



# Delivering Assurance in Information Security

It's the CREST mission is to build high quality capability, capacity and consistency within the global technical cybersecurity sector.

## What we do

CREST provides internationally recognized accreditations for organizations and professional level certifications for individuals providing penetration testing, cyber incident response, threat intelligence and Security Operations Center (SOC) services. Core bodies of work include:

- Best practice guidelines
- Industry benchmarking and research
- Company accreditation
- Professional education and certification
- Cybersecurity knowledge sharing resources

## Who we serve

At CREST, we offer programs across six core cybersecurity stakeholder communities.



**Government** — For government agencies, CREST helps to establish national cyber security strategies and policies to ensure investments yield tangible measurable benefits. CREST also helps to establish cyber crime units and cyber prevention and intervention programs.



**Regulators** — For industry regulators – particularly across **16 critical infrastructure sectors** in the U.S. – CREST provides best practices and tools to establish strategic cybersecurity benchmarking and assurance of critical operational functions by simulating target attacks and response.



**Buying community** — For the buying community, CREST offers procurement guides and maturity models for threat intelligence, vulnerability analysis, penetration testing, security operations centers and incident response.



**Service suppliers** — For service suppliers, CREST delivers market analysis, and best practices for the structure, development and deployment of security operations centers and incident response teams. CREST also prescribes international standards for cybersecurity service providers.



**Training and academia** — For academia and training providers, CREST works to establish cyber-security university degree level courses and a platform for cybersecurity career pathways.



**Professional bodies** — For professional bodies, CREST provides market analysis and guidance on cybersecurity certifications.

## Why become a CREST member?

Accredited CREST member companies achieve a meaningful differentiator that helps set them apart from their competitors. CREST membership also presents access to cybersecurity market opportunities and talent to increase the speed of engagement with customer procurement processes and capture high customer confidence. Once accredited, CREST member companies also gain exclusive access to knowledge sharing, professional development and professional qualification opportunities for their security professionals.

## Why use a CREST member company?

When using an accredited CREST member company, organizations can be assured they are engaging a trusted provider with highly skilled, knowledgeable and qualified individuals. Every accredited CREST member company has had their policies, processes and procedures assessed and validated by CREST to ensure that best practices across staff, methodology, tools, policy control, reporting and more are in place. This gives the buying community confidence in the member company's products, services and support improving procurement processes, optimizing service delivery and ensuring better, more secure, service outcomes.



## About CREST

CREST is a not-for-profit accreditation and certification body representing the technical information security industry. CREST provides internationally recognized accreditations for organizations providing technical security services and professional level certifications for individuals providing vulnerability assessment, penetration testing, cyber incident response, threat intelligence and security operations center (SOC) services. CREST Member companies undergo regular and stringent assessment, while CREST certified individuals undertake rigorous examinations to demonstrate the highest levels of knowledge, skill and competence. To ensure

currency of knowledge in fast changing technical security environments the certification process is repeated every three years.

CREST is governed by an elected Executive of experienced security professionals who also promote and develop awareness, ethics and standards within the cyber security industry. CREST supports its members and the wider information security industry by creating collaborative research material. This provides a strong voice for the industry, opportunities to share knowledge and delivers good practice guidance to the wider community.

CREST International received a \$1.4 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2020 to help increase cybersecurity capacity in developing countries to help promote robust growth, adoption and usage of digital financial services with less cyber risk. CREST is actively expanding globally to leverage its robust security framework and accreditation model to ensure stronger cybersecurity capacity worldwide. More information is available at [www.crest-approved.org](http://www.crest-approved.org).

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