Pentagon Is All About Risky Business

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One of Defense Department's top senior IT officials laid out the Pentagon's cybersecurity priorities and one theme going forward was risk management.

"We need to recognize, especially in cyber, that we accept risk every day," says Thomas Michelli, acting deputy chief information officer of cybersecurity at DOD. "There are already folks in our networks and systems . . . We have to learn to understand the risk, be risk aware, manage the risk and fight through the risk."

In the next few weeks, DOD is going to publish its cyber strategy, followed by the cybersecurity strategy, both of which support the overall National Defense Strategy, and Michelli called on industry to look at those key documents to help DOD move
forward in the digital realm. They "very much describe what we need to do, what we're trying to do," Michelli says.

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