

A RISK-BASED APPROACH TO CLOUD COMPUTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS

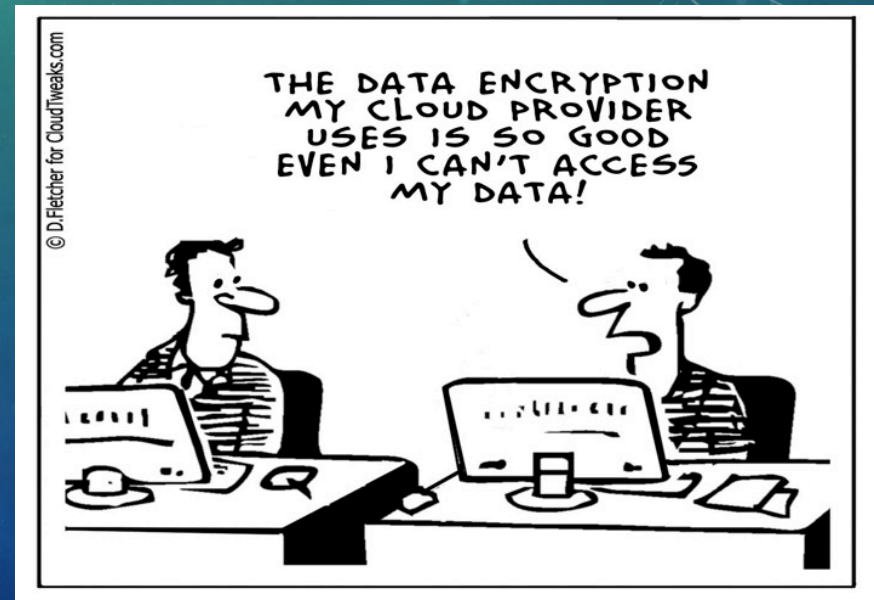
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THE KEYS TO THE CLOUD KINGDOM: THE 3Ts

- Transparency
- Traceability
- Trustworthiness



TODAY'S CHALLENGES

- Making the correct choice for your business (SaaS, PaaS or IaaS ?);
- Understanding the complexity of the Information Systems, especially cloud-based solutions;
- Risk Management is few orders of magnitude more complex;
 - Loss of control (trust issues not security issues, data owner & data custodian),
 - Vendor's transparency,
 - Security and Compliance,
 - Regulatory Frameworks are burdensome,
 - Security Vulnerabilities are everywhere,
 - Availability, Resilience and Reliability,
- System updates trigger documentation (SSP) to become outdated.

"INDUSTRY SHOULD STEAL FEDRAMP CLOUD SECURITY BASELINES"

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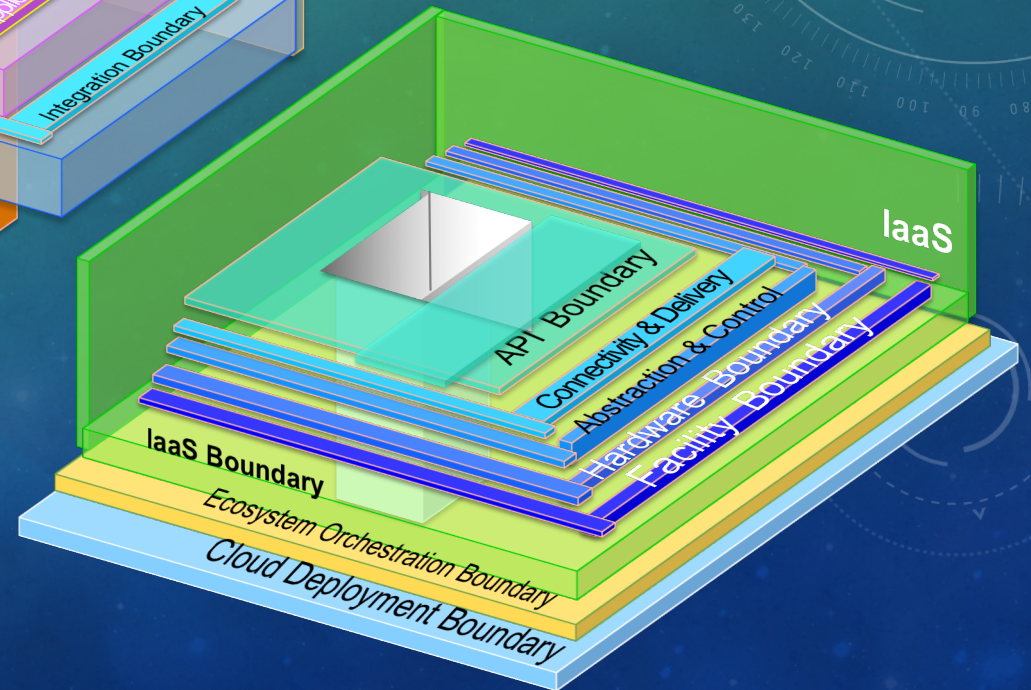
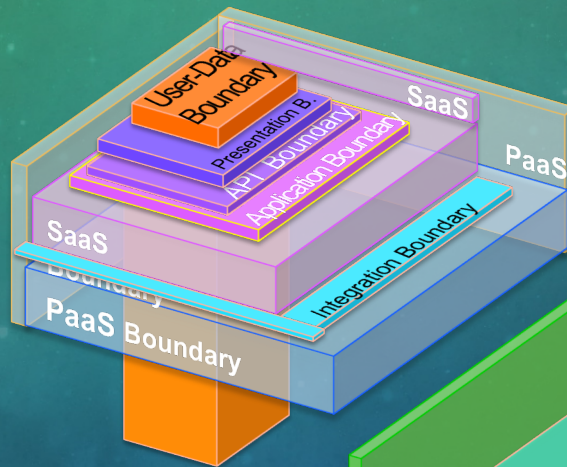
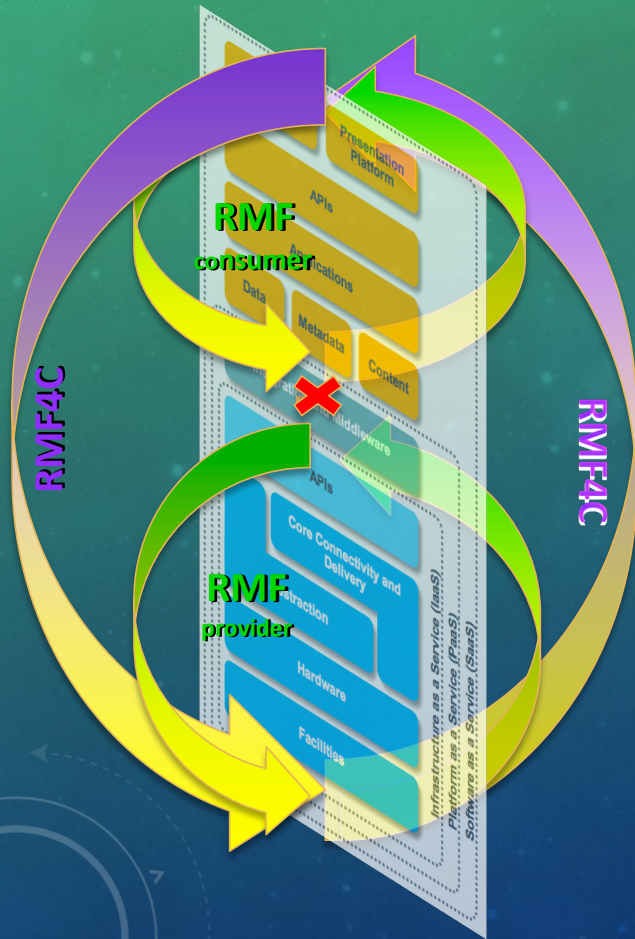
John Pescatore, Director SANS @ CyberCon



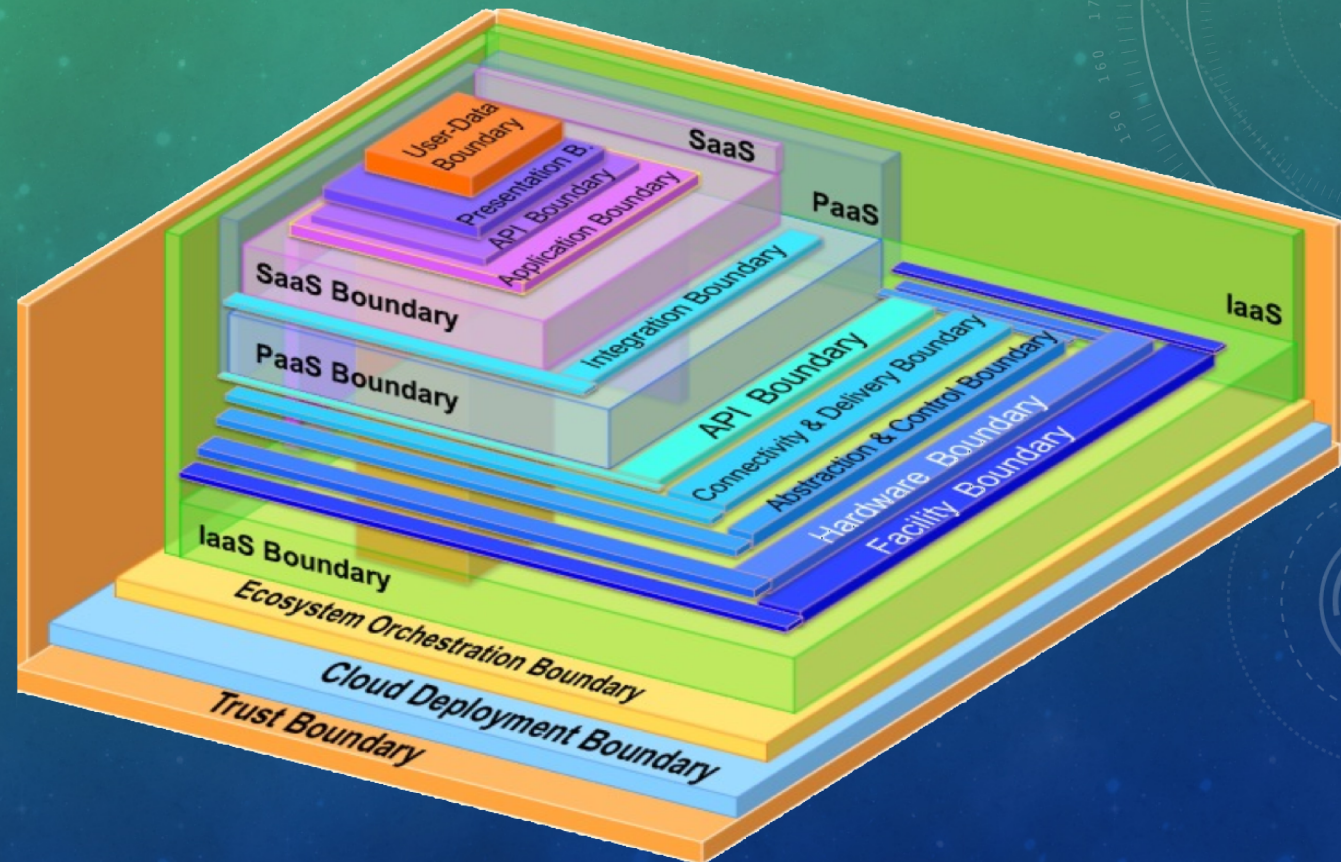
Pescatore, speaking at the [Federal Times' CyberCon](#) conference on Nov. 18, cited this as an area where the government has solved a problem that the private sector can take advantage of.

"For example, the GSA FedRAMP program for cloud — at Gartner, I found myself pointing private industry customers toward that," he said. "You need good security requirements around procuring cloud? Look what FedRAMP's done. Not some industry-driven consortium."

UNDERSTANDING THE CLOUD-BASED SYSTEM'S BOUNDARIES



THE TRUST BOUNDARY



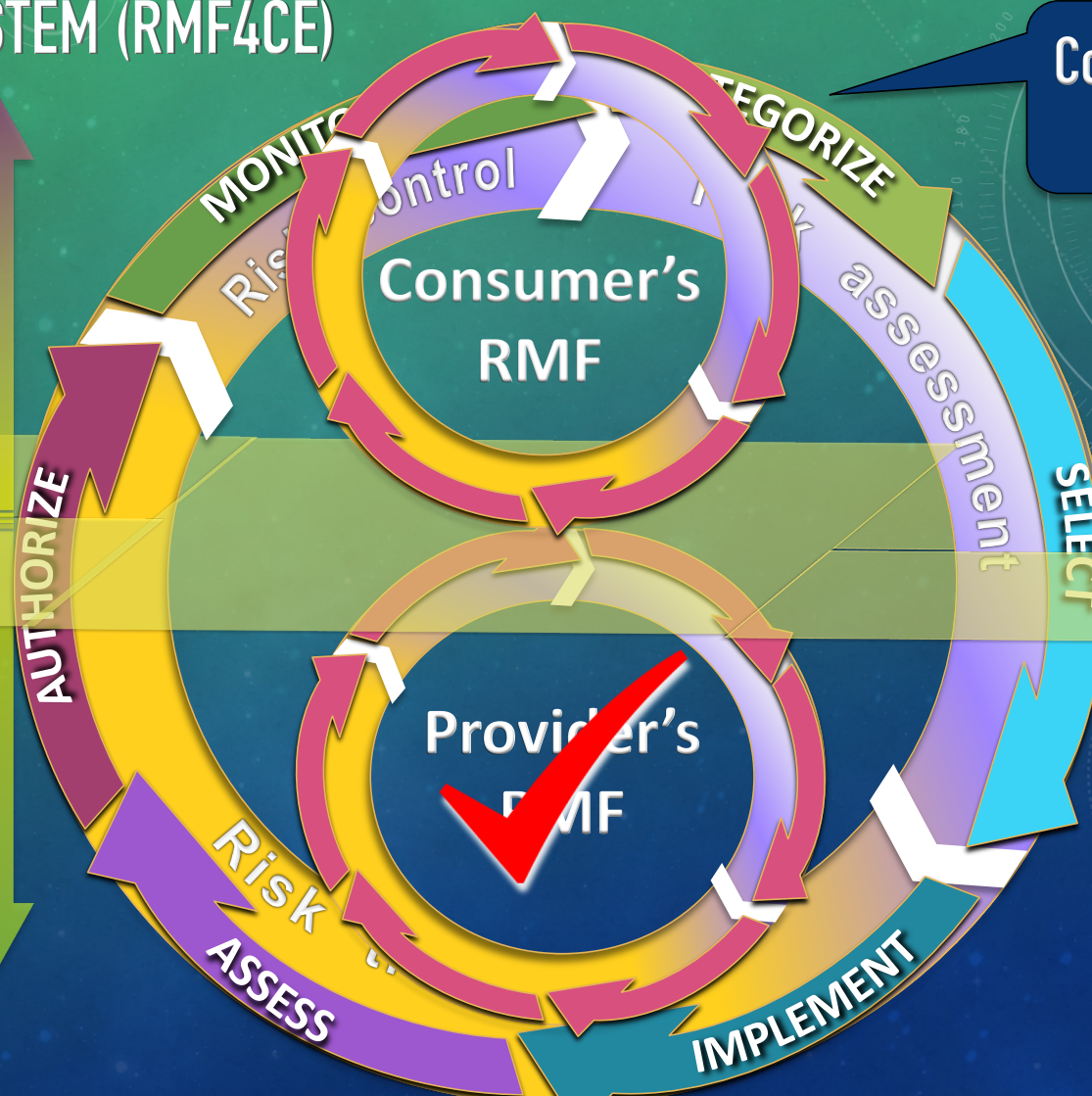
RMF FOR A CLOUD ECOSYSTEM (RMF4CE)

(a global view)

Layers Managed
by Consumer

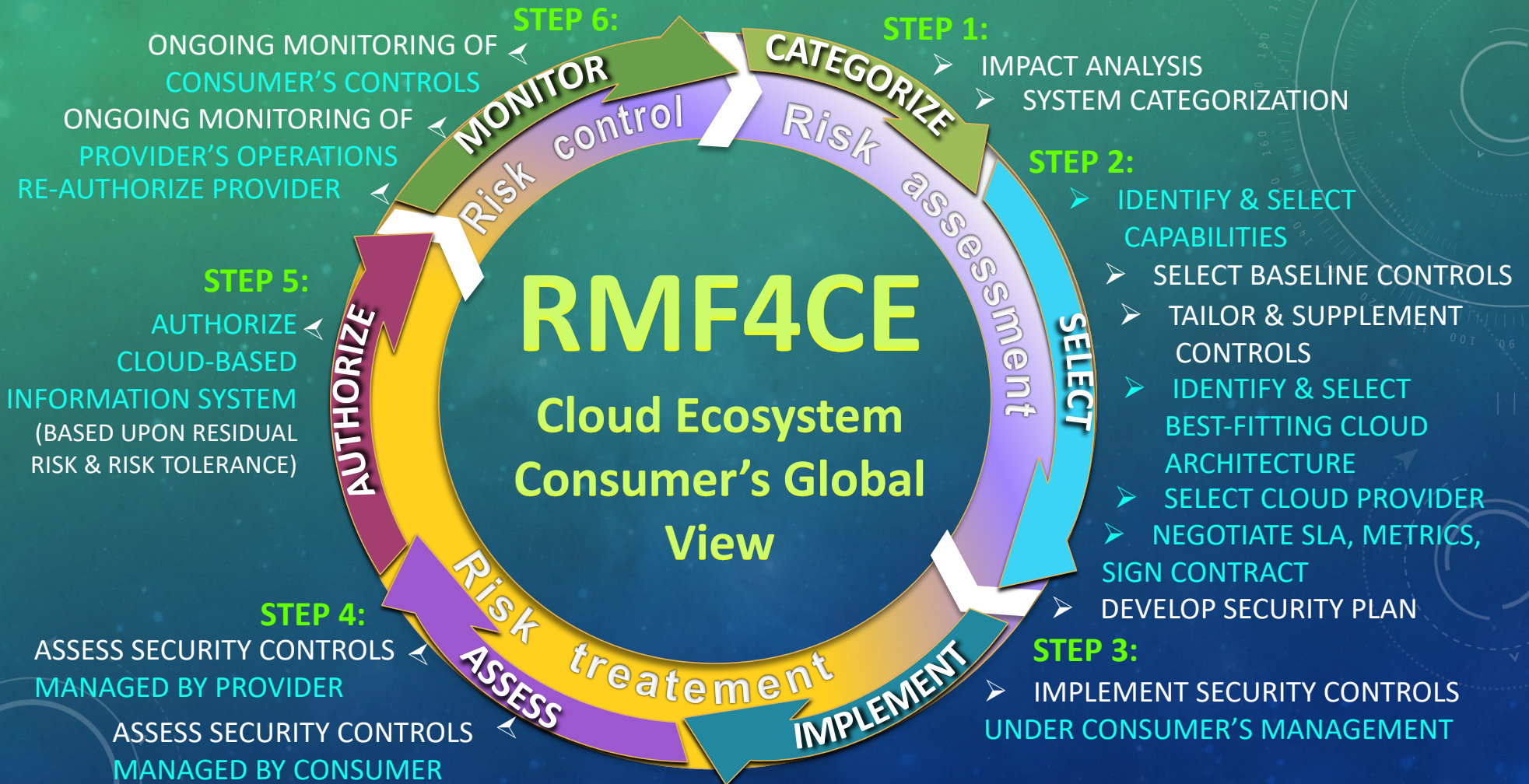
Layers Managed
by Provider

FedRAMP applies
RMF when P-A&A
Cloud Providers



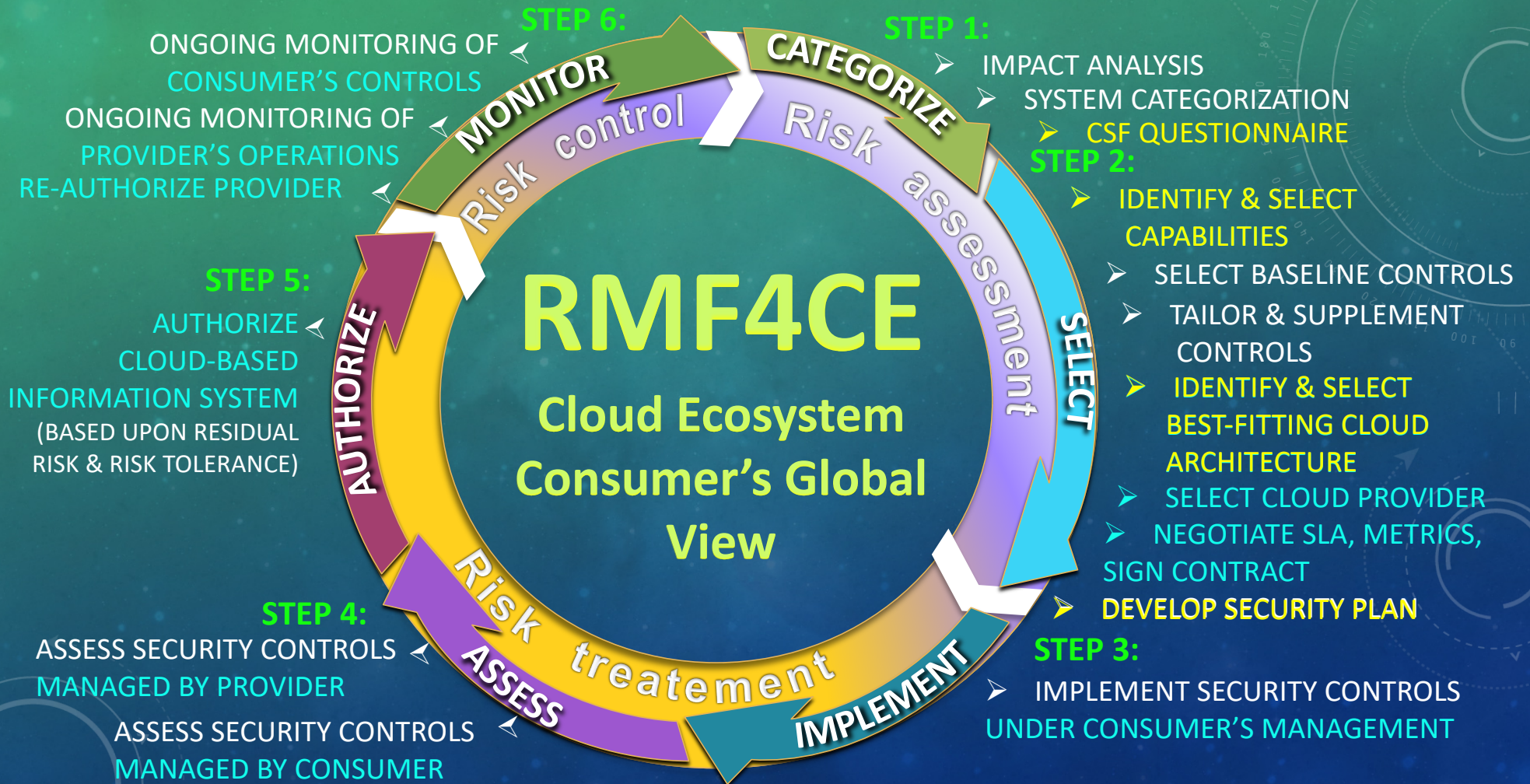
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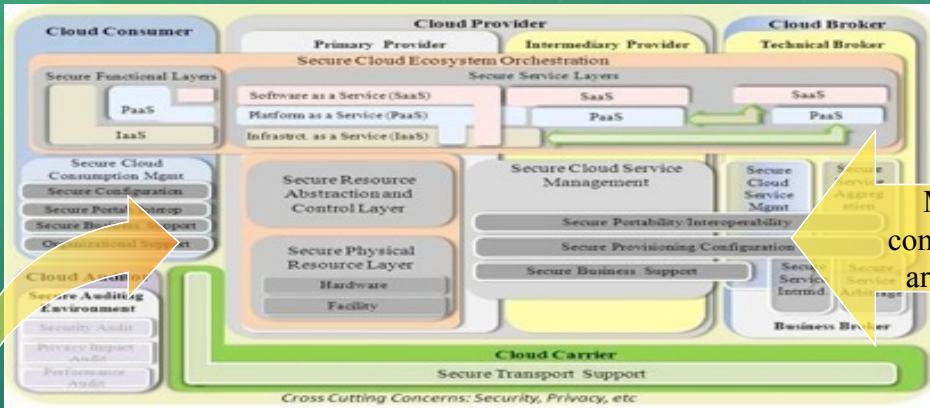
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CLOUD SECURITY RUBIK'S CUBE



NIST CC SECURITY REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE – THE APPROACH

NIST Security Reference Architecture – formal model

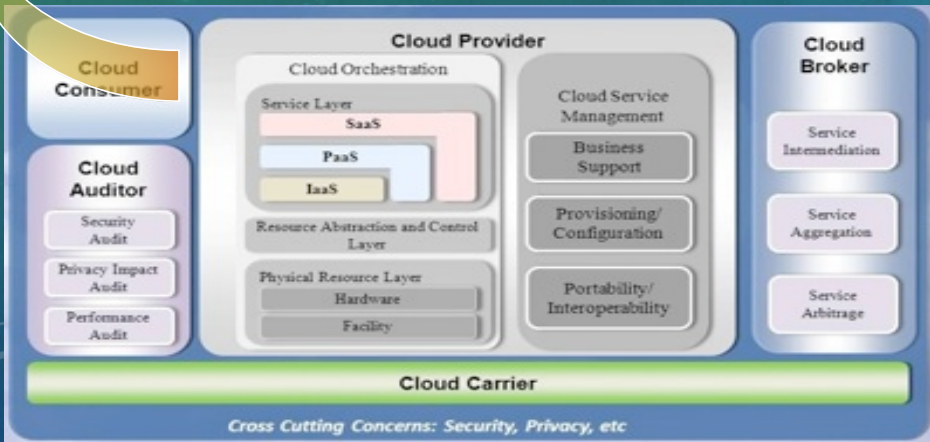


NIST Security Reference Architecture – security components

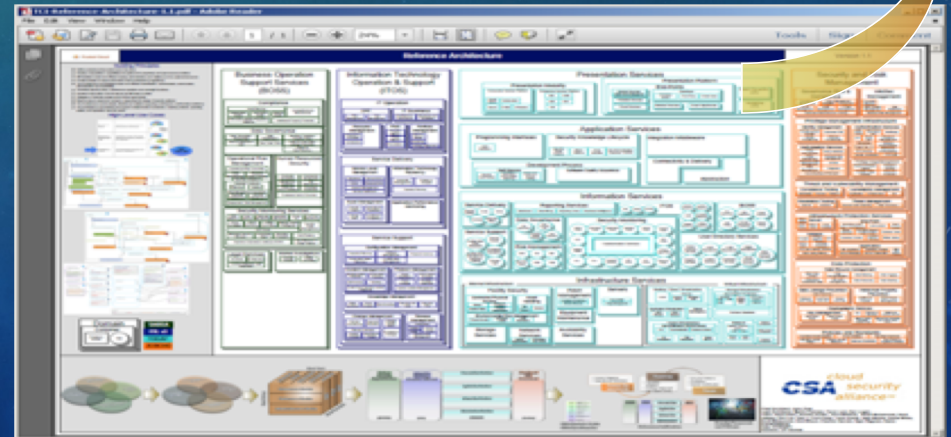
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7	HOJSS	Human Resource Security	Employee Awareness	2.00	3.00	2.00	7.00
10	HOJSS	Security Monitoring Services	Market Threat Intelligence	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
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11	HOJSS	Compliance	Audit Planning	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
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13	HOJSS	Security Monitoring Services	Email Journaling	2.00	3.00	2.00	7.00
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Mapping components to architecture

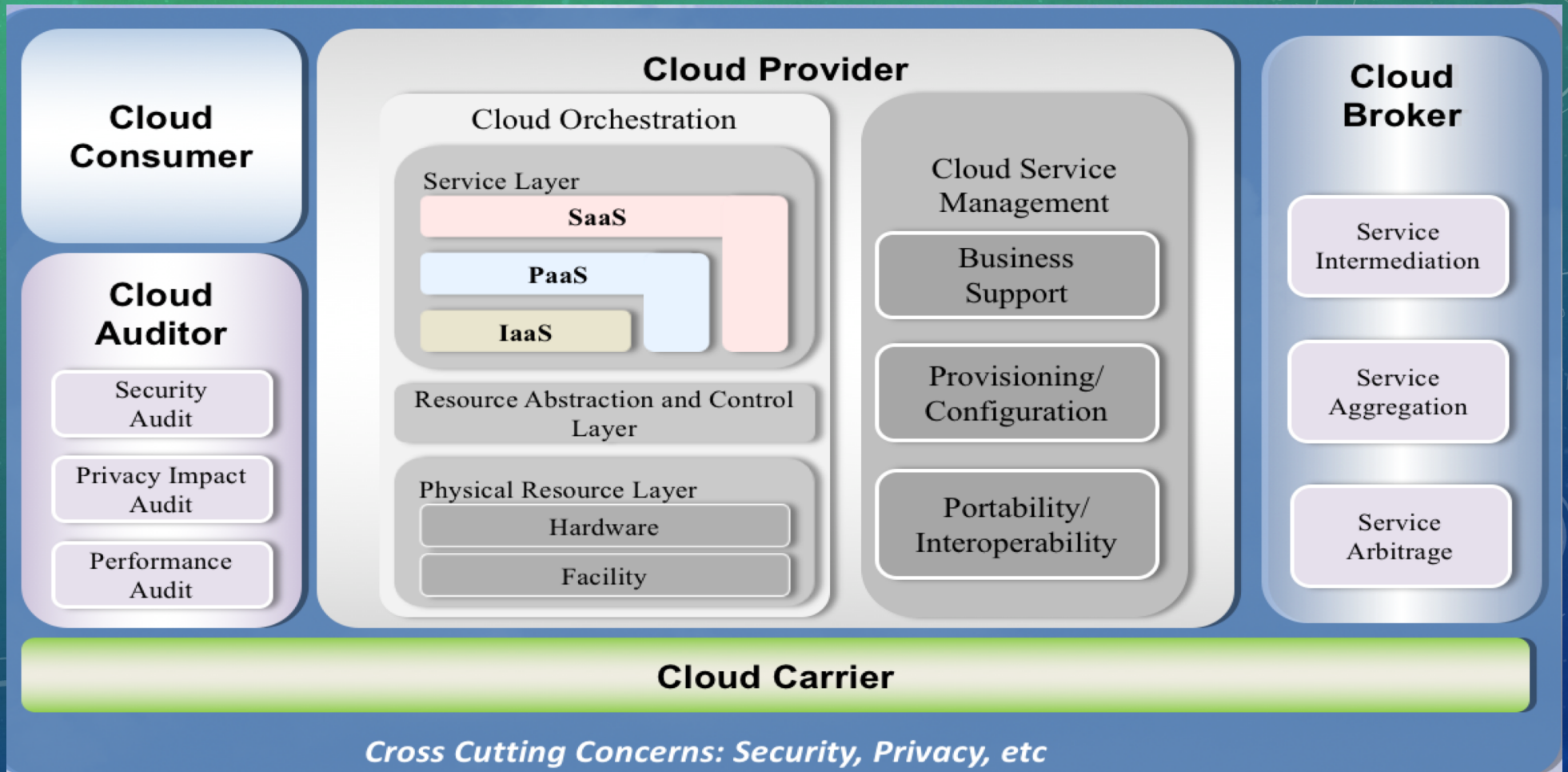
NIST Reference Architecture



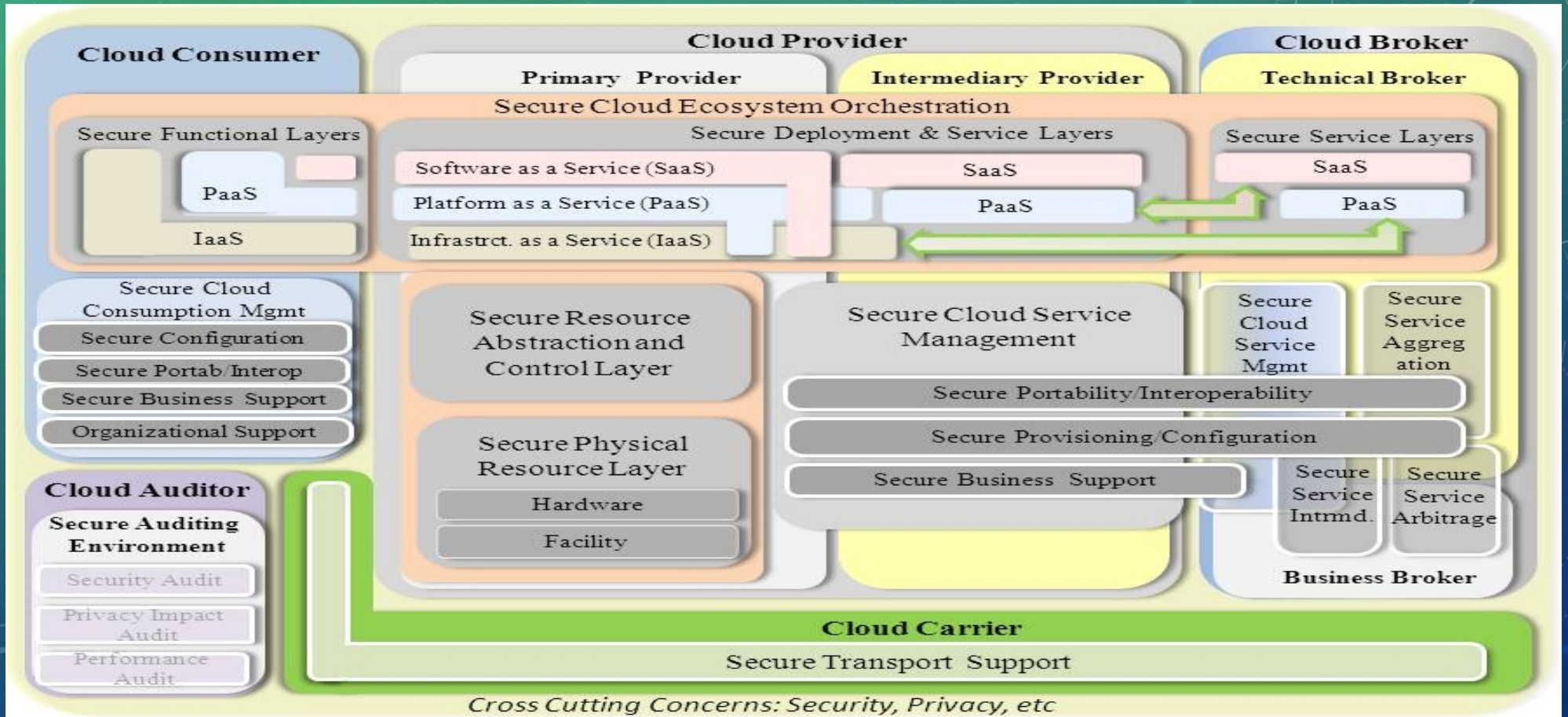
CSA's TCI Reference Architecture



SP 500-292: NIST CLOUD COMPUTING REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE



SP 500-299: NIST CLOUD SECURITY REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE





NIST SP 800-174: SECURITY AND PRIVACY CONTROLS FOR CLOUD-BASED FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

NIST Interactive Questionnaire			
Role	Question	Response	
CIO	Does the organization maintain an up-to-date inventory of all IT hardware assets?		
Sysadmin	Does the system provide location services reporting the physical location of assets, resources, facilities, people, etc.?		
CIO	Does the organization maintain an up-to-date inventory of all IT software and virtual machine assets?	Yes No Not Sure	
CISO	Does the organization categorize/classify and label its data, servers, endpoints, and other assets based on their sensitivity and value in accordance with organizational policy?		
Sysadmin	Does the system assign, use, and manage data tags for specific pieces of information to facilitate data classification?		
Contracts	Does the organization have processes and resources in place to support contracts, including standard clauses for system security and privacy?		
CIO	Does the organization document its business goals, objectives, and processes, then analyze that information to help determine IT, security, and risk management strategies and priorities?		
CISO	Does the organization document its information security program's capabilities and map these capabilities to what the business does?		
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CISO	Does the organization define and measure objectives for security services and their delivery?		
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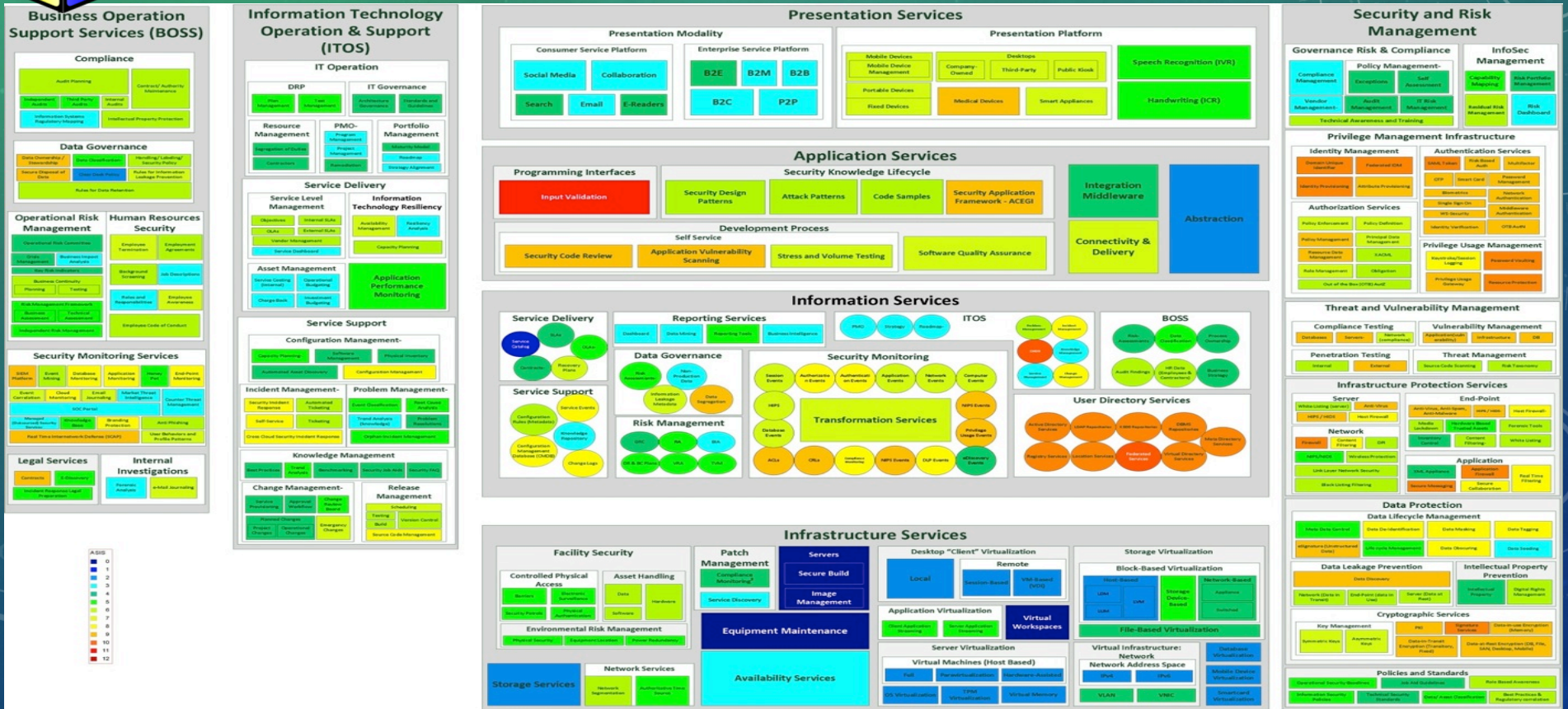
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NIST Interactive Questionnaire Results											
SP 800-53 RA security controls for LOW-IMPACT SYSTEMS											
CSF Subcategory ID	CSF Subcategory Description	FY 2017 CIO FISMA Metrics	Domain	Container	Capability (process or solution)	Capability (process or solution)	Revised Description	Unique Identifier	NIST Baseline	Additional Suggested Controls	FedRAMP Baseline
ID.AM	Identify--Asset Management										
ID.AM-1	Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.16	ITOS	Service Support	Configuration Management	Automated Asset Discovery	The system's organization has a capability that identifies new and changing assets across the IT infrastructure and maintains an up-to-date inventory of configuration items.	Automated Asset Discovery	CA-7,CM-2,CM-8	CM-3	CA-7,CM-2,CM-8
			ITOS	Service Support	Configuration Management	Physical Inventory	The system's organization has a capability that tracks all IT assets, including their ownership and current custody.	Physical Inventory	CM-8		CM-8
			S & RM	Infrastructure Protection Services	End-Point	Inventory Control	The system has a capability that manages and maintains inventory for its physical and digital assets, including virtual machines.	Inventory Control	CM-8		CM-8
			Information Services	User Directory Services	Location Services		The system has a capability that provides location services reporting the physical location of assets, resources, facilities, people, etc.	Location Services	CM-8		CM-8
ID.AM-2	Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried	2.3.1, 3.17					The system's organization has a capability that identifies new and changing assets across the IT infrastructure and maintains an up-to-date inventory of configuration items.	Automated Asset Discovery	CA-7,CM-2,CM-8	CM-3	CA-7,CM-2,CM-8
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ID.AM-5	Resources (e.g., hardware, devices, data, and software) are prioritized based on their						The system has a policy, enforced by a capability, that requires accurate labeling and identifiers for information and its associated media and data repositories. If virtual repositories the system's data is assigned classifications (e.g. controlled unclassified information, classified, sensitive) based on the sensitivity of the data and its value to the system owner. The	Handling/Labeling/Security	AC-1,AC-3,AT-1,AU-1,CA-1,CM-1,CP-1,AC-4		AC-1,AC-3,AT-1,AU-1,CA-1,CM-1,CP-1,AC-4
			BOSS	Data Governance	Handling/Labeling/Security Policy			Data Classification	RA-2,RA-3		RA-2,RA-3
			Information Services	BOSS	Data Classification		The system's organization has a capability to categorize the organization's information to guide data handling.	Data Classification	RA-2		RA-2
			S & RM	Policies and Standards	Data/Asset Classification		The system's organization has a capability that defines a classification scheme for information, servers, endpoints, and other assets so that specific security policies can be applied to	Data/Asset Classification	RA-2,RA-3		RA-2,RA-3
			S & RM	Data Protection	Data Lifecycle Management	Data Tagging	The system has a capability that assigns, uses, and manages data tags for specific pieces of information to aid in browsing and searching activities.	Data Tagging	AC-4		AC-4
ID.AM-6	Cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for the entire workforce and third-party										
			BOSS	Legal Services	Contracts		The system's organization has processes and resources in place to support contracts. A contract template is in place that includes contract clauses for system security and privacy.	Contracts	SA-1,SA-4,SA-9		SA-1,SA-4,SA-9
ID.BE	Identify--Business Environment										
ID.BE-3	Priorities for organizational mission, objectives, and activities are established and										
			BOSS	Operational Risk	Business Impact Analysis		The system's organization has a process for conducting a	Business	CM-4,CP-2,RA		CM-4,CP-2,RA



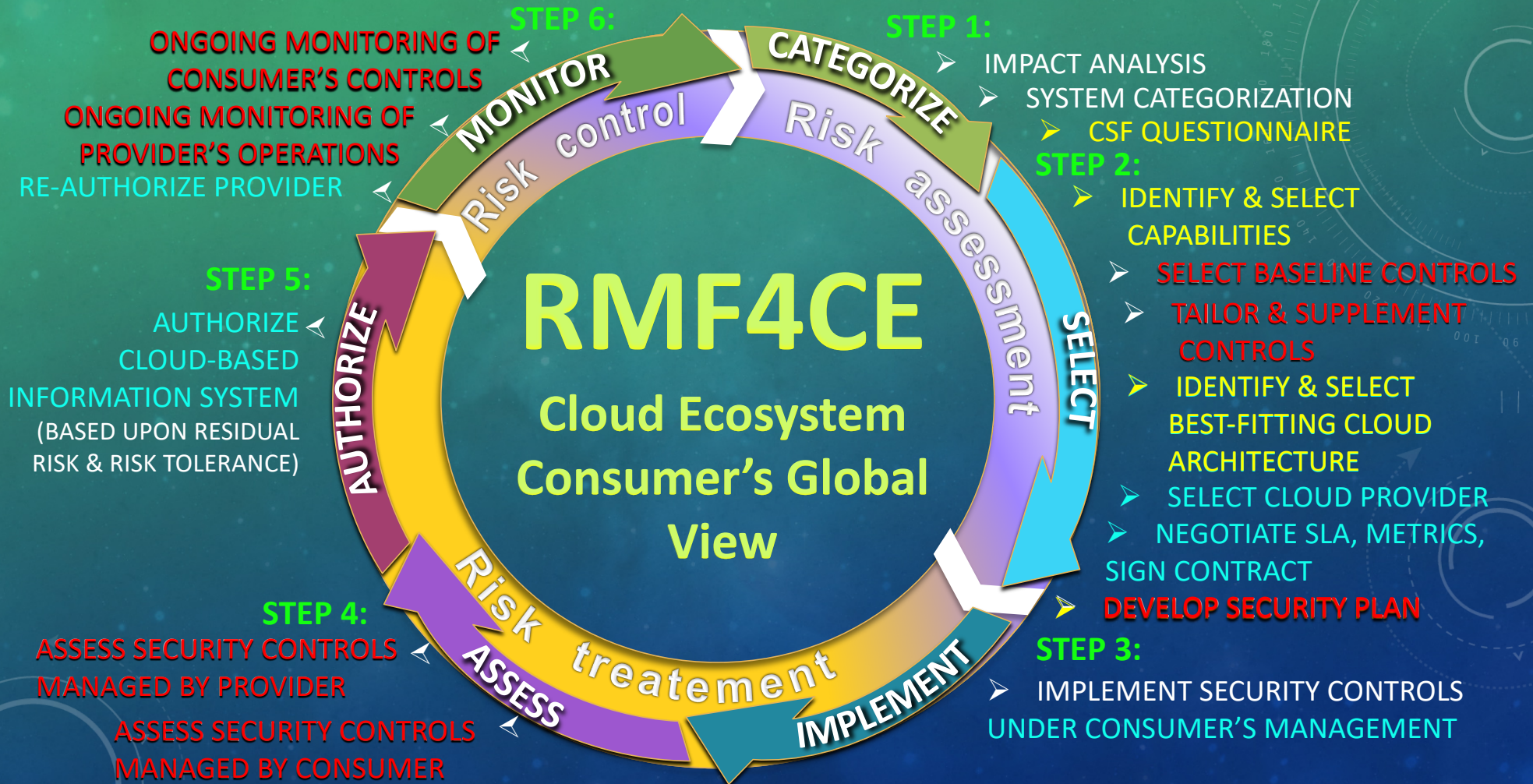
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OSCAL



WHAT IS OSCAL?

- New “Standard of Standards” **normalizing** how system security controls and corresponding assessment information are represented;
- **OSCAL Project Goals:**
 - **Standardized:** Provide security control, control implementation, and assessment information in an open, standardized way that can be used by both humans and machines
 - **Interoperable:** Ensure OSCAL is well-defined so tools using OSCAL information are interoperable and use information consistently
 - **Easy to use:** Promote developer adoption of OSCAL so tools are available for organizations to build, customize, and use OSCAL information
- Improves the **efficiency, accuracy, and consistency** of system security assessments.

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OSCAL SCHEMAS

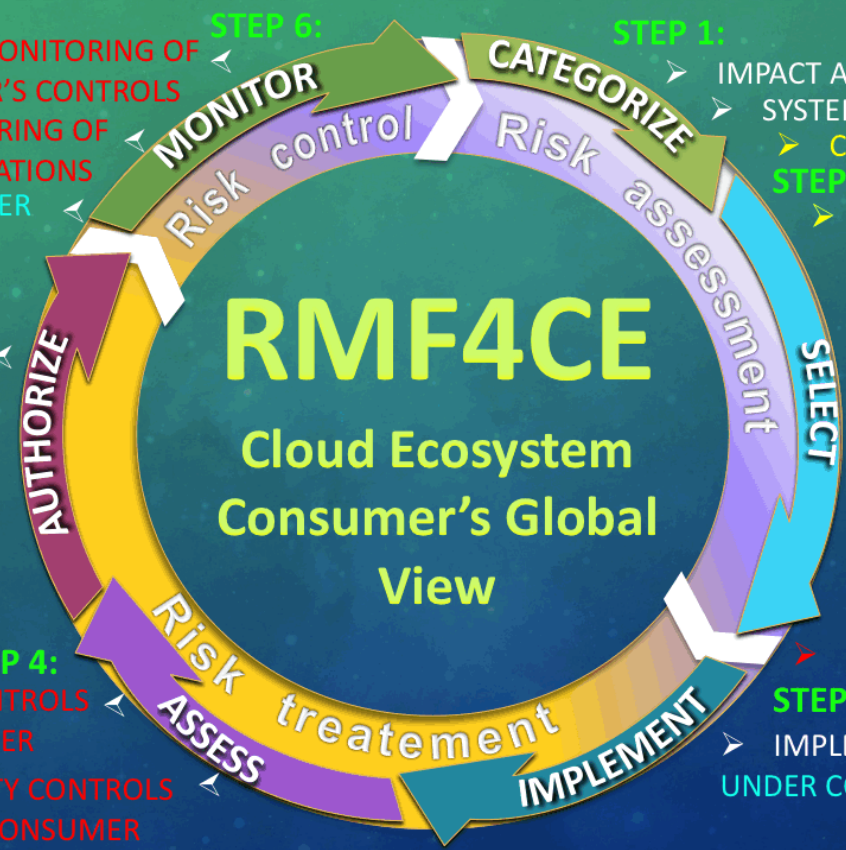
ASSESSMENT RESULTS

STEP 5:
AUTHORIZE
CLOUD-BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM
(BASED UPON RESIDUAL RISK & RISK TOLERANCE)

STEP 4:
ASSESS SECURITY CONTROLS MANAGED BY PROVIDER
ASSESS SECURITY CONTROLS MANAGED BY CONSUMER

ASSESSMENT

STEP 6:
MONITOR
Risk control
ONGOING MONITORING OF CONSUMER'S CONTROLS
ONGOING MONITORING OF PROVIDER'S OPERATIONS
RE-AUTHORIZE PROVIDER



IMPLEMENTATION (SSP)

STEP 1:
CATEGORIZE
Risk assessment
IMPACT ANALYSIS
SYSTEM CATEGORIZATION
CSF QUESTIONNAIRE

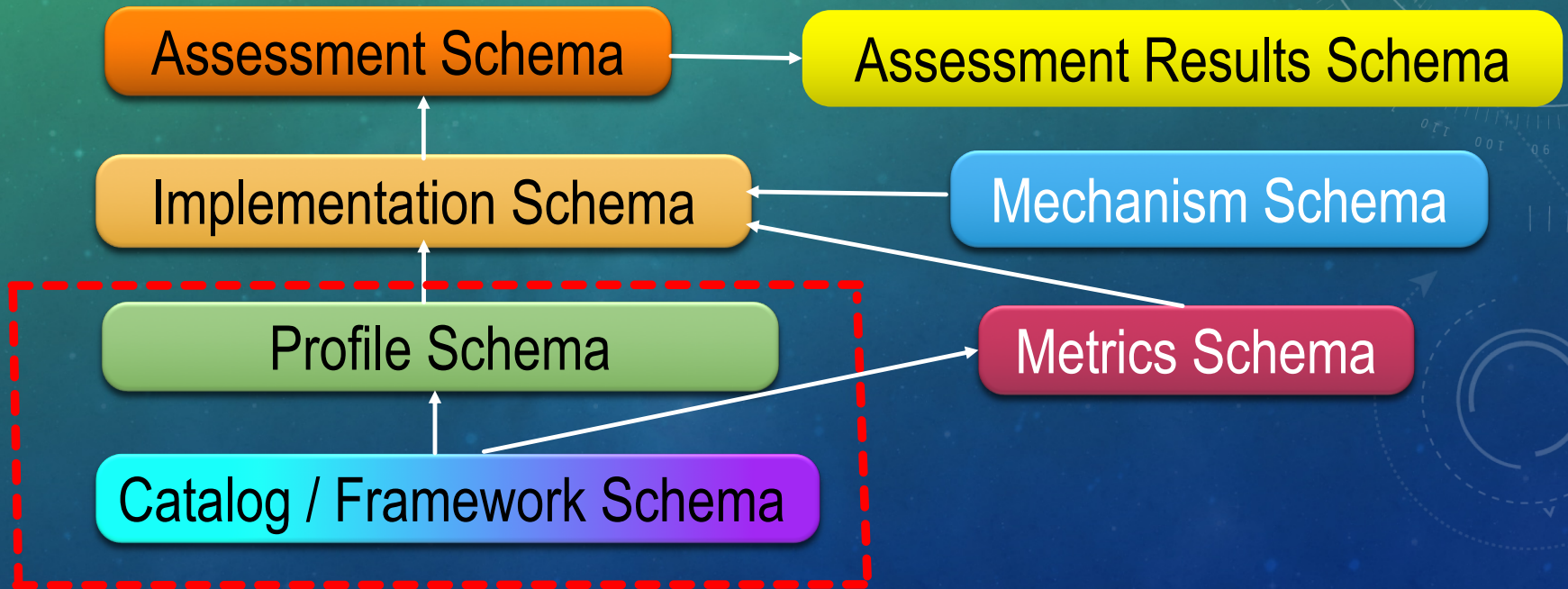
STEP 2:
SELECT
Risk assessment
IDENTIFY & SELECT CAPABILITIES
SELECT BASELINE CONTROLS
TAILOR & SUPPLEMENT CONTROLS
IDENTIFY & SELECT BEST-FITTING CLOUD ARCHITECTURE
SELECT CLOUD PROVIDER
NEGOTIATE SLA, METRICS, SIGN CONTRACT
DEVELOP SECURITY PLAN

STEP 3:
IMPLEMENT
Risk treatment
IMPLEMENT SECURITY CONTROLS UNDER CONSUMER'S MANAGEMENT

CATALOG / FRAMEWORK

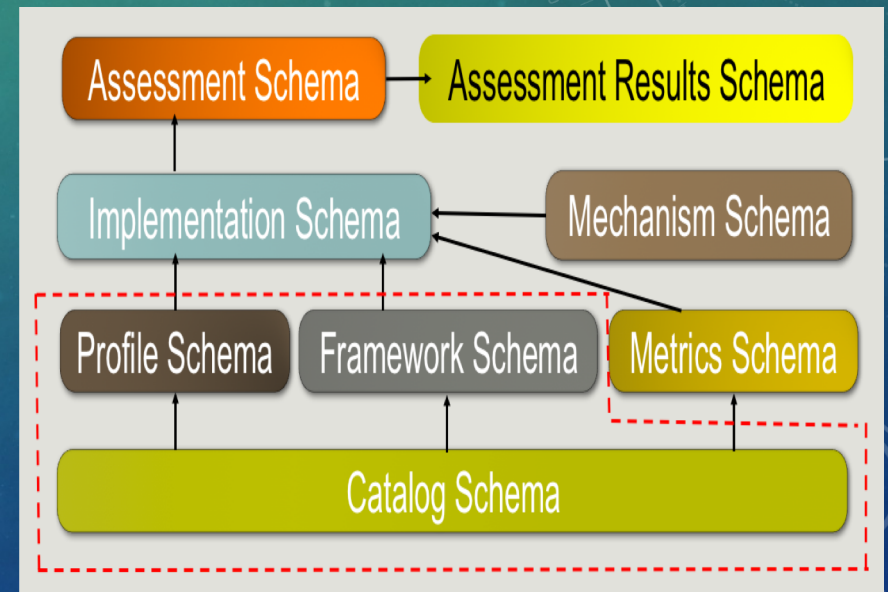
PROFILE

CURRENT FOCUS OF OSCAL DEVELOPMENT



DESCRIPTIONS OF CURRENT COMPONENTS

- ❑ **Catalog:** Defines a set of security controls (e.g., NIST SP 800-53 Appendix F); may also define **objectives** and **methods for assessing** the controls (e.g., NIST SP 800-53A)
- ❑ **Profile:** Defines a set of security requirements, where meeting each requirement necessitates implementing one or more security controls
- ❑ **Framework:** Defines a set of security requirements expressed at a higher level (e.g. Cybersecurity Framework)



PROSE VS. OSCAL CATALOG

Control Title

AC-1 ACCESS CONTROL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Control: The organization:

- a. Develops, documents, and disseminates to [*Assignment: organization-defined personnel or roles*]:
 1. An access control policy that addresses purpose, scope, roles, responsibilities, management commitment, coordination among organizational entities, and compliance; and
 2. Procedures to facilitate the implementation of the access control policy and associated access controls; and
- b. Reviews and updates the current:
 1. Access control policy [*Assignment: organization-defined frequency*]; and
 2. Access control procedures [*Assignment: organization-defined frequency*].

Supplemental Guidance: This control addresses the establishment of policy and procedures for the effective implementation of selected security controls and control enhancements in the AC family. Policy and procedures reflect applicable federal laws, Executive Orders, directives, regulations, policies, standards, and guidance. Security program policies and procedures at the organization level may make the need for system-specific policies and procedures unnecessary. The policy can be included as part of the general information security policy for organizations or conversely, can be represented by multiple policies reflecting the complex nature of certain organizations. The procedures can be established for the security program in general and for particular information systems, if needed. The organizational risk management strategy is a key factor in establishing policy and procedures. Related control: PM-9.

Control Enhancements: None.

References: NIST Special Publications 800-12, 800-100.

Priority and Baseline Allocation:

P1	LOW AC-1	MOD AC-1	HIGH AC-1
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SP 800-53 BASELINE VS OSCAL PROFILE

CNTL NO.	CONTROL NAME	PRIORITY	INITIAL CONTROL BASELINES		
			LOW	MOD	HIGH
Access Control					
AC-1	Access Control Policy and Procedures	P1	AC-1	AC-1	AC-1
AC-2	Account Management	P1	AC-2	AC-2 (1) (2) (3) (4)	AC-2 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (11) (12) (13)
AC-3	Access Enforcement	P1	AC-3	AC-3	AC-3
AC-4	Information Flow Enforcement	P1	Not Selected	AC-4	AC-4
AC-5	Separation of Duties	P1	Not Selected	AC-5	AC-5
AC-6	Least Privilege	P1	Not Selected	AC-6 (1) (2) (5) (9) (10)	AC-6 (1) (2) (3) (5) (9) (10)
AC-7	Unsuccessful Logon Attempts	P2	AC-7	AC-7	AC-7
AC-8	System Use Notification	P1	AC-8	AC-8	AC-8
AC-9	Previous Logon (Access) Notification	P0	Not Selected	Not Selected	Not Selected
AC-10	Concurrent Session Control	P3	Not Selected	Not Selected	AC-10
AC-11	Session Lock	P3	Not Selected	AC-11 (1)	AC-11 (1)
AC-12	Session Termination	P2	Not Selected	AC-12	AC-12
AC-13	Withdrawn	---	---	---	---
AC-14	Permitted Actions without Identification or Authentication	P3	AC-14	AC-14	AC-14
AC-15	Withdrawn	---	---	---	---
AC-16	Security Attributes	P0	Not Selected	Not Selected	Not Selected
AC-17	Remote Access	P1	AC-17	AC-17 (1) (2) (3) (4)	AC-17 (1) (2) (3) (4)
AC-18	Wireless Access	P1	AC-18	AC-18 (1)	AC-18 (1) (4) (5)
AC-19	Access Control for Mobile Devices	P1	AC-19	AC-19 (5)	AC-19 (5)
AC-20	Use of External Information Systems	P1	AC-20	AC-20 (1) (2)	AC-20 (1) (2)
AC-21	Information Sharing	P2	Not Selected	AC-21	AC-21
AC-22	Publicly Accessible Content	P3	AC-22	AC-22	AC-22
AC-23	Data Mining Protection	P0	Not Selected	Not Selected	Not Selected
AC-24	Access Control Decisions	P0	Not Selected	Not Selected	Not Selected
AC-25	Reference Monitor	P0	Not Selected	Not Selected	Not Selected

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  <call control-id="ac.19"/>

  <call control-id="ac.20"/>

  ...snip...
</invoke>
</profile>
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OSCAL DELIVERABLES

XML and JSON Schemas	Validate catalogs and profiles against constraints
XSL Templates	Produce human-readable versions (PDFs)
CSS	Edit OSCAL catalogs and profiles using XML tools
Documentation	Define the OSCAL specification Explain how organizations can convert existing catalogs and profiles into OSCAL formats

Posted to a NIST GitHub repo: <https://github.com/usnistgov/OSCAL>
Email oscal@nist.gov for access

OSCAL REPOSITORY ON GITHUB

Open Security Controls Assessment

Add topics

352 commits

Branch: master

New pull request

iMichaela Update README.md

docs Update README.md

examples add json schema and examples

schema add json schema and examples

sources Adjust README.md

working add json schema and examples

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SP800-53-MODERATE-baseline.json
SP800-53-MODERATE-baseline.xml
SP800-53-oscal-declarations.json
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pub	More FedRAMP readme
roundtripped	add json schema and examples
FedRAMP-HIGH-crude.json	add json schema and examples
FedRAMP-HIGH-crude.xml	More small edits
FedRAMP-HIGH-edited.json	add json schema and examples
FedRAMP-HIGH-edited.xml	Touches
FedRAMP-LOW-crude.json	add json schema and examples
FedRAMP-LOW-crude.xml	More updates and name changes
FedRAMP-MODERATE-crude.json	add json schema and examples
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