xAPI Cybersecurity

IEEE Learning Technology Standards Committee P9274.4.2 Working Group

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How do systems and applications in a learning environment securely share xAPI data?



xAPI will soon be an IEEE global standard.

It is in the 9274 suite of the LTSC portfolio.



Easter Egg...

"9274" = "xAPI"



xAPI Cybersecurity = P9274.4.2 Working Group.

P9274.4.2 Purpose

To provide cybersecurity guidance to technical implementers of xAPI.



Includes best practices in:

- xAPI implementation
- LRS communication
- Mitigations of common cybersecurity issues
- Cybersecurity lifecycle



Common Misconceptions

- xAPI is "different"
- "Security" & "Content Policy" are the same
- Cybersecurity is static



- API Implementation
- LRP-to-LRS communication



- Transport Level Security
- Network Security



- DOS Attack
- Malicious Payload



- Zero-trustComplications
- Certificates



- Profile Server
- Activity Control

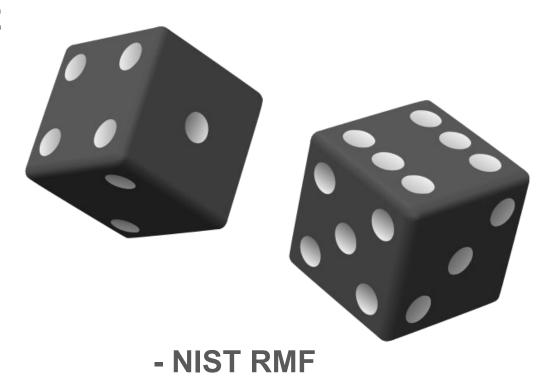


- Lifecycle
- Auditing and Response Practices



Risk Management

- PREPARE
- CATEGORIZE
- SELECT
- IMPLEMENT
- ASSESS
- AUTHORIZE
- MONITOR



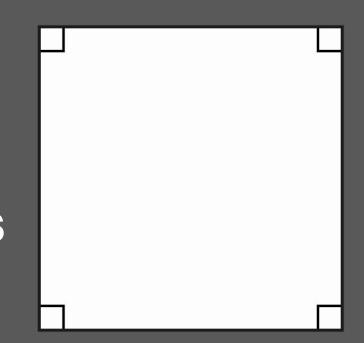
PII: IEEE Approaches

- IEEE P7002 Data Privacy Process
- IEEE P7004 Standard for Child and Student Data Governance
- IEEE P7004.1 Recommended Practices for Virtual Classroom Security, Privacy and Data Governance
- IEEE P7005 Standard for Transparent Employer Data Governance
- IEEE P7012 Standard for Machine Readable Personal Privacy Terms



xAPI Data Conformance

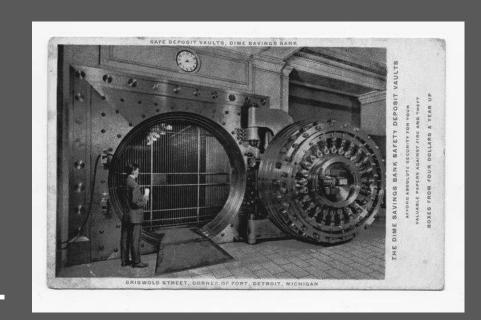
- LRS: ADL Test Suite
- LRP: ADL conformant LRS
- xAPI Profiles: DATASIM





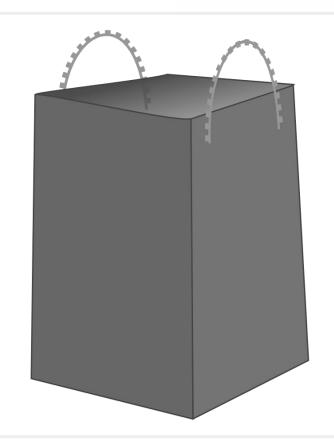
xAPI & DevSecOps

- Open Source Apache
 2.0 SQL LRS is
 available on Platform
 One's Iron Bank
- Find more secure ADL resources there



Take Aways

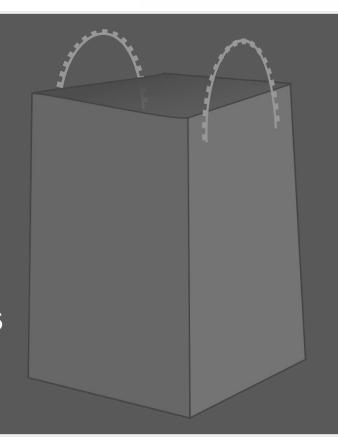
- xAPI fits into common security practices
- Communication between LRP and LRS is foundational





Take Aways

- LRS conformance ensures system integrity
- Secure implementations should leverage capabilities with DevSecOps chops





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