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Grasping New Technology - Securely

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Background

- To apply business led, threat driven risk analysis
- Underpinned by real engineering and technology knowledge
- To realise information security which is effective and fit for purpose.



Information Assurance – Threat, Nuisance or Saviour?

- Cyber Threats
 - Global reach of the Internet
 - Ubiquitous availability of IT resource
 - Sheer size and diversity of threats
- The need for Information Security has never been greater
- However many engineers regard Information Assurance as obstructive:
 - Locking down useful features
 - Preventing ways of working
 - Blocking technology benefits
- Yet, like all good security activities, good cooperation between experts is essential

Approach

1. Architecture Capture:

- What the system must do
- The environment
- How the system is designed and constructed

2. Asset Identification:

- What to protect and why

3. Vulnerability:

- Intelligence, Technology Analysis, Testing

4. Impact:

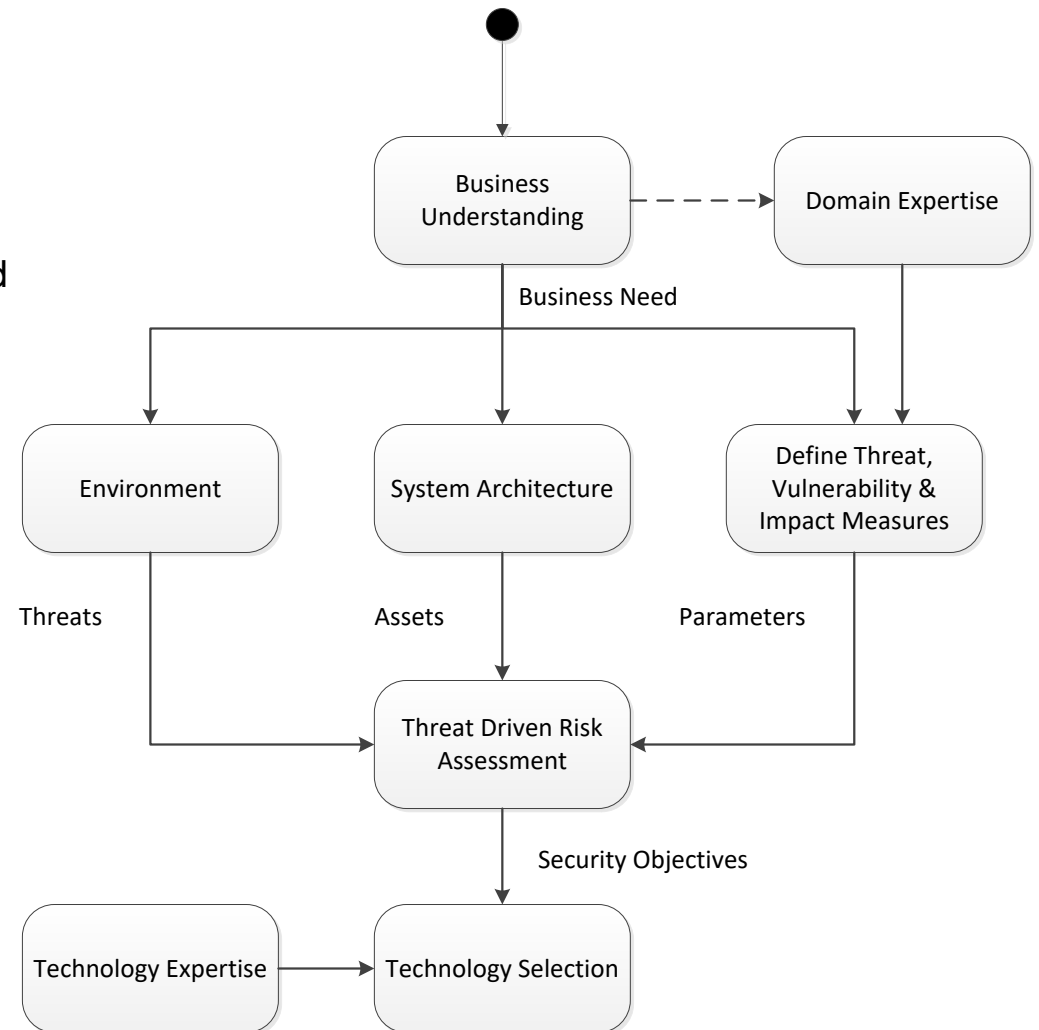
- Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability
- In values relevant to the business

5. Assess Risk:

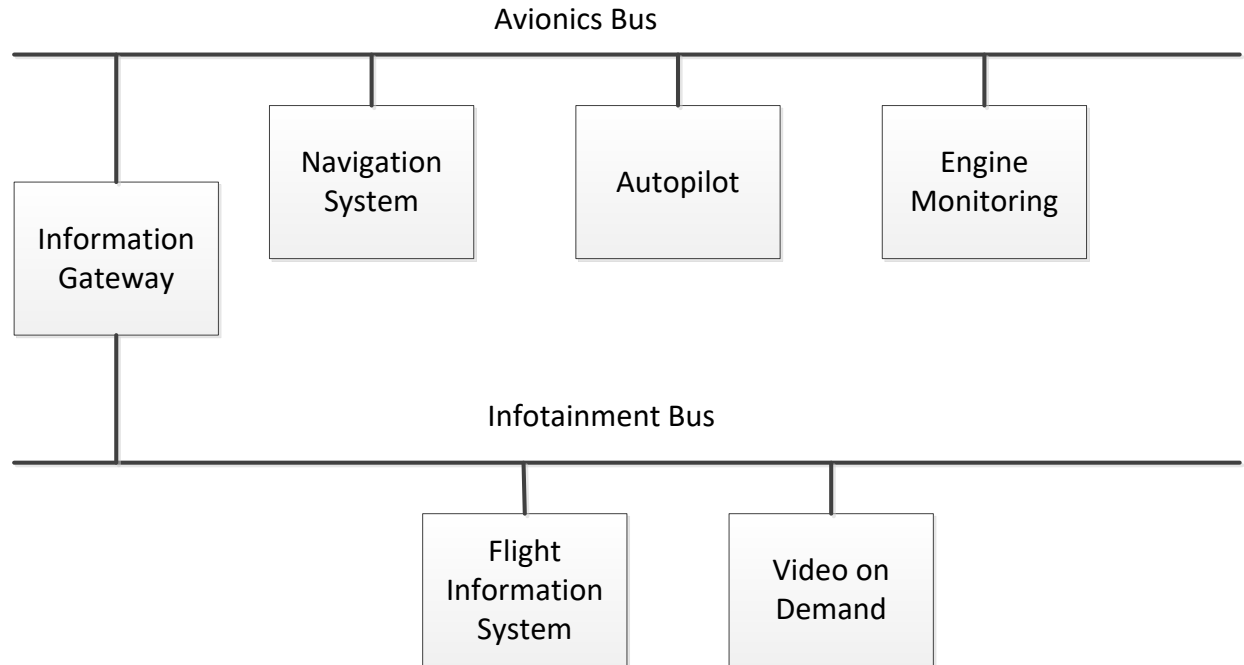
- $\text{Risk} = \text{Threat} * \text{Vulnerability} * \text{Impact}$

6. Identify Controls:

- Security Objectives
- Technology Selection

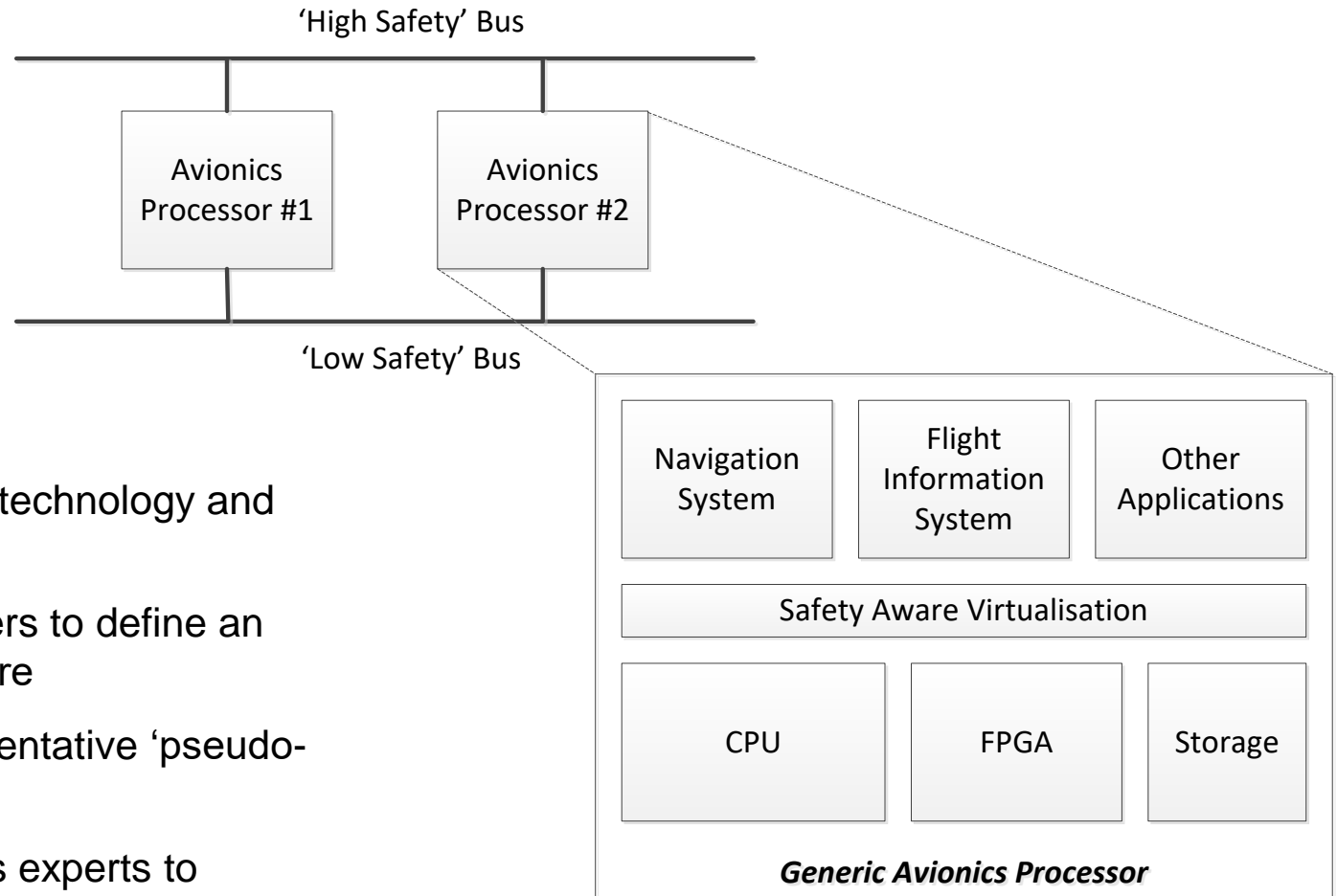


Avionics - A Connected Challenge



- Historic Architecture:
 - Separate individual systems
 - Fixed roles and connectivity
 - Strong approvals process
 - Clear Security Architecture
- Difficult to Upgrade:
 - Cost of repeating approvals – from scratch
 - Difficult to grasp benefits of increasing technology performance

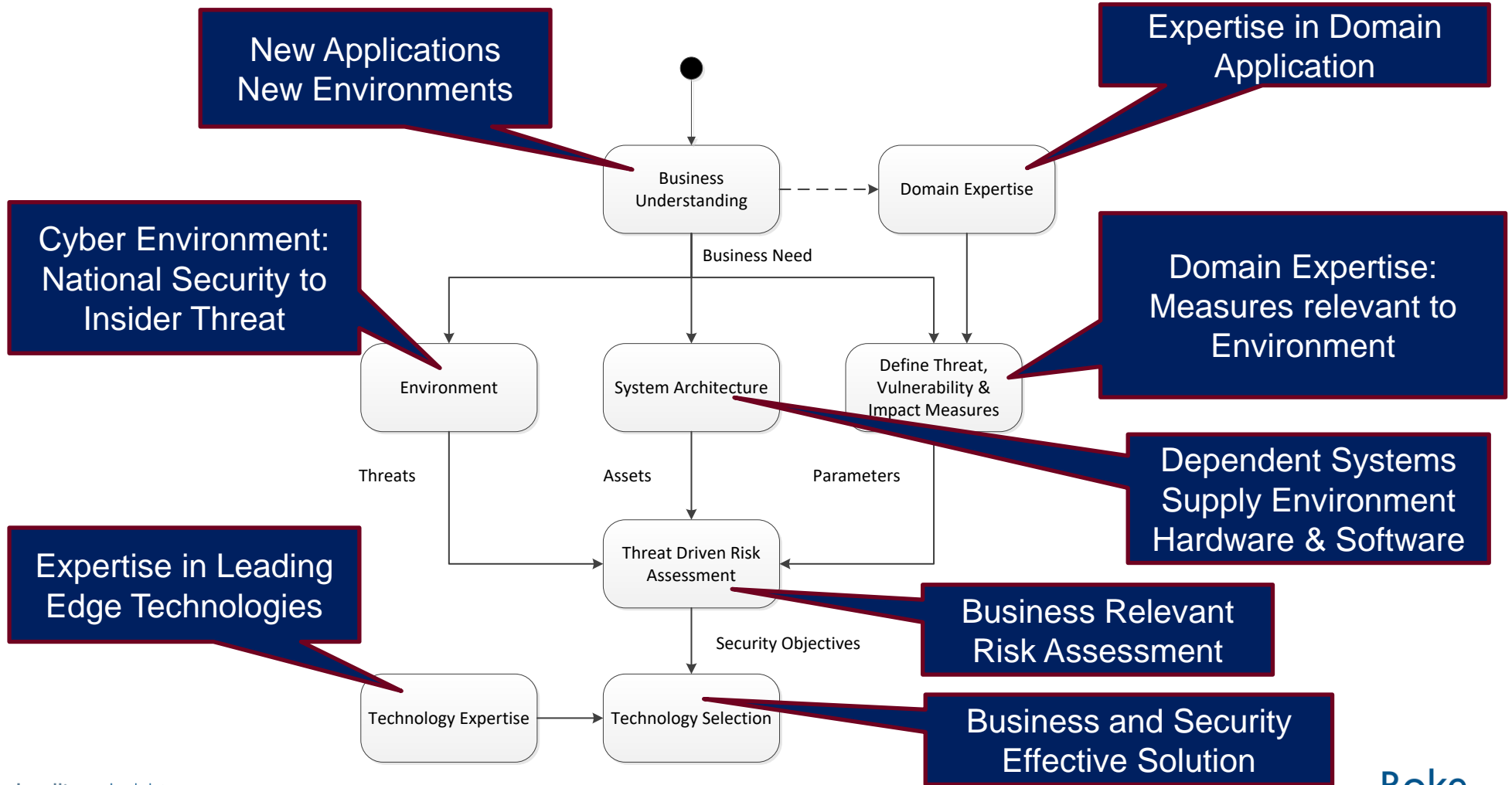
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New Technology:

- Desire to adopt new technology and architecture
- Worked with engineers to define an 'exemplar' architecture
- Established a representative 'pseudo-physical' model
- Worked with avionics experts to understand application and business requirements

Avionics: Information Assurance Outcomes



Frameworks: Going Forward

- Why:
 - Provides a structure within which everyone can operate, with clear objectives and outcomes.
 - Provides effective guidance enabling others to enter and participate.
 - Can act as force multiplier pulling business and engineering into cyber protection
 - Provides a means of certification
- But this needs to be appropriate:
 - Parallels with ongoing government guidance which has moved to high level, establishing security posture, intent and engineering responsibilities.

