

TOWARDS CYBERSECURITY ACT: A SURVEY ON IOT EVALUATION FRAMEWORKS

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- Research Topics:
 - Cybersecurity of industrial systems
 - Cryptographic protocol verification
 - Smart-cards security against fault attacks
 - Formal methods for cybersecurity
 - Certification process and frameworks



- Cybersecurity Act officially adopted by EU on 7th of June 2019
 - Includes the definition of a European cybersecurity certification framework
- Cybersecurity certification framework:
 - Delivered certificates mutually recognized among European countries
 - Encourage/enforce the use of certification throughout the EU
- Three certification levels are considered:
 - **Basic level** → non-critical, consumer objects;
 - Substantial level → median risk;
 - High level → critical solutions.
- Basic level is tricky due to the very wide range of products.
- Already existing framework for each levels:
 - Which one is picked? New one from scratch?

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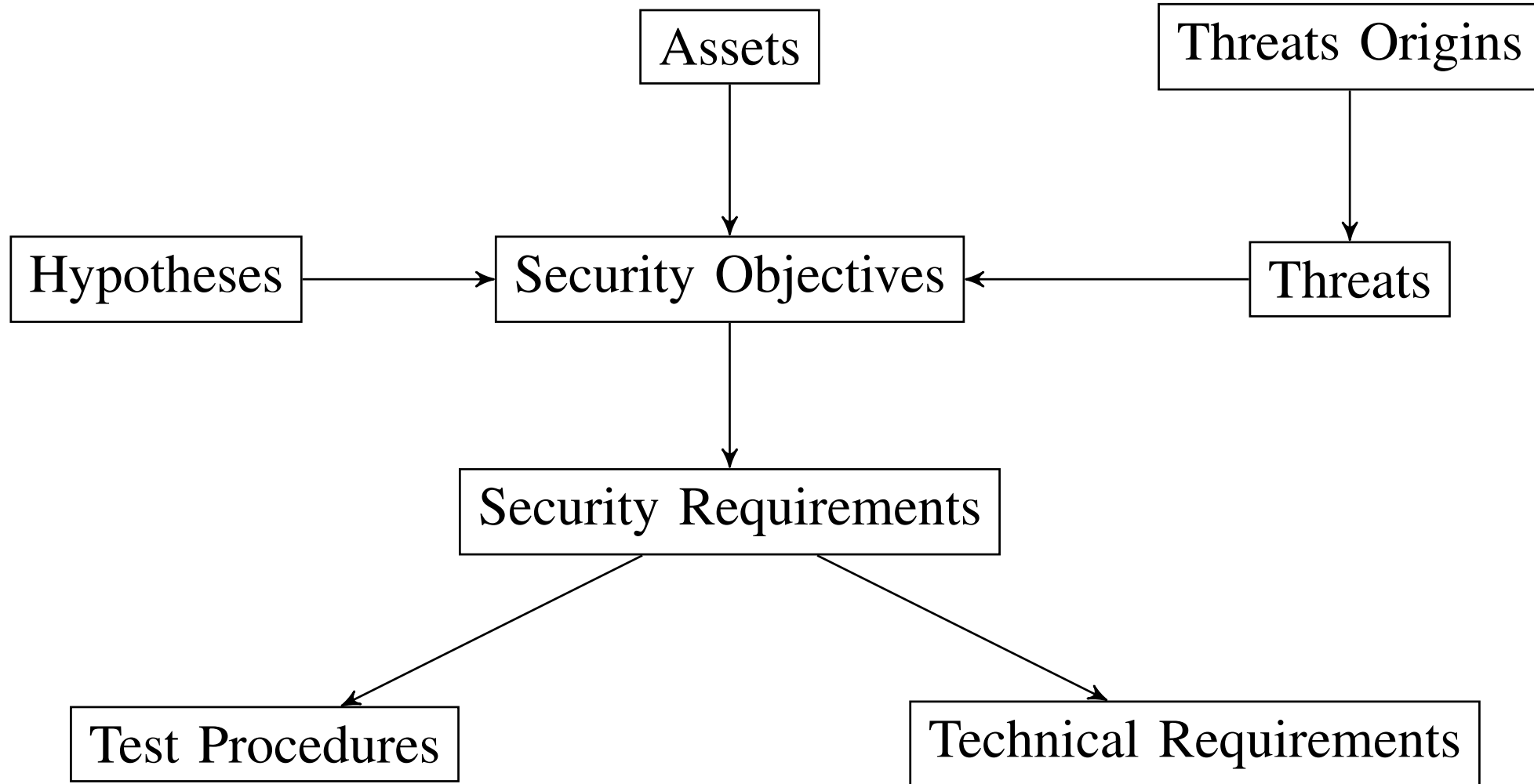
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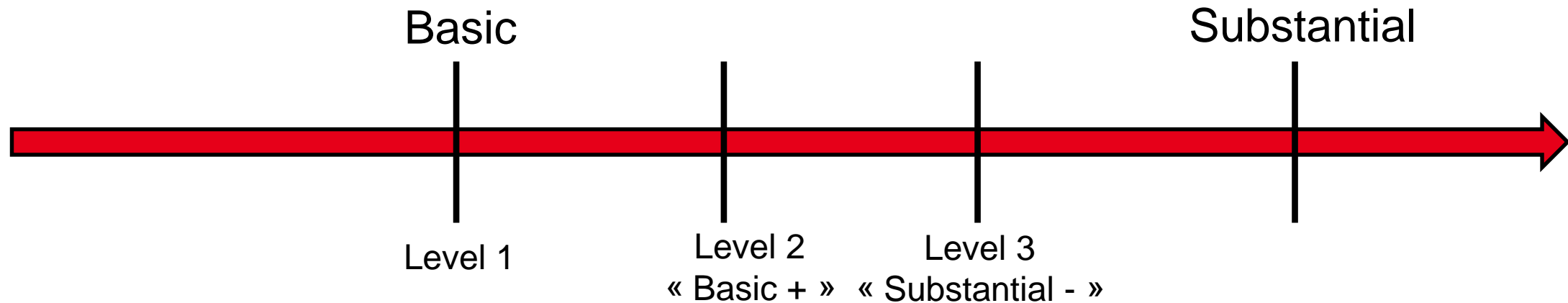


- Comparison criteria (might be subjective /!\):
 - **Type of document:** Main purpose of the document (evaluation/certification, good practices, etc);
 - **Targeted audience:** CAB, CISO, CTO, Developers, etc;
 - **Structure of the document:** Part of the previous structure covered by the scheme;
 - **Split in different security levels:** If the scheme proposes different inner security levels;
 - **Technical perimeter:** Technical cybersecurity topics covered (HW, SW, web, crypto, etc);
 - **Level of accuracy of the requirements:** Precision of the requirements provided by the scheme;
 - **Support from the community/industry.**
- Existing frameworks dealing with IoT:
 - ETSI-EN-303-645
 - CTIA Cybersecurity Certification Test Plan for IoT Devices
 - OWASP IoT Top Ten
 - Eurosmart IoT Device Certification Scheme
 - IoT Security Foundation Security Compliance Framework

| Schemes | ETSI | CTIA | OWASP | Eurosmart | IoT-SF |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Type | Good practices | Certification | Good practices | Certification | Mixed |
| Audience | Vendors | CAB | Vendors | CAB | Vendors |
| Structure | Objectives Requirements | Requirements Tests | Objectives | Complete (ongoing) | Objectives Requirements |
| Levels | None | Three | None | None | Five |
| Perimeter | Wide | Wide | Wide | Wide | Wide |
| Accuracy | Generic | Generic | Low | Generic | Generic Technical |
| Support | World-wide | World-wide industry (mainly US) | World-wide | Sector- Specific (mainly EU) | World-wide (mainly UK) |

**A UNIFIED EVALUATION
FRAMEWORK FOR
CONSUMER IOT**

- Created during on-going discussions about the final scheme
 - Goal: Preparation of CABs before final scheme choice
- **Rather than trying to predict which existing scheme to implement, find a middle-ground.**
- Marketing requirement: 3 inner levels



- Target of Evaluation (TOE): Product (HW/SW) + documentations
 - Simply said: what the customer has in hands

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| 3 | Securely storing sensitive data | 4.4 | | 7 |
| 4 | Minimizing exposed attack surface | 4.6 | 5.17 | 2, 3, 10 |
| 5 | Ensuring the initial state is secure | | | 5, 9 |
| 6 | Analyzing admin. and user guides | 4.2, 4.12 | 4.1 | 8 |
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| 13 | Personal data management | 4.8, 4.11 | | 6 |
| 14 | Secure boot | 4.7 | 5.11 | |
| 15 | Protection of data at rest | 4.4 | 5.15 | 6 |

- Context: Basic evaluation level for EU CyberAct

- Not much related works on Cyberact:
 - Quite recent directive
 - More on US/international context (NISTIR 8259)

| Level | ETSI | CTIA | OWASP |
|-------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 46% | 29% | 90% |
| 2 | 62% | 47% | 90% |
| 3 | 85% | 59% | 100% |

- Survey and comparison of existing frameworks:
 - ETSI, CTIA, OWASP, EuroSmart, IoT-SF

- Proposed a middle-gound evaluation scheme for ETSI, CTIA, OWASP (main contenders)
 - Idea: Allow CABs to prepare already whichever framework is chosen with minimal updates needed.

- Frameworks coverage display in Table:
 - Nice common ground but also different directions (HW, Privacy, etc).

- Perspectives: Update according discussion evolutions

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

