

Cybersecurity Domains & Frameworks

1. Cybersecurity Domains

Cybersecurity is divided into multiple domains (areas of security).

◆ Core Domains

1. Network Security

- Protecting networks from unauthorized access & attacks.
- Example: Firewalls, IDS/IPS, VPNs.

2. Application Security

- Securing apps against vulnerabilities.
- Example: OWASP Top 10, Secure Coding, WAF.

3. Endpoint Security

- Protecting user devices (laptops, mobiles, servers).
- Example: Antivirus, EDR (Endpoint Detection & Response).

4. Cloud Security

- Securing cloud infrastructure & SaaS apps.
- Example: IAM (Identity Access Management), Zero Trust.

5. Identity & Access Management (IAM)

- Authentication + Access Control.
- Example: MFA, SSO, RBAC.

6. Data Security

- Protecting data in transit & at rest.
- Example: Encryption, DLP (Data Loss Prevention).

7. Infrastructure & Physical Security

- Protecting physical systems (servers, data centers).

- Example: CCTV, biometric locks.
 - 8. Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)
 - Ensuring security policies & laws are followed.
 - Example: GDPR, HIPAA, ISO 27001.
 - 9. Incident Response & Forensics
 - Detecting, responding, and investigating attacks.
 - Example: SIEM, forensic tools (EnCase, FTK).
 - 10. Security Awareness & Training
 - Educating users about phishing, social engineering.
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2. Cybersecurity Frameworks

Frameworks are structured guidelines & best practices for securing organizations.

◆ Major Frameworks

1. NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)
 - 5 Functions: Identify → Protect → Detect → Respond → Recover.
2. ISO/IEC 27001
 - International standard for information security management.
3. CIS Controls
 - 18 prioritized security controls for organizations.
4. COBIT (Control Objectives for Information & Related Technology)
 - Focus on governance & IT management.
5. PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard)
 - Protects cardholder payment data.
6. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

- Data privacy law in Europe.
 - 7. HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act)
 - Protects medical & healthcare data (USA).
 - 8. SOC 2 (Service Organization Control)
 - Security & trust framework for service providers.
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3. Relationship Between Domains & Frameworks

- Domains → "What to secure" (areas).
- Frameworks → "How to secure" (guidelines & standards).

Example:

- Domain: Network Security
- Framework: Use CIS Controls + NIST Detect to secure networks.