Security & Privacy Metaframework

SCF
The Heartbeat of Compliance™

The SCF's mission is to provide a powerful catalyst that will advance how cybersecurity and privacy controls are utilized at the strategic, operational and tactical layers of an organization, regardless of its size or industry.
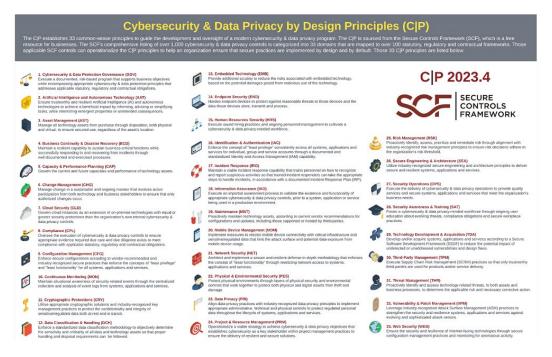
The SCF is the Common Controls Framework™ that is free for organizations to use.

From a NIST 800-171 & Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) perspective, the Secure Controls Framework (SCF) provides the ability to leverage the same control structure to address multiple compliance obligations.

The SCF is a more efficient way to operationalize cybersecurity and data privacy operations by simplifying the underlying controls that power an organization's cybersecurity program. It is a "framework of frameworks" that provides scalability and interoperability.

In simple terms, the SCF is a metaframework where it is a catalog of controls made up of over 100 cybersecurity and data privacy laws, regulations and frameworks. This control catalog contains roughly 1,200 controls and is logically organized into 33 domains. The structure of the SCF normalizes disparate control language into something that is usable across technology, cybersecurity, privacy and other departments where they can share the same control language. The SCF enables not only intra-organization standardization, but inter-organization standardization where SCF controls means the same thing to any other organization using the SCF. This normalization of control language is unique to the SCF.

The reality is that most organizations struggle with defining the minimum security requirements that are necessary to address both their compliance obligations and needs for secure practices. The SCF provides a straightforward and scalable method to define those "must have" and "nice to have" requirements into a holistic control set to operationalize cybersecurity operations, risk management and third-party governance. There is no cost to use the SCF and quite a few Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) platforms natively support the SCF as a built-in control set.