

Cyber Readiness: What's the Score?

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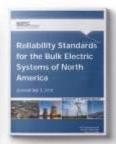
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unlike most speakers

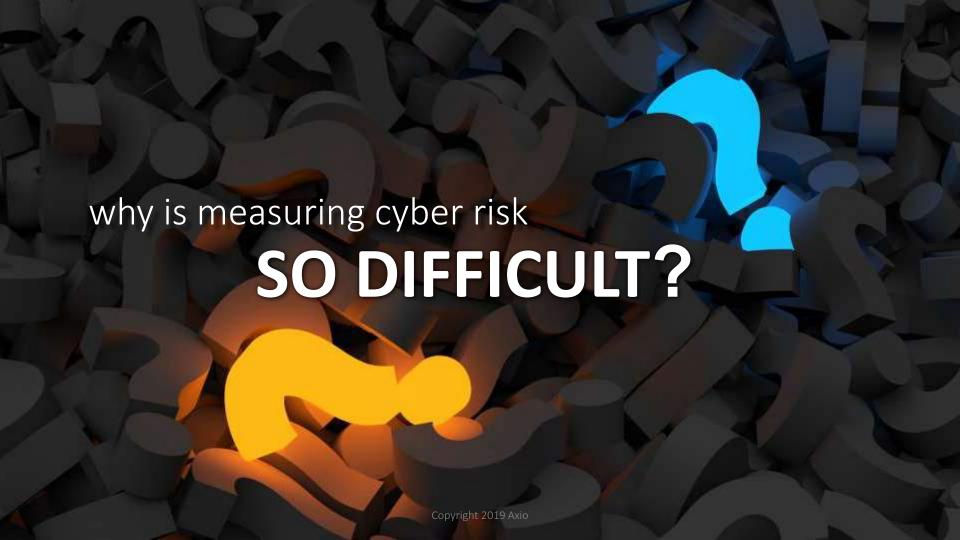
DON'T LISTEN TO ME

Be distracted, look things up!

- Listen to your peers
 - Over 250 public power utilities online
 - 400+ active users
 - Use cases from actual practitioners
 - I'm just another pretty beard.

Visit: http://scorecard.axio.com while I'm here





myth #1 GETTING DATA IS HARD

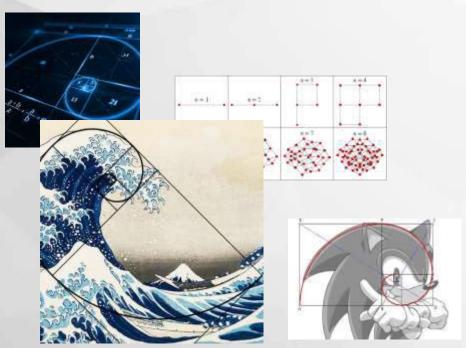
Then you're doing this wrong

- You really mean "I need the right starting point"
 - What can you measure? Start somewhere
 - Understand that metrics improve with time (only barbarians measure in "stones" and "feet")
 - Resources may be constrained at first
 - But if you don't try, it won't get better

Literally, just do something.



myth #2 SECURITY IS AN ART



Really bad argument here...

- There's measurement in almost everything
 - Can you document something?
 - Can you count something?
 - Observe the trends where you can

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myth #3 THIS TAKES TOO MUCH TIME

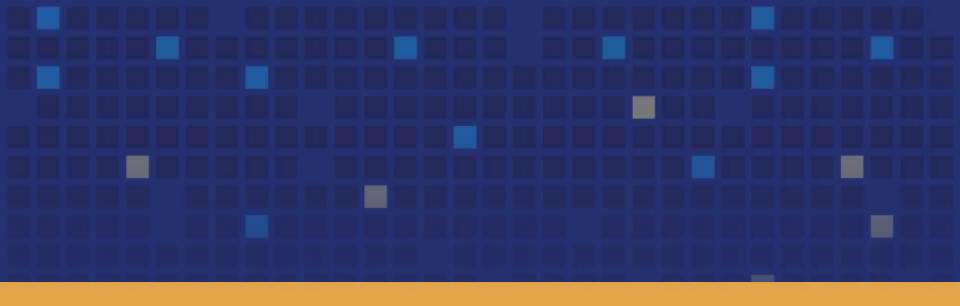
Engineering 101: "Optimize within your constraints."

- Size your efforts to your team
 - Team of 1? That still works (more on this later)
 - Don't boil the ocean and don't build a team to "admire the problem."
 - Anything worth doing takes time and effort!

"If you're not keeping score, you're just practicing" – Vince Lombardi



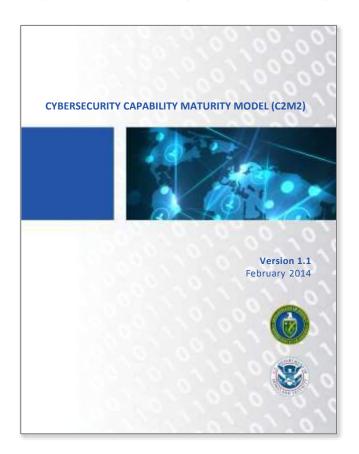
how did i START?



ARE YOU #CyberReady?

The American Public Power Association is proud to present the all new Cybersecurity Scorecard. This robust platform is the result of a federally-funded cybersecurity improvement initiative that will be openly accessible to all Association members.

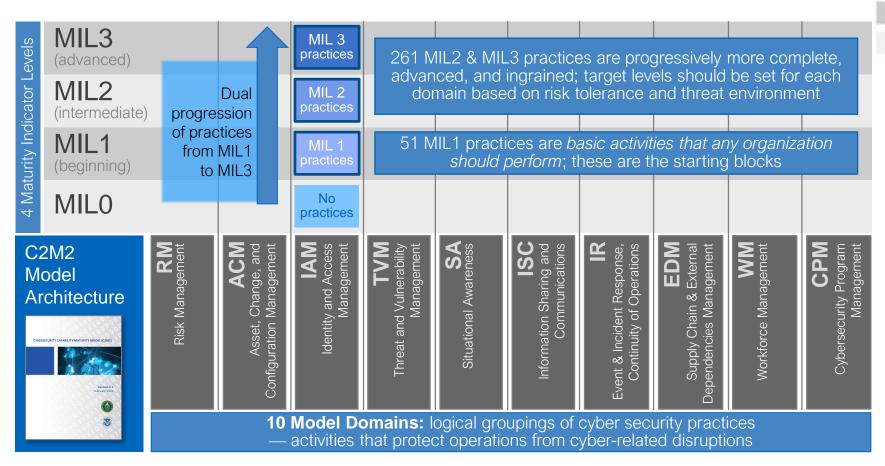
Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2) v1.1



A model and evaluation method to support ongoing evaluation and improvement of cybersecurity capabilities in IT and OT environments

Objectives

- Strengthen organizations' cybersecurity capabilities
- Enable organizations to effectively and consistently evaluate and benchmark cybersecurity capabilities
- Share knowledge, best practices, and relevant references as a means to improve cybersecurity capabilities.
- Enable organizations to prioritize actions and investments to improve cybersecurity



Cybersecurity Capability

The Approach: Maturity Model

Maturity Model Definition:

 An organized way to convey a path (a progression) of experience, wisdom, perfection, or acculturation.

The subject of a maturity model can be an object or things, ways of doing something, characteristics of something, practices, or processes.



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C2M2 is a Dual-Progression Maturity Model

Approach Progression

Whether and how an activity is performed

Progression for Counting

Computer

Calculator

Adding machine

Slide rule

Abacus

Pencil and paper

Fingers

Progression for Authentication

Three-factor authentication

Two-factor authentication

Passwords change every 60 days

Strong passwords

Passwords

Management Progression

How activities are managed

Management Progression

Practices are **defined**

Practices are measured

Practices are managed

Practices are **planned**

Practices are performed but **ad hoc**

Practices are incomplete

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ASSESSMENT Complete an easy self-

assessment of your cybersecurity capabilities in one hour or less.

REPORTING

Review a comprehensive report based on the self-assessment to find out where your utility is performing well and what foundational steps you want to take to sustain or strengthen your cybersecurity program.

ACTION PLAN

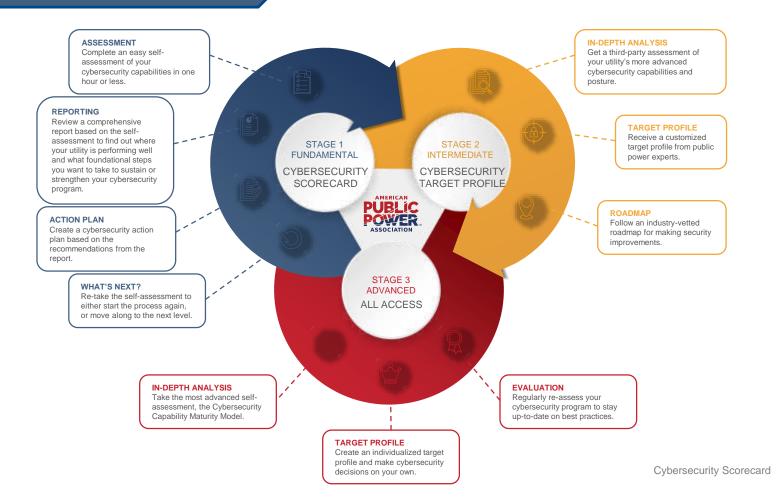
Create a cybersecurity action plan based on the recommendations from the report.

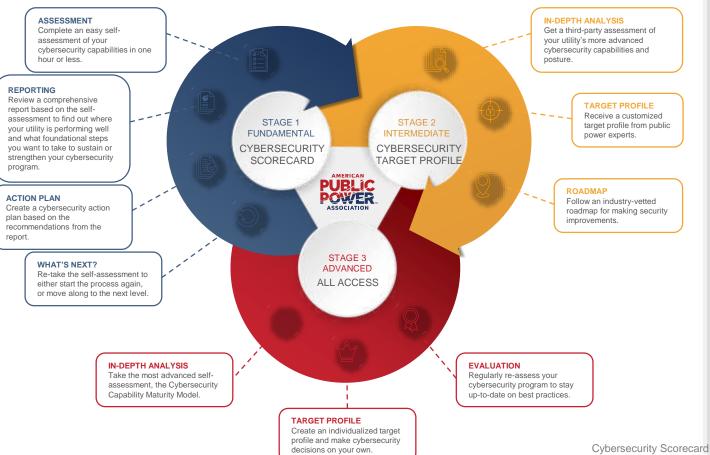
WHAT'S NEXT?

Re-take the self-assessment to either start the process again, or move along to the next level.









ONLINE PORTAL **FEATURES**



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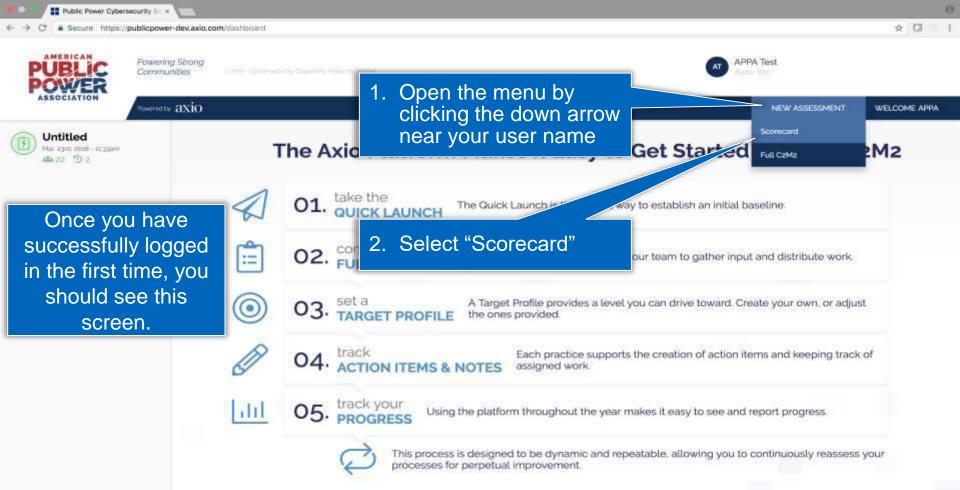
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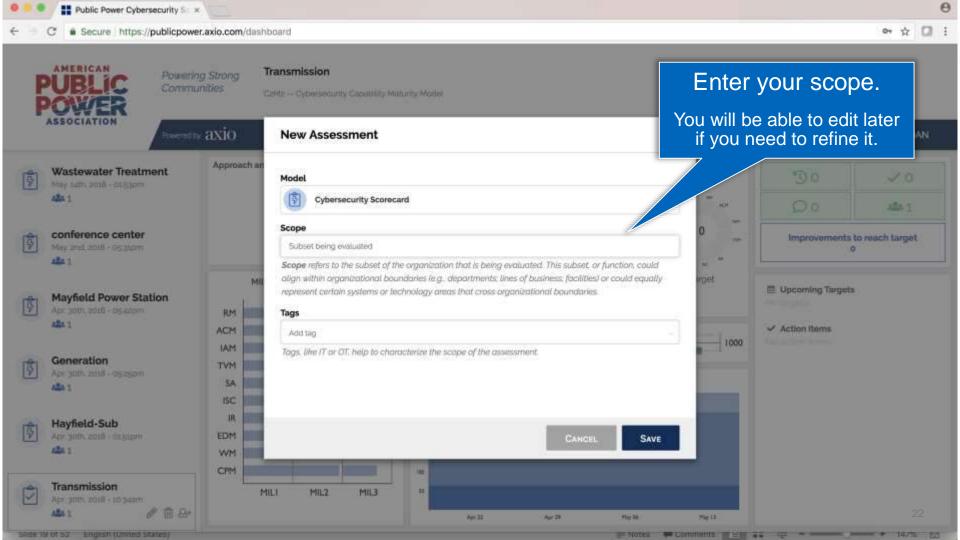




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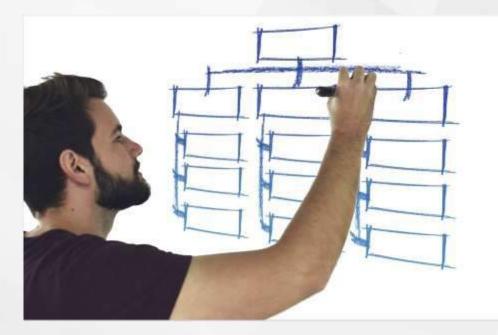




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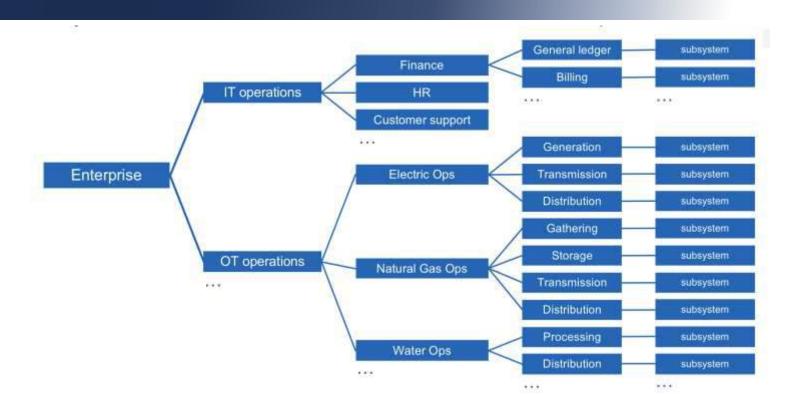
Recall from Engineering 101: "Optimize within your constraints."

- Who is responsible for what? Can they answer the questions? Some peers to consider:
 - Plant Managers
 - Cybersecurity Program Mangers
 - SCADA Engineers
 - Communications Technicians
 - Human Resource Managers
 - Risk Managers



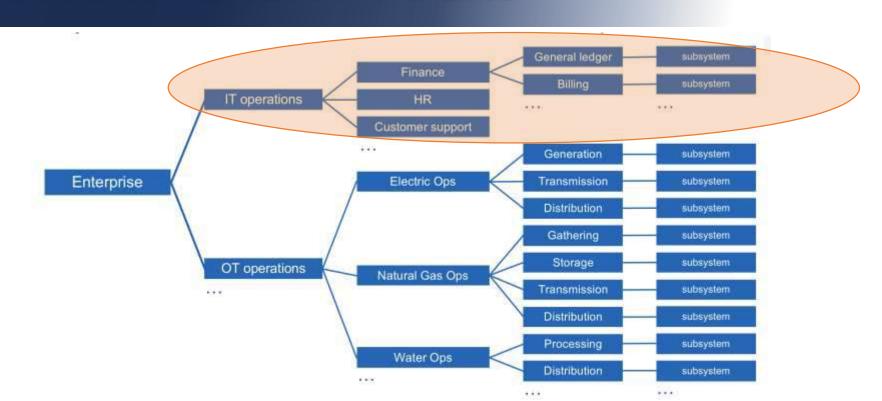
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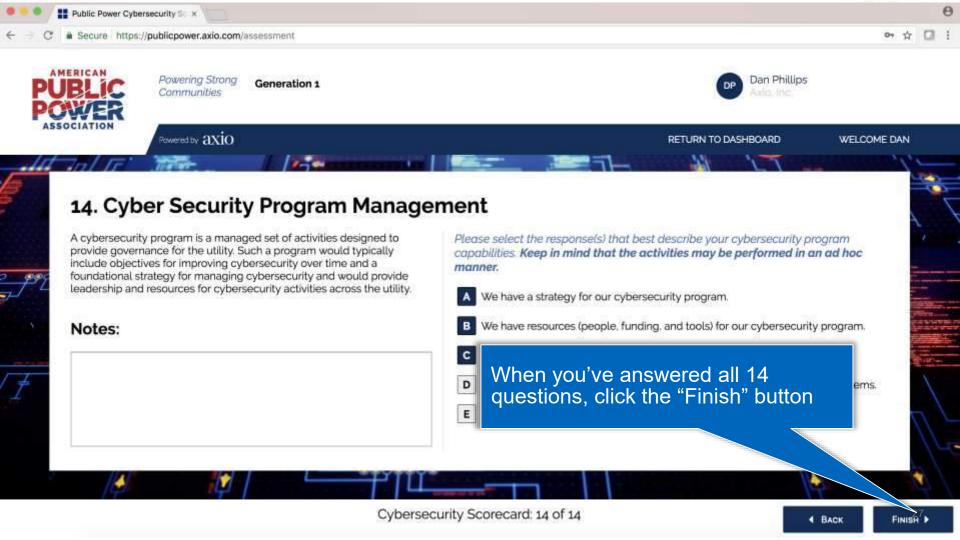
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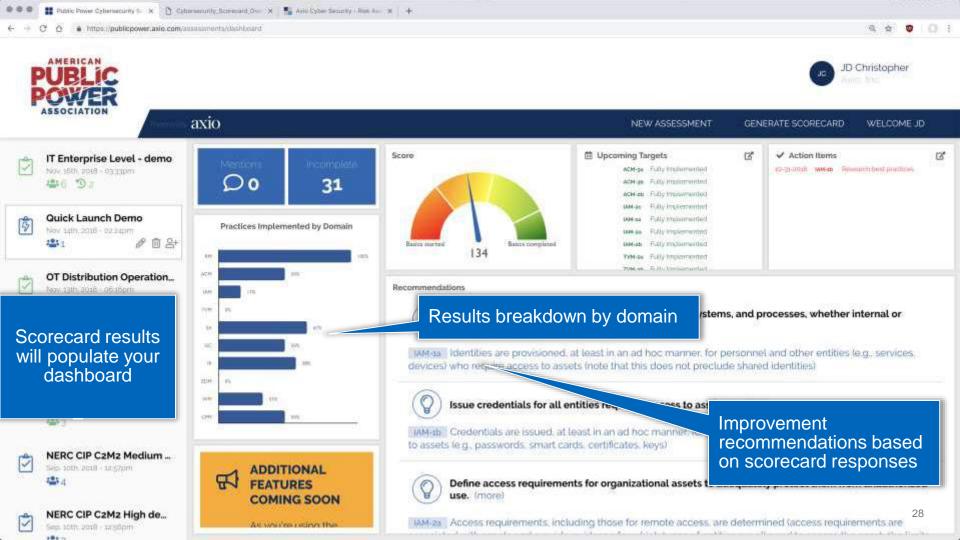


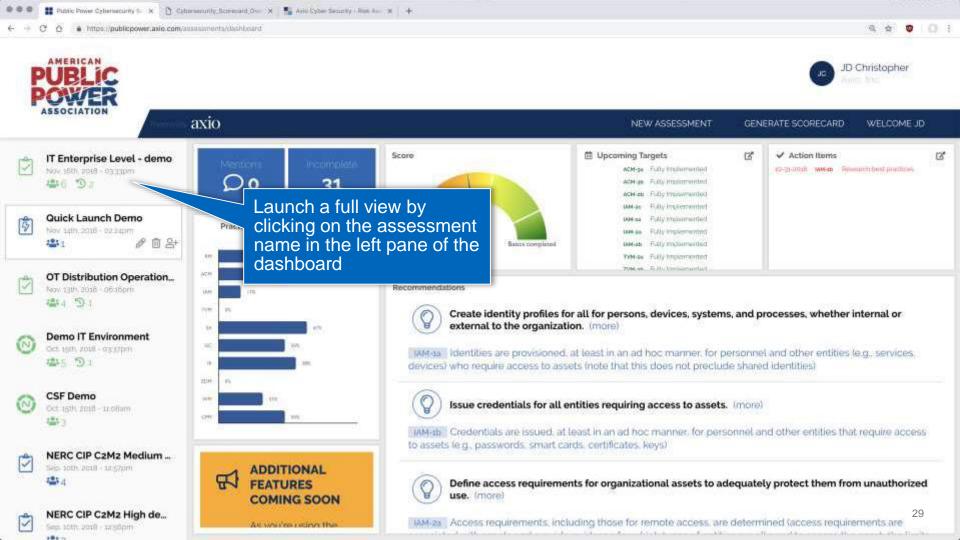
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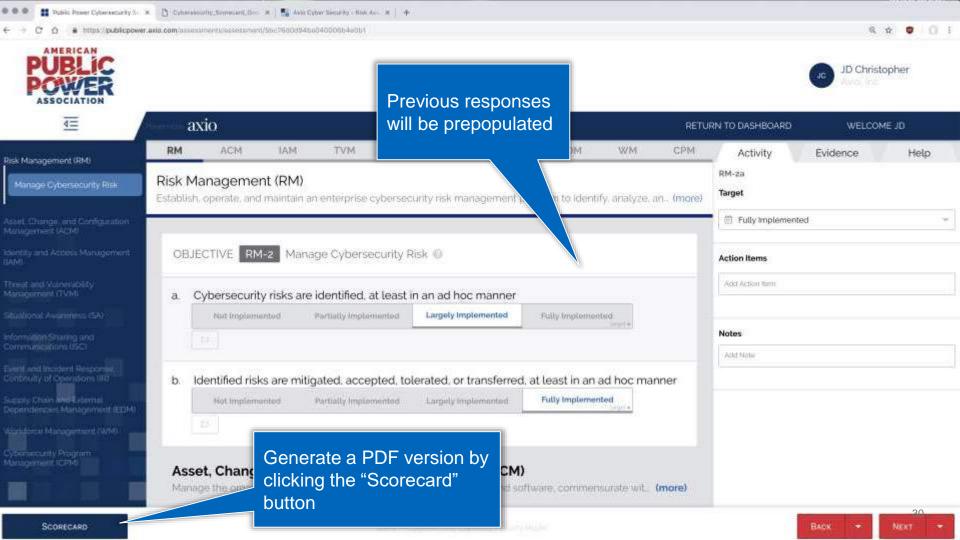
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Results: Scorecard

Resilience & Security Pilot

Introduction

Welcome to the pilot version of the Public Power Resilience and Security Maturity Model. This pilot is designed to test the Stage 1 survey for all public power utilities, regardless of size of electric grid functionality. Your participation and insights are invaluable to this effort. The scope defined for this evaluation includes the following: IT OT:

Questions

Each question has descriptive text to help inform participants as they progress through the survey. Respondents have been instructed to select all answers that apply for each question, as each activity adds to the general score. The survey is intended to capture what activities are performed at a utility, even if they are performed in an ad hoc manner.

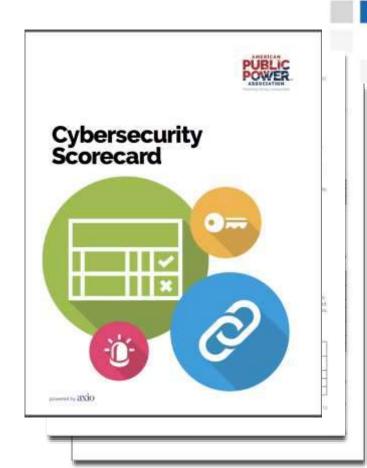
Each question maps to a MIL1 practice in the full C2M2. The associated C2M2 practice designation is included in the last column of the tables below, MIL1 practices address basics that experts believe are necessary and within reach of all utilities. A list of specific recommendations is included at the end of this report.

Scoring

The score for this model is plotted along a simple index ranging from 0-300 (similar to credit score reporting). Respondents who attain a score of at least 240 or higher should consider moving to the next phase of the Public Power Resilience and Security Maturity Model.

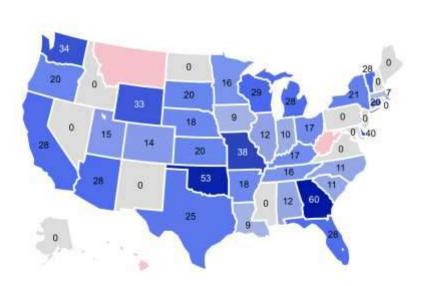
Respondents who receive scores lower than 240 should address additional foundational cybersecurity practices before moving forward. Supporting resources can be found at: https://www.publicpower.org/topic/cybersecurity.

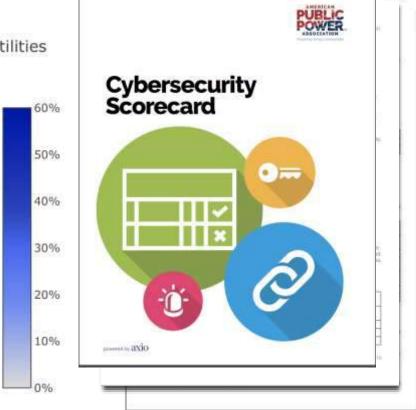




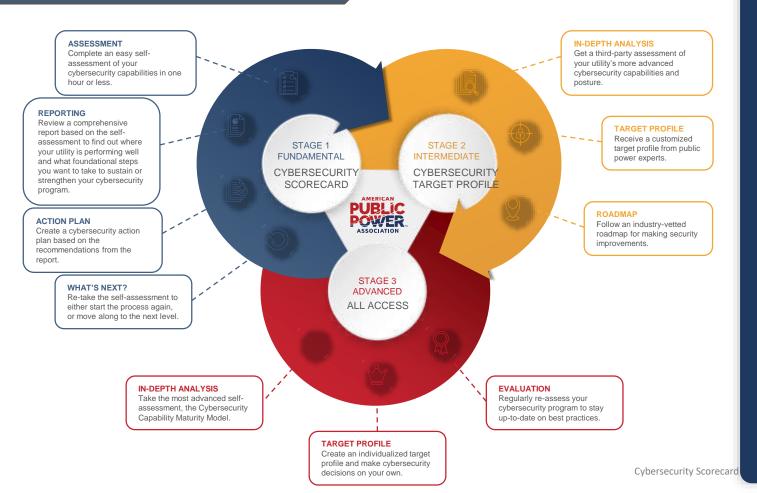
Cybersecurity Scorecard Today

Platform Users as Percent of all Medium and Large Municipal Utilities









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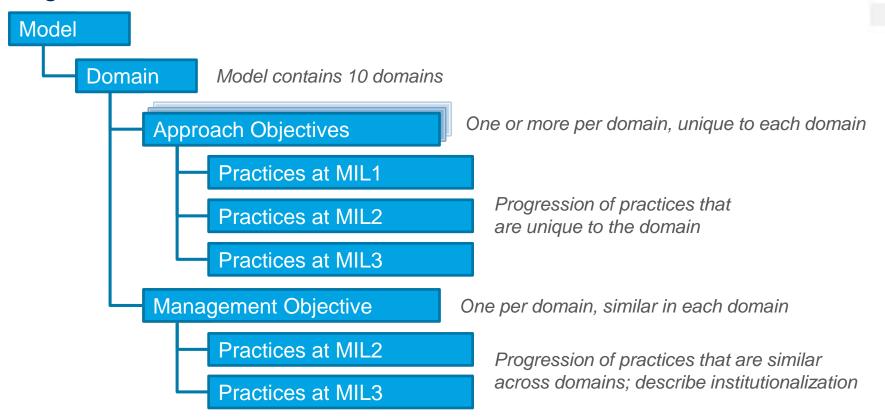
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Organization of a Domain



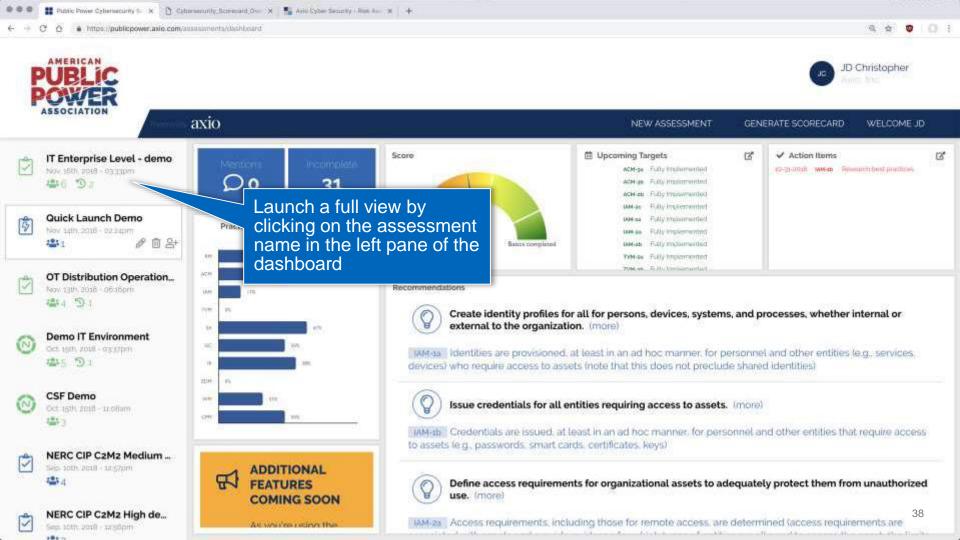
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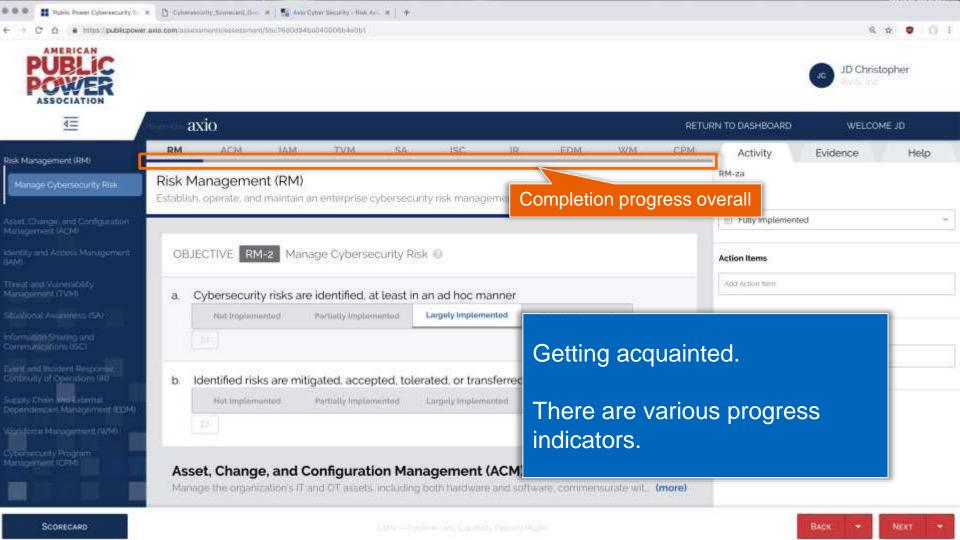
Example C2M2 Practices from ACM

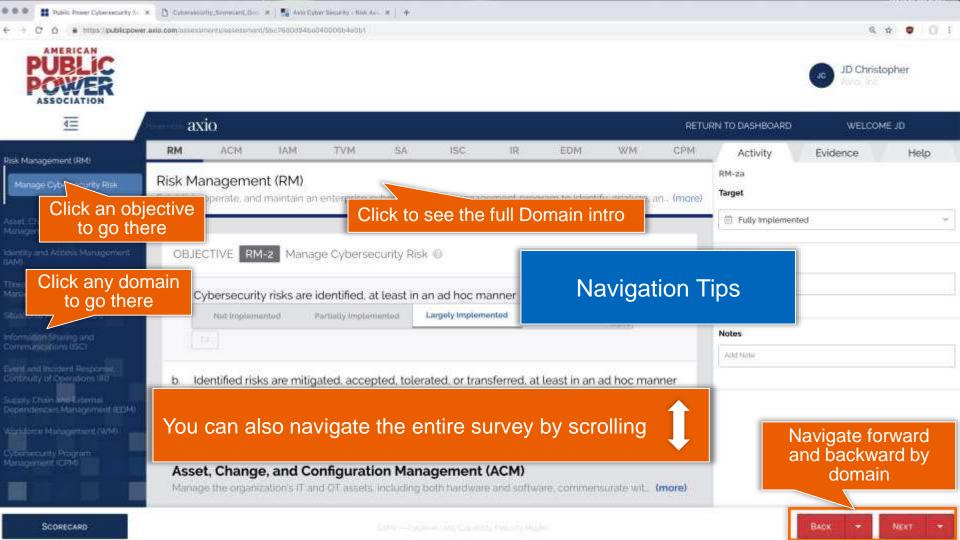
Level	Approach Practices from ACM-1	Management Practices from ACM-4
MIL0		
MIL1	 1a. There is an inventory of OT and IT assets that are important to the delivery of the function; management of the inventory may be ad hoc 1b. There is an inventory of information assets that are important to the delivery of the function (e.g., SCADA set points, customer information, financial data); management of the inventory may be ad hoc 	Initial practices are performed, but may be ad hoc
MIL2	 1c. Inventory attributes include information to support the cybersecurity strategy (e.g., location, asset owner, applicable security requirements, service dependencies, service level agreements, and conformance of assets to relevant industry standards) 1d. Inventoried assets are prioritized based on their importance to the delivery of the function 	 a. Documented practices are followed for ACM activities b. Stakeholders for ACM activities are identified and involved c. Adequate resources (people, funding, and tools) are provided to support ACM activities d. Standards and/or guidelines have been identified to inform ACM activities
MIL3	1e. There is an inventory for all connected IT and OT assets related to the delivery of the function1f. The asset inventory is current (as defined by the organization)	 e. ACM activities are guided by policy (or other directives) f. ACM policies include compliance requirements for specified standards or guidelines g. ACM activities are periodically reviewed for conformance to policy h. Responsibility & authority for ACM activities are assigned to personnel i. Personnel performing ACM activities have adequate skills & knowledge

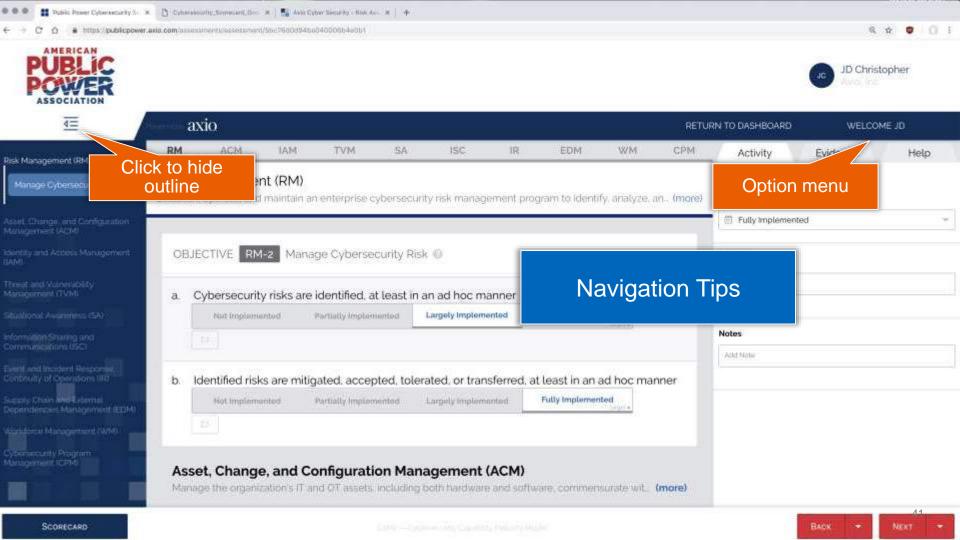
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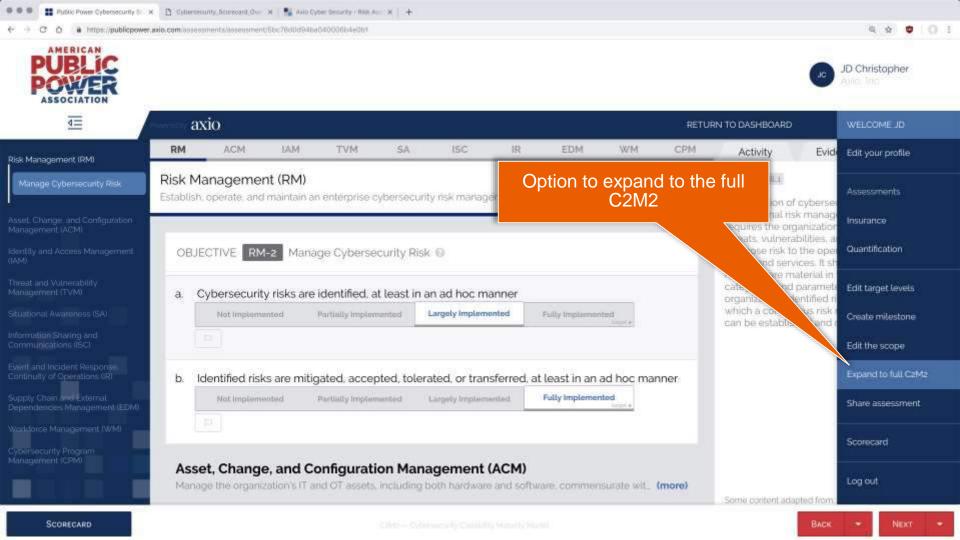
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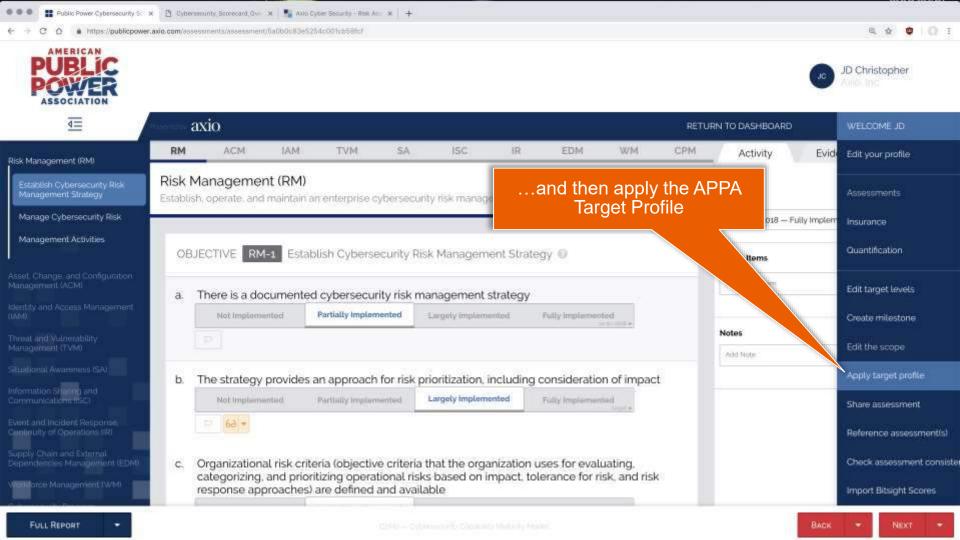


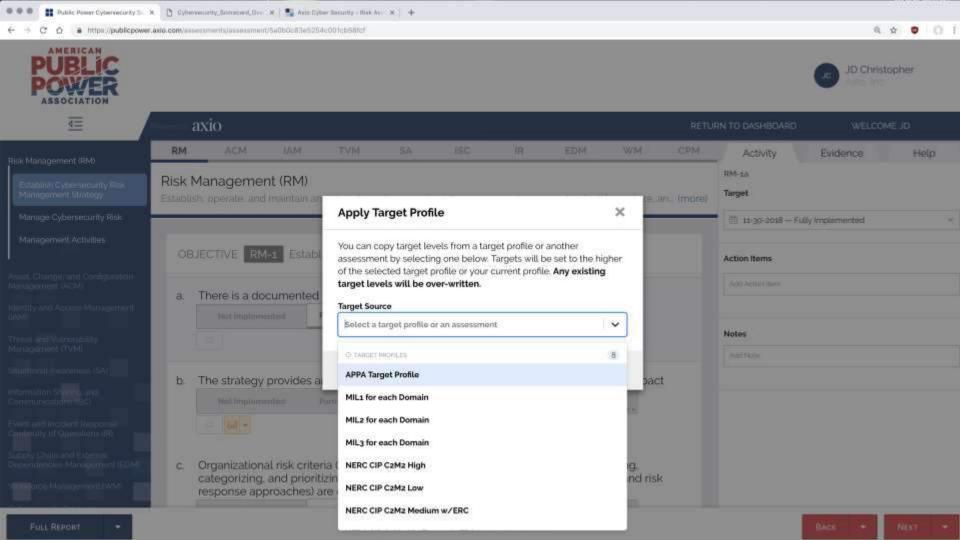


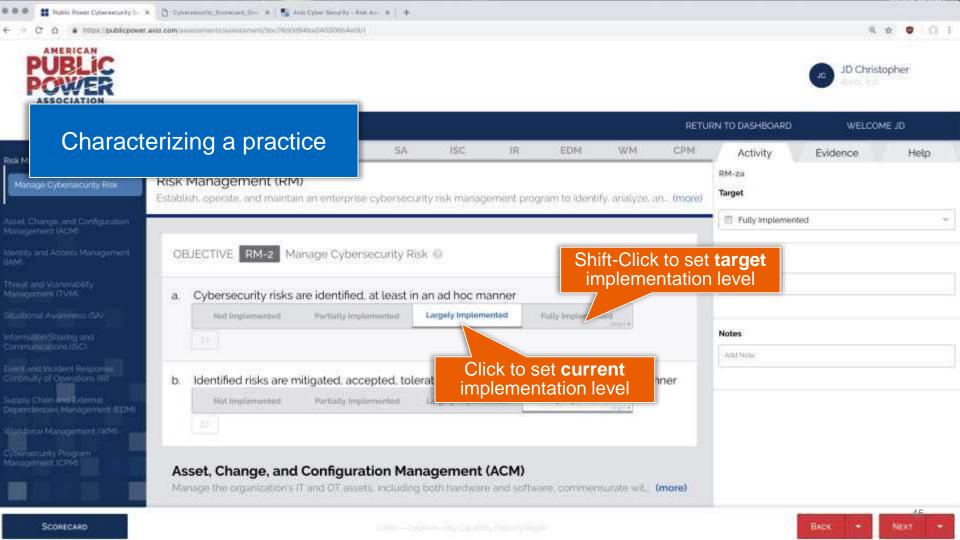


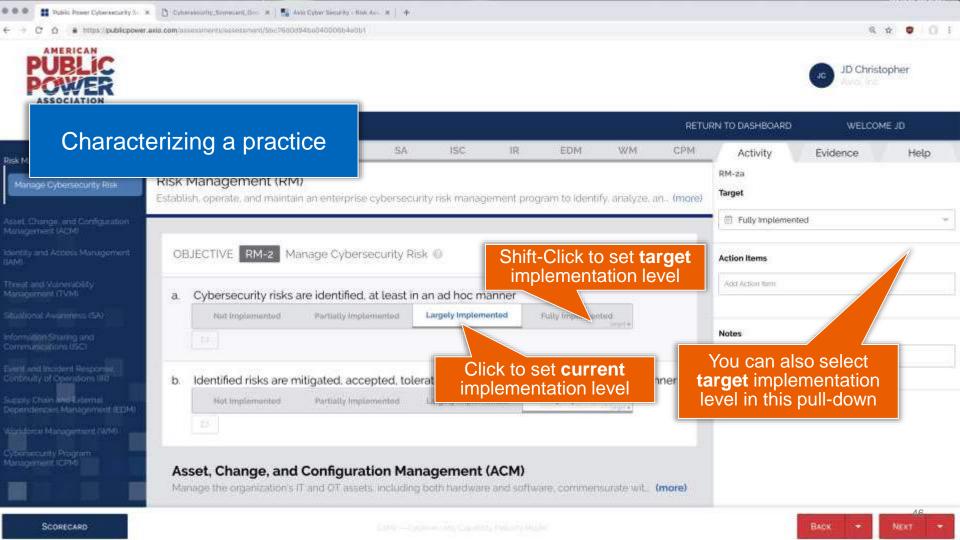


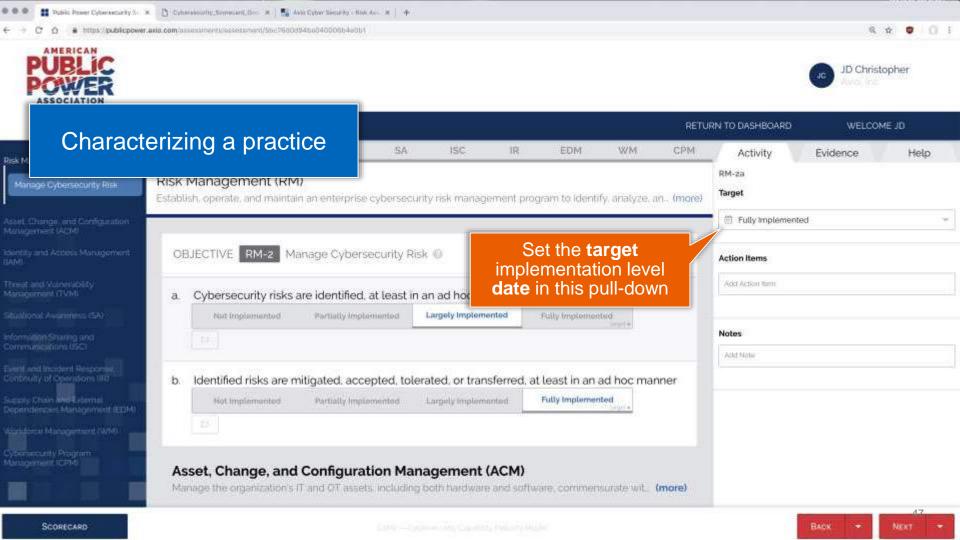


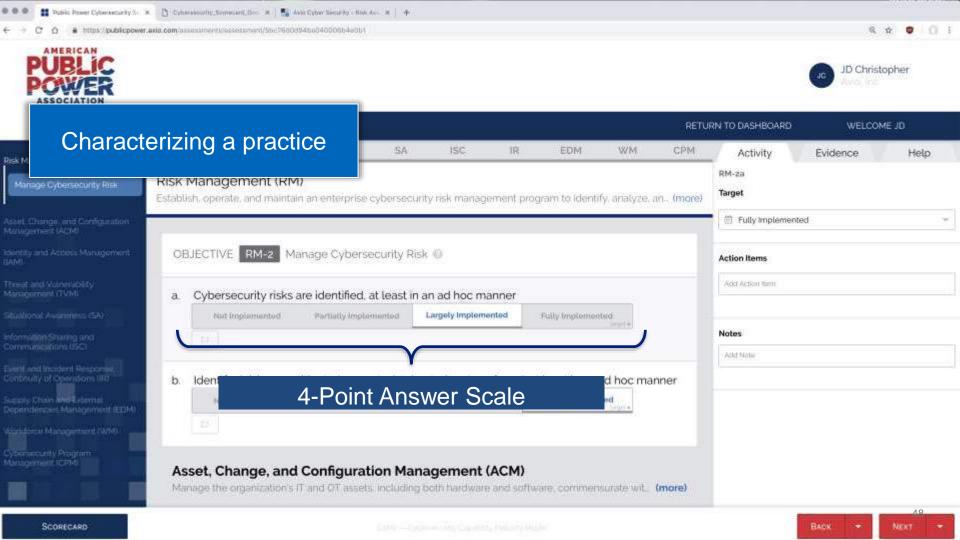




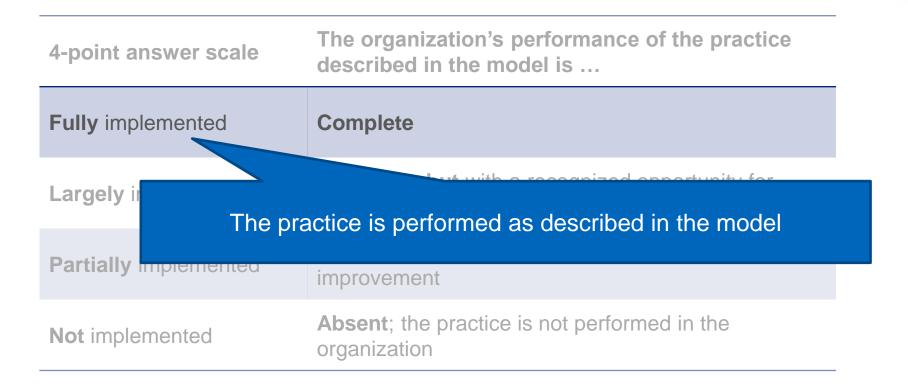








4-point answer scale	The organization's performance of the practice described in the model is				
Fully implemented	Complete				
Largely implemented	Complete, but with a recognized opportunity for improvement				
Partially implemented	Incomplete; there are multiple opportunities for improvement				
Not implemented	Absent; the practice is not performed in the organization				







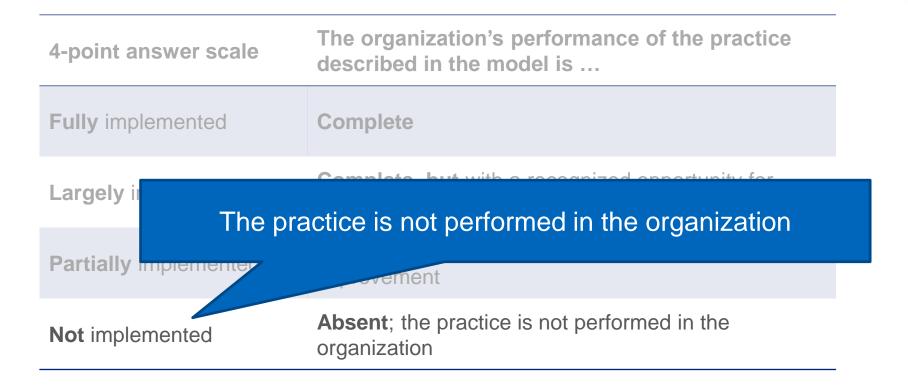
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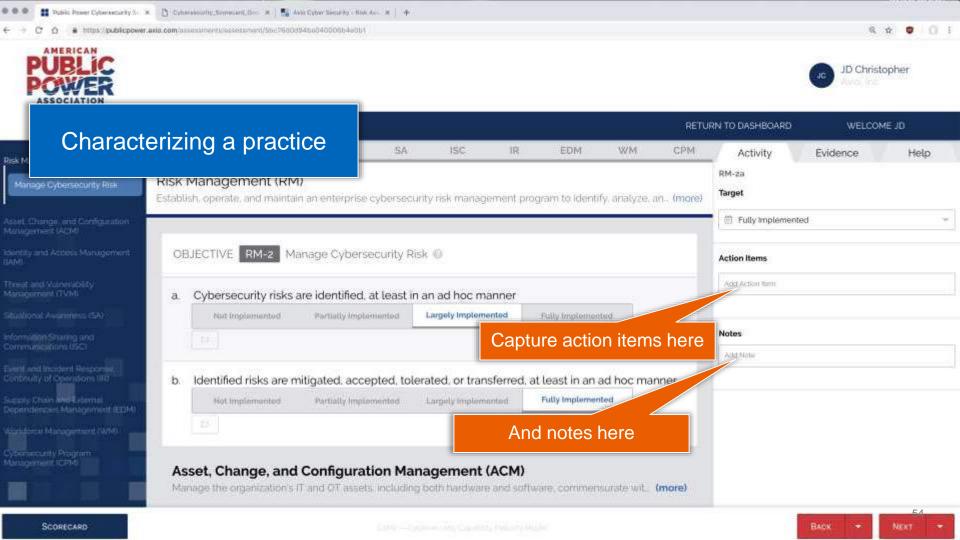
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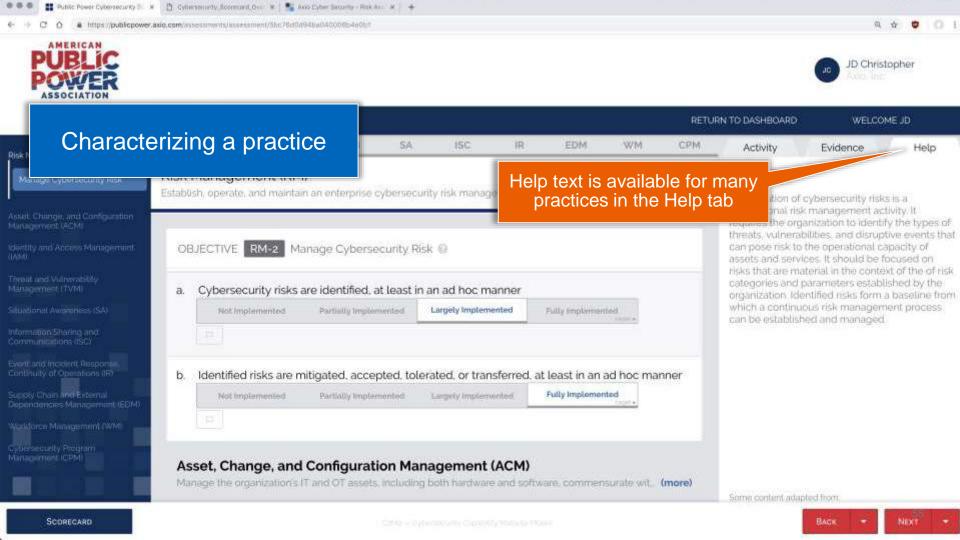
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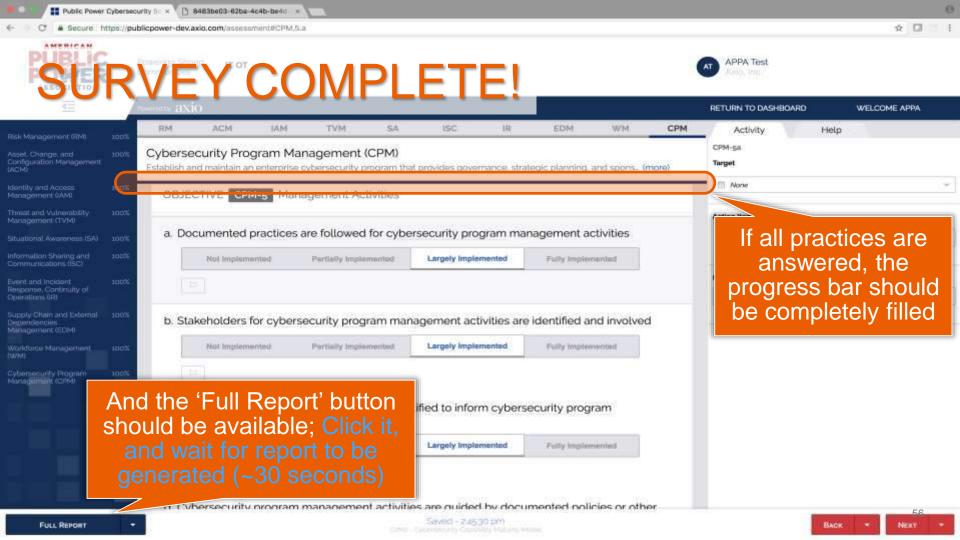
The implementation of the practice as described in the model is incomplete — there are multiple opportunities for improvement that Fully imp are material with respect to achieving model, organizational, or critical infrastructure objectives

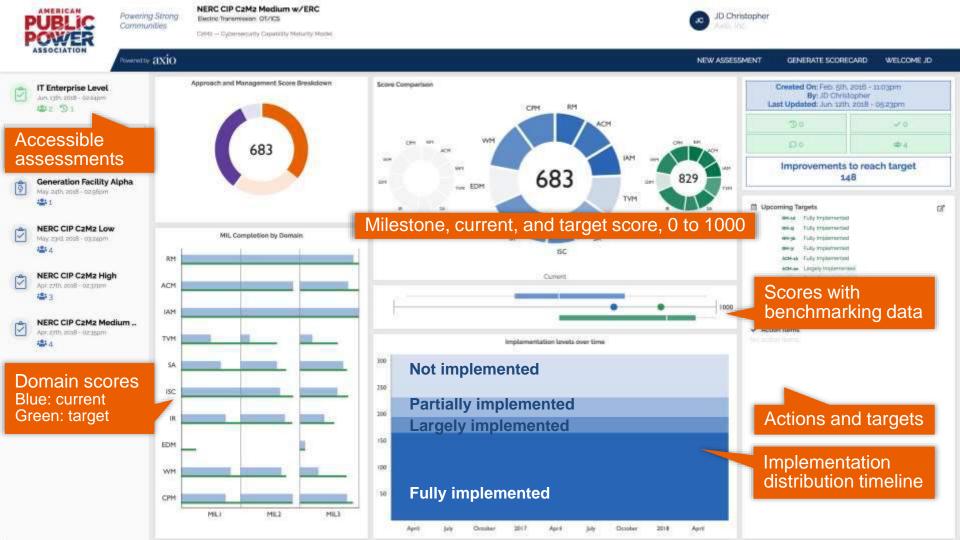
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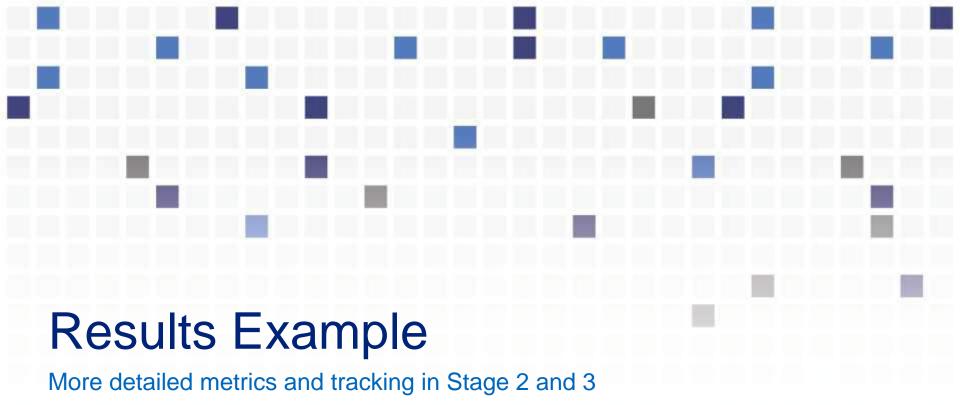




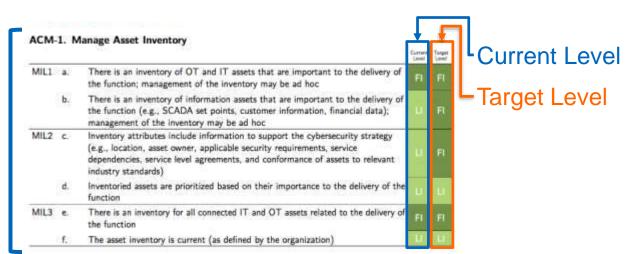




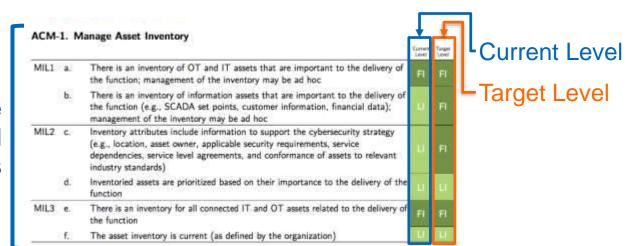




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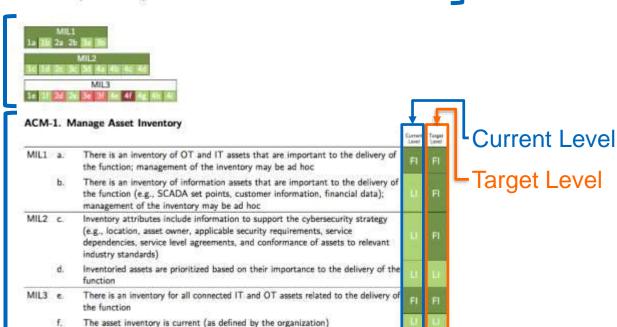






Fully Implemented **Donuts** Largely Implemented 6 Partially Implemented for Each Not Implemented Objective Manage Asset Manage Asset Manage Changes Management Inventory Configuration to Assets Activities

Domain Summary Stripe Chart



Manage Asset Inventory Configuration to Assets Management Activities

Donuts for Each Objective

Domain Summary Stripe Chart MIL1
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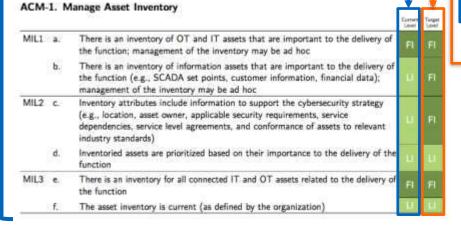
MIL2
1c 1d 2c 3c 3d 4a 4b 4c 4d

MIL3
1c 1f 2d 2c 3c 3c 3c 4c 4f 4c 4a



Domain Summary Bar Chart

Current Level



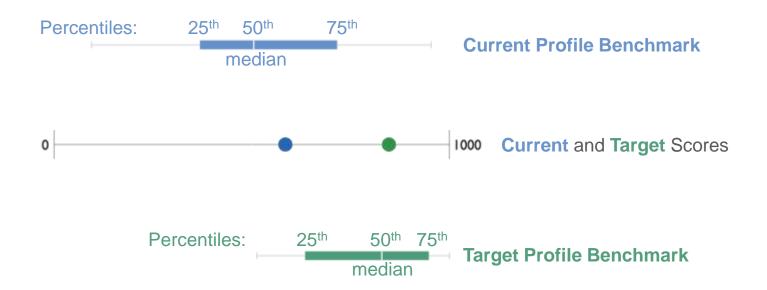
Summary of Management Practices

New from Axio: an easy way to view trends in management practices

Table 4.1: Management Activities

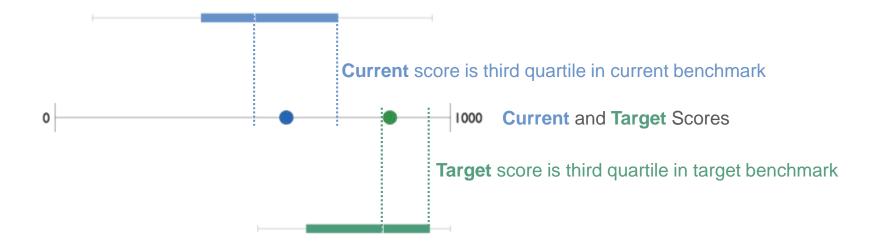
Management Practice	RM	ACM	IAM	TVM	SA	ISC	IR	EDM	WM	СРМ
Documented practices are followed	PI	u	LI	ш	PI	NI	FI	U	U	- 61
Stakeholders are identified and involved	LI	Li	Li	LI	PI	ы	FI	Ш	FI	FI
Adequate resources (people, funding, and tools) are provided	PI	LI	U	PI	PI	LI	LI	PI	LI	
Standards and/or guidelines have been identified to inform activities	NI	ш	LI	NI	NI	NI	LI	NI	PI	NI
Activities are guided by documented policies or other organizational directives	NI	ш	D.	PI	NI	NI	PI	ш	ш	ш
Policies include compliance requirements for specified standards and/or guidelines	NI	NI	6.7	PI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
Activities are periodically reviewed to ensure conformance with policy	NI	ш	D	PI	NI	NI	NI	Ш	ш	Ш
Responsibility and authority are assigned to personnel	PI	LI	LI	£.	PI	4.1	LI	ΡI		
Personnel performing activities have the skills and knowledge needed	PI	ш	LI.	PI	PI	ш	ш	PI	PI	111
Information-sharing policies address protected information						FI				

Benchmarking Data



The PDF report provides domain-level benchmarks normalized to a 100-point scale.

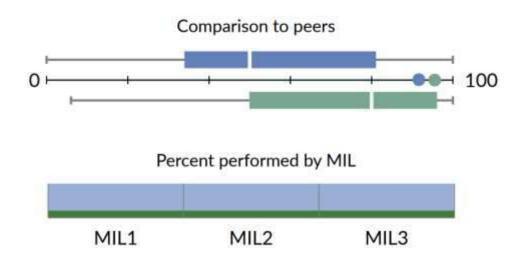
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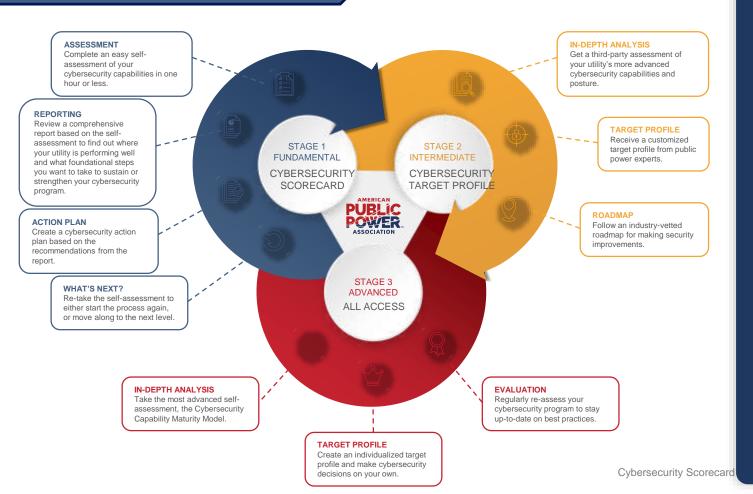
Benchmarking Data

3.1 Risk Management

Establish, operate, and maintain an enterprise cybersecurity risk management program to identify, analyze, and mitigate cybersecurity risk to the organization, including its business units, subsidiaries, related interconnected infrastructure, and stakeholders.



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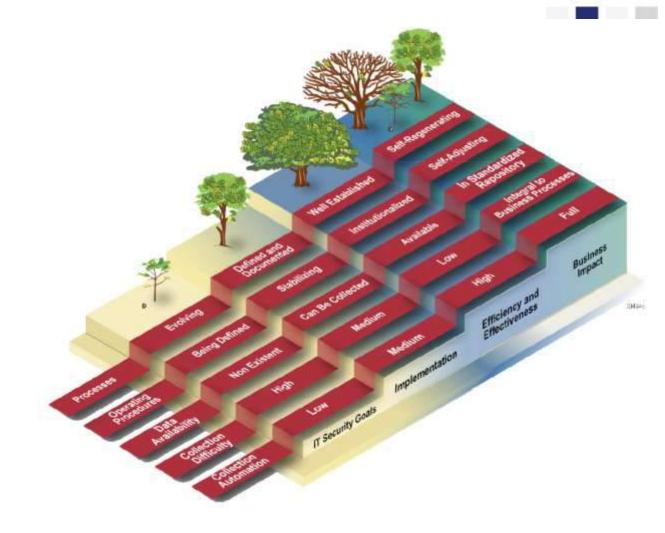


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RETURN TO MATURITY

because even maturity models start somewhere





Questions, Comments, or Concerns?





Powering Strong Communities

