

RANSOMWARE READINESS ASSESSMENT

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Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA)

- Ransomware Readiness Assessment
 - Self-assessment module in Cybersecurity Evaluation Tool (CSET) v10.3
 - 10 Goals with 48 tiered practices (questions); 18 Basic, 16 Intermediate, 14 Advanced
 - Based off CISA Cyber Essentials, Ransomware Guide and leverages the MITRE ATT&CK Framework
 - Structured to give organizations a clear path for improvement
 - Complete with supplemental resources for each practice
 - Several types of reports and charts depicting results
 - Ransomware Assessment Goal Report
 - Deficiency report highlighting weakest goals



10 Goals of the Ransomware Readiness Assessment

48 tiered practices (questions); 18 Basic, 16 Intermediate, 14 Advanced

Robust Data Backup (DB)

2 total questions 2-Basic, 0-Intermediate, 0-Advanced

Web Browser Management and DNS Filtering (BM)

2 total questions 2-Basic, 0-Intermediate, 0-Advanced

Phishing Prevention and Awareness (PP)

3 total questions 3-Basic, 0-Intermediate, 0-Advanced

Network Perimeter Monitoring (NM)

4 total questions 1-Basic, 2-Intermediate, 1-Advanced

Asset Management (AM)

7 total questions 3-Basic, 2-Intermediate, 2-Advanced

Patch and Update Management (PM)

4 total questions 2-Basic, 1-Intermediate, 1-Advanced

User and Access Management (UM)

9 total questions 2-Basic, 3-Intermediate, 4-Advanced

Application Integrity and Allowlist (AI)

4 total questions 1-Basic, 2-Intermediate, 1-Advanced

Incident Response (IR)

9 total questions 2-Basic, 5-Intermediate, 2-Advanced

Risk Management (RM)

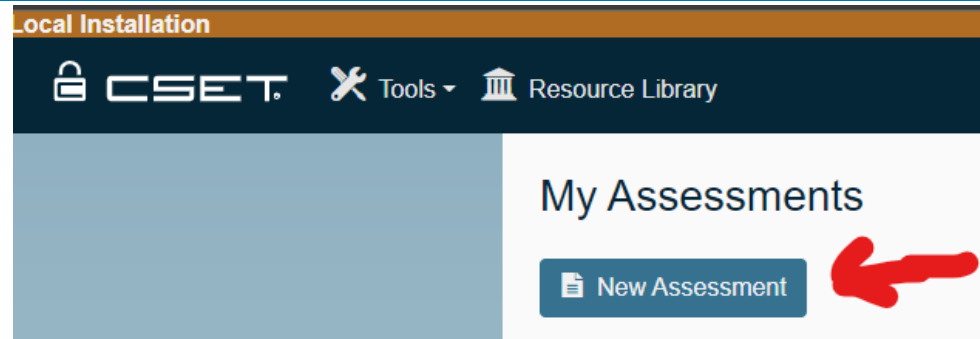
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RRA – Download CSET / Access RRA

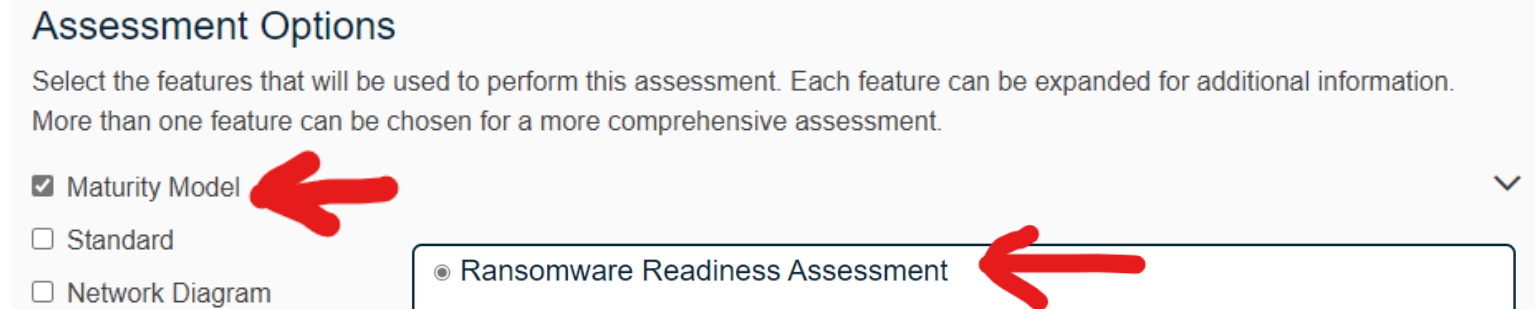
Step 1 Download CSET latest version via GitHub

- [Releases · cisagov/cset](#)
• [GitHubCyber](#)

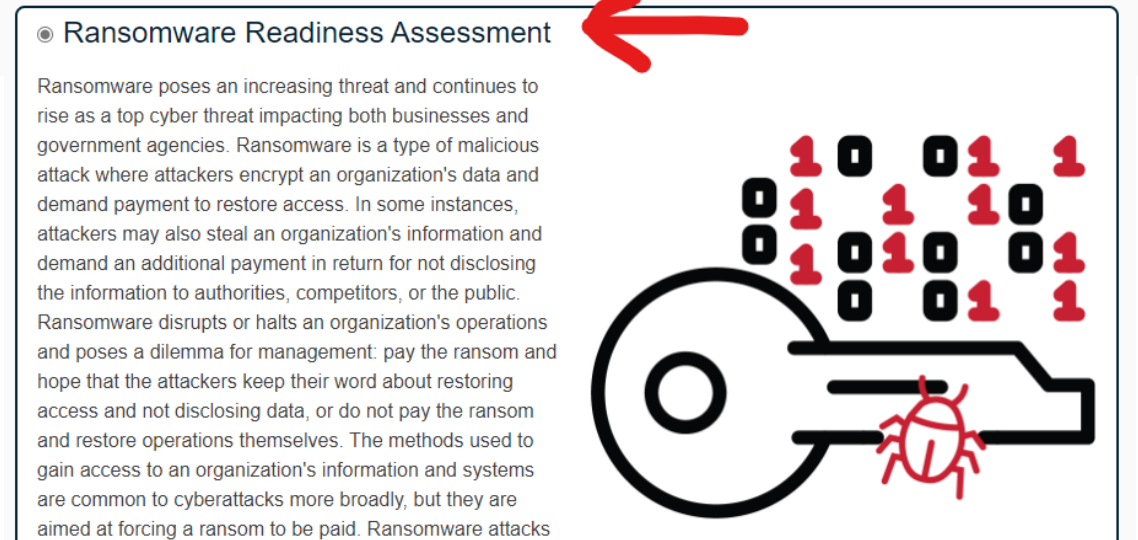
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Step 3



Step 4



RRA - Practices/Questions

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Assessment

Results

Phishing Prevention and Awareness (PP)

Take steps to increase and maintain awareness of Phishing threats. Conduct ongoing phishing and social engineering campaigns that randomly and periodically send simulated phishing emails to personnel. Offer phishing awareness training to staff which will assist in recognizing and reporting phishing attacks. Utilize an SMTP (mail server) proxy that employs reputational (IP, URL, and sender) and traditional anti-SPAM and content filtering features.

PP:B.Q01

Are annual tabletop exercises that include phishing response scenarios conducted?

Basic

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Yes

No

PP:B.Q02

Are users trained to recognize cyber threats like phishing?

Basic

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Yes

No

PP:B.Q03

Is email filtered to protect against malicious content?

Basic

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Yes

No

Network Perimeter Monitoring (NM)

Look for suspicious activity and react faster. Monitor internet traffic into and out of your organization. Be sure to use a product or service with integrated threat intelligence and consider subscribing to additional indicator sharing feeds, such as the Automated Indicator Sharing service provided by DHS, to automatically identify attacks and known bad actors.

NM:B.Q01

Is perimeter network traffic monitored?

Basic

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Yes

No

NM:I.Q02

Is internal network traffic monitored?

Intermediate

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Yes

No

NM:I.Q03

Are networks segmented to protect mission critical assets?

Intermediate

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Yes

No

NM:A.Q04

Has the organization established a baseline of network traffic and is it used to identify anomalous activity?

Advanced

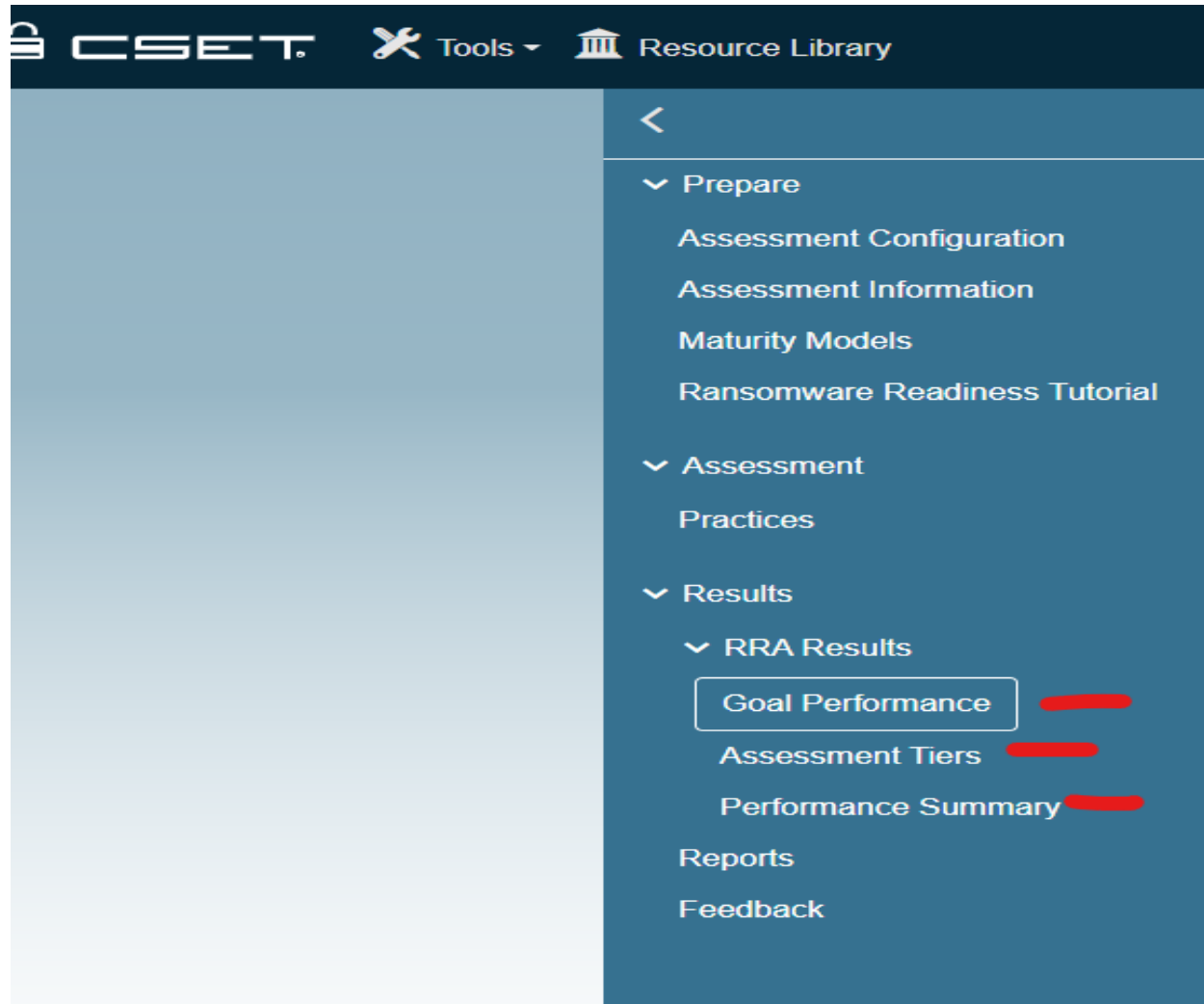
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Yes

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RRA – Results with Charts and Graphs



RRA - Goal Performance



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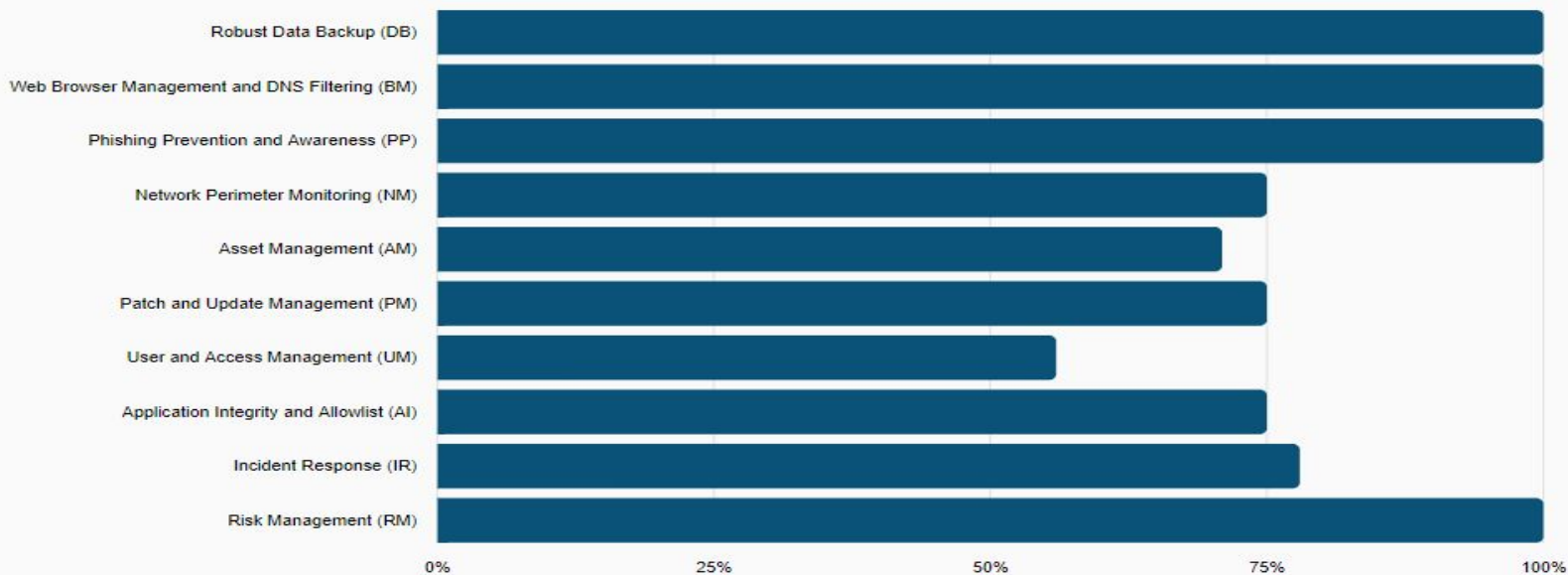
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Results

Goal Performance

RRA Performance by Goal



RRA Practice Scoring

	Yes	No	Unanswered	Total Practices	Percent Complete
Robust Data Backup (DB)	2	0	0	2	100.0%
Web Browser Management and DNS Filtering (BM)	2	0	0	2	100.0%
Phishing Prevention and Awareness (PP)	3	0	0	3	100.0%
Network Perimeter Monitoring (NM)	3	1	0	4	75.0%



RRA - Reports

Local Installation

CSET Tools Resource Library ? Help

< Prepare ? Assessment Results

- ▼ Prepare
 - Assessment Configuration
 - Assessment Information
 - Maturity Models
 - Ransomware Readiness Tutorial
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 - Assessment Tiers
 - Performance Summary
 - Reports
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Reports

Ransomware Readiness Assessment

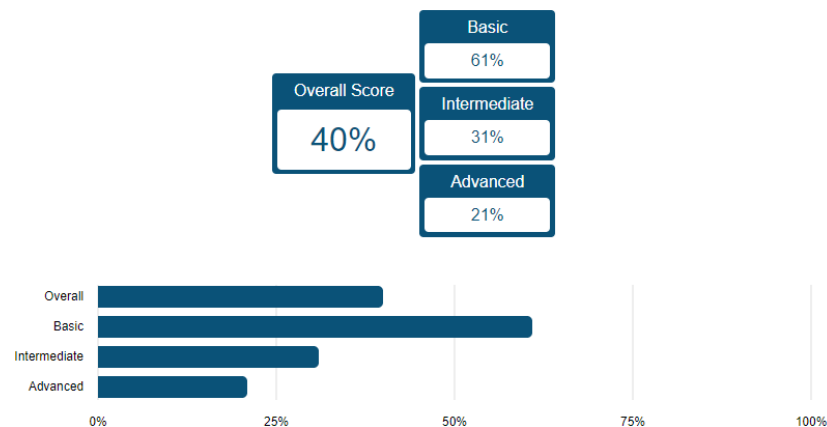
- RRA Report
- RRA Deficiency Report
- Comments and Marked for Review
- Observations Tear-Out Sheets

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The RRA Report

Percentage of Practices Performed



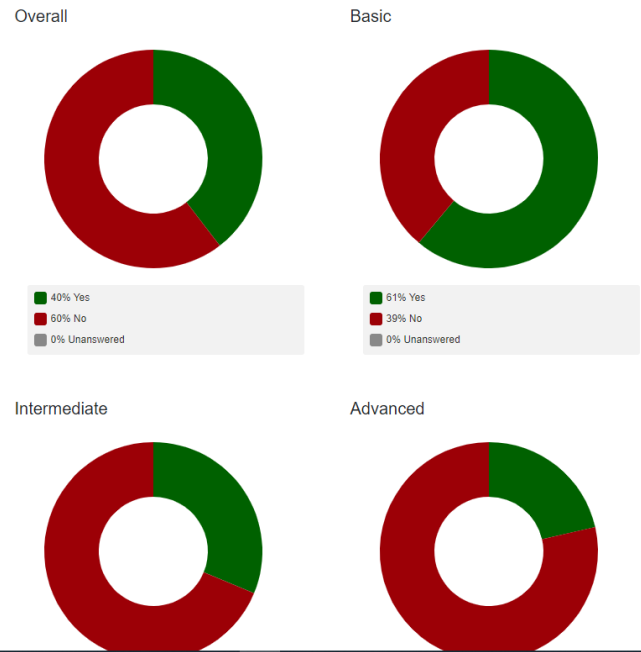
Scores are calculated as the percentage of "Yes" answers.

Percentage of Practices Performed by Goal



RRA Performance Summary

These charts represent the answer distribution overall and across all tiers.



RRA Report - References

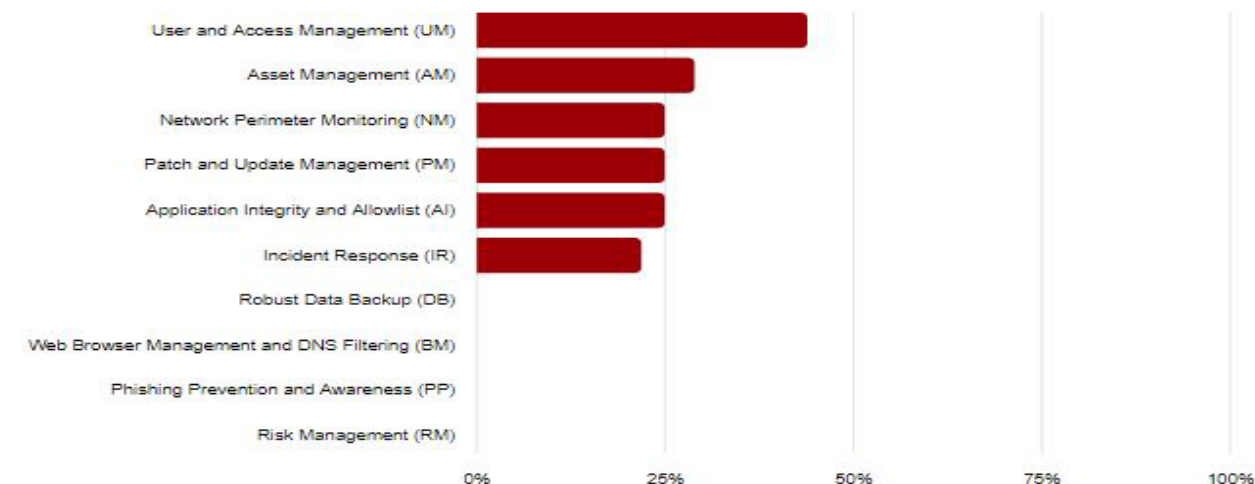
AI:I.Q03	Is the Allowlist organized by software publisher, and is that list used to allow only approved software to run on organizational systems?	<p>NIST SP 800-167: Allowlisting: For more information on allowlists, this publication is intended to assist organizations in understanding the basics of application allowlisting. It also explains planning and implementation for allowlisting technologies throughout the security deployment lifecycle.</p> <p>NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations: This publication provides a catalog of security and privacy controls for information systems and organizations to protect organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation from a diverse set of threats and risks, including hostile attacks, human errors, natural disasters, structural failures, foreign intelligence entities, and privacy risks. CM-7 (5)</p> <p>CIS Controls Version 8: The CIS Controls are a prioritized set of Safeguards to mitigate the most prevalent cyber-attacks against systems and networks. They are mapped to and referenced by multiple legal, regulatory, and policy frameworks.</p>
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RRA Deficiency Report

Suggested Areas for Improvement

The goals in the assessment are ranked in order of deficiency with goals having fewer satisfied practices ranked higher in the chart. The bar graph reflects the percentage of practices for each goal that are answered "No" or are left unanswered.



Deficiencies

Marked for Review - 

NM:A.Q04	Has the organization established a baseline of network traffic and is it used to identify anomalous activity?	No
AM:A.Q04	Does the organization quarantine and/or remove all rogue hardware?	No
AM:A.Q07	Does the organization manage system configurations using security hardening guides?	No



Download CSET / RRA on GitHub and take RRA

Download via GitHub

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- [Security Evaluation Tool \(CSET®\) | CISA](#)

Questions?

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The screenshot displays the GitHub release page for "Ransomware Readiness Assessment CSET v10.3". The page includes a sidebar with "Releases" and "Tags" tabs, showing the latest release v10.3.0.0. The main content area provides details about the release, including the download link for "CSETStandAlone.exe", the SHA256 hash, and the file path. Below this, there is a section titled "Accessing the Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA)" with instructions on how to use the RRA. A screenshot of the CSET application interface is also shown, featuring a "My Assessments" table with columns for Assessment Name, Last Modified, Primary Assessor, and Status. The table lists an assessment named "Test 1" created on 27-Aug-2019 by "Your Username".

Ransomware Readiness Assessment CSET v10.3

The download the installer file

Download CSETStandAlone.exe

Algorithm : SHA256
Hash : D288694B6FAE40B260FF4431BD8D74A2B5CA1D773947103B47D9807FA12454F
Path : CSETStandAlone.exe

Accessing the Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA)

To use the RRA first follow the CSET installation instructions to properly install CSET.

Then do the following:

1. Login or start the CSET application
2. Start a new assessment

CSET Tools Resource Library Help Your Username

My Assessments

New Assessment Import

Assessment Name	Last Modified	Primary Assessor	Status
Test 1	27-Aug-2019	Your Username	Remove Export

