



SECURITY AND RISK: MANAGEMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS

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M1.2 - Basic Concepts

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NIST is a U.S. federal agency that deals with measurement science, standards, and technology related to the U.S. government and to the promotion of U.S. private sector innovation.

- Despite their national scope, NIST Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) and **Special Publications (SP) have a worldwide impact.**
- In the area of information security, the **NIST Computer Security Resource Center (CSRC)** is the source of a vast collection of documents that are widely used in the industry.

[**https://csrc.nist.gov/**](https://csrc.nist.gov/)



NIST Cybersecurity Framework (1/3)

NIST CSF



In response to the **growing number of cyber intrusions** at U.S. federal agencies, Executive Order 13636, *Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, directed the **NIST to work with stakeholders** to develop a **voluntary framework for reducing cyber risks to critical infrastructure**.

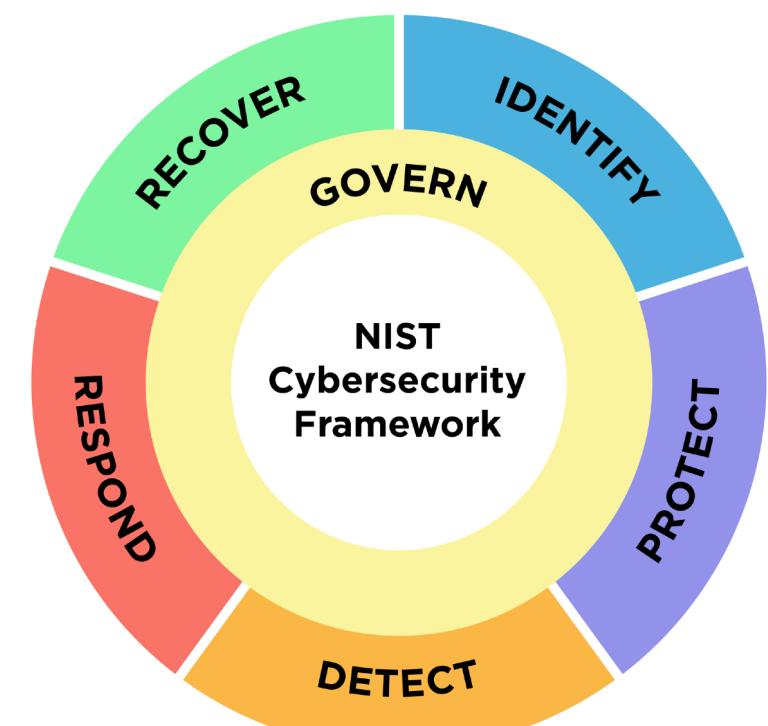
The framework is a collection of best practices that improve efficiency and protect components. Although provided for federal agencies, the document is of use for nongovernment organizations.



[NIST Cybersecurity Framework \(CSF\) 2.0 issued February 26, 2024](#)

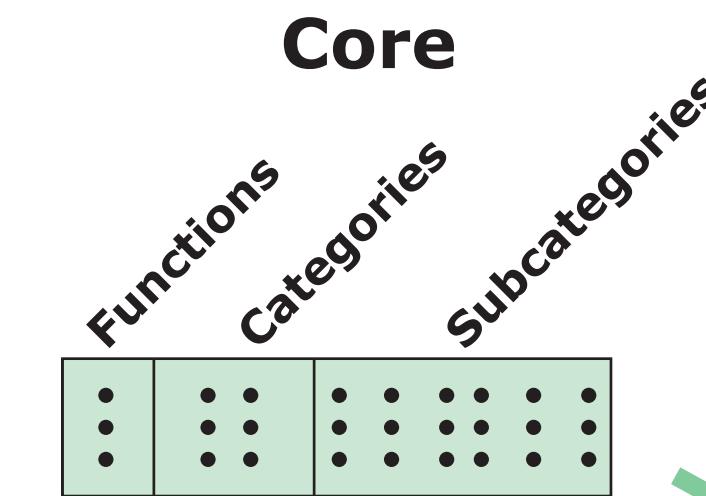
NIST Cybersecurity Framework (2/3)

NIST CSF



CORE

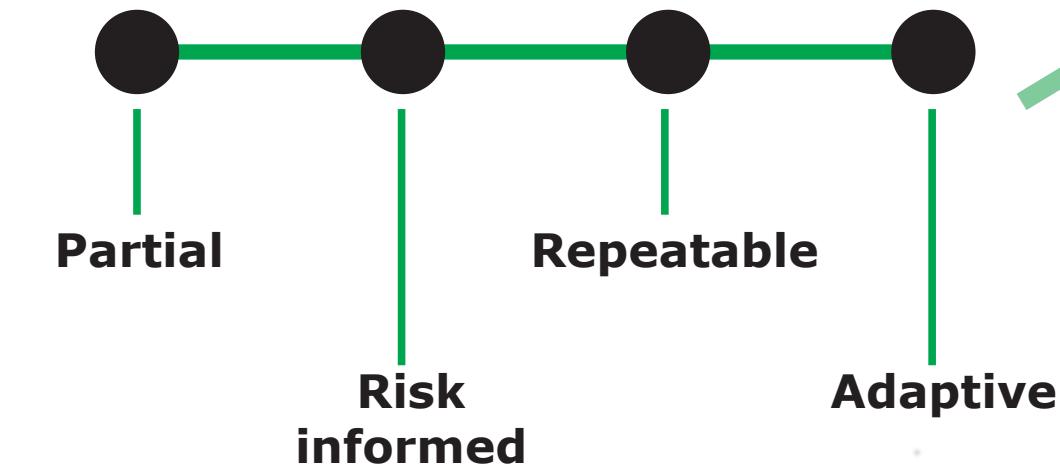
Provides a set of cybersecurity **activities**, desired **outcomes**, and applicable **references** that are common across critical infrastructure sectors



IMPLEMENTATION TIERS

Provide **context** on how an organization views cybersecurity risk and the processes in place to manage that risk

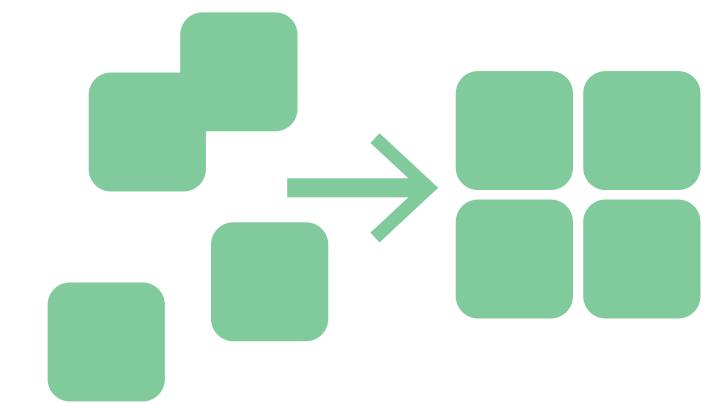
Implementation Tier



PROFILES

Represents the outcomes based on **business needs** that an organization has selected from the Framework Core **categories** and **subcategories**

Profile



CSF Components

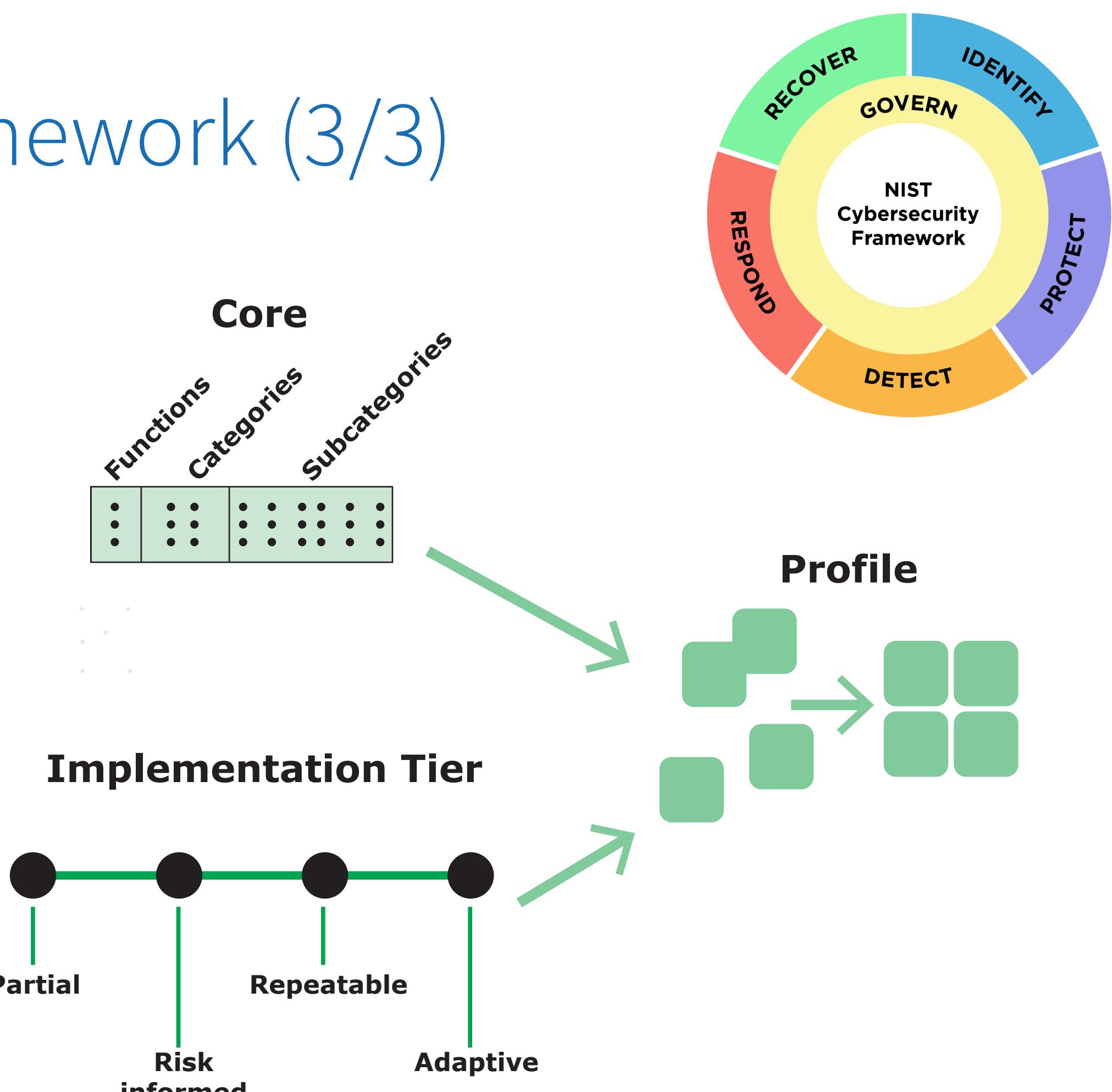
<https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework>

NIST Cybersecurity Framework (3/3)

NIST CSF

AN ORGANIZATION CAN USE THE CSF CORE, PROFILES, AND TIERS WITH THE SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES TO UNDERSTAND, ASSESS, PRIORITIZE, AND COMMUNICATE CYBERSECURITY RISKS.

- **Understand and Assess:** Describe the current or target cybersecurity posture of part or all of an organization, determine gaps, and assess progress toward addressing those gaps.
- **Prioritize:** Identify, organize, and prioritize actions for managing cybersecurity risks that align with the organization's mission, legal and regulatory requirements, and risk management and governance expectations.
- **Communicate:** Provide a common language for communicating inside and outside the organization about cybersecurity risks, capabilities, needs, and expectations



CSF Components

NIST CSF Core Functions

CORE COMPONENT



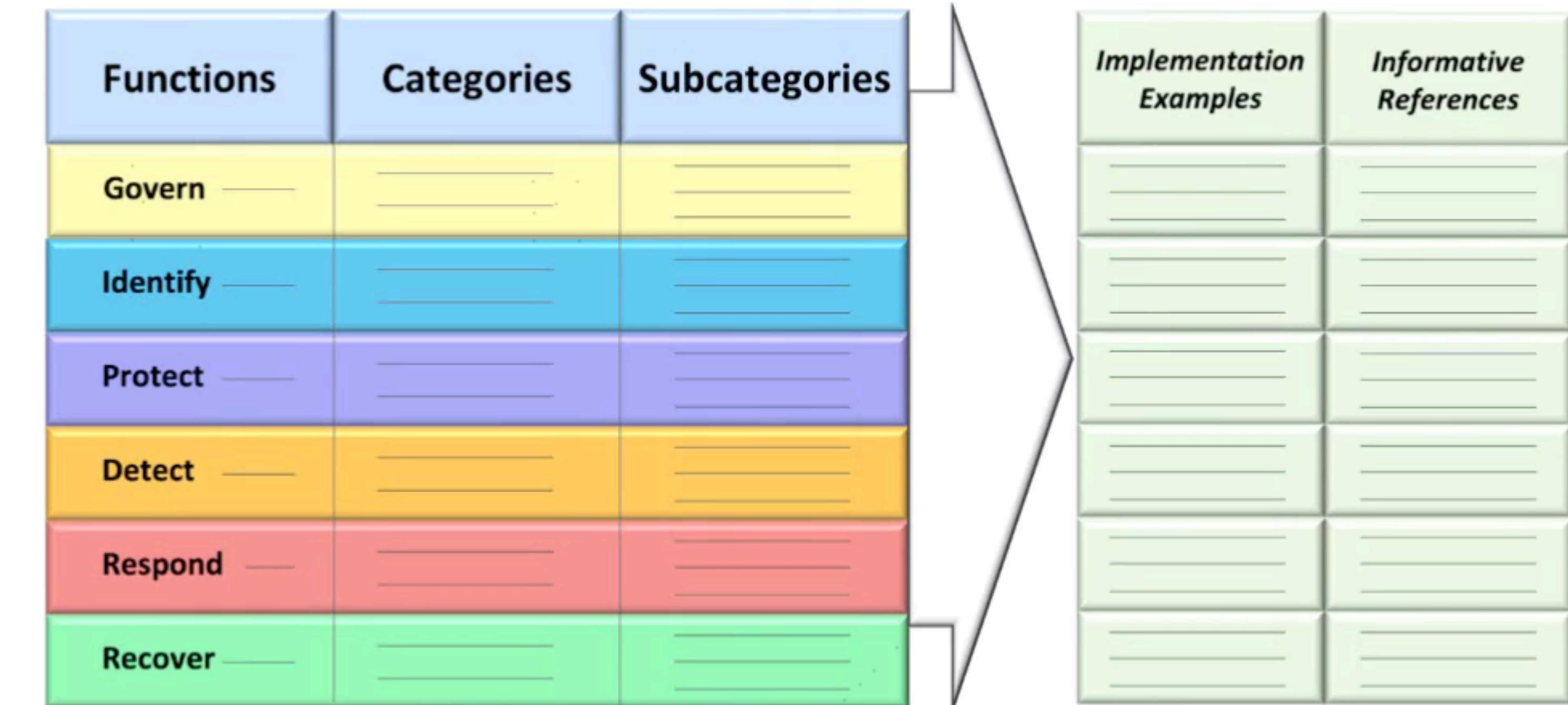
The Framework Core identifies **six key functions** that compose an organization's cybersecurity risk management approach. Each function is divided into a number of specific **categories**, each of which in turn is divided into a number of more detailed subcategories,

The six functions **provide a high-level view of the elements** that compose risk management for an organization.



Each category is divided into **subcategories** of specific outcomes of technical and/or management activities that provide

For each subcategory the NIST Cybersecurity Framework **provides a list of informative references, which are specific sections of standards, guidelines, and practices common among critical infrastructure sectors** that illustrate methods of achieving the outcomes associated with each subcategory.



[**NIST Cybersecurity Framework \(CSF\) 2.0 Reference Tool**](#)
allows users to explore the CSF 2.0 Core

NIST CSF Implementation Tiers

LEVEL OF COMMITMENT

| Risk Management Process | Integrated Risk Management Program | External Participation |
|---|---|---|
| Tier 1: Partial | | |
| RM practices not formalized, ad hoc. Prioritization of cybersecurity activities may not be directly informed by organizational risk objectives, the threat environment, or business/mission requirements. | Limited awareness of risk, no organization-wide approach to RM. cybersecurity information to be shared within the organization. | Lack of coordination and collaboration with other entities. |
| Tier 2: Risk Informed | | |
| RM practices approved by management by not established as organizational-wide policy. Informed prioritization of cybersecurity activities. | Risk-informed, processes and procedures are defined and implemented, and staff has adequate resources to perform their cybersecurity duties. No organization-wide approach to RM. | No formal coordination and collaboration with other entities. |
| Tier 3: Repeatable | | |
| RM practices are formally approved and expressed as policy. Organizational cybersecurity practices are regularly updated based on changes in business/mission requirements and the threat and technology landscape. | Organization-wide approach to RM. Risk-informed policies, processes, and procedures are defined, implemented as intended, and reviewed. Personnel possess the knowledge and skills to perform their appointed roles and responsibilities. | Collaboration with partners enables RM decisions in response to external events. |
| Tier 4: Adaptive | | |
| Organization actively adapts to a changing cybersecurity landscape and responds to evolving and sophisticated threats in a timely manner. | Organization-wide approach to managing cybersecurity risk that uses risk-informed policies, processes, and procedures to address potential cybersecurity events. | Organization manages risk and actively shares information with partners to ensure that accurate, current information is being distributed and consumed. |

The **tiers** defined in the Cybersecurity Framework help an organization **define the priority** that is to be given to cybersecurity and the **level of commitment** that the organization intends to make.

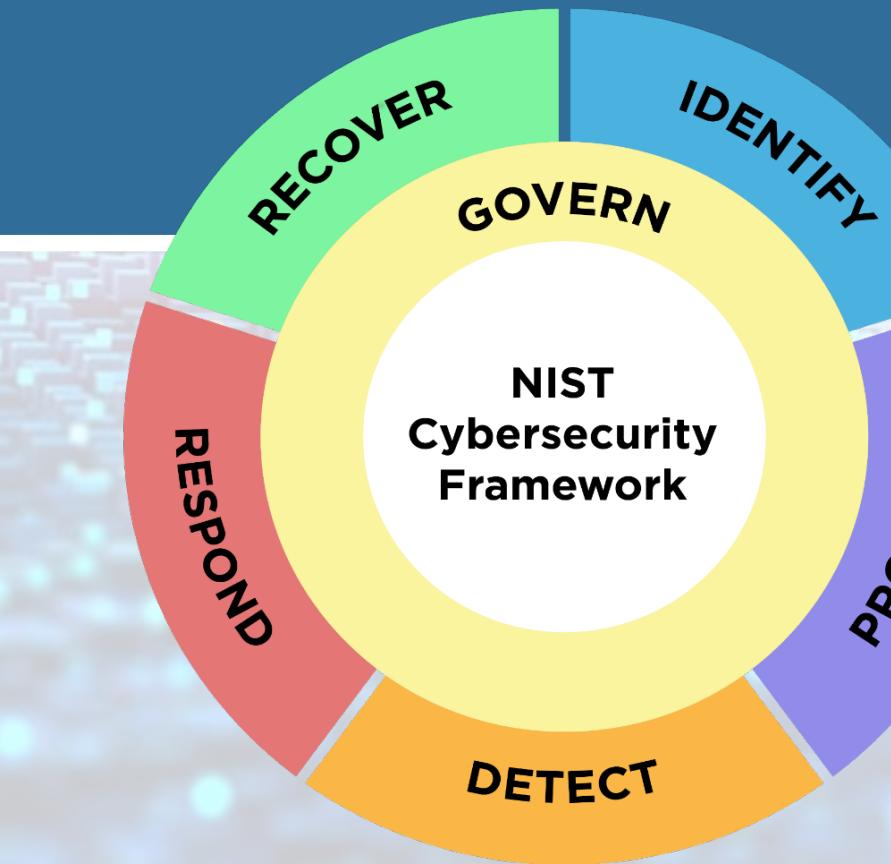
The tiers range from **Partial (Tier 1)** to **Adaptive (Tier 4)** and **describe increasing degrees of rigor and sophistication in cybersecurity risk management practices** and the **extent** to which cybersecurity risk management is informed by business needs and **integrated** into an organization's overall risk management practices



NIST CSF Small Business Using Tiers



NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0: Quick-Start Guide for Using the CSF Tiers



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NIST CSF Profiles

STEPS FOR CREATING PROFILES

- A **profile** is a selection of categories and subcategories from the Framework Core.
- A **current profile** reflects the **cybersecurity posture of the organization**. Based on a risk assessment, an organization can define a **target profile** and then categories and subcategories from the Framework Core to reach the target. This definition of current and target profiles **enables management** to determine what has been done and **needs to be maintained and what new cybersecurity measures** need to be implemented to manage risk.
- The referenced **guidelines**, standards, and practices for each subcategory provide **concrete descriptions** of the work needed to meet the target profile.

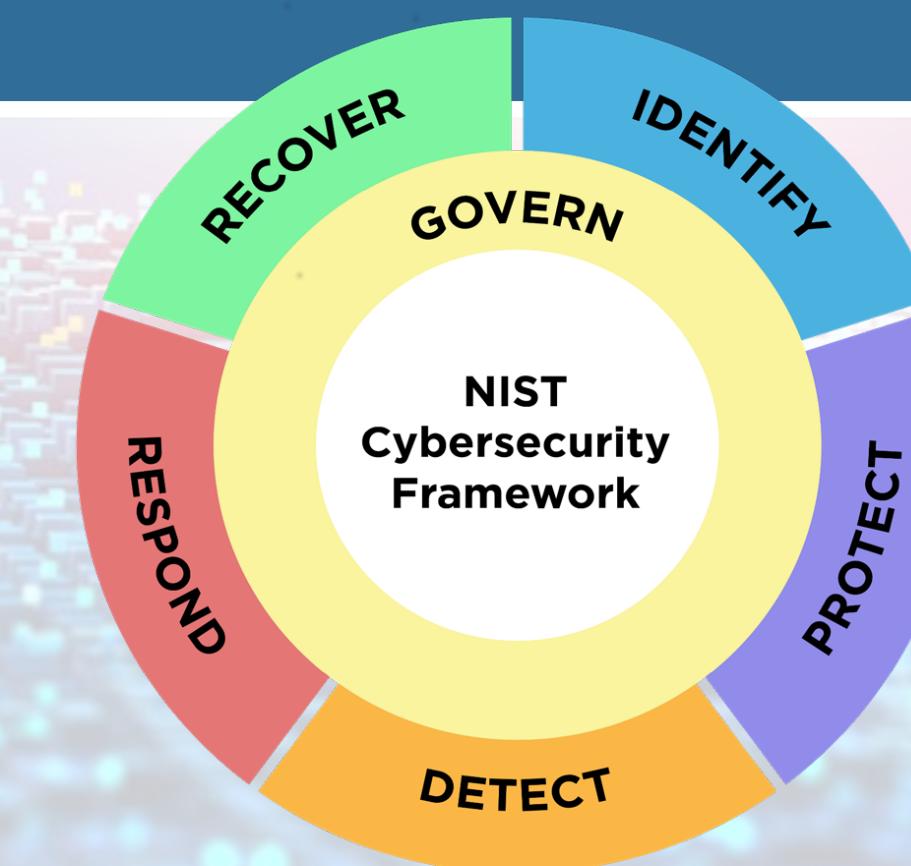




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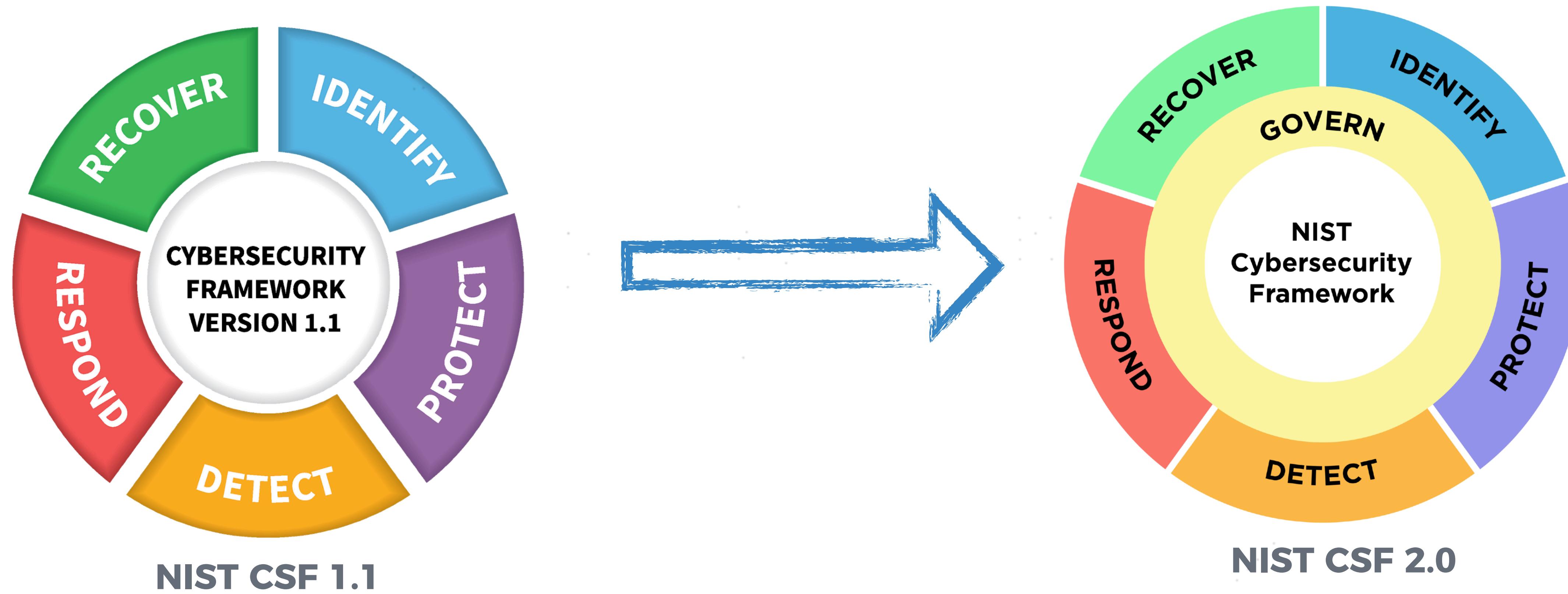
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NIST CSF 2.0: a significant revision

CSF 1.1. VS CSF 2.0



1. The CSF 2.0 introduces a **new function called "Govern,"** which emphasises the significance of organisational governance in cybersecurity.
2. The CSF 2.0 emphasizes the importance of **managing supply chain risk,** which is a growing concern for organizations.
3. The CSF 2.0 encourages organizations to **adopt a mindset of continuous improvement,** rather than a one-time assessment and implementation.

NIST CSF

GENERAL COMMENT

The **NIST Cybersecurity Framework** is an **important resource** for those involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of an organization's cybersecurity capability.

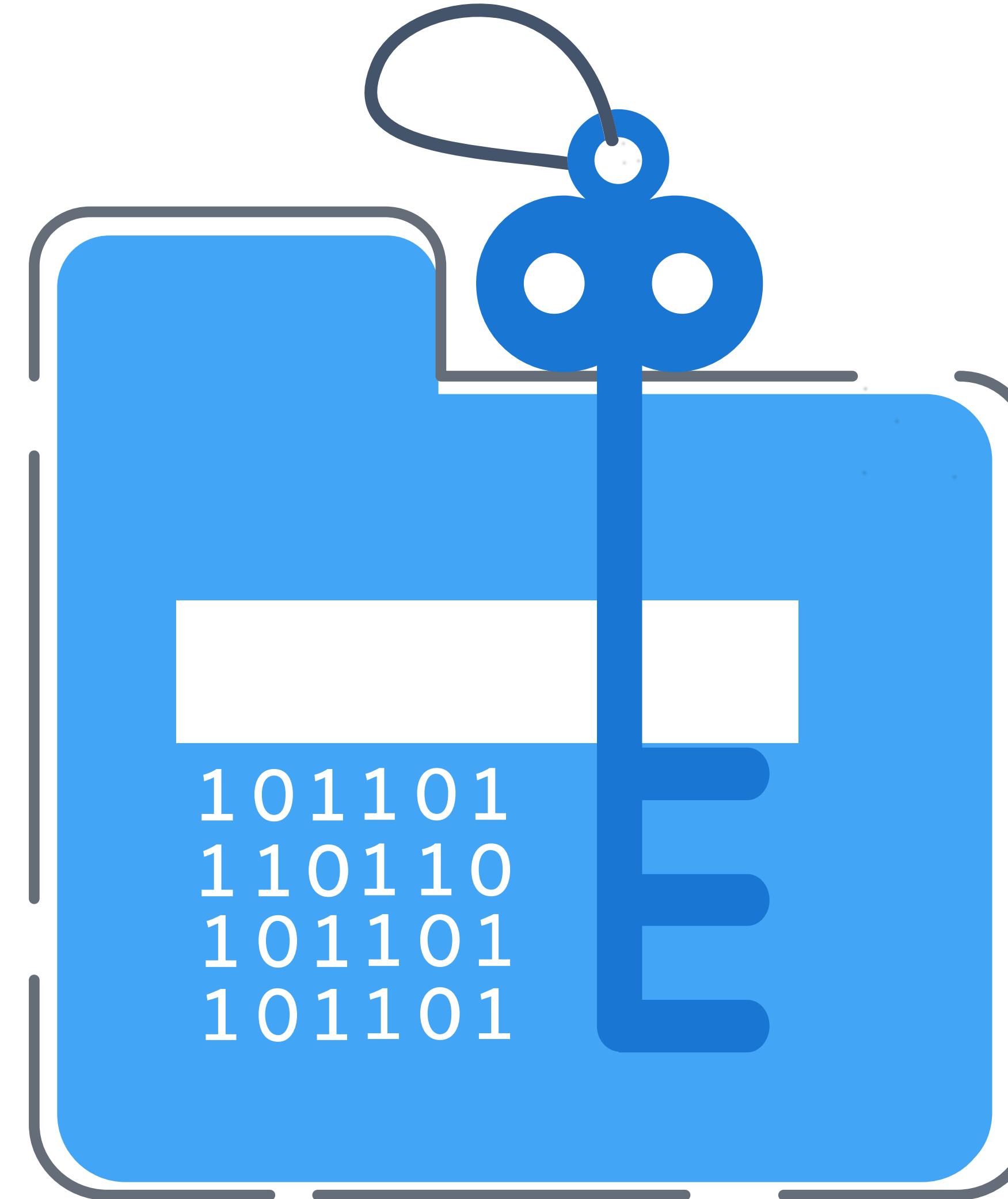
It is concise and uses clearly defined categories and subcategories.

Approaching a document such as the ISF SGP or the ISO 27002 can be **intimidating** and even overwhelming because of the large body of knowledge they contain.

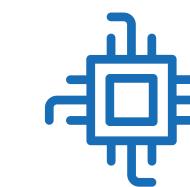
The Cybersecurity Framework is an **excellent resource** to help an organization more effectively use these more detailed **documents**.



NIST Security Documents: what?



NIST has produced a large number of FIPS publications and SPs that are enormously useful to security managers, designers, and implementers. Some of these documents are **prescriptive standards**, but many of them are **tutorials or surveys** and provide a continually updated source of educational material on a broad range of security topics.



Special Publications (SPs).



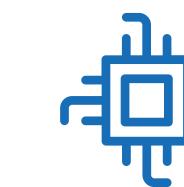
Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

Countermeasures

Technical Safeguards

An action, a device, a procedure, or a technique that reduces a threat, a vulnerability, or an attack by eliminating or preventing it, by minimizing the harm it can cause, or by discovering and reporting it so that corrective action can be taken.

NIST Security Documents: most important ones



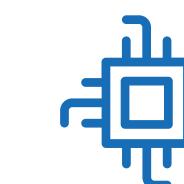
NIST SP 800-53, Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations

This document lists management, operational, and technical safeguards or countermeasures prescribed for an information system to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its information. **State-of-the-practice security controls and control enhancements** have been integrated into the latest revision (2013) to address the evolving technology and threat space.



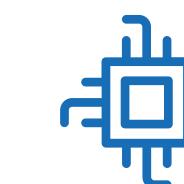
FIPS 200, Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems (2006)

Specifies minimum security requirements in 17 security-related areas with regard to protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of federal information systems and the information processed, stored, and transmitted by those systems.



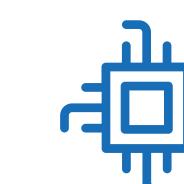
NIST SP 800-12, Introduction to Information Security, (2017)

Provides an outstanding **introduction to the topic of information security**.



NIST SP 800-55, Performance Measurement Guide for Information Security (2008)

Provides guidance on how an organization, through the use of metrics, identifies the adequacy of in-place security controls, policies, and procedures.



SP 800-100, Information Security Handbook: A Guide for Managers (2006)

Provides a broad overview of **information security program elements to assist managers in understanding how to establish and implement an information security program**. Its topical coverage overlaps considerably with ISO 27002.

MITRE

"AT MITRE, WE SOLVE PROBLEMS FOR A SAFER WORLD"

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<https://www.mitre.org/>

MITRE Att&ck: Why?

THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND ITS DEVELOPMENT

MITRE started ATT&CK in 2013

to document common **tactics**, **techniques**, and **procedures (TTPs)** that advanced persistent threats use against Windows enterprise networks. This framework to address **four main issues**:

- ✓ **Adversary behaviours.** Focusing on adversary **tactics** and techniques allowed us to develop analytics to detect possible adversary behaviours. Typical indicators such as domains, IP addresses, file hashes, registry keys, etc. were easily changed by adversaries and were only useful for point in time detection — they didn't represent how adversaries interact with systems, only that they likely interacted at some time.
- ✓ **Lifecycle models that didn't fit.** Existing adversary lifecycle and **Cyber Kill Chain concepts** were too high-level to relate behaviours to defenses — the level of abstraction wasn't useful to map TTPs to new types of sensors.
- ✓ **Applicability to real environments.** TTPs need to be based on **observed incidents** to show the work is applicable to real environments.
- ✓ **Common taxonomy.** TTPs need to be comparable across different types of adversary groups using the same terminology.



MITRE Att&ck Framework

KNOWLEDGE BASE DOCUMENTS

**MITRE ATT&CK is an open framework
for implementing cybersecurity
detection and response programs.**

The ATT&CK framework is available **free of charge** and includes a global knowledge base of adversarial **tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)** based on real-world observations.

ATT&CK mimics the behaviour of real-life attackers, **helping** IT, security, and compliance organizations **efficiently identify** security gaps, evaluate risks, and eliminate vulnerabilities.



Common taxonomy

ATT&CK provides a **common taxonomy** that lets various constituents (SecOps teams, red and blue teams, penetration testers, security solution providers, threat intelligence vendors, etc.) communicate using the **same language**.



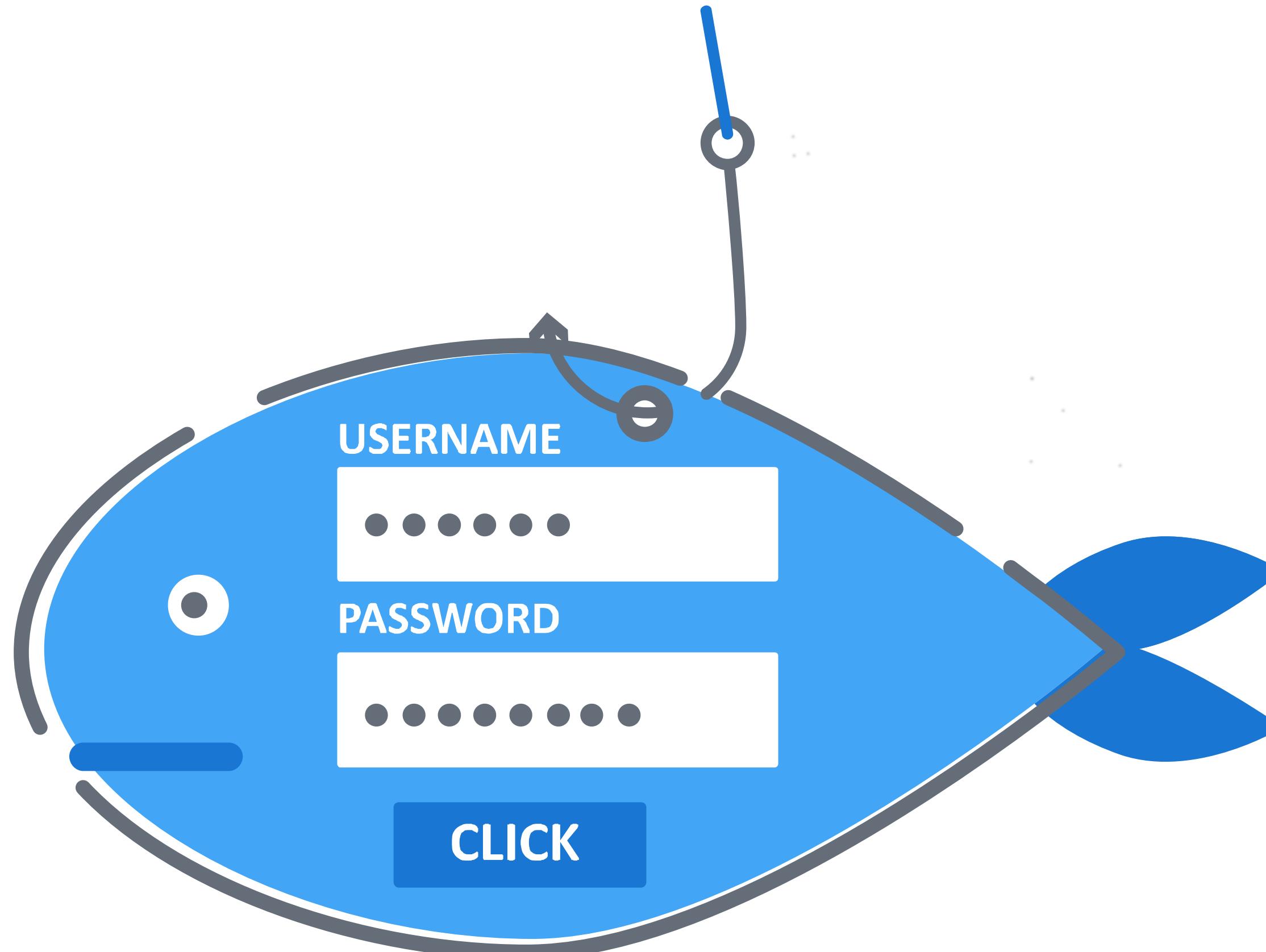
Database

ATT&CK also includes a **Groups database** that **tracks the activities** of threat actors and cybercriminal syndicates around the world.



MITRE Att&ck TTPs

TACTICS VS TECHNIQUES



ATT&CK is largely a knowledge base of adversarial techniques

Unlike prior work in this area, the focus isn't on the tools and **malware that adversaries use but on how they interact** with systems during an operation. ATT&CK organizes these techniques into a set of tactics to help explain to provide context for the technique.



TACTICS

Tactics represent the “**why**” of an ATT&CK technique. The tactic is the adversary’s tactical objective for performing an action



TECHNIQUES

Techniques represent “**how**” an adversary achieves a tactical objective by performing an action. Techniques may also represent “**what**” an adversary gains by performing an action.

MITRE Att&ck Background and Scope

KNOWLEDGE BASE DOCUMENTS

Since 2013, MITRE has identified hundreds of different techniques adversaries use to execute cyberattacks. **ATT&CK organizes these techniques into a collection of tactics to help security practitioners efficiently detect, isolate, and remediate threats.**

The **tactics** describe what the **adversary is trying to do** (e.g., steal credentials) and the **techniques** describe **the actions the adversary takes** to achieve their goals (e.g., brute force methods).



ATT&CK FOR ENTERPRISE MATRIX

for Windows, macOS, Linux, cloud, containers, and network systems

<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v12/>



ATT&CK FOR MOBILE MATRIX

for Apple iOS and Android devices

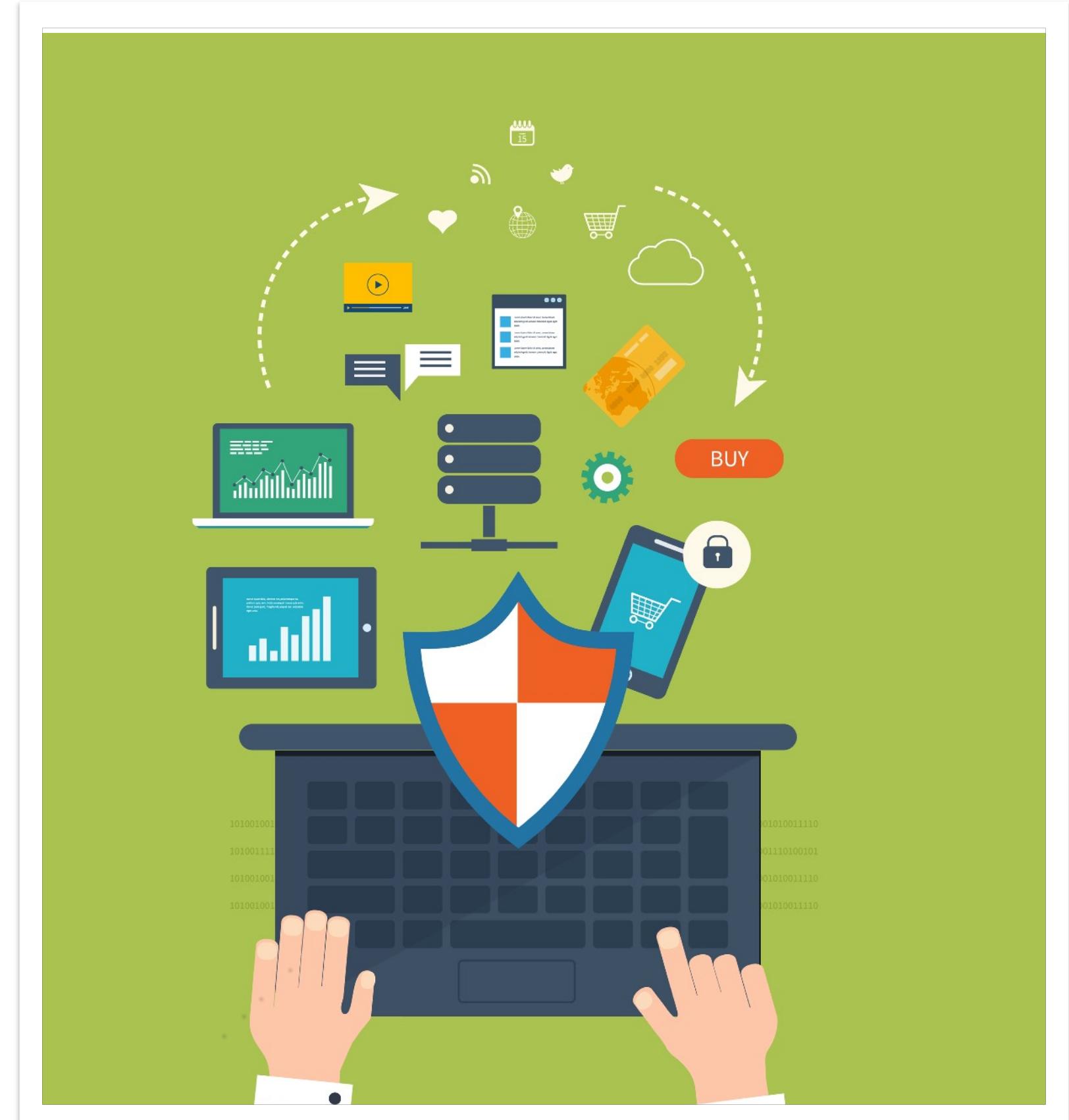
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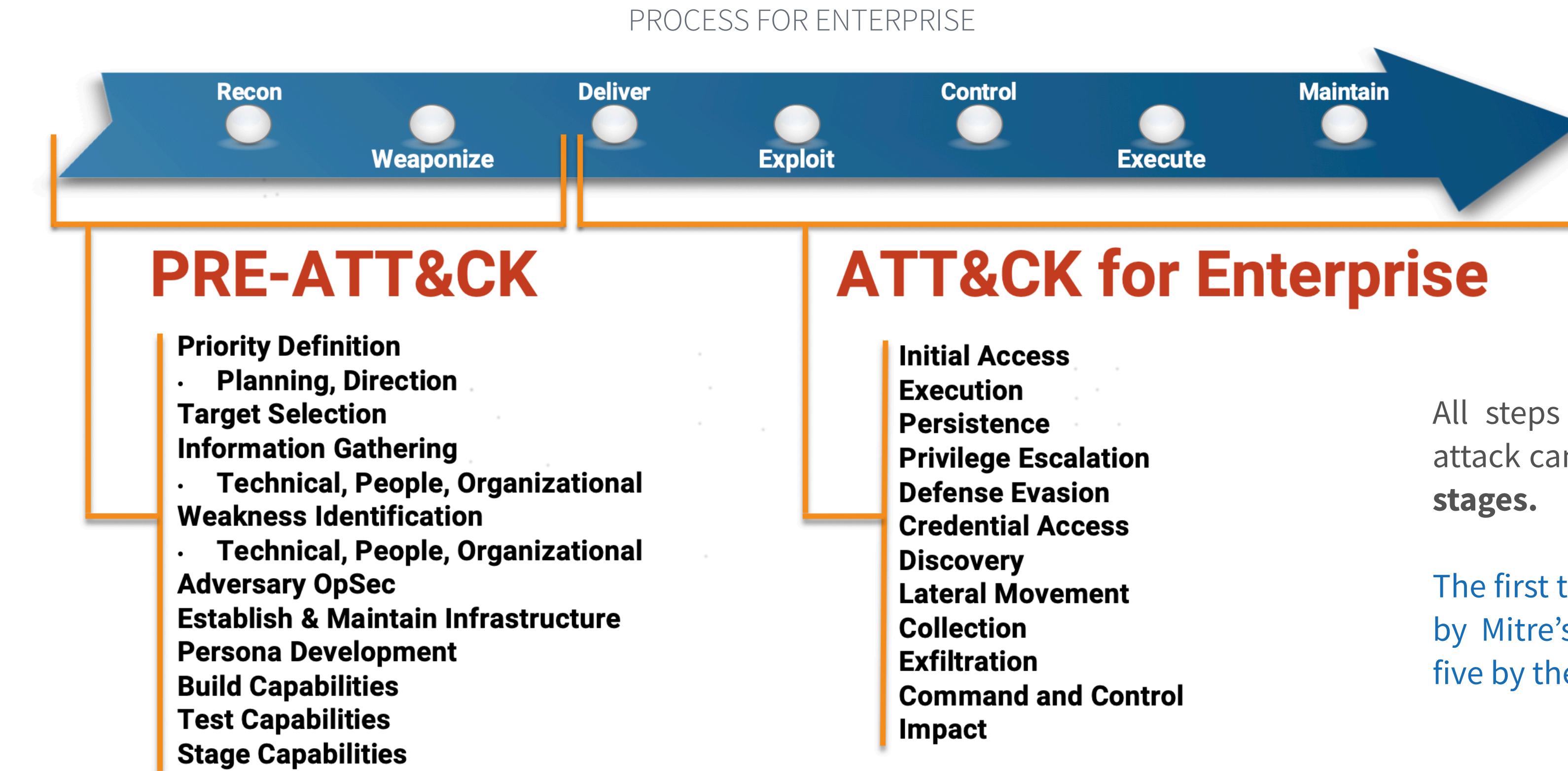
ATT&CK FOR INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS MATRIX

for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems and other industrial control systems

https://collaborate.mitre.org/attackics/index.php/Main_Page



MITRE Att&ck Decomposition



PRE-ATT&CK

the PRE-ATT&CK framework focusses on **the preceding preparation phases**. Preventing an attack is **much cheaper** than having to repair damages to IT systems, let alone the financial or reputational impact it can have.

ATT&CK FOR ENTERPRISE

ATT&CK framework concentrates on the steps taken once an attack is launched

MITRE Att&ck Matrix

ENTERPRISE

| Reconnaissance | Resource Development | Initial Access | Execution | Persistence | Privilege Escalation | Defense Evasion | Credential Access | Discovery | Lateral Movement | Collection | Command and Control | Exfiltration | Impact |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 10 techniques | 6 techniques | 9 techniques | 10 techniques | 18 techniques | 12 techniques | 37 techniques | 14 techniques | 25 techniques | 9 techniques | 17 techniques | 16 techniques | 9 techniques | 13 techniques |
| Active Scanning (0/2) | Acquire Infrastructure (0/6) | Drive-by Compromise | Command and Scripting Interpreter (0/8) | Account Manipulation (0/4) | Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (0/4) | Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (0/4) | Brute Force (0/4) | Account Discovery (0/4) | Exploitation of Remote Services | Archive Collected Data (0/3) | Application Layer Protocol (0/4) | Automated Exfiltration (0/1) | Account Access Removal |
| Gather Victim Host Information (0/4) | Compromise Accounts (0/2) | Exploit Public-Facing Application | Exploitation for Client Execution | BITS Jobs | Access Token Manipulation (0/5) | Access Token Manipulation (0/5) | Credentials from Password Stores (0/3) | Application Window Discovery | Internal Spearphishing | Audio Capture | Communication Through Removable Media | Data Transfer Size Limits | Data Destruction |
| Gather Victim Identity Information (0/3) | Compromise Infrastructure (0/6) | External Remote Services | Inter-Process Communication (0/2) | Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (0/12) | Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (0/12) | BITS Jobs | Exploitation for Credential Access | Browser Bookmark Discovery | Lateral Tool Transfer | Automated Collection | Data Encoding (0/2) | Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (0/3) | Data Encrypted for Impact |
| Gather Victim Network Information (0/6) | Develop Capabilities (0/4) | Hardware Additions | Native API | Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (0/5) | Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (0/5) | Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information | Forced Authentication | Cloud Infrastructure Discovery | Clipboard Data | Data from Cloud Storage Object | Data Obfuscation (0/3) | Exfiltration Over C2 Channel | Data Manipulation (0/3) |
| Gather Victim Org Information (0/4) | Establish Accounts (0/2) | Phishing (0/3) | Scheduled Task/Job (0/6) | Browser Extensions | Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (0/5) | Direct Volume Access | Execution Guardrails (0/1) | Cloud Service Discovery | Remote Service Session Dashboard | Dynamic Resolution (0/3) | Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (0/1) | Defacement (0/2) | Defacement (0/2) |
| Phishing for Information (0/3) | Obtain Capabilities (0/6) | Replication Through Removable Media | Shared Modules | Compromise Client Software Binary | Create or Modify System Process (0/4) | Exploitation for Defense Evasion | Input Capture (0/4) | Domain Trust Discovery | Remote Services (0/6) | Encrypted Channel (0/2) | Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (0/1) | Disk Wipe (0/2) | Endpoint Denial of Service (0/4) |
| Search Closed Sources (0/2) | Supply Chain Compromise (0/3) | Trusted Relationship | Software Deployment Tools | Create Account (0/3) | Event Triggered Execution (0/15) | Event Triggered Execution (0/15) | Man-in-the-Middle (0/2) | File and Directory Discovery | File and Directory Discovery | Data from Configuration Repository (0/2) | Inhibit System Recovery | Firmware Corruption | |
| Search Open Technical Databases (0/5) | | | | Create or Modify System Process (0/4) | Exploitation for Privilege Escalation | File and Directory Discovery | Modify Authentication Process (0/4) | Network Service Scanning | Network Service Scanning | File and Directory Discovery | Replication Through Removable Media | | |
| Search Open Websites/Domains (0/2) | | | | User Execution (0/2) | Group Policy Modification | Group Policy Modification | Network Sniffing | Network Share Discovery | Network Share Discovery | Network Sniffing | Dynamic Resolution (0/3) | | |
| Search Victim-Owned Websites | | | | Windows Management Instrumentation | Event Triggered Execution (0/15) | Group Policy Modification | OS Credential Dumping (0/8) | Taint Shared Content | Taint Shared Content | Network Sniffing | Encrypted Channel (0/2) | | |
| | | | | | External Remote Services | Hide Artifacts (0/7) | Steal Application Access Token | Use Alternate Authentication Material (0/4) | Use Alternate Authentication Material (0/4) | Passport Policy Discovery | Data from Removable Media | Exfiltration Over Web Service (0/2) | |
| | | | | | Hijack Execution Flow (0/11) | Hijack Execution Flow (0/11) | Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (0/4) | Use Alternate Authentication Material (0/4) | Use Alternate Authentication Material (0/4) | Peripheral Device Discovery | Non-Application Layer Protocol | Scheduled Transfer | Resource Hijacking |
| | | | | | Hijack Execution Flow (0/11) | Impair Defenses (0/7) | Indirect Command Execution | Two-Factor Authentication Interception | Two-Factor Authentication Interception | Process Discovery | Data Staged (0/2) | Non-Standard Port | Service Stop |
| | | | | | Implant Container Image | Scheduled Task/Job (0/6) | Masquerading (0/6) | Unsecured Credentials (0/6) | Unsecured Credentials (0/6) | Query Registry | Email Collection (0/3) | Protocol Tunneling | System Shutdown/Reboot |
| | | | | | | Office Application Startup (0/6) | Modify Authentication Process (0/4) | Remote System Discovery | Remote System Discovery | Man in the Browser | Input Capture (0/4) | Proxy (0/4) | |
| | | | | | | Pre-OS Boot (0/5) | Modify Cloud Compute Infrastructure (0/4) | Software Discovery (0/1) | Software Discovery (0/1) | Traffic Signaling (0/1) | Man in the Browser | Remote Access Software | |
| | | | | | | Scheduled Task/Job (0/6) | | | | Screen Capture | Web Service (0/3) | | |
| | | | | | | Server Software Component (0/3) | | | | Video Capture | | | |

Techniques: how the goals are achieved

MITRE Att&ck Matrix

Tactics: the adversary's technical goals

| Initial Access | Execution | Persistence | Privilege Escalation | Defense Evasion | Credential Access | Discovery | Lateral Movement | Collection | Command and Control | Exfiltration | Impact |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Drive-by Compromise | | Scheduled Task | | Binary Padding | | Network Sniffing | | AppleScript | Audio Capture | Commonly Used Port | Automated Exfiltration |
| Exploit Public-Facing Application | | Launchctl | | Access Token Manipulation | Account Manipulation | Account Discovery | | Application Deployment Software | Automated Collection | Communication Through Removable Media | Data Compressed |
| | | Local Job Scheduling | | Bypass User Account Control | Bash History | Application Window Discovery | | | Clipboard Data | Data Encrypted | Defacement |
| External Remote Services | | LSASS Driver | | Extra Window Memory Injection | Brute Force | | | Distributed Component Object Model | Data from Information Repositories | Connection Proxy | Data Transfer Size Limits |
| Hardware Additions | | Trap | | Process Injection | Credential Dumping | | | | Browser Bookmark Discovery | Custom Command and Control Protocol | Custom Command and Control Protocol |
| Replication Through Removable Media | | AppleScript | DLL Search Order Hijacking | | Credentials in Files | | | | Exploitation of Remote Services | Data from Local System | Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium |
| | | CMSTP | | Image File Execution Options Injection | Credentials in Registry | Domain Trust Discovery | | | File and Directory Discovery | Logon Scripts | Firmware Corruption |
| Spearphishing Attachment | | Command Line Interface | | plist Modification | Exploitation for Credential Access | Network Service Scanning | | | Network Share Discovery | Pass the Hash | Inhibit System Recovery |
| | | Compiled HTML File | | Valid Accounts | Forced Authentication | Pass the Ticket | | | | Data from Removable Media | Network Denial of Service |
| | | Control Panel Items | Accessibility Features | BITS Jobs | | Remote Desktop Protocol | | | | Data Encoding | Resource Hijacking |
| | | Dynamic Data Exchange | AppCert DLLs | Clear Command History | Hooking | Email Collection | | | | Data Obfuscation | Runtime Data Manipulation |
| | | Execution through API | AppInit DLLs | CMSTP | Input Capture | Domain Fronting | | | | | Service Stop |
| | | Execution through Module Load | Application Shimming | Code Signing | Input Prompt | Input Capture | | | | | Scheduled Transfer |
| | | | Dylib Hijacking | Compiled HTML File | Kerberoasting | Man in the Browser | | | | | Stored Data Manipulation |
| | | | Exploitation for Client Execution | Component Firmware | Keychain | Screen Capture | | | | | Transmitted Data Manipulation |
| | | Graphical User Interface | File System Permissions Weakness | Component Object Model Hijacking | LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning and Relay | fallback channels | | | | | |
| | | InstallUtil | Hooking | Launch Daemon | Process Discovery | Video Capture | | | | | |
| | | Mshta | New Service | Control Panel Items | Query Registry | Multi-hop Proxy | | | | | |
| | | PowerShell | | | Remote System Discovery | Multi-layer Encryption | | | | | |
| | | Regsvcs/Regasm | | | Security Software Discovery | Shared Webroot | | | | | |
| | | Regsvr32 | | | System Information Discovery | SSH Hijacking | | | | | |
| | | Rundll32 | | | | Taint Shared Content | | | | | |
| | | Scripting | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Service Execution | .bash_profile a | | | | | | | | |
| | | Signed Binary Proxy Execution | Account Man | | | | | | | | |
| | | Signed Script Proxy Execution | Authentication | | | | | | | | |
| | | Source | BITS Job | | | | | | | | |
| | | Space after Filename | Bootkit | | | | | | | | |
| | | Third-party Software | Browser Ext | | | | | | | | |
| | | Trusted Developer Utilities | Change Dr | | | | | | | | |
| | | User Execution | File Assoc | | | | | | | | |
| | | Windows Management Instrumentation | Component F | | | | | | | | |
| | | Windows Remote Management | Component M | | | | | | | | |
| | | XSL Script Processing | External Rem | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hidden Files and | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hypervisor | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Kernel Modules and Extensions | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | from Tools | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Indicator Removal on Host | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Indirect Command Execution | | | | | | | |

Procedures: Specific technique implementation

Spearphishing Attachment Procedure Examples

| Name | Description |
|-------|--|
| APT12 | APT12 has sent emails with malicious Microsoft Office documents and PDFs attached. [88] [89] |
| APT19 | APT19 sent spearphishing emails with malicious attachments in RTF and XLSM formats to deliver initial exploits. [62] |

<https://mitre-attack.github.io/attack-navigator/>

Cybersecurity in Italy

MAIN MILESTONES



2016 ITALIAN CYBERSECURITY REPORT

15 FUNDAMENTAL SECURITY CONTROLS FOR SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESSES



DPCM FEB. 17TH, 2016

IMPORTANT ACTION TO IMPROVE THE ITALIAN CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM



LIBRO BIANCO, JAN. 2018

"IL FUTURO DELLA CYBERSECURITY IN ITALIA: AMBITI PROGETTUALI STRATEGICI PROGETTI E AZIONI PER DIFENDERE AL MEGLIO IL PAESE DAGLI ATTACCHI INFORMATICI"



NIS DIRECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION, MAY 2018 (D.LGS. 65/2018)

ENSURING SECURITY OF NETWORKS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, WHICH APPLIES TO:
ESSENTIAL SERVICES OPERATORS (OSE) AND DIGITAL SERVICES PROVIDERS (FSD);
CREATION OF THE COMPUTER SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (CSIRT)



NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION, FEB. 2019

IT UPDATES THE FIRST VERSION ISSUED IN 2015.



NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PERIMETER, NOV. 2019 (L. 133/2019)

THE NEW LAW AIMS TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF NETWORKS AND ITS SYSTEMS BY PREVENTING THEIR MALFUNCTIONING, INTERRUPTION, AND IMPROPER USE.



NATO OFFICIALLY RECOGNISES THE CYBERSPACE AS THE FIFTH DOMAIN OF A WARFARE SO IT COULD RESPOND WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IN CASE OF A POWERFUL CYBER ATTACK.



National Framework for Cybersecurity (Italy)

ITALY USE CASE

The **National Framework for Cybersecurity and Data Protection ("Framework")** represents a **tool for measuring an organization's security posture in terms of maturity and completion of activities aimed at reducing cyber risk.**

Published in Italy in 2015 and updated in **2019 to version 2.0** in order to capture the Data Protection aspects expressed in the **GDPR**, the Framework allows for an in-depth look at several dimensions inherent to cybersecurity.

Designed to be used by public and private organizations of different sizes, the **Framework** is characterized by a series of key elements, which **take up and integrate** what has been proposed by **NIST with its Cybersecurity Framework**.



<https://www.cybersecurityframework.it/>

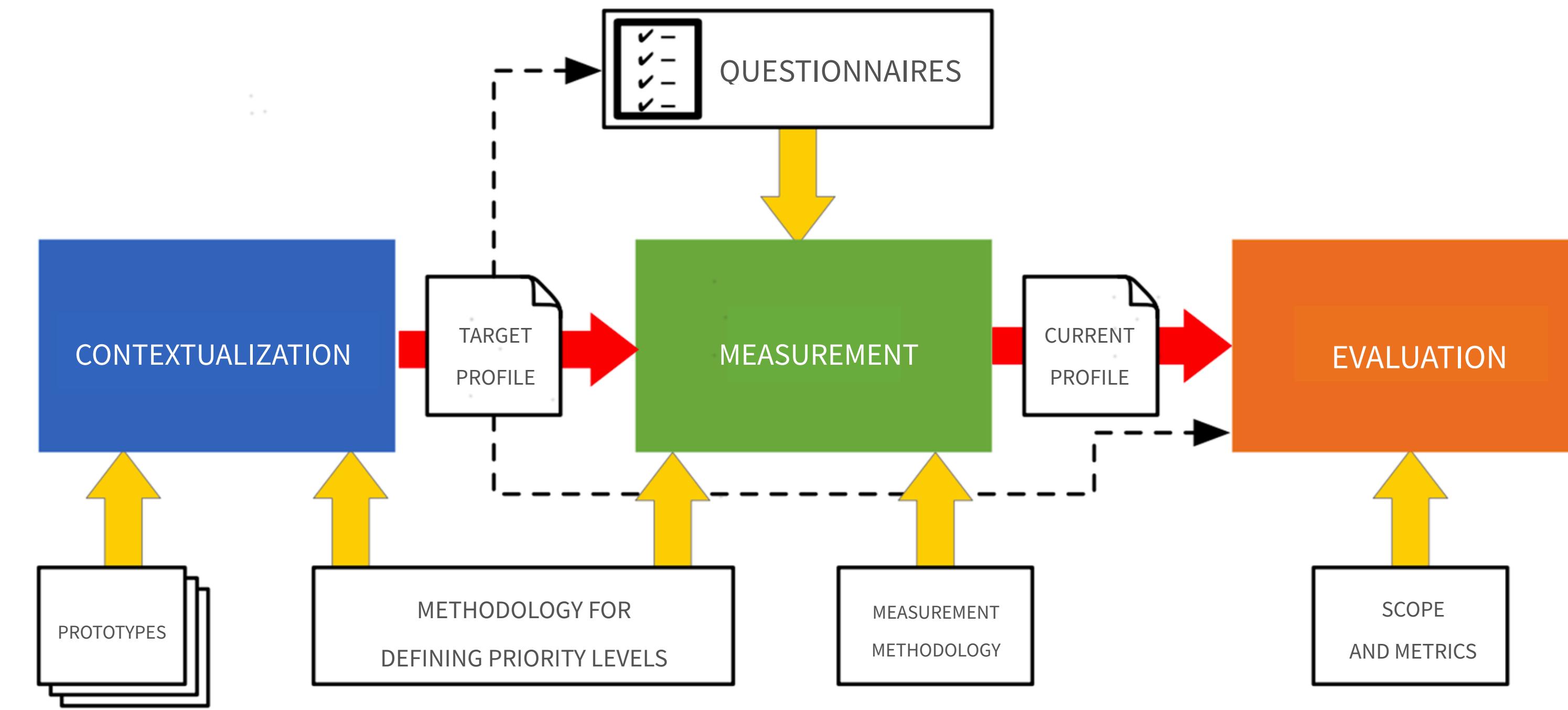
Framework Principles

KEY ELEMENTS

| Principle | Description |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| CORE | <p>Structured list of requirements needed to achieve different security objectives.</p> <p>The requirements are organized into Function (Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recovery), Category and Subcategory.</p> |
| CONTROLS | <p>A set of actions into which the requirements expressed by the subcategories can be declined.</p> <p>They are to be defined according to the characteristics and needs of each organization.</p> |
| INFORMATIVE REFERENCES | <p>References that tie each subcategory to known security practices provided for in current general regulations (e.g., GDPR, NIS, etc.) and industry standards (e.g., ISO, COBIT-5, SANS20, etc.).</p> |
| PRIORITIES LEVELS | <p>Levels (High, Medium, Low) indicating the priority of implementation of the requirements indicated in each subcategory.</p> |
| MATURITY LEVELS | <p>Implementation maturity levels of subcategories and controls.</p> |
| CONTEXTUALIZATION | <p>Process of selecting subcategories of interest to the organization and assessing priority and maturity levels for the selected subcategories.</p> |
| PROTOTYPE OF CONTEXTUALIZATION | <p>Support templates to implement contextualization, based on guidance provided by information references, industry best practices and internal security policies within the organization.</p> |

Framework Methodology (1/3)

THREE PHASES



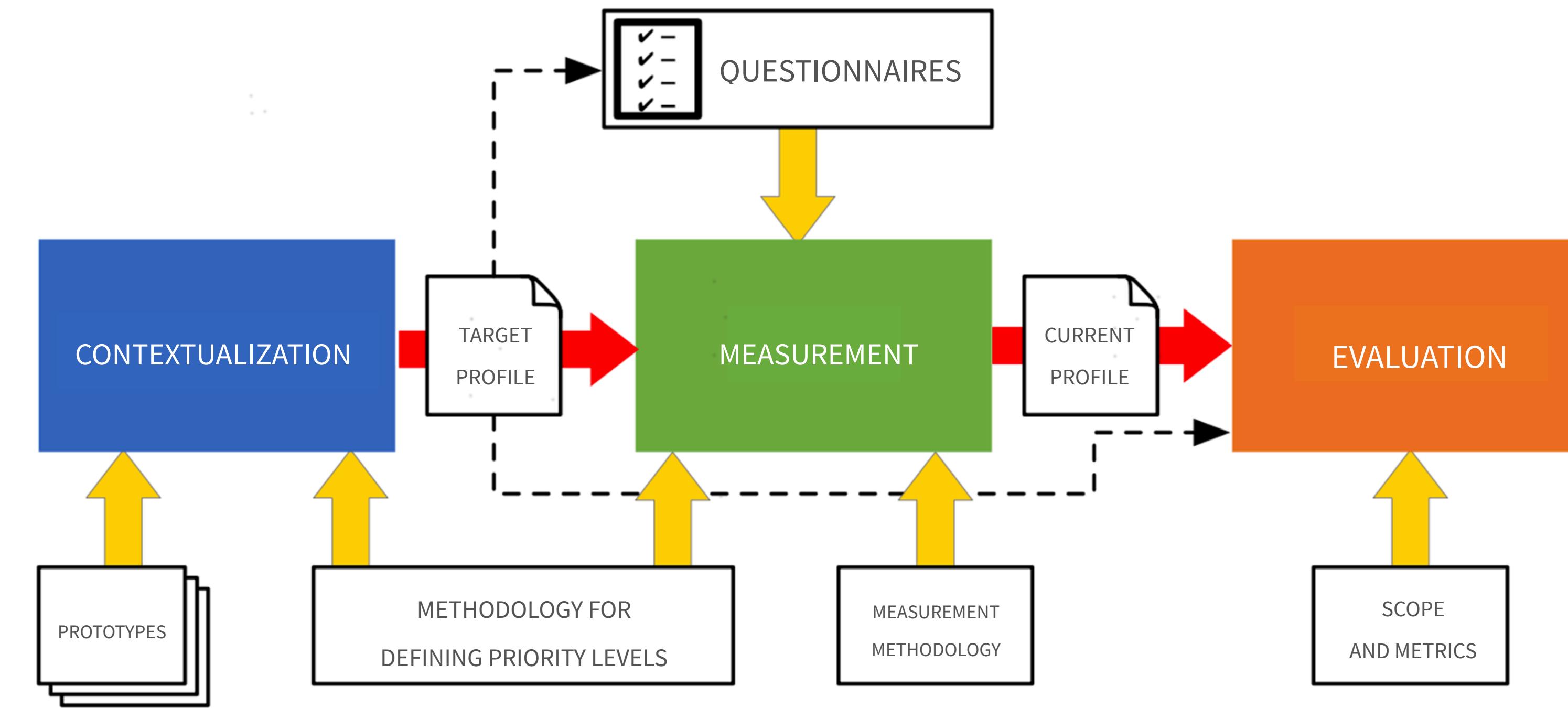
PHASE 1 - CONTEXTUALIZATION

This first phase aims at **contextualizing the Framework to the reality of interest**. This phase, as detailed in, can make use of specific support tools called contextualization prototypes, already published or defined ad hoc by the organization. The outcome of this phase will be a **Target Profile**, i.e. the **desired reference, to which to aim and on which the assessment is carried out**.

The correct definition of this profile is therefore functional to the development of the next two phases.

Framework Methodology (2/3)

THREE PHASES



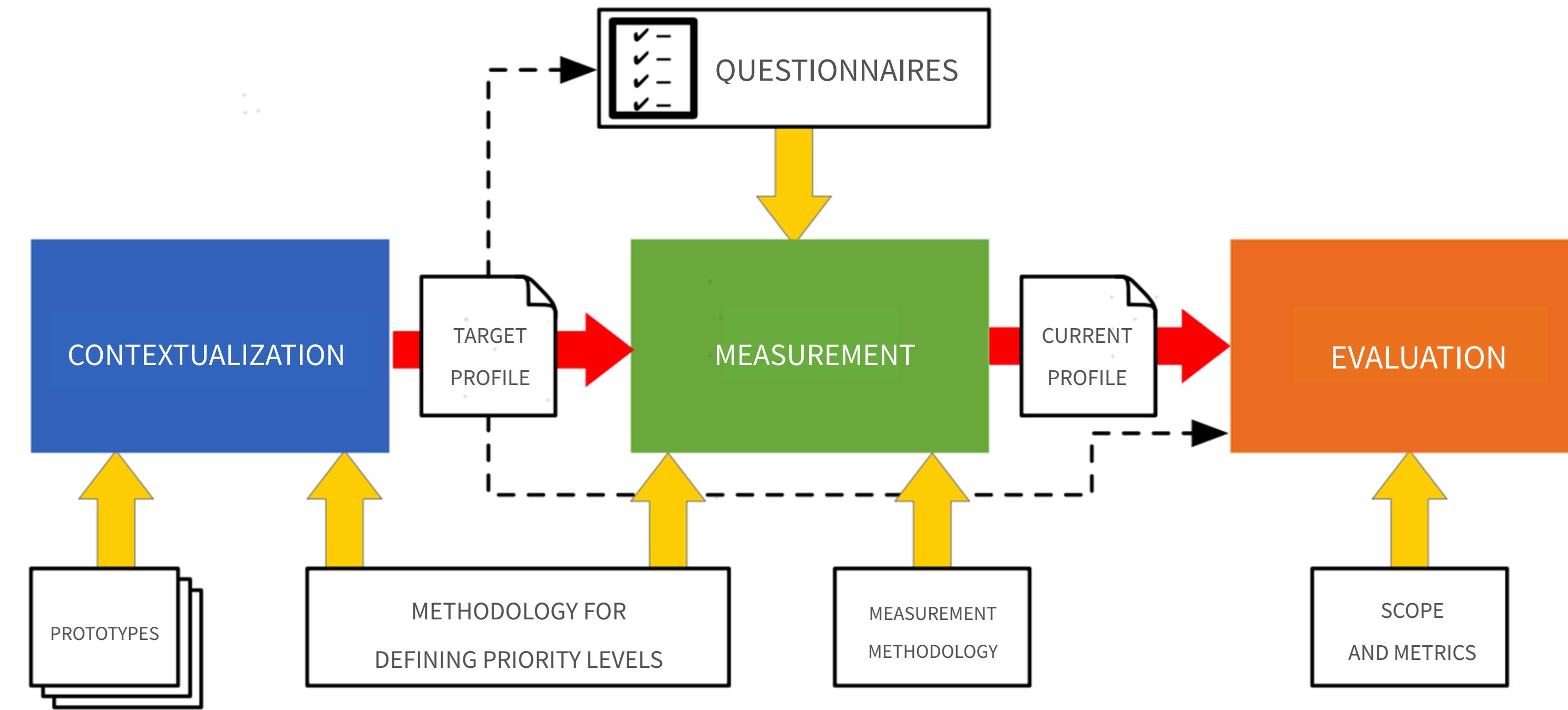
PHASE 2 - MEASUREMENT

In this second phase, the organization's current **cyber security posture** is identified against what is defined in the Target Profile.

This process is done through **interviews with relevant individuals** for the specific analysis needs. The result of the interviews is expressed in terms of coverage and maturity for each identified control.

Framework Methodology (3/3)

THREE PHASES



STEP 3 - EVALUATION

In the third phase, the results of the measurement phase are evaluated according to **several possible scopes**. This operation **allows to calculate**, starting from the values of coverage and maturity of each subcategory, **metrics of interest for the scope itself**. These metrics can consider, in an appropriately weighted way, the contributions of the various subcategories to the achievement of certain objectives for the scope itself, thus **allowing the results of the assessment to be analyzed from different points of view**.

Framework Outcomes and Scopes (1/2)

FINAL

The **output** of the **evaluation phase**, and therefore the result of the entire assessment, is **expressed through the metrics defined in the Framework**, aggregated according to different criteria and projected onto different **scopes** (e.g. risk management, compliance, etc.).

Scopes allow the assessment results to be interpreted from different perspectives within the organization.



Framework Outcomes and Scopes (2/2)

FINAL



SCOPE FRAMEWORK

This scope allows you to **assess how far the organization's current cyber security posture is from the goals set by the Target Profile.**



RISK MANAGEMENT SCOPE

This scope allows you to **analyze how consistent the organization's current cyber security posture is with respect to the risk mitigation objectives associated with the threats to which the organization itself is exposed.**



COMPLIANCE SCOPE

This scope allows you to assess how well the **Current Profile is aligned with the cybersecurity requirements of the industry in which the organization operates.**

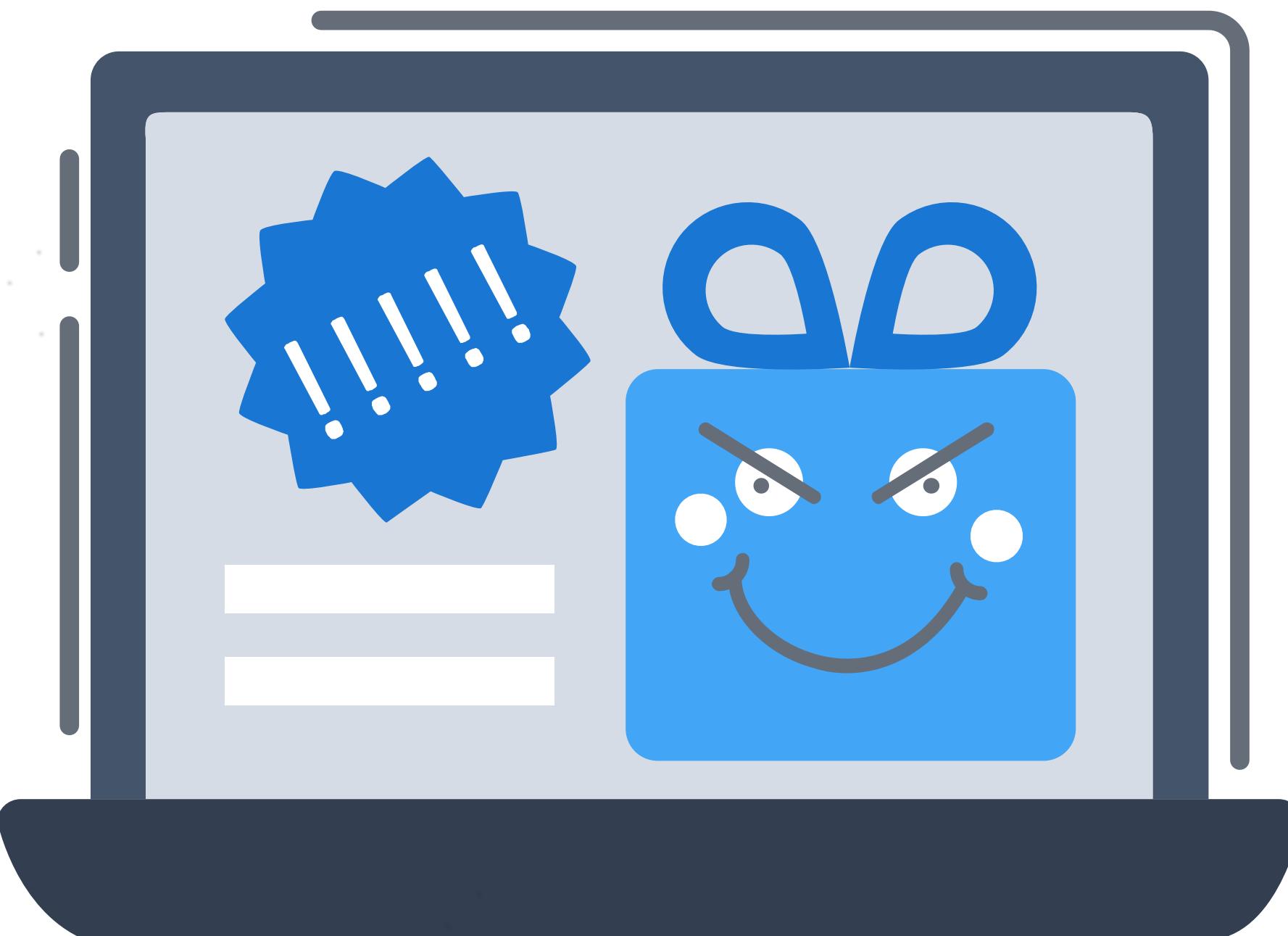


OWASP: Web Security

TO SECURE THE WEB

The **Open Web Application Security Project® (OWASP)** is a **nonprofit foundation that works to improve the security of software**. Through community-led open-source software projects, hundreds of local chapters worldwide, tens of thousands of members, and leading educational and training conferences, the OWASP Foundation is the source for developers and technologists to secure the web.

-  **OWASP Top 10**
-  **OWASP Cheat Sheet**
-  **OWASP Mobile Top 10**
-  **OWASP Risk Rating Methodology**



OWASP Top 10!

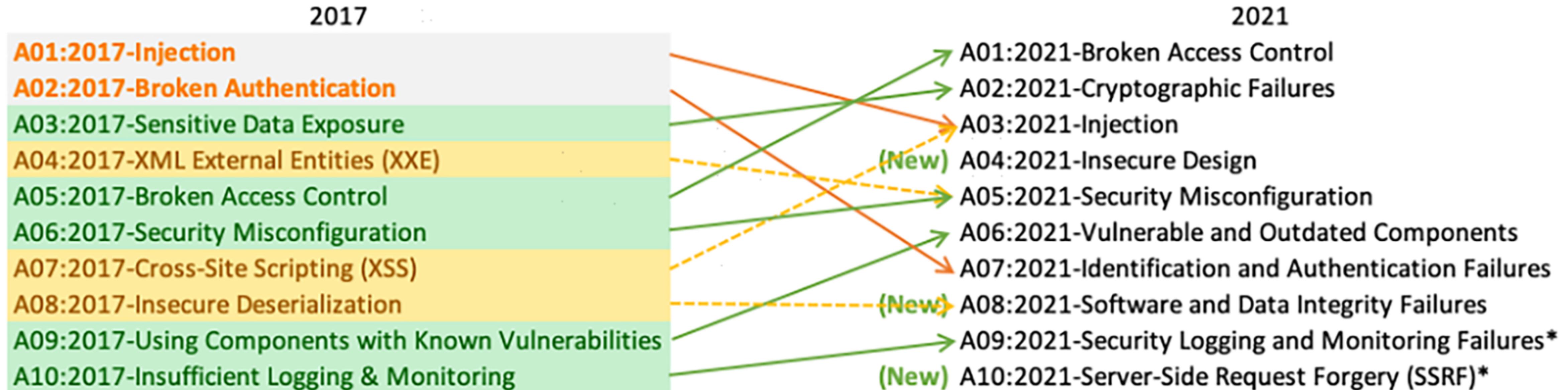
WEB APPLICATIONS

- ✓ The **OWASP Top 10** is a **standard awareness document for developers and web application security**. It represents a broad consensus about **the most critical security risks to web applications**. Companies should adopt this document and start the process of ensuring that their web applications minimize these risks.

- ✓ Using the OWASP Top 10 **is perhaps the most effective first step towards changing the software development culture** within your organization into one that produces more secure code.

OWASP Top 10!

WEB APPLICATIONS



The **OWASP Top 10** is an awareness document that highlights the **top 10 most critical web application security risks**.

The risks are in a ranked order based on frequency, severity, and magnitude for impact.

OWASP has maintained this list since 2003, and every few years, they update the list based on advancements in both application development and application security.

<https://owasp.org/Top10/>

OWASP Cheat Sheet Series



The OWASP Cheat Sheet Series was created to **provide a set of simple good practice guides for application developers and defenders to follow.**

Rather than focusing on detailed best practices that are impractical for many developers and applications, OWASP **Cheat Sheet Series is intended to provide useful practices that most developers will actually be able to implement.**

<https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/>

OWASP Mobile Top 10 [2016]



OWASP Mobile Top 10 consists of **the most critical security risks to mobile applications**. It represents a broad consensus about the most critical security risks to mobile applications.

In 2015, OWASP performed a survey and initiated a Call for Data submission globally. This helped them to analyze and recategorize the OWASP Mobile Top Ten for 2016. In this way, the top ten categories were more focused on Mobile applications rather than the Server.



The **Top 10 Mobile Risks** included:

- M1: Improper Platform Usage
- M2: Insecure Data Storage
- M3: Insecure Communication
- M4: Insecure Authentication
- M5: Insufficient Cryptography
- M6: Insecure Authorization
- M7: Client Code Quality
- M8: Code Tampering
- M9: Reverse Engineering
- M10: Extraneous Functionality

OWASP Mobile Application Security (MAS)

- The **OWASP Mobile Application Security (MAS)** flagship project provides a **security standard for mobile apps (OWASP MASVS)** and a **comprehensive testing guide (OWASP MASTG)** that covers the processes, techniques, and tools used during a mobile app security test, as well as an **exhaustive set of test cases that enables testers to deliver consistent and complete results.**

OWASP MASVS



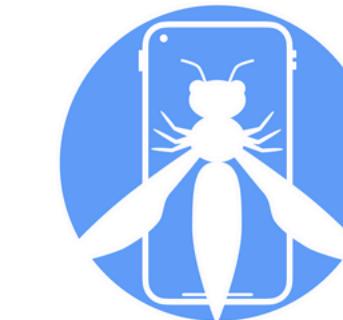
OWASP MASTG



[Download the MASVS](#)

[Download the MASTG](#)

OWASP Mobile Application Security



Mobile Application Security Verification Standard

[OWASP MASTG v1.5.0 \(commit: 3b9278f\)](#)

[OWASP MASVS v1.4.2 \(commit: 2a8b582\)](#)



The OWASP Mobile Application Security Checklist

contains links to the MASTG test case for each MASVS requirement.

- **Security Assessments / Pentests:** ensure you're at least covering the standard attack surface and start exploring.
- **Standard Compliance:** includes MASVS and MASTG versions and commit IDs
- **Learn & practice your mobile security skills.**
- **Bug Bounties:** go step by step covering the mobile attack surface.

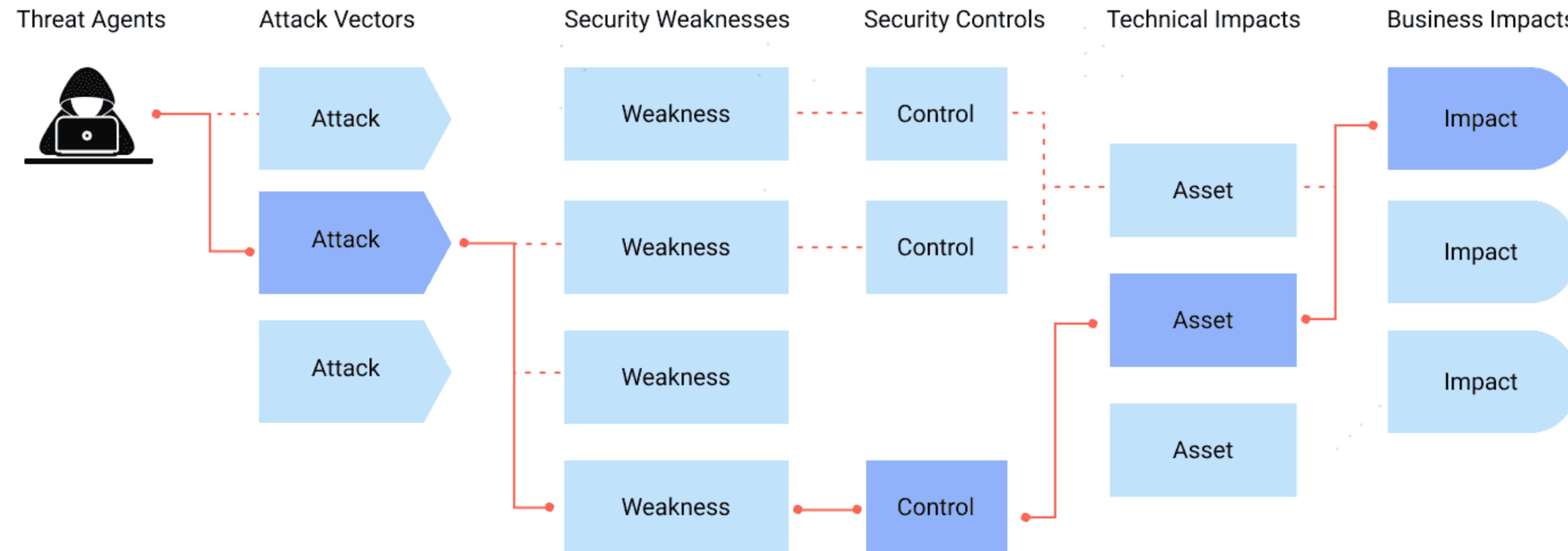
Data Storage and Privacy Requirements

| ID | MASVS-ID | Detailed Verification Requirement | L1 | L2 | R | Common | Android | iOS | Status |
|-----|----------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----|--------|
| 2.1 | MSTG-STORAGE-1 | System credential storage facilities need to be used to store sensitive data, such as PII, user credentials or cryptographic keys. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Pass ▾ |
| 2.2 | MSTG-STORAGE-2 | No sensitive data should be stored outside of the app container or system credential storage facilities. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Pass ▾ |
| 2.3 | MSTG-STORAGE-3 | No sensitive data is written to application logs. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Fail ▾ |
| 2.4 | MSTG-STORAGE-4 | No sensitive data is shared with third parties unless it is a necessary part of the architecture. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | N/A ▾ |
| 2.5 | MSTG-STORAGE-5 | The keyboard cache is disabled on text inputs that process sensitive data. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Pass ▾ |
| 2.6 | MSTG-STORAGE-6 | No sensitive data is exposed via IPC mechanisms. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Fail ▾ |
| 2.7 | MSTG-STORAGE-7 | No sensitive data, such as passwords or pins, is exposed through the user interface. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Fail ▾ |
| 2.8 | MSTG-STORAGE-8 | No sensitive data is included in backups generated by the mobile operating system. | | | Test Case | Test Case | | | Fail ▾ |

https://mas.owasp.org/MAS_checklist/

OWASP Risk Rating Methodology (1/2)

- ✓ Attackers can take **a variety of routes through your application** to cause **damage** to your company or organization. Each of these routes entails a risk that may or may not be significant enough to attract attention.



OWASP Risk Rating Methodology (2/2)



OWASP Risk Rating Methodology is the procedure of following a path of several steps for the classification of threats. Let's have a look at these steps:

- **Step 1:** Identifying a Risk
- **Step 2:** Factors for Estimating Likelihood
- **Step 3:** Factors for Estimating Impact
- **Step 4:** Determining Severity of the Risk
- **Step 5:** Deciding What to Fix
- **Step 6:** Customizing Your Risk Rating Model

The process is very similar to what we've already seen!

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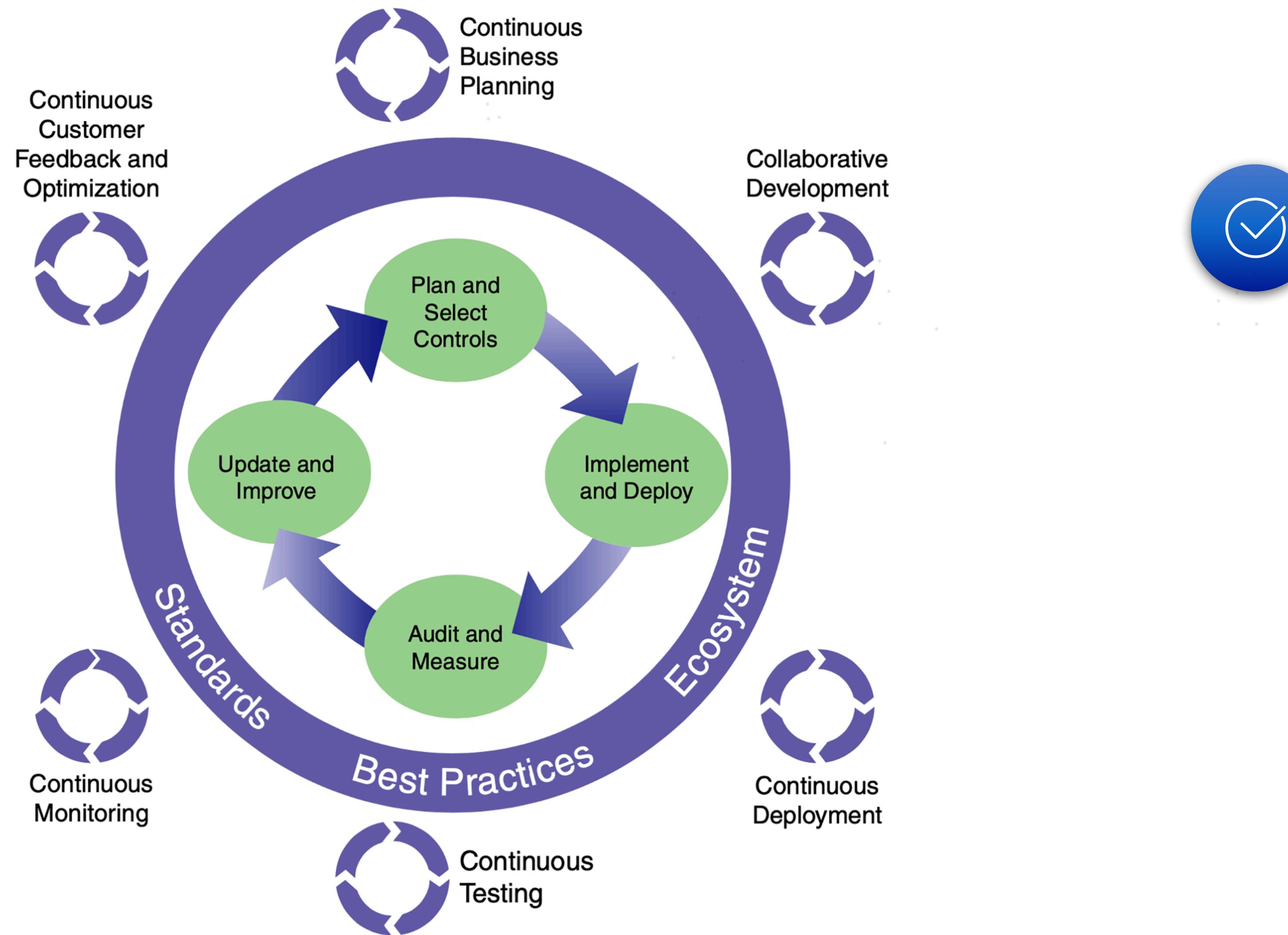
4. Effective Cybersecurity

- Management process
- Cybersecurity information and decision flow



Cybersecurity Management Process

EFFECTIVE CYBERSECURITY

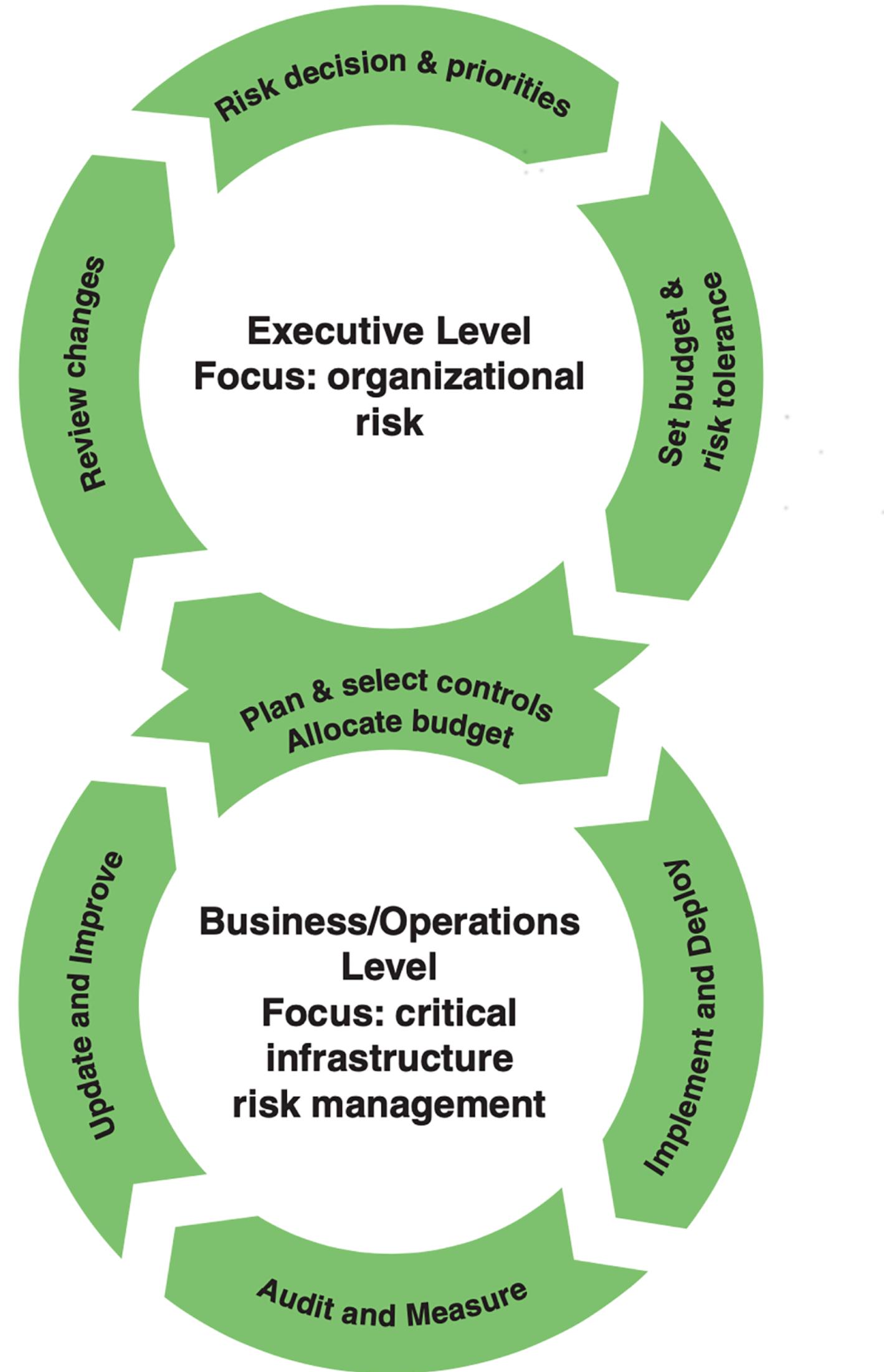


An **essential** characteristic of cybersecurity provision is that it is **not a single end that is attained but an ongoing process**.

The goal of **effective cybersecurity** is constantly receding as **management makes an effort to keep up with changes in the cyberspace ecosystem**, which comprises technology, threat capability, applications, IT resources, and personnel.

Cybersecurity Information and Decision Flow

INSIDE AN ORGANIZATION



Two cyclic processes at work:

- one at the **executive level**, which focuses on organizational risk.
At the executive level, upper management **defines** mission priorities, establishes acceptable risk tolerance, and determines available resources.
- one at the **business level**, which focuses on critical infrastructure risk management. At the business level, IT management **translates these guidelines into controls** for risk management.



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M1.2 - Basic Concepts

Thanks for your attention!