

2020 FAA Cybersecurity Awareness Symposium

Securing the Aviation Ecosystem / “Cyber Hygiene”

Cybersecurity Risk Modelling (CyRM)

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Cybersecurity Risk Management (CyRM)

- **Mission Statement - CyRM is an Agency effort to define and create a capability to perform modelling of cyber-threats to the FAA so that mitigations can be identified and prioritized.**
- **CyRM Team Function 1 – Perform cyber risk assessments to establish the relationship between lower level systems and higher level services and business functions.**
- **CyRM Team Function 2 - Develops automation tools which show operations personnel how an emerging threat can affect FAA essential functions.**



CyRM Team Function #1 - CyRM Assessments

- Security at the FAA has traditionally been analyzed at a system level. The most recent NIST and OMB guidance calls for adding approaches which also measure the impact of security incidents on critical agency functions.
 - This permits better prioritization of remediation efforts.
- CyRM has developed new methods for analyzing risk from component and system events into higher level services and critical functions.
 - CyRM Assessments begin with an Agency service and analyze the connections between systems and agency functions.
 - Services are drawn from the FAA Services Hierarchy (FAASH).
- CyRM is a Cybersecurity Steering Committee (CSC) effort and ANG, AFN ASH and ATO are members.
- The CyRM processes and tools are intended to aid the Agency in increasing the timeliness of the response a cybersecurity risks and this aid in the overall FAA Cyber Hygiene effort.



CyRM Team Function #2 - CyRM Automation Tools

ARCAT

- Enterprise tool that provides the FAA Cybersecurity Steering Committee and Operating Domains users (NAS, MS, R&D) with strategic and tactical information necessary to make data-driven risk management decisions.
- Provides an enterprise capability to predict the risk exposures to cyber threats and enables efficient mitigation.



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ARCAT Prototype Features

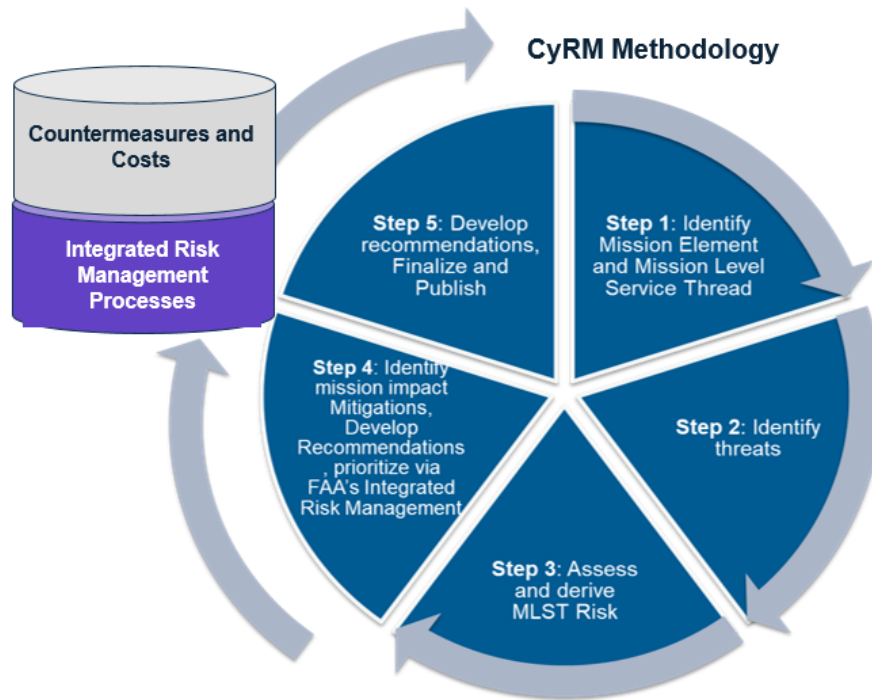
- Enterprise view of cyber threat and risk to FAA mission
- Automation of CyRM risk assessment process
- Cybersecurity Architecture Repository
- Enterprise cyber threat modeling capabilities
- Insight for planning acquisition improvements to FAA Cybersecurity



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CyRM Team Function #2 - CyRM Automation Tools - CICAT

CICAT was adapted for use by the FAA and integrated into CyRM Methodology*



* CyRM Methodology was defined collaboratively by the FAA and MITRE in FY17.

CICAT was adapted for use by FAA CyRM, simulating an attack against the FAA's network based on the FAA enterprise environment, vulnerabilities identified by CVEs and threat information encoded in ATT&CK.

CICAT business logic, reporting, and interactive visualizations are data-driven capabilities. Other CyRM capabilities, such as the architecture repository, could provide the necessary data, such as mission, service, and FAA enterprise data and vulnerabilities to CICAT for use by the underlying models.

CICAT was adapted with ARCAT proof-of-concept models in mind to ease integration of the capabilities.

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Critical Infrastructure Cyberspace Analysis Tool (CICAT)

Research Questions

Using the current CyRM methodology and implementation as a basis:

- Can **CICAT** improve the accuracy of the cybersecurity risk assessment results?
- Can **CICAT** generate an expanded set of cybersecurity risk assessment results?
- Can **CICAT** and the visualization models produce meaningful results more quickly?
- Can **CICAT** contribute to automating steps in the cyber risk assessment process for the NAS, Mission Support and R&D domains?

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Hypotheses

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The CICAT proof-of-concept capability will improve the accuracy of the cybersecurity risk assessment results.

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The CICAT proof-of-concept capability will generate an expanded set of cybersecurity risk assessment results.

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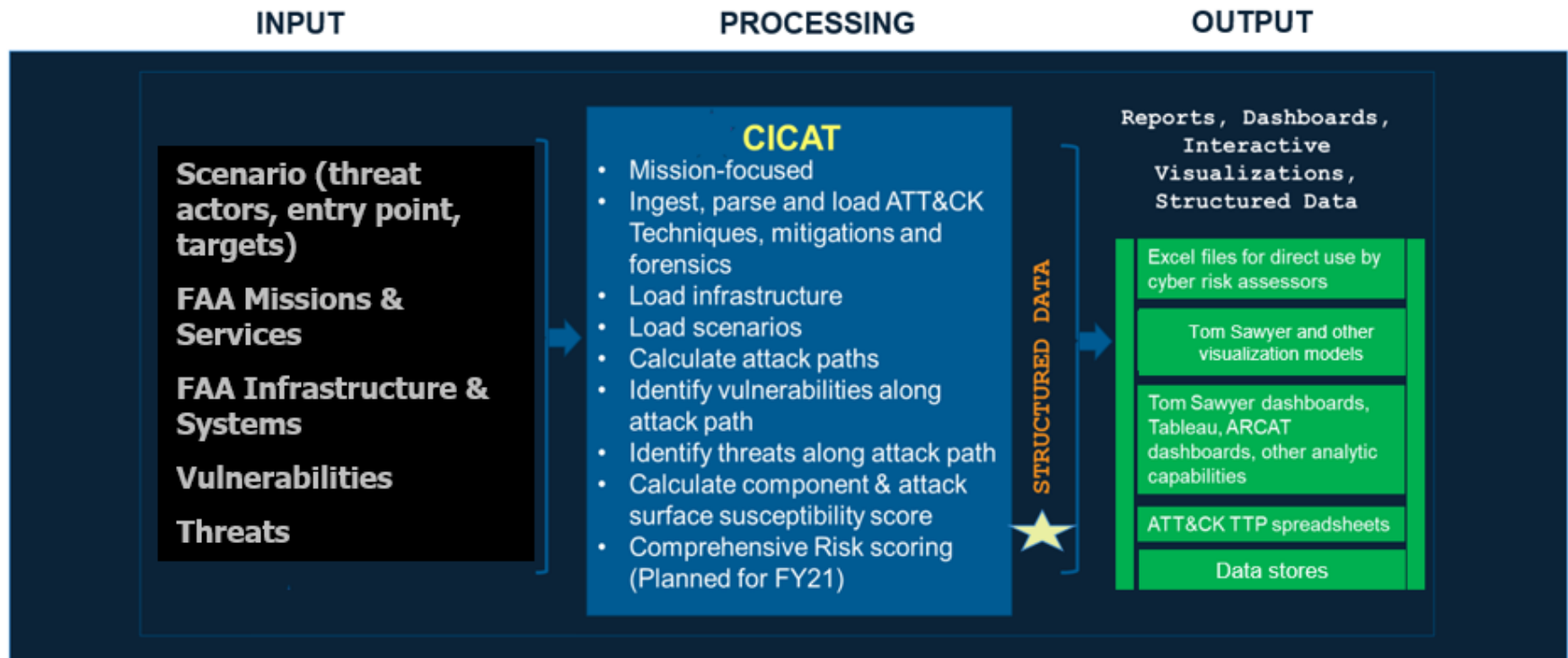
The CICAT proof-of-concept capability and visualization models will more quickly produce meaningful results.

CICAT informs on:

- 1) How a targeted attack would be carried out and the impact on an FAA mission.
- 2) Attack paths from the entry points to the target for a known adversary as well as the vulnerabilities and threats along the attack path.
- 3) Courses of action to mitigate the risks identified.
- 4) Forensics that identify what to look for if/when a cyber incident occurs. (Visualization models simplify the output from the models to a usable form.)

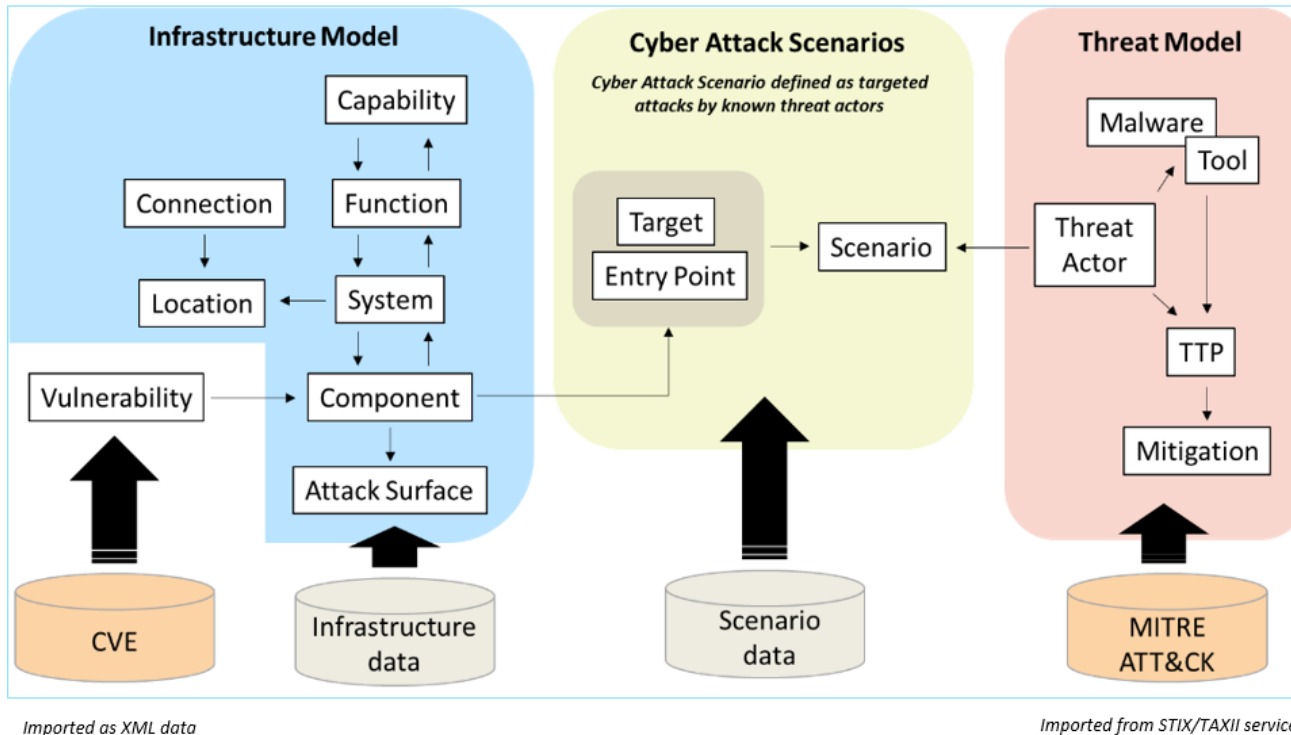
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CICAT Input, Output and Processing



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CICAT Data Model



The CICAT data model includes data imported as XML files (CVE and ATT&CK for Industrial Control Systems (ICS)), as JSON files (Enterprise ATT&CK), and as Excel spreadsheets (Infrastructure and scenario data).

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