

CYBERSECURITY LANDSCAPE AND OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

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Divisions of CISA

- CISA consists of:



Cybersecurity
Division



Infrastructure
Security Division



Emergency
Communications
Division



National Risk
Management
Center



CISA Mission and Vision

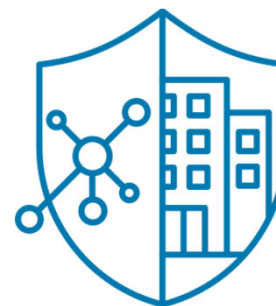
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Mission:

- Lead the collaborative national effort to strengthen the security and resilience of America's critical infrastructure

Vision:

- A Nation with secure, resilient, and reliable critical infrastructure upon which the American way of life can thrive



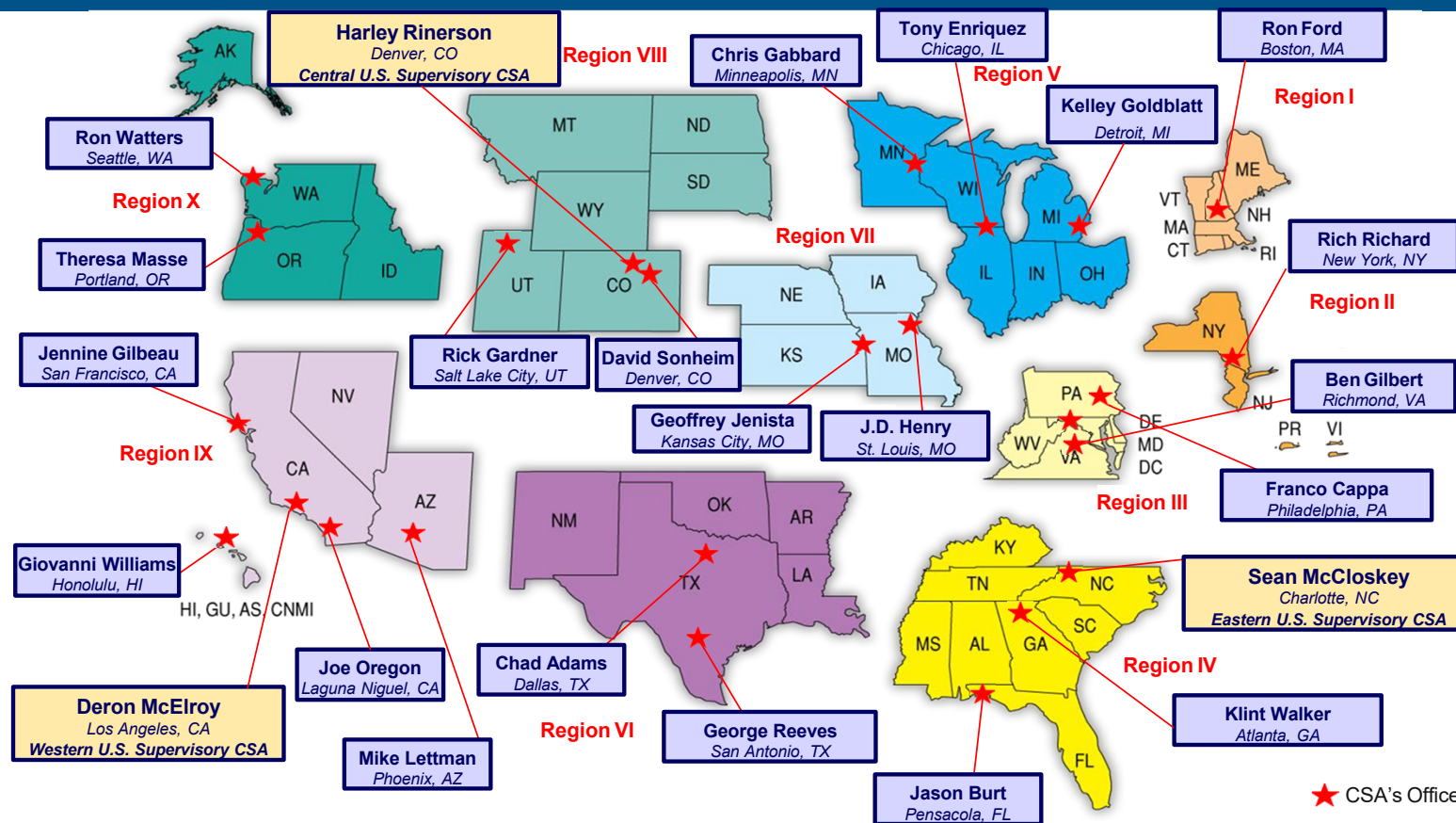
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CYBERSECURITY ADVISOR PROGRAM



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CSA Deployed Personnel



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Serving Critical Infrastructure

KEY ACTIVITIES:



16 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS:



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CYBER THREATS



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Cyber Threats

COVID-19 Research

Adversaries could attempt to:

- **Delay or inhibit** the ability to **produce & deliver** viable countermeasures
- **Disrupt critical systems** for illicit financial gain
- **Undermine confidence** in the US COVID response efforts and trust the final vaccines or countermeasures

To achieve these goals, they may

- **Steal Intellectual Property**
 - Research, clinical trials, manufacturing & scale-up
- **Tamper** with, **destroy**, or **deny access** to data & systems (e.g. clinical data, SCADA systems)
- **Discredit** the veracity of scientific research and related organizations, persons



Targets

- **R&D for vaccines** (Vx), therapeutics (Tx,) and diagnostics (Dx)
- R&D for **technology, manufacturing, and scaling** of Vx, Tx, and Dx
- Vaccine **components** and **manufacturing techniques**
- **Cyber-Physical systems** for manufacturing, fill finish, & **Cold Storage**
- **Clinical trial data** and results
- Candidate **submission data** & communications
- Personal devices & accounts of **high-value individuals**

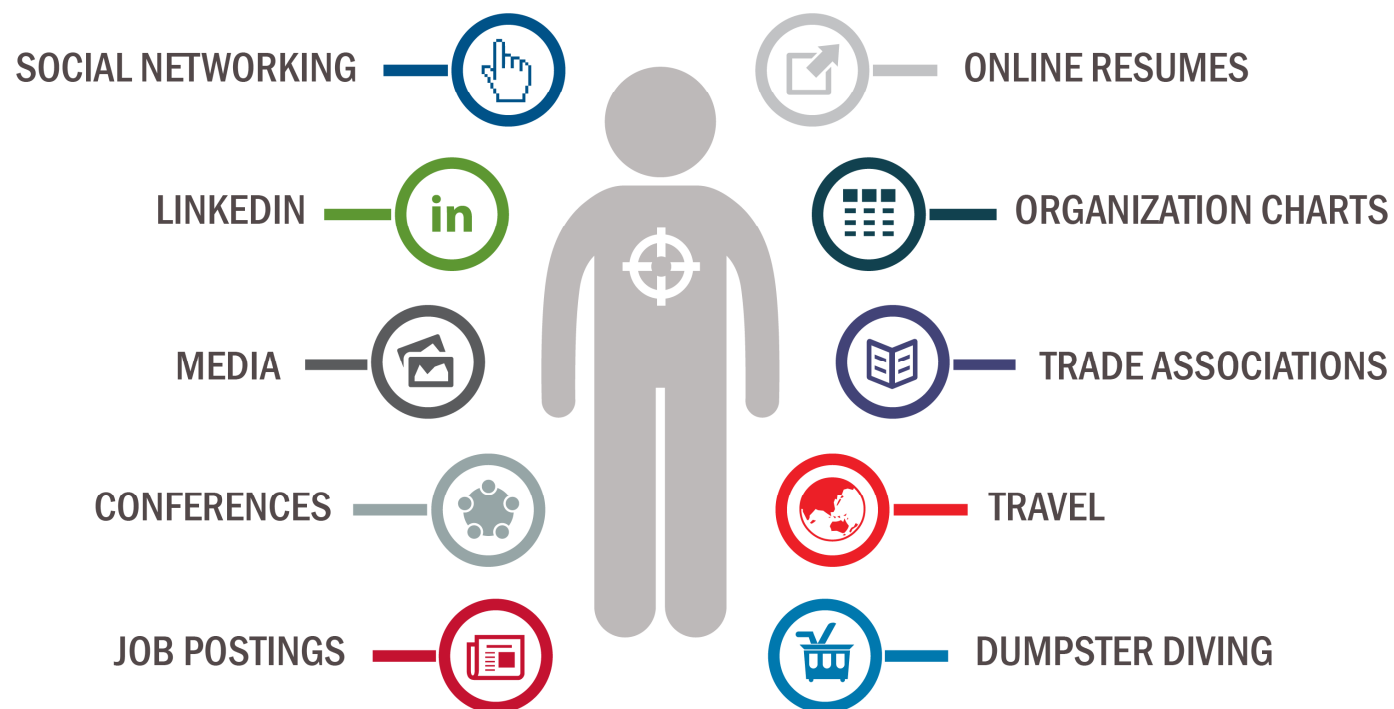


Threat Vectors

- Phishing
 - Masquerading as CDC, WHO official comms
- Spear-phishing
- Exploiting unpatched vulnerabilities on web-facing systems
 - Especially remote-access (e.g. VPN, RDP)
- Exploiting third-parties (e.g. managed services)
- Web shells
- Compromising home networks of employees or family members via emails & telework applications
- Focus on remote / collaboration platforms (O365, Webex, Google Drive credentials)
- Insider Threat



How Are **You** Targeted?



Cybersecurity is Critical

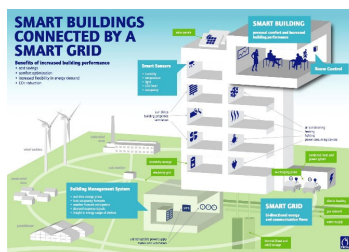
- Smart cars, electrical grids, medical devices, manufacturing, homes, buildings, smart everything!
- We bet our lives on these systems

cyber security ⇔ physical safety!

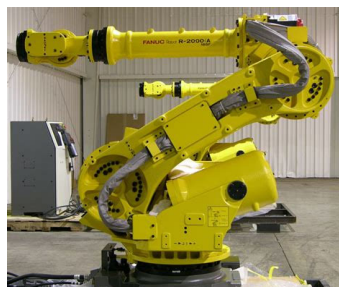
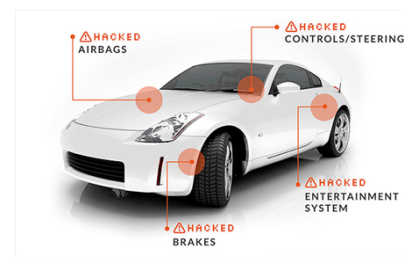
- Yet, much of CPS are “cobbled together from stuff found on the Web”!



Our buildings



Our transport



Our Production



Our health

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IT vs OT

SECURITY TOPIC	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY
ANTIVIRUS & MOBILE CODE COUNTER-MEASURES	Common & widely used	Can be difficult to deploy
SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY LIFETIME	3 to 5 years	Up to 40+ years
OUTSOURCING	Common/widely used	Rarely used (vendor only)
APPLICATION OF PATCHES	Regular/scheduled	Slow (vendor specific, compliance testing required)
CHANGE MANAGEMENT	Regular/scheduled	Legacy based – unsuitable for modern security

SECURITY TOPIC	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY
TIME CRITICAL CONTENT	Delays are usually accepted	Critical due to safety
AVAILABILITY	Delays are usually accepted	24 x 7 x 365 x forever (Integrity also critical)
SECURITY AWARENESS	Good in both private and public sector	Generally poor inside the control zone
SECURITY TESTING/AUDIT	Scheduled and mandated	Occasional testing for outages / audit for event recreation
PHYSICAL SECURITY	Secure	Traditionally good



Recent Events

- In 2017, NotPetya Ransomware cost a major Bio-Pharma company \$310 MM
- March 2020 announcement by FBI/CISA on Chinese actors targeting COVID-19 research organizations
- TA505, the financially-motivated criminal group behind Locky ransomware and Dridex banking Trojan, has been targeting the U.S. healthcare, manufacturing, and pharma industry with ransomware.
- Fortinet reported a spear-phishing campaign against medical device suppliers featuring a subject line “Inquiry on Medical Supplies” with a malicious Word attachment.
- APT29 (Cozy Bear) targeting COVID-19 vaccine development
- FBI indicted two U.S.-based Chinese hackers who targeted COVID-19 vaccine developers

Sources:

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Recommendations

- Train & protect employees against phishing & email-based attacks
- Patch public-facing systems quickly
- Enforce MFA
 - Especially on remote access (VPN, etc.)
- (Off-box) Logging & monitoring access & usage logs of critical assets
- Reduce & monitor admins & admin privileges (granular access control)
- Enforce strong passwords & password rotation
- Ensure regular, robust, and offsite/offline backups of all critical decision data
- [Manufacturing] Logically or physically isolate OT from IT networks

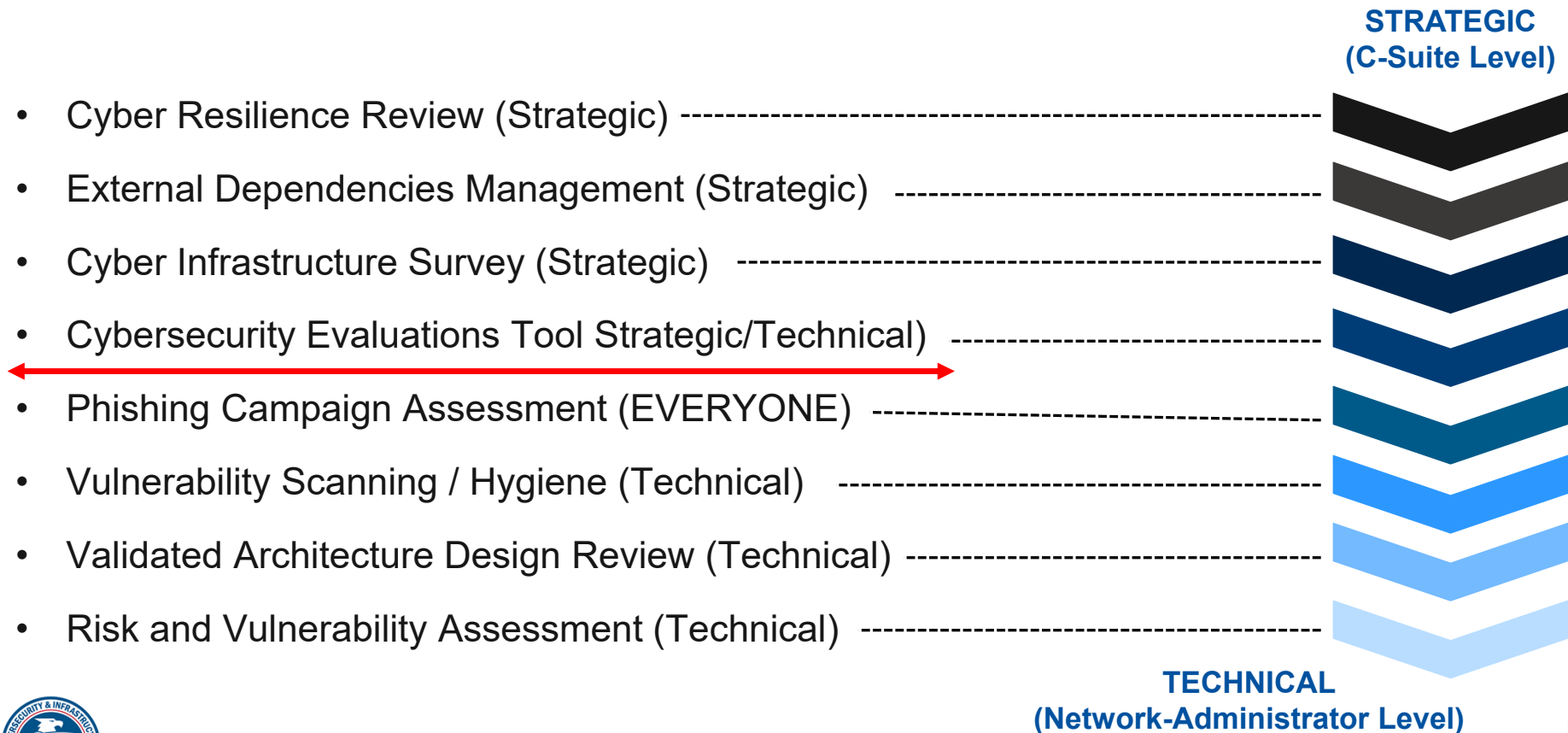


CISA CYBER SERVICES



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Range of Cybersecurity Services



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Protected Critical Infrastructure Information Program

Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program Guards Your Information

- Sensitive critical infrastructure information voluntarily given to CISA is protected by law from
 - Public release under Freedom of Information Act requests,
 - Public release under State, local, tribal, or territorial disclosure laws,
 - Use in civil litigation and
 - Use in regulatory purposes.



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