NIST Cybersecurity Framework

Assessing the Maturity of your Cybersecurity Program

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Agenda

- NIST CSF Framework: Assessing the Maturity of your Cybersecurity Program
 - Background on the NIST CSF and its comparison with other maturity frameworks
 - Understanding the value proposition related to assessing the maturity of your cybersecurity program
 - Framework implementation guidance using a simplified process
 - Assessing the maturity of your cybersecurity program
 - Setting a target maturity goal
 - Developing a cybersecurity remediation roadmap
 - Tools to assist in the assessment and visualization of your cybersecurity maturity
 - Reporting maturity to executives and boards



Assumptions

- Every enterprise is increasingly aware of cyber risk, and is seeking to 'manage it' through:
 - Policies, procedures and other administrative controls
 - Technology-based controls
 - Insurance (aka, 'risk transfer')
 - Risk acceptance
- Cyber is an enterprise-wide risk management issue
 - It is much broader than the certification or compliance such as PCI DSS or HIPAA
 - It is a business issue, not only a technology issue
- Attendees may be looking for:
 - A place to start their cybersecurity programs, or
 - A way to communicate with stakeholders and set priorities & budgets
 - A way to measure progress
 - A way to get risk under (sufficient) control





"If you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

Peter Drucker



Why Measure Maturity?

- Identifying successes and highlighting opportunities for improvement
- Jump-starting improvement initiatives
- Energizing change initiatives
- Energizing the workforce
- Assessing performance against both the NIST CSF and benchmarking against your peers
- Better alignment of resources with organization objectives
- Could serve to provide validation of you cybersecurity posture to your clients, board, shareholders, etc.



Various Ways to Measure Maturity













Some can be self-delivered, some may require a third party

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NIST CSF

- National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) published version 1.0 of their Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) in February 2014
- In response to Executive Order 13636 as an effort to improve cybersecurity of critical infrastructure
- NIST released its most current version 1.1 of the Framework CSF in April 2018

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NIST CSF

- **Common language** for addressing and understanding cybersecurity risk management
- Especially helpful for communicating risks to stakeholders
- Establishing clear lines of communication to uppermanagement is an essential first step for incorporating cybersecurity into an organization's overall mission



Why NIST CSF?

- Intent
 - Voluntary
 - Adaptable and flexible
- Leverages standards, methodologies, and processes
 - Not a compliance checklist or control
- It's a framework
 - Not a law or regulatory mandate
- Risk-based approach
 - Focused on top-down high impact risks
 - Connects executive, business, and security operations



Implementation

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HEALTH



TRANSPORT



FINANCIAL



ICT



WATER



FOOD



PUBLIC & LEGAL ORDER AND SAFETY



CHEMICAL & NUCLEAR INDUSTRY



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Most Common Applications of CSF

- Evaluate a enterprise-wide cybersecurity posture and maturity by conducting an assessment against the CSF model
 - Determine the desired cybersecurity posture and plan and prioritize resources and efforts to achieve the target maturity.
- Evaluation of current and proposed products and services to meet security objectives aligned to CSF
 - Identify capability gaps and opportunities to reduce overlap/duplicative capabilities for efficiency.
- A reference for restructuring their security teams, processes, and training.



NIST CSF vs. ISO 27001

- Both involve establishing cybersecurity controls
- ISO 27001 comes with a recognized certification and can be used to prove its abilities to its clients, partners, shareholders – but requires a third party to certify
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework is not certifiable and auditable set of voluntary cyber security standards
- ISO 27001 focuses on protecting all types of information, not just information processed in IT systems (i.e. paper-based information)







NIST CSF vs. ISO 27001

- ISO 27001 defines which documents and records are needed, and what is the minimum that must be implemented
- CSF is better structured when it comes to planning and implementation
- CSF enables both the top management but also engineers and other IT staff to understand easily what is to be implemented, and where the vulnerabilities are.



NIST CSF Components

Profiles are an organization's unique **alignment** of their **organizational requirements** and **objectives, risk appetite, and resources** against the desired outcomes of the Framework Core.



The Core is a set of **desired cybersecurity activities and outcomes** organized into Categories and aligned to Informative References.

Tiers describe the **degree to which an organization's cybersecurity risk management practices** exhibit the characteristics defined in the Framework.



Framework Implementation Tiers

- Allow entities to **identify** their **priorities**
- Based on the assumption that different entities face different cybersecurity risks.
- Enterprises can read through the tier qualifications (i.e. level of budget, size of company) and identify which tier, and subsequent guidelines, best fit their businesses.



Framework Implementation Tiers





Framework Profiles

- Profiles guide entities through a self-assessment
- Optimizing the CSF to best serve the organization
- Assists in identifying:
 - How to best allocate resources
 - Priority threat vectors
 - How to design a unique plan for strengthening their organization's cybersecurity infrastructure.
 - These requirements and objectives can be compared against the current operating state of the organization to gain an understanding of the gaps between the two



Framework Profiles

- Ways to think about a Profile:
 - A customization of the Core for a given sector, subsector, or organization.
 - A fusion of business/mission logic and cybersecurity outcomes.
 - An alignment of cybersecurity requirements with operational methodologies.
 - A basis for assessment and expressing target state.
 - A decision support tool for cybersecurity risk management.



Framework Core

Recover: Maintaining plans for resilience, restore capabilities or services

Respond: Action regarding a detected cybersecurity event



Identify: Understanding to manage cybersecurity risk to systems, assets, data, and capabilities

Protect: Safeguards to ensure delivery of critical infrastructure services

Detect: Identify the occurrence of a cybersecurity event



Framework Core

- NIST CSF Core
 - Functional areas (i.e. Identify)
 - Categories (i.e. Asset Management)
 - Sub-categories (i.e.
 Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried)

Identify	Protect	Detect	Respond	Recover
Asset management	Access Control	Anomalies and Events	Response Planning	Recovery Planning
Business environment	Awareness and	Security Continuous	Communications	Improvements
Governance	Training	Monitoring	Analysis	Communications
Risk Assessment	Data Security	Detection Processes	Mitigation	
Risk Assessment Strategy	Information Protection Processes and Procedures		Improvements	
Supply Chain Risk	Maintenance			
- and generic	Protective			
	Technology			
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	(108 outco	Subcategories me-based security ad	ctivities)	



Framework Core





NIST CSF v1.0 vs. 1.1 (Core)

- 1 New Category (in the Identify Function area)
- 10 New Subcategories (in the Identify/Protect/Respond Function areas)
- 26 Subcategories Reworded from v1.0 changes including:
 - Improved grammar
 - Added details
 - Removed extraneous words
 - Greater use of cyber security vs. information security
- v1.0 is still compatible with v1.1 (all items in v1.0 are in v1.1)



5-Step Assessment Process





Step 1: Scope and Plan

- Identify organization or mission objectives along with high-level organizational priorities
- Allows the organization to make strategic cybersecurity implementation decisions and determine the scope of the systems (and other assets) that will support the organization
- Important to identify important systems and assets so that their protection can be prioritized





Step 1: Scope and Plan

- What are you trying to assess?
 - Enterprise
 - Business Unit
 - Business Process
 - Service for a client



- How does the assessment target align with overall goals and priorities?
- You also should identify your top risks at this point
 - Identify your assets;
 - Identify the threats to those assets;
 - Identify your vulnerabilities to those threats.



Threats, Assets, Vulnerabilities, & Risk Events

A process to identify, prioritize, and manage the cybersecurity risks that may prevent the organization from achieving corporate objectives and maintaining its reputation.

The process considers threats, assets, vulnerabilities, and risk events:





Cyber Threats and Adversaries (example)

Adversary	Motives	Organization Targets	Impact
S Organized crime	 Immediate financial gain Collect information for future financial gains (i.e. CCs) Sell intellectual property 	 Organization customer records Employee personal and health information Financial / payment systems Financial information 	 Customer and shareholder lawsuits Regulatory inquiry/penalty Financial loss Brand and reputation
Hacktivists	 Influence political and /or social change Pressure Organization to change your practices Affect services to end customers 	 Sensitive business information Personal information (board, executives, employees) Operational assets Customer data 	 Disruption of business activities Brand and reputation Loss of stakeholder confidence Lawsuits
Nation state	 Act of aggression as a political statement 	 Operational technologies Intellectual property Government assets	 Disruption to operations Regulatory inquiry/penalty Brand and reputation
• Insiders	 Personal advantage, monetary gain Professional revenge Bribery or coercion 	 Sensitive business/corporate information Operational technologies Intellectual property 	 Regulatory inquiry/penalty Operational disruption Disruption to operations Loss of stakeholder confidence



Step 1: Scope and Plan

- Identify your digital crown jewels
 - The digital assets of greatest value and that would cause a material business impact if compromised.
 - Due to their value, the Crown Jewels are a top target of adversarial cyber threats and organizations must prioritize their protection
- What are the supporting IT systems and assets?
- Who are the relevant business owners, team leads, etc.?
- What are the relevant legal, regulatory, and contractual requirements?
- Has a risk strategy been developed and implemented?



Step 1: Scope and Plan

Asset Classes

- If you assess the controls from your highsecurity environment with you low-security environment, you may get an unrealistic maturity rating.
- Compliance-based environments: PCI-DSS, NERC CIP, SOX, etc.
- Think about where management, networks or applications could be very different (i.e. POS environment vs. corporate systems at a retailer).





- Developed by indicating which control outcomes (Category and Subcategory) of the Core are currently being achieved.
- Partially achieved controls should be noted so supporting baseline information regarding subsequent steps can be provided.
- The Current Profile should integrate every control found in the NIST CSF in order to determine which control outcomes are being achieved.



PR.AT-1: All users are informed and trained

Function Identifier	Function	Category Identifier	Category
		ID.AM	Asset Management
	ID.BE		Business Environment
ID	Identify	ID.GV	Governance
ID.	identity	ID.RA	Risk Assessment
		ID.RM	Risk Management Strategy
		12.02	ooppin one and a second and a second a
		PR.AC	Identity Management and Access Control
		PR.AT	Awareness and Training
DD	Brotoct	PR.DS	Data Security
PK	PR	PR.IP	Information Protection Processes and Procedures
		PR.MA	Maintenance
	PR.PT		Protective Technology
	DE.AE Anomalies and Events		
DE	Detect DE.CM Security Continuous Monitoring		
	DE.DP		Detection Processes
		RS.RP	Response Planning
		RS.CO	Communications
RS	Respond	RS.AN	Analysis
		RS.MI	Mitigation
			Improvements
		RC.RP	Recovery Planning
RC	Recover	RC.IM	Improvements
			Communications

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		· CIS CSC 17, 18
		 COBIT 5 APO07.03, BAI05.07
	PR.AT-1: All users are informed and trained	· ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.4.2
		 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.7.2.2, A.12.2.1
		 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AT-2, PM-13
•		CIS CSC 5, 17, 18
		 COBIT 5 APO07.02, DSS05.04, DSS06.03
	PR.AT-2: Privileged users understand their roles and responsibilities	· ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.4.2, 4.3.2.4.3
		· ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.1.1, A.7.2.2
		 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AT-3, PM-13
Awareness and Training (PR.AT): The		· CIS CSC 17
organization's personnel and partners are	d PR.AT-3: Third-party stakeholders (e.g., suppliers, customers, partners) d understand their roles and responsibilities d	 COBIT 5 APO07.03, APO07.06, APO10.04, APO10.05
provided cybersecurity awareness education a		· ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.4.2
duties and responsibilities consistent with rela-		 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.1.1, A.7.2.1, A.7.2.2
policies, procedures, and agreements.		 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PS-7, SA-9, SA-16
1 /1 / 0		· CIS CSC 17, 19
		 COBIT 5 EDM01.01, APO01.02, APO07.03
	PR.AT-4: Senior executives understand their roles and responsibilities	· ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.4.2
		· ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.1.1, A.7.2.2
		 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AT-3, PM-13
		CIS CSC 17
4		· COBIT 5 APO07.03
	PR.AT-5: Physical and cybersecurity personnel understand their roles and	· ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.4.2
	responsionnes	· ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.1.1, A.7.2.2
4		 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AT-3, IR-2, PM-13



PR.AT-1: All users are informed and trained

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CIS Critical Security Controls No. 17

17.2 - Deliver Training to Fill the Skills Gap - Deliver training to address the skills gap identified to positively impact workforce members' security behavior.

17.3 - Implement a Security Awareness Program - Create a security awareness program for all workforce members to complete on a regular basis to ensure they understand and exhibit the necessary behaviors and skills to help ensure the security of the organization. The organization's security awareness program should be communicated in a continuous and engaging manner.

17.5 - Train Workforce on Secure Authentication - Train workforce members on the importance of enabling and utilizing secure authentication.

17.6 - Train Workforce on Identifying Social Engineering Attacks - Train the workforce on how to identify different forms of social engineering attacks, such as phishing, phone scams and impersonation calls.

17.7 - Train Workforce on Sensitive Data Handling - Train workforce on how to identify and properly store, transfer, archive and destroy sensitive information.

17.8 - Train Workforce on Causes of Unintentional Data Exposure - Train workforce members to be aware of causes for unintentional data exposures, such as losing their mobile devices or emailing the wrong person due to autocomplete in email.

17.9 - Train Workforce Members on Identifying and Reporting Incidents - Train employees to be able to identify the most common indicators of an incident and be able to report such an incident





Maturity Scoring





• Some things to think about...

- You'll probably look at these subcategories and think "yeah, I'm kind of doing those things," which is good.
- But how well are you doing them?
- Remember, just running an ad-hoc process with governance (i.e. documentation, etc.) is not complete.
- Also, don't assume things are being done in other departments without talking to those responsible
- Be honest with scoring.





- Identify, Collect and Review
 - We gather all current documentation including policies, procedures, standards and guidelines
 - we review all information gathered and evaluate it based on industry best practice
 - Remember, this isn't an audit, so we aren't necessarily testing controls – so you don't need to collect certain data

Category	Document Examples
Identify / ID.GV (Governance)	Cybersecurity / IT governance framework
	Cybersecurity / IT committee – mandate/terms of reference and minutes of recent meeting
	Cybersecurity / IT reports/KRI/KPI/dashboard
	Cybersecurity / IT strategy
Protect / PR.AC (Identity	Access management policies and procedures (including remote access, segregation of duties and physical access)
Management and Access Control)	Guidelines or policies for sharing relevant security information with outside organizations or third-party support contractors.



• Workshops

 We interview, discuss, and engage with relevant stakeholders to understand and document how your business and IT processes are aligned

Assessment Area	Workshop Attendee Examples
Executives	CIO, CISO, VP Operations, or similar
Legal	Chief Compliance Officer, VP Legal, General Counsel, or similar
Human Resources	Director of Human Resources, or similar
Audit	Internal Auditor, or similar
Networking Specialist	Network Engineer, or similar
IT Security Team	Director/Manager of IT, Information Security, or similar



- Start by looking at the sub-categories.
- For example, under **Anomalies and Events** (AE) in the **Detect** (DE) functional area, there are five subcategories:
 - DE.AE-1: A baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed
 - DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods
 - DE.AE-3: Event data are aggregated and correlated from multiple sources and sensors
 - **DE.AE-4:** Impact of events is determined
 - DE.AE-5: Incident alert thresholds are established



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category	Score
Detect (DE) Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous		DE.AE-1: A baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed	
	activity is detected and the potential	DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods	
understood.	DE.AE-3: Event data are collected and correlated from multiple sources and sensors		
		DE.AE-4: Impact of events is determined	
		DE.AE-5: Incident alert thresholds are established	

So what does "Impact of events is determined" mean?!



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous activity is detected and the potential impact of events is understood.	DE.AE-1: A baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed

Internal control: The network management team monitors network traffic, utilizing solutions that alert the team to potentially abnormal traffic patterns



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous activity is detected and the potential impact of events is understood.	DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods

Internal control: The network security team investigates alerts, escalating events, as appropriate, to the CISO, who may invoke the incident response plan



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous activity is detected and the potential impact of events is understood.	DE.AE-3: Event data are collected and correlated from multiple sources and sensors

Internal control: Logs are collected in a SIEM solution, which correlates and analyzes the logs to detect suspected intrusions



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous activity is detected and the potential impact of events is understood.	DE.AE-4: Impact of events is determined

Internal control: Events and incidents are investigated and triaged, based on the sensitivity of data and assets involved.



Functional Area	Category	Sub-category
Detect (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE): Anomalous activity is detected and the potential impact of events is understood.	DE.AE-5: Incident alert thresholds are established

Internal control: The incident response plan is maintained by the CISO and contains thresholds used by team members to conclude whether an event must be declared an incident.



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		DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods	2
		DE.AE-3: Event data are collected and correlated from multiple sources and sensors	2
		DE.AE-4: Impact of events is determined	3
		DE.AE-5: Incident alert thresholds are established	4
		(1 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 4 / 5) Average	2.4

Remember:

0 = non-existent

- 1 = Initial (some ad-hoc approaches)
- 2 = Repeatable (technology and/or procedures are in place where they may result in the same outcome when repeated.
- 3 = Defined (complete set of policies and procedures are documented to support the security architecture)
- 4 = Managed (constant monitoring and measuring of policies, procedures and technology)
- 5 = Optimized (security architecture is fully aligned to business-driven objectives)



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ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried	1	3	
3 ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried	2	3	
4 ID.AM-3: Organizational communication and data flows are mapped	2	3	17
5 ID.AM-4: External information systems are catalogued	2	3	1.7
6 ID.AM-5: Resources (e.g., hardware, devices, data, time, and software) are prioritized based on their classification, criticality, and business value	2	3	
7 ID.AM-6: Cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for the entire workforce and third-party stakeholders (e.g., suppliers, customers, partners) are established	1	3	
8 Business Environment (ID.BE)	Current Maturity	Target Maturity	Summary Average
9 ID.BE-1: The organization's role in the supply chain is identified and communicated	0	3	
10 ID.BE-2: The organization's place in critical infrastructure and its industry sector is identified and communicated	2	3	
11 ID.BE-3: Priorities for organizational mission, objectives, and activities are established and communicated	3	3	1.4
12 ID.BE-4: Dependencies and critical functions for delivery of critical services are established	2	3	
13 ID.bE-o: Resilience requirements to support delivery or critical services are established for all operating states (e.g. under duress/attack, during recovery, normal operations)		3 Townet Meturity	S
14 Governance (ID.GV)			Summary Average
15 ID-SV-1. Organization as information security poincy is established 15 ID-SV-2 Information security roles & responsibilities are contributed and aligned with internal roles and external partners.	3	3	
7 ID GV-31 Lenal and regulatory requirements regarding cybersecurity including privacy and cybersecurity liberties and excerning and regulatory requirements regarding cybersecurity including privacy and cybe	2	3	2.5
8 ID.GV-4: Governance and risk management processes address cybersecurity risks	1	3	
9 Risk Assessment (ID.RA)	Current Maturity	Target Maturity	Summary Average
20 ID.RA-1: Asset vulnerabilities are identified and documented	3	3	
21 ID.RA-2: Cyber threat intelligence is received from information sharing forums and sources	3	3	
22 ID.RA-3: Threats, both internal and external, are identified and documented	3	3	2.2
23 ID.RA-4: Potential business impacts and likelihoods are identified	3	3	2.3
24 ID.RA-5: Threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk	1	3	
25 ID.RA-6: Risk responses are identified and prioritized	1	3	
26 Risk Management Strategy (ID.RA)	Current Maturity	Target Maturity	Summary Average
27 ID.RM-1: Risk management processes are established, managed, and agreed to by organizational stakeholders	1	3	10
28 ID.RM-2: Organizational risk tolerance is determined and clearly expressed	1	3	1.0
29 ID-RM-3: The organization s determination of risk tolerance is informed by its role in critical infrastructure and sector specific risk analysis		3 Torres Maturity	S
30 Supply Chain Management (ID.SC)			Summary Average
31 ID-SC-1: Cybel supply chain the malagement processes are identified, established, assessed, malaged, and agreed to by organizational statementers.	2	3	
32 ID-SC-2: Suppliers and acknowledge and assess suppliers and universality outparts to implementation systems, components and services using a cyber supply chain this assessment process.	5	5	
a Chain Risk Management Plan	3	3	30
ID.SC-4: Suppliers and 3rd-party partners are routinely assessed to confirm that they are meeting their contractual obligations. Reviews of audits, summaries of test results, or other			0.0
34 equivalent evaluations of suppliers/providers are conducted	3	3	
35 ID.SC-5: Response and recovery planning and testing are conducted with suppliers and third-party providers	3	3	
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Step 3: Identify a Target Profile

Why set a target goal?

- Where do you want to be?
- When building your "to-be," be aware that (with the rare exception) you don't need to be a five.
- Being "world class" in anything takes a lot of effort and resources.
- Organizations that require world class security controls generally know it and are prepared to allocate a large budget to achieve it.
- In most cases you should probably be shooting for a four sometimes a bit higher, sometimes a bit lower.



Step 3: Identify a Target Profile

- Create a target maturity score that focuses on the CSF Categories and Subcategories assessment and describes the desired cybersecurity outcomes.
- A cautious or rational approach should be taken when creating this profile.
- Risk appetite should be considered as well, where the organization determines which risk category or vector is appropriate to accept.
- Do not dig yourself a hole you cannot get out of!



Step 3: Identify a Target Profile





Step 4: Assess and Prioritize Gaps

- Determine, analyze and prioritize any gaps that exist, based on the Current and Target Profiles previously enumerated.
- A prioritized action plan should address these gaps and use costs and benefits, risks and mission-driven considerations to achieve the desired Target Profile outcomes.
- The resources needed to address these gaps should be determined as well (FTEs).
 - Insource vs. outsource vs. co-source







- We assess maturity with CSF and not necessarily risk
- However, we should factor risk into our roadmap to assist in prioritizing projects
- Developing an understanding of its risk environment, including how it will be impacted if a threat becomes active and the risk is realized.

- A common problem with NIST CSF assessments are that they pull a risk team's focus down in to the weeds, then leaves them there, so to speak.
- Organizations really want to know "How much risk do we have?" and "Which of the NIST CSF activities reduces risk the most?" The CSF alone can't answer those questions.
- Identify and quantify your top risks to help prioritize your remediation
- How your maturity corresponds to that risk
- Prioritize investments where the business needs it most
 - Quick wins (low investment/high risk reduction, high investment/high risk reduction, low investment/low risk reduction, high investment/low risk reduction)

- May be guided by previous risk assessment activities or the organization's overall enterprise risk management program
- Analyze the organization's operational environment to determine the likelihood of cybersecurity events and their related impact.
- This risk assessment should not be narrowly focused on problem areas but also include what is working well too.

The steps below give a high level overview of an example cybersecurity risk assessment process

1. Identify cyber risks and business impacts	 Objective: Identify organizational cyber risks across various business segments and determine potential business impacts associated with each cyber risk Output: Identified cyber risks and total business impact scores for each risk
2. Determine likelihood	 Objective: Evaluate likelihood of cyber risks based on the frequency at which the organization observes threat scenarios Output: Likelihood scores, inherent risk scores, and inherent risk levels for each identified cyber risk
3. Identify and score cyber controls via NIST CSF	 Objective: Evaluate the strength of controls Output: Control strength scores for identified cyber controls, threat scenarios, and cyber risks
4. Determine residual risk and risk targets	 Objective: Compute current residual risk and target residual risk for each identified cyber risk using the business impacts, threat scenario likelihoods, and cyber control strength scores from previous steps Output: Current and target residual risk scores and levels for identified cyber risks and dashboard graphics to facilitate executive conversations and decision-making

Step 5: Remediation and Roadmap

- After determining which steps need to be taken to address the gaps identified, determine which actions to take and carry out to remediate.
- Cybersecurity practices should then be adjusted to achieve the Target Profile.

Detection Processes (DE.DP)		
Short description	Detection processes and procedures are maintained and tested to ensure awareness of anomalous events.	
Subcategories	DE.DP-1: Roles and responsibilities for detection are well defined to ensure accountability DE.DP-2: Detection activities comply with all applicable requirements DE.DP-3: Detection processes are tested DE.DP-4: Event detection information is communicated DE.DP-5: Detection processes are continuously improved	
Observations	Recommendations	
DE.DP-1: Roles and responsibilities for detection are defined to ensure accountability. Duty Team acts as a Tier 1, notify accountable process owners (developers) who are Tier 2.	Keep roles and responsibilities for Duty team up-to-date. Provide security training activities which would involve coordination across all organizational elements.	
DE.DP-2: Duty Team noted that there are no formal procedures which obligate engineers/developers to configure monitoring of service with the Team before deploying service into production. Developer can bypass this process, Therefore Duty Team is not aware of services which should be monitored.	Define, document, implement and communicate procedures describing configuring monitoring of services before deploying into production	
DE.DP-3: We have found no evidence weather detection processes are tested on regular basis.	 Implement formal procedures which would describe how the organization: Creates a process for ensuring that organizational plans for conducting security testing, monitoring activities and training associated with organizational information systems; Ensures that detection testing is executed in a timely manner Reviews detection testing and monitoring plans for consistency with the organizational risk strategy. 	
DE.DP-4: Duty Team noted that event detection information is communicated in relevant Jira workflow.	 Ensure that event detection information is communicated to defined personnel; Update list of events which must be detected on regular basis. Event detection information includes for example, alerts on atypical account usage, unauthorized remote access, wireless connectivity, mobile device connection, altered configuration settings, contrasting system component inventory, use of maintenance tools and nonlocal 	

Step 5: Remediation and Roadmap

- Remember governance alone may not be a good indicator (if I document, I am good)
- Low hanging fruit is not always the way to go
- Low maturity does not mean you will be breached

Cybersecurity Roadmap

Keeping up to date...

- Try to evaluate quarterly
- At a minimum, yearly
- Changes to maturity may affect changes to your roadmap
- Remember, adding documentation (governance) may increase scores, but doesn't necessarily reduce risk.

CSF Use Cases

- Healthcare
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services completed a mapping of HIPAA to the NIST CSF
 - Under HIPAA, covered entities and business associates must comply with the HIPAA Security Rule to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of protected health information
 - Mapping between the NIST CSF and HIPAA promotes an additional layer of security
 - Assessments performed for certain categories of the NIST CSF may be more specific and detailed than those performed for the corresponding HIPAA requirement.

CSF Use Cases

- Financial Services
 - U.S. Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council (FS-SCC) developed a custom version of the NIST CSF that addresses unique aspects of the sector and regulatory requirements
 - Financial Services Sector Specific Cybersecurity profile, drafted collaboratively with regulatory agencies, is a means to harmonize cybersecurity-related regulatory requirements.
 - For example, the FS-SCC mapped the "Risk Management Strategy" category to nine different regulatory requirements and determined that the language and definitions, while different, largely addressed the same security objective

International Adoption

- Outside of the U.S., many countries have leveraged the NIST CSF for commercial and public sector use.
 - Italy was one of the first international adopters of the NIST CSF and developed a national cybersecurity strategy against the five Functions.
 - In June 2018, the UK aligned its Minimum Cyber Security Standard, mandatory for all government departments to the five Functions.
 - Israel and Japan localized the NIST CSF into their respective languages with Israel

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 - Uruguay performed a mapping of the CSF to ISO standards to strengthen connections to international frameworks.
 - Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, and Bermuda are also among the list of countries that are using the NIST CSF to improve cybersecurity and resiliency across their public and commercial sector organizations.

In Closing

- Form a team (e.g., a security governance process)
- Get the buy in from your executive
- Important components
 - Scope statement (remember asset classes)
 - "Crown jewels" inventory (systems, suppliers, assets)
 - Risk assessment (likelihood/impact of named risks)
- Don't get too bogged down by scores
 - Documentation will improve scores, but not necessary security
 - If I do this, how does it affect my score?

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