



RISE: A Secured Research Information Environment to Support U-I Collaboration

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Agenda

1. Background
2. Solution walkthrough
3. The Business Case/Application
4. Next steps
5. Questions

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

Information provided by, collected, or maintained on behalf of, the executive branch of the United States government, and aligns with at least one of the CUI Registry categories.

Executive Order 13556

- Order establishes a program for managing CUI that emphasizes the openness and uniformity of Government-wide practice
- Established on 11/4/2010 under the 44th Administration

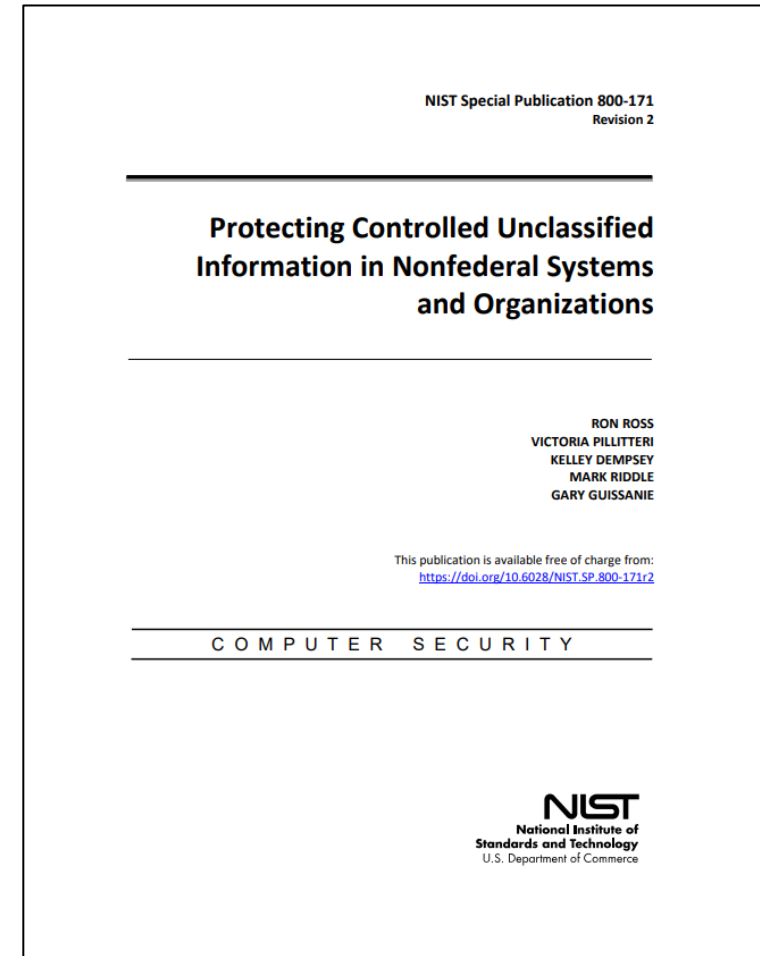
CUI Registry examples

- Export Control
- Intelligence
 - Agriculture
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Nuclear
- Privacy
 - Student Records
- Transportation

NIST 800-171

Control Families

- 3.1 Access Control (22)
- 3.2 Awareness and Training (3)
- 3.3 Audit and Accountability (9)
- 3.4 Configuration Management (9)
- 3.5 Identification and Authentication (11)
- 3.6 Incident Response (3)
- 3.7 Maintenance (6)
- 3.8 Media Protection (9)
- 3.9 Personnel Security (2)
- 3.10 Physical Protection (6)
- 3.11 Risk Assessment (3)
- 3.12 Security Assessment (4)
- 3.13 System and Communications Protection (16)
- 3.14 System and Information Integrity (7)



Impact to K-State (Research)

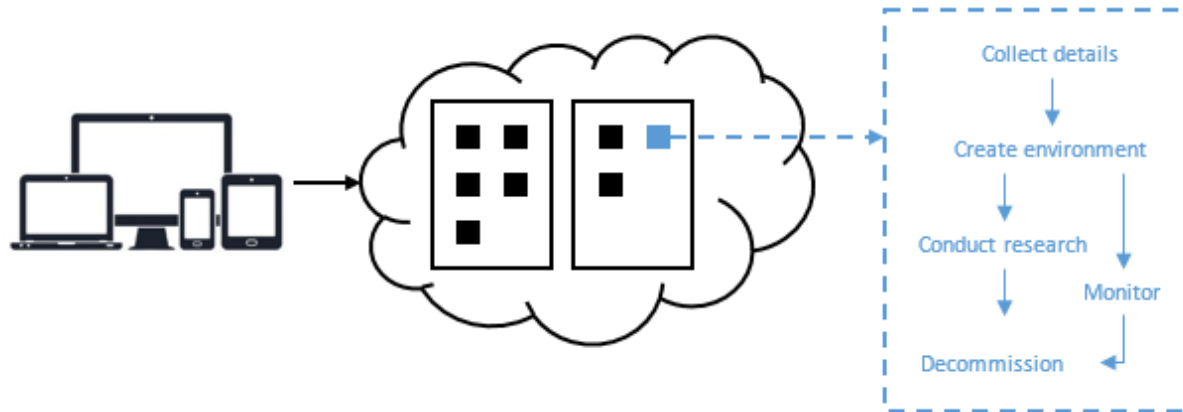
Very real risk to federally sponsored research

- ~33% of K-State portfolio

How do meet these new requirements

- Perform a readiness review with Anneal Initiative
- Formal self-assessment
- Isolate CUI with Microsoft Azure
- Research Information Security Enclave (RISE)

What is the application for university-industry collaboration?



CMMC for Universities and Industry

- Certification timelines unclear
 - Pilot/Pathfinder contracts and certification
- Compliance does not equal security (cyber or info)
 - Need an approach that accomplishes both
- Focus resources to protect covered info
 - Isolate from business or other networks
 - Limit access to those working covered projects
 - Support an awareness and security culture
- If it is not in writing it does not count
 - Planning, policies, procedures, and standards
- Ready access to objective evidence (for certification)

NIST/CMMC Challenges for Industry

- Steep threshold to entry
 - Minimum seats with critical services
 - Cost of SIEMs, MFA, AD, encryption, authorized cloud services
 - Planning, policy, management and maintenance
 - **Certification** – moving target, unknown costs
- Information security is seen as an IT problem
- IT staffs are task saturated
- Not all MSPs/MSSPs are familiar/prepared
- Making cost allowable does not help competitiveness



Benefits of Third-Party Support

- Time- extensive effort & shifting environment
- Dedicated experts – get the support of a team
- Objective- independent; not influenced by hierarchy or politics
- More eyes- different perspective on security posture than MSP/IT Staff
- Ongoing Risk Analysis- threats, vulnerabilities, technology, and *regulations* change
- Planning and policy development- bridge gaps between CMMC and other organization efforts

Let's see it



Remote Desktop

Feedback Settings Tile

00-0000 General Use

- 7-Zip File Manager
- Access
- Acrobat Reader DC
- Azure Informati...
- CUI
- Excel
- Internet Explorer
- Microsoft Azure S...
- Portal
- PowerPoint
- PuTTY
- Python
- R x64 4.0.2
- Restricted
- Teams
- Ubuntu
- WinRAR
- Word
- Wordpad
- Desktop

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> 00-0005-HPC

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Core

Windows Security

Enter your credentials

These credentials will be used to connect to 00-0000 General Use.

dan@rise.ksu.edu

Password

Remember me

[More choices](#)

OK Cancel

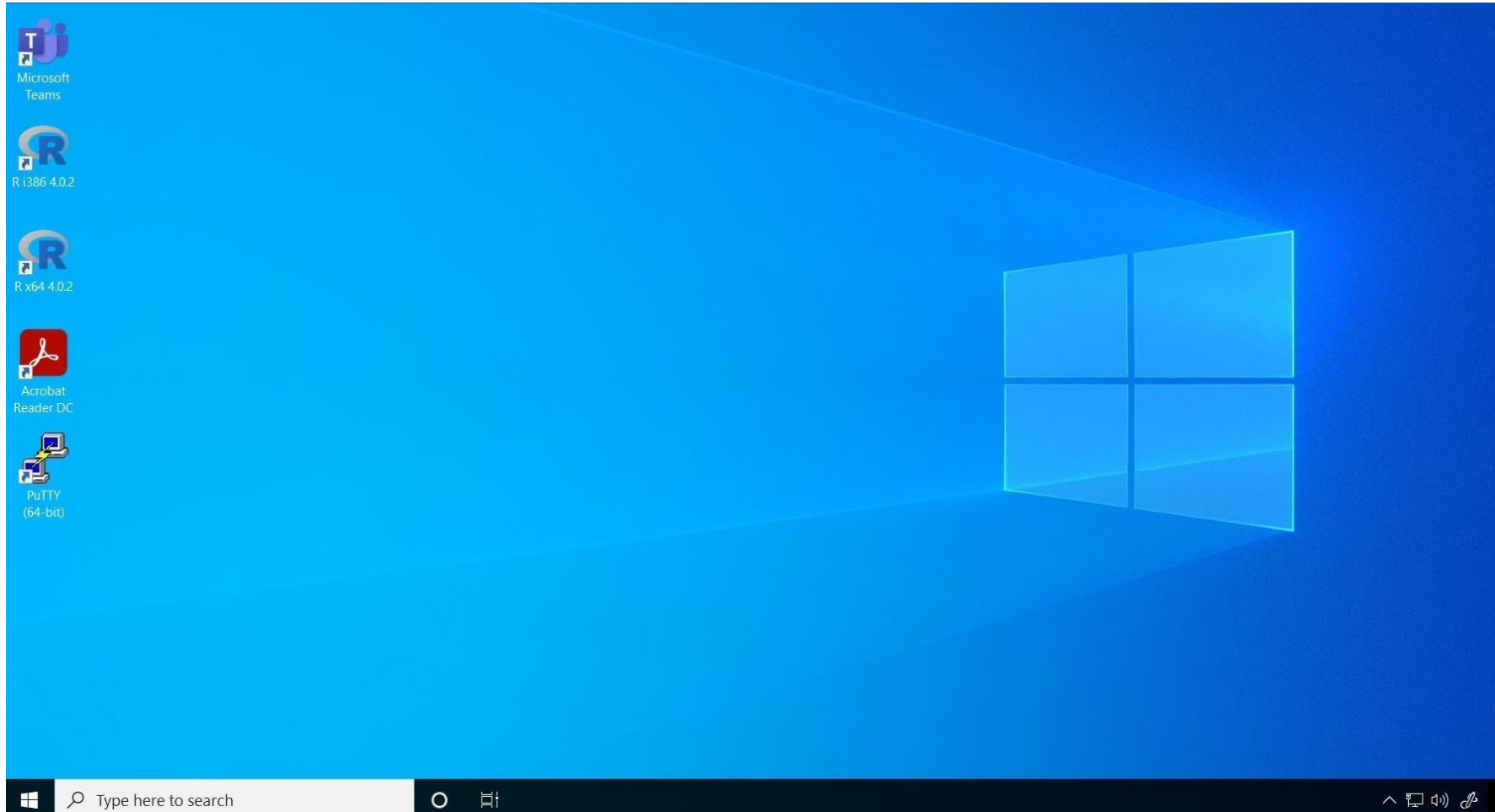


Desktop

Research Information Security Enclave

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- Recommendations **21** Active recommendations
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- Inventory
- Workbooks
- Community
- Diagnose and solve problems

Cloud Security

- Secure Score
- Regulatory compliance
- Azure Defender
- Firewall Manager

Management

- Pricing & settings
- Security policy
- Security solutions
- Workflow automation
- Coverage
- Cloud connectors

Secure score

Unhealthy resources **19**
To harden these resources and improve your score, follow the security recommendations

Current secure score **82%**
46 POINTS

COMPLETED Controls	11/15
COMPLETED Recommendations	39/45

[Improve your secure score >](#)

Regulatory compliance

Azure Security Benchmark **24** of 40 passed controls

Lowest compliance regulatory standards by passed controls

NIST SP 800 171 R2	8/23
SOC TSP	5/13
PCI DSS 3.2.1	32/43

[Improve your compliance >](#)

Azure Defender

Resource coverage **100%**
For full protection, enable 1 resource plans

Alerts by severity

High	0
Medium	0
Low	0

No security alerts

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Firewall Manager

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Insights

Most prevalent recommendations (by resources)

Access to storage accounts with firewall and vir...	3
Storage accounts should restrict network acces...	3
Audit diagnostic setting	11
Flow logs should be configured for every netwo...	4

Controls with the highest potential increase

Remediate vulnerabilities	+11% (6pt)
Remediate security configurations	+7% (4pt)
Enable MFA	+0% (0pt)

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Azure Security Center community

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Azure Sentinel | Overview

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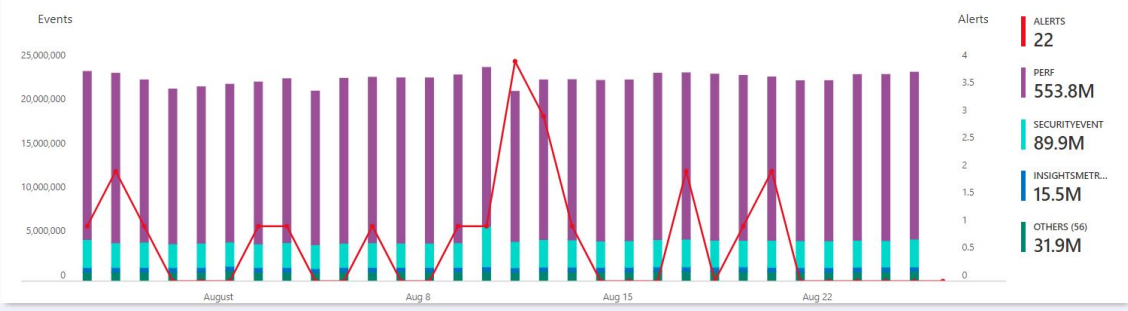
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 - Threat intelligence (Preview)
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 - Data connectors
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 - Watchlist
 - Automation
 - Solutions (Preview)
 - Community
 - Settings

General

Events **691M** ↗ 691M Alerts **22** ↗ 22 Incidents **27** ↗ 27

Incidents by status: **New (27)** **Active (0)** **Closed (True Positive) (0)** **Closed (False Positive) (4)**

Events and alerts over time



Potential malicious events



Recent incidents

Medium	Adaptive application con...	1 Alerts
Medium	Adaptive application con...	1 Alerts
Low	Unfamiliar sign-in proper...	1 Alerts
Medium	Adaptive application con...	1 Alerts
Medium	Brute force attack agains...	1 Alerts

Data source anomalies



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What's to come for K-State

- Additional standards
 - NIST SP 800-53 r5
 - NIST SP 800-172
 - DOD CMMC Level 3
 - “General research”

Any specific industry security needs not covered?

By leveraging the Microsoft Azure cloud (“Azure”), RISE meets the technical information security requirements established by the federal government. In addition, this solution may be deployed to facilitate a secure environment for the working with, sharing and storage of highly sensitive and proprietary information and data exchanged or generated through university-industry research collaborations.

RISE is intended to not only support an institution’s ability to meet multiple information security standards, but also to provide a path of least resistance for the research community, thus, fostering adoption of the RISE solution and alleviating the burden of information security from the research team.

Questions

