

Leadership Perspectives on Cybersecurity

Using the NIST CSF 2.0 to mitigate cybersecurity risk

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Hello!



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 - Executive Order 13636: Enhancing Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity
 - Executive Order 13718: Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity
 - Executive Order 13800: Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure

Current State of Cybersecurity





Recent Attacks in Telecommunications

- Frontier Communications hack
- AT&T data breach

Risks

- Ransomware abounds
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
- Multiple regulatory hurdles

Business Benefits of Cybersecurity





- Compliance
 - Cyber Risk Management Plans (BEAD, E-ACAM)
- Reduce downtime in the face of attack
- Reinforce reputation against competition

Cybersecurity is a C-suite issue

Business Drivers for Cybersecurity





Reduce complexity of regulatory compliance

Decrease cost



Increase risk mitigation of successful attack

Decrease cost of response, downtime, reputation damage



Increase resilience during successful attack

Increase uptime of networks and payment systems

Enter... NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)



De Facto Standard

Used in many regulations

Risk Based

Not a static checklist

Flexible

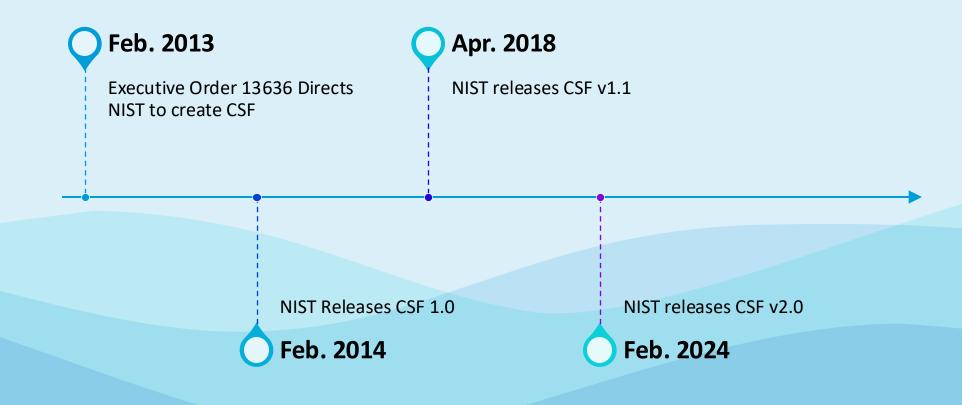
Tailor to individual businesses

Simple

Usable for small businesses

Brief History of NIST Cybersecurity Framework





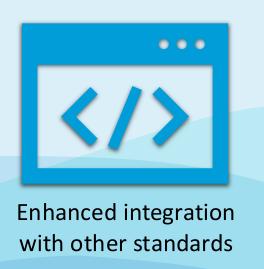
Major Updates in NIST CSF 2.0











The Govern Function



- New 'Govern' function added in CSF 2.0
- Clear entry point for C-Suite into cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity is a journey, not a destination





The Govern Function













BUSINESS CONTEXT

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT

ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY



OVERSIGHT

The "Do" Slide



- 1. Pick a person to lead cybersecurity efforts
 - 1. Current employee
 - 2. vCISO
- 2. Catalog current cybersecurity policies
- 3. Review cybersecurity risks
- 4. Update cybersecurity policies based on risks

Conclusion



Cybersecurity is a journey, not a destination

Cybersecurity is an executive level concern

Use the NIST CSF 2.0 to organize your efforts

Thank you!



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