



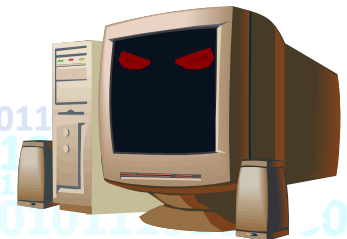
# Information Assurance & Interoperability Assessments

## Getting Better At Not Being Good Enough? The State of Cyber Threats and T&E

Brief for ITEA

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## Cyber T&E Considerations

### Performance

- Red Team Actions and analysis of methods
- Success/Failure
- Detection Rates

### Fundamentals

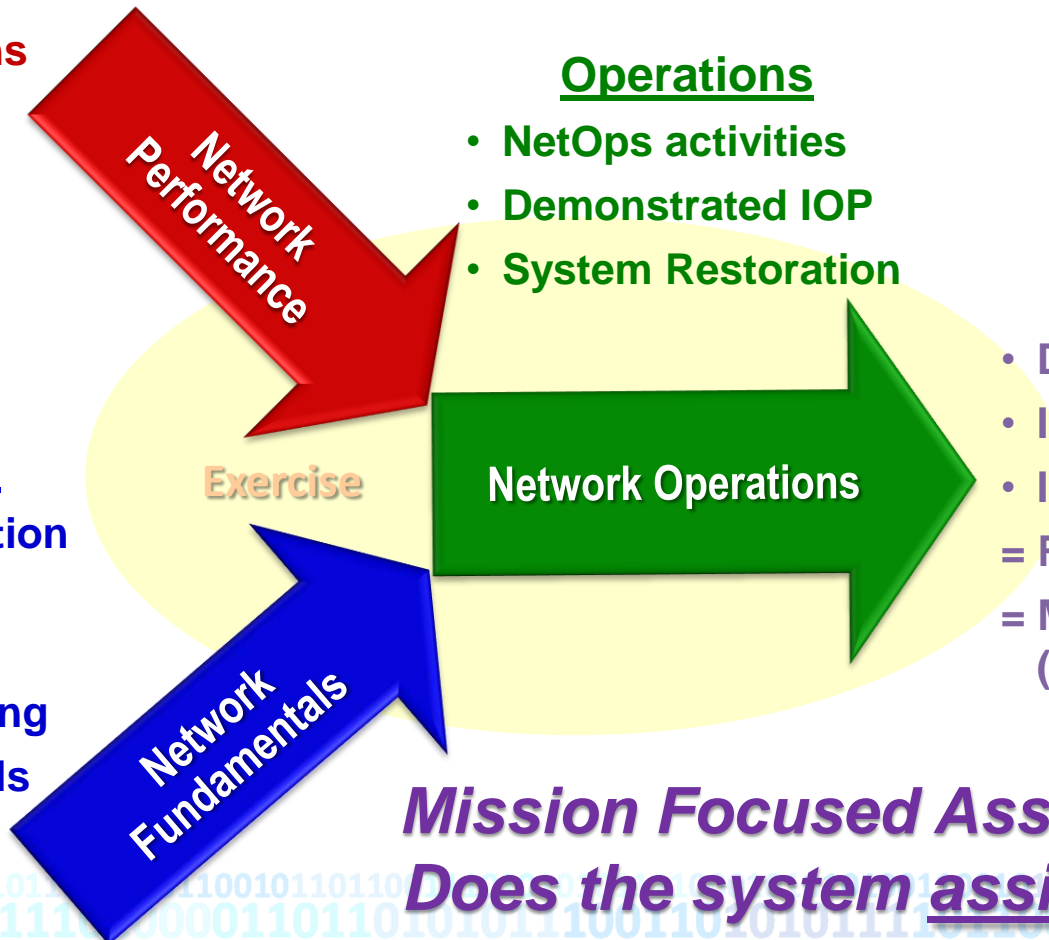
- Policy/Configuration Compliance
- Best Practices
- Manning & Training
- Processes & Tools
- C&A, IOP Certs

### Operations

- NetOps activities
- Demonstrated IOP
- System Restoration

### Outcomes

- Delays +
- Inaccuracies +
- Inefficiencies +
- = RISK to operations
- = Mission Assurance (Mission Impact)



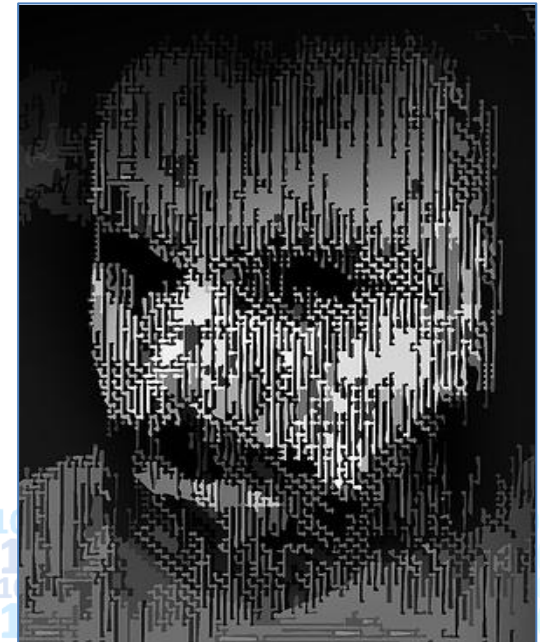
**Mission Focused Assessments:**  
**Does the system assist or inhibit mission accomplishment?**



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## Challenges

- Environment
  - Live vs Memorex
  - Simple vs Complex
  - How much can you do?
  - How many variables can you handle?
- Boundaries
  - System attributes vs “inherited attributes”
  - Threats: cyber, physical, personnel
  - Back to the Future: how far ahead?
- New Threat Vectors
  - Physical devices (PWN, Sheeva, etc)
  - Wireless and Bluetooth access
  - Sleeper software, persistent presence
  - In band / out of band management
  - “Poison Pills” (AKA “footshots”)





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## What it Takes

- Safe Sandboxes (ranges, clean networks)
- Realistic threat capabilities
  - Legal permissions, technical skills, tools and personnel
- Test Event Disciplines
  - Designed Experiment, Live-Virtual-Constructive, Sims
- Flexible and frequently updated CAPSTONEs and STARs
- Realistic environmental considerations
  - Not just WHAT the system is expected to do
- Comprehensive Interoperability reviews and certs

