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SS-08-025 System Lifecycle Management

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## **PURPOSE**

System life-cycle management is a necessity for establishing procedures, practices and guidelines governing and managing the life of an information system from conception/initiation through disposition. Its purpose is to assist system owners, developers and management document the design and decisions made regarding a system.

Many security-relevant events and analyses occur during the life of a system. Like other aspects of information processing systems, security is most effective and efficient if it is planned for and managed throughout a computer system's life cycle, from initial planning through design, implementation, and operation to disposal. Including security at the beginning and throughout the information system development life cycle (SDLC) will usually result in less expensive and more effective security implementation and operation.

## **STANDARD**

System lifecycle management shall have processes for initiation, requirements, development, implementation, operations and disposal. Processes shall include work flow, traceability, accountability, management authority and separation of duties.

System and application security shall be planned for and incorporated throughout the lifecycle.

Development and test activities shall be physically or logically separate from production systems.

Developers shall not have access to production systems. If access is required, it shall be limited and audited.

All phases within the systems lifecycle shall include processes that result in the generation of the appropriate level of documentation, including, but not limited to, requirements and design specs, security plans, configuration guides, transition plans, training plans, user and administration manuals.

## **RELATED ENTERPRISE POLICIES, STANDARDS, GUIDELINES**

[System and Development Lifecycle \(PS-08-018\)](#) [4]

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