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Cybersecurity concerns have never been higher with the recently [alleged use of cyber-attacks](#) against the United States from China and the [largest DDoS attack in history](#) occurring only a few weeks ago in the UK.

Q: Which forms of cyberattacks are public sector agencies most susceptible to right now?

Q: What are we missing (as a country) in our own cyber defense systems today in order to better prevent infiltration?

Q: What would you say are key elements in the roadmap to building a more secure infrastructure from these attacks?

Additionally, I believe we need to always keep in mind that attack vectors generally equate to vulnerabilities and these can be either IT based or human based. It only takes one un-patched system, or one click on a link to start a breach event.

A: I believe this is a great first start, and it appears that from recent legislative activity, the "teeth" to create impact seem to be growing. Symantec is actively working with NIST on the framework to support the Executive Order.

A: I believe these two initiatives support quite a bit of commonality at the baseline. You really cannot have a cohesive cyber-security framework without a strong share of information. The combination of defining the framework, as NIST is currently working on, along with the appropriate legislation to support major components of such a framework should equate to a stronger cyber defense position.

A: Instead of giving you the Symantec commercial, I'll provide ways we believe we are helping. We are very active with many government agencies as well as many of the "policy" agencies. We also ensure the security within our products in many cases by taking products through the appropriate certifications and validations, such as Common Criteria and FISP 140-2.

A: The short answer is very much. Mobile device, especially "smart" devices, now have their own set of new vulnerabilities within our recent Internet Security Threat Report. And there are hundreds of them that have been identified.

You can connect with John (@Bordwine on Twitter) at this year's Summit on May 9 in Washington, D.C. Join the conversation on Twitter by following #SymcGTS and connect with Symantec's public sector team at @SymantecGov.

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