

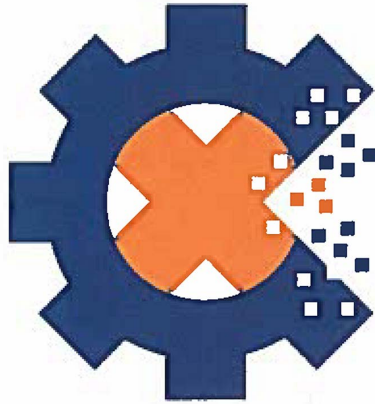
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Introduction to AF CyberWorx

Air Force CyberWorx is a dynamic organization partnering Airmen, industry, and academia to reimagine how technology might enrich and protect our nation, businesses, and lives. As a human-centric design center, we seek out unique ways to connect Air Force warfighters with current and future technology in meaningful ways. We look to transfer, license, and share promising prototypes, solutions, and knowledge with our partners to create value for both the warfighter and the economy as this is the best way toward operational advantage.

Design Thinking at AF CyberWorx

Design thinking is a common sense, human-centered, problem-solving method embraced by industry leaders such as Apple and Google but it's often overlooked in the government sector. The AF CyberWorx design thinking process is a multidisciplinary method that breaks down silos of standard organizational structures. Organizations naturally form structures based on specializations to facilitate deep expertise, but these structures often impede the creativity, collaboration, and knowledge sharing that is vital to innovation.



AF CyberWorx deliberately reaches across specialties to bring diverse perspectives to a problem in a non-threatening environment. This evokes ideas that would otherwise be missed or stifled. The multidisciplinary design approach teases out meaningful solutions that are intuitive and desirable to Airmen.

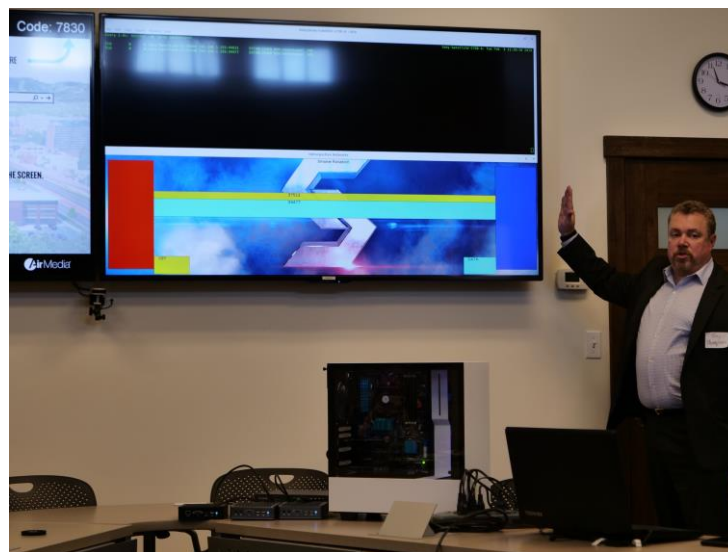
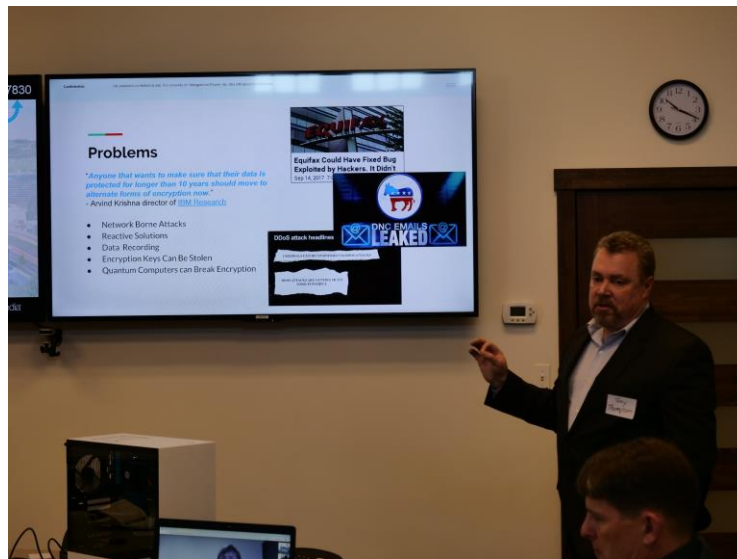
Air Force CyberWorx offers facilitated design thinking sessions that bring industry and academic experts together with stakeholders to develop solutions to hard problems. These sessions are tailored to best meet Air Force needs with differing lengths based on time sensitivity and Air Force CyberWorx capacity.

Air Force CyberWorx was asked by 24th Air Force to facilitate and host a session focused on exploring the technologies and operational use cases of SmokeVPN which is under development by Introspective Networks. Toward that end, AF CyberWorx staff, while working together with the Center for Technology, Research, and Commercialization (C-TRAC) brought together a diverse group of Air Force professionals to examine the technology during a CyberNext™ event.

Design Problem

The design question for the CyberNext event was straightforward: How might we best operationally leverage a VPN system that uses a streaming one-time key protocol and implements port/route hopping.

The group met on 5 February at Catalyst Campus, where key leadership from Introspective Networks provided an overview and answered questions regarding SmokeVPN's technologies and capabilities. Ultimately, the group determined the value proposition in Introspective Network's SmokeVPN lies in its implementation of Streaming Transmission One-time-pad Protocol (STOP) to create a virtually unlimited key size and transfer key data physically and temporally out of synchronization with data streams. This provides protection against not only current cryptanalysis methods but the potential to defend against the future capabilities envisioned by quantum computing. Additionally, SmokeVPN's use of port/route hopping on both key and data streams claim to provide a defense against most traditional network-borne attacks. Introspective Networks closed their presentation with a demonstration of their SmokeVPN in action, a moving target defense, uptime log, and ping latency displayed.



Impact	Tech Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encrypting everything will remove user decision/error and ensure 100% compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Handful” of email servers client software.
Gaps	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration with current system integration with CHES/OWA. Unknown requirement for future AF/DOD cloud infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use technology to encrypt all email using less bandwidth and time.

Enhance Security of critical infrastructure (ICS, SCADA, and other control systems)

The group identified that the Air Force could implement secure, remote, centralized control and monitoring of critical infrastructure across the force. This requires a better way to control and query critical infrastructure systems (not designed or planned to be integrated into the enterprise) while protecting it from adversary effect. This would allow the Air Force to take advantage of disparate, stove-piped data to conduct preventative monitoring and maintenance of critical infrastructure while leveraging automation and facilitating data aggregation/analysis.

Impact	Tech Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables automation and remote operations Trend analysis and predictive MX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPN device at CPE HW/SW at each node Specific adapters/interfaces Authority/Strategy to seal (A4/7) Business case to support/justify
Gaps	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IIP/integration with VPN Validate vendor confidence in VPN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security and performance buy-in Local authority for test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID permission-granting authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify use case local to 24AF Seek authority/permission to test Build support among A4/A7 communities for test of initial system and automation/data-driven management Execute test and conduct analysis for expanded use

Enhance Security of Legacy Weapon Systems

Many legacy weapon systems were built as their own isolated enclave and do not have the innate security required to allow greater networking and collaboration between echelons and across service components. The Air Force needs a way to secure cyber weapon systems data so that

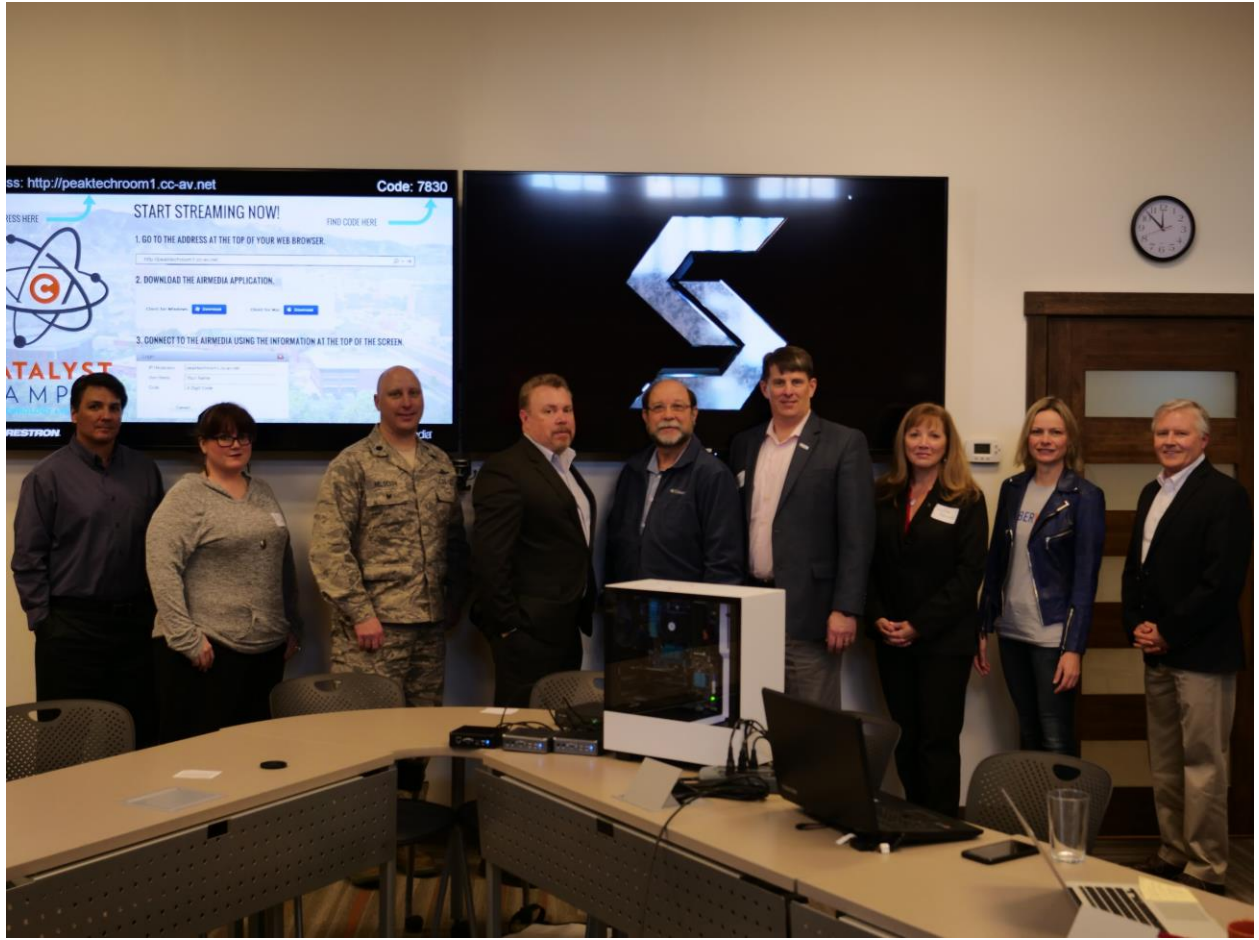
remoted operations data can be securely linked to/from Garrison. This will benefit Air Force Cyber by providing a high speed, secure link between remote and central locations.

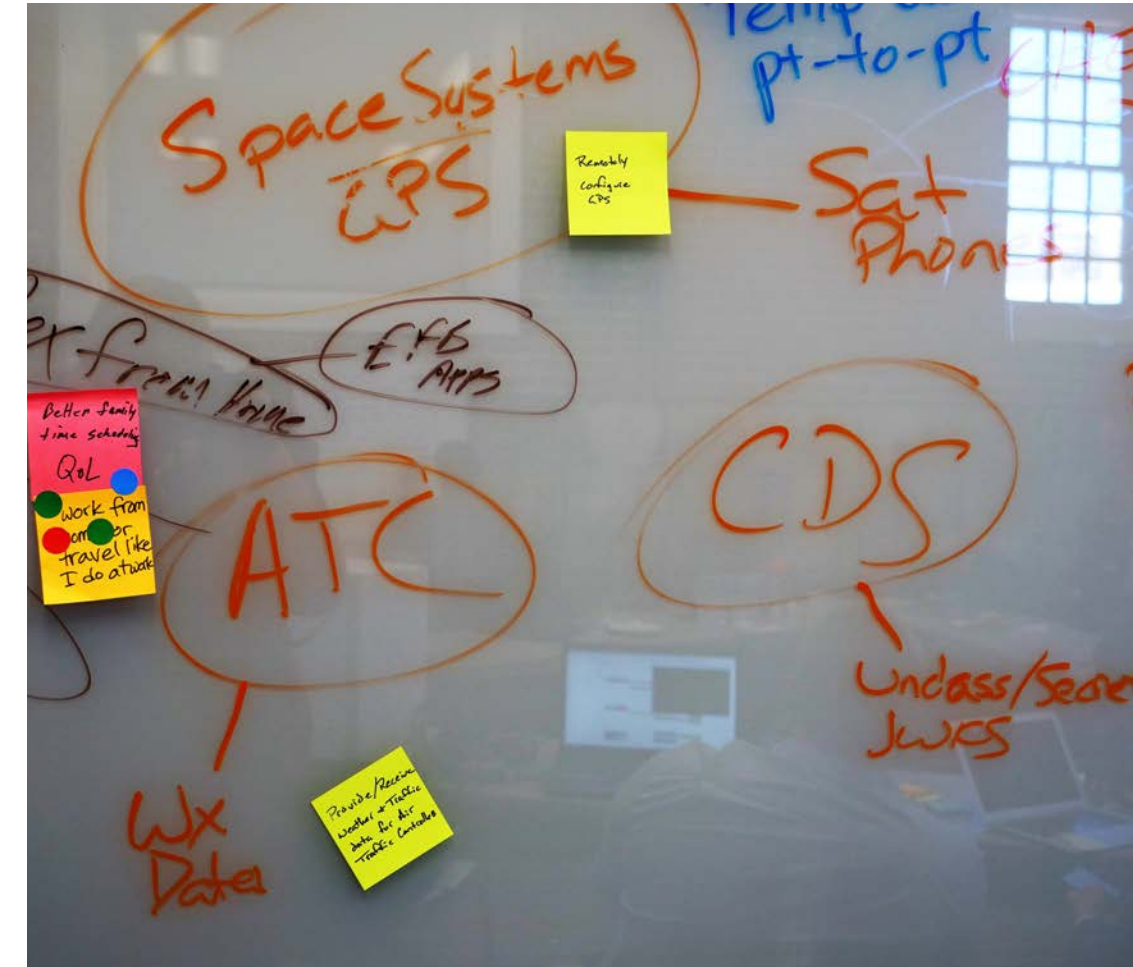
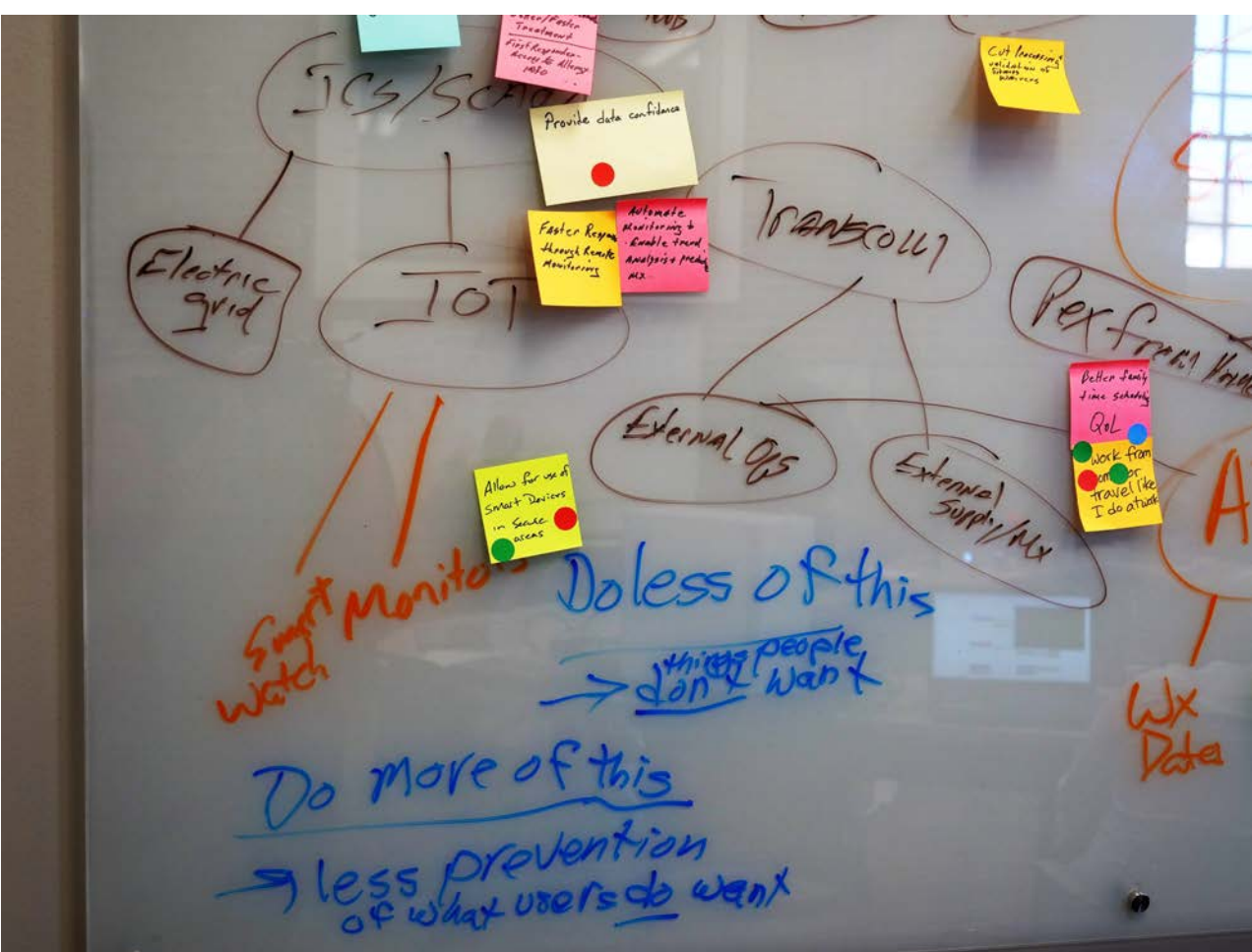
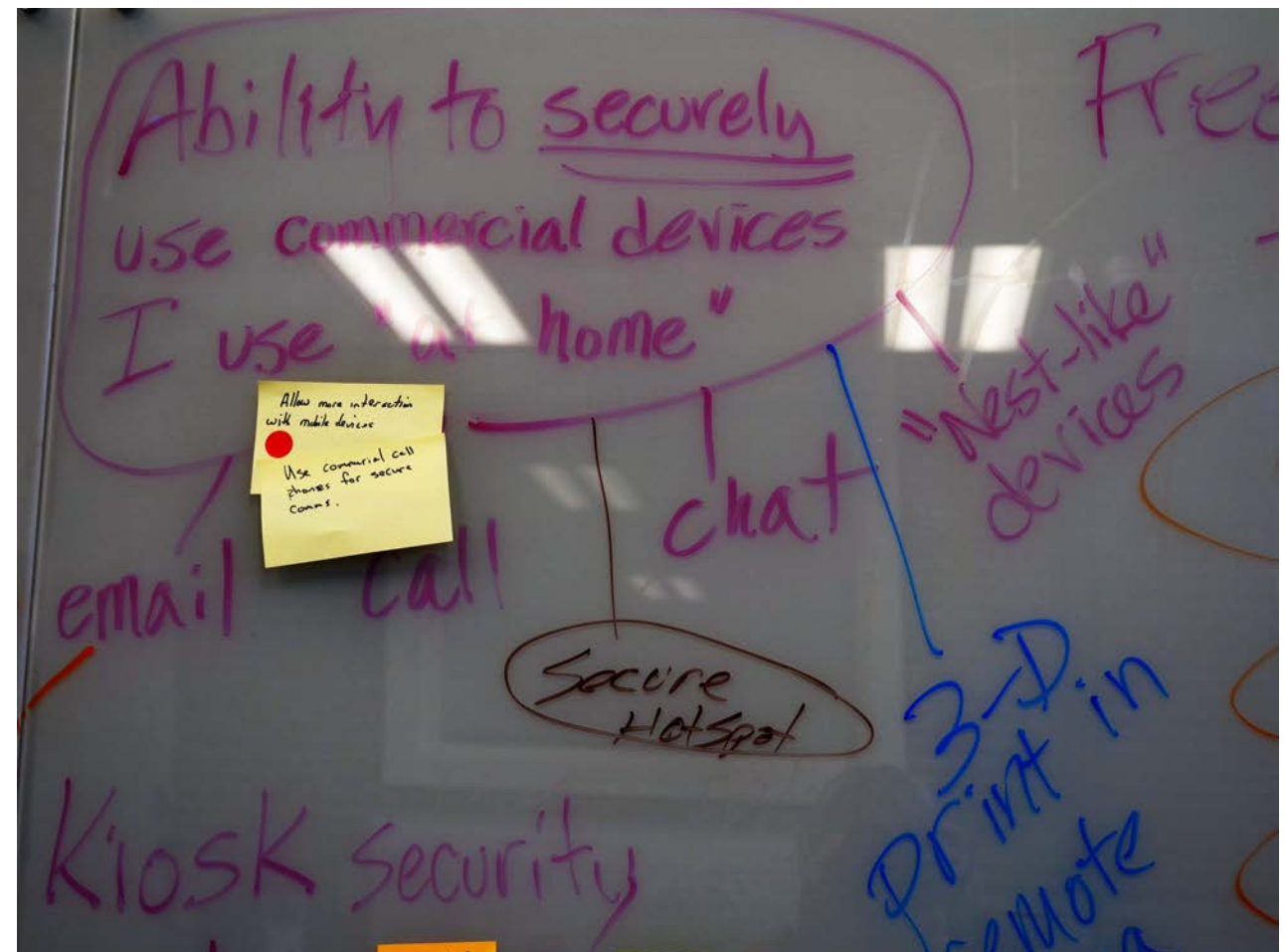
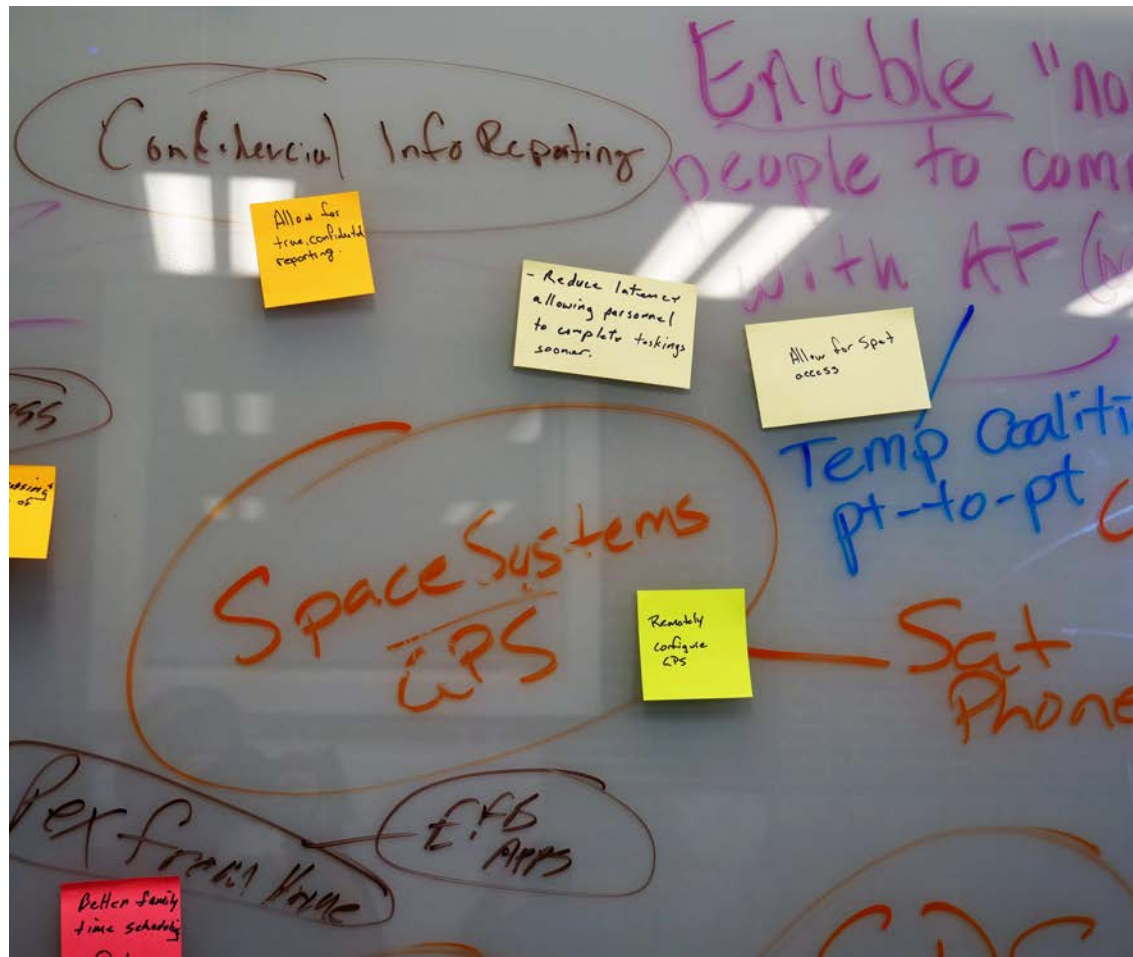
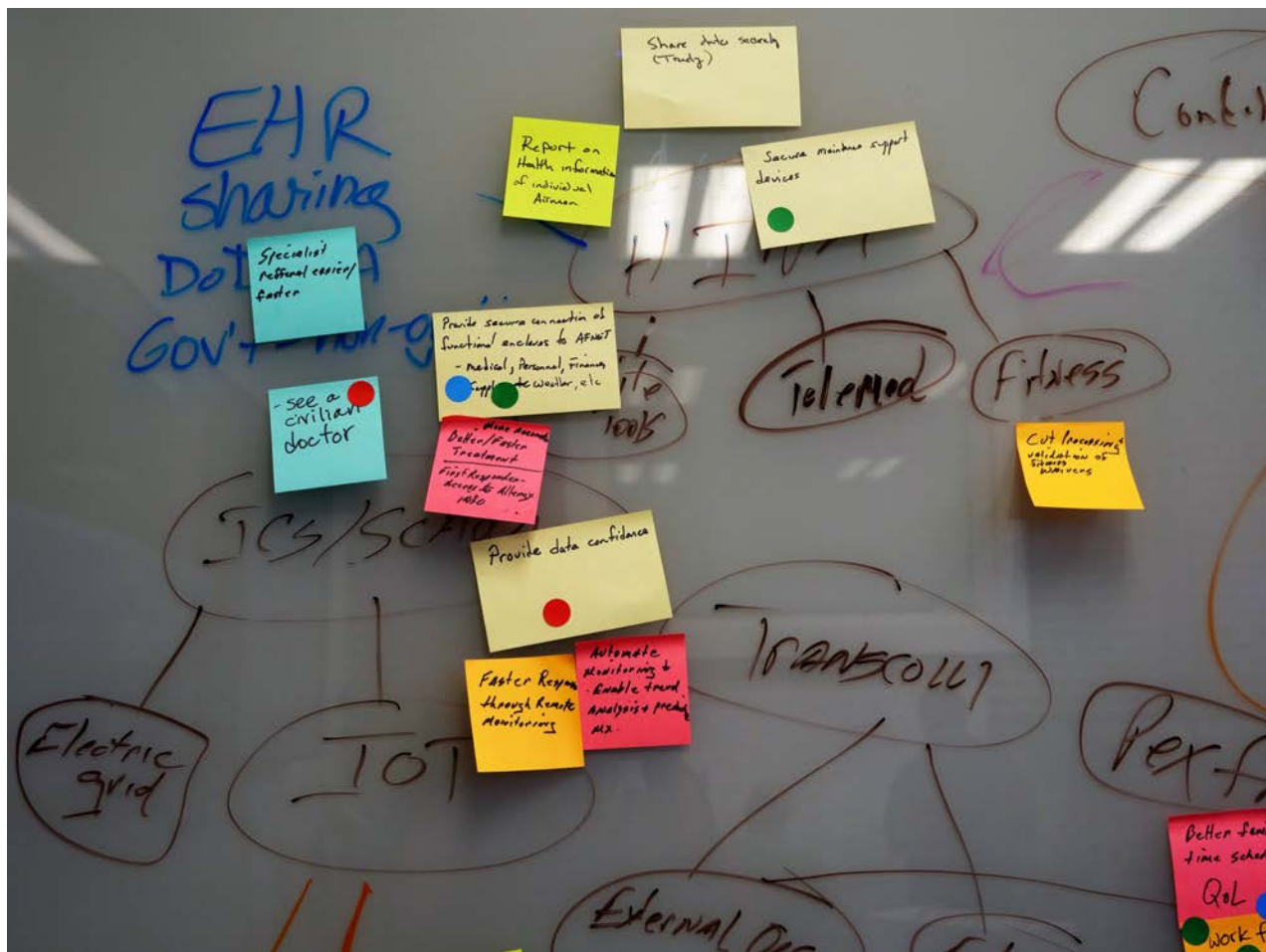
Impact	Tech Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greater transfer rate ● More reliable/secure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limited scope (base to base) ● Smoke Wall
Gaps	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AFNet policies/capabilities ● Interim Authority to Test ● CPT or Weapon Systems ● Contracting Vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work through the gap analysis problems and find ways to address them

Next Steps

Introspective Network’s presentation of SmokeVPN demonstrated its functionality and explained the key attributes of its technology that make it different from other communications security technologies. The group’s exploration of these capabilities produced a large number of opportunities to enhance the Air Force mission with significant and enduring impact. The three specifically explored use cases could serve as the foundation for further operational testing of the system. Since this is already a commercially viable solution, Air Force CyberWorx recommends the following:

1. The solution be technically evaluated to:
 - a. Confirm security viability in an Air Force operating environment.
 - b. Confirm the stated benefits of the technology are realized in an operational environment.
2. Determination of ROI based on results of technical tests in #1.
3. Select use case and execute pilot deployment if ROI is positive.





Free me of hauling this (KG) encryption

Lighter/Easier Combat Load

- reduce my "field kit" I have to carry

Communicate in an environment

- do the "cool stuff" I see on TV or in movies

Cultural Change

ICS

ECS

SCADA

Logistics

Remove The Need To Maudit Network Attacks

- Eliminate forensic saving

Less time

hauling → SOF CA Teams

Lighter/Easier Combat Load

- reduce my "field kit" I have to carry

Communicate in contested environment

- do the "cool stuff" I see on TV or in movies

use VPN Tech & Forwardly

- secure things not secure

Secure lightweight Drones for AFSoC, ISR, Cyber effects

- use the latest commercial app

Talk Securely in the field

- Can help or support in combat

Logistics

Security

A9

TRANSCom

AMC

Remove The Need To Maudit Network Attacks

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Remove the need for a physically secure location.

Remotely access Domain Controllers

Reduce sec controls (proxies, etc.)

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- Eliminates/reduces forensic investigations saving manpower.

Less time Documentaries/validating controls

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Remotely access Domain Controllers

DCs

Supply Chain, Sec

- reduce? tools

USCOM
time

Less time
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saving manpower

SANs

} - reduce?
tests

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Supply Chain, Sec

VPN OPS

Less DV
support
calls

- VPN setup/tear down
now automatic. Reduces
human error.

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Enable "non-AF" people to communicate with AF (because now securable)

Ability to use commercial I use "at"

Space Systems

Temp coalition pt-to-pt CHES

Sat Phones

email

Kiosk security

CDS

Unclass/Secret JWCS

CAC ISSUANCE

Biometric Security

ATC

Smart monitors
Water
Do less of this
→ things people don't want

Do more of this
→ less prevention of what users do want

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Ability to securely use commercial devices I use "at home"

Allow more interaction with mobile devices
Use commercial cell phones for secure comm.

email call

chat

Secure Hotspot

"Nest-like" devices

3-D Print in remote area

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Lighten/lean combat load

SOF CA Teams

Reducing remediation recovery

Reduce sec controls (proxies, etc.)

SANs } - reduce? tools
DCs }

Supply Chain, Sec

VPN OPS

Kiosk security

↓
CAC issuance

Biometric Security

- validate an identity remotely

Allow for centralized workflow

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TSA Pre (Reduce Travel)

Remove the need for a physically secure location.

Remotely access Domain Controllers

Remove the need to protect Network A Hacks

Less time, Documentation/Validation Controls

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- do the "cool stuff" I see on TV or in movies

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