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NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) is a framework to reduce risk, not a regulation, yet it is a foundation that supports many specific regulations. NIST recently released the first major update to the framework since it was introduced in 2014. The NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 has an expanded scope that goes beyond protecting critical infrastructure, such as hospitals and power plants, to all organizations in any sector. It also has a new focus on governance, which includes how organizations make and carry out informed decisions on cybersecurity strategy. The CSF's governance component emphasizes that cybersecurity is a major source of enterprise risk, and senior leaders need to account for the potential impact on company financial performance and reputation.

The purpose of this document is to illustrate **ten outcomes of using the network assurance platform IP Fabric**, and how they relate to various function, categories, subcategories, and implementation examples in NIST 2.0, which would help organizations improve their overall risk exposure. In the examples, we map the specific language of the framework to IP Fabric capabilities.

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IP Fabric's Automated Network Assurance is a foundational technology to help meet NIST 2.0 standards.

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01. Cloud + Network Asset Inventory, Updated Daily

IP Fabric provides a complete and normalized cloud and network asset inventory list, including detailed device lifecycle information (e.g. End of Support and End of Life milestones, and suggested replacements). This information is normalized across vendors, domains, and technologies, making it accessible for non-experts and usable for automation projects, identifying vulnerabilities, end-of-life device management, configuration compliance, network planning, and more.

#PID	Vendor	PID	Replacement	End of Sale	End of Maintenance	End of Support	Source	Description
1	cisco	AIR-LAP1242AG-E-K9	(empty)	2013-07-26	2014-07-24	2018-07-31	URL	802.11ag LWAPP AP Dual 2.
1	cisco	AIR-WLC4402-25-K9	(empty)	2011-06-13	2012-06-12	2016-06-30	URL	4400 Series WLAN Control
1	cisco	ASA-180W-PWR-AC	ASA-PWR-AC	2013-09-16	2014-09-16	2018-09-30	URL	ASA 180W AC Power Supply
1	cisco	C3K-PWR-265WAC	(empty)	2013-01-30	2014-01-30	2018-01-31	URL	Catalyst 3750-E / 3560-E 26
1	cisco	CISCO2611	(empty)	2003-04-26	(empty)	2008-04-26	URL	Dual Ethernet Modular Rou
1	cisco	CISCO7206VXR	ASR1001	2012-09-29	2013-09-29	2017-09-30	URL	Cisco 7206VXR, 6-slot chas
1	cisco	CISCO871-K9	CISCO881-K9	2010-07-15	2011-07-15	2015-07-31	URL	Dual Ethernet Security Rou
1	cisco	MEM-I/O-FLD128M	See the Product Migration Options.	2012-09-29	2013-09-29	2017-09-30	URL	Cisco 7200 I/O PCMCIA Flas
1	cisco	MR42	(empty)	2021-07-21	(empty)	2026-07-21	URL	Meraki MR42 Cloud Manag
5	cisco	MRS2	(empty)	2021-07-21	(empty)	2026-07-21	URL	Meraki MRS2 Cloud Manag
1	cisco	MRS3	(empty)	2021-05-07	(empty)	2026-07-21	URL	Meraki MRS3 Cloud Manag
1	cisco	MR84	(empty)	2021-05-07	(empty)	2026-07-21	URL	Meraki MR84 Cloud Manag
4	cisco	MS220-8P	(empty)	2018-09-21	(empty)	2025-09-21	URL	Meraki MS220-8P Cloud Ma
2	cisco	MX65	(empty)	2019-05-28	(empty)	2026-05-28	URL	Meraki MX65 Router/Securi
1	cisco	MX84	MX85-HW	2021-10-31	(empty)	2026-10-31	URL	Meraki MX84 Router and Se
3	cisco	N7K-C7018	N9K-C9516	2022-02-28	2023-02-28	2027-02-28	URL	18 Slot Chassis, No Power S
9	cisco	N7K-F248XP-25	N7K-F248XP-25E	2016-02-02	2017-02-01	2021-01-31	URL	Nexus 7000 F2-Series 48 Po
3	cisco	N7K-SUP1	N7K-SUP2E	2014-08-15	2015-08-15	2019-08-31	URL	Nexus 7000 - Supervisor, In
1	cisco	NPE-400	NPE-G2	2010-09-09	2011-09-09	2015-09-30	URL	7200VXR NPE-400
4	cisco	PA-FE-TX	PA-2FE-TX	2003-10-31	(empty)	2008-10-31	URL	1-Port Fast Ethernet 100Ba
2	cisco	PWR-7200-AC	(empty)	2012-09-29	(empty)	2017-09-30	URL	Cisco 7200 AC Power Suppl
1	cisco	SG300-10PP-K9	SG350-10P-K9-AU	2018-05-10	(empty)	2023-05-31	URL	SG300-10PP 10-port Gigabi
1	cisco	WS-C3750-24PS-S	WS-C3750V2-24PS-S	2010-07-05	2011-07-05	2015-07-31	URL	Catalyst 3750 24 10/100 Po
1	cisco	WS-C3750E-24TD-S	WS-C3750X-24T-S	2013-01-30	2014-01-30	2018-01-31	URL	Catalyst 3750E 24 10/100/1
1	hp	7005	(empty)	2022-10-31	(empty)	2027-10-31	URL	Aruba 7005 Branch Control
1	hp	J9728A	(empty)	2018-03-31	(empty)	(empty)	URL	Aruba 2920
2	hp	JG249A	(empty)	2017-03-31	(empty)	(empty)	URL	HP 5500-24G-SFP EI TAA Sv
3	juniper	750-026468	(empty)	2019-06-30	(empty)	2024-06-30	URL	EX2200-24T-4G
1	juniper	EX2200-24T-4G	(empty)	2019-06-30	2024-06-30	2024-06-30	URL	EX2200-24T-4G

End of Life Data as Illustrated in IP Fabric

This aligns with NIST2.0 implementation examples across the Identify, Govern, and Protect Categories, which include “replace hardware when it lacks needed security capabilities or when it cannot support software with needed security capabilities”, and “define and implement plans for hardware end-of-life maintenance support and obsolescence.”.

How else does this apply to NIST2.0?

Identify (ID)

Asset Management (ID.AM)

ID.AM-01: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried.

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ID.AM-03: Organizational communication and data flows are mapped.

ID.AM-04: Inventories of services provided by suppliers are maintained.

ID.AM-05: Assets are prioritized based on classification, criticality, resources, and impact on the mission.

ID.AM-07: Inventories of data and corresponding metadata for designated data types are maintained.

ID.AM-08: Systems, hardware, software, services, and data are managed throughout their life cycles..

Govern (GV)

Risk Management Strategy (GV.RM)

GV.RM-01: Risk management processes are established, managed, and agreed to by organizational stakeholders.

GV.RM-02: Organizational risk tolerance is determined and clearly expressed.

GV.RM-03: Risk management processes are established, managed, and agreed to by organizational stakeholders.

Protect (PR)

Platform Security (PR.PS)

PR.PS-03: Hardware is maintained, replaced, and removed commensurate with risk.



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02. End-to-End Path Lookup

With simply the input of a source and destination address, IP Fabric will generate the end-to-end path of data from ingress to egress from your infrastructure. You can drill down into specific devices along the way, pinpoint single points of failure or lost redundancy, and compare paths from day to day to understand what's changed.



Access to these end-to-end path lookups, both to generate in the moment and as a historical record of the network, have utility across the Identify, Protect, and Detect Functions of NIST. For example, the following implementation examples in the Identify-Asset Management (ID-AM) subcategory in particular would be fulfilled by IP Fabric's end-to-end path functionality:

- **Ex1:** Maintain baselines of communication and data flows within the organization's wired and wireless networks
- **Ex2:** Maintain baselines of communication and data flows between the organization and third parties
- **Ex3:** Maintain baselines of communication and data flows for the organization's infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) usage
- **Ex4:** Maintain documentation of expected network ports, protocols, and services that are typically used among authorized systems.

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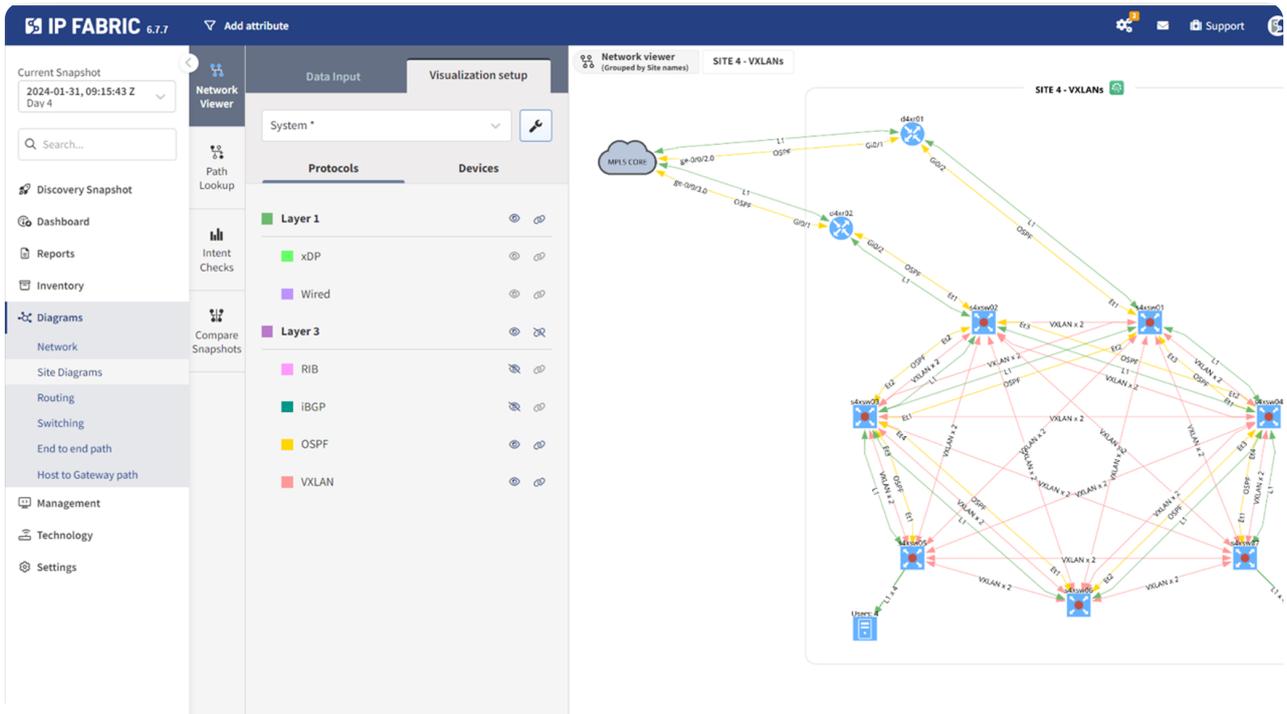
03. Complete and Holistic Cloud and Network Discovery

IP Fabric uses a CLI-based and SSH discovery mechanism to perform a lightweight and secure interaction with your network based on a seed device and read-only credentials. It looks for known neighbors, collects detailed network state information from every discovered device, and computes cross-technology dependencies to create a complete model of your cloud and network infrastructure.

IP Fabric discovers all supported IP-based active network devices, such as switches, routers, firewalls, load-balancers, WAN concentrators, wireless controllers, and wireless access points.

IP Fabric also uses APIs to communicate with vendor controllers (Versa, Viptela) or cloud vendors (AWS, Azure, NSX-T).

This information is represented in technology tables, and network topology models, and is accessible via API. This means your understanding of your infrastructure is always 1) complete and 2) up to date. No gaps thanks to shadow IT, lagging documentation, and rogue devices.



The visualization flexibility of an automatically generated network topology map

- **Ex3:**
Identify unofficial uses of technology to meet mission objectives (i.e., shadow IT)
- **Ex4:**
Periodically identify redundant systems, hardware, software, and services that unnecessarily increase the organization's attack surface

- **Ex5:**
Properly configure and secure systems, hardware, software, and services prior to their deployment in production
- **Ex6:**
Update inventories when systems, hardware, software, and services are moved or transferred within the organization

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04. Configuration Checks & Validation

IP Fabric includes 150+ out-of-the-box configuration and compliance checks (also called “intent checks”). Additional custom configuration and compliance checks are simple and fast to build. Use them to set rules about policies and configurations you need to be secure and resilient and measure your network behavior against these rules daily.

Identify drift from compliance before it becomes an issue and remediate it quickly, equipped with exact knowledge of where the misconfiguration, inconsistency, or inefficiency lies and what is causing it.

See this essential compliance information about your cloud, securing, and network devices and connections in a single pane of glass dashboard view, and easily share it across teams or with non-experts.

Intent Rule Detail
Specify a filter rule to colorize selected column

Rule name: OS Compliance

Colorized column: Count

Dashboard Widgets: [Dropdown]

Description: Gold version

Legend: Success (Green), Info (Blue), Warning (Yellow), Error (Red)

Default color: Off

Rule Configuration:

- Group 1 (And): Platform=csr1000, Vendor=cisco, OS Version=16.6.5
- Group 2 (Or): Platform=veos, Vendor=arista, OS Version=4.24.1.1F

Buttons: Cancel, Delete, Update

Easily build custom network intent checks in IP Fabric

Utilizing IP Fabric’s compliance checks for everything from automated risk assessments and incident response, covering NIST2.0 functions Identify, Protect, Detect, and Respond and covering implementation examples like the following in ID.RA-01:

- **Ex3:**
Use vulnerability management technologies to identify unpatched and misconfigured software
- **Ex4:**
Assess network and system architectures for design and implementation weaknesses that affect cybersecurity

- **Ex5:**
Review, analyze, or test organization - developed software to identify design, coding, and default configuration vulnerabilities
- **Ex6:**
Monitor sources of cyber threat intelligence for information on new vulnerabilities in products and services

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05. Validate Security Posture is Effective as Expected

Whether you've implemented network segmentation or micro-segmentation or have specific firewall policies to ensure zero trust, with IP Fabric, you can validate that this implementation is operating as expected with every network snapshot, giving you daily peace of mind regarding your security posture. Identify potential threats by understanding devices connected and configured at your network edge and highlight issues with third-party connectivity or remote access.

The screenshot displays the IP Fabric interface for a network named '66 Ostrava DC'. The top portion shows a network diagram with various nodes (L66EX02, L66R2, L66R6, L66AC111, L66R8, L66R4, L66R8, L66FW9, L66FW10, L66AC22, L66AC23) and their interconnections. Below the diagram, the 'Zone Firewall - Policies' table is visible, listing several rules with their configurations.

Host...	Site	Rule Chain	Seq...	Rule Name	Action	Active	Matc...	Matc...	From Zone	To Zone	Match Src L...	Match Dest L...	Source...	Dest...	Matc...	VXL...	VXL...	VNI
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	wan@HOST120	0	denySSH	deny	Yes						any-ipv4	10.66.120.0/24					
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	Zone security policies	24	From zone: HYPER-LAN, To zone: HYPER-WAN	exec	Yes			HYPER-LAN	HYPER-WAN								
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	HOST129@wan	1	policy2	allow	Yes					10.66.129.0/24	any-ipv4						
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	global	1	anotherGlobalPolicy	allow	Yes					any-ipv4	any-ipv4						
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	Zone security policies	22	From zone: HYPER-WAN, To zone: HYPER-LAN	exec	Yes			HYPER-WAN	HYPER-LAN								
L66.FW9	66 Ostrava DC	wan@HOST122	0	denySSH	deny	Yes							10.66.122.0/24					

Firewall Policy Implementation as Visualized in IP Fabric



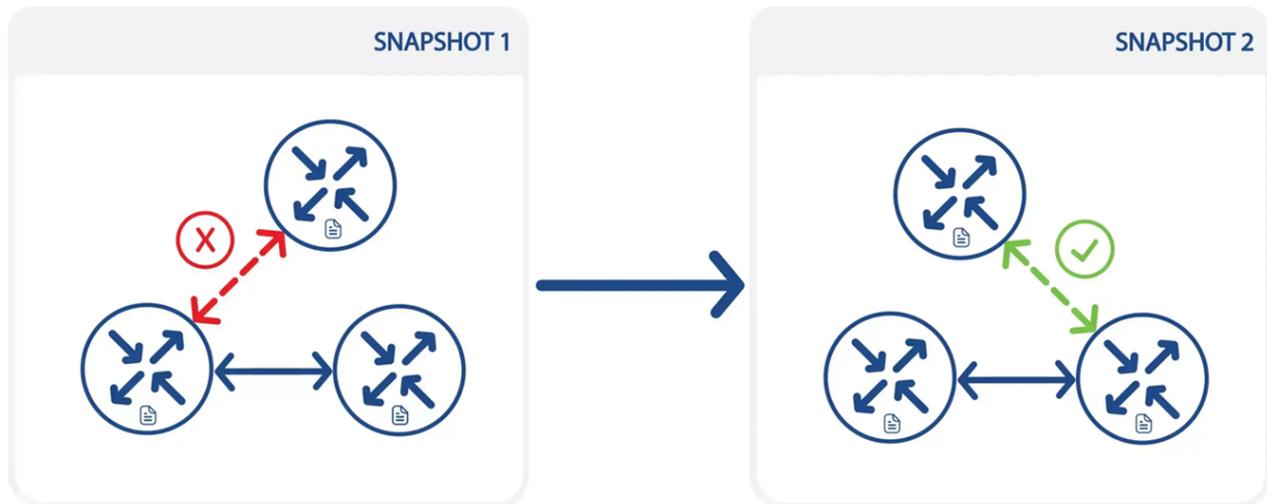
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06. Historical View of the Network

IP Fabric saves every snapshot of your network so you can use it for historical troubleshooting, comparative analysis, post-mortem incident analysis, and pattern analysis for future planning.

Understanding exactly what your cloud and network infrastructure looked like at a particular time is central to root cause analysis and understanding the scope of an incident and is critical to safely managing large-scale migrations or deployments.



This is useful for NIST implementation examples across the Identify, Detect, Respond, and Recover functions, for example:

Incident Analysis (RS.AN):

- **Ex1:** Collect, preserve, and safeguard the integrity of all pertinent incident data and metadata (e.g., data source, date/time of collection) based on evidence preservation and chain-of-custody procedures.

Technology Infrastructure Resilience (PR.IR):

- **Ex1:** Monitor usage of storage, power, compute, network bandwidth, and other resources.
- **Ex2:** Forecast future needs, and scale resources accordingly.

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Respond (RS)

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Recover (RC)

Incident Recovery Plan Execution (RC.RP)

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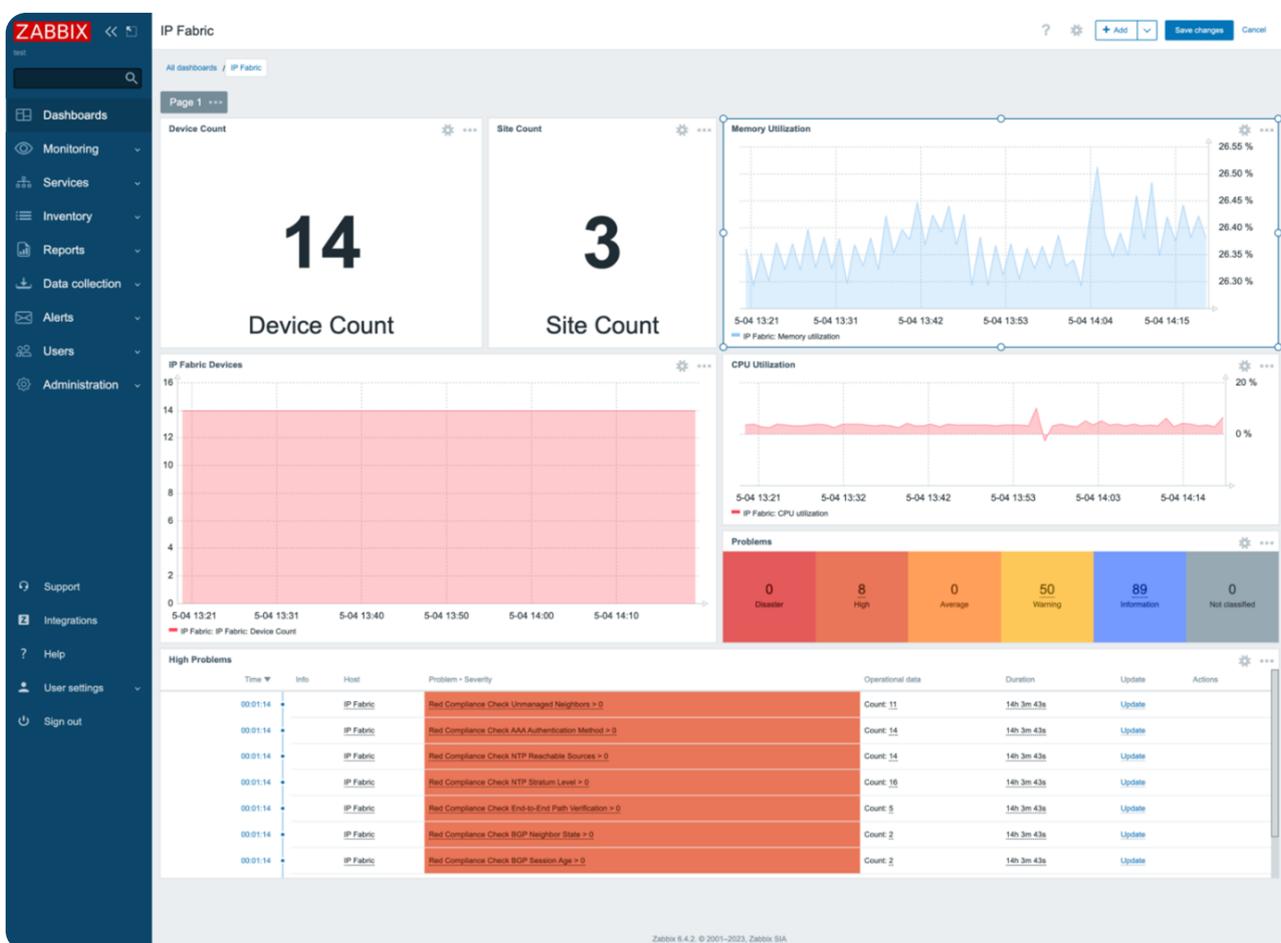
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07. Automatically Enrich Infrastructure Monitoring with Key Network Intelligence

Real-time monitoring is essential for enterprise cloud and network infrastructure to respond quickly to incidents at scale. However, there are downsides to traditional monitoring tools including:

- **Population (am I monitoring everything I need to?)**
- **Alert fatigue (am I monitoring what is important?)**
- **Lack of context (something is happening, but why? What else does this affect?)**

Network assurance fills these gaps and enriches monitoring systems with deep contextual data for data-backed decision-making resolution of issues before they become a problem.



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- **Ex1:** Monitor DNS, BGP, and other network services and protocols for adverse events
- **Ex2:** Monitor wired and wireless networks for connections from unauthorized endpoints
- **Ex3:** Monitor facilities for unauthorized or rogue wireless networks
- **Ex4:** Compare actual network flows against baselines to detect deviations
- **Ex5:** Monitor network communications to identify changes in security postures for zero trust purposes

Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM-06):

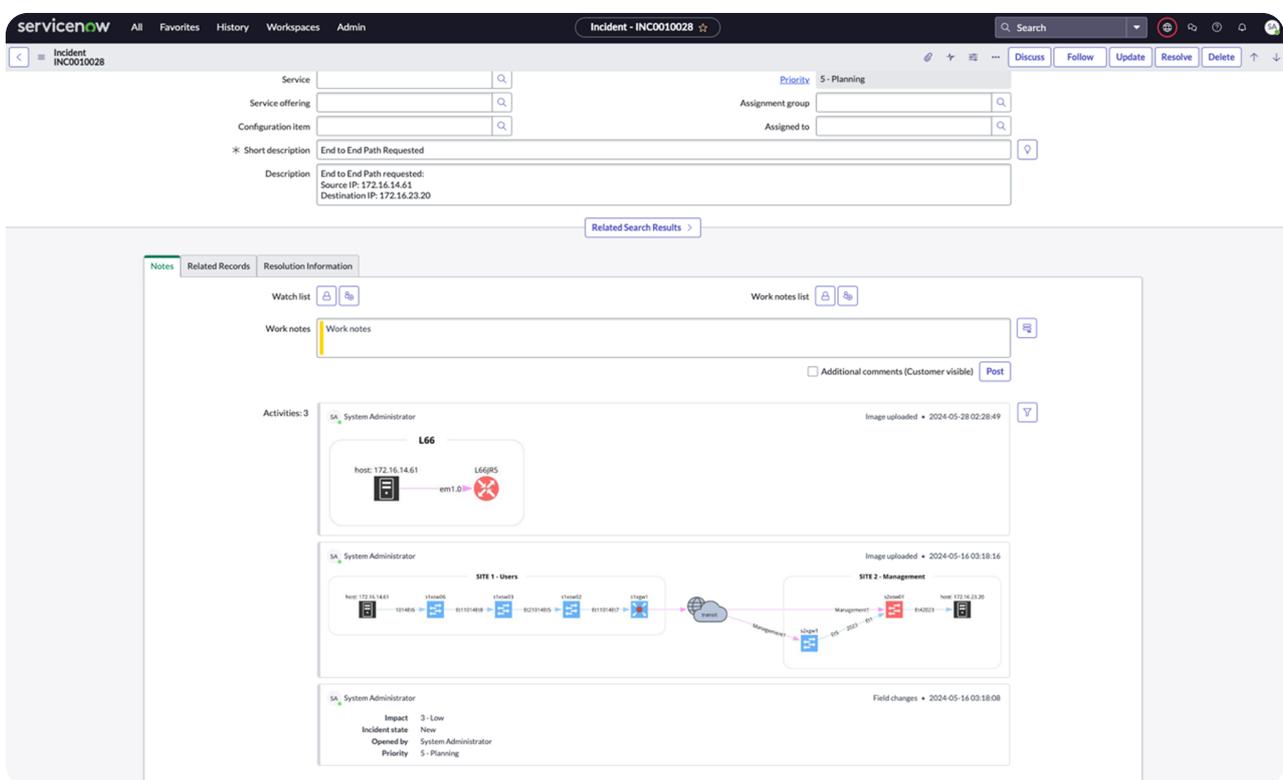
- **Ex2:** Monitor activity from cloud-based services, internet service providers, and other service providers for deviations from expected behavior.

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08. Automatically Enrich IT Service Management Systems and Speed Troubleshooting

When a trouble ticket rolls in - a site reports connectivity issues or a user can't access the network - the clock starts and the hunt for the root cause begins. Enriching trouble tickets with relevant end-to-end network paths or network diagrams means you eliminate manual troubleshooting efforts. Team members with less historical knowledge of the business can easily troubleshoot network issues without the blocker of access to knowledge of the infrastructure.

IP Fabric enhances your IT Service Management systems using the open REST API or our pre-built integrations. You can use intent check violations to trigger ticket creation and enhancement to speed troubleshooting and ensure effective information sharing.



An automatically generated Service Now ticket, automatically enhanced with an E2E path from IP Fabric

This will be especially helpful in fulfilling requirements like those set out in the Detect function:

DE.AE-06

Ex3: Automatically create and assign tickets in the organization's ticketing system when certain types of alerts occur.

How else does this apply to NIST2.0?

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Protect (PR)

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09. Populate and Validate Network Intent Systems for a reliable Network Source of Truth

Use IP Fabric as your observed truth of network state and compare it to your baseline intent set in tools like **NetBox** and Nautobot to ensure accuracy and quick remediation when the actual network state drifts from intent.

Use network assurance to populate these tools from the very beginning, and every time a change is made, avoiding the inevitable human error associated with manual processes.

You can use this to fulfill requirements in the Detect function, such as DE.CM-01, Implementation Example 4: "Compare actual network flows against baselines to detect deviations."

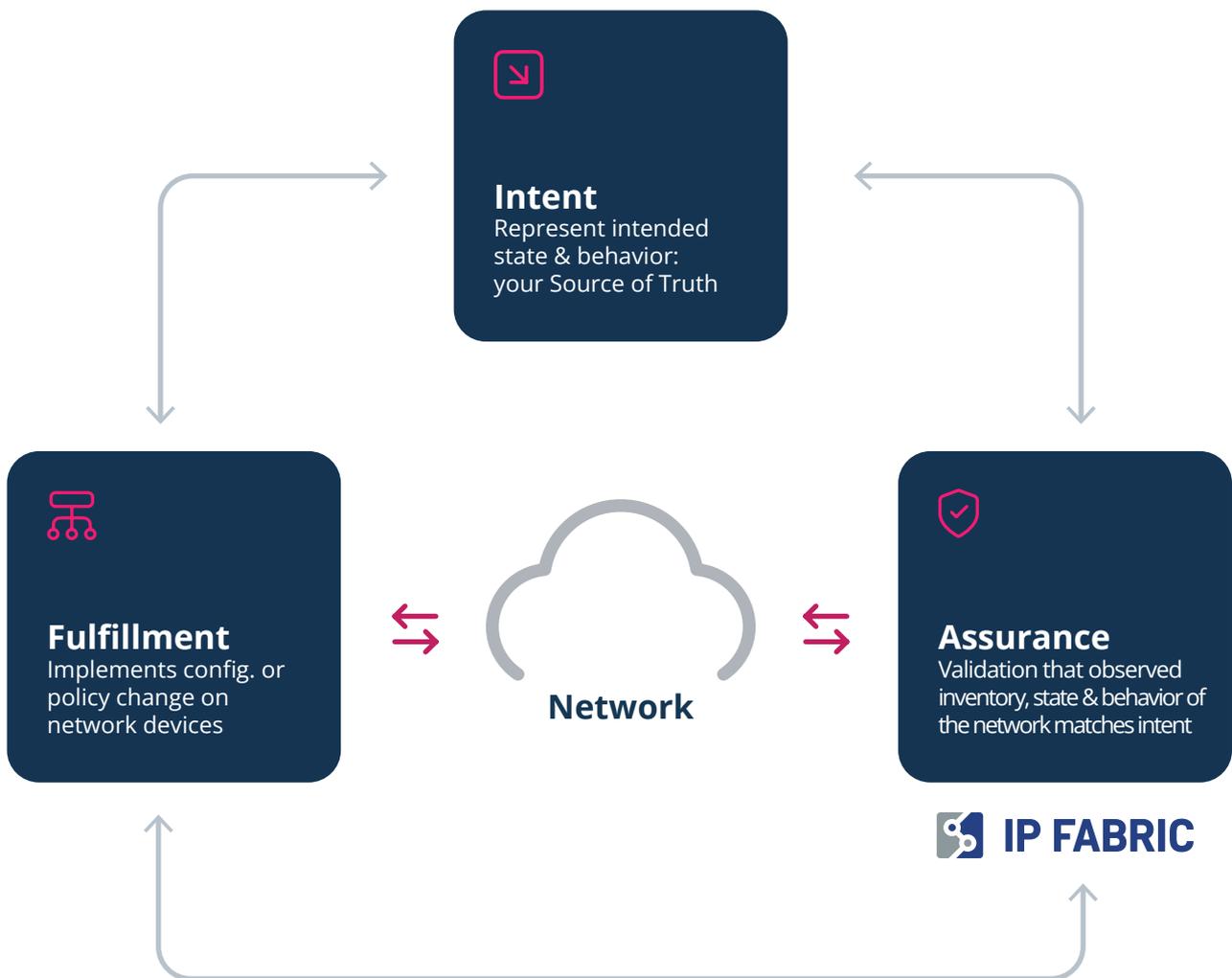
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<p>Asset Mgmt. (ID.AM)</p> <p>ID.AM-03: Representations of the organization's authorized network communication and internal and external network data flows are maintained.</p> <p>Risk Assessment (ID.RA)</p> <p>ID.RA-01: Asset vulnerabilities are identified and documented.</p> <p>ID.RA-02: Cyber threat intelligence is received from information sharing forums and sources.</p>	<p>Information Protection Processes and Procedures (PR.IP)</p> <p>PR.IP-01: A baseline config of information technology/industrial control systems is created and maintained.</p> <p>PR.IP-10: Response and recovery plans are tested.</p>	<p>Security Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM)</p> <p>DE.CM-01: The network is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events.</p> <p>DE.CM-07: Monitoring for unauthorized personnel, connections, devices, and software is performed.</p> <p>DE.CM-08: Vulnerability scans are performed.</p>	<p>Analysis (RS.AN)</p> <p>RS.AN-01: Notifications from detection systems are investigated.</p> <p>RS.AN-04: Incidents are categorized consistent with response plans.</p> <p>Mitigation (RS.MI)</p> <p>RS.MI-01: Incidents are contained.</p> <p>RS.MI-02: Incidents are mitigated.</p>	<p>Improvements (RC.IM)</p> <p>RC.IM-01: Recovery planning and processes are improved by incorporating lessons learned into future activities.</p>

10. Closed-Loop Automation – trigger remediation, validation, and documentation activity

Network assurance, in providing the structured, clean data needed for cloud and network automation, as well as the means to automatically validate network state post-change and update documentation, can pave the way for strategic business transformation.

Build closed-loop automation flows that remediate issues before they're noticed by users, using intent rules to trigger remediation action in automation tools.



This lets you perform the required **Respond** function RS.MI-02 Implementation Example 1: "Cybersecurity technologies and cybersecurity features of other technologies (e.g., operating systems, network infrastructure devices) automatically perform eradication actions."

How else does this apply to NIST2.0?

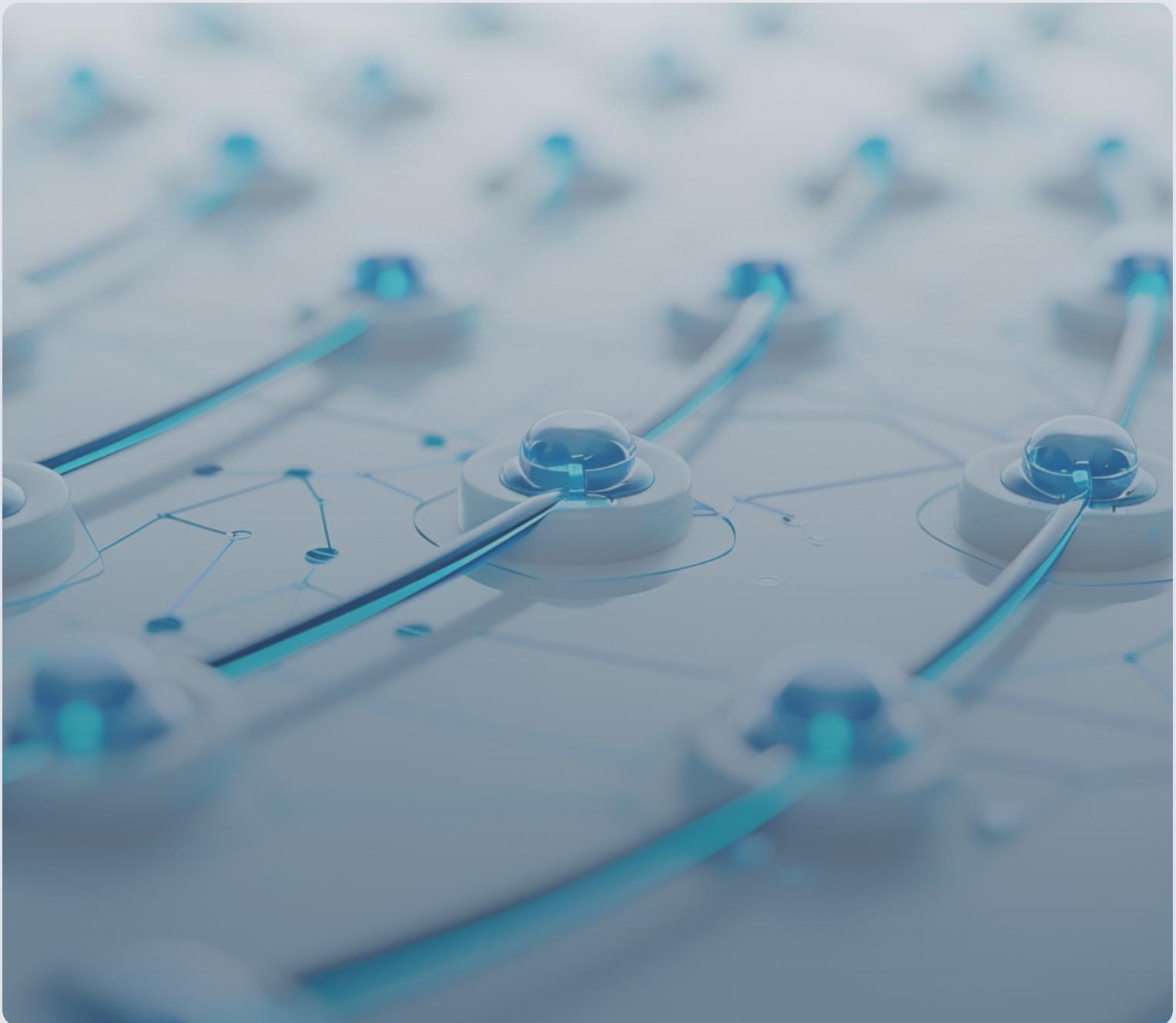
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<p>Asset Mgmt. (ID.AM)</p> <p>ID.AM-03: Representations of the organization’s authorized network communication and internal and external network data flows are maintained.</p>	<p>Maintenance (PR.MA)</p> <p>PR.MA-02: Remote maintenance of organizational assets is approved, logged, and performed in a manner that prevents unauthorized access.</p>	<p>Security Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM)</p> <p>DE.CM-01: The network is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events.</p> <p>DE.CM-07: Monitoring for unauthorized personnel, connections, devices, and software is performed.</p> <p>DE.CM-08: Vulnerability scans are performed.</p>	<p>Incident Analysis (RS.AN)</p> <p>RS.AN-03: Analysis is performed to establish what has taken place during an incident and the root cause of the incident.</p> <p>RS.AN-06: Actions performed during an investigation are recorded, and the records’ integrity and provenance are preserved.</p> <p>RS.AN-07: Incident data & metadata are collected, and their integrity and provenance are preserved.</p> <p>RS.AN-08: An incident’s magnitude is estimated and validated.</p> <p>Incident Response Reporting and Communication (RS.CO)</p> <p>RS.MI-01: Internal & external stakeholders are notified of incidents.</p> <p>RS.CO-03: Information is shared with designated internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Improvements (RC.IM)</p> <p>RC.IM-01: Recovery planning and processes are improved by incorporating lessons learned into future activities.</p>

Conclusion

IP Fabric's Automated Network Assurance is a foundational technology to help meet NIST2 standards.

Another key capability of the platform is the ability to easily produce reports, diagrams, historical information, etc., which is used for planning changes, due diligence for strategic IT initiatives, and de-risking the implementation of those projects. These reports and diagrams are also the basis for evidence needed for internal audits.

Companies are spending weeks to months to produce the documentation that IP Fabric produces in a single, automated snapshot.





About IP Fabric

IP Fabric is a vendor-neutral network assurance platform that automates the holistic discovery, verification, visualization, and documentation of large-scale enterprise networks, reducing the associated costs and required resources whilst improving security and efficiency.

It supports your engineering and operations teams, underpinning migration and transformation projects. IP Fabric will revolutionize how you approach network visibility and assurance, security assurance, automation, multi-cloud networking, and trouble resolution.



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