Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

Overview and Status

Executive Order 13636
“Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity”

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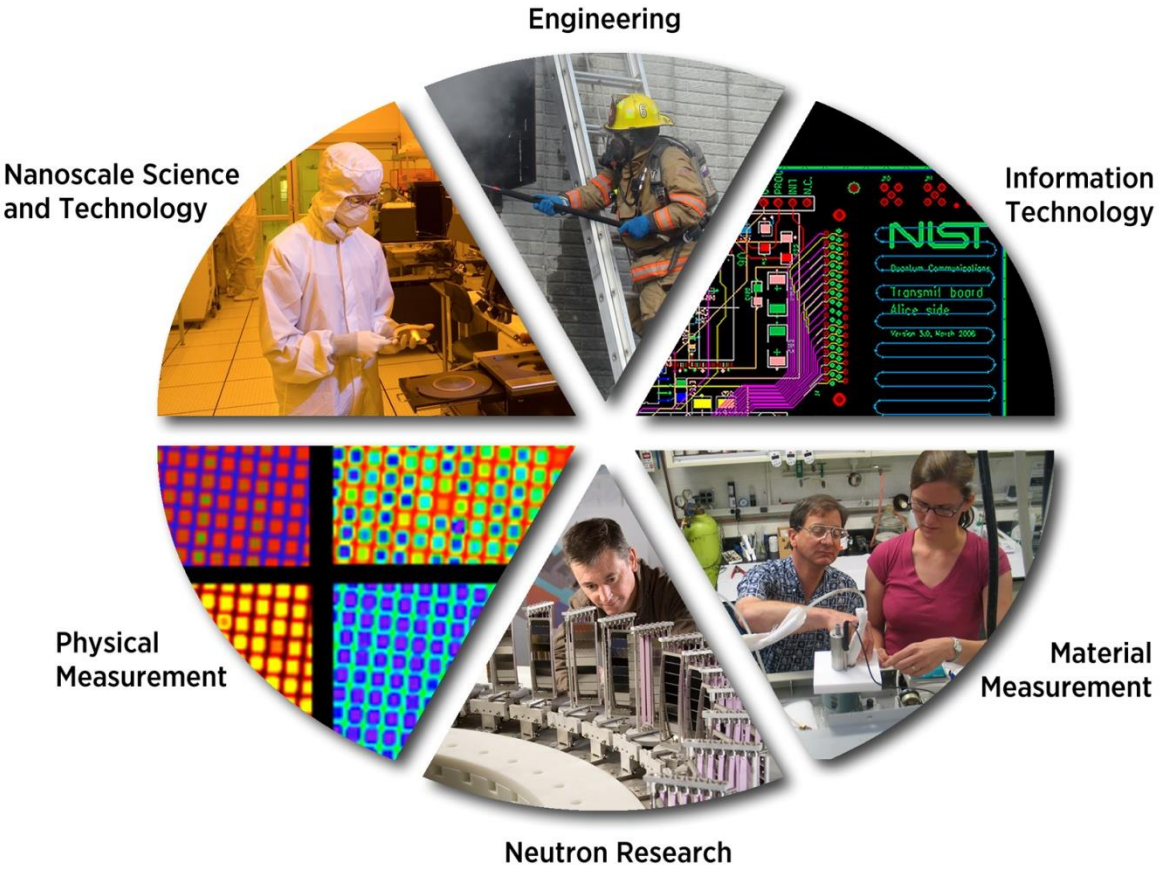
Promote US innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.



Executive Order: Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

"It is the policy of the United States to enhance the security and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure and to maintain a cyber environment that encourages efficiency, innovation, and economic prosperity while promoting safety, security, business confidentiality, privacy, and civil liberties"

President Barack Obama

Executive Order 13636, *Feb. 12, 2013*

- The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was directed to work with stakeholders to develop a voluntary framework for reducing cyber risks to critical infrastructure
- Version 1.0 of the framework was released on Feb. 12, 2014, along with a roadmap for future work

As Directed in the EO, the Cybersecurity Framework ...

- Includes a set of existing standards, methodologies, procedures, and processes that align policy, business, and technological approaches to address cyber risks

- Provides a prioritized, flexible, repeatable, performance-based, and cost-effective approach, including information security measures and controls, to help owners and operators of critical infrastructure identify, assess, and manage cyber risk

- Identifies areas for improvement to be addressed through future collaboration with particular sectors and standards-developing organizations

Framework Components

Framework Core

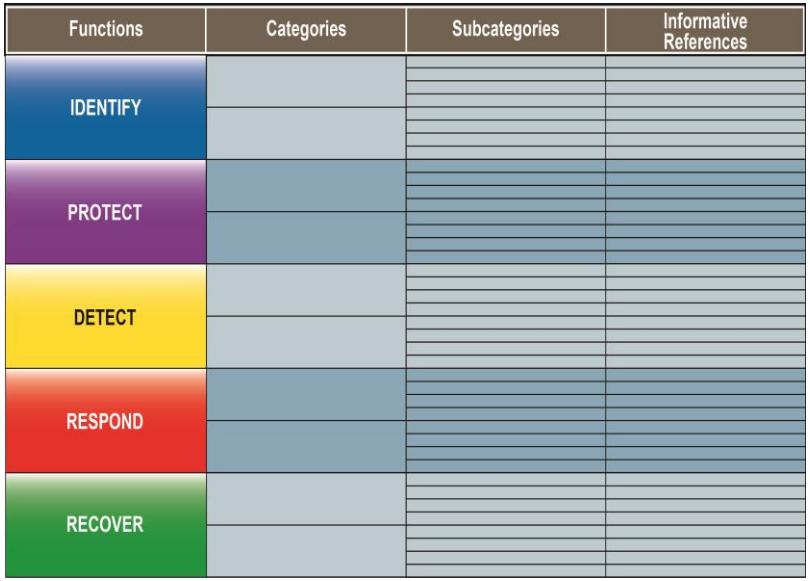
- Cybersecurity activities and informative references common across critical infrastructure sectors and organized around particular outcomes

Framework Profile

- Aligns industry standards and best practices to the framework Core in a particular implementation scenario

Framework Implementation Tiers

- Describes how cybersecurity risk is managed by an organization



Key Points about the Framework

- It's a framework, not a prescription.
- The framework is a flexible, highly adaptable tool.
- It's a demonstration of a strong public-private partnership
- The framework is a living document.

What's Next for the Framework

- Organizations should use the framework, and provide feedback to NIST
- Industry groups, associations, and standards organizations can play key roles in assisting their members to understand and use the framework
- Focus on high-priority areas for development, alignment, and collaboration:

Authentication
Automated Indicator Sharing
Conformity Assessment
Cybersecurity Workforce
Data Analytics
Technical Privacy Standards
International Alignment
Supply Chain Risk Management
Federal Agency Cybersecurity Alignment

http://nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/roadmap-021214.pdf

Where to Learn More and Engage…

- *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, available at www.nist.gov/cyberframework
  - Share your framework experiences at cyberframework@nist.gov
- Participate in our cybersecurity workshops and comment on our standards and guidelines
- Participate through the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE)
- Follow our cybersecurity activities at http://csrc.nist.gov