

# Rating Sheet for the Right Information: Threat Reports

*One of the “golden elements” of good writing is the right information. When reviewing your threat report, use this rating sheet to look for missed opportunities to present the information the readers expect. Put a check by each question that the report answers clearly and specifically.*

## **The key takeaways:**

- What are the most important conclusions about the threat?

## **The threat’s objectives or intent:**

- What IT or data components is the threat intending to harm?
- Is the threat focused on specific geographies, industries, or other demographics?
- What business processes or human targets is the threat pursuing, if any?
- How motivated is the threat actor to achieve the objectives?

## **The threat’s capabilities:**

- What are the threat’s propagation methods?
- What are the mechanics of the threat once it reaches the target?
- How capable is the threat at achieving the objectives?

## **Opportunities for the threat to succeed:**

- How broad is our attack surface?
- How vulnerable are we to the threat’s methods?
- What mitigation measures do we have?
- How effective are our countermeasures?

**The broader threat context:**

- Have we had any incidents related to this or a similar threat?
- How does the threat affect other industry participants?
- Do we have any adversary group, tool name, or other attribution details?

**How to counteract the threat:**

- What steps can reduce the attack surface?
- What countermeasures can help us prevent, detect, and respond to the threat?
- What should we do next, if anything?

**The analysis methodology:**

- What tools and other resources helped with the analysis?
- What data and observations supported the conclusions?
- How certain are we that the analysis is accurate?
- Who participated in the analysis and its review?