

Understanding Your Threat Intelligence Maturity Level

Cyberattacks are on the rise and protecting against these attacks is a priority of every government agency at all levels. Knowing your threat maturity level can help you understand your organization's strengths and weaknesses as you work towards fully integrated threat intelligence. This worksheet will help you discern where your organization lies on the Threat Intelligence Maturity Model (TIMM) to decide where your resources are best spent.

ASSESSMENT

Rate your organization on a scale of one to five, with one representing 'completely disagree' and five representing 'completely agree,' in response to each of the prompts below.

PROMPT	COMPLETELY DISAGREE		NEUTRAL		COMPLETELY AGREE
My team has a formal threat intelligence program in place.	1	2	3	4	5
Threat management at my organization consists of multiple teams that collaborate effectively.	1	2	3	4	5
My organization's threat intelligence program enables communities to create advanced detection and solution tools.	1	2	3	4	5
The threat management team at my organization is sophisticated with a formal, multi-level structure.	1	2	3	4	5
My organization has an automated threat detection system.	1	2	3	4	5
Threat management is an integral part of my organization's business strategy.	1	2	3	4	5
My organization shares attack indicators with wider communities when possible.	1	2	3	4	5
The threat management team at my organization works with outside partners, vendors and supply chains to help project network-adjacent organizations.	1	2	3	4	5

RESULTS

If you answered mostly ones...

Your organization is at **Maturity Level Zero: Unclear Where to Start**. Your data is likely raw and unvalidated. It lacks context, so your team is overwhelmed with manual analysis. Analysts have little time and information to manage alerts and make decisions about threats. Your organization should reevaluate and expand your threat intelligence structure.

If you answered mostly twos...

Your organization is at **Maturity Level One: Warming Up to Threat Intelligence**. While your team has some automation integrated into defense controls, they still take a reactive approach to threats. Your data likely lacks context and important decision indicators. Your organization should work towards proactive threat mitigation and simplifying data management.

If you answered mostly threes...

Your organization is at **Maturity Level Two: Expanding Threat Intelligence Capabilities**. Your organization has some actionable threat intelligence, but your team is likely overwhelmed. With additional resources, your team would be able to act on threat data from outside communities. Your organization could benefit from a threat intelligence program to increase the capacity of your security team.

If you answered mostly fours...

Your organization is at **Maturity Level Three: Threat Intelligence Program in Place**. Your organization has a structured team that's started to work with outside partners and strategically targets possible threats. Threat intelligence drives business decisions. Your organization should work to overcome the labor-intensive analysis process through better information integration.

If you answered mostly fives...

Your organization is at **Maturity Level Four: Well-Defined Threat Intelligence Program**. Your organization uses advanced tools to define threat intelligence processes up to C-level business decisions. Your team-driven approach to security is part of your business strategy. Your organization's threat intelligence strategies are advanced, and you should continue to invest in keeping it up to date.

If your answers are all over the map...

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