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ASD Essentials series

Reading guide

Essentials

Find the right ASD Essentials publication

The ASD Essentials series includes overview publications, environment-specific chapters and supplemental publications. Use this guide to find the publications relevant to your role and what you are trying to achieve.

Understand ASD Essentials

Overview publications

Start here if you are new to ASD Essentials, need to understand the change or are responsible for governing its adoption.

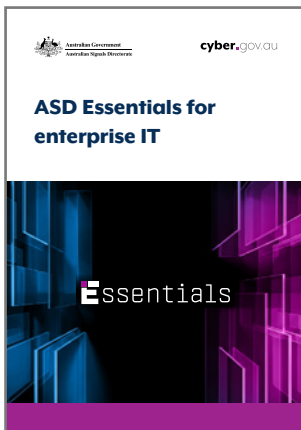
Publication:	Best for:
What is the Essentials?	Anyone new to the series
The case for change	Executives, boards and those accountable for cyber security investment
The Essentials for senior executives	Boards, accountable authorities and senior executives
Which chapter should I start with?	Guidance for organisations that operate a mix of technology environments
AI considerations within the Essentials	Those governing or considering the adoption of AI

Apply ASD Essentials to your environment

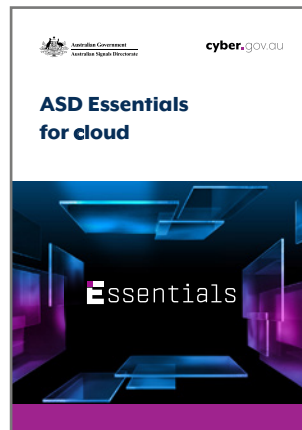
ASD Essentials series chapters

Use the chapter relevant to your environment.

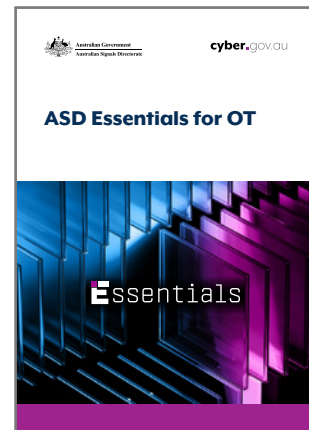
Further chapters may be added as the series covers additional environments.



enterprise IT



cloud

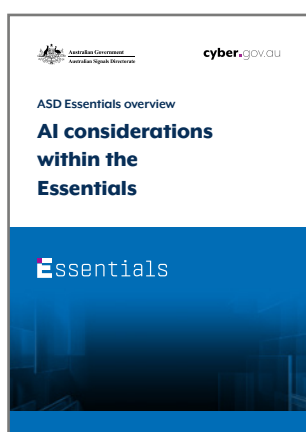


operational technology

Understand, transition, plan and assess

Supplemental publications

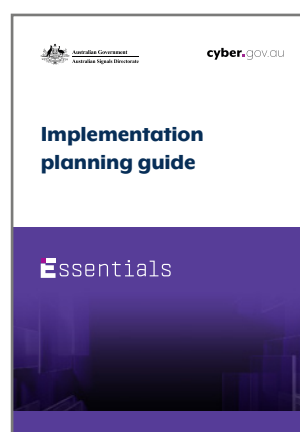
Use these publications with the relevant ASD Essentials series chapter when transitioning, planning or assessing your cyber security framework.



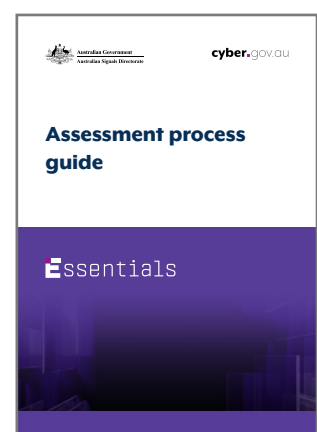
Understand



Transitional



Plan



Assess

Which publication do I need?

Use this quick reference table to find the publication you are searching for.

If you want to...	Start with...
Understand what ASD Essentials is	What is the Essentials?
Understand why ASD has moved beyond the Essential Eight	The case for change
Understand what senior leaders need to know	The Essentials for senior executives
Determine which environment-specific chapter applies	Which chapter should I start with?
Understand how AI relates to ASD Essentials	AI considerations within the Essentials
Apply ASD Essentials to an environment	The relevant Essentials chapter
Plan implementation	Relevant chapter and Implementation planning guide
Assess implementation	Relevant chapter and Assessment process guide
Transition from the Essential Eight	Transitioning from the Essential Eight

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