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## First U.S. Public Cyber Security Training Facility Opens In Baltimore

New facility will address cybersecurity skills gap in the region, leveraging simulation training to equip cybersecurity professionals with the skills required to combat today's threats



### EARN Maryland Initiative added \$4M for Fiscal Year 2018 Cybersecurity Training

**BALTIMORE, MD**—The Baltimore Cyber Range opened a few days ago in Spark Baltimore, a co-working center just north of the Inner Harbor. Governor Larry Hogan (in photo with proclamation) and Mayor Catherine Pugh (center) announced the center's creation during the state's trade mission to Israel last September.

The Baltimore Cyber Range is powered by Cyberbit's Range Platform, a cybersecurity simulation and training environment that enables security teams to train in realistic settings. This hands-on experience expands cyber professionals' knowledge base and enhances their skills to keep pace with evolving cyber threats. In addition, the training offered through the Baltimore Cyber Range promotes team building and enables cyber teams to respond more quickly and more effectively to complex and advanced attacks.

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## President Elevates Cyber Command to Unified Combatant Command

**WASHINGTON, DC** — This week, the White House initiated the process to elevate U.S. Cyber Command to a unified combatant command (UCC).

The elevation of the command demonstrates the increased U.S. resolve against cyberspace threats and will help reassure allies and partners and deter adversaries, the statement said. The elevation also will help to streamline command and control of time-sensitive cyberspace operations by consolidating them under a single commander with authorities commensurate with the importance of those operations and will ensure that critical cyberspace operations are adequately funded, the statement said.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is examining the possibility of separating U.S. Cyber Command from the National Security Agency (NSA), and is to announce his recommendations at a later date.

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