

Department of the Air Force

Mapping Mission Relevant Terrain in Cyberspace Supporting DAF Installation Control Infrastructure – event 210



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DoD missions



• DoD weapon systems / platforms

FY16 NDAA Section 1647



• DoD critical infrastructure

FY17 NDAA Section 1650

FY18 NDAA Section 1643



• Commercial critical infrastructure



Information
Technology (IT)



Operational
Technology
(OT) / Control
Systems



Mission »

Air and Space Superiority

Capabilities »

Combat Air Patrol

Early warning

Ballistic missile

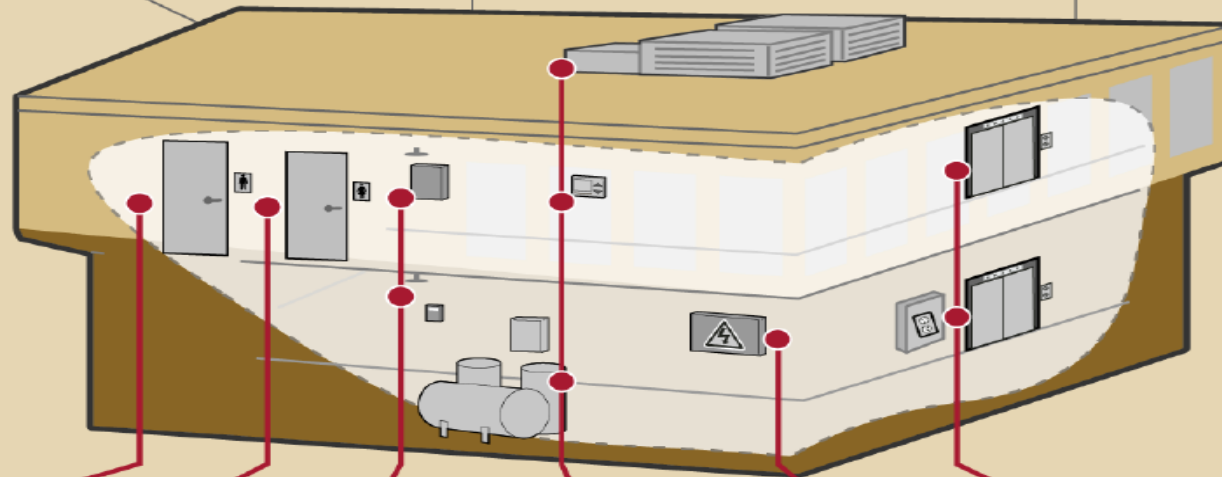
Assets »

Weapon systems

Communications

Satellites

Facilities »



Infrastructure »





Chinese Malware Detected on U.S. Military Systems *(reported July 2023)*

- China has **hidden malicious code** deep inside networks controlling power grids, communications systems and water supplies that feed military bases
- Investigations show Chinese effort appears more **widespread** — in US & at American facilities abroad — than initially realized
- Officials acknowledge that they do not know full extent of code's presence in networks around the world, partly because **it is so well hidden**
- Biden Administration: Discovery of **malicious code in American infrastructure**, "raises the question of, what exactly, China is preparing for?"

Chinese malware found in US military systems;
a direct threat to Airmen and missions they support





FY22 NDAA Sec. 1505 DoD Responsibilities

Not later than Jan'25, SECDEF shall complete mapping of mission-relevant terrain in cyberspace [MRT-C] for Defense Critical Assets [DCA] and Task Critical Assets [TCA] at sufficient granularity to enable mission thread analysis & situational awareness, including required—

- (1) decomposition of missions reliant on such Assets**
 - (2) identification of access vectors**
 - (3) internal and external dependencies**
 - (4) topology of networks and network segments**
 - (5) cybersecurity defenses across information & operational technology (OT)**
 - (6) identification of associated or reliant weapon systems**
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