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Mission

Today's information technology (IT) environment includes the continued proliferation of information, the rapid growth of devices connecting to the communications infrastructure, and an evolving threat environment. All of these factors create the need for cybersecurity standards and best practices addressing interoperability, usability and privacy, which continue to be critical to the Nation.

The Computer Security Division (CSD), a component of NIST's Information Technology Laboratory (ITL), is responsible for developing standards, guidelines, tests and metrics for the protection of non-national security federal information and communications infrastructure.

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