Challenges of CERT Implementation in Jordan

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Introduction

- JOCERT is Still in the planning stage.
- The JOCERT should help Jordan to handle, mitigate, and prevent major IT security incidents, and to help protect the nation's valuable assets.
- Will go through phases

Challenges of CSIRT Implementation

- Financial Limitations
- Human Resources Limitations
- Legal Aspects and Institutional Aspects

A list of challenges that hinder or delay the establishment of CSIRT in Jordan.

For each challenge, we would like to hear your respective experiences and what – in your opinion – requires more attention (if any).

Financial Limitations

- Challenges: Financial resources are very scarce
- Actions:
 - Think big, start small, and build over time.
 - Phases
 - Embed JO CSIRT within NITC; i.e. an already established entity with sufficient start-up resources.
 - Suggesting free open source software tools.
 - Considering knowledge transfer via Capacity Building.
 - Donations to enrich the operations of JOCERT(?)
- Limitations: Transition from phase to another may take longer than anticipated
- ? we would like to hear your respective experiences

Human Resources Limitations

- Challenge: Human resource may not maintain the required high-caliber skill set
- Actions: Start with a core team with limited services, and mature over time via self-learning, capacity building, and brainstorming.
- Limitations: Having less qualified team may result in losing the trust between the constituencies and the JOCERT which may jeopardize the whole project. Gaining the trust of the various constituents in the infant stages is extremely crucial to the long-term success and positive image of the JO-CERT
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Legal Aspects and Institutional Aspects

- **Challenge**: There is currently NO available entity with sufficient authority to host the JOCERT.
- Actions: The JOCERT is expected to operate under the auspices of NITC and with the authority delegated by the Government of Jordan.

Limitations:

- May be initially limited to the government sector.
- Due to legal constraints, the JOCERT performing forensics may/may-not be eligible to act as expert witnesses in court proceedings.
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Thanks

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