



INFORMATION-RELATED CAPABILITIES: CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS

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[Cyberspace operations](#) (CO) are defined as “the employment of cyberspace capabilities where the primary purpose is to achieve objectives in or through cyberspace.”¹ CO use specific cyberspace capabilities to create effects that support operations across all domains. In contrast, [information operations](#) (IO) integrates [information-related capabilities](#) (IRCs) with its focus on the decision making of adversaries and allies alike. When employed in support of IO, CO include offensive and defensive capabilities exercised through cyberspace, as an integrated aspect of a larger effort to affect the information environment. CO may be employed independently or in conjunction with other IRCs to create effects in the adversary’s battle space and ensure US forces’ freedom of maneuver in the information environment.

See Annex 3-12, [Cyberspace Operations](#), for more information.

¹ JP 3-0, [Joint Operations](#).