

Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

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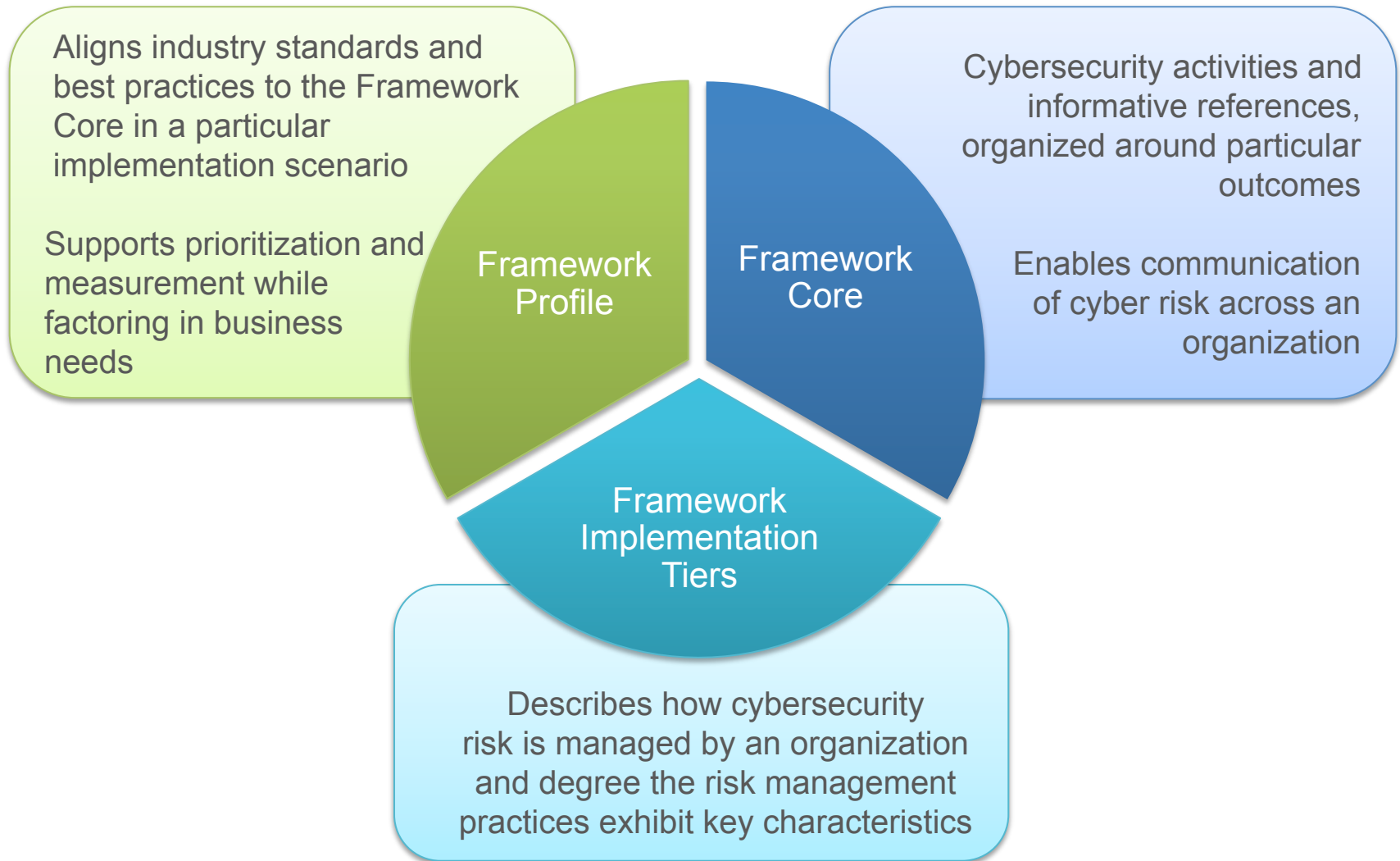
Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

“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”



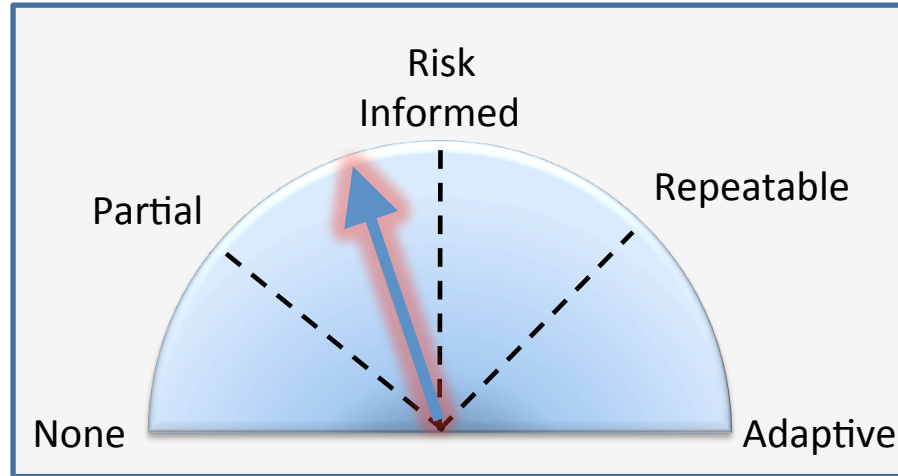
President Barack Obama
Executive Order 13636, 12 February 2013

Cybersecurity Framework Components



Implementation Tiers

Cybersecurity Framework Component



- Allow for flexibility in implementation and bring in concepts of maturity models
- Reflect how an organization implements the Framework Core functions and manages its risk
- Progressive, ranging from Partial (Tier 1) to Adaptive (Tier 4), with each Tier building on the previous Tier
- Characteristics are defined at the organizational level and are applied to the Framework Core to determine how a category is implemented.



Framework Core

What processes and assets need protection?

What safeguards are available?

What techniques can identify incidents?

What techniques can contain impacts of incidents?

What techniques can restore capabilities?

Functions	Categories	Subcategories	Informative References
IDENTIFY			
PROTECT			
DETECT			
RESPOND			
RECOVER			

Core

Cybersecurity Framework Component

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

Subcategory	Informative References
ID.BE-1: The organization's role in the supply chain is identified and communicated	COBIT 5 APO01.02, DSS06.03 ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.2.3.3 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.1.1 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-2, PS-7, PM-11
ID.BE-2: The organization's place in critical infrastructure and its industry sector is identified and communicated	COBIT 5 APO08.04, APO08.05, APO10.03, APO10.04, APO10.05 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.15.1.3, A.15.2.1, A.15.2.2 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-2, SA-12
ID.BE-3: Priorities for organizational mission, objectives, and activities are established and communicated	COBIT 5 APO02.06, APO03.01 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PM-8
ID.BE-4: Dependencies and critical functions for delivery of critical services are established	COBIT 5 APO02.01, APO02.06, APO03.01 ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.2.2.1, 4.2.3.6 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PM-11, SA-14
ID.BE-5: Resilience requirements to support delivery of critical services are established	ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.11.2.2, A.11.2.3, A.12.1.3 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 CP-8, PE-9, PE-11, PM-8, SA-14

Profile

Cybersecurity Framework Component

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

Identify

Protect

Detect

Respond

Recover

Building a Profile

A Profile Can be Created in Three Steps

1

Mission	
Priority	Objective
1	A
2	B
3	C



2

Cybersecurity Requirements

Legislation
Regulation
Internal & External Policy
Best Practice



Subcategory
1
2
3
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Operating Methodologies

3

Guidance and methodology
on implementing,
managing, and
monitoring

Conceptual Profile

Value Proposition

2 Cybersecurity Requirements	Subcategory	1 Priority	3 Operating Methodologies
A	1	moderate	I II
B C	2	high	III
D E	3	moderate	IV V
F	VI VII
G	98	moderate	VIII

When you organize yourself in this way:

- Compliance reporting becomes a byproduct of running your security operation
- Adding new security requirements is straightforward
- Adding or changing operational methodology is non-intrusive to on-going operation

Resource and Budget Decisioning

What Can You Do with a CSF Profile



Sub-category	Priority	Gaps	Year 1 Activities	Year 2 Activities
1	moderate	small		X
2	high	large	X	
3	moderate	medium	X	
...		
98	moderate	none		reassess

...and supports on-going operational decisions too

Key Attributes

- **It's a framework, not a prescription**
 - It provides a common language and systematic methodology for managing cyber risk
 - It is meant to be adapted
 - It does not tell a company how much cyber risk is tolerable, nor does it claim to provide “the one and only” formula for cybersecurity
 - Having a common lexicon to enable action across a very diverse set of stakeholders will enable the best practices of elite companies to become standard practices for everyone
- **The framework is a living document**
 - It is intended to be updated over time as stakeholders learn from implementation, and as technology and risks change
 - That's one reason why the framework focuses on questions an organization needs to ask itself to manage its risk. While practices, technology, and standards will change over time—principals will not

Industry Use

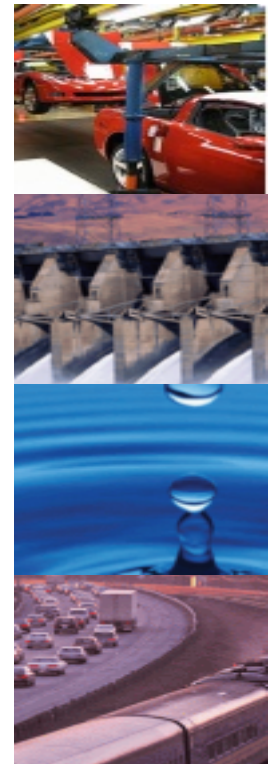
The Framework is designed to **complement existing business and cybersecurity operations**, and has been used to:

- Self-Assessment, Gap Analysis, Budget & Resourcing Decisions
- Standardizing Communication Between Business Units
- Harmonize Security Operations with Audit
- Communicate Requirements with Partners and Suppliers
- Describe Applicability of Products and Services
- Identify Opportunities for New or Revised Standards
- Categorize College Course Catalogs
- As a Part of Cybersecurity Certifications
- Categorize and Organize Requests for Proposal Responses
- Consistent dialog, both within and amongst countries
- Common platform on which to innovate, by identifying market opportunities where tools and capabilities may not exist today

Current & Near-Term Framework Activities

Collect, Reflect, and **Connect** – understand where industry is having success, help others understand those successes, and facilitate relationships that support use and implementation

- Continue education efforts, including creation of self-help and re-use materials for those who are new to the Framework
- Continue awareness and outreach with an eye toward industry communities who are still working toward basal Framework knowledge and implementation
- Educate on the relationship between Framework and the larger risk management process, including how organizations can use Tiers



On-Going NIST Community Dialogs

- Domestic Industry
 - Not only Critical Infrastructure, but also Non-CI
 - Product and Services
- Standards Organizations
 - British Standards Institute, Cloud Security Alliance, AXELOS, etc.
- Regulator
 - Every Federal Financial Services regulator
- Auditor
 - Information Systems Audit and Control Association
 - “The Big 4” Audit Firms
- Insurance
- Legal

Since the Release of the Cybersecurity Framework...

Request for Information: Experience with the Cybersecurity Framework
Questions focused on: awareness, experiences, and roadmap areas

August 26, 2014

6th Cybersecurity Framework Workshop
Goal: Raise awareness, encourage use as a tool, highlight examples of sector-specific efforts, implementation efforts, gather feedback

Oct. 29-30, 2014
Florida Center for Cybersecurity

Update on the Cybersecurity Framework
Summary posted that includes analysis of RFI responses, feedback from the 6th workshop, an update on Roadmap areas, and next steps

December 5, 2014

February 13, 2015
White House Releases [Fact Sheet on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection](#)

1 Year Anniversary of the Release
NIST Cybersecurity Framework site update to include: [FAQs](#), Upcoming Events, and Industry Resources. Ongoing, targeted outreach continues

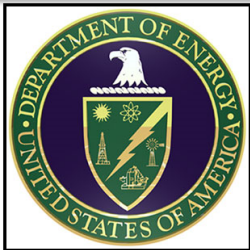
February 12, 2015

Examples of Industry Resources



[The Cybersecurity Framework in Action: An Intel Use Case](#)

[Cybersecurity Guidance for Small Firms](#)



[Energy Sector Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guidance](#)

[Cybersecurity Risk Management and Best Practices Working Group 4: Final Report](#)



[CFORUM](#) and other online communities of interest

Examples of State & Local Use



[Texas, Department of Information Resources](#)

- Aligned Agency Security Plans with Framework
- Aligned Product and Service Vendor Requirements with Framework

[North Dakota, Information Technology Department](#)

- Allocated Roles & Responsibilities using Framework
- Adopted the Framework into their Security Operation Strategy



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PARTNERSHIP

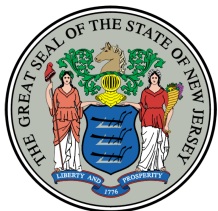
Making Houston Greater.

[Houston, Greater Houston Partnership](#)

- Integrated Framework into their Cybersecurity Guide
- Offer On-Line Framework Self-Assessment

[National Association of State CIOs](#)

- 2 out of 3 CIOs from the 2015 NASCIO Awards cited Framework as a part of their award-winning strategy



New Jersey

- Developed a cybersecurity framework that aligns controls and procedures with Framework

Framework Roadmap Items

Authentication

Automated Indicator Sharing

Conformity Assessment

Cybersecurity Workforce

Data Analytics



Federal Agency Cybersecurity Alignment

International Aspects, Impacts, and Alignment

Supply Chain Risk Management

Technical Privacy Standards

Standards/Guidelines for FISMA & RM

FIPS - Federal Information Processing Standards

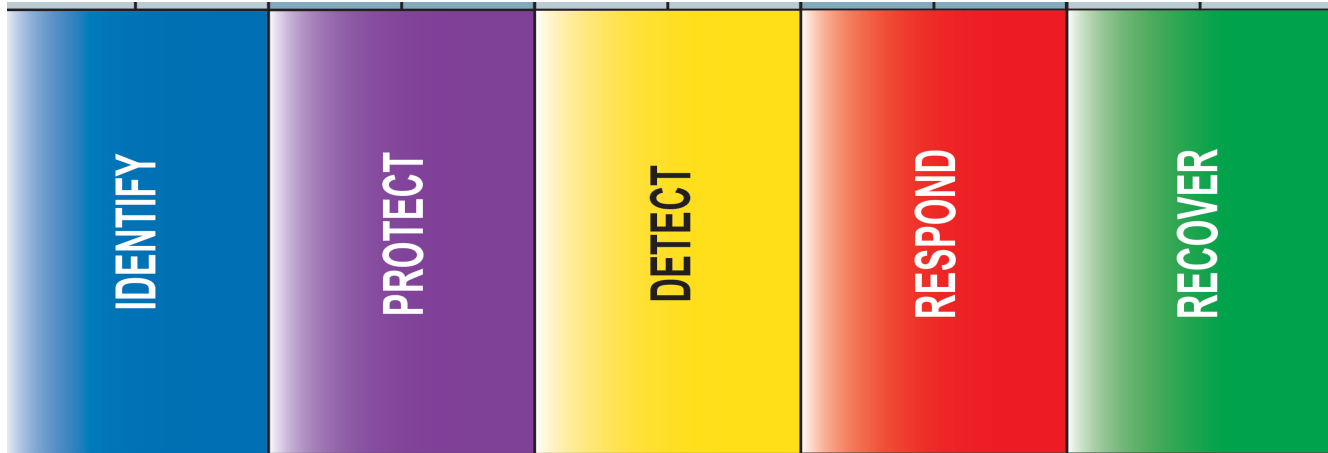
- FIPS 199 – Standards for Security Categorization
- FIPS 200 – Minimum Security Requirements

SPs – Special Publications

- SP 800-18 – Guide for System Security Plan development
- **SP 800-30 – Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments**
- SP 800-34 – Guide for Contingency Plan development
- **SP 800-37 – Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework**
- **SP 800-39 – Managing Information Security Risk**
- **SP 800-53/53A – Security controls catalog/assessment procedures**
- SP 800-60 – Mapping Information Types to Security Categories
- SP 800-128 – Security-focused Configuration Management
- SP 800-137 – Information Security Continuous Monitoring
- Many others for operational and technical implementations

Organizing and Communicating Security Controls

Use Case for Risk Management Framework & Cybersecurity Framework



SP 800-53 security controls
CobIT controls
ISO 27002 controls
Etc...

Supporting the RMF Categorize Step

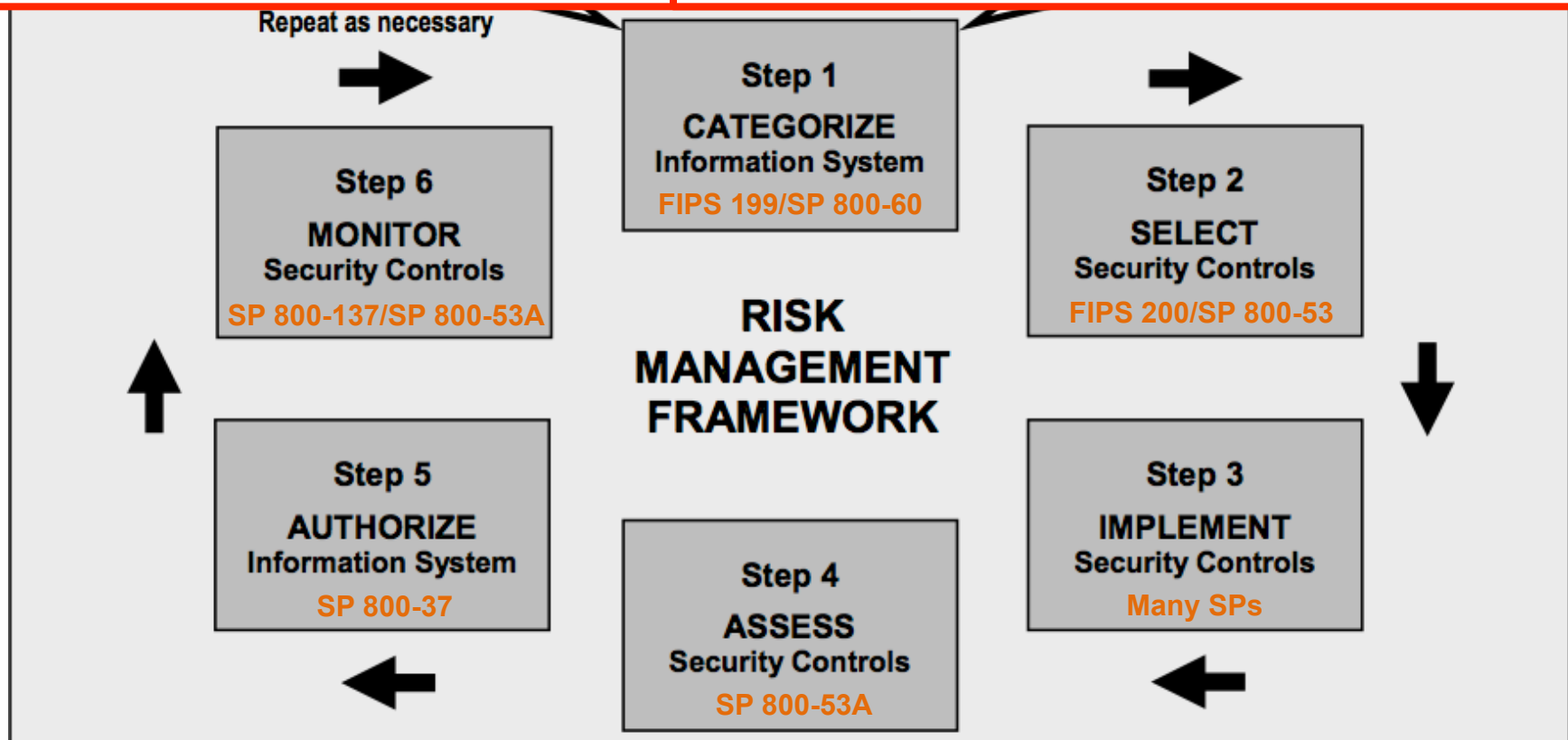
Profile

A sector, subsector, or organization's culture, mission, and values of the Core for their purposes. Aligns with organizational goals, conflicts in organizational inputs, and cyber objectives commensurate with organizational objectives

Category

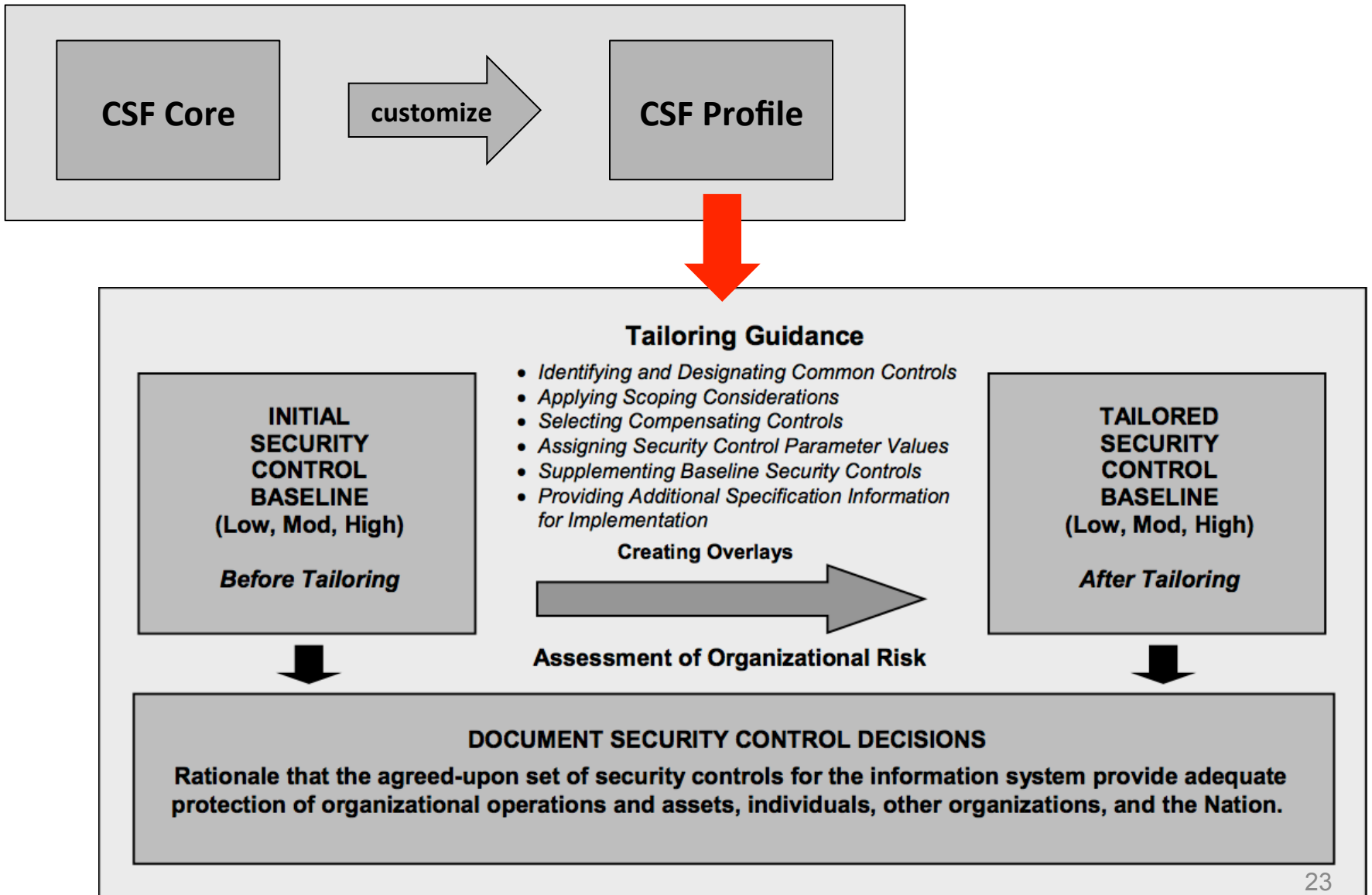
Business Environment (ID.BE)

The organization's mission, objectives, stakeholders, and activities are understood and prioritized; this information is used to inform cybersecurity roles, responsibilities, and risk management decisions.



Tailoring SP 800-53 Security Controls

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Applicability to FedRAMP and CDM

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Industry Dialog

Will it soon be time for a Framework update?

What governance models do you believe will work for future Framework maintenance and evolution?

Resources

Where to Learn More and Stay Current

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Web site is available at <http://www.nist.gov>

NIST Computer Security Division Computer Security Resource Center is available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/>

The *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* and related news and information are available at www.nist.gov/cyberframework

For additional Framework info and help
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