

# **Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity**

## **Implementation of Executive Order 13636**

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# Executive Order: Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity

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*“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**

# Since the February 12, 2014 release of the Cybersecurity Framework

## Request for Information: Experience with the Cybersecurity Framework

Questions focused on: awareness, experiences, and roadmap areas

August 26, 2014

## 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> workshop, an update on Roadmap areas, and next steps

December 5, 2014

February 13, 2015

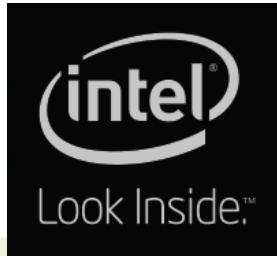
White House Releases [Fact Sheet on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection](#)

February 12, 2015

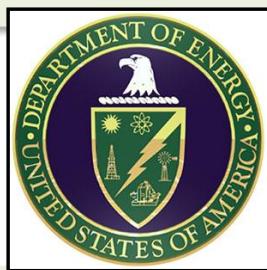
## 1 Year Anniversary of the Release

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

# Some Additional Cybersecurity Framework Resources Developed by Industry



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



[Cybersecurity Guidance for Small Firms](#)



[Energy Sector Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guidance](#)

[Process Control System Security Guidance for the Water Sector](#)



Other online communities of interest

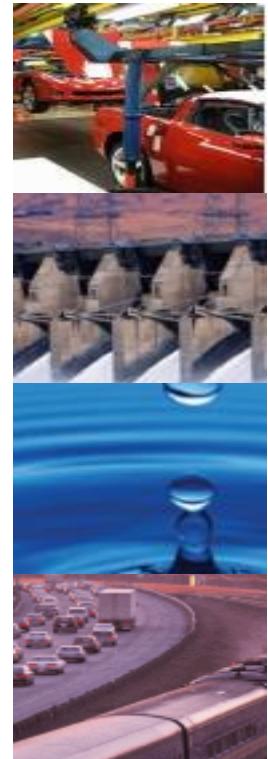


# Near Term Framework Activities

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In summary, “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
- To allow for adoption, Framework version 2.0 is not planned for the near term



## Where to Learn More and Stay Current

The *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, the *Roadmap*, related news and information are available  
at: [www.nist.gov/cyberframework](http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework)

Email: [cyberframework@nist.gov](mailto:cyberframework@nist.gov)



## **Back-Up Slides**

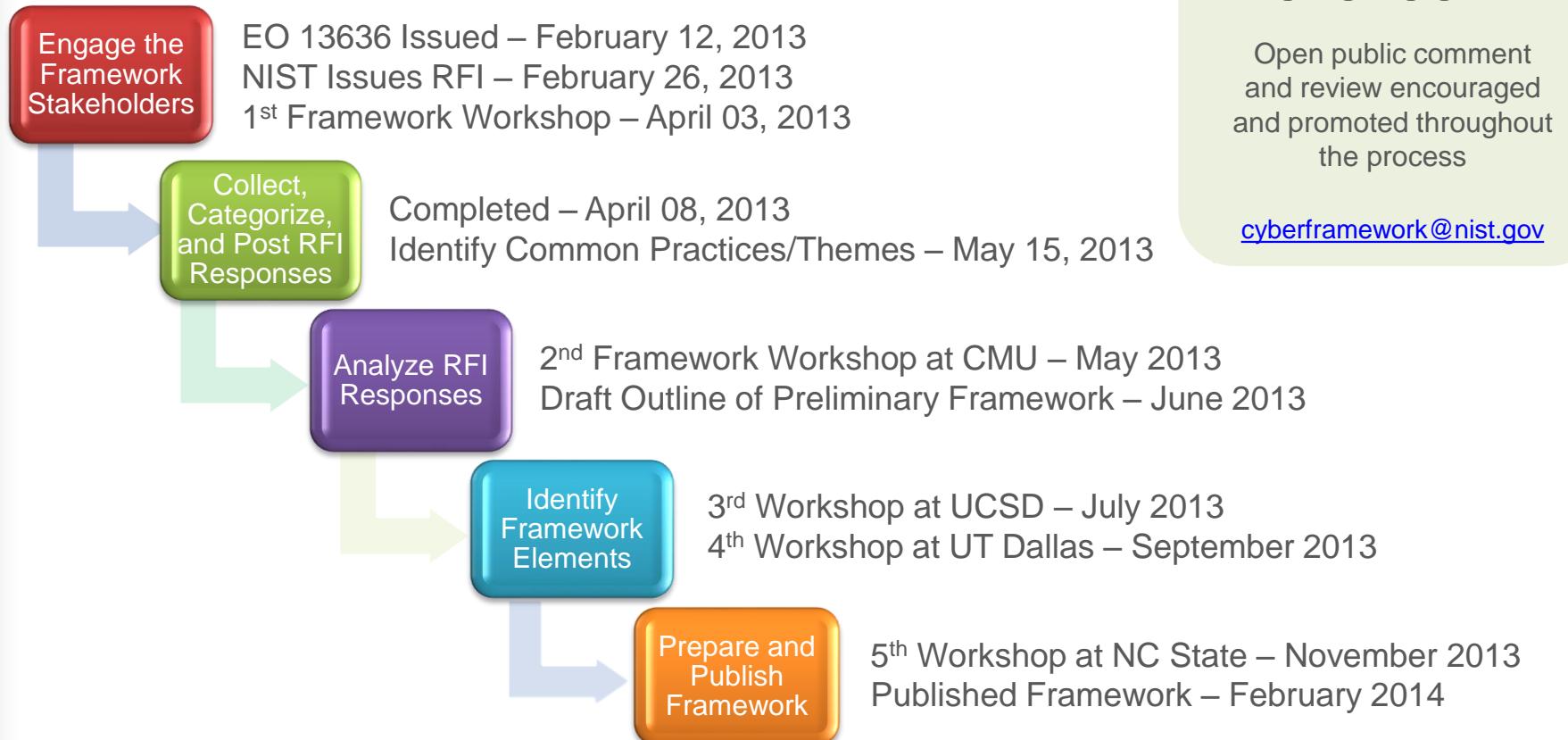
- Cybersecurity Framework Background
- Introduction to the Components of the Cybersecurity Framework

# Based on the Executive Order, the Cybersecurity Framework Must

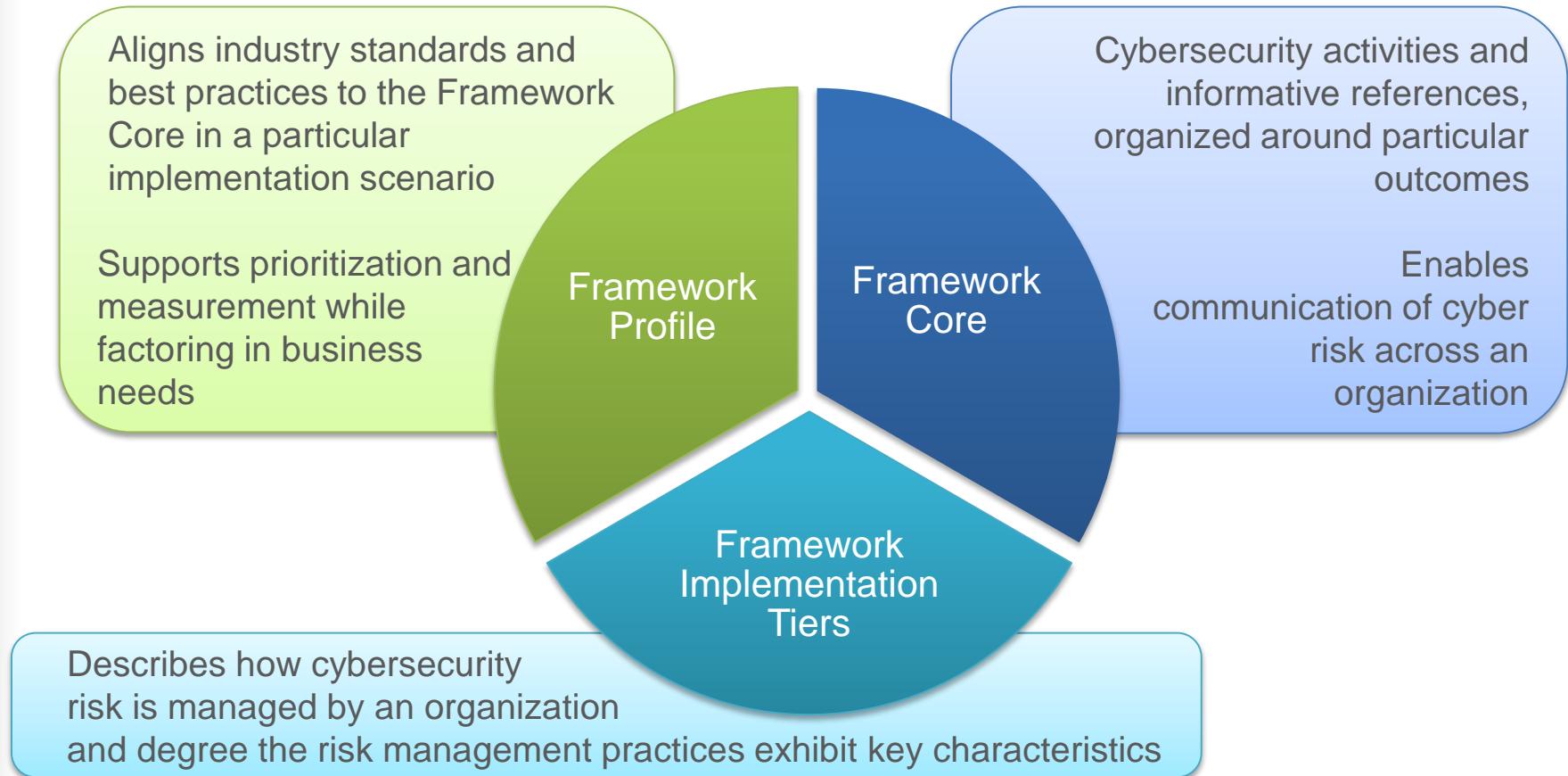
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- Include a set of standards, methodologies, procedures, and processes that align policy, business, and technological approaches to address cyber risks
- Provide a prioritized, flexible, repeatable, performance-based, and cost-effective approach, including information security measures and controls, to help owners and operators of critical infrastructure identify, assess, and manage cyber risk
- Identify areas for improvement to be addressed through future collaboration with particular sectors and standards-developing organizations
- Be consistent with voluntary international standards

# Development of the Framework



# Framework Components



# Framework Core

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What 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			

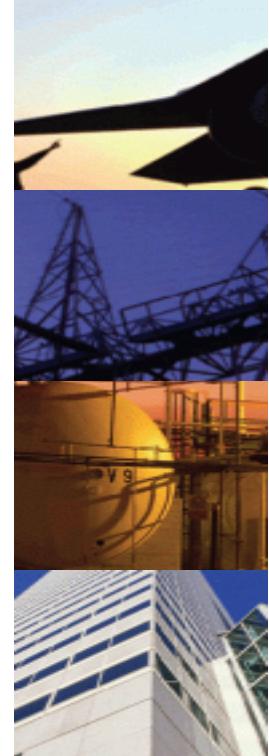
# Framework Core - Sample

PROTECT (PR)	<p><b>Access Control (PR.AC):</b> Access to assets and associated facilities is limited to authorized users, processes, or devices, and to authorized activities and transactions.</p>	<p><b>PR.AC-1:</b> Identities and credentials are managed for authorized devices and users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCS CSC 16</li><li>• COBIT 5 DSS05.04, DSS06.03</li><li>• ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.5.1</li><li>• ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.1, SR 1.2, SR 1.3, SR 1.4, SR 1.5, SR 1.7, SR 1.8, SR 1.9</li><li>• ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.9.2.1, A.9.2.2, A.9.2.4, A.9.3.1, A.9.4.2, A.9.4.3</li><li>• NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AC-2, IA Family</li></ul>
	<p><b>PR.AC-2:</b> Physical access to assets is managed and protected</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COBIT 5 DSS01.04, DSS05.05</li><li>• ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.3.2, 4.3.3.3.8</li><li>• ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.11.1.1, A.11.1.2, A.11.1.4, A.11.1.6, A.11.2.3</li><li>• NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 PE-2, PE-3, PE-4, PE-5, PE-6, PE-9</li></ul>
	<p><b>PR.AC-3:</b> Remote access is managed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COBIT 5 APO13.01, DSS01.04, DSS05.03</li><li>• ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.6.6</li><li>• ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.13, SR 2.6</li><li>• ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.6.2.2, A.13.1.1, A.13.2.1</li></ul>

# Framework Profile

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- Alignment of **Functions, Categories, and Subcategories** with business requirements, risk tolerance, and resources of the organization
- Enables organizations to **establish a roadmap for reducing cybersecurity risk** that is well aligned with organizational and sector goals, considers legal/regulatory requirements and industry best practices, and reflects risk management priorities
- Can be used to describe **current state** or **desired target state** of cybersecurity activities



# Framework Implementation Tiers

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- Feedback indicated the need for the Framework to allow for flexibility in implementation and bring in concepts of maturity models.
- Responding to feedback, Framework Implementation Tiers were proposed to reflect how an organization implements the Framework Core functions and manages its risk.
- The Tiers are progressive, ranging from Partial (Tier 1) to Adaptive (Tier 4), with each Tier building on the previous Tier.
- The Tier characteristics are defined at the organizational level and are applied to the Framework Core to determine how a category is implemented.



# Why You Should Consider Adopting the Framework

Benefits	Features	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduces time and expense of starting an information security program</li><li>• Reduces risk within current information security programs by identifying areas for improvement</li><li>• Increases efficiencies and reduce the possibility of miscommunication within your information security program and with other organizations such as partners, suppliers, regulators, and auditors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organizes reconciliation and de-confliction of legislation, regulation, policy, and industry best practice (Core)</li><li>• Guides organization and management of and information security program (Core)</li><li>• Measures current state and expresses desired state (Profile)</li><li>• Enables investment decisions to address gaps in current state (Profile)</li><li>• Communicates cybersecurity requirements with stakeholders, including partners and suppliers (Profile)</li><li>• Enables informed trade-off analysis of expenditure versus risk (Tiers)</li></ul>	 A collage of three images: a cooling tower, stacks of gold coins, and power transmission towers.

# Key Points about the Cybersecurity Framework

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- **It's a framework, not a prescription**
  - It provides a common language and systematic methodology for managing cyber risk
  - 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