Determine the correct level of CMMC maturity for your organization

To determine the maturity level needed for each of the 17 CMMC domains, do a thorough inventory of your systems and networks to identify how you touch federal contract information (FCI) and controlled unclassified information (CUI).

Identify the scope of your CMMC compliance initiative

Ensure you’re able to meet the requirements for Level 1 maturity since we know this will be a minimum requirement for all organizations who do business with DoD, whereas those who make or handle CUI, Level 3 will be that baseline.

Do the NIST self-assessment to identify gaps

NIST 800-171 is the predecessor to CMMC, and although it doesn’t look at maturity (that’s demonstrated by having a security program, implementing it, using/following it, and that it’s working), it is a good starting point to help identify gaps.

Build your system security plan (SSP)

An SSP is essentially a map of your security landscape and control capabilities as they exist today. It helps identify:
- The distinct system environments and the boundaries of those environments
- How systems and networks connect or otherwise interact
- How relevant security requirements are executed across these environments

Make necessary investments to execute your plan

It’s likely your plan will need to go beyond merely revising processes. Be prepared to invest in additional solutions in order to build a future-ready security environment. Your ROI may include:
- Winning future DoD and government contracts
- Mitigating the internal costs and damage of future cyberattacks
- Securing more streamlined and efficient ways of working for the business

Engage a third-party auditor to verify CMMC compliance

Once a CMMC compliance program has been fully implemented, you’ll need to bring in a Registered Practitioner (RP), Registered Provider Organization (RPO), or a Certified Third-Party Assessor Organization (C3PAO) to assess and validate your CMMC compliance and maturity.

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