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19. Why is developing a competency framework for privacy management and data sharing (PMDS) such a 'heavy lift' (noting that we use competency at the level of a role, such as privacy officer and compliance lead, and capabilities at the level of an organization)?

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 – an obvious starting point for a PMDS competency framework – is very complex and it is risk-based, not proactive (baking in good practices). Moreover, people have varying conceptions of what constitutes a good PMDS competency framework. It is up to organizations to decide that risk is sufficiently low, and the fact that they made decisions is considered good enough. For example, competency may be conducting audits, but the frequency and depth of audits are hard to prescribe.

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