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## 1D7 Career Field Update

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# We Hear Your Concerns!

History is just repeating itself. 1D7 was billed as an opportunity to learn from the failures of the 3D transition with careful consideration for each billet rather than a hastily snapped chalk line. From my perspective, due care went out the window and they once again snapped a chalk line and broke a ton of glass.

... Reply 20

Oh yea. Upgrade training in this job is fucking hell. Went from mx with very clear and concise, *real* TASKS, and there were only like maybe 60 tops.

Retrained into Surety and just got my 5 level, after running through 478 "tasks" that were literally just bs precipio courses lol. 6 of those tasks were actually OJT, that's it.

Rough out here man.

... Reply 3

I'm seeing a complete loss in confidence at the tactical level. It's depressing to even articulate the issue for the 100th time when you get a new person because you can watch them go through all the phases of grief in relation to what you're explaining.

I'd argue that you lose someone the moment they go operational, and they begin to understand what is happening.

... Reply 35

**This 1D7 merge has made the assignments game a complete joke**

Discussion

For my fellow 1D7's, what's your opinions on the recent assignment cycles we've had, just utter jokes am I right?

Congradulations, you are now doing more with less. As a Q shred, you are now expected to know the basics of every old 3D1 career field. Will you get formal training for this? Nope!

... Reply 15

The CF really **\*\*\*Messed up\*\*\*** by changing the XCOMM SEI into the W AFSC shred. If you're serious about getting back to right, start with that.

I used almost nothing from tech school as comm. You just wing it most of the time unless you're networking.

I think they're the only shred that strictly did networking.

... Reply 2

Glad you mentioned skill utilization. Just so you know, some places are absolutely trying to force rf guys to be cst/server qual'd, and likewise across the old shreds. A shreds can learn it all, but some rf dudes I know have no business having an admin token.

... Reply 1

1D7 is a complete mess, and it's going to stay that way.

In my opinion when they had us as 3Ds they had it down perfectly. There was a clear separation of what job duties and talents someone should have. Now it's a confusing mess

... Reply 125



Yeah. It would be nice if the 1d7 leadership standardized 1d7 UGT.

## 1D7 career field merger casualty

Question

I retrained at my 4 year mark out of power into 1D7x1B System ops, or so I thought. That's the tech school the Air Force paid me to go through anyways.

I get my orders much later for a 1D7x1A Network ops position. I find that interesting but that's ok, I learned some bare bones networking in tech school, with a little OJT I'll be fine.

I get to my base and subsequently knock out two CFETP checklists for "Q" shred Network stuff and "W" shred expeditionary stuff.. I think I'm ready for my 5 level!

Nope. Given a checklist of exclusively expeditionary RF tasks that I will now be QA'd on 😞

What the hell am I? And why did I even go to tech school? Or why didn't I go to the right one...

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# We Hear Your Concerns!

I can't stand being a W-shred and I've been one my whole career. Now I'm stuck with no option. Some of our people are broken but we can't swap with a Q-shred so we have to do all the taskings with a portion of the manning.

This is a terrible idea!!!

Further proof that nobody is listening

It will go as well as combining 2Es and 3Cs

So you will enter the Air Force and tech training as that AFSC. However upon arriving at your base and doing initial skills training you may not even remain in that AFSC. When you become a 5 skill level you will be a 1D751Q. And yes you will have an SEI, but that doesn't guarantee you will work that job.

Well, hope most of you can code, or you're about to be out of a job.

The asylums are empty... All the lunatics are here

Welcome to comm bro, happens to all of us

I maintain my position that RF does not belong in the same AFSC as the rest of COMM

My hope? An enterprising CFM realizes the mistake and unmerges y'all goobers back to 3D and kills all this "I'm cyber" nonsense.

1D7 is a complete mess, and it's going to stay that way.

I'm cable in a CST billet.

Jack of all trades, master of none. I hate this

Now, I don't know much about the beep boop beep career fields but this sounds like the classic tale of "put everyone into the same shred so we can save money but still have them doing what they were doing before with less people/less training/resources".

... Disregarding previous training to fill slots. On paper it looks great but in reality it's a lot of Airmen fighting a major uphill battle to try and be reliable.

Apparently they made their decisions based on "input from the field" which I am dubious of.

Nah it will be just like JET/IA tasking. You deploy and you are just "the comm guy" who does everything. No way that could ever go wrong.

I'm a W, but after reading this I feel like an L.

We didn't even fully change before they changed us again. 20 years can't come soon enough.

So if our AFSC falls under multiple shreds, do we just get put under one and... that's it? Hope it doesn't have a huge effect on assignment possibilities...

You know it's a good plan when the lines are complete spaghetti.

I'm not sure how anybody becomes competent at anything on this career field. Sure on paper you're "trained" in all these things but in reality can you be relied on to confidently perform advanced diagnosis or troubleshooting? The entire training program for many new Airmen including myself is this massive CYA pencil whipping but what's going to happen when you actually need to rely on this training or lack of? That's where I'm at, in my previous job if you aren't trained right property gets destroyed and people can get hurt. Here it's like nobody takes it seriously and just rides it out without a worry in the world.

Wait until the next conflict happens... Shredding out XCOMM will be revealed to be .... dumb.

As a guy who was a 0X2, to a X1B to a X1W. Let me explain how I learned pretty much every career field we fall under as XCOMM. Trial by fire.

Literally went to tech school as 1x2 in 2018 but have never applied what I learned there. Now I'm a W and am very upset with how it all played out...

1D7s with the new Q shred combines 11 AFSCs making them mediocre. So someone in 1D7 who went to school for radio is expected to know IT and coding but it's gonna suck at everything other than radio in all reality.

This is my second time having my AFSC merged in my career. Ground radio > RF Transmissions > Cyber This cyber merger is a nightmare. I don't think anybody truly knows what's going on.

It doesn't really matter? It's all the same now because somehow CSTs, Server Admins, Networking and RF are the same thing?



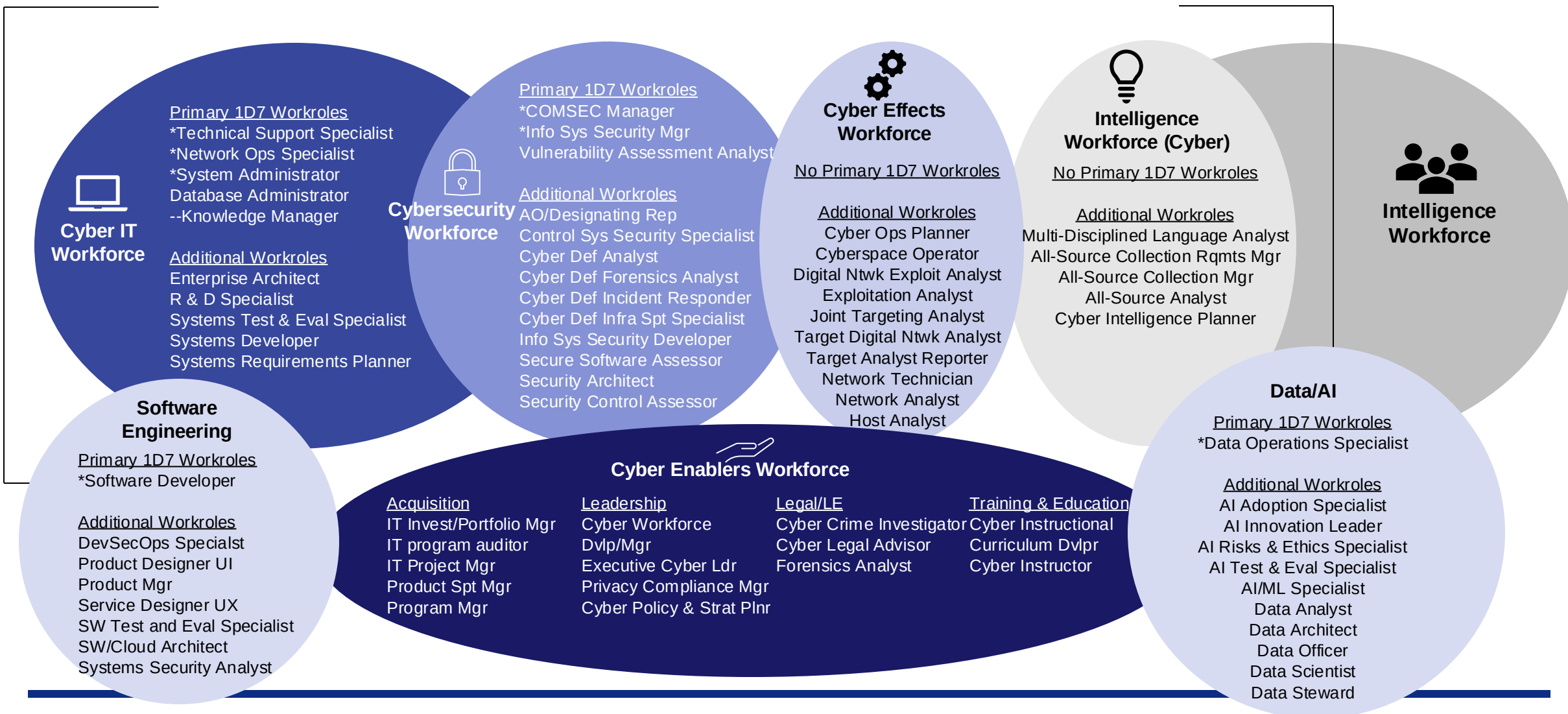
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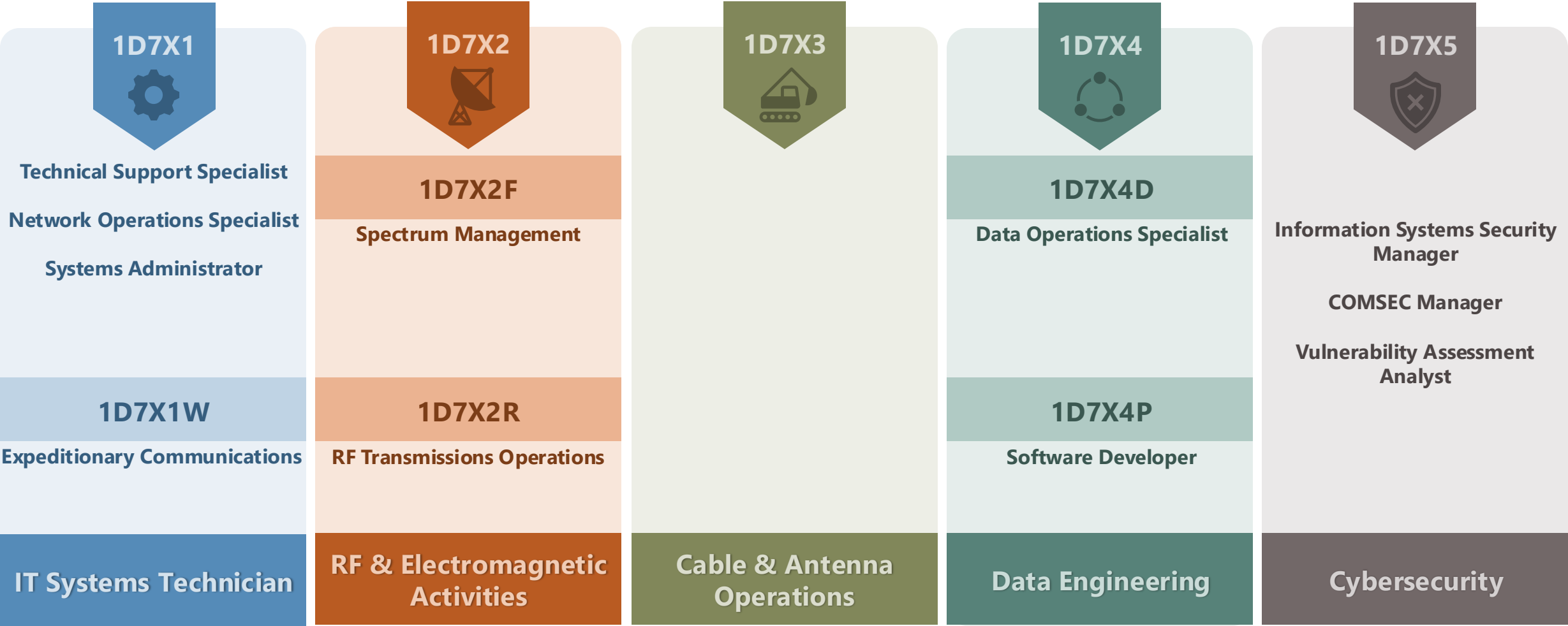
# DCWF Elements and Work roles

## Primary 1D7 Roles





# What It Looks Like







# Questions?



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