



# Federal Information Assurance Management and FISMA Compliance with RSA Archer

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# Introduction

- Chris Hoover, RSA Archer Federal Solution Manager
- 15 years in federal IA
- Equal mix of military, intelligence, and civilian experience
- Pentagon, Baghdad Embassy, NGA HQ, Los Alamos Labs, Joint Analysis Center UK
- SME driving federal solution offerings for RSA Archer

# Agenda

- Federal IA challenges
- How Archer can help
- Demo
- Questions

# Federal IA Challenges

# Challenges – Learn & Implement New Requirements

- Continuous Monitoring
  - New controls
  - New family (Privacy)
  - Overlays?
- DoD switching to NIST / CNSSI 1253 / (DIARMF)
- FedRAMP



# Challenges – Learn & Respond to New Threats

- New threats
- How to react:
  - New methods
  - New processes
  - New tools



# Challenges – Stovepipes / Silos

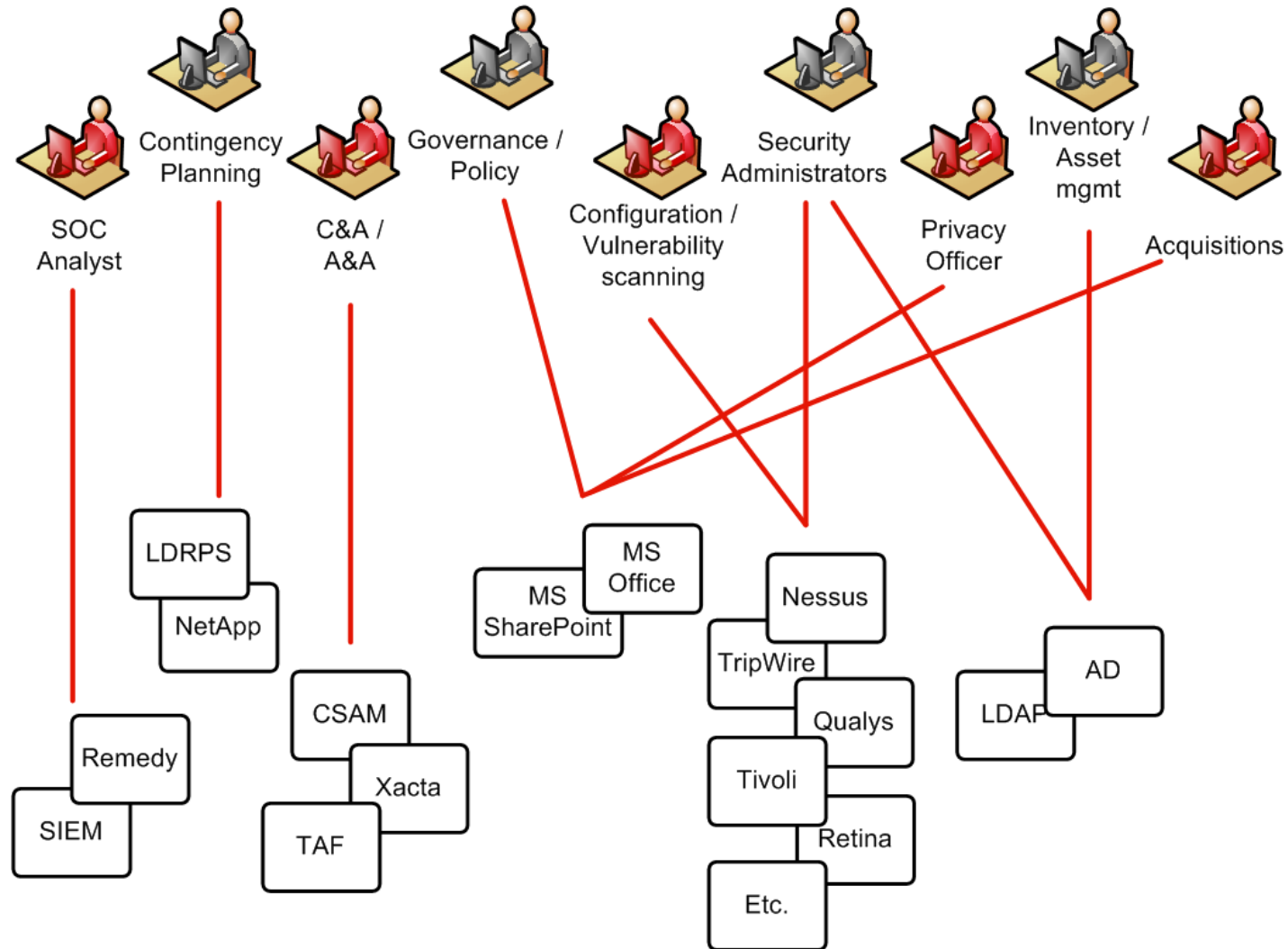
- Disparity and redundancy occur in:
  - Tools
  - Processes
  - Standards
  - Data
  - Language





# Different people, different tools

- Where are they getting data ?
- Where are they putting it?



# Why is this a bad scenario?

- Duplicate work
- Conflicting records
- Common format / interoperability
- Cost of licenses
- Training
- Logging in / out, account management

# Challenges – Resources

- C&A required by FISMA cost \$1.3 billion per year
- Compliance auditing required another \$1 billion per year
- Since enactment of FISMA in 2002, federal government has spent over \$40 billion.



# Challenges – Resources

- Annual security reports mandated by the FISMA cost \$1,400 per page to produce, totaling over \$500 million each year
- Huge amounts spent on third-party assessors and support contractors



# Challenges – Resources

- Continuous Monitoring means assessing and monitoring more controls, more often, with same staff
- Budget and hiring constraints make every IA task more challenging (CR/Sequester)



# Challenges – Risk Insight

- Risk decisions made without full risk picture
- Not knowing which findings/deficiencies to fix first



# How Archer Can Help

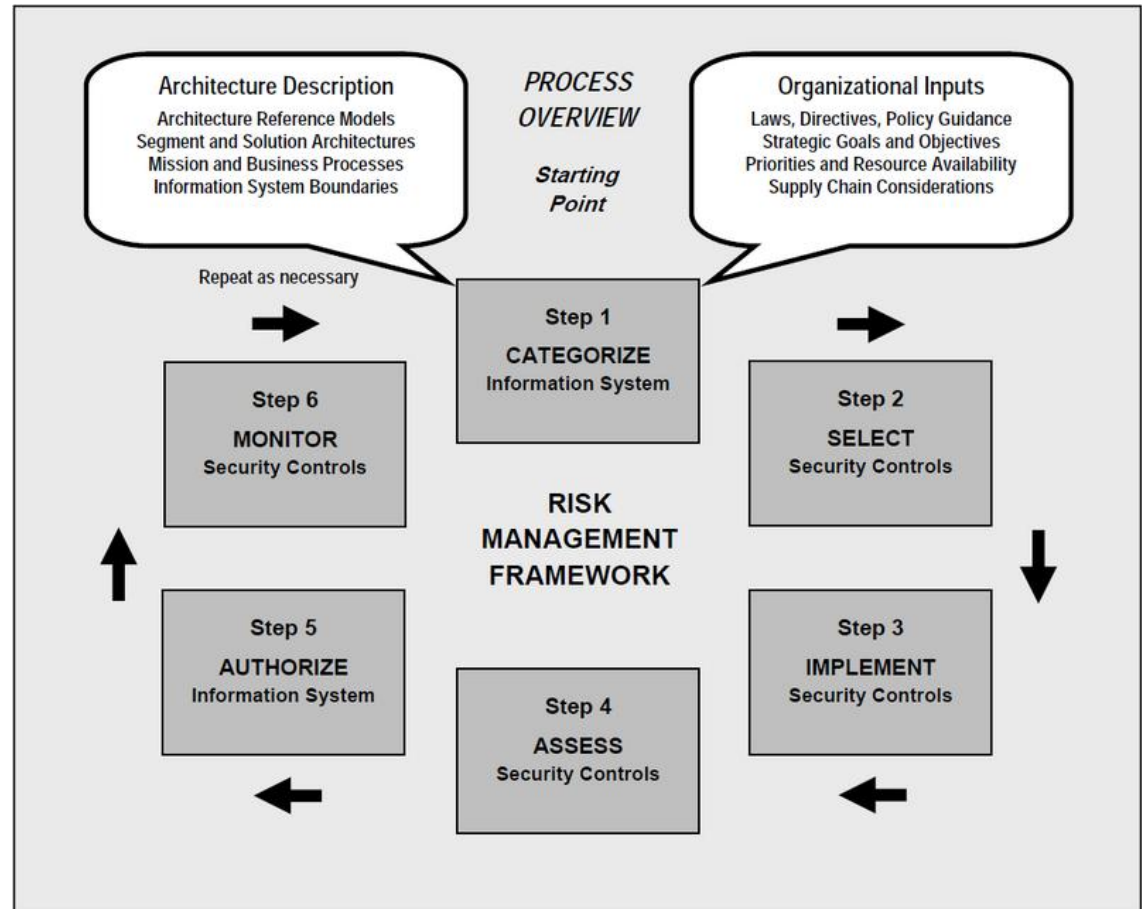
# RSA Archer Assessment & Authorization (A&A) and Continuous Monitoring (CM) solutions

- Comply with FISMA
- Integrate operational security data into compliance activities
- Actually improve your security posture



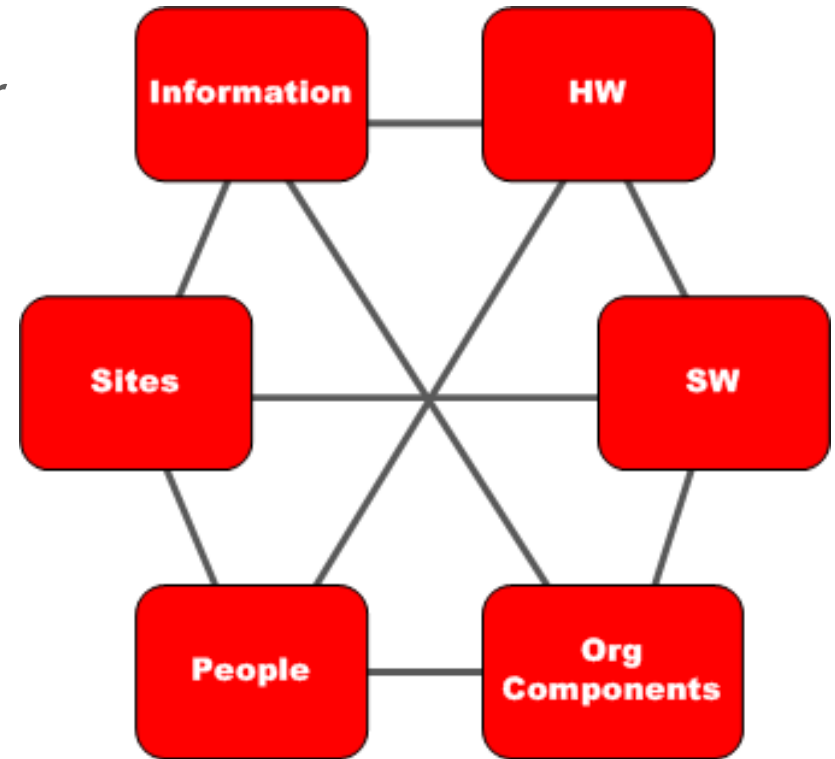
# Assessment & Authorization (A&A)

- Manages all phases of NIST RMF with high integrity and rigid, role-based access enforcement



# Assessment & Authorization (A&A)

- Defines assets and information systems
- Serves as the system of record for all hardware, software, and information assets
- Assets are uniquely tied to information system boundaries for A&A (formerly known as Certification & Accreditation (C&A)).
- Relationships are easily built between assets and the stakeholders and organizational components that own the assets

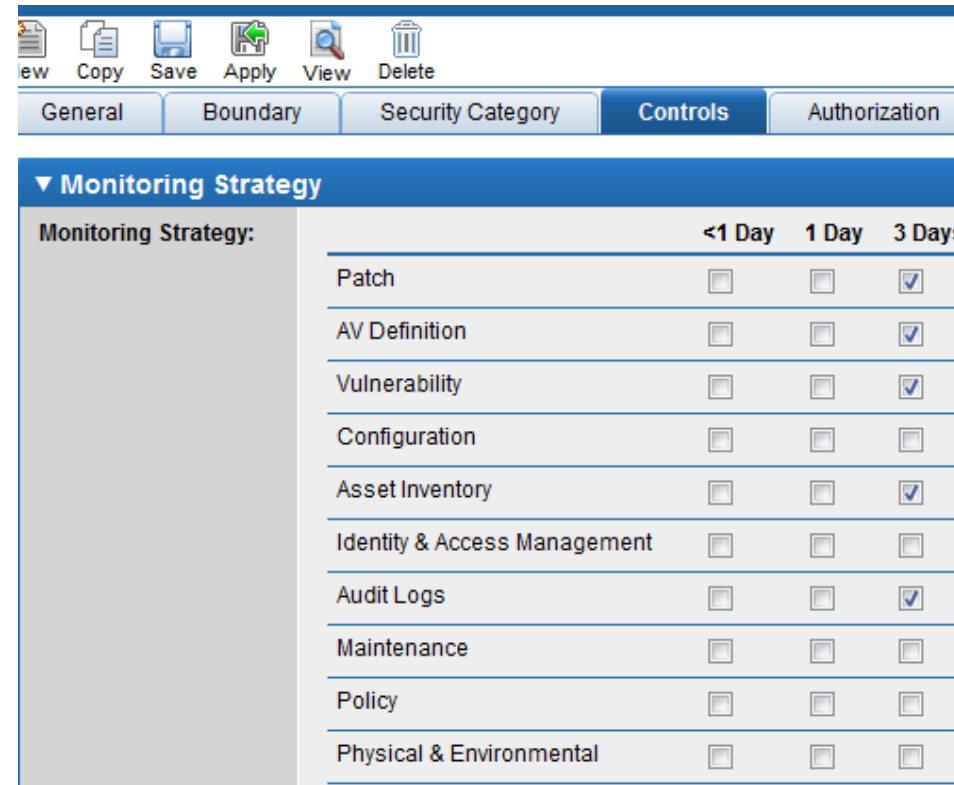


# Assessment & Authorization (A&A)

- Easily allocate the appropriate baseline of controls and tailor the final control set
- Manage common controls (inheritance) through a two-way “handshake” to prevent abuse
- Manage control assessments and compliance

# Assessment & Authorization (A&A)

- Streamlines assessments through Monitoring Strategy application and notifications which aid in building assessment plans and with manual continuous assessments



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# Assessment & Authorization (A&A)

- More powerful and configurable dashboards and reports than other A&A tools
- Integrates with other RSA Archer solutions focused on operational security (Incident Management, Vendor Management, and Contingency Planning)
- Provides deep risk insight and metrics can be rolled up from end user through each component level to department and federal levels

# Continuous Monitoring (CM)

- Provides near real-time insight into the security posture of every device in the enterprise.
- Manage with risk-based approach by prioritizing security risk data and focusing on “worst first”
- Automate control assessments, for other controls that are not completely automatable, the solution can provide valuable insights to control assessors to make informed assessment decisions.

# Continuous Monitoring (CM)

- Leverage existing scanners and sensors and integrate new tools, including those which are Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)-enabled (also via XML, API, RSS, and data imports)
- Report aggregate metrics and report at any level of the organization

# Archer Solutions – Learn & Implement New Requirements

- Enables Continuous Monitoring
- Accepts multiple format feeds for automated control assessment
- Allows definition of monitoring strategy
- Sends notifications to assessors for manual control assessments





# Archer Solutions – Learn & Implement New Requirements

- Ongoing content development process
- 800-53 Rev 4 integrated
- Since A&A solution is based on NIST RMF, easy to adapt for:
  - FedRAMP systems
  - CNSSI 1253 /DIARMF support



# Archer Solutions – Learn & Respond to New Threats

- Archer has a mature Threat management system
- Accepts live threat feeds from multiple sources
- “Speaks” multiple SCAP specifications
- Ranks threats by severity



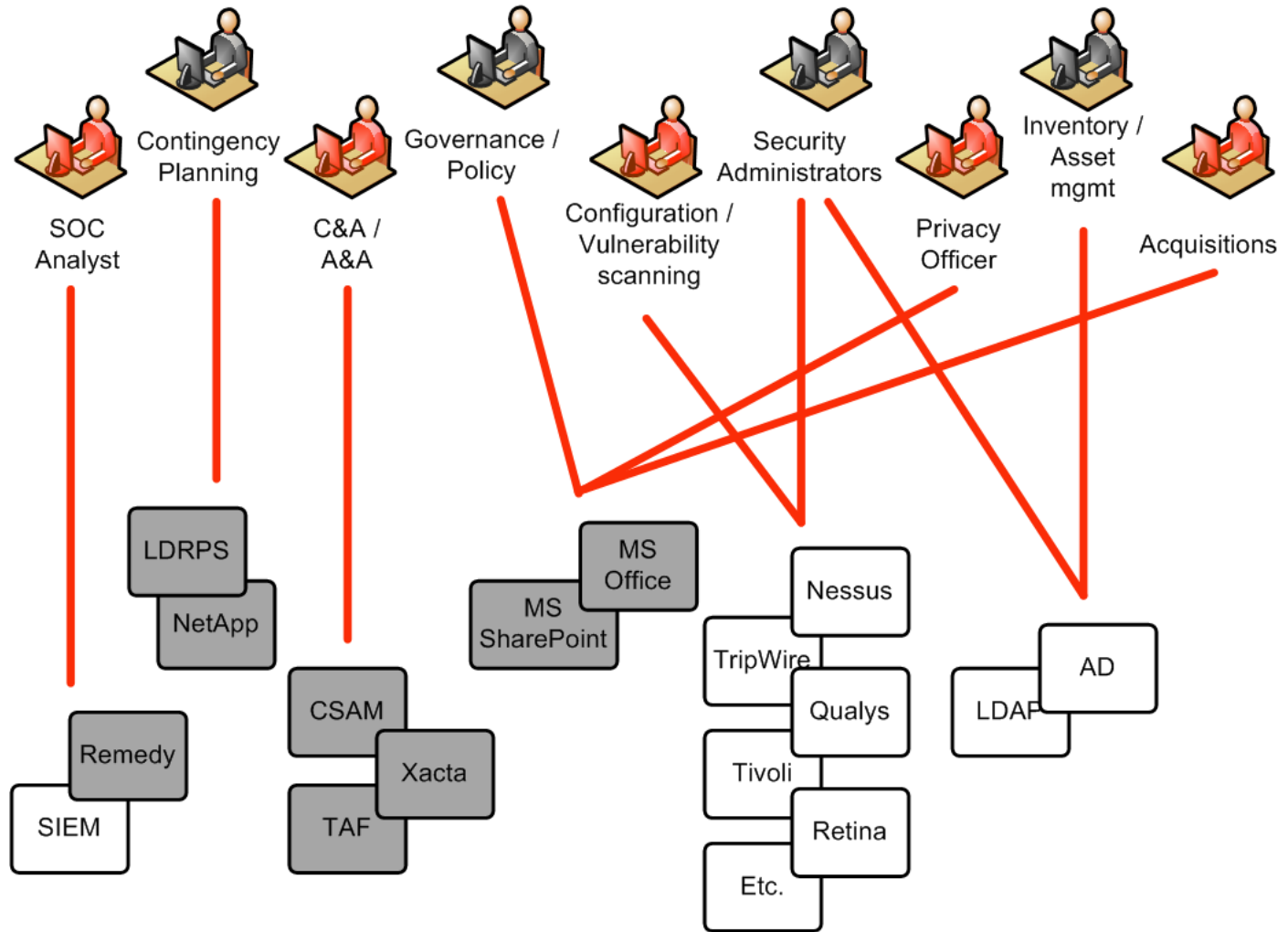
# Archer Solutions– Stovepipes / Silos

- Archer can bridge & eliminate in several ways
- Can eliminate other tools through consolidation
- Policy and control mapping allows support for multiple methodologies / frameworks
- Common use of one tool fosters common language and forces single data set



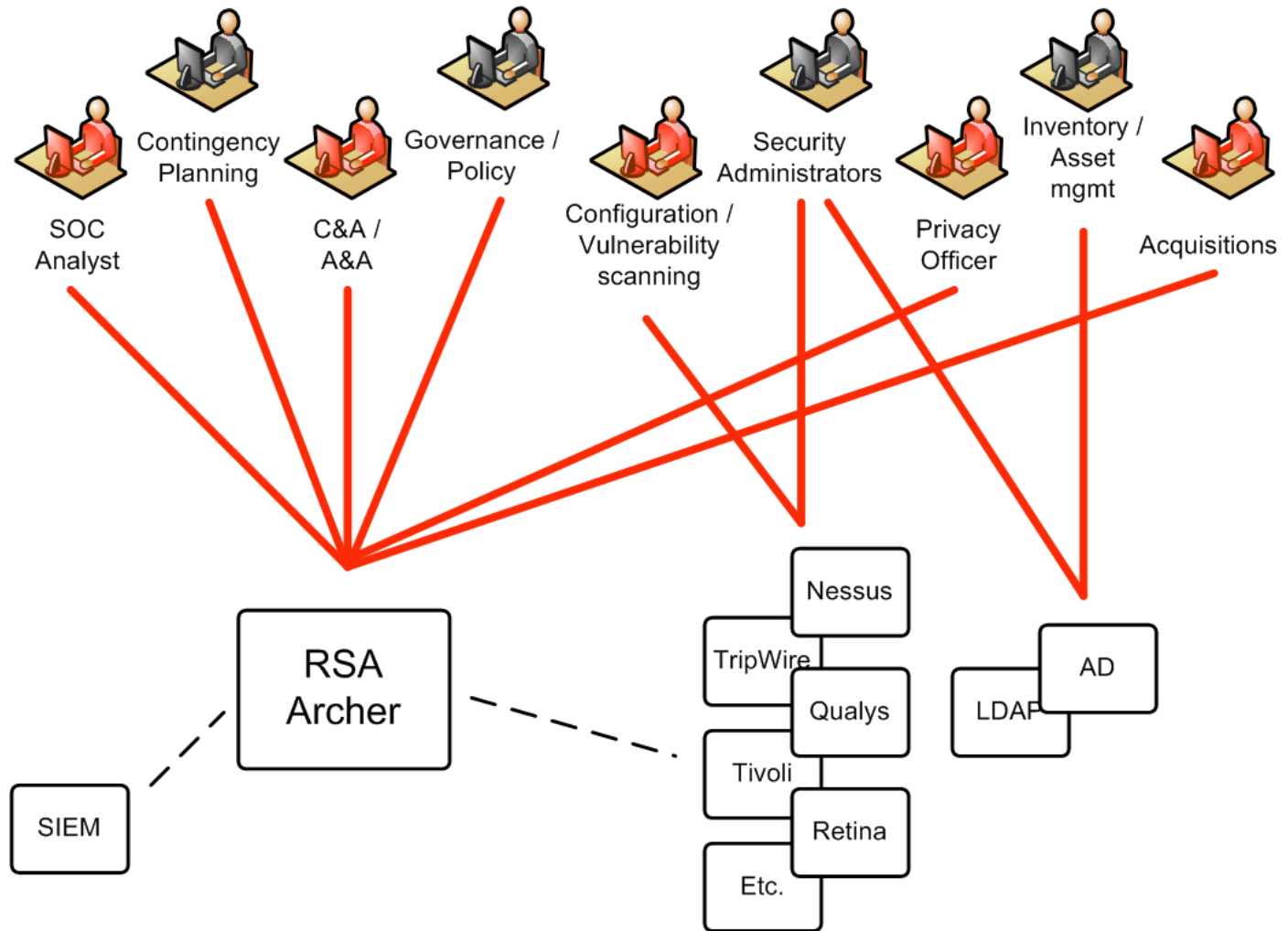
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# Archer Solutions – Resources

- Leverage more, duplicate less
- Work from a common set of data, enforce data integrity
- Guaranteed common format / interoperability



# Archer Solutions – Resources

- Reduce cost/number of licenses
- Reduce training cost and burden
- Fewer accounts to manage, less attack surface
- Modular nature means buy as you need / can afford



# Archer Solutions – Resources

- Streamlining A&A workflow and consolidating data and processes in one tool translates to fewer labor hours
- This allows for Continuous Monitoring assessment of more controls, more often, with same staff (in light of budget and hiring constraints/ CR /Sequester)





# Archer Solutions – Risk Insight

- Correlates multiple risk scores and risk factors across enterprise and IA Program for comprehensive risk picture
- Highlights which hosts and which failed controls introduce most risk for rapid, “worst first” resolution



# Demo: A&A and CM Solutions

# Questions?

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