Cyber Operations Rapid Assessment

What is CORA

CORA is a lightweight methodology to help organizations quickly determine where to focus attention and resources to improve their cyber operations capabilities and threat-based defensive posture. The methodology is applicable to sponsor organizations and cybersecurity operations centers of different sizes, missions, and capabilities.

Approach

CORA provides a holistic view of the tools, processes, and capabilities necessary for a threat-based defense. CORA employs a survey/interview approach that addresses five areas:

- Threat Awareness and Training
- Internal Processes
- Tools and Data Collection
- Tracking and Analytics
- External Engagement

Output

CORA provides a tailored report for SOC managers or CISOs that identifies priorities for improving cybersecurity operations. CORA makes high-level recommendations that inform follow-on actions such as “deep dive” assessments (e.g., ATT&CK-based SOC assessment, Crown Jewels Analysis), process improvement initiatives, or capability roadmaps.

Impacts

- Rapidly capture threat-based cybersecurity posture
- Improve cyber operations effectiveness
- Help tailor work programs to improve cyber operations