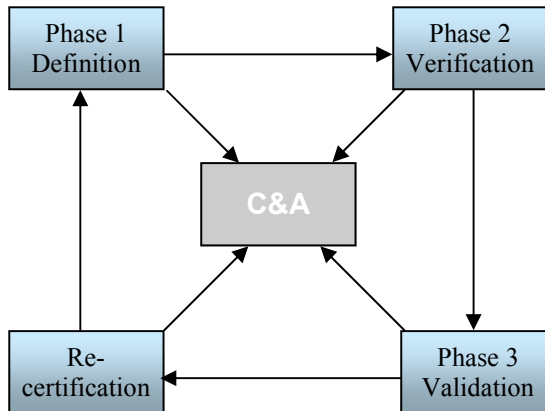




Certification and Accreditation

Exalt Integrated Technologies Certification and Accreditation (C&A) consulting practice provides a multi-discipline approach to addressing one of the most critical concerns of the Federal Government; the security of the Information Technology infrastructure. The framework for C&A in the Department of Defense is the Defense Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and for the civilian agencies the framework is defined by the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). Exalt has assimilated both frameworks into a methodology that allows us to efficiently develop the supporting documentation and security/vulnerability testing. The framework is summarized in the diagram below:



A key component in our approach to C&As is to develop a thorough understanding of our customers business processes. We, first, develop institution knowledge of our customers so that C&As can be performed efficiently and incorporated into the organization's business processes. This facilitates the quick turnaround on future C&As. We specialize in tailoring the process to meet our customers specific needs, schedule and budget.

Benefits:

- Efficient C&A production
- Full suite of C&A documentation
- Incorporated into business process
- DITSCAP
- DIACAP
- NIST/FISMA



What We Do:

- Security Categorization of Information and Information Systems
- Security Policy and Guidance
- Threat classification
- Risk Assessment
- Security Requirements analysis
- Control Identification and Verification
- Security Testing and Evaluation Plan and Report
- IT Contingency Planning
- Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, and Continuity of Operations Plans
- Configuration Management Plan
- Mitigation Planning
- Operational authorization (Certification and Accreditation letter)

Why we are different:

Exalt brings together a team of specialist with complementary skills to a C&A project. We look at each system, network or application as being unique with its own unique problems, issues and environment. We have a detailed understanding of the accreditation standard and its requirements. We look into the weaknesses as well as the strengths of a system. And Exalt provides effective project management and communication.

Exalt employs best of breed tools to automate the discovery and testing of systems, networks and applications. We scan systems, networks and applications for vulnerabilities and compliance. The results of the scans and test are provided in an easy to understand report. We then bring all of the documentation together in the final Certification and Accreditation deliverable.

The need for C&A.

Certification and accreditation is mandated by Congress in the Federal Information Security Management Act.

The Department of Defense has its regulations that require certification and accreditation also.

The threats to our critical infrastructures are increasing daily.

We must remain vigilant.

