

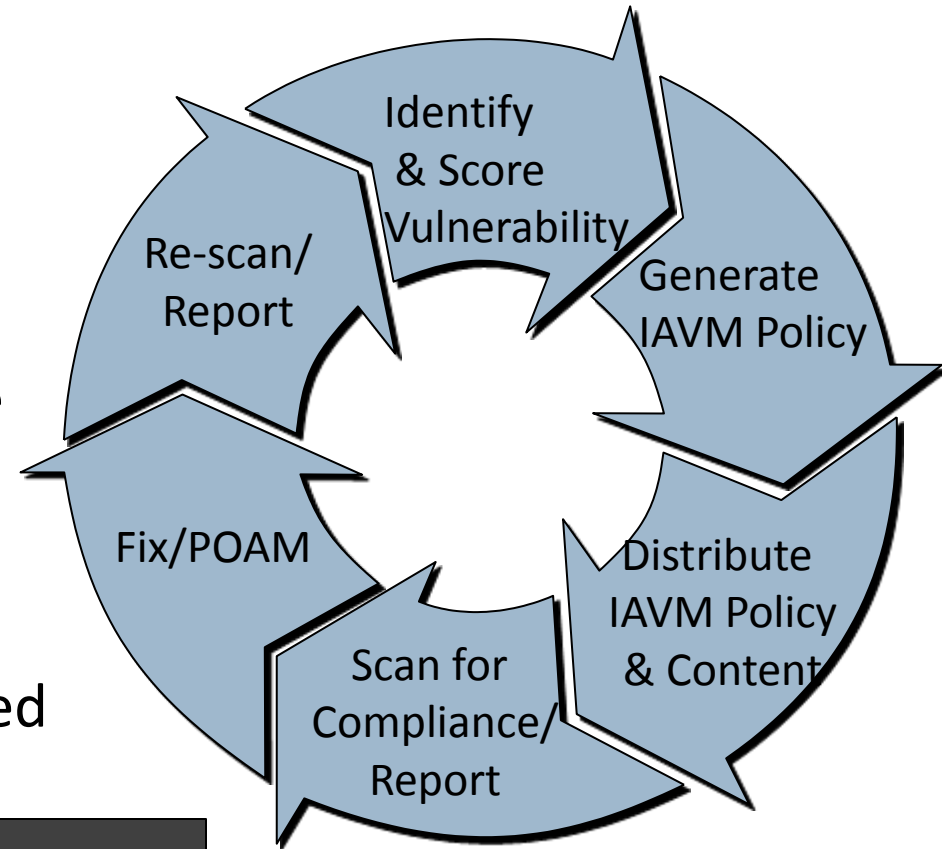


# **DoD's NexGen Vulnerability Management On the Road to Full Automation**

Nov 2, 2011

# We know that 80%+ of successful Cyber attacks are related to known vulnerabilities and misconfigurations however...

- DoD process for scoring vulnerabilities is subjective
- IAVM compliance reporting procedures are manual, resource intensive, slow and inaccurate
- DoD systems for tracking vulnerability compliance are siloed and lack standard interfaces



VMS  
eEye Retina  
eMASS

# DoD's first step toward automation – IAVM System 1.0

- Automates USCYBERCOM vulnerability scoring process
- Includes CVSS-compliant scoring engine
- Provides real-time interfaces with Symantec DeepSight, NVD, and VMS
- Supports SCAP standards including CVE, CVSS, and CPE



**Scheduled Go Live  
Jan, 2012**

# Wouldn't it be nice if...

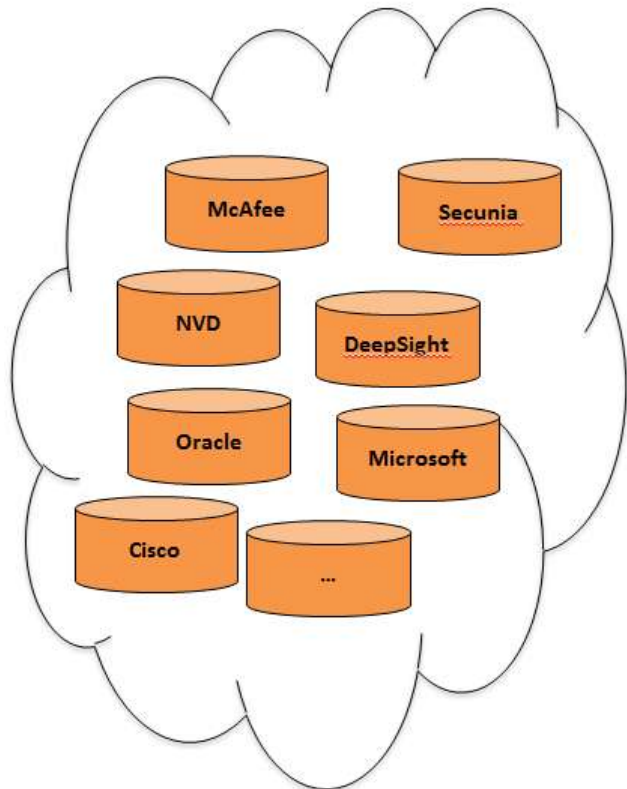
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- IAVMs were directly actionable – “apply this patch” or “upgrade this application”
- You could quickly identify your most vulnerable assets
- You could easily determine the priority for patching and remediation actions



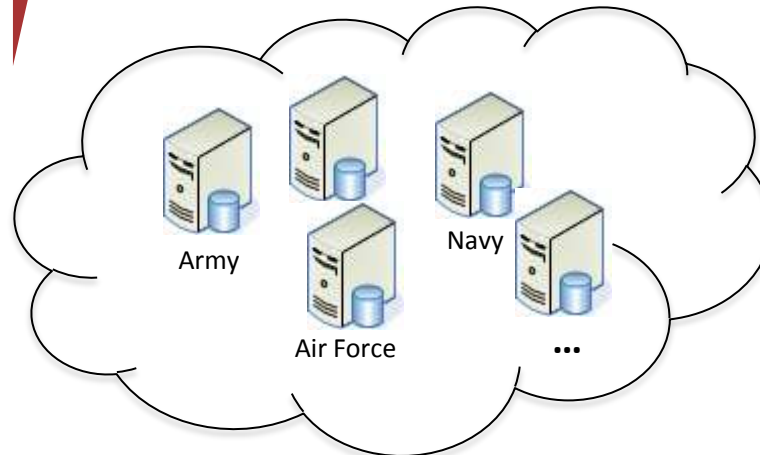
# NexGen IAVM will make life easier...



**Vulnerability  
Data Sources**

**NexGen IAVM**

**Continuous  
Monitoring  
System**



**DoD Vulnerability Scanners  
(HBSS/ACAS)**

**One IAVM  
Policy  
Per Software  
Platform or Patch**

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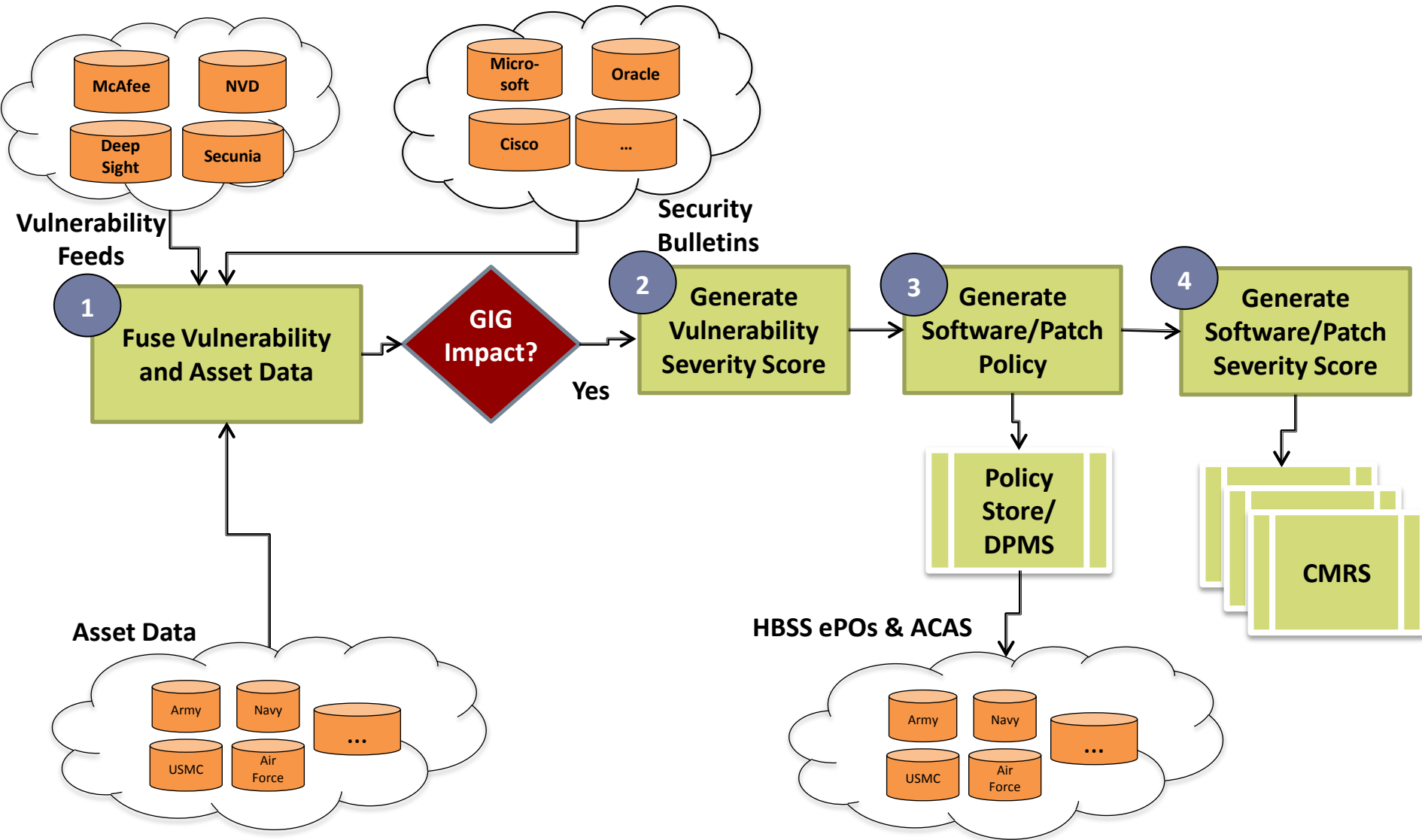
**Automated  
Compliance  
Checking**

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**Prioritized List of  
Remediation  
Actions**

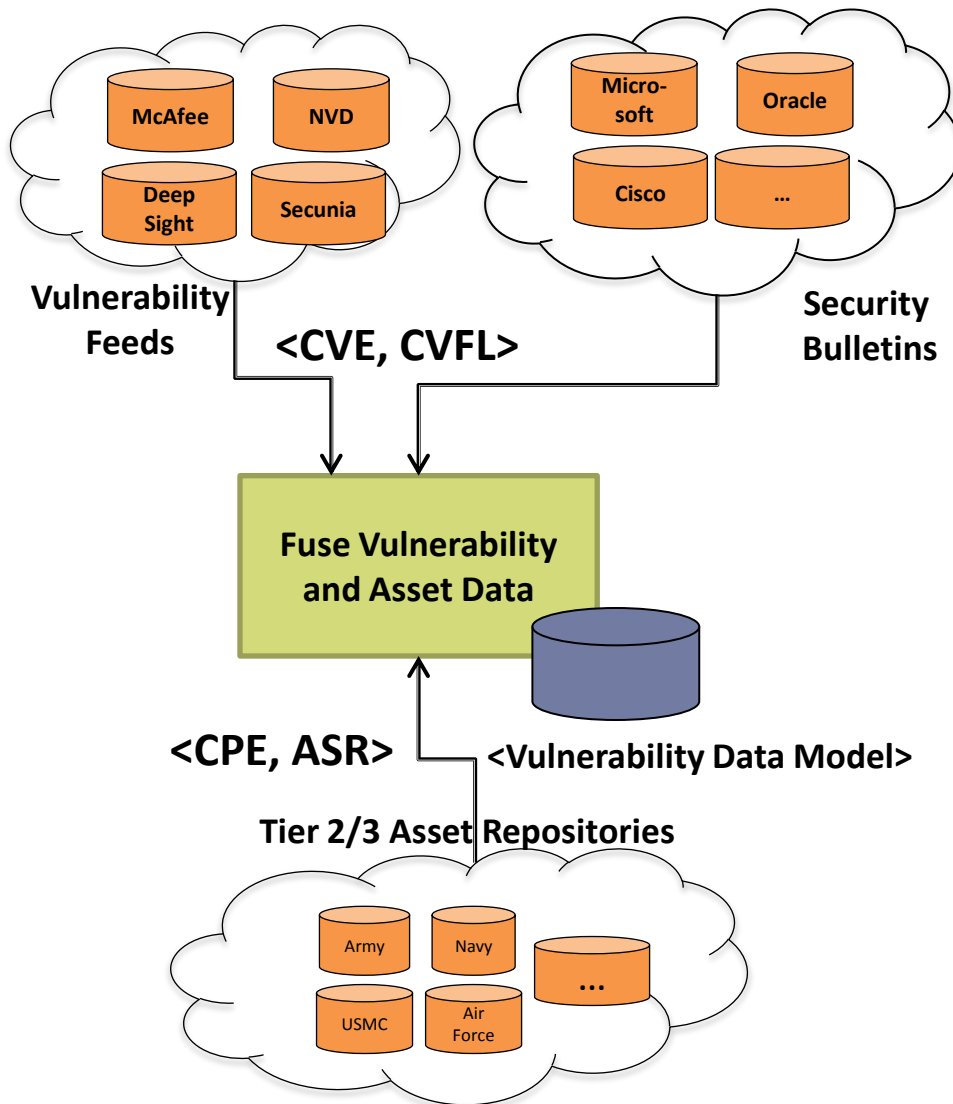
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# NexGen IAVM Process Flow – Overview



# Do I have the latest vulnerability information and how does it impact the GIG?

- Vulnerability info will be aggregated in Common Vulnerability Reporting Format (CVRF) from multiple sources
- Vulnerability info will be processed and stored in standard format - Vulnerability Data Model (VDM)
- GIG-wide software/patch metrics data will be aggregated and correlated with vulnerability data to identify potential impact



# How do I quantify the risk this vulnerability present to the GIG?

- Asset data will be used to auto-populate CVSS target distribution, collateral damage and security metrics
- Analyst will use incident and indicator/event data to populate temporal metrics
- **All** vulnerabilities will be scored if GIG impact identified

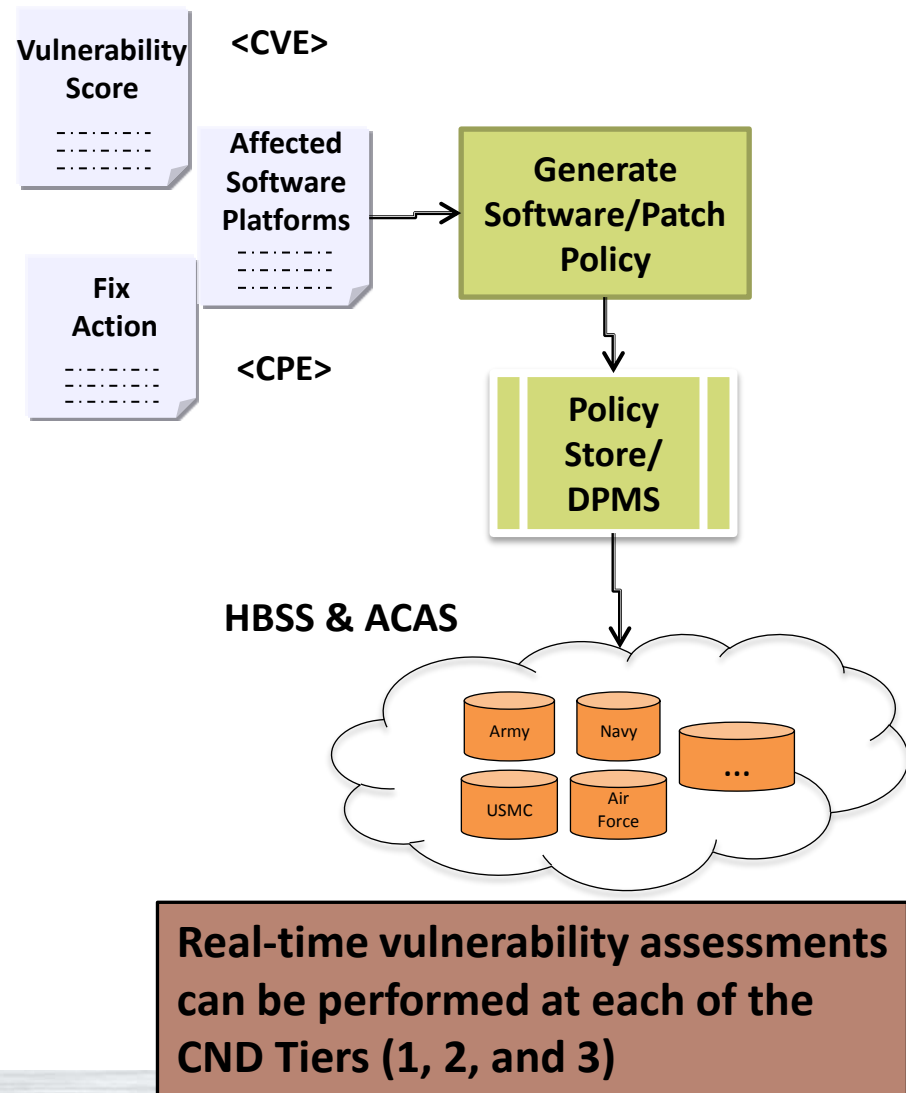
The screenshot displays the CVSS V2 Scoring interface. At the top right is the CVSS logo. The main content is divided into several sections:

- Overall Score Data:** Shows 1 analyst score(s) with a Base Score of 7.2, Temporal Score of 5.4, and Environmental Score of 5.3.
- My Current CVSS V2 Score:** Shows a Base Score of 7.2, Temporal Score of 5.4, Environmental Score of 5.3, and an Overall Score of 5.3.
- Scoring History:** A table with columns for Name, Temporal Score, Environmental Score, and Overall Score. The entry for Daniels, Jeff.J. 9000007002 shows scores of 5.4, 5.3, and 5.3 respectively.
- Manage My Score:** Contains sections for Base Score Metrics, Environmental Score Metrics, and Exploitability Metrics. The Environmental Score Metrics section is highlighted with a red box and contains:
  - General Modifiers:** Collateral Damage Potential (None), Target Distribution (Not Defined).
  - Impact Subscore Modifiers:** Confidentiality Requirement (Not Defined), Integrity Requirement (Not Defined), Availability Requirement (Not Defined).
- General Modifiers:** A separate section on the right with dropdown menus for Damage Potential (None), Requirement (Not Defined), and other metrics.



# How do I determine by vulnerability posture?

- Vulnerability scores used to generate Platform or Patch specific severity score
- Benchmark content will be **auto-generated** in XCCDF/CPE format and distributed down to host and network scanners
- Most vulnerability compliance scans will be performed at the asset repository level and not on the end points



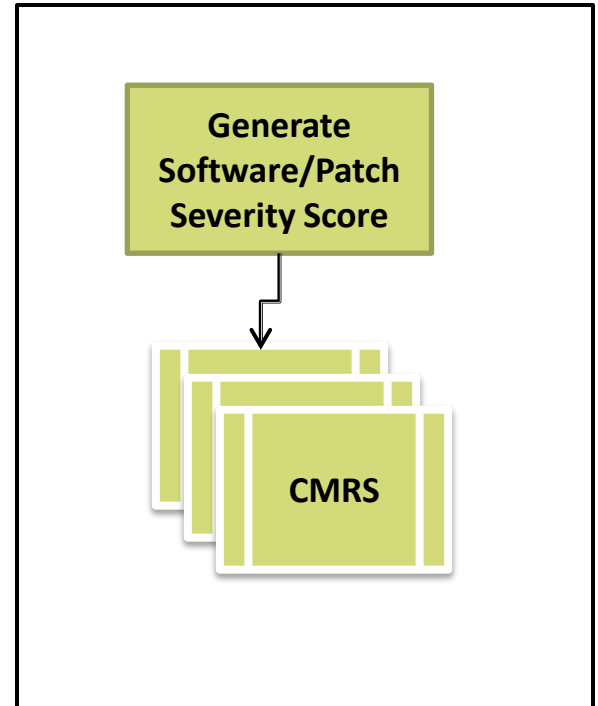
# Platform-based policies will significantly simplify vulnerability management across the DoD

- DOD will have one vulnerability policy per software platform or patch
- Policies will be generated for prohibited, permitted, and required software
- Policies can be run against asset repositories and Host/Network scanners for near real-time results

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# How do I determine my vulnerability risk posture?

- Platform/Patch severity scores will be calculated based on underlying vulnerability scores and distributed to CMRS at Tier 1, 2, and 3 levels
- Severity scores will be uncoupled from policy directives to enable dynamic updates to scores as threat posture changes
- Local administrators can use platform/patch severity scores and CMRS to prioritize remediation activities



# Key Takeaways

- All vulnerabilities will be assessed and scored
- Platform and patch-specific compliance policy will replace vulnerability-specific policies
- Vulnerability severity score (0.0 - 10.0) will replace IAVM A/B
- Machine-readable compliance policies (XCCDF/CPE) will be auto-generated and distributed
- Severity scores will be uncoupled from the policy to support dynamic updates based on changes in threat posture

# How long is it going to take to get there?

- We're actively working a phased implementation plan
- Asset visibility is our first priority
- Most of the NexGen capabilities will be deployed in FY12/13



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