identify vulnerabilities and potential security weaknesses in the code, such as hardcoded passwords, buffer overflows, and other common security issues.

# Techniques for Performing Tests on IoT (1)

- Building Threat Modelling
  - Defining security requirements
  - Creating an IoT application diagram
  - Identifying threats
  - Mitigating threats
  - Validating that threats have been mitigated



# Techniques for Performing Tests on IoT (2)

- Designing IoT Device Penetration Testing
  - Identify potential attack vectors
  - Vulnerability scanning
  - Exploit testing
  - Password cracking
  - Network traffic analysis

# Configuration and Setup of the IoT Test Lab

- Setup a Dedicated Environment for Testing
- Configuring Security Settings for IoT Devices and Networks: Firewalls, Access Control, and Encryption.
- Regularly Maintaining the IoT Test Lab by Updating Devices, Software, and Security Settings

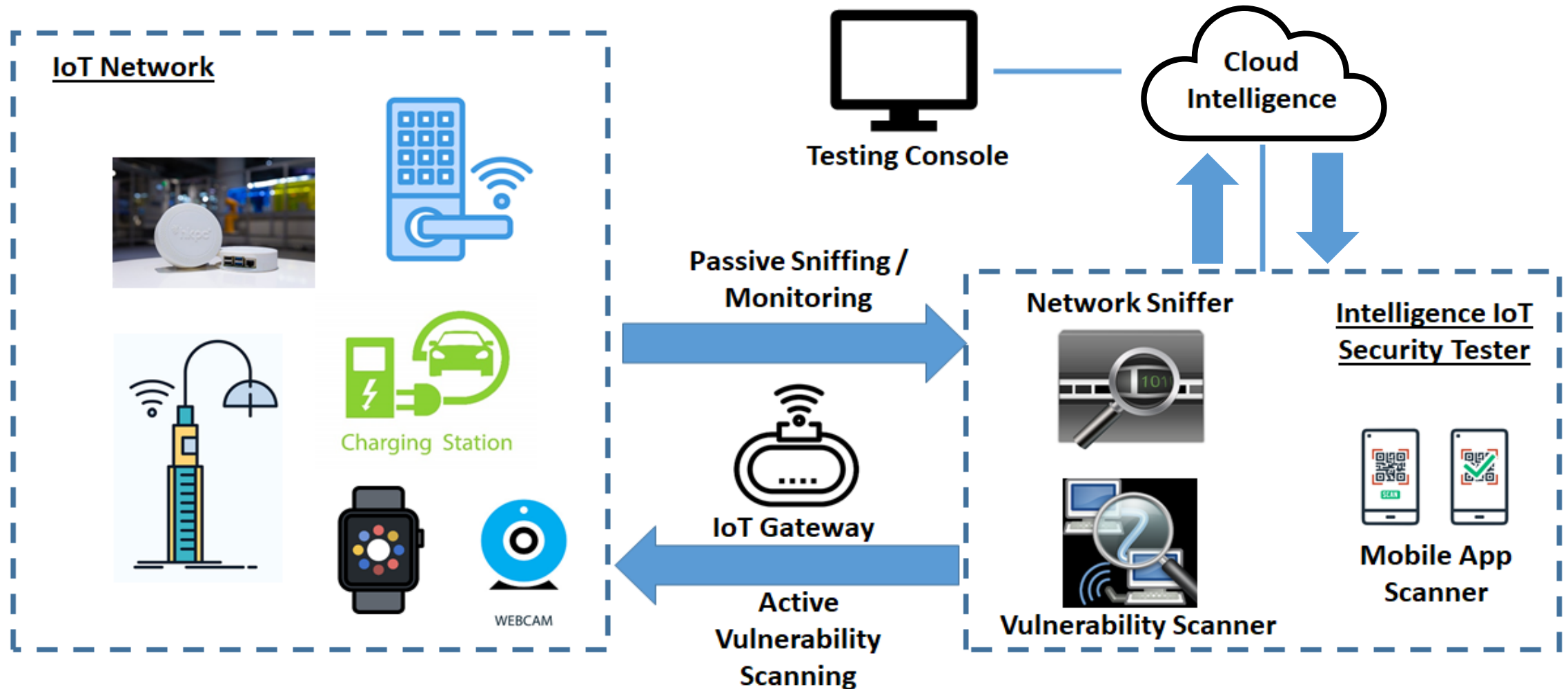
# Sniffing IoT Communication & Scanning

- Sniffing IoT communication - Network sniffers like Wireshark or tcpdump are commonly used in IoT cybersecurity testing to capture and analyze network traffic
- Vulnerability scanning - Vulnerability scanners like Nessus, OpenVAS, or Qualys are commonly used in IoT cybersecurity testing to identify potential vulnerabilities in IoT devices and networks

# Data Collection and Analysis

- Determine what data to collect
- Collect data
- Analyze data
- Prioritize vulnerabilities
- Recommend remediation steps
- Repeat the process

# IoT Testing Architecture



# Load Test + Security Test for IoT Devices



Source: HKPC

Source: HKPCI

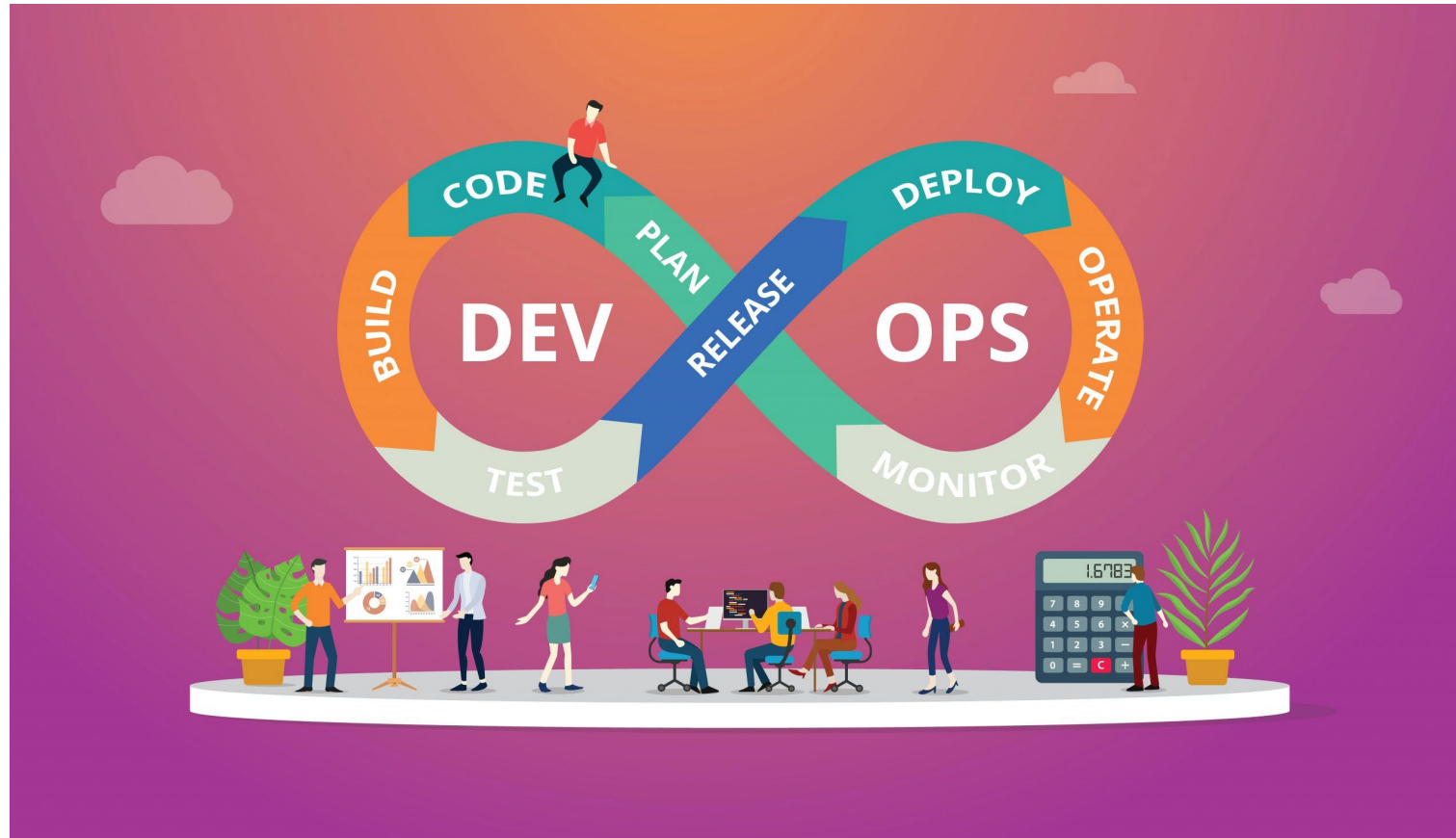


# Pen Test + Security Test for IoT Devices



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# DevOps + Security Test for IoT Devices



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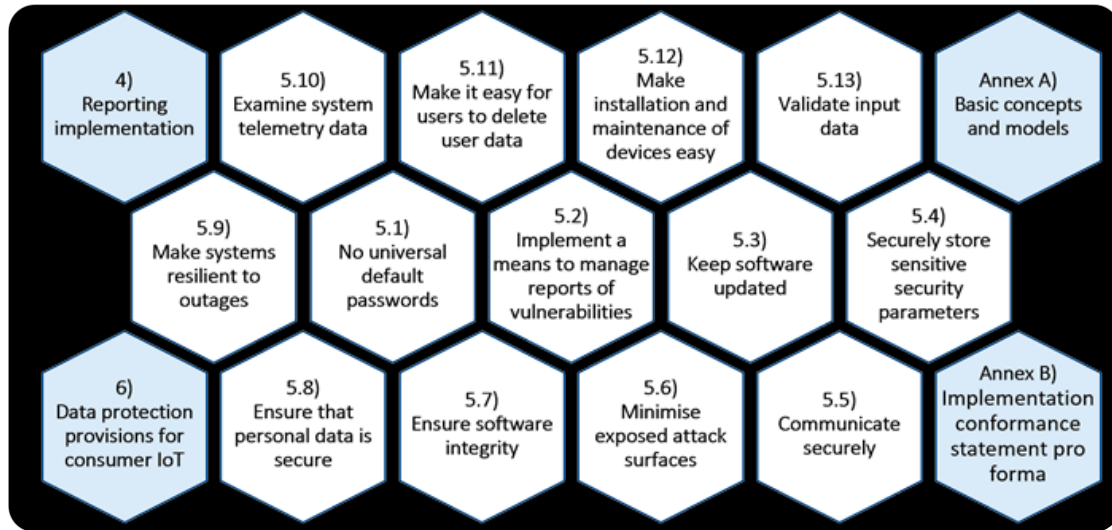
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## Labelling Scheme & Standards

# Cyber Security Labelling Scheme

- Countries are adopting Cyber Security **Labelling Scheme** for IoT devices

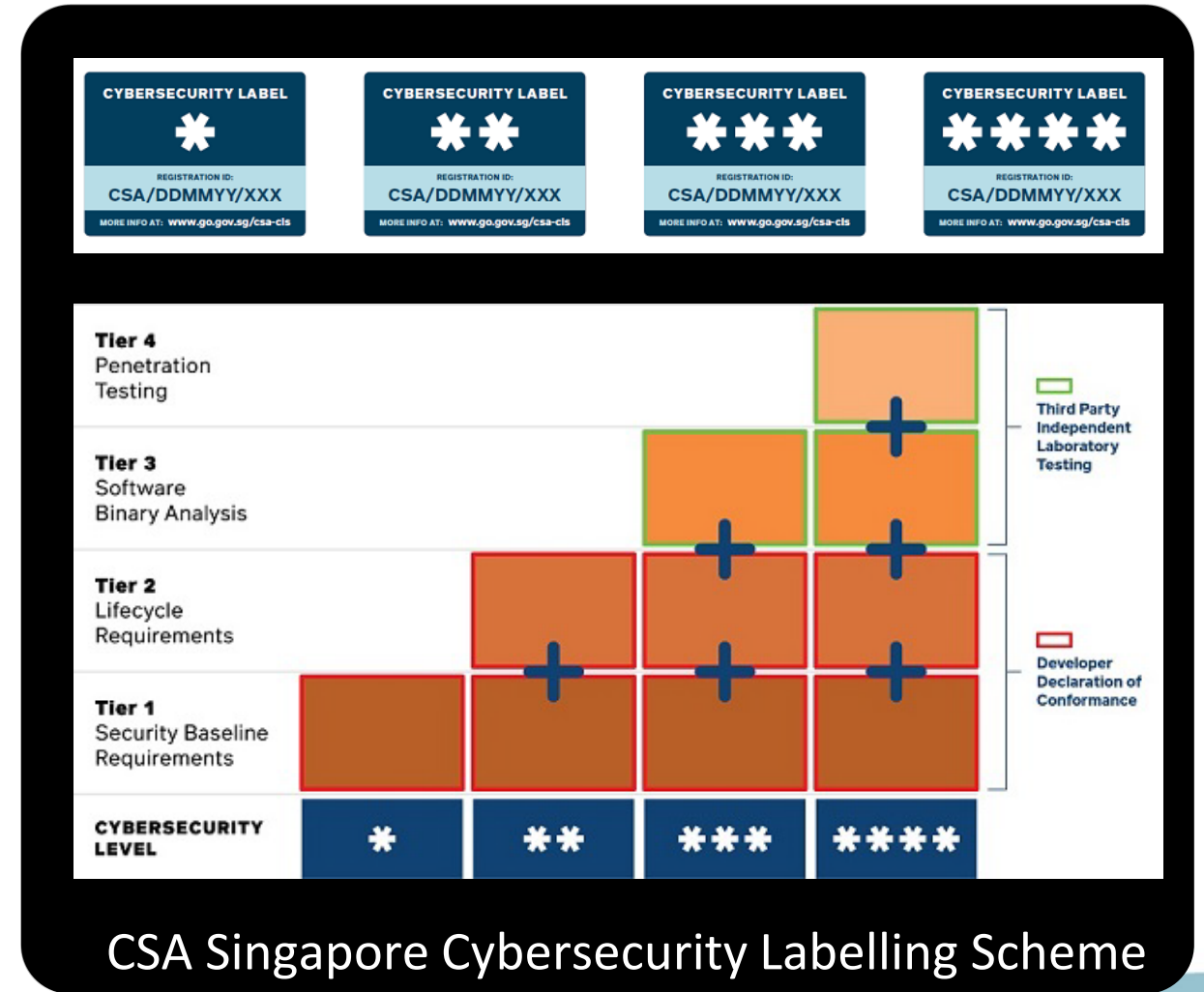


## EUROPEAN STANDARD ETSI EN 303 645 Cyber Security for Consumer Internet of Things: Baseline Requirements

Source: <https://www.csa.gov.sg/Programmes/certification-and-labelling-schemes/cybersecurity-labelling-scheme/for-manufacturers>

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













## CSA Singapore Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme

# ETSI EN 303 645

**Table B.1: Implementation of provisions for consumer IoT security**

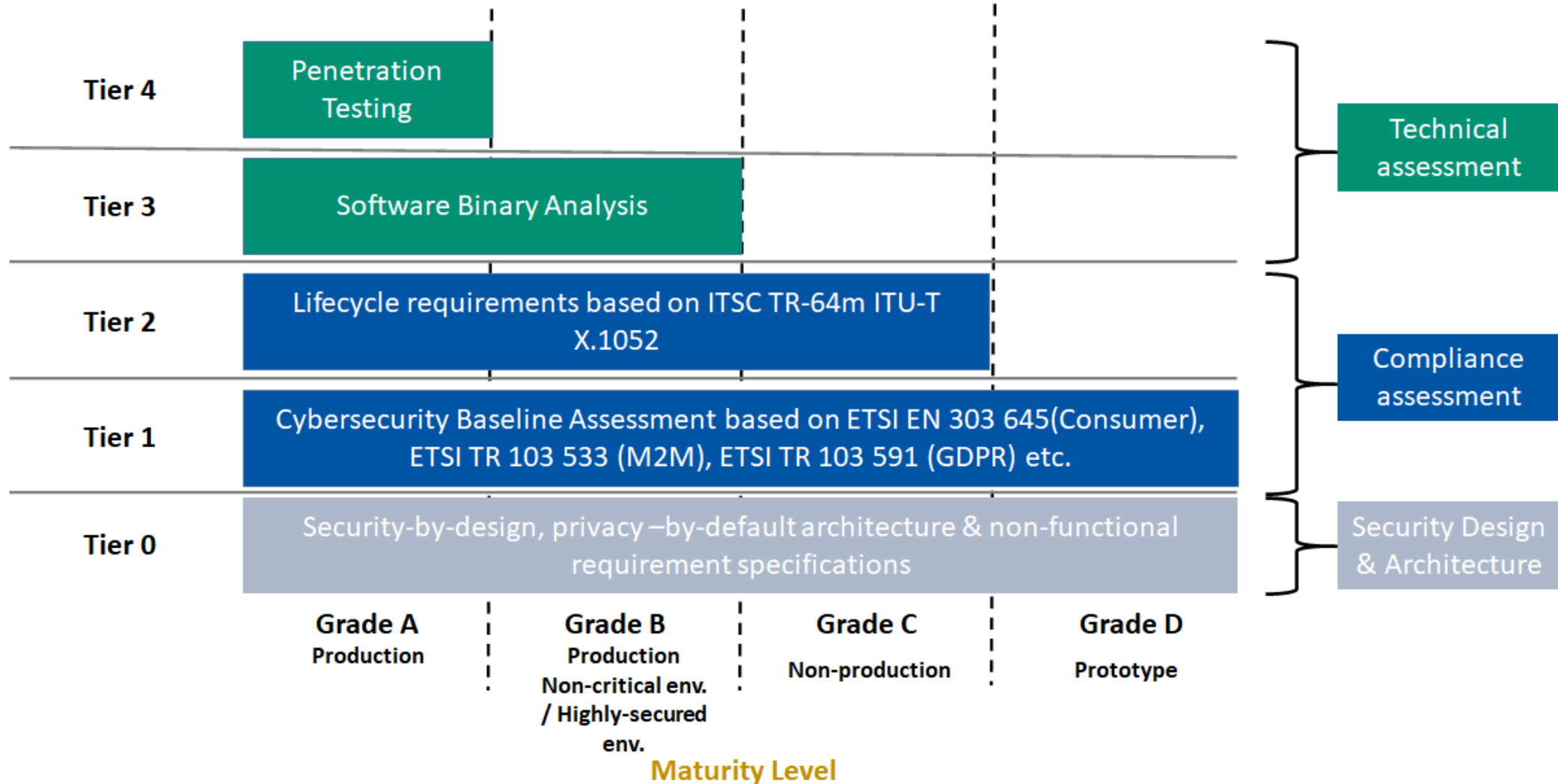
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Reference	Status	Support	Detail
<b>5.1 No universal default passwords</b>			
Provision 5.1-1	M C (1)		
Provision 5.1-2	M C (2)		
Provision 5.1-3	M		
Provision 5.1-4	M C (8)		
Provision 5.1-5	M C (5)		
<b>5.2 Implement a means to manage reports of vulnerabilities</b>			
Provision 5.2-1	M		
Provision 5.2-2	R		
Provision 5.2-3	R		
<b>5.3 Keep software updated</b>			
Provision 5.3-1	R		
Provision 5.3-2	M C (5)		
Provision 5.3-3	M C (12)		
Provision 5.3-4	R C (12)		

# BS EN 62676-1

Functions		Grade 1 - Low Risk Application	Grade 2 - Low to Medium Risk Application	Grade 3 - Medium to High-Risk Applications	Grade 4 - High Risk Application
Common interconnections		NA	NA	Y	Y
Storage		NA	Y	Y	Y
Archiving and backup		NA	NA	Y	Y
Alarm related information		NA	NA	Y	Y
System logs		NA	Y	Y	Y
Backup and restore of system data		NA	NA	Y	Y
Repetitive failure notification		NA	NA	Y	Y
System power supply monitoring		NA	NA	NA	Y
Image buffer holding time		NA	NA	Y	Y
Essential function device failure notification time		NA	NA	Y	Y
Monitoring of interconnections		NA	NA	Y	Y
Authorisation code requirements		NA	Y	Y	Y
Time synchronisation		NA	NA	Y	Y
Data authentication		NA	NA	Y	Y
Export/copy authentication		NA	NA	Y	Y
Data labelling		Y	Y	Y	Y
Data (manipulation) protection		NA	NA	NA	Y
Tamper detection		NA	Y	Y	Y

Source: BSI

# IoT Maturity Model



Source: CSA Singapore

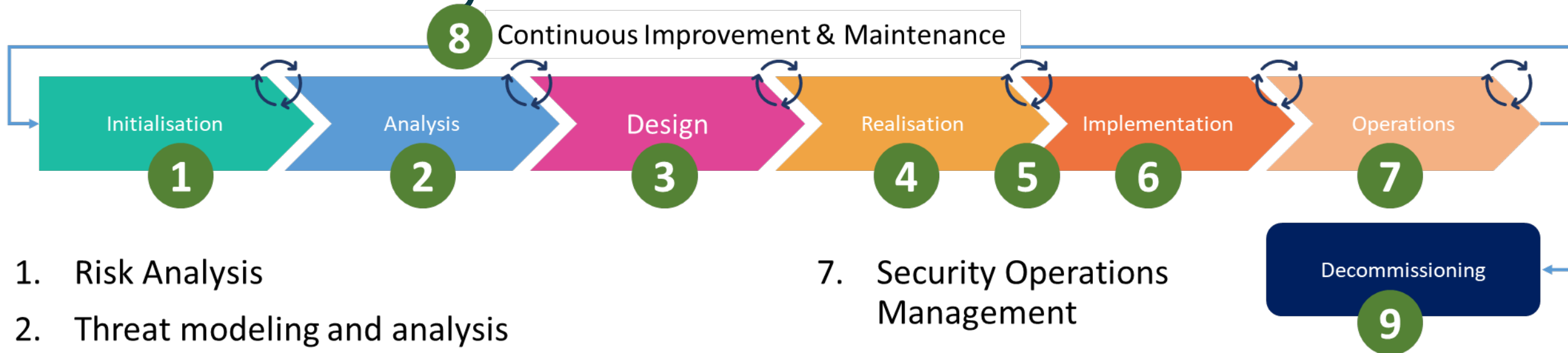
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Advice & References



# Security-by-design Compliance/Privacy-by-default lifecycle



1. Risk Analysis

2. Threat modeling and analysis

3. Secure design & architecture

4. Security testing, scanning & code/configuration review

5. Penetration testing

6. Hardening & Enforcement

7. Security Operations Management

8. Vulnerability & Patch Management

9. Secure Decommissioning

# Free HKCERT IoT Security Best Practices

## Response to Threats During Work from Home Arrangements

- **Cloud Storage Security and Data Protection** Guideline
- Assessing the Security of **Remote Access Services** Guideline
- Enterprise **Office** Guideline
- Six Security **Office**



## Emerging Technologies

- Security Study on IoT Wireless Technologies (**BLE, WiFi, ZigBee**) and IoT Security **Best Practice** Guidelines
- Introduce **Zero Trust** Architecture



# Guideline For Testing and Certification Requirement on 5G/IoT Devices



IOT AND 5G TESTS  
REQUIREMENT IN  
CYBERSECURITY

- Released “Guideline for Testing and Certification Requirements on 5G/IoT Device” in 2021

A. General Test

B. Electronic Performance

C. Regulatory Approval Pretest ( CE/FCC Pretests )

D. Smart Wearables Performance Assessment

1. Step-counting
2. Heart Rate
3. Blood Pressure
4. Oxygen Content in Blood
5. IoT Security

Reference: <https://www.hkpc.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/gsp-guidebook.pdf>  
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