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This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Securing Artificial Intelligence (SAI).

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The rapid, ubiquitous global proliferation of networked Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems and services gives rise to associated risks. The Critical Security Controls address the general practices that most enterprises should take to secure their systems. The present document guidance emerged from collaborations among experts in the AI sector and intended to apply the security best practices found in the latest version of the Critical Security Controls to AI environments. However, because networked AI systems have the same properties and functions as computational systems generally, a consensus has emerged that the existing Critical Security Controls and implementation tools apply in their present form.

Introduction

Artificial Intelligence systems are functionally indistinguishable from other networked computer-based systems. Although significant concerns exist as to computation models employed, trust in the veracity of ingested information, and societal use, the applicable Critical Security Controls and implementation tools appear to apply unchanged. Published AI guidelines and projects [i.1], [i.3], [i.4], [i.5] to [i.22] all focus on secure design, secure development, secure deployment, potential misuse, and secure operation and maintenance, but the basic security controls remain the same.

1 Scope

The present document applies the latest version of the Critical Security Controls [i.5] and risk measurement tools [i.6] for effective risk control and enhanced resilience of the AI sector together with other industry AI controls.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

2.2 Informative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE: While any hyperlinks included in this clause were valid at the time of publication ETSI cannot guarantee their long term validity.

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

[i.1] ETSI TS 104 223: "Securing Artificial Intelligence (SAI); Baseline Cyber Security Requirements for AI Models and Systems".

NOTE: The following reference is not publicly available at the date of publication and may be unavailable for an extended period of time.

[i.2] [European Parliament legislative resolution of 13 March 2024](#) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on laying down harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union Legislative Acts (COM(2021)0206 - C9-0146/2021 - 2021/0106(COD)).

[i.3] "[AI Cyber Security Code of Practice](#)", UK DSIT.

[i.4] "[Guidelines for secure AI system development](#)", UK NCSC.

[i.5] ETSI TR 103 305-1: "Cyber Security (CYBER); Critical Security Controls for Effective Cyber Defence; Part 1: The Critical Security Controls".

[i.6] ETSI TR 103 305-4: "Cyber Security (CYBER); Critical Security Controls for Effective Cyber Defence; Part 4: Facilitation Mechanisms".

[i.7] ETSI TR 103 305-5: "Cyber Security (CYBER); Critical Security Controls for Effective Cyber Defence; Part 5: Privacy and personal data protection enhancement".

[i.8] ETSI TR 103 959: "Cyber Security (CYBER); Critical Security Controls for Effective Cyber Defence; Cloud Sector".

[i.9] ETSI TR 103 866: "Cyber Security (CYBER); Implementation of the Revised Network and Information Security (NIS2) Directive applying Critical Security Controls".

[i.10] MITRE: "[Adversarial Threat Landscape for Artificial-Intelligence Systems \(ATLAS™\)](#)".

[i.11] Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT): "[AI Risk Repository](#)".

[i.12] OpenSSF: "[AI/ML Security WG](#)".

[i.13] OWASP: "[AI Exchange](#)".

- [i.14] Cloud Security Alliance®: "[AI Controls Matrix](#)".
- [i.15] Cloud Security Alliance®: "[AI Model Risk Management Framework](#)".
- [i.16] Cloud Security Alliance®: "[Large Language Model \(LLM\) Threats Taxonomy](#)".
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- [i.22] Google: "[Secure AI Framework \(SAIF\)](#)".

3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

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3.2 Symbols

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3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AI	Artificial Intelligence
CSA	Cloud Security Alliance®
LLM	Large Language Model
SAIF	Secure AI Framework

4 Applying the Critical Security Controls for effective risk control and enhanced resilience of the AI sector

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The Critical Security Controls, facilitation methods and implementation guidelines apply in total ([i.5], [i.6], [i.7], [i.8] and [i.9]).

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