Protecting your organization from cyberthreats is vital—and adopting a holistic approach like the NIST Cybersecurity Framework is a smart idea. Here are some important considerations and ways that HPE can assist.

**ALIGN ALL LEVELS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION—BEGINNING AT THE TOP**
A primary objective of adopting a framework like the NIST Cybersecurity Framework is to facilitate meaningful conversations among all stakeholders across your organization—this should extend beyond IT stakeholders to include members of the board or senior executives.

**USE NIST-CSF CORE FUNCTIONS**
By using Core Functions, you facilitate discussions about cyber risk controls, better understand your organization’s cyber risk profile, and ensure that you have a sufficient balance of controls.

**BUILD AWARENESS**
An effective awareness program demonstrates commitment to cybersecurity defense across your organization and also provides a level of improved protection throughout your journey.

**UNDERSTAND, ASSESS, AND PRIORITIZE**
Understand your organization’s needs and desired outcomes
• Assess various risks and consider the controls needed to mitigate those risks
• Design an improvement program that addresses your organization’s priorities

**BE AGILE, UNCONSTRAINED, AND INNOVATIVE**
Your cybersecurity strategy must be an ongoing priority with continual improvement and innovation to ensure the scope and mitigation of risk evolves to meet the changing threats to your organization.

**ADOPT AND ADAPT**
Best practices like the NIST-CSF and ITIL are proven to work for many organizations; however, they are not “silver bullets” or panaceas—so constant scrutiny and review is needed to decide what works best for your organization now and in the future.

**CREATE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**
A robust and pragmatic cybersecurity risk management program provides an opportunity to gain competitive advantage.

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