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Program Areas

CSD's work is grouped into five major categories, described below. A more complete listing of research areas is given [here](#).

- [NIST Computer Security - PUBLICATIONS](#)
- **Cryptographic Standards and Applications:**
Focus is on developing cryptographic methods for protecting the integrity, confidentiality, and authenticity of information resources.....
 - [Advanced Encryption Standard \(AES\)](#)
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- **Security Testing:**
Focus is on working with government and industry to establish more secure systems and networks by developing, managing and promoting security assessment tools, techniques, services, and supporting programs for testing, evaluation and validation.....
 - [Automated Security Self-Evaluation Tool \(ASSET\)](#)
 - [Cryptographic Module Validation Program \(CMVP\)](#)
 - [IPSec](#)
 - [National Information Assurance Partnership \(NIAP\)](#)
- **Security Research / Emerging Technologies:**
Focus is on research necessary to understand and enhance the security utility of new technologies while also working to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities.....

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CSD News:

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- **August 25, 2004 --**
Researchers have recently announced they have discovered a new way to break a number of cryptographic hash algorithms. Click [here](#) to read NIST's brief comments on recent cryptanalytic attacks on secure hashing functions and the continued security provided by SHA-1. SHA-1 is one of the hash functions specified in the [Secure Hash Standard](#), Federal Information Processing Standard 180-2.
- **August 25, 2004 --**
NIST invites and requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board ([ISPAB](#)). The call for nominations can be found [here](#). The Board advises the Director of NIST, the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of OMB on information security matters.
- **August 19, 2004 --**
On October 6 and 7, 2004: NIST, with co-sponsorship from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Partnership's Coordinating Committee, will hold a [Common Criteria Users' Forum \(CCUF\)](#) at L'Enfant Plaza in