



# C2M2 Overview

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## Software Engineering Institute (SEI)

- Federally funded research and development center based at Carnegie Mellon University
- Basic and applied research in partnership with government and private organizations
- Helps organizations improve their development, operation, and management of software-intensive and networked systems

## CERT Division – *Anticipating and solving our nation's cybersecurity challenges*

- Largest technical program at the SEI
- Focused on information and cybersecurity, risk management, operational resilience, insider risk, governance, and security metrics

# Core Concepts

# What is Resilience?



***“... the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience includes the ability to withstand and recover from deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents...”***

– Presidential Policy Directive – PPD 21  
Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience  
February 12, 2013

This definition explicitly includes ***attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents***, intentionally expanding resilience beyond a cyber definition.



# What Do We Mean by *Operational Resilience*?



**“Operational resilience: the organization’s ability to adapt to risk that affects its core operational capacities; the **emergent** property of an organization that can **continue to carry out its mission** after disruption that does not exceed its **operational limit**”**

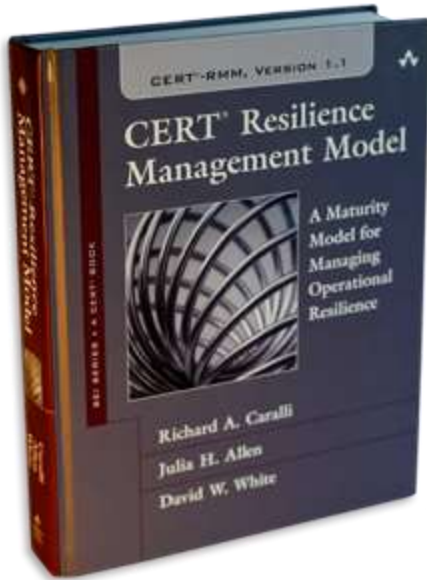
– CERT-RMM

Operational resilience expands on the PPD 21 definition of resilience, which emphasizes the need to define operational limits while stressing the emergent nature of resilience.



# What is the CERT-RMM?

The CERT Resilience Management Model (CERT-RMM) is a process improvement model for managing operational resilience.



It provides guidelines and practices for

- converging security, business continuity, disaster recovery, and IT ops
- implementing, managing, and sustaining operational resilience activities
- managing operational risk through process
- measuring and institutionalizing the resilience process

CERT-RMM provides a common vernacular and basis for planning, communicating, and evaluating improvements.

It is organized into 26 process areas.

# Maturity Models

“A maturity model is a set of characteristics, attributes, indicators, or patterns that represent capability and progression in a particular discipline.” – C2M2 V2.1

Attributes define levels in a maturity model

- Capability progression: crawl, walk, run
- Process maturity: institutionalization (a.k.a., what makes it “stick”)

Having measurable transitions between the levels enables an organization to use the scaling to:

- define its current state
- define its future, more “mature” state
- identify the attributes it must attain to reach that future state

# Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2) Overview

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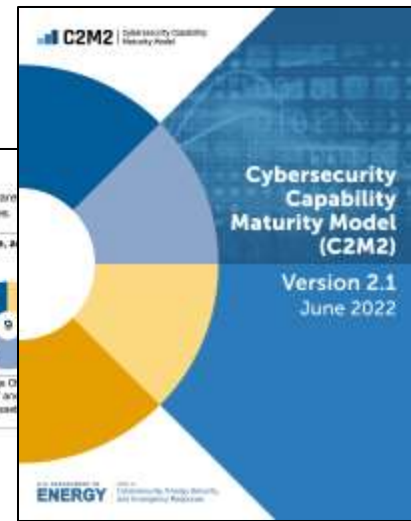
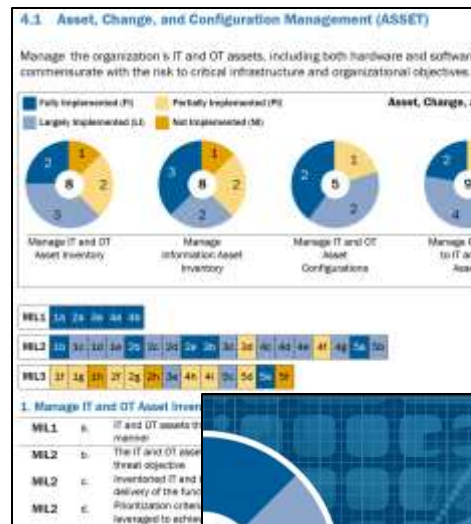
Designed for any organization regardless of ownership, structure, size, or industry

It uses a set of industry-vetted cybersecurity practices focused on both information technology (IT) and operations technology (OT) assets and environments.

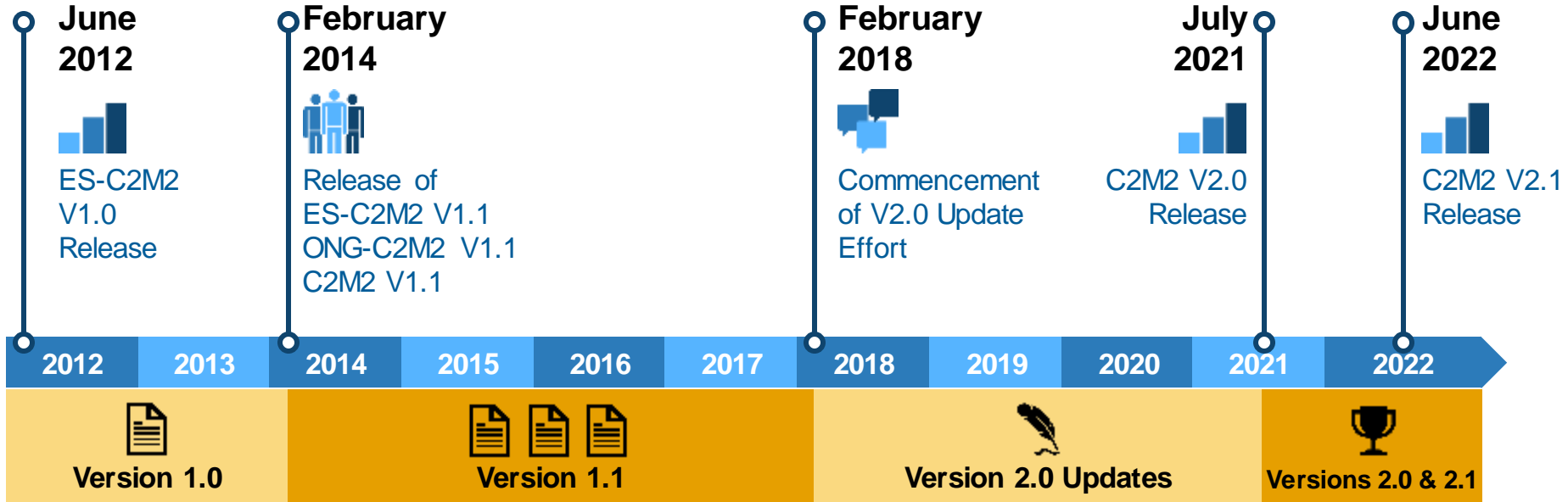
Developed through extensive public-private partnership with numerous government, industry, and academic organizations

Enables consistent evaluation of cybersecurity practices and tracking of progress over time

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# C2M2 Model Evolution



# Model Includes 10 Domains

**ASSET** Asset, Change, and Configuration Management

**THREAT** Threat and Vulnerability Management

**RISK** Risk Management

**ACCESS** Identity and Access Management

**SITUATION** Situational Awareness

**THIRD-PARTIES** Third-Party Risk Management

**RESPONSE** Event and Incident Response, Continuity of Operations

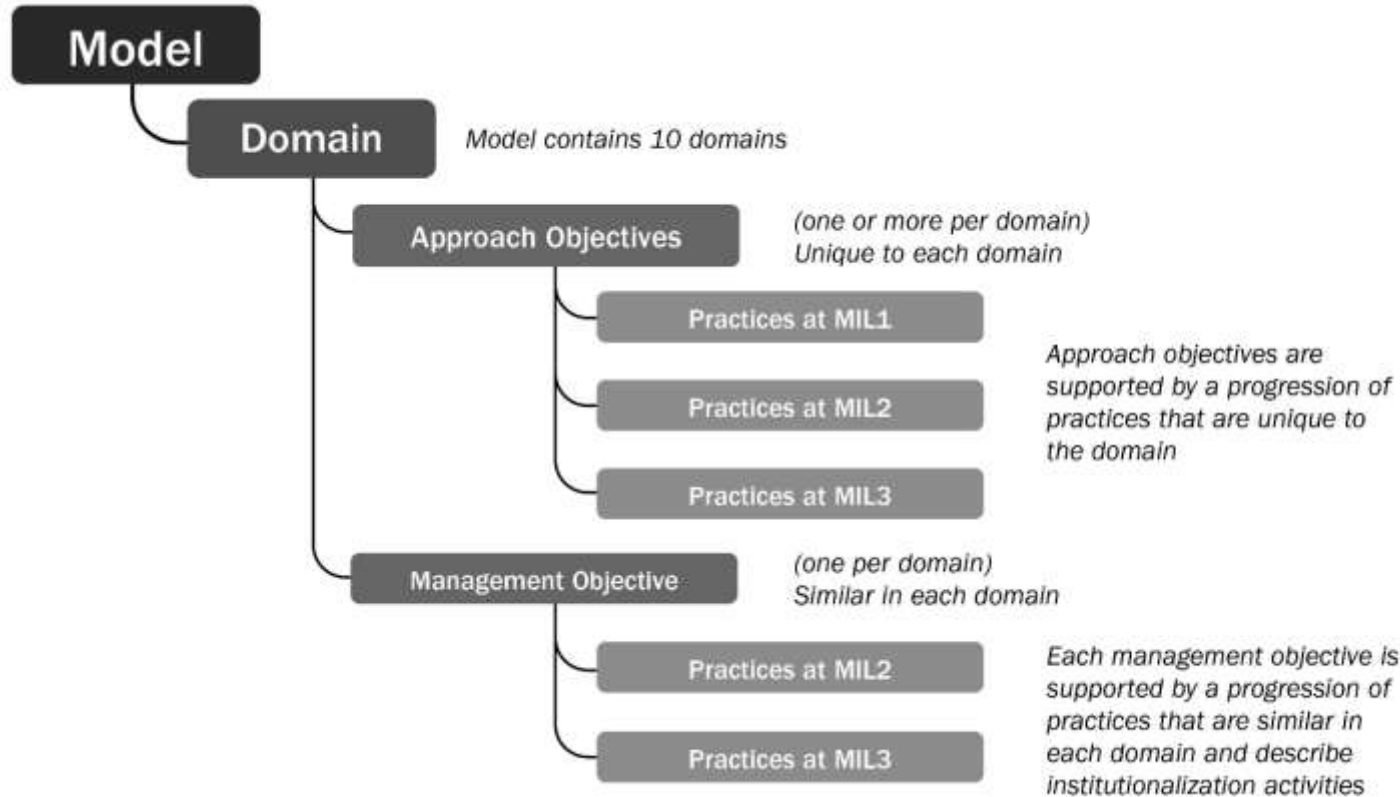
**ARCHITECTURE** Cybersecurity Architecture

**WORKFORCE** Workforce Management

**PROGRAM** Cybersecurity Program Management

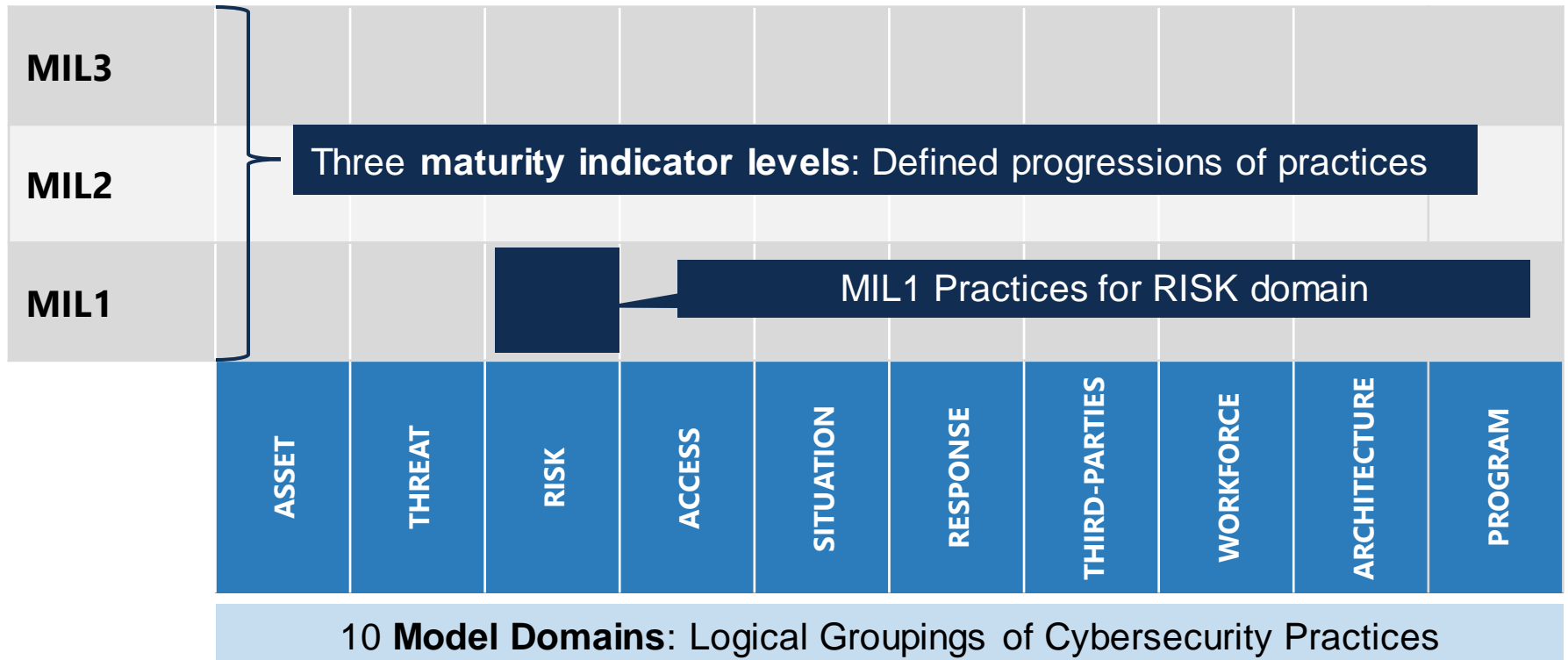
- Domains are logical groupings of cybersecurity practices
- Each domain has a short name for ease of reference

# Organization of a Domain





# Model at a Glance



# Maturity Indicator Levels

Level	Description
<b>MIL0</b>	Practices are not performed
<b>MIL1</b>	Initial practices are performed but may be ad hoc (performance depends largely on the initiative and experience of the individual or team)
<b>MIL2</b>	<p><b>Management Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Practices are documented</li><li>▪ Adequate resources are provided to support the process</li></ul> <p><b>Approach Characteristic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Practices are more complete or advanced than at MIL1</li></ul>
<b>MIL3</b>	<p><b>Management Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Activities are guided by policies (or other organizational directives)</li><li>▪ Responsibility, accountability, and authority for performing the practices are assigned</li><li>▪ Personnel performing the practices have adequate skills and knowledge</li><li>▪ The effectiveness of activities in the domain is evaluated and tracked</li></ul> <p><b>Approach Characteristic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Practices are more complete or advanced than at MIL2</li></ul>

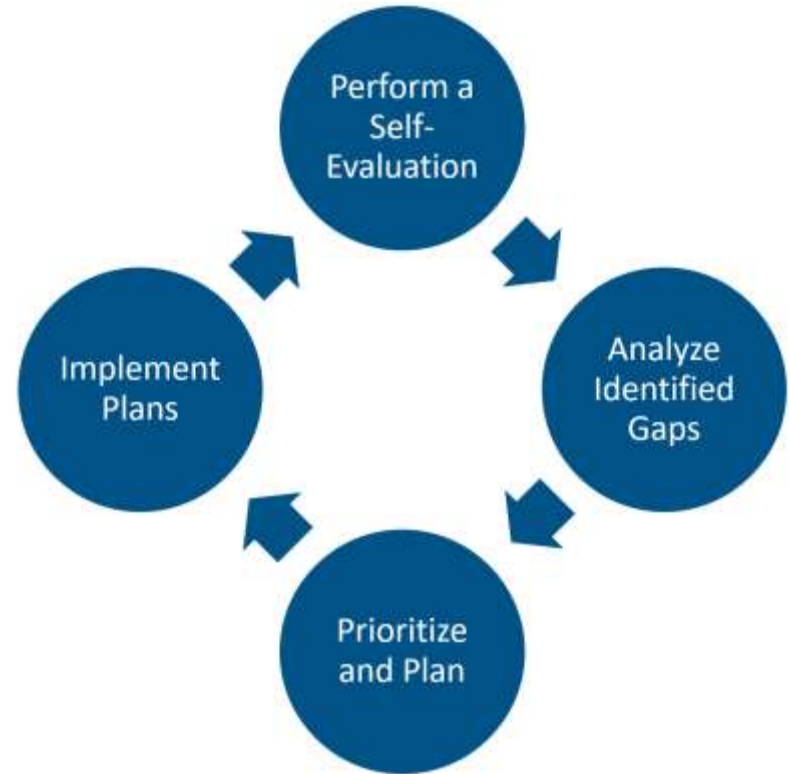
# Using the Model

**Perform a Self-Evaluation:** determine the implementation of cybersecurity activities within the organization

**Analyze Identified Gaps:** determine whether the gaps are meaningful and important and should be addressed

**Prioritize and Plan:** prioritize the actions needed to fully implement the practices to achieve the desired capability

**Implement Plan:** implement the plans defined in the previous step to address the identified gaps



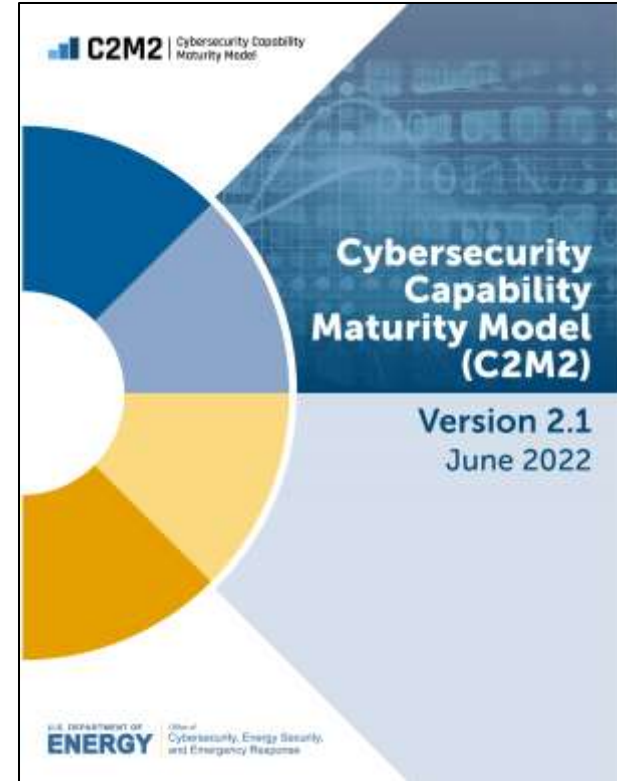
# C2M2 Resources

# Model Document

Foundational document

Sections

- Core concepts
- Model architecture
- Using the model
- Model domains



# Self-Evaluation Tools

Two tools are available

- PDF-Based
- HTML-Based

Organizations can use these tools to conduct a self-evaluation

They can also be used to compare the results of up to five self-evaluations

Designed to be interoperable

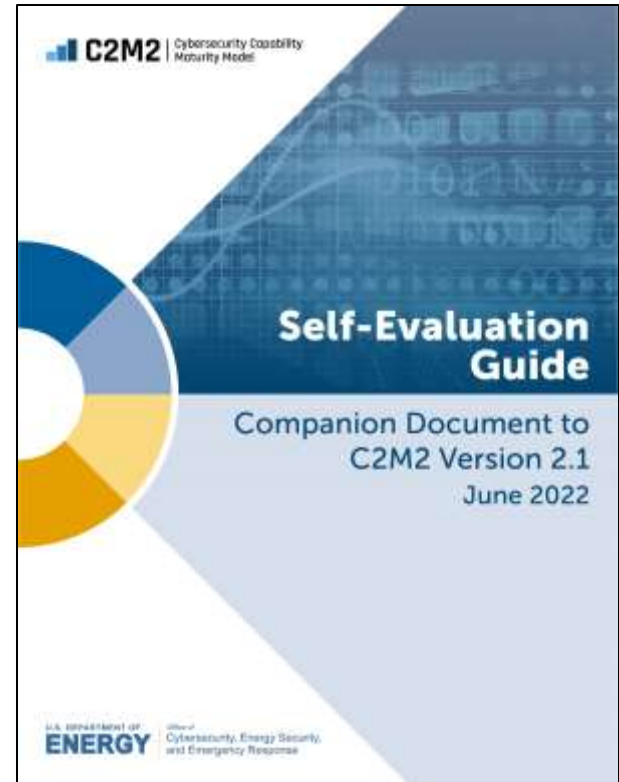


# Self-Evaluation Guide

Guidance for organizations preparing to hold a self-evaluation workshop

- Preparation
- Conducting the workshop
- Follow-up activities

Additional information in appendices





# C2M2 Model Practices (Excel File)

Domain	MIL	Practice	Practice Text	Help Text
ASSET	1	ASSET-1a	IT and OT assets that are important to the delivery of the function are inventoried, at least in an ad hoc manner	<p>Assets derive their value and importance through their association with the aspects of the function's operations and controls. At MIL1, the inventory may be produced in an ad hoc manner. Organizations should consider the different types of assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- virtualized assets</li> <li>- regulated assets</li> <li>- assets managed by a third party</li> <li>- software</li> <li>- bring your own device (BYOD) assets</li> <li>- cloud assets (public, hybrid, or private service, software as a service, platform as a service, and infrastructure as a service)</li> <li>- mobile assets</li> <li>- field assets</li> <li>- assets connected through different networks or communications technologies (e.g., telephone modem, cellular, and satellite)</li> <li>- network and communications assets</li> <li>- backup, spare, and redundant assets, including dormant virtualized assets</li> <li>- non-operational assets, assets undergoing repair, assets undergoing maintenance</li> <li>- assets reliant on specific infrastructure such as wireless networks, positioning navigation and timing services, and other services</li> <li>- assets that may be considered to be part of the Internet of things or industrial Internet of things</li> <li>- assets that have the potential to be untracked, unclaimed, or otherwise overlooked, such as legacy assets, commercial off-the-shelf products, and other assets</li> </ul> <p>An inventory is not meant to imply that a single list is required; multiple repositories, documents, or systems may be used. The inventory should be consolidated to avoid potential risks related to managing multiple repositories.</p> <p><b>Related Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Progression</i> : This practice is part of a practice progression. Practice progressions are groups of related practices that build on each other.</li> </ul> <p>ASSET-1a ASSET-1b ASSET-1c ASSET-1d</p>

# Self-Evaluation Kickoff Presentation

Resource for facilitators who are conducting a self-evaluation

Provides an overview of C2M2

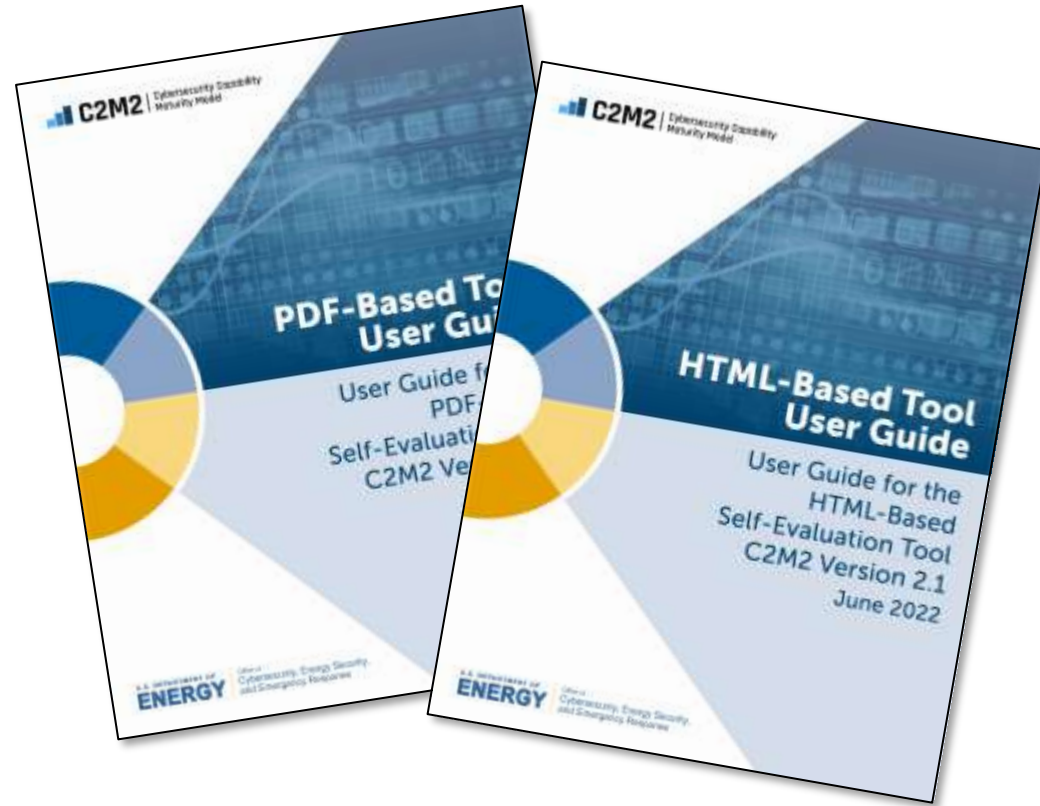
Details the self-evaluation process

Explains how to interpret reporting



# Self-Evaluation Tool User Guides

User guides that provide step-by-step instructions on how to use both self-evaluation tools



# In-Development Resources

C2M2 Overview Presentation

Self-Evaluation Cheat Sheet

Sample Threat Profile

C2M2-CMMC Supplemental Guidance

Mappings

- C2M2 V1.1 to C2M2 V2.1
- C2M2 V2.0 to C2M2 V2.1
- C2M2 V2.1 to CSF, CSF to C2M2 V2.1

# Tool Demo

# Thank you!

## Questions?