

# *gov***CAR**

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# Move to Stronger Risk Management

**From Compliance to Threat-Based Risk Management**

**Threat-Based Approach**

**Compliance**



**Cyber Hygiene**



**Risk = Consequence x Vulnerability x Threat**



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# About .govCAR

- .govCAR methodology provides threat-based assessment of cyber capabilities
- looks at the problem of cyber security the way an adversary does
- directly identifies where mitigations can be applied for the best defense against all phases of a cyber-attack.
- designed to enhance cybersecurity by analyzing capabilities against the current cyber threats to highlight gaps, and identify and prioritize areas for future investments.
- parallels DoD project known as DoDCAR (previously NSCSAR), which introduced the concept of a threat-based, end-to-end analysis of large, enterprise cybersecurity architectures and is used to provide direction and justification for cybersecurity



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# Why .govCAR?

- Evaluate architectures of architectures (layered architecture)
- Are my current cyber security capabilities protecting me against threats? If not, where are the gaps?
- Support investment direction and decisions especially at the portfolio level. Am I investing my cyber security budget wisely? What should my next investment be?
- Is there unwanted duplication of security functionality?
- Can evaluate people, policy and process capabilities, but has been primarily used for technology (materiel) evaluation



# Anatomy of a cyber attack

Administration

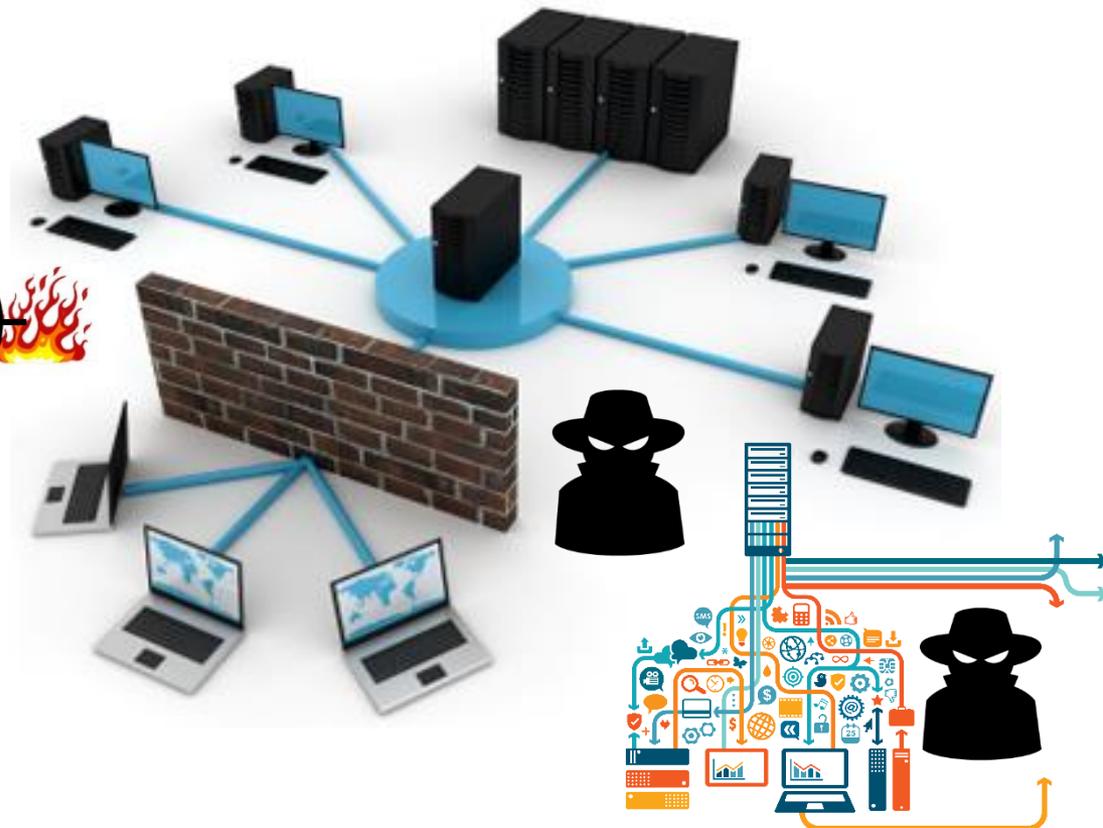
Preparation

Engagement

Presence

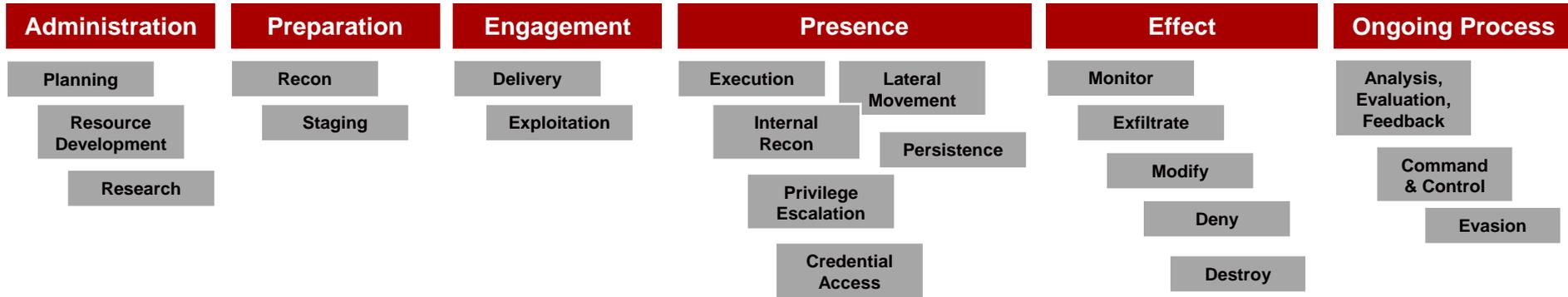
Effect

Ongoing Process



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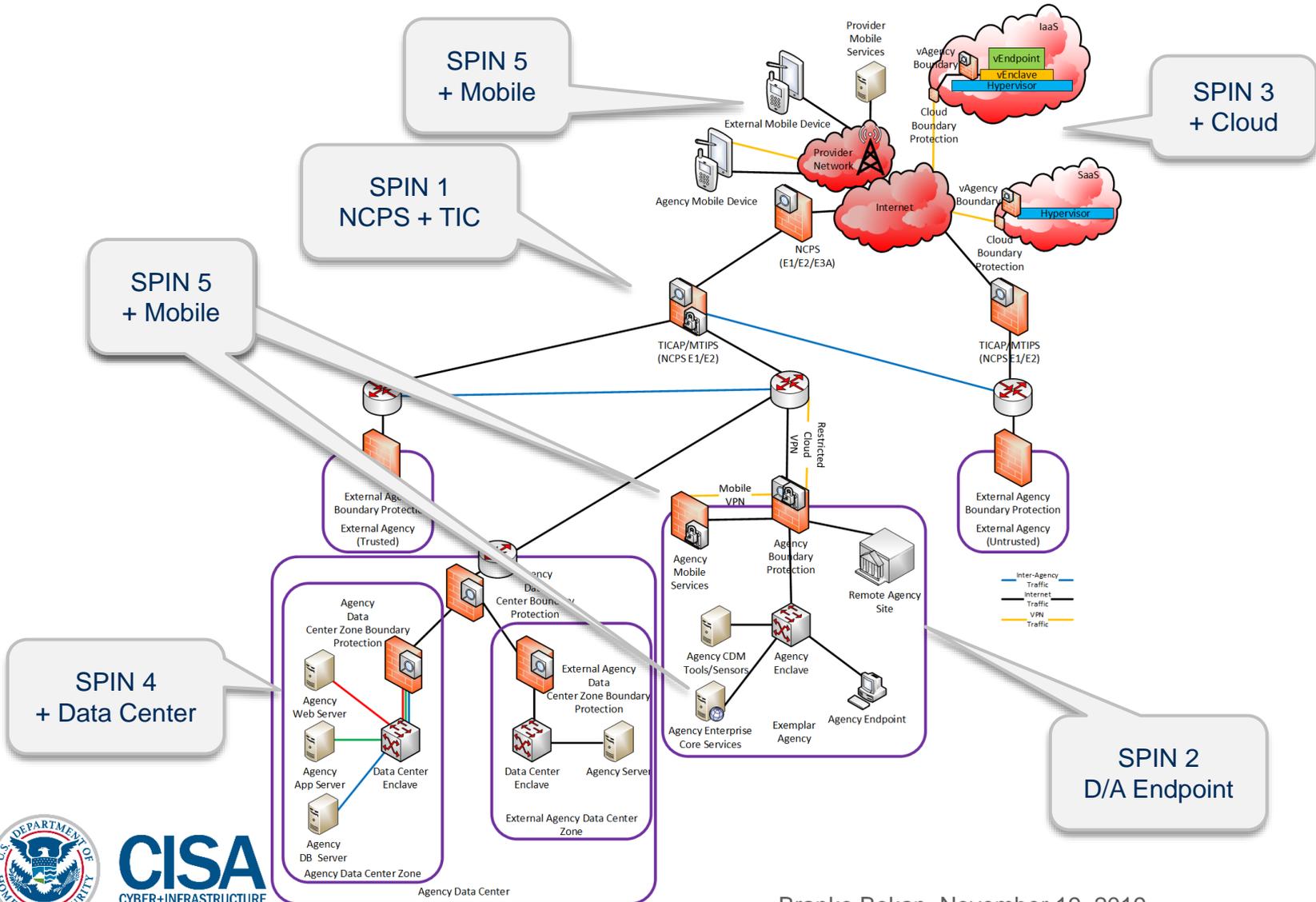
# Stages and Objectives



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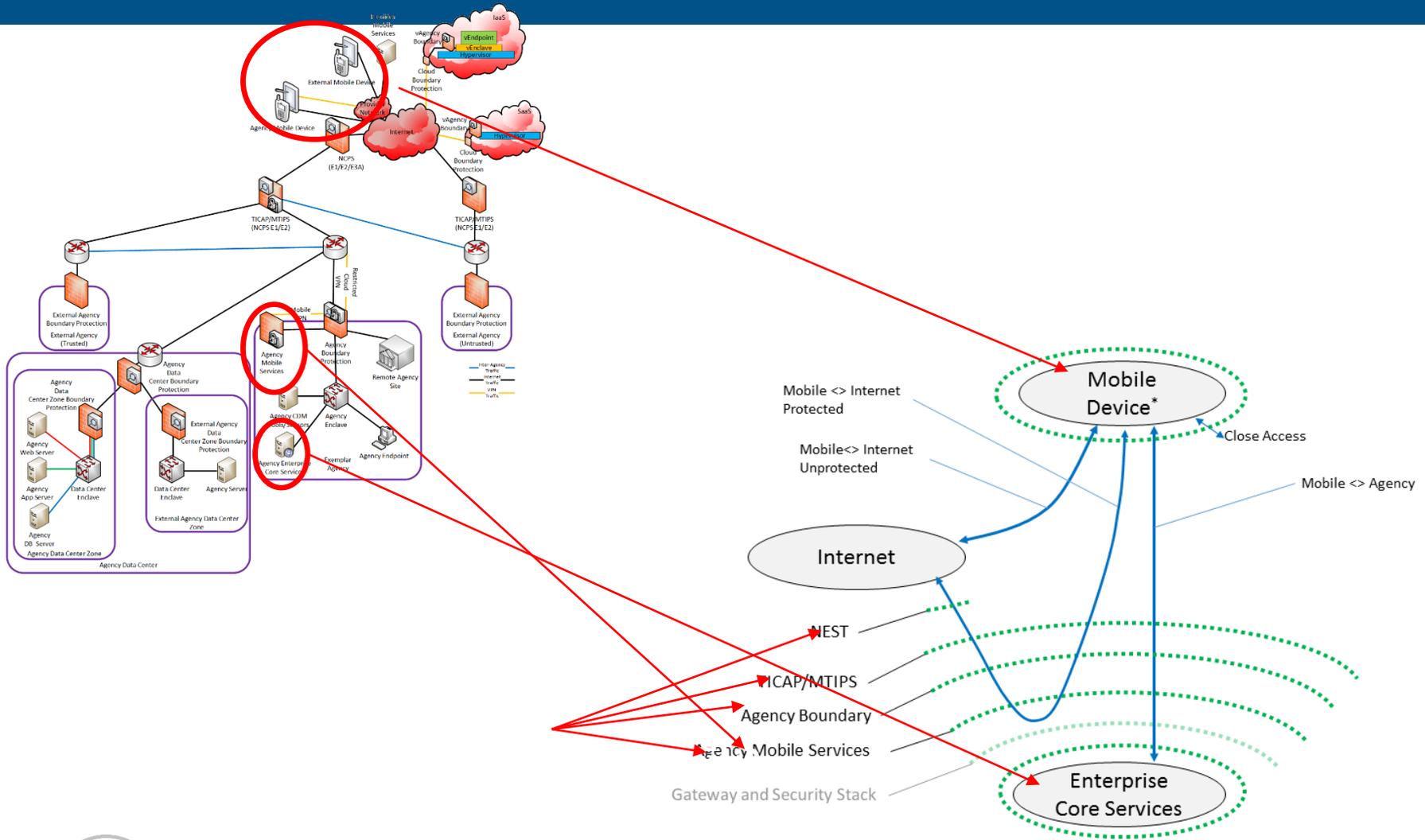


# Spin 1-5 Architecture View



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# Architectures and Flows



\*Mobile Device includes Unmanaged and Federally Managed Devices

# Scoring

	Stage						St
	Objective						Obj
	Threat action X			Threat action Y			Thre
	Protect	Detect	Respond	Protect	Detect	Respond	Pro
Layer 1							
Capability A	Moderate	Moderate	Significant	None	None	Limited	N
Layer 2							N/
Capability B	N/A	N/A	N/A	Limited	Limited	Limited	Li
Layer 3							No
Capability C	N/A	N/A	N/A	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Si
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Security Capabilities for as-implemented, as-funded, and as-recommended architecture configurations

Threat 'Actions' From the Framework

NIST CyberSecurity Framework Mitigation Functions

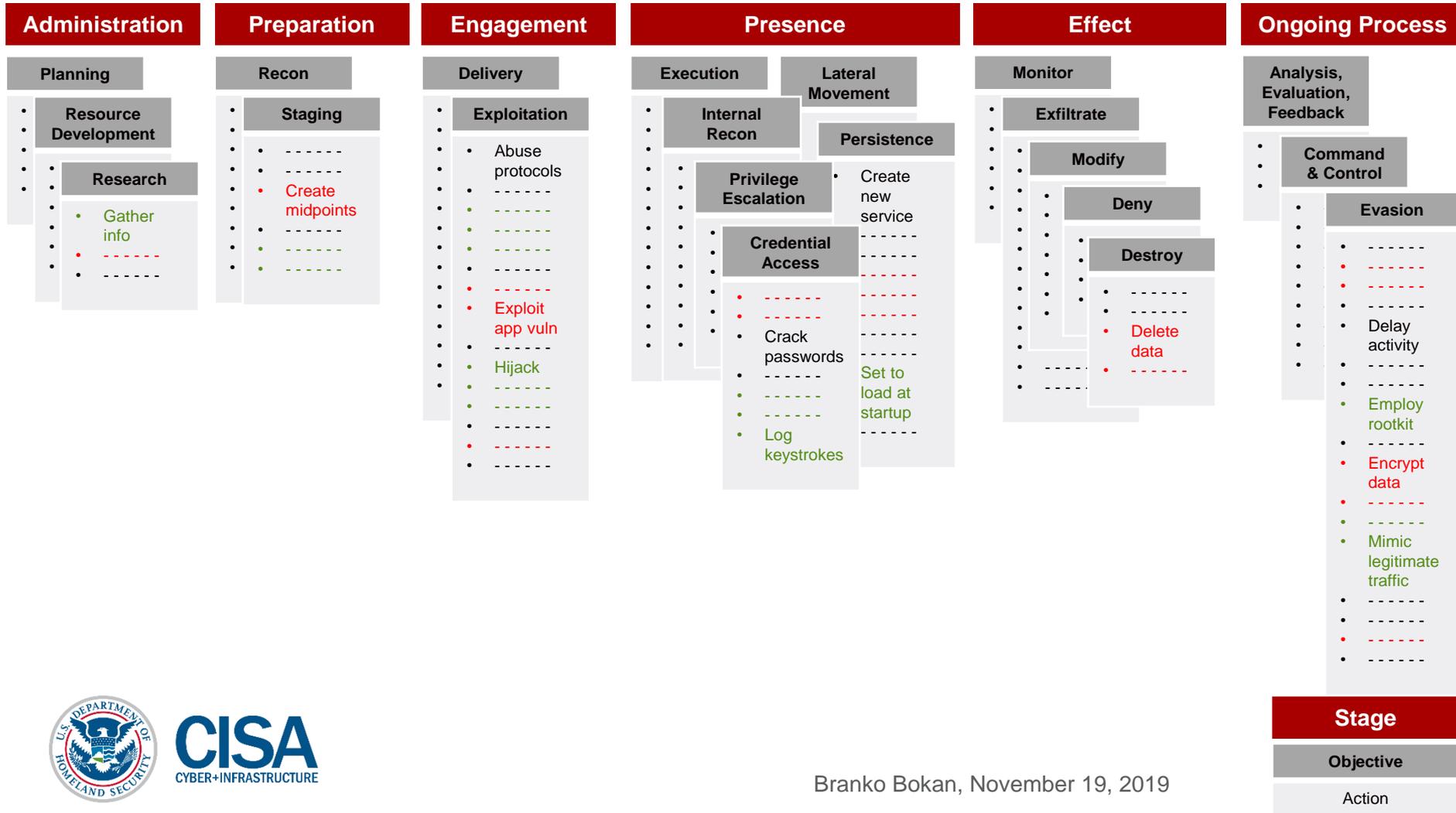
Logical Groupings of Capabilities by Tier

SME Scoring:  
Significant  
Moderate  
Limited



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# Coverage mapping



Stage
Objective
Action

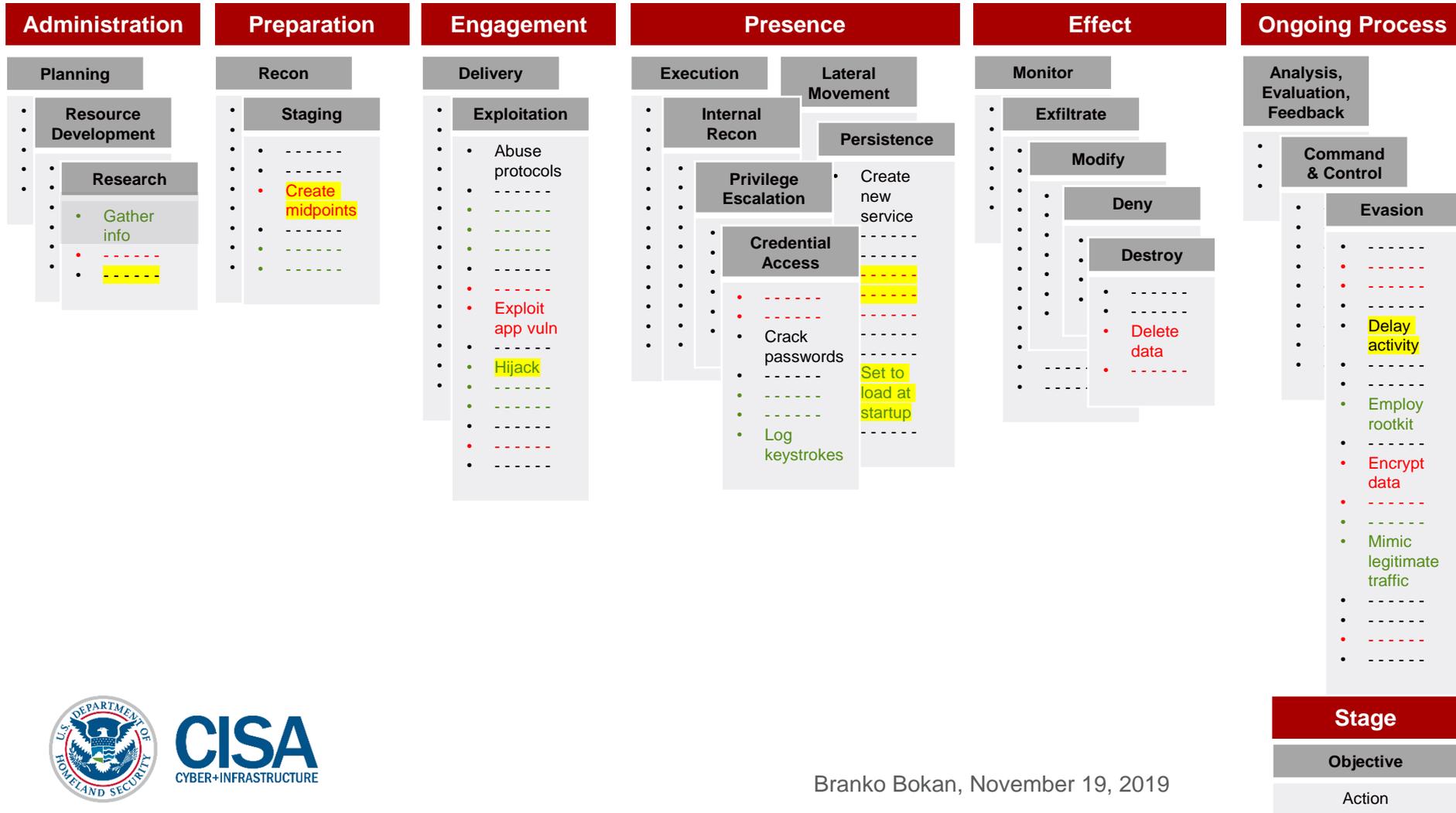
# Threat heat mapping

Stay In			
Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Host Enumeration/Internal Reconnaissance	Lateral Movement
Legitimate Credentials	Credential Dumping	Account Enumeration	Application Deployment Software
6.2	12.2	6.4	1.5
Binary Padding	Network Sniffing	File System Enumeration	Exploitation of Vulnerability
2.0	1.6	8.0	2.6
Disabling Security Tools	User Interaction	Group Permission Enumeration	Logon Scripts

This heatmap table contains numerous columns representing different threat actions and rows representing various objectives. The cells are color-coded based on their values, with red indicating higher scores. A yellow arrow points from the 'Lateral Movement' column in the 'Stay In' table to this heatmap.

Objective	Threat Action	Heat Map
Credential Access	Credential Dumping	13.6
Credential Access	Password Recovery	9.0
Host Enumeration/ Internal Reconnaissance	File System Enumeration	8.9
Command & Control (C2)	Commonly used port	8.5
Host Enumeration/ Internal Reconnaissance	Process Enumeration	8.4
Installation	Writing to Disk	7.7
Host Enumeration/ Internal Reconnaissance	Account Enumeration	7.3
Initial Compromise/ Exploitation	Targets Application Vulnerability	7.3
Defense Evasion	Masquerading	7.2
Weaponization	Add Exploits to Application Data Files	7.0
Command & Control (C2)	Standard app layer protocol	7.0
Execution	Command Line	6.9

# Threat heat mapping



Stage
Objective
Action



# Notes

- Capabilities are deployed and used as intended. Scores do not reflect the impact of partial, incomplete, or incorrect deployment of a capability.
- A generic architecture is used for scoring and analysis; current results do not represent a particular agency.
- Threat actions are not linear.
- Vendor agnostic
- Does not provide impact analysis
- Does not delineate detailed implementation tradeoffs



# Analysis to date

**SPIN 1** - Score DHS provided cybersecurity services in the context of a typical large agency environment (CDM (Phase I - IV), Einstein, and TIC).

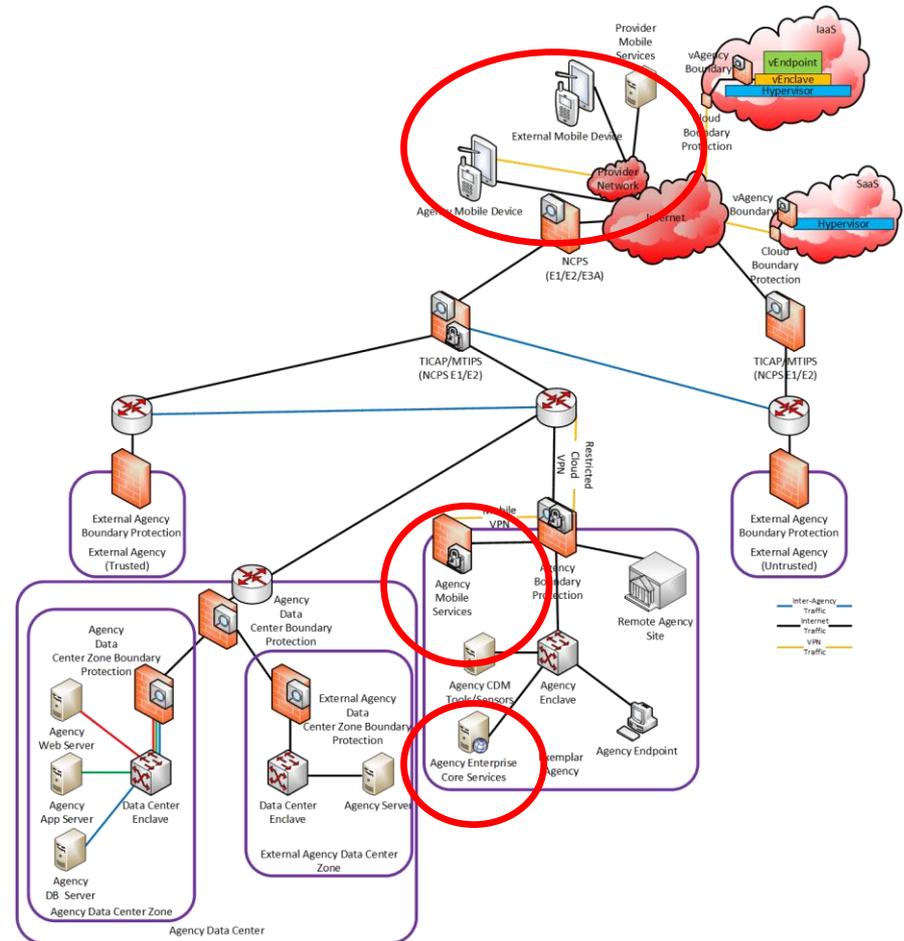
**SPIN 2** - Exemplar agency protections at boundary and endpoint

**SPIN 3** - Cloud basic structures exemplar D/A protections for virtual data center (IaaS and SaaS)

**SPIN 4** - Exemplar Agency Data Center

**SPIN 5** - Mobile architecture (EMM, MDM, MAM, MAV, MIM, MTD, ...)

**SPIN 6** - Next generation network technologies (Private .gov, w/ VDI browser, SDP, ABAC -E, Deception Technologies, SOAR)



# Worked Example - Mobile EE

Material

N/A
None
Limited
Moderate
Significant

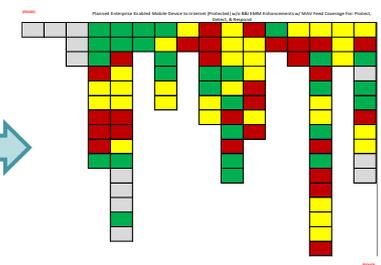
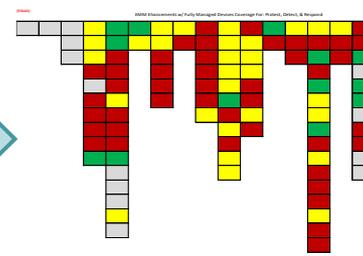
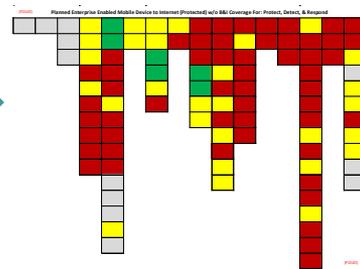
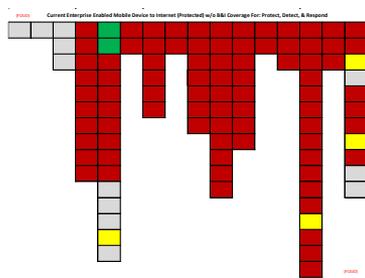
## Part 2

Current EE

Planned EE

Planned EE Fully Managed

Planned EE w/ Integrated MAV



Configuration Control from EMM Provides Limited Mitigation

- MDM
- MAM with application blacklist
- MIM

Controlling apps via Enterprise App Store improves posture

- MDM
- MAM Enhancements with application blacklist
- MIM
- MAV
- MTD
- MDSE

Supervising device improves quality of Configuration Control

- MDM
- MAM Enhancements with application whitelist
- MIM / MAV/ MTD
- Fully Managed device

Tight integration with MAV improves quality of App Whitelisting Mitigations

- MDM
- MAM Enhancements with application whitelist
- MIM
- MAV integrated with EMM



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# Worked example – FedRAMP IaaS

Functional

Current Agency/Internet to IaaS UCloud/RCloud CSP-Provided IaaS Only Coverage For: Protect, Detect, & Respond

Pre-Event			Get In			Stay In							Act		
Intent/Resource Development	Reconnaissance/ Staging	Weaponization	Delivery	Initial Compromise/ Exploitation	Installation	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Host Enumeration/ Internal Reconnaissance	Lateral Movement	Execution	Command & Control (C2)	Monitor (Observation)/ Exfiltration	Alter/Destroy...
Intent/Resource Development	Crawling/Internet Websites	Add Exploits to Application Data File	Search/Splicing Binaries w/ Attachments	Targets Application Vulnerability	Writing to Disk	Legitimate Credentials	Legitimate Credentials	Legitimate Credentials	Credential Dumping	Account Enumeration	Application Deployment Software	Command Line	Commonly used port	Automated or Scripted Exfiltration	Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
	Network Mapping (e.g. NMAP)		Search/Splicing email w/Malicious Link	Target Operating System Vulnerability	In Memory Malware	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Virtualization Attacks	File System Enumeration	Virtualization Attacks	File Access	Common through removable media	Virtualization Attacks	Partial Disk/OS Deletion (Corruption)
	Social Media		Websites	Targets Application Vulnerability	Scripted Scripts	Automatic Loading at Startup	Automatic Loading at Startup	Disabling Security Tools	Network Sniffing	Group Permission Enumeration	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Scripted Scripts	Custom Application Layer Protocol	Data Compressed	PCI DSS/OS Evasion (Blocking)
	Mal-Proxy		Removable Media (e.g. USB)	Targets Web Application Vulnerabilities	Replace Legitimate Binary with Malicious	Library Search Hijack	Library Search Hijack	Library Search Hijack	User Interaction	Local Network Connection Enumeration	Logon Scripts	Process Injection	Communications Encrypted	Data Size Limits	Data Alteration
	Vulnerability Scan		Credential Phishing	Trojan		New Service	New Service	File System Logical offsets	Password Recovery	Local Networking Enumeration	Authentication Assertion Mitigate	Configuration Modification to Facilitate Launch	Data Obfuscation	Data Staged	Data Encrypted and Unavailable (Crypto Locked)
			SQL Injection	Social Engineering		Path Interception	Path Interception	File Deletion	Credential Manipulation	Operating System Enumeration	Remote Services	Use of Trusted Process to Execute	Failback Channels	Self over C2 channel	Data Deletion (Partial)
			Service Exploit using Advertising	Legitimate Access		Scheduled Task	Scheduled Task	Indicator Blocking on Host	Hijack Active Credentials	Dev/Prod Enumeration	Peer Connections	Scheduled Task	Multiband comm	Self over Alternate Channel to a C2 Network	Data Deletion (Full)
			DDoS/Cache Poisoning	Defeat Encryption		Service File Permission Weakness	Service File Permission Weakness	Indicator Removal from Tools	Credentials in File	Process Enumeration	Remote Interactive Logon	Service Manipulation	Multilayer encryption	Exfiltration over other Network	Denial of Service
			Vulnerability Attacks	Exploit Weak Access Controls		Link Modification	Link Modification	Indicator Removal from Host		Security Software Enumeration	Remote Management Services	Word Pasting Software	Peer Connections	Exfiltration from Local System	Local Physical Effects
			Connection of Rogue Network Devices			Edit Default File Handlers	Manipulate Trusted Process	Manipulate Trusted Process		Service Enumeration	Replication through Removable Media	Remote Management Services	Standard app layer protocol	Self over network resources	
			Trusted Website			BIOS	Process Injection	Process Injection		Window Enumeration	Shared Windows	APIs to Facilitate Launch	Standard non-app layer protocol	Scheduled Transfer	
			Legitimate Remote Access			Hyperlink Spoofing	Exploitation of Vulnerability (e.g. XSS, CSRF, OS/Software)	Masking			Taint Shared Content		Standard Encryption Cipher	Data Encrypted	
			CrossSite (Data Enumeration)			Login Scripts	Weak Access Control for Service Configuration	File System Hiding			Remote File Shares		Uncommonly Used Port	Self over Virtual Medium	
			Service Mapping (Cross Domain Violation)			Master Boot Record	Multi-tenant Side Channel Cache Attack	Obfuscated Payload					Custom encryption cipher	Self over Physical Medium	
			Exploit Cross-Domain or Multi-Level Solution Misconfiguration			Modify Existing Services		Rootkit					Multiple Protocols Combined	CrossSite (Data Enumeration)	
			Physical Network Bridge			Weak Access Control for Service Configuration		Use of Trusted Process to Execute Untrusted Code						Data Encoded	
			Data Encoded			Security Support Provider		Sniffing						Cross Domain or Multi-Level Solution Traversal	
			Automatically Transported Trusted Services			Web shell		Software Packing						Default Encryption	
			Cross Domain or Multi-Level Solution Traversal					Signed Malicious Content						Exploit Weak Access Controls	
			Supply Chain / Trusted Source Compromise HW					Sandbox Detection							
			Supply Chain / Trusted Source Compromise SW					Malicious Behavior Delays							
			Auto Self-removal via Cloud Service												
			Insider Threat/Close Access												
			Wireless Access												
			Compressive Consistent Network Infrastructure												

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<b>FedRAMP Control</b>

# Best from Spins 1-4

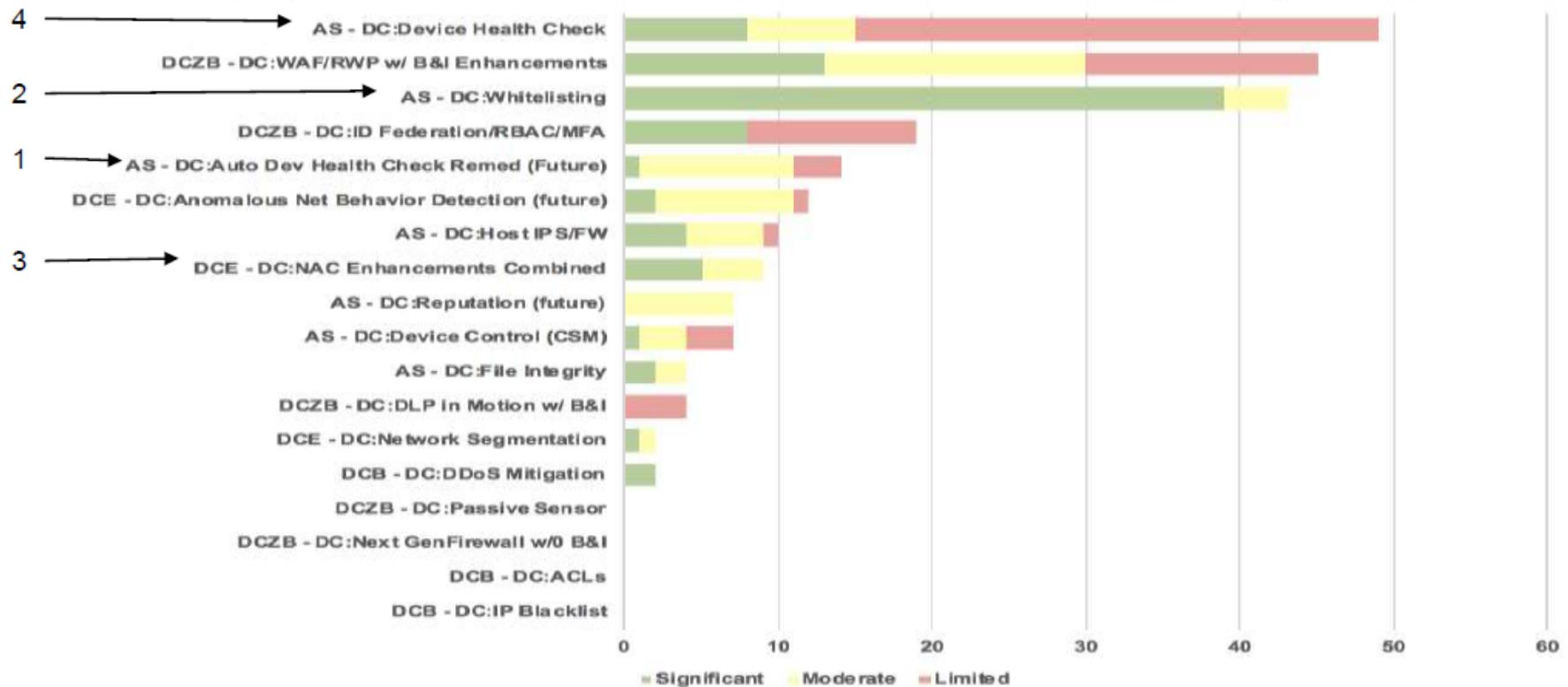
A value weighted by the strength and breadth of the capability with the threat importance is created. These individual values are combined across threat actions. Capabilities with the highest weighted value are considered best.

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Future</b>
1	Device Health Check Remediation	Auto Device Health Check Remediation
2	Application Whitelisting	Application Whitelisting
3	Device Health Check	NAC Enhancements
4	WAF/RWP w/ B&I	Device Health Check



# Best from Spins 1-4

Unique Scores for Planned Data Center Without Break & Inspect Capabilities



Best Capabilities are also unique in the threat actions that they cover



# .govCAR goals

- Inform DHS's approach to assisting Departments and Agencies with insight and knowledge to make prioritized cybersecurity investment decisions across the .gov environment
  - Create a threat-based security architecture review that provides an end-to-end holistic assessment that is composed of capabilities provided by DHS or the individual Departments and Agencies.
  - Create a common framework to discuss and assess cybersecurity architectural choices:
    - For a shared Federal IT Infrastructure
    - To inform DHS's approach for its capabilities
    - To enable Departments and Agencies to make threat-based risk decisions
- Be transparent and traceable



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# .govCAR Recommendations



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DEFEND TODAY. SECURE TOMORROW.

## .govCAR Recommendations: MOBILE CYBERSECURITY

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) developed .govCAR—Cybersecurity Architecture Review of the .gov domain—to take a threat-based approach to cybersecurity risk management. Traditional risk management focuses on consequence and vulnerability (i.e., compliance and cyber hygiene), while a threat-based approach looks at cybersecurity capabilities from an adversary’s standpoint. This next-generation approach directly identifies areas where mitigations should be applied for best defense.

### OVERVIEW

The recommendations below provide organizations with actionable guidance on—and justifications for future investments in—mobile cybersecurity capabilities. CISA based these recommendations on a .govCAR analysis that identified how—in an exemplar enterprise mobile environment at a typical organization—mobile devices and organizational sensitive data on those devices are protected.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

The .govCAR analysis identified a range of capabilities that can be deployed to increase threat mitigation coverage. The major finding indicates that to provide maximum coverage against mobile threat actions, organizations must deploy **Enterprise Mobility Management (EMM)**, **Mobile Threat Defense (MTD)**, and **Mobile App Vetting (MAV)** capabilities together as an *integrated solution*, and not as a series of standalone products. **Note:** although integration and interoperability of these three capabilities are key, this solution does not require organizations to source each of the capabilities from a single vendor.

### MOBILE CYBERSECURITY ARCHITECTURE

A typical mobile cybersecurity architecture is made of capabilities and protections for an organization’s mobile environment. The .govCAR analysis addressed two mobile use cases, which represent the predominant deployment models across the Federal Government:

- **Corporate-Owned, Personally Enabled devices** (known as COPE devices) are corporate-owned and centrally managed mobile devices capable of remotely accessing enterprise resources. COPE devices allow for personal use as they have fewer restrictions than EEA devices (see below) on non-enterprise applications and data.
- **Enterprise-Enabled, Owned by the Agency devices** (known as EEA devices) are also corporate-owned and centrally managed mobile devices capable of remotely accessing enterprise resources. However, EEA devices restrict (or strictly limit) personal use. Tradeoffs between security and functional usability in this model are made at the discretion of the organization’s leadership.

Both COPE and EEA devices and their associated data belong to the enterprise.

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# .govCAR Mobile Recommendations



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## MOBILE CYBERSECURITY CAPABILITIES

.govCAR analysis revealed that —when **used together in an integrated solution** – EMM, MTD, and MAV capabilities - provide maximum coverage against mobile threat actions.



## MOBILE DEVICE SECURITY

Although there are no current regulatory requirements that mandate the responsible selection of mobile devices for the Federal Civilian Executive Branch, agencies should **consider supply chain risks** and maintain their own **approved product lists (APLs)** or use those developed by organizations such as the National Information Assurance Partnership, which maintains the Protection Profile for Mobile Device Fundamentals (PP\_MD).



## RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of .govCAR analysis strongly suggest that organizations consider all three dimensions of risk and use the following lifecycle model:

**Stage One – Device Selection**

**Stage Two – Deployment Model Selection**

**Final Stage – Mobile Cybersecurity Capabilities Integration:** invest in and deploy EMM, MTD, and MAV capabilities together, as an integrated solution.



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