

Understanding Cyber Risk to Mission:

A Challenge for the C2 Research Community

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Cyberspace is a Critical Enabler of Operations

DoD Forces must be able to operate in a cyber contested environment



Non-cyber forces dependent upon cyberspace



Cyber forces operating in cyberspace



DoD Cyberspace Missions

- 1. DoD must defend its own networks, systems, and information.
- 2. DoD must be prepared to defend the United States and its interests against cyberattacks of significant consequence.
- 3. If directed by the President or the Secretary of Defense, DoD must be able to provide integrated cyber capabilities to support military operations and contingency plans.



Cyber Capabilities Enable NCW

NETWORK CENTRIC WARFARE

Developing and Leveraging Information Superiority

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NCW was the answer to the question

"What can I do with IT and networking to generate warfighting advantage?"



NCW Extended





Have We Built / Are We Building "Battleships"?



Ref: Army-Navy Football Game Program, Franklin Memorial Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1941. Page 180. Navy defeated Army, 14-6.

A classic bow shot of the U.S.S. Arizona with the following caption: "A bow on view of the U.S.S. Arizona as she plows into a huge swell. It is significant that despite the claims of air enthusiasts no battleship has yet been sunk by bombs."

On December 7, just one week after this game was played, the Arizona was sunk by bombs dropped by Japanese aircraft with a great loss of life.



NCW Extended

The new "So What" Question



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Dangers of Dependencies have been Recognized

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There is a growing consensus that national prosperity, if not survival, depends on our ability to effectively leverage information technology. Without being able to defend vital information, information processes, and information systems, such a strategy is doomed to failure. 2014



The risks of NCW are inherent in its opportunities. They cannot be eliminated; rather, they must be understood and managed.



Cyber Risk to Mission - How it Fits Together



Information Technology (IT)





Operational Technology (OT) [ICS/SCADA, etc.]



Cyber Vulnerability Assessment of DoD Weapon Systems: FY16 NDAA – Section 1647

- By end of CY 2019, DoD was directed to:
 - Evaluate the cyber vulnerabilities of each major weapon system
 - Build upon existing efforts regarding the identification and mitigation of cyber vulnerabilities of major weapon systems
 - Develop strategies for mitigating the risks of cyber vulnerabilities identified
 - Report status during quarterly cyber operations briefings
- OUSD(A&S)/C3CB given primary responsibility for overseeing and coordinating responses to 1647 legislation

DoD response to Congress recognized need for effects validation in operational context (major and Joint exercises) to inform mission impact assessment



Cyber Vulnerability Assessment of DoD Critical Infrastructure: FY17 NDAA – Section 1650

- By end of CY 2020, DoD was directed to:
 - Evaluate the cyber vulnerabilities of DoD Critical Infrastructure
 - Build upon existing efforts regarding the identification and mitigation of cyber vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure
 - Develop strategies for mitigating the risks of cyber vulnerabilities identified
 - Report status during quarterly cyber operations briefings
- OUSD(A&S)/C3CB given primary responsibility for overseeing and coordinating responses to 1650 legislation

DoD Plan Submitted to Congress – June 2018



Dependency of Cyber Enabled Capabilities

Organization	Information Technology (IT)	Operational Technology (OT)	Operational Platforms
DOD	IT/Network	Power/Fuel/Weapons Handling	Planes/Ships/Tanks/ Satellites
Amazon	IT/Network/AWS	Processing Center	Planes
Shell/Exxon Mobil	IT/Network	Production Plant	Exploration Platforms/ Ships/Trucks
Maersk	IT/Network	Cargo Handling/Fuel Handling	Ships
UPS/FEDEX	IT/Network	Processing Center	Planes/Trucks
Airlines	IT/Network	Baggage Handling/Fuel Handling	Planes
Merck	IT/Network	Production Line	



Economic Impact of Cyber Attacks: NotPetya*



\$400,000,000 \$384,000,000 **Delivery company FedEx French construction** (European subsidiary **company Saint-Gobain TNT Express**) **\$10 BILLION** \$300,000,000 \$188,000,000 **Danish shipping Snack company** company Maersk \$129,000,000 Mondelēz (parent **British manufacturer** company of Nabisco and **Reckitt Benckiser**

* <u>https://www.wired.com/story/notpetya-cyberattack-ukraine-russia-code-crashed-the-world/</u>

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Example - Cyber Risk: Impact to Maersk Business Operations from 2017 Cyber Attack



Perspective of MAERSK CEO: "It is time to stop being naive when it comes to cybersecurity. I think many companies will be caught if they are naive. Even size doesn't help you."



Cyber Directorate Goals

- Goal 1: Trained and Equipped Cyber Mission Force (CMF)
 - Oversight of the acquisition of cyberspace operations capabilities for the CMF
 - Develop a cyber capability roadmap to guide development and acquisition of cyber capabilities
 - Improve acquisition policy for DoD cyber capabilities
- Goal 2: DoD Forces are capable of operating in a cyber contested environment
 - Understand the Cyber Vulnerabilities of DoD Platforms and Critical Infrastructure and Associated Risks to Operational Missions
 - Enhance the capability for DoD forces to operate in a cyber contested environment
- Goal 3: Enhance Governance for DoD Cyber Investments
 - Improve capabilities and data for analysis and oversight

Understanding and enabling mitigation of cyber vulnerabilities in weapon systems and DoD facilities is a high priority



Cyber Risk to Mission

- Cyber Risk to System = probability of cyber event x system or information consequences
- Cyber Risk to Mission = probability of cyber event x mission consequences
- Probability of a cyber event is a function of
 - Cyber vulnerabilities Cyber actor intent Cyber Agility
 - Cyber dependencies Cyber actor capabilities
- Probability that a cyber event will cascade and have an adverse impact on mission performance is a function of
 - Severity of the damageTime to restore capability

- Mission system dependencies
- Force Agility
- Agility is a function of responsiveness, flexibility, versatility, resilience, adaptability, innovativeness



Understanding Cyber Risk to Mission

- There is potential Cyber Risk to Mission associated with a direct attack on DoD networks, platforms, operational technology (critical infrastructure) or supporting commercial infrastructure (e.g., power, communications) or with the collateral damage from a attack on someone else
- This risk can only be understood by understanding the relationship between the capabilities that networks, platforms, operational technology, and commercial infrastructure provide and mission processes and tasks.



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Cyber Risk to Mission being explored in DoD Cyber Resiliency Wargames

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Managing Cyber Risk





Managing Cyber Risk





Summary

- Maintaining the benefits of NCW+ in a contested cyber environment requires
 - Cyberspace is a Contested Operational Domain
 - Today's Mission Capabilities are Cyber-Enabled
 - Understanding of Cyber Risk to Mission
 - Agility to minimize and/or mitigate this risk
- Steps to allow DOD to operate in a cyber contested environment
 - Improve risk posture of new and existing systems
 - Mitigate cyber event consequences in real time
 - Conduct cyber vulnerability assessments of Weapon Systems & Critical Infrastructure
 - Secure the Defense Industrial Base

Managing Cyber Risk to Mission is NOT Optional

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