



# Understanding North Korea's Cyber Strategy

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How does North Korea use cyber means to achieve its political and military objectives? Ever since the Korean War, North Korea's stated foreign policy goal has been to reunify the Korean peninsula under its rule. However, by the 1980s, winning a conventional war on the peninsula had become unrealistic, and the military balance between the North and South had started to shift in favor of the latter.

With the end of the Cold War, Russian and Chinese patronage diminished, while the U.S.-ROK alliance grew stronger. In this strategic context, how does North Korea ensure regime security, deter foreign aggression, and achieve this objective without explicitly taking it by force?...