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Federal agency releases ransomware assessment tool

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The federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency said Wednesday it has introduced a ransomware module in its Cyber Security Evaluation Tool.

The federal agency said CSET is a desktop software tool that guides network defenders through a step-by-step process to evaluate their network's cybersecurity practices.



The new Ransomware Readiness Assessment module is a self-assessment designed to help organizations better assesses how well equipped they are to defend and recover from a ransomware incident, the agency said.

CISA said it is tailored to be useful to all organizations regardless of their cybersecurity maturity.

It said the module helps organizations evaluate their cybersecurity posture; guides operators through a systematic process to evaluate their operational and information technology network security practices against the ransomware threat; and provides assessment results in both summary and detailed form.