Risk Assessment

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Methods leverage extensive NCSC expertise, providing risk assessments covering OT/ICS/IOT, NIST alignment, ISO27000s and PCI requirements. Methods utilise CCP certified specialists to identify/analyse/prioritise risks and threats outside of risk appetite based on criticality. Methods ensure outcome driven results utilising business language to describe risks, impacts/consequences and improvements to senior leadership.

What is the Service

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to the highest standards as defined by NCSC and professional bodies such as UK Cyber Security Council. With a proven track record of delivering cyber security consultancy expertise, we pride ourselves on working closely with our clients - often augmenting in-house capability.

A Cyber Security Essentials Plus certified company, the services provided by the Cyber Portfolio align with ISO/IEC 20700 family of information security management standards, ensuring work is appropriately scoped, planned and delivered to the highest standards.

Methods provide a holistic approach to cyber risk assessment services, with work undertaken by industry qualified Cyber security experts, many holding CCP Lead Practitioner else qualified to Chartered status in Risk Management (Assessment), able to offer approved guidance and support to both public and private sector clients, covering the entirety of the Security organisation.

A risk can be defined as the “effect of uncertainty on objectives”. There are many important reasons why you must understand the risks within your organisation, not least to reduce the cost of doing business. Our cost focused approach to cyber risk assessment ensures a repeatable process, designed to promote the protection of information and information systems commensurate with the risk. Our service covers the following aspects:

- Cyber risk assessment: We evaluate your current cyber security posture and identify the gaps and weaknesses that could expose you to cyber-attacks. We also provide recommendations and guidance on how to improve your cyber resilience and comply with the relevant regulations and standards such as PCI and ISO 27001.
- Business impact analysis: We analyse the potential impact of different cyber scenarios on your business operations, assets, reputation, and customers. We help you prioritise the most critical risks and develop contingency plans and recovery strategies.
- Risk mitigation and management: We help you implement the best practices and solutions to reduce and manage your cyber risks. We also monitor and review your risk profile and provide ongoing support and advice to ensure that your security measures are effective and up to date.

Our risk assessment methodology includes a flexible risk assessment process and an explicit risk model. We will define key terms with you and before any risk assessment, we will agree an assessment approach (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, or semi-qualitative). We understand that a cyber risk assessment must focus on what is important to your organisation and specifically to its critical areas.

We will also ensure our cyber risk assessment methodology is aligned to your Enterprise Risk Management framework, working with your Business Impact Classification. Alternatively, we can help you update and define your Business Impact classification.

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Methods understand the pressures organisations face to meet and maintain legal, statutory, regulatory, compliance and contractual requirements. Our Risk Assessment service will help you meet your compliance obligations, be they ISO 27000 standards, GovAssure, CAF or PCI.

We offer a holistic and customised approach that aligns with industry best practice. As well as NCSC and ISO standards, our service also aligns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), ensuring you will receive a risk assessment based on the most widely used and credible standards across industry.

Our consultants will comply with an agreed code of conduct, as well as maintaining their cyber security expertise for CNI customers, Government and the wider public sector.

We maintain a series of Cyber and Information systems and frameworks aligned to industry good practice - ISO 27001, ISO 27005, ISO 27017, ISO 27018, ISO9001, ISO 3100, NIST 800 (series), Cyber Essentials Plus, Centre of Cyber security (CIS) benchmarking, Microsoft Global Partner and AWS Select Tier Services Partners. This ensures we provide customers with robust, consistent assurance in our quality processes and the protection of our systems and customer-related data.

We aid senior management in understanding the importance of managing cyber risk to your organisation, supporting them to make the process a success. We articulate to them what must be defined on the amount of effort, and we appoint certified qualified consultants to assist you in the management of cyber risk.

Our methodology is agile and is designed to integrate seamlessly into the organisation, complementing and innovating the current working practices. Whether the organisation is looking for ad-hoc support, or a long-term partner, our team can help identify and implement best-in-class solutions.

Our consultants have a strong background in both public and private sectors and will quickly adapt to the environment, providing specialist expertise to design innovative and risk-based solutions that meet your specific business needs and outcomes.

All our consultants have proficiency working on a variety of Government projects with different divisions including critical national infrastructure (CNI), defence, policing, justice, education, healthcare, border control, central government, local authorities and government digital services.

With experience across government sectors, including critical infrastructure, defence, healthcare, and more, we have a large pool of high calibre SC and DV cleared personnel, delivering services at classifications, from OFFICIAL to SECRET and ABOVE SECRET.

What it can do for you

Methods help you understand, manage, control and mitigate cyber risk across your organisation to within risk appetite. We save your financial resources through better targeting of IT investments based on cyber risk, improving your ROI.

Methods' risk assessment service enables you to identify and understand your cyber risk exposure, as well as meet certification requirements. We understand how crucial risk assessment strategy and data protection is, especially as organisations rely more on information technology and information systems to do business.

Service Features

1. Risk assessments follow ISA/IEC 62443 raising cyber-security/ resilience of key-systems
2. Risk assessments follow NCSC standards using NCSC risk management toolbox
3. NCSC certified professionals deliver Risk assessments covering all CCP specialisms
4. Security Check and/or Developed Vetting consultants perform risk assessments
5. Experienced in risk assessments using ISA/IEC 62443 and NIST frameworks
6. Cloud Security Principles aligned risk assessments
7. Risk assessments in line with ISO 27001, 27500 and 31000
8. Risk assessments assisting Business Continuity Management (BCP) and DR
9. Prioritisation of IT operational spend based on your cyber risk
10. Supporting enterprise risk management, keeping business decisions within risk appetite

Service Benefits

1. Reduction of operational cyber security risks to within risk appetite
2. Facilitates NCSC certification, ISO 27001, ISA/IEC-62443, NIS(2)directive, NIST and PCI
3. Alignment of OT cyber risk to enterprise risk management strategies
4. Increasing security skills and awareness through knowledge transfer
5. Identify risks to ensure DLP and alignment with ISO-27018
6. Prioritise cyber threats using risk assessments, maximising IT spend ROI
7. Ensure proactive, not reactive approach to cyber threats and opportunities
8. Access to CCP certified specialists to perform risk assessments
9. Formulation of Risk assessment methodologies and tools appropriate to you
10. Tailored security strategy which is aligned with appropriate regulatory standards

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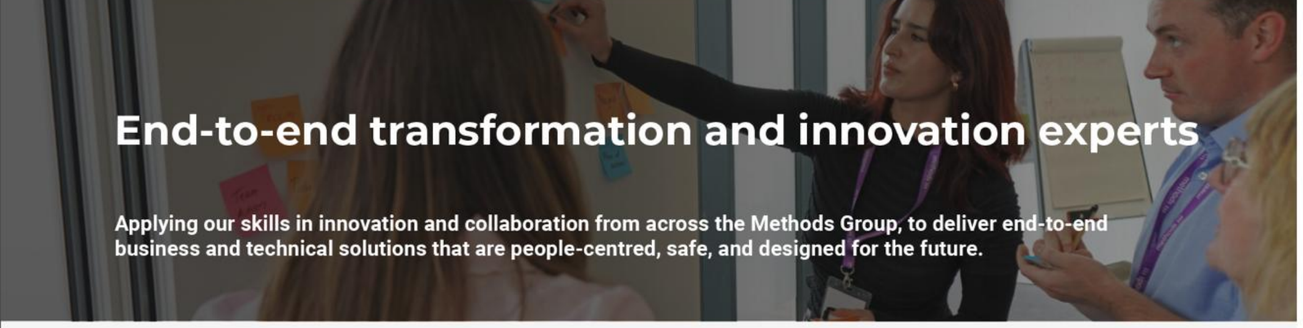


End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

Applying our skills in innovation and collaboration from across the Methods Group, to deliver end-to-end business and technical solutions that are people-centred, safe, and designed for the future.

Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

With a focus on driving interoperability and innovation in UK Central Government, we have helped multiple organisations in the sector modernise their IT architecture, systems, strategy, and operating models to improve organisational resilience and service delivery.

Methods deliver wide-ranging services and thought leadership to support delivery including:

Onboarding and offboarding process

1. **Understand Requirements**

   It is essential that we work with you to understand the requirement so that we provide the right resources with directly relevant experience at an appropriate level of seniority

2. **Protect Team Availability**

   Having the right team on board from the start and maintaining continuity throughout the project ensures timely delivery of desired outputs

3. **Work Synergistically and Innovatively**

   Drawing from our past experiences, we can frequently recommend optimal delivery methods and/or alternative solutions which will deliver benefits (or cost-savings) over time

4. **Service Scope**

   Ensuring that the scope of the service to be delivered is properly quantified involves agreeing on logistics (e.g., deliverables, timelines, quality criteria, etc.) and understanding your constraints, sensitivities, and key drivers to match your expectations accurately

5. **Review/Agree Engagement**

   After initial discussions and planning, you'll review and amend a draft Statement of Work(s)/Services to ensure mutual agreement and alignment of objectives before starting the assignment. We may iterate the Statement of Work(s) with you to finalise the requirements

Ordering and Invoicing

Once we have agreed a Statement of Work(s) we will sign the appropriate agreement and complete a Call Off contract with an attached Statement of Work(s), and submission of a Purchase Order. We will then set up a mutually acceptable start date and commence work.

Payment terms are 30 days or less as may be agreed.

Please note - we are unable to accept Government Procurement Card (GPC) payments.

Customer Responsibilities

For any given requirement, we will identify any dependencies on the customer (e.g. access to key stakeholders, facilities, documentation, etc.) and agree these at the start of the work.

Making a difference

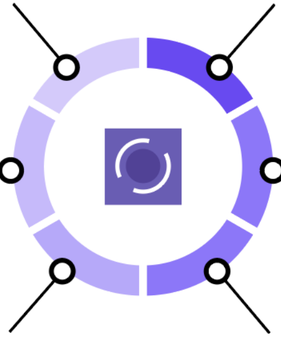
The work we do each day is focused on delivering a positive difference for the public sector for the benefit of society as a whole.

Environment

We use the 'recycle, reuse, repair, refuse' approach to waste reduction to minimise landfill waste, support climate initiatives, and enhance biodiversity, creating a sustainable environment for our colleagues and community

Volunteering

We continue to support charitable causes that align with and support our values including our charity partner and VCSE initiatives



Investment in Talent

We cultivate young talent through our GRAVITATE programme, championing vibrant apprenticeship and graduate schemes while aiding tech career exploration for individuals aged 14-24

Diversifying our Supply Chains

We diversify our local supply chains, promoting small business enterprise and engaging local people, SME, and micro-business suppliers

Staff Wellbeing

We support colleague wellbeing through clear career pathways, strengthened PDPs, and our continued commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, including achieving Gold Employer Status. Moreover, we continue to support our colleagues holistically, considering them as complete individuals at every career stage with Methods

Safeguarding Services

We continue to provide insightful thought leadership on leveraging modern technology to secure our public services for future generations. This involves speaking at industry events, educating youth on tech career paths, and offering pro-bono advice to senior policymakers

Customer stories

Cloud Hosting & Service Modernisation
Modernised digital services using secure cloud hosting, streamlined legacy workflows, and improved data insights. Delivered faster decisions, reduced manual effort, and a more transparent, **user-friendly experience** for internal teams and external users.

Cloud-Based ITSM Consolidation
Unified multiple service desks onto a cloud-based ITSM platform, standardising processes and automating workflows. Improved incident, change, and problem management, **boosting** overall **service reliability, efficiency, and organisational visibility**.

Large-Scale Cloud Migration (100+ Apps / 120TB)
Delivered cloud migration of **100+ legacy applications** and **120TB of** data with **100% availability**. Strengthened compliance, improved transparency, and significantly enhanced operational resilience across critical digital services.

Azure Migration & Modern Workplace Enablement
Migrated data centres to Azure and deployed modern workplace cloud services, delivering secure, scalable infrastructure. Achieved improved user experience, strengthened security posture, and **£1m savings** - all with zero service disruption.

Cloud ITSM Migration (ServiceNow SaaS)
Successfully migrated from a legacy ITSM tool to a modern, cloud-based ServiceNow platform. Delivered scalable, robust service operations, strengthened governance, and enabled faster, more consistent digital service delivery across the organisation.

Cloud-Native Data Pipelines (Azure Integration)
Built automated Azure Data Factory pipelines into a Lakehouse architecture, using Bronze/Silver/Gold layers and Delta with CI/CD. Delivered secure daily refreshes, improved data quality, lower manual effort, and more efficient reporting.