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# Cybersecurity Threat Update

# The Last 2 Weeks in Cyber

Conti/Royal/LockBit Very Active

VMware Vulnerabilities

GootLoader Malware Active

Fortinet Vulnerabilities – Client/Gate

Okta - Multiple Compromises

# The Last 2 Weeks in Cyber

Microsoft – 3 Vulnerabilities Active Exploit

Critical Cisco Vulnerabilities

Citrix NetScaler

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***(U//FOUO)* People's Republic of China Disruptive Cyber Capabilities for Crisis or Conflict Likely Focus on Five Critical Infrastructure Sectors**

***(U//FOUO)* The People's Republic of China (PRC) is likely prioritizing the use of its disruptive cyber capabilities against five US critical infrastructure sectors: Energy, Water and Wastewater Systems, Communications, Transportation Systems, and Financial Services.<sup>a</sup> Its efforts to compromise US infrastructure may include pre-positioning or tool development for disruptive cyber operations. The Intelligence Community previously assessed that the PRC would almost certainly consider cyber operations against US critical infrastructure if it assessed a major conflict was imminent – such as from PRC core territorial concerns, including those related to Taiwan independence and PRC goals to have capabilities to secure the island by 2027.<sup>b</sup>**



## Shawn's Top Recommendations

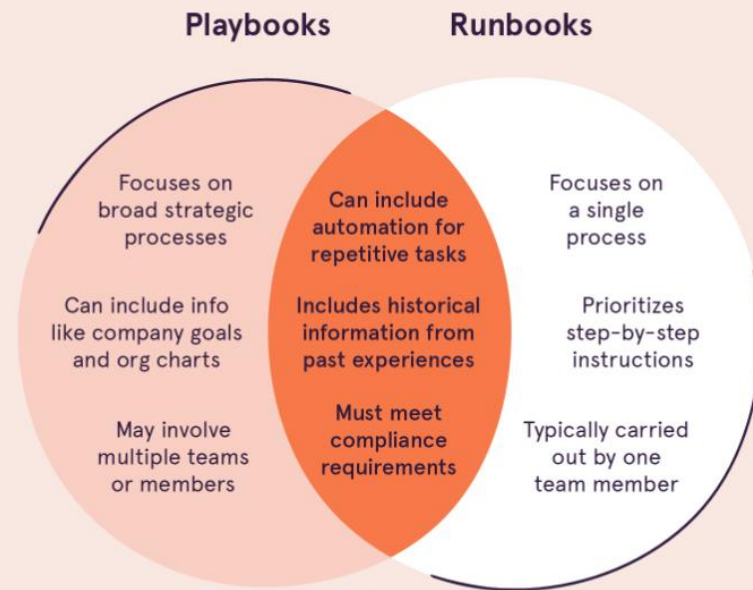
1. Install EDR Immediately
2. Setup a Syslog Server/SIEM
3. Remove RDP Access Externally
4. Address Your Backup Status
5. Patch Often
6. Segment Your Network
7. Move VLANS to the Firewall
8. MFA on O365 – Everyone
9. Use Web Filtering
10. Use Intrusion Prevention (IPS)
11. Use a Robust Email Filter
12. Train Your Users! – Often
13. Use Quarantine Features



# Playbooks



# Playbooks vs. Runbooks: Key Differences To Know



## books vs. playbooks

ately, there is no clearly defined re  
e the term *runbook* vs. *playbook*;  
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changeably. And there are other sim  
s in the lexicon. For example, the C  
or IT automation uses recipes and  
books to codify and organize proce

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<https://www.tango.us/blog/playbook-vs-runbook#:~:text=Runbooks%20are%20your%20go%2Dto,to%20document%20more%20complex%20processes>

[https://www.reddit.com/r/CompTIA/comments/13ri1te/playbooks\\_vs\\_runbooks\\_difference/](https://www.reddit.com/r/CompTIA/comments/13ri1te/playbooks_vs_runbooks_difference/)

<https://www.techtarget.com/searchitoperations/tip/Compare-runbooks-vs-playbooks-for-IT-process-documentation>



### Run books vs Playbook

Run books - Involved analyst - Listed under procedures  
Playbooks - Series of actions take in SOAR.

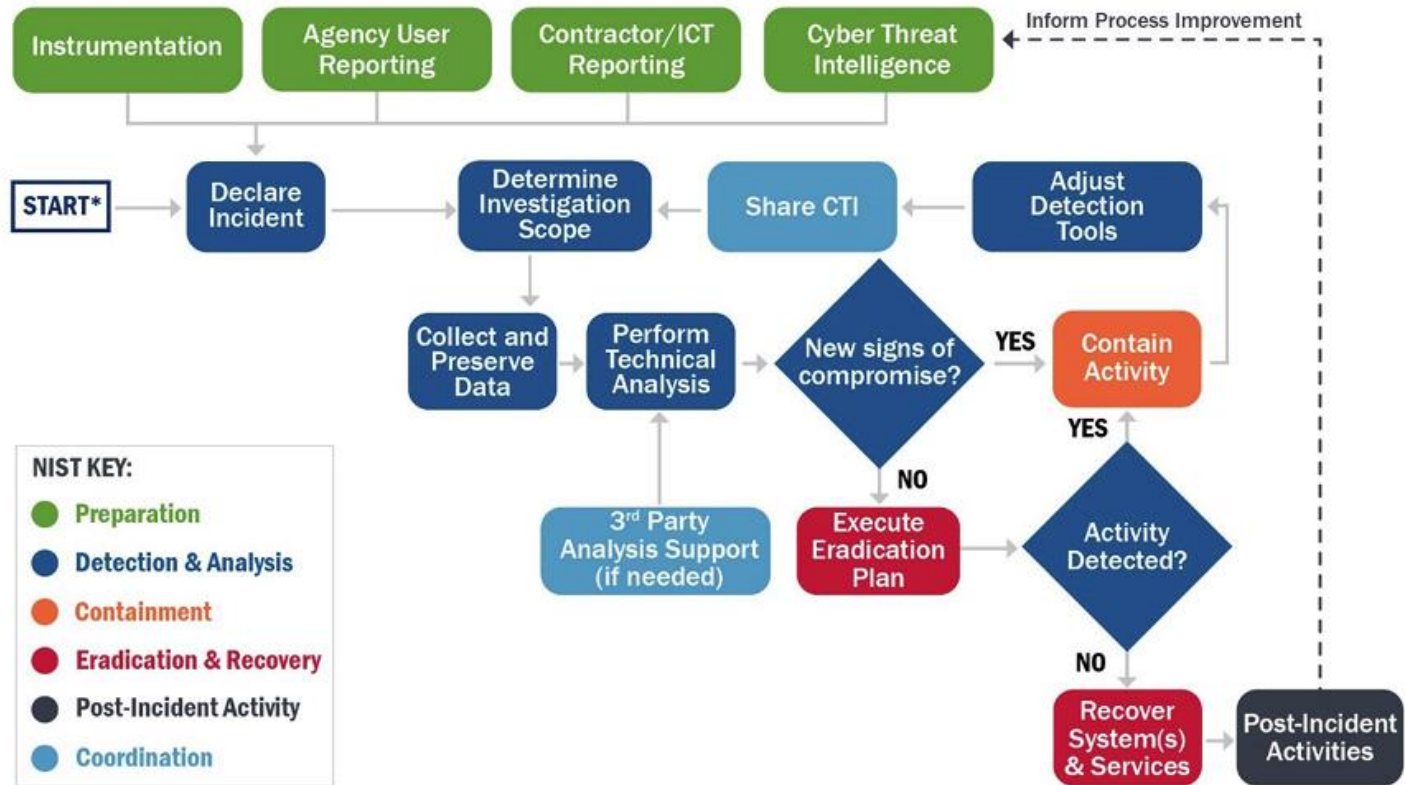


Figure 1: Incident Response Process

[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Federal\\_Government\\_Cybersecurity\\_Incident\\_and\\_Vulnerability\\_Response\\_Playbooks\\_508C.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Federal_Government_Cybersecurity_Incident_and_Vulnerability_Response_Playbooks_508C.pdf)

- No trial by fire
- Controlled exposure
- Identify gaps
- Predictable and consistent results





## What next?

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- Identify Risk
- Develop playbook / runbook
- Implement and train
- Continuous improvement



# Resources

- Microsoft –

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/security/operations/incident-response-playbooks>

- Google –

<https://inthecloud.withgoogle.com/top-security-playbooks/on-demand.html>

- Incident response samples –

<https://www.incidentresponse.org/playbooks/>





