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## **Board Room Rodeo:**

*How to Align the C-Suite and Make  
Better Security Decisions*

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# Why Survey the C-Suite about Cybersecurity?



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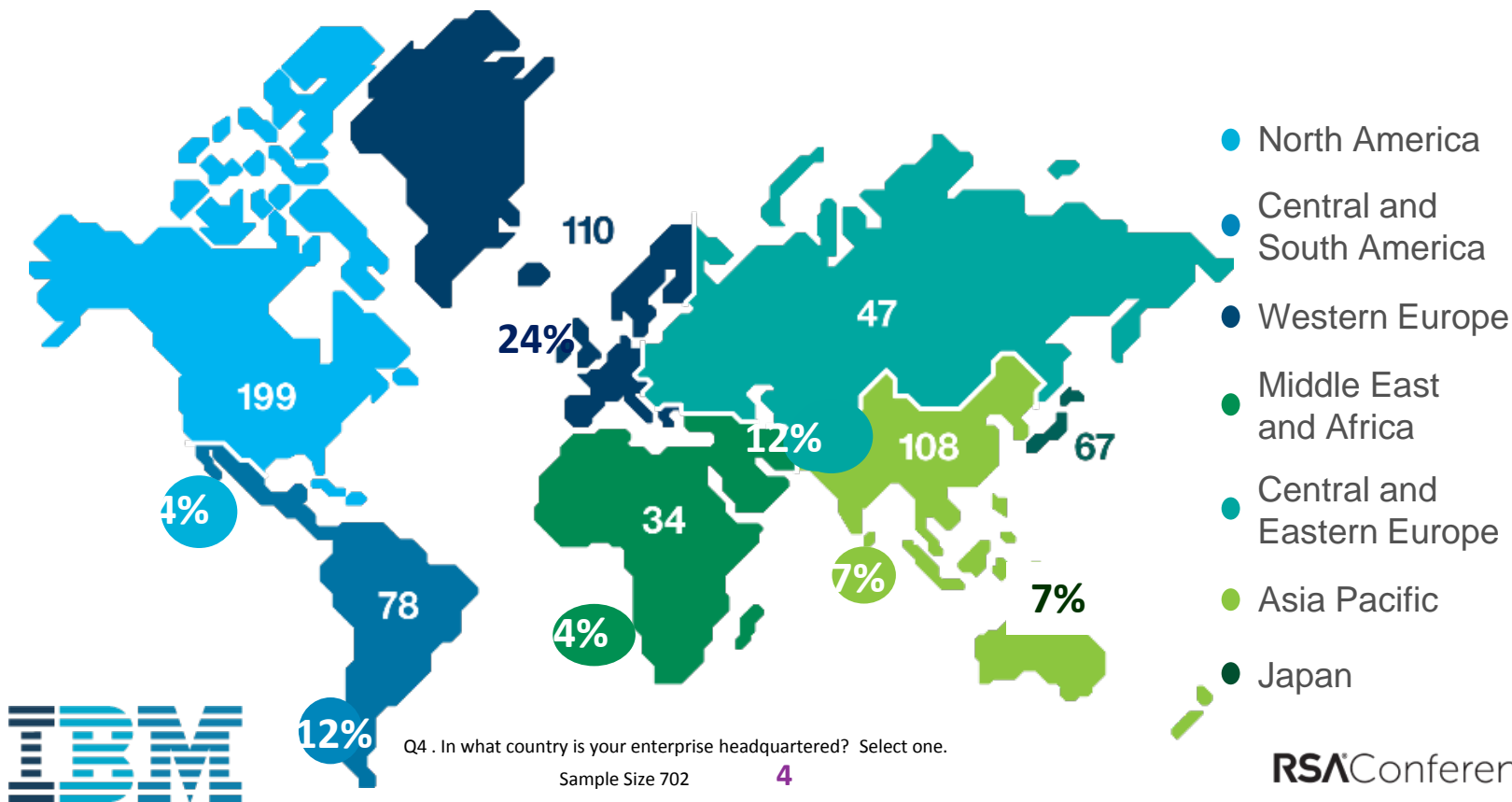
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# 700 C-suite executives, 29 countries, 18 industries



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# 20 questions for all, 3-5 specific to each role



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## Role Specific Examples

### Questions asked across C-suite roles

- 5 Demographic
- 5 Risk awareness
- 5 Capability and preparation
- 5 Governance

### CEO

- Cybersecurity importance relative to other strategic issues
- Willingness to share information (internally and externally)

### CHRO

- Deployed employee education
- Protected critical employee personal sensitive data

### CFO/CRO

- Degree security is incorporated into ERM plans
- Protected critical financial and risk data

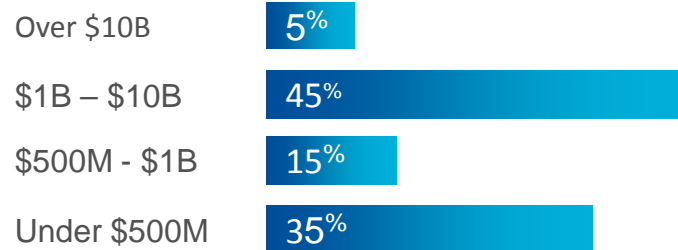


# Balanced across company size and role



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## Company size in \$USD annualized revenue



## C-suite role

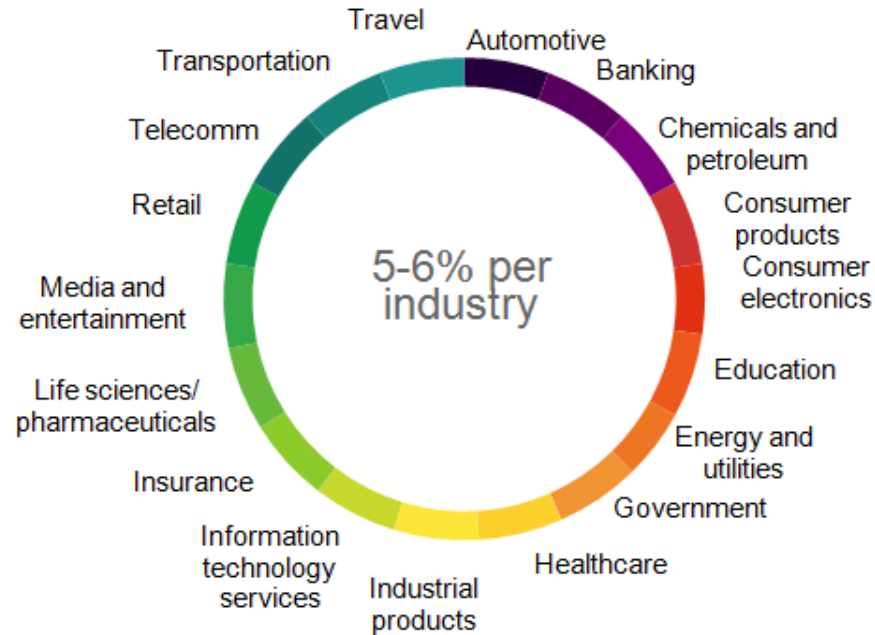


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# Balanced across industry



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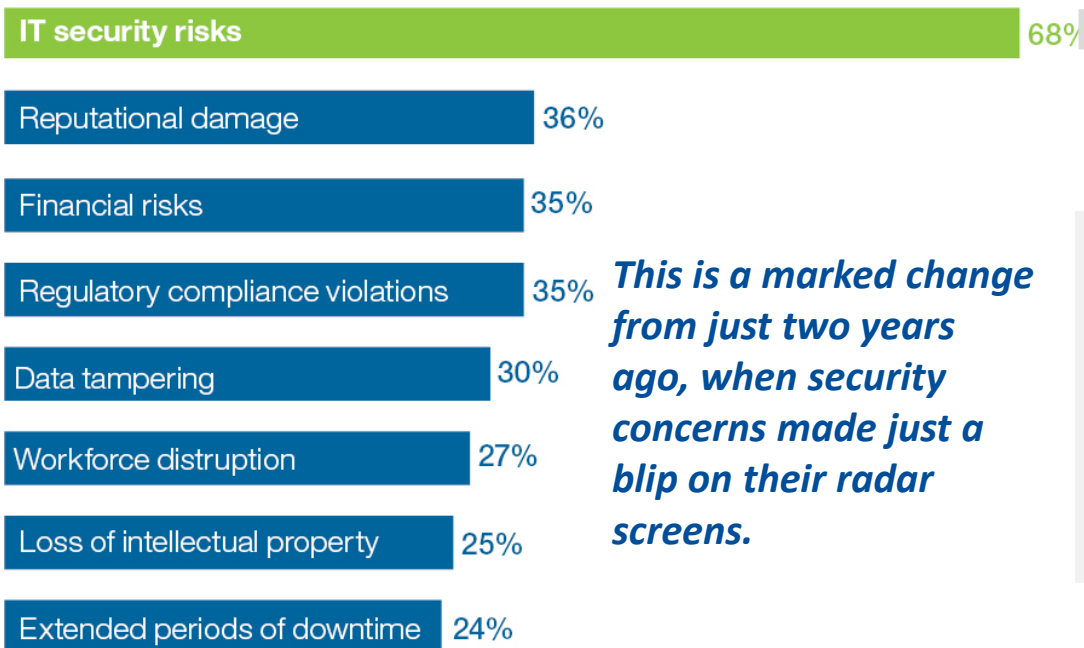


# IT Security Risks are Top of Mind



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## Greatest risks with emerging, disruptive technologies



*This is a marked change from just two years ago, when security concerns made just a blip on their radar screens.*

Disruptive technologies where IT Security risk was selected as #1 Top Concern

- Mobile solutions
- Cloud computing
- Smart, connected (IoT)
- Cognitive computing
- Advanced manufacturing technologies
- Man-machine hybrids



IBM 2015 C-Suite Study: Source: Q1.4 Which of the following technologies will revolutionize your business in 3 to 5 years? [Rank up to 3] cut by Q2.3 Which of the following risks do you think may occur in 3 to 5 years as a result of the technology you ranked #1 in question 1.4? Rake-weighted n=5247

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57% employee-furnished mobile devices



54% social media/channel systems



47% enterprise mobile applications



47% cloud-based applications



42% vendor/partner system integration points



38% data/analytics applications

*The latest “technologies du jour” such as mobile are capturing more Executive level attention, despite the fact that there are, currently, fewer known incidents through these channels than others (e.g. legacy applications, vendor/partner system integration points, network security).*

*Admittedly, legacy infrastructure vulnerabilities remain a top of concern for all. They are exacerbated by emerging technologies (e.g. API Security).*

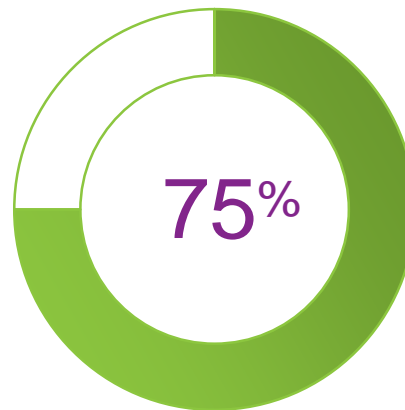
# 75% think a program is important



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% of C-suite indicating cybersecurity plan components are important to extremely important

Weighted average response for whole cybersecurity plan is important to extremely important



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Q12 . How important are the following elements of a cybersecurity plan in each of the areas described below? Please rate each item below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not at all important", 5 being "extremely important", or "Don't know".

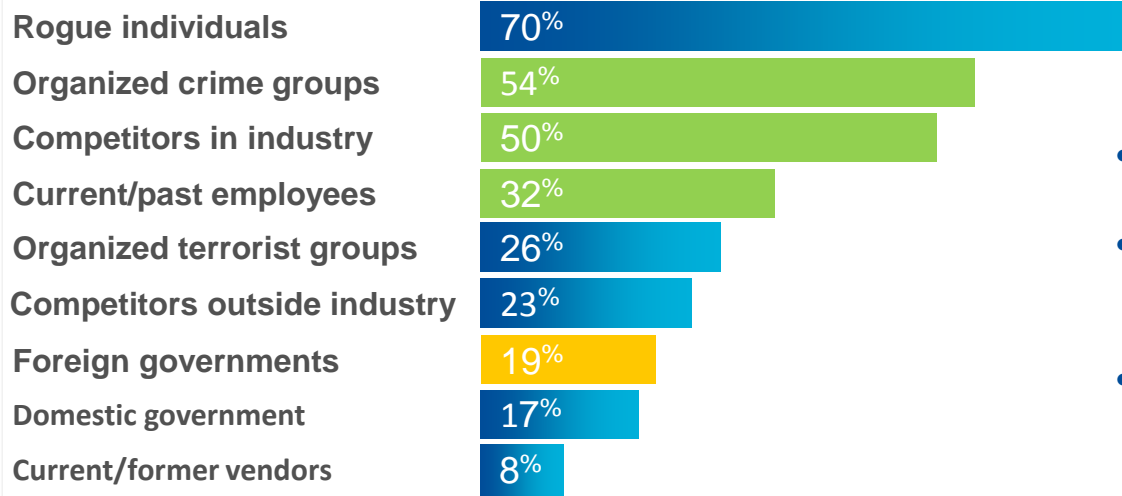


# Do they understand the biggest threats?



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## Riskiest threat actors selected by C-suite respondents



*On average, they overstate the risk from Rogue actors and understate the risk from employees, foreign governments and industrial espionage*

- *80% of material threats arise from organized crime groups<sup>1</sup>*
- *31.5% of data breaches are attributable to malicious insiders (employees, contractors, vendors)<sup>2</sup>*
- *23.5% of data breaches are due to inadvertent actors, (insider errors, non-adherence to policy)<sup>2</sup>*

Sample Size = 702

Q7: Rank the top three entities that you believe represent the most significant threats to Cyber Security for your enterprise, with 1 being most significant.

1: UNODC Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime 2013

2: IBM 2015 Cyber Security Intelligence Index - <https://securityintelligence.com/economic-espionage-the-global-workforce-and-the-insider-threat/>



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# Do as I say, not as I do?



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CEO agreement with need for external collaboration with various groups

% CEOs that agree

Government needs to play stronger role



61%

Industry needs to collaborate more



55%

Cross-border information sharing



53%

CEO reticence to participate in sharing incident information with them



Sample Size = 87

Q2 – CEO: To what extent are you willing to disclose Cyber Security incidents with the following stakeholders on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not at all and 5 being extensively. Externally = Vendors, Regulators, Industry Competitors, Third Party Security Experts

Q3-CEO: On the following Cyber Security related actions, please indicate if you agree or disagree with each statement

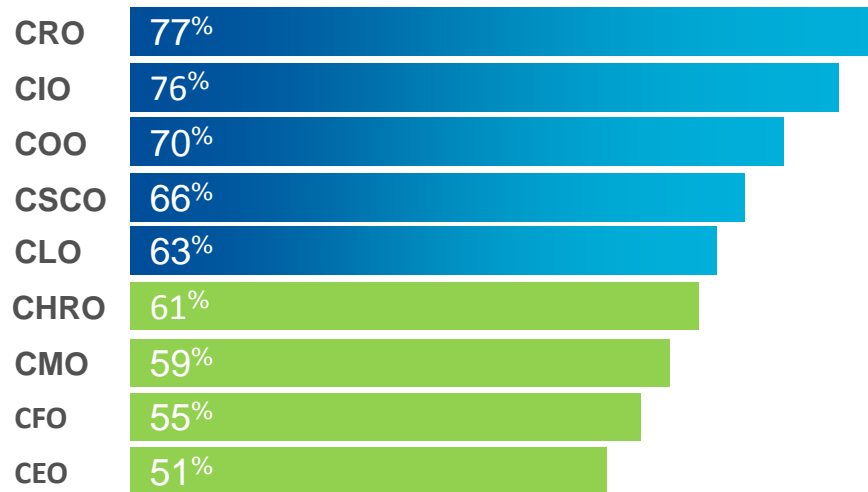


# CEO: Least confident about the strategy

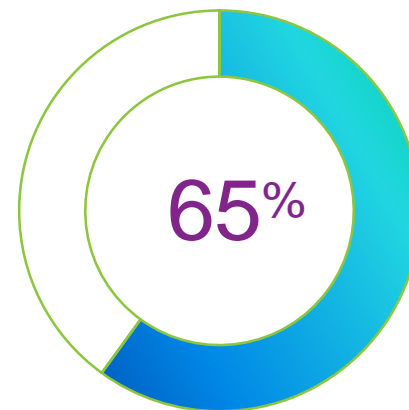


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% C-suite respondents by role that report the cybersecurity strategy of their company is well established



C-suite average response that the cybersecurity strategy of their company is well established



# Key roles low on engagement

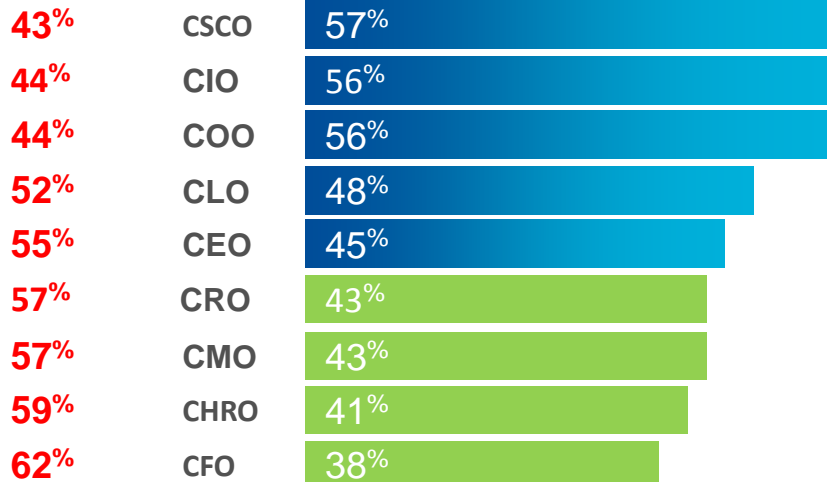


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% C-suite respondents by role that report they are very engaged in security threat management discussions

Low to No Engagement

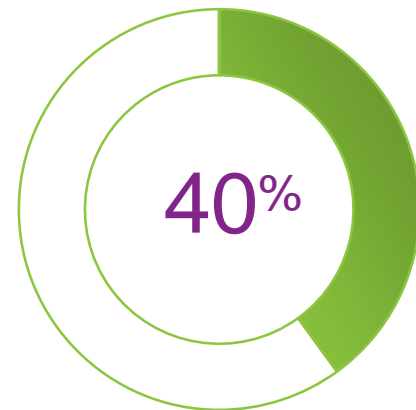
High Engagement



% of C-suite agree cybersecurity plan incorporates C-suite collaboration



% of C-suite highly engaged in cybersecurity threat management





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## 3 Strategic components:

- Q10.1 Evaluating potential security issues across all initiatives (C-Suite collaboration)
- Q10.2 Identifying critical enterprise data (the Crown Jewels)
- Q10.3 Developing an effective response plan in the event of a breach (internal & external)

## 4 Tactical components:

- Q13.1 Prevention: Having necessary prevention practices and tools in place
- Q 13.2 Detection: Deploying continuous monitoring & detection tools
- Q13.3 Response: Implementing a comprehensive response plan
- Q13.4 Remediation: Implementing remediation plans to strengthen security

***We asked respondents how they have prepared strategically and tactically along these factors and used responses to these questions to see if clusters emerged, by capability.***

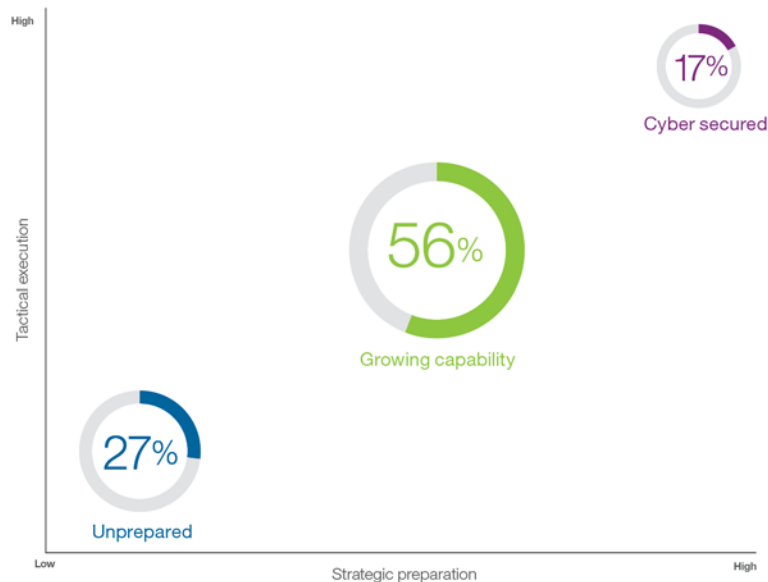


# Analysis clusters



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*Cybersecurity C-suite capability model*



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Q10. To what extent has your organization established and implemented Cyber Security plans and capabilities across your enterprise? Please rate each item below [Strategic Plan, Data Protected, Response Plan ready] , on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 “Not at all”, 5 being “Extensively”



Q13 . Considering your entire enterprise, how effective are current Cyber Security plans in each of the areas described below [Prevention, Detection, Response, Remediation]? Please rate each item below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 “Not at all effective”, and 5 being “extremely effective”

# Have a CISO



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Have established an office of information security and appointed a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

**79%**

Cybersecured

**32%**

Growing capability

**29%**

Unprepared





C-suite collaboration built into cybersecurity plan (governance)

**67%**

Cybersecured

**34%**

Growing capability

**10%**

Unprepared



# Promote transparency & communication



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Cybersecurity is a regular topic on the board meeting agenda

**56%**

Cybersecured

**27%**

Growing capability

**10%**

Unprepared



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- Help CxOs understand the risks
- Collaborate, educate, empower
- Manage risk with vigilance and speed

Only connect  
E.M. Forster  
Live in fragments no longer.



# Learn more about the study: Securing the C-Suite



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## The view from the top

Securing the C-Suite: How C-Suite executives can stay ahead of the security curve

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### IBM Report: Securing the C-suite

Why the C-suite should care about cybersecurity

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in total revenue

**25**

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