

# CyBOK

The Cyber Security Body Of Knowledge



## Mapping cyber-enabled roles to the CyBOK

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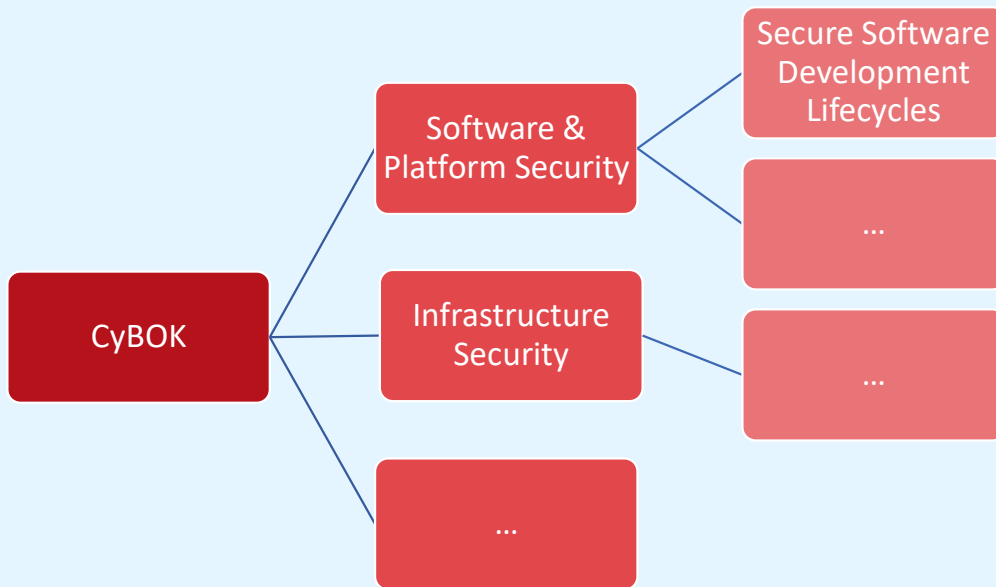
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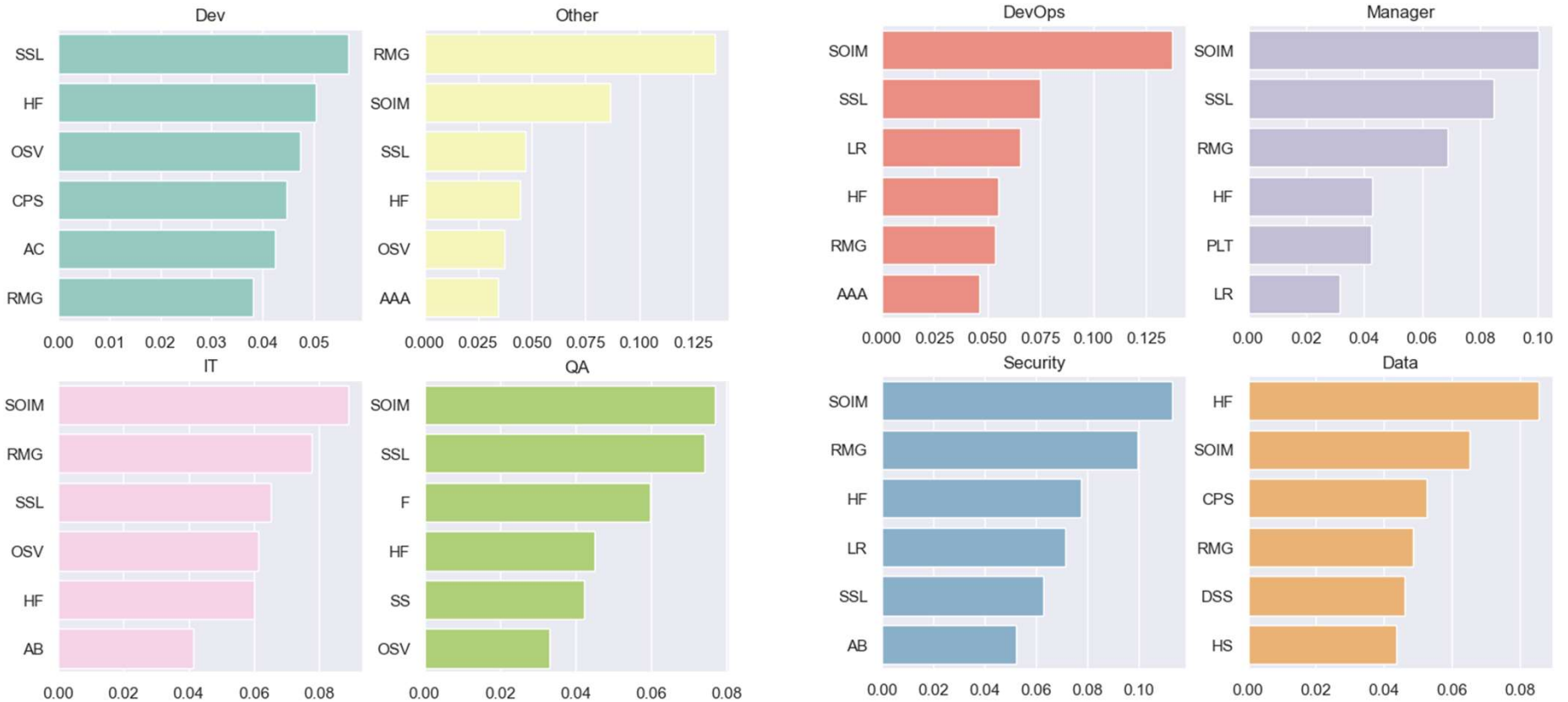
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- **Cyber-enabled roles:** Roles that aren't formally recognised as cyber security roles, but nonetheless require cyber security skills.

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- The CyBOK aims to systematise knowledge that is recognised as being related to Cyber Security.
- One of the key aims of the CyBOK is to support educators in designing cyber security curricula.
  - It is used as a tool to help certify degrees in the UK.
- It consists of knowledge areas divided across knowledge groups.

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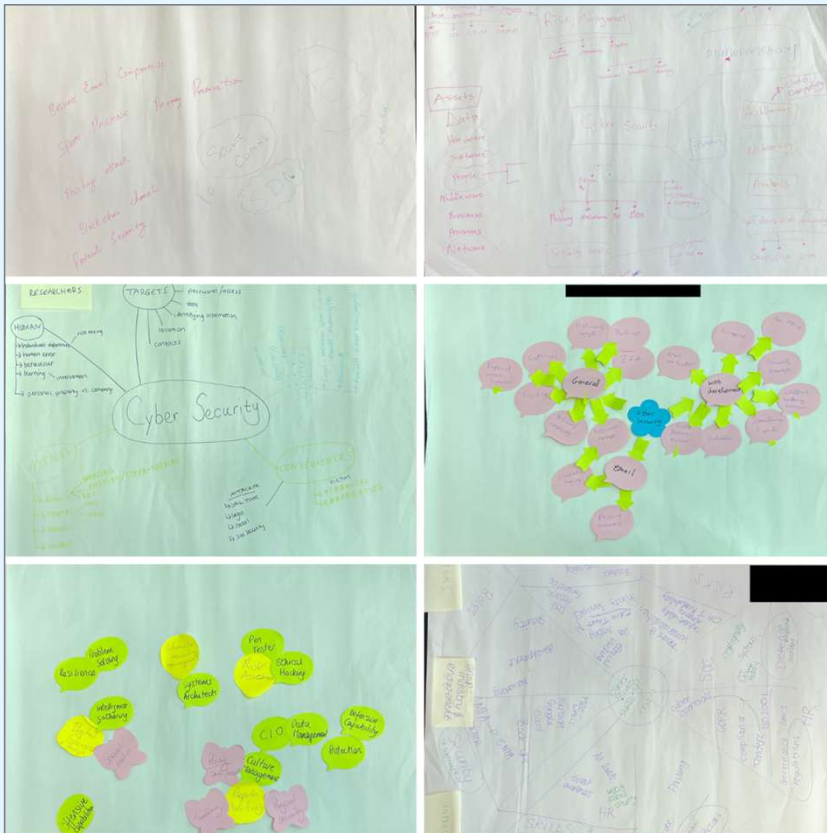


# Method

- We held a mapping workshop at the UCLan Engineering Innovation Centre. 19 cyber-enabled practitioners attended.
- At the workshop, participants first mapped their own understanding of cyber security, and then mapped their roles to the CyBOK areas.
- We then analysed (qualitative) these mappings and produced several resources based on them.

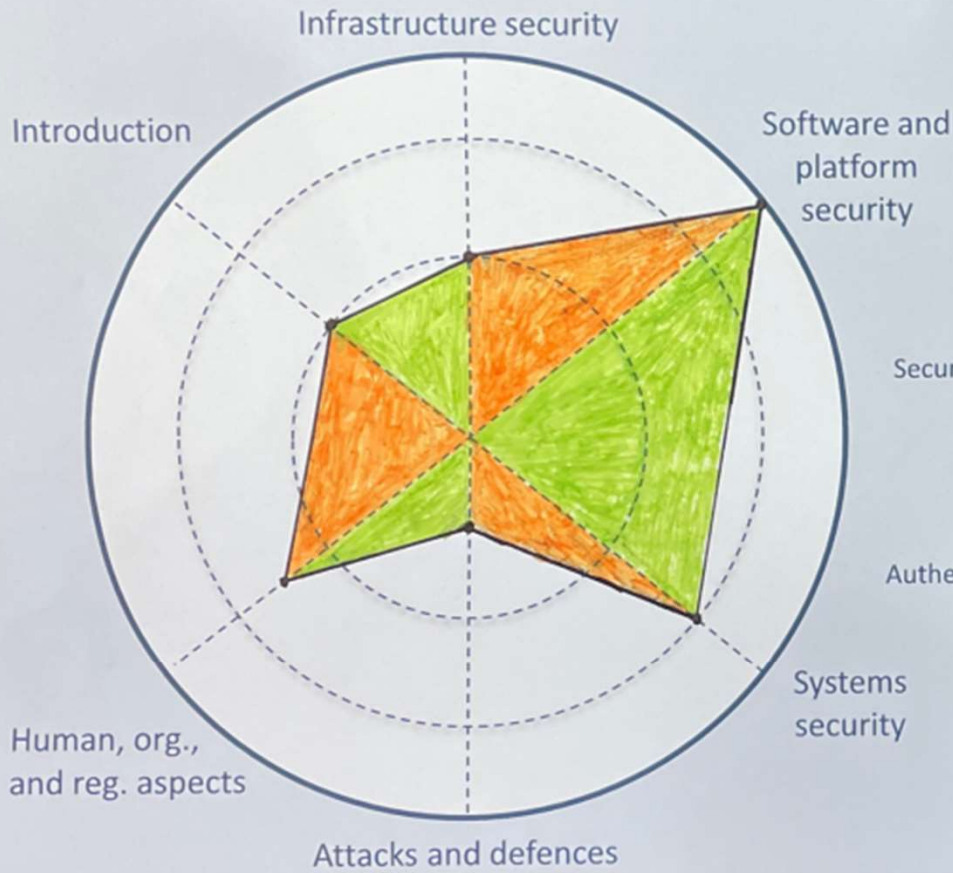


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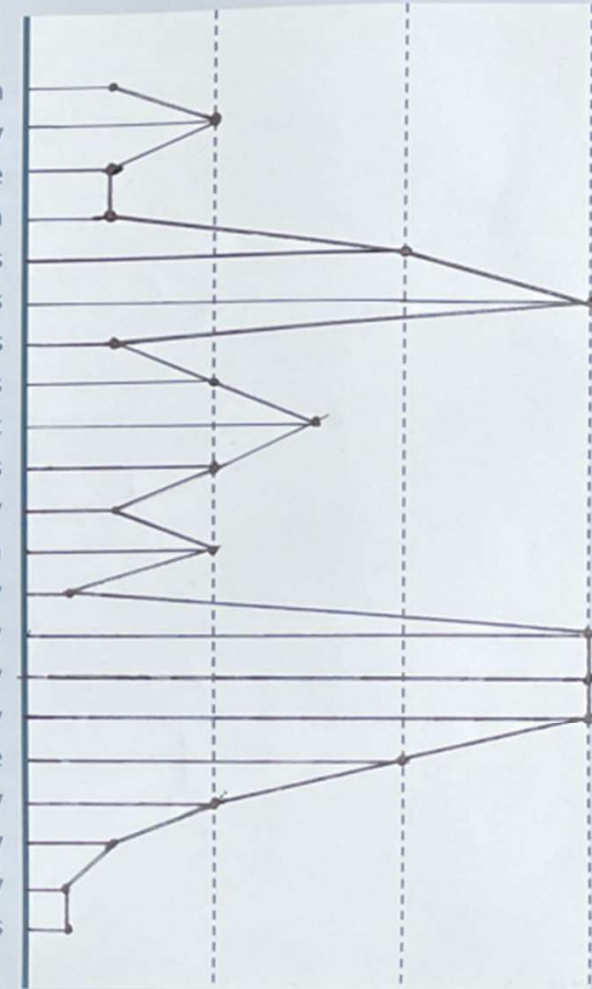


- Initial mappings demonstrate the differing depth and breadth of Cyber Security knowledge across the different groups.
- A group of 'Software Developers' highlighted items such as 'Security Headers' and 'Wordpress Hardening Techniques'.
- All but one of the initial mappings featured a 'Phishing' item.

# Mapping worksheet



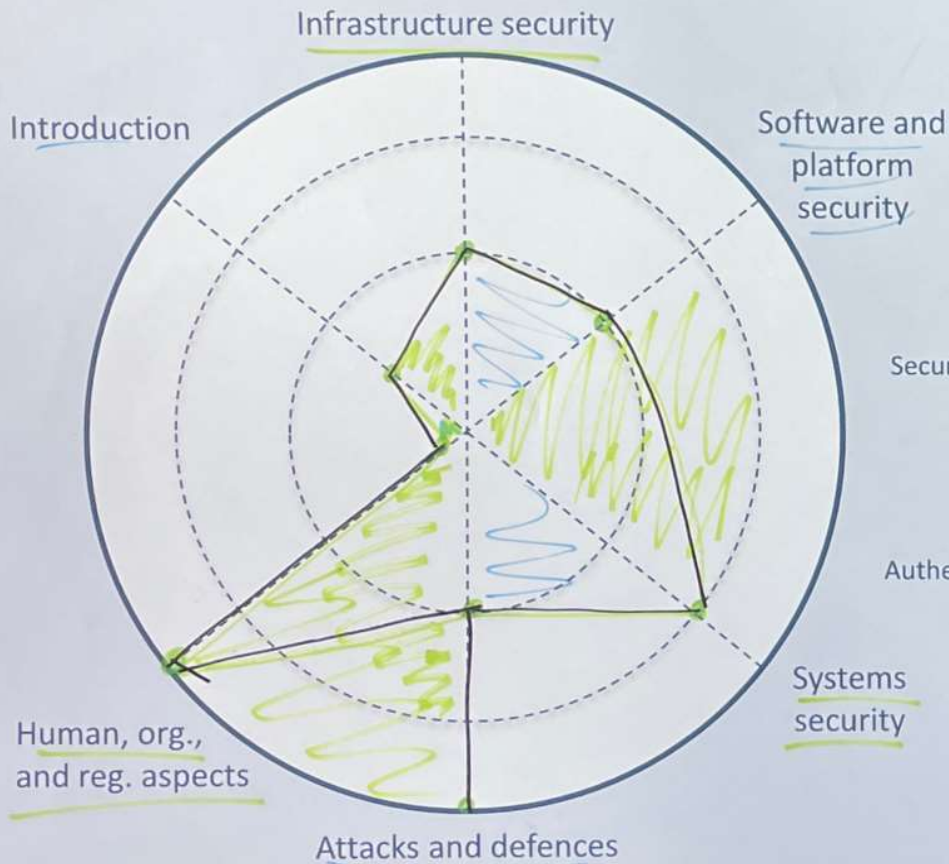
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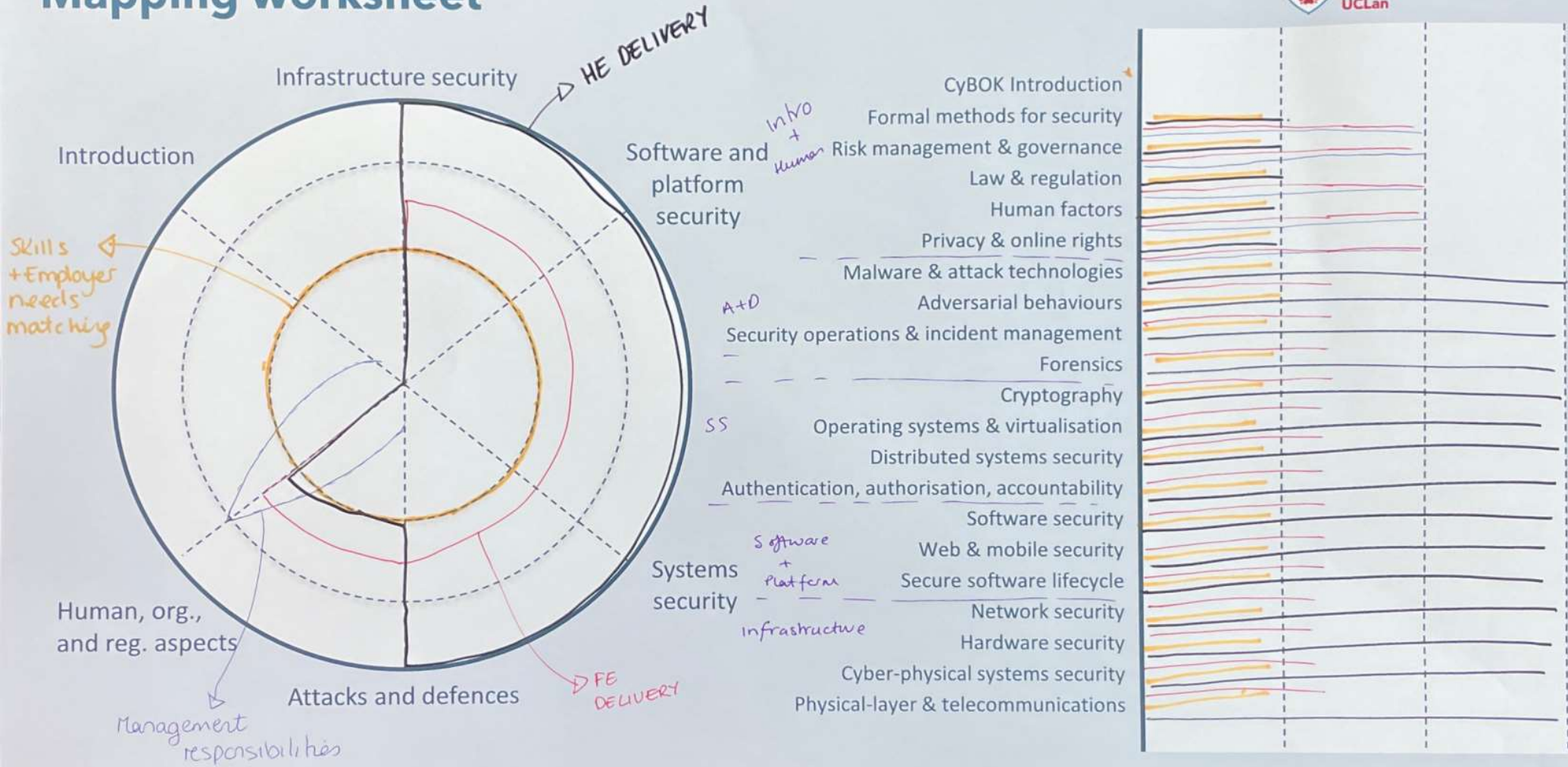


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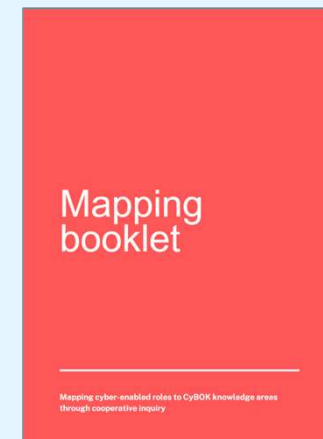
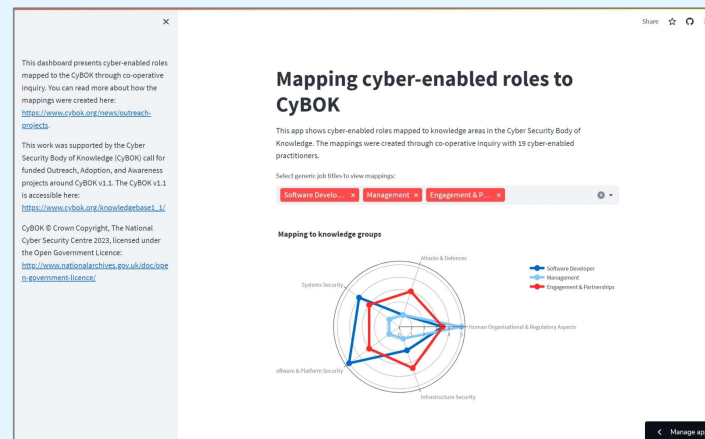
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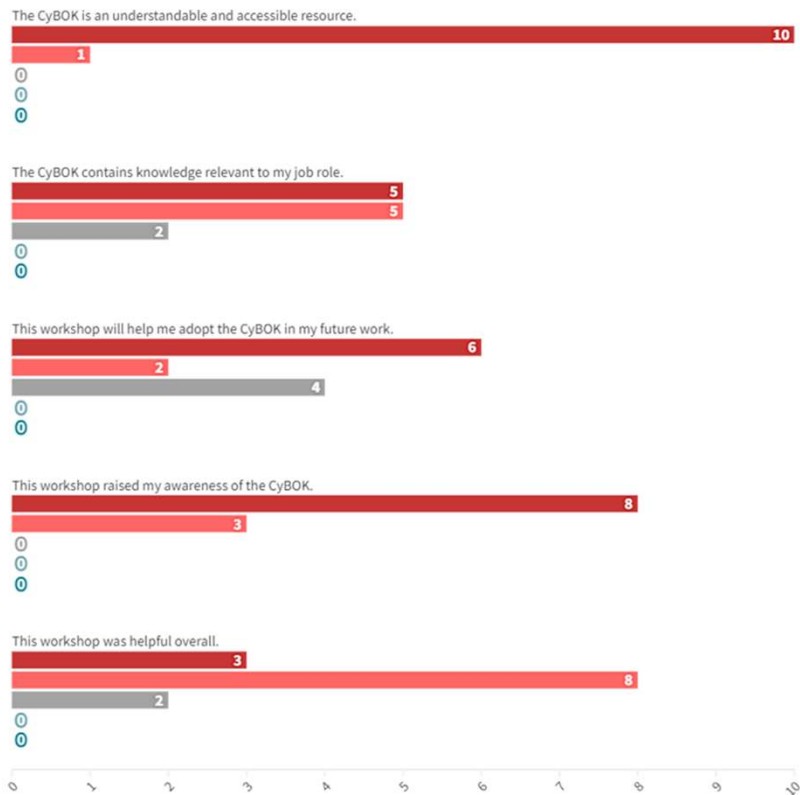
# Outputs

- We have created 2 resources based on the mappings to the CyBOK. The purpose of these is to share our findings with a wider audience:
  - A short mapping booklet (PDF).
  - An interactive mapping app.



# Outcomes

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree/disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree



- Most of the participating cyber-enabled practitioners provided feedback on the workshop and the CyBOK itself.
- Overall, they found the CyBOK to be relevant to their roles and both understandable and accessible.
- Similarly, they found the workshop to be helpful in that it raised their awareness of the CyBOK and will help them to adopt it in their future work.

# Next steps

- We recommend the workshop resources that we have developed and trailed are used to co-produce mappings with a greater quantity and variety of practitioners.
  - The mappings could support the creation of short courses and training for cyber-enabled (and core-cyber) practitioners.
  - A topic guide for cyber-enabled practitioners?
- We are working to develop mixed-methods approaches that combine the nomothetic benefits of job listings with the idiographic benefits of our mapping workshops, with a view to better understanding the cyber skills gap.

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