CyBOK

The Cyber Security Body Of Knowledge

Foundations and Resources for the Community

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Codify ***foundational*** and generally recognised knowledge in cyber security following broad community engagement nationally and internationally

A ***guide*** to the body of knowledge

Focus is on ***established foundation*** of the subject (not on everything that has ever been written or on still-emerging, nascent, topics)

International effort

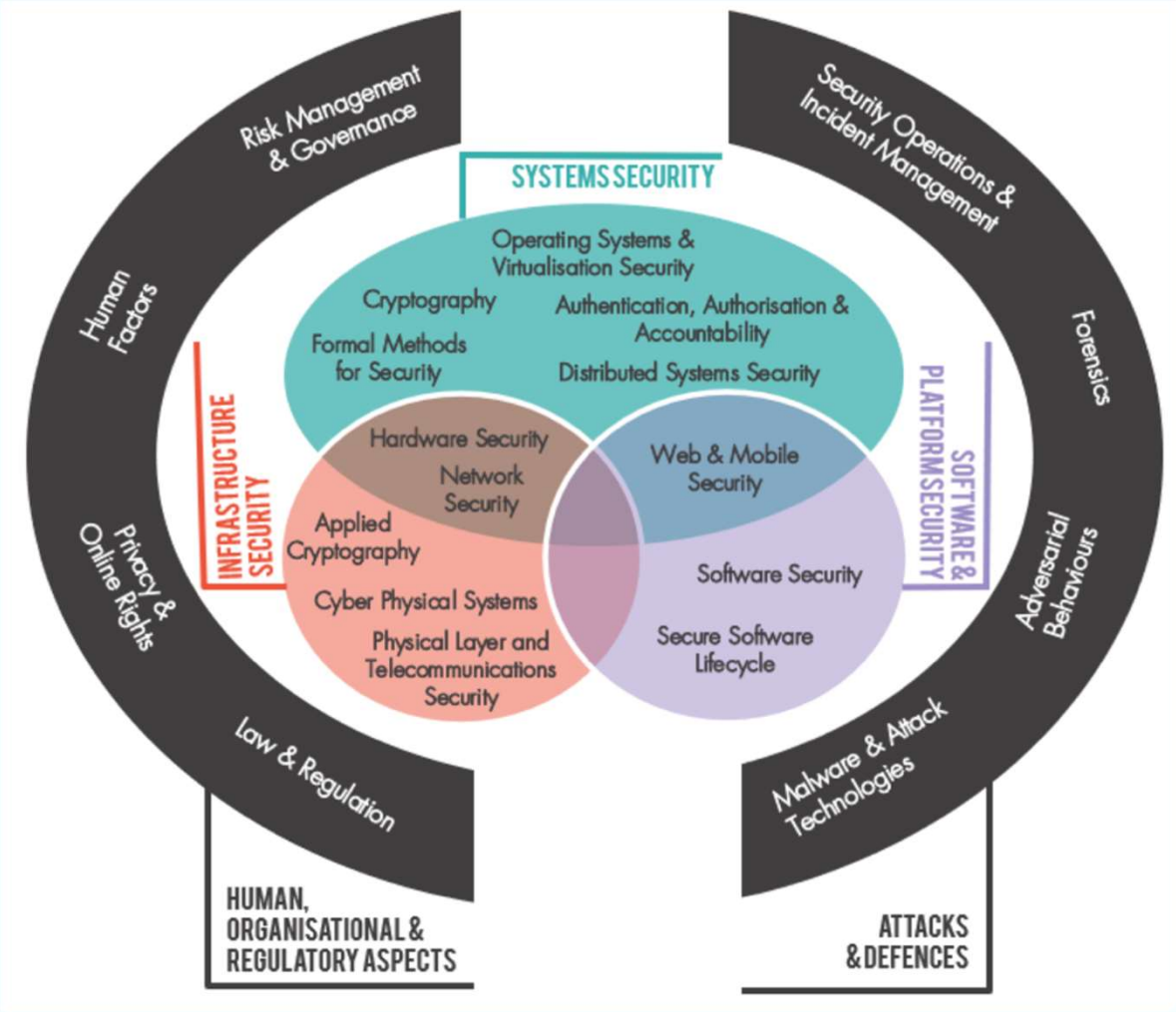
For the community by the community

Open and freely accessible

Transparency

>115	Experts: Authors, Reviewers, Advisors
>1000	Pages
>2200	Authoritative sources
>1600	Comments from wider community
>30	Invited talks, panels and keynotes

CyBOK 1.1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Security Operations & Incident Management
Human Factors
Forensics
Privacy & Online Rights
Adversarial Behaviours
Law & Regulation
Malware & Attack Technologies
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Operating Systems & Virtualisation Security
Cryptography
Authentication, Authorisation & Accountability
Formal Methods for Security
Distributed Systems Security
INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY
PLATFORM SECURITY
SOFTWARE &
Hardware Security
Network Security
Web & Mobile Security
Applied Cryptography
Software Security
Cyber Physical Systems
Physical Layer and Telecommunications Security
Secure Software Lifecycle
HUMAN, ORGANISATIONAL & REGULATORY ASPECTS
ATTACKS & DEFENCES

Keeping the Foundations Strong

Open call for proposals to update current KAs or propose new ones: *CyBOK 1.0 -> CyBOK 1.1*

Not just reactive but also proactive: *pro-active expert review of KAs in each category to identify if/where there is a need to refresh the knowledge captured within CyBOK*

Pro-actively develop guides that capture practical pathways through CyBOK or emerging knowledge in the community

Supplementing the Foundations

Knowledge Guides: Emerging topics or those that are still developing broadly agreed foundations

- Security and Privacy of AI
- Security Economics

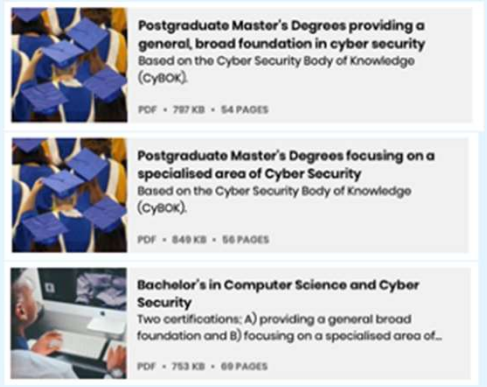
Topic Guides: Practical applications that cut across multiple CyBOK KAs

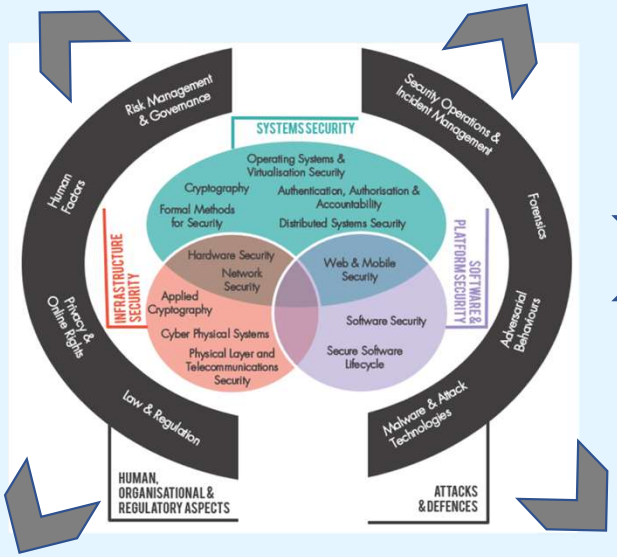
- AI for Security

Design new university or professional training programmes

Contrasting different programmes

Design new certification schemes





Knowledge requirements for job roles

Traceably meeting certification requirements

Benchmarking capacity

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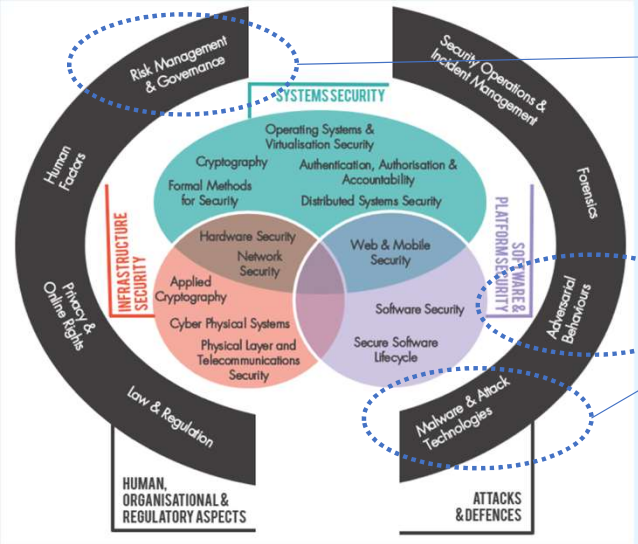

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Adversarial Behaviours

Malware and Attack Technologies

Mapping reference with > 13000 terms

An index for easy look up of terms

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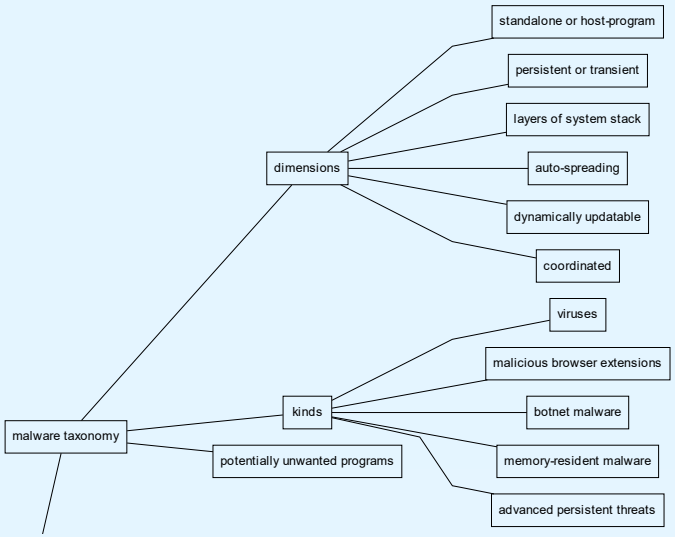

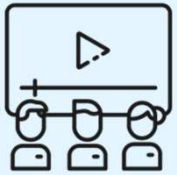

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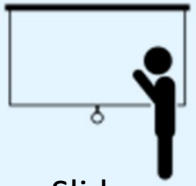

Slides

Lesson Plans, Labs and Exercises

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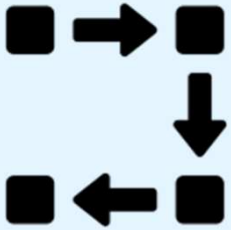
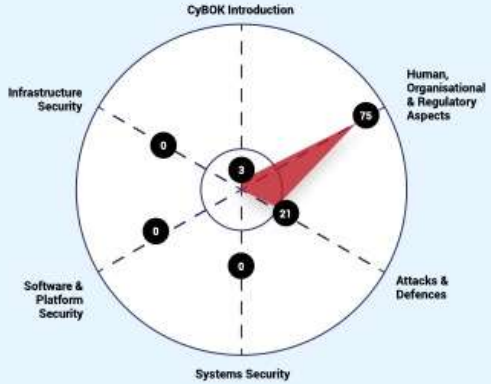
Mapping Framework





Showing a course meets training needs

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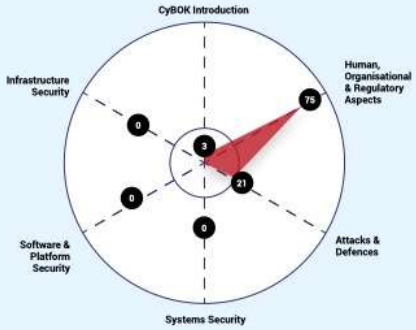

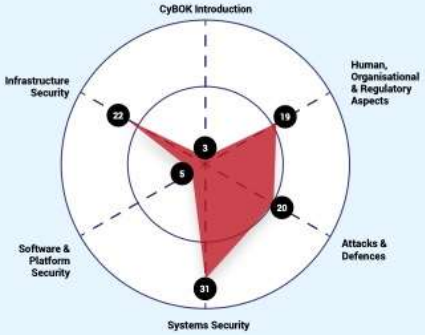

Learner, Recruiter, Certification Body

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6 Professional Programmes

51 University Degrees

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The Cyber Security Body of Knowledge

Mappings of University and Professional Training Programmes to CyBOK

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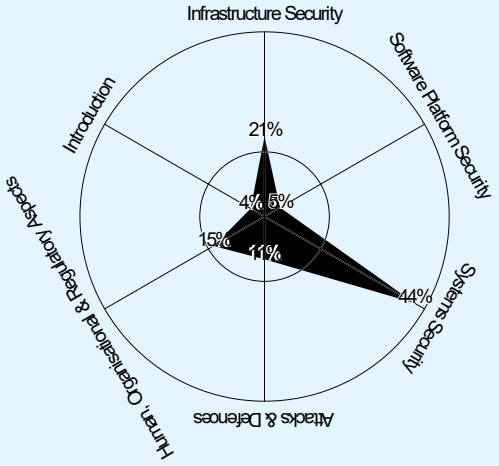
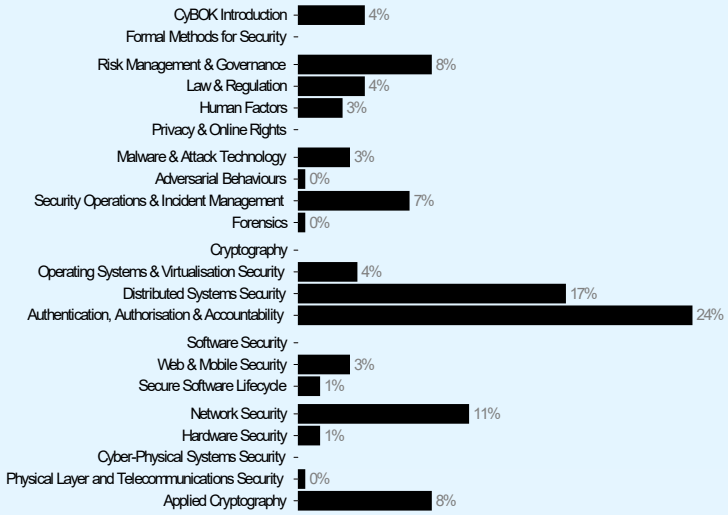
Mapping Booklet Version 2.2
Mappings are based on either CyBOK v1.0.0 + Formal Methods for Security or CyBOK v1.1.0

NCSC Cyber Advisor
(Cyber Essentials)





What knowledge to assess for particular roles?

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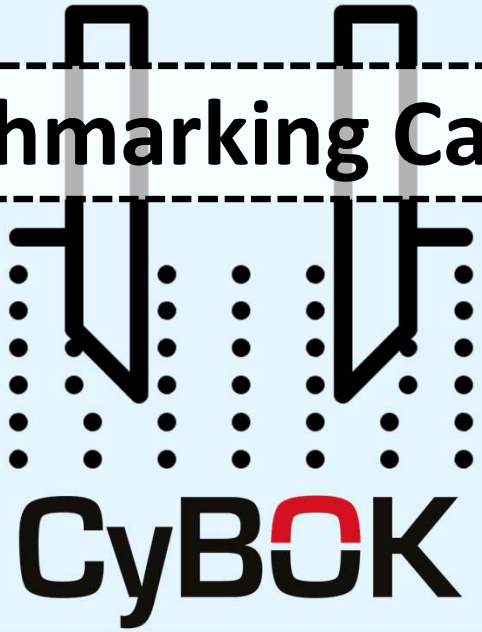
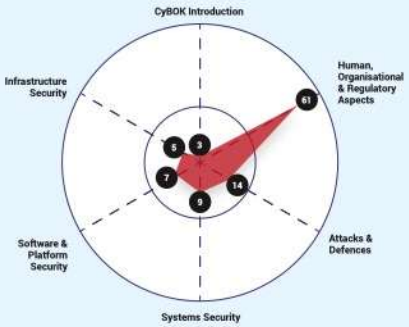
My organisation’s cyber security capability is …

Benchmarking Capacity

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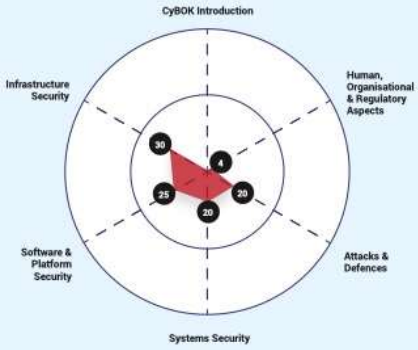
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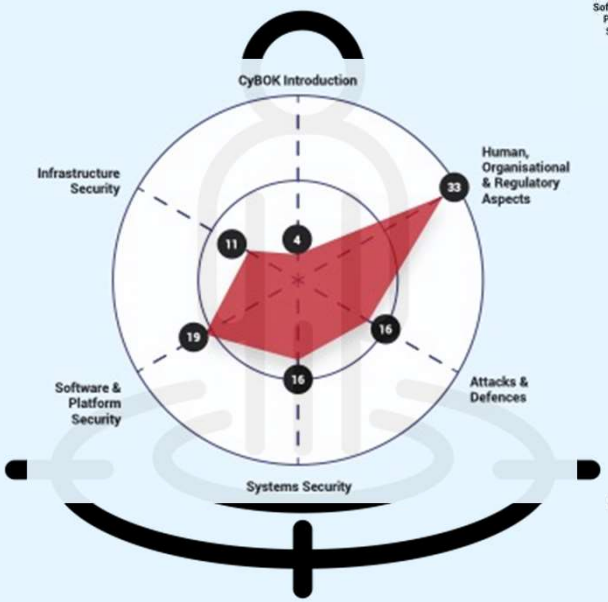
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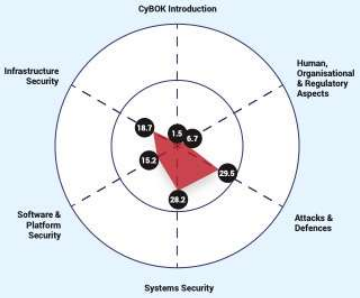
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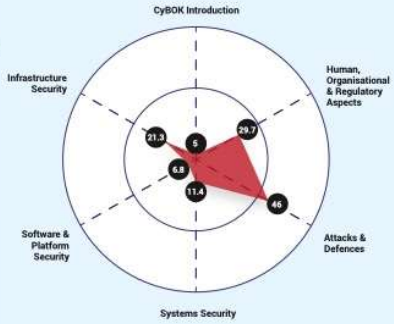
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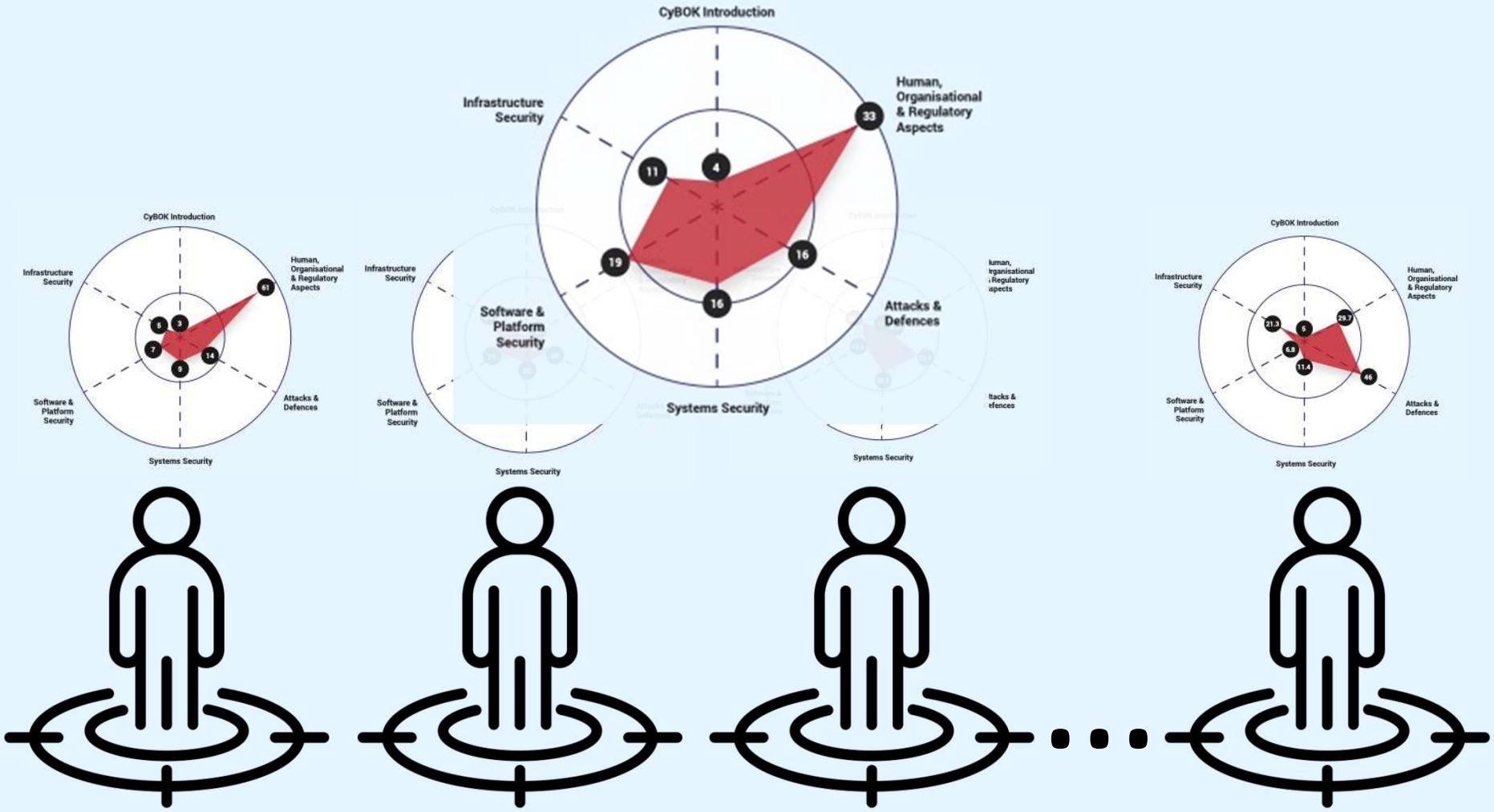
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Case studies

Outreach resources

Reports on relevant topics

Future of CyBOK

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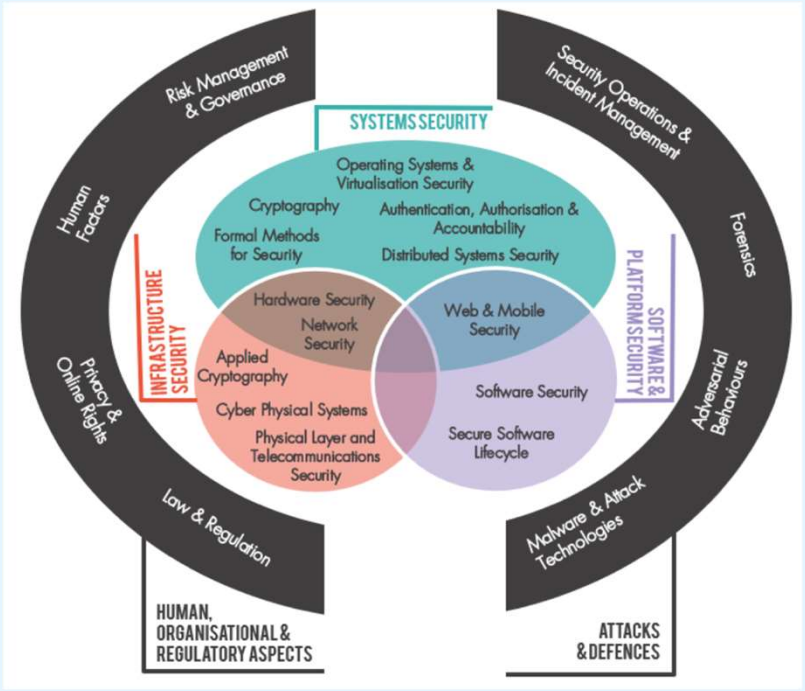

Pro-active Review

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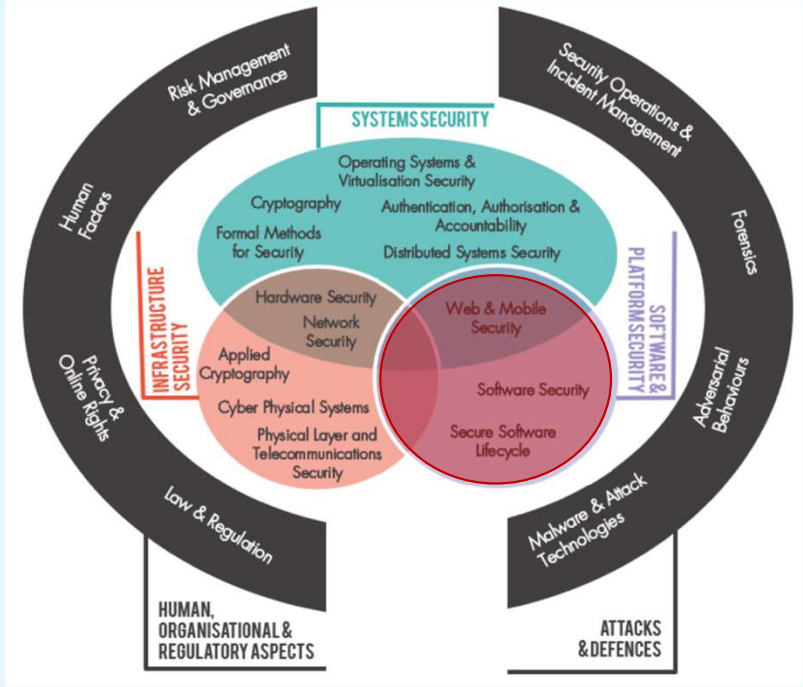

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To

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  - …
- Topic Guides
  - AI for Security
  - *Cloud Security*
  - …

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To

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The Project

Long term Sustainability

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Community Interest Company

Now

Transition

Summer 2026

CyBOK CIC

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- Professor Awais Rashid
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- Professor Andrew Martin
- Dr. Matilda Rhode
- Professor Steve Schneider

Initial focus on:

- Input from community
- Governance structures
- Partnership with professional and educational organisations
- Funding sources to sustain and evolve CyBOK and associated resources beyond summer 2026

CyBOK CIC

- International effort
- For the community by the community
- Open and freely accessible
- Transparency

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By the Community

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