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CForum: A Community Driven Solution to Cybersecurity Challenges



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Organizations continued to battle challenges to achieving cybersecurity risk management





U.S. Executive Order (EO) 13636 initiated a dialogue to identify challenges and determine effective responses. Industry responded to a NIST RFI:

- Trying to prioritize security activities without context seems like "Whack-a-Mole"
- IT Security budget is a zero-sum game; every dollar spent on compliance is a dollar not spent on riskmanagement
- Application of security controls needs to be scalable
- Challenge balancing performance and conformance
- Need for better risk dialogue with executive management

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What is CForum?

- In the next few slides, we'll provide some details about CForum
- CForum continues the conversation started during the Cybersecurity Framework workshops as:
 - a place to collaborate about measuring and improving cybersecurity
 - an environment for discussing emerging threats to cybersecurity information and operation technology
 - a forum for thought leaders to share information

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Community response and dialogue helped refine the challenges and solutions

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Framework Principles	Common Points	Initial Gaps
 Flexibility Global Impact Risk Mgmt Approaches Leverage Existing Approaches, Standards, and Best Practices 	 Senior Mgmt Engagement Understanding Threat	 Metrics Privacy / Civil Liberties Tools Dependencies Industry Best Practices Resiliency Critical Infrastructure



We also need a common language to help normalize and optimize activities

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- Goal: Comply once use many
- NIST identified >450 commonly used standards & practices
- Many of these share categories and families of controls in common
- Keeping up with multiple compliance frameworks is resource intensive and costly
- Need to express requirements and status to supply chain partners



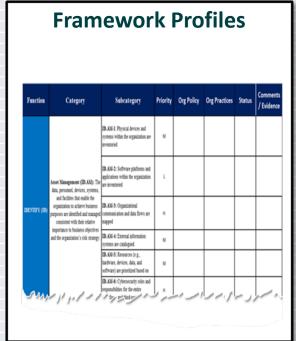
For example: NIST SP 800-53 Control AC-3, ISO 27002:2013 A.9.4.1, and IEC 15408 FDP_ACC.2 all point to "access control" processes



The Cybersecurity Framework is comprised of ***** three primary components

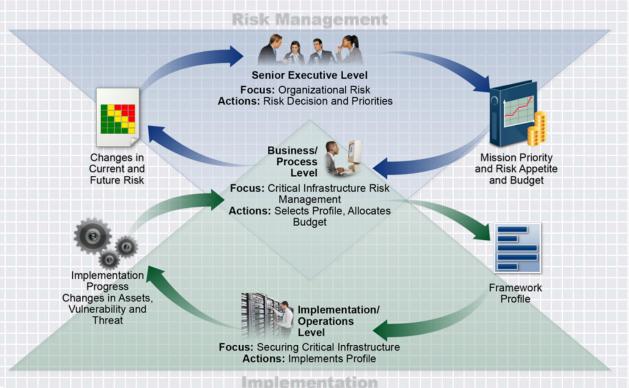
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CForum helps users understand how to apply the Framework for communications





CForum is an online forum for sharing lessons #RSAC learned and good practices

- Industry leaders such as Tony Sager and Mike Brown help spark security conversations
- Several hundred users help ensure a balanced approach
- Relevant topic areas include:
 - Framework specific training and discussion
 - Topics for individual critical information sectors
 - Next iteration of the Framework
 - Implementation Guidance
 - Supply Chain Risk Management





CForum can help identify others' examples of service use that can save your organization time



- Apply the Framework's flexibility to achieve organizational cybersecurity goals
- Learn how different organizations use it in different ways with different tools to achieve Framework outcomes

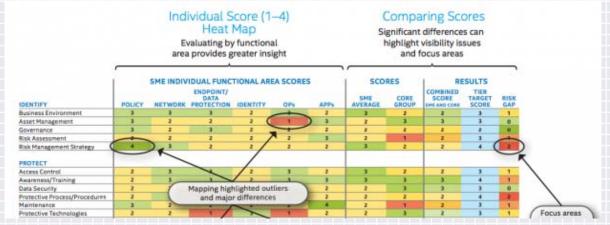




The Cybersecurity Framework in Action: An Intel Use Case



 Intel Corporation described how they used the Framework model to create a heat map for communicating and prioritizing cybersecurity activity among internal functional areas



http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/government/cybersecurity-framework-in-action-use-case-brief.html





AWWA Guidance and Cybersecurity Tool



American Water Works Association has developed Process Control System Security Guidance for the Water Sector and a supporting Cybersecurity Use-Case Tool.

The AWWA's cybersecurity resources are designed to provide actionable information for utility owner/operators based on their use of process control systems.

http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/water-and-wastewater-utility-management/cybersecurity-guidance.aspx



Homeland Security provides valuable resources to apply the Framework model

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- DHS Industrial Control Systems
 Cyber Emergency Response Team
 (ICS-CERT) provides the
 Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET)
- Numerous resources from the Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C³) Voluntary Program

https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/Assessments https://www.us-cert.gov/ccubedvp





CForum provides a venue for sharing risk information with other organizations

- ISACs and Sector Coordinating organizations use CForum to share information about emerging threats, and successful incident response methods
- Organizations can compare notes about how to characterize risks & threats
- Users should not share corporate or sensitive data, but general information can protect the community







Why re-invent the wheel? Leverage shared templates to accelerate improvement



ı	Function	Category	Subcategory	Priority	Org Policy	Org Practices	Status	Comments / Evidence
IDENTIFY (ID)	Asset Management (ID.AM): The data, personnel, devices, systems, and facilities that enable the organization to achieve business purposes are identified and managed consistent with their relative importance to business objectives and the organization's risk strategy.	ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried	м					
		ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried	٦					
		ID.AM-3: Organizational communication and data flows are mapped	н					
		ID.AM-4: External information systems are catalogued	м					
			ID.AM-5: Resources (e.g., hardware, devices, data, and software) are prioritized based on	М				
			ID.AM-6: Cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for the entire workforce and third-party	н				

- Take advantage of lessons learned by others
- Jump start use of cybersecurity resources by using shared templates
- Identify opportunities for consistency within and across critical infrastructure sectors





Continue the conversation!

- Federal agencies are jump starting but aren't the longterm solution - management will eventually transfer to "Industry"
- Industry needs to own and lead cybersecurity management practices
- Businesses bring real-world understanding of the challenges and solutions
- Take advantage of the examples and lessons learned
- Help provide topics that speak the language of business



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