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## Transforming from Techie to Security Leader



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# Today's Objective:

1. The **Evolution** of the Cybersecurity Leader (CISO/VP/Dir/Mgr Information Security)
2. The **Skills** Required of this guy person
3. The Job **Opportunity**



67% of CISOs believe their organizations  
are more likely to fall victim to a cyber  
attack or data breach this year

- Ponemon Institute, "What CISOs Worry About in 2018"

# DATA BREACH





**SOLUTION: We Recruit a**

**CISO**

**Chief Information Security Officer**

# CISO Job Description

- The CISO position requires a visionary leader with sound knowledge of business management and cybersecurity technologies covering the corporate network and the broader digital ecosystem. As the organization's senior IT security officer, the CISO has enterprise-level responsibility for all data/information security policies, standards, evaluations, roles, and organizational awareness. The CISO is responsible for the establishment and overall management of the information security program for the company, and must proactively work with business units and ecosystem partners to implement practices that meet agreed-on policies and standards for information security. He/She must understand Information Technology and oversee a variety of cybersecurity and IT related risk management activities necessary to ensure the achievement of business outcomes.
- The CISO should understand and articulate the impact of cybersecurity on (digital) business and be able to communicate this at all levels of the organization, up to the board of directors. The CISO serves as the process owner of the appropriate second-line assurance activities not only related to confidentiality, integrity and availability, but also to the safety, privacy and recovery of information owned or processed by the business in compliance with regulatory requirements. The CISO understands that securing information assets and associated technology, applications, systems and processes in the wider ecosystem in which the organization operates is as important as protecting information within the organization's perimeter. A key element of the CISO's role is working with executive management to determine acceptable levels of risk for the organization.





# With Responsibilities

• Develop, implement, maintain, and monitor a comprehensive strategic information security program to ensure that appropriate levels of confidentiality, integrity, availability, safety, privacy and recovery of information assets are met• Provide leadership through strong working relationships and collaboration to develop strategic goals for information security compliance and risk mitigation• Liaise with external partners as necessary to ensure the organization maintains a strong security posture against relevant threats and advancing threat landscape• Develop a KPI, metrics and reporting framework to measure the efficiency, effectiveness, and continuous increase in the maturity of the information security program• Lead and coordinate the development and maintenance of information systems security policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines in compliance with corporate, federal and state laws and regulations• Develop and maintain the Computer Security Incident Response Plan. Provide hands on leadership of the C-SIRT team to contain, investigate, and prevent future breaches of personal or confidential information• Identify and assess risks in implementing business innovations. Provide assessment of those risks to business stakeholders• Design and execute penetration tests and security audits• Monitor compliance with the organization's information security policies and procedures among employees, contractors, alliances, and other third parties• Oversee the development and implementation of training programs and communications to make systems, network, and data users aware of and understand security policies and procedures• Work with legal, risk and compliance staff to ensure all information owned, collected, and controlled by or on behalf of the company is processed and stored in accordance with applicable laws and other regulatory requirements. Collaborate and liaise with privacy officer to ensure that data privacy requirements are included in the security program• Stay well-informed of best practices in the IT security field, coordinate and/or evaluate new and emerging security practices and technologies, and recommend and promote adoption as appropriate• Work closely with Information Technology, and the Security Operations Center (SOC) to identify cybersecurity risks and develop remediation strategies• Inform IT security architecture to include engineering best practices for security controls• Manage an information security risk mitigation plan based on sound risk analysis • Develop and mature the organization's security assessment program. Perform regular security assessments of effectiveness of policies/procedures and systems security safeguards• Ensure the timely remediation of security vulnerabilities within the environment and produce compliance KPIs;• Consult IT and technical teams on addressing security risk, providing security information and input to strategic and tactical planning, and the appropriate and effective use of IT resources;• Implement, manage and enforce information security directives within regulatory mandates to protect PHI, including Federal HIPAA and HITECH and any applicable state laws. • Cooperate with the regulatory bodies in any lawful compliance reviews or investigations related to patient health information security• Support compliance through participation in regulatory compliance and information security committees• Serve as the information security lead on the Privacy Council; • Build external relationships to identify external cybersecurity threats impacting the industry and influence threat intelligence sharing. • Monitor changes in legislation and accreditation standards that affect information security.



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# ... and Qualifications

- Qualifications Bachelor's degree in a related field (Computer Science or related field).
- Advanced degree preferred.
- • 10-15 years of progressive IT Security experience, including cybersecurity and risk management, within a large corporate environment with at least 5 years in a management role• Must possess professional security management certification such as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), or other similar credentials
- • Demonstrated knowledge of common information security management frameworks such as ISO/IEC 27001 and or HITRUST, ITIL, COBIT and NIST, and an understanding of relevant legal and regulatory requirements such as Payment Card Industry/Data Security
- • Demonstrated experience of leading an advanced security program including sophisticated technologies in a defense-in-depth architected environment
- • Knowledge of network related protocols and security event log management and reporting tools.
- • Experience with maintaining operational computer and network security, firewall administration, virus protection, intrusion detection and prevention, automated security patching, and vulnerability scanning systems
- • Experience with data breach management and managing an actual data breach.
- • Demonstrated experience with leading a SOC utilizing advanced threat and intelligence technology
- • Leadership qualities, and proven experience as an effective manager and influencer of people
- • Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills• High degree of integrity and trust, and ability to work independently
- • Ability to weigh business risk and enforce appropriate information security measures



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**Source: Actual CISO Job Description posted on Glassdoor (company name omitted)**

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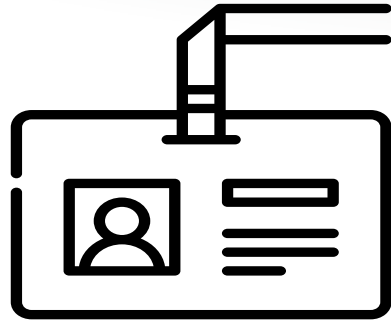
# Where Do CISOs Come From ?

- A. Born as natural paranoid leaders
- B. Raised their hand at the wrong time during a meeting
- C. Didn't attend the selection meeting
- D. Last IT guy in the shop
- E. Worked on compliance stuff
- F. Chose this career (full deck should be checked)



# 5 STAGES OF CISO EVOLUTION 1995-2020'S

1



Limited  
Security=  
Logon & Password  
FIRST CISO 1995

1990s-2000

2

Regulatory  
Compliance Era  
CISOs Hired

2000-2004

2004-2008

3

Risk-Oriented  
CISO Emerges

4

Threat-Aware  
Cybersecurity,  
Socially-Mobile-  
Cloud CISO

2008-2016

2016-2020's

5

The Privacy and  
Data-Aware CISO



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# Increasingly Becoming a Global-Oriented Role

“The CISO is responsible for a **global organization** and will manage **teams** located **appropriately** across the globe.”

- Recent Job Posting Fortune Global 500 Company

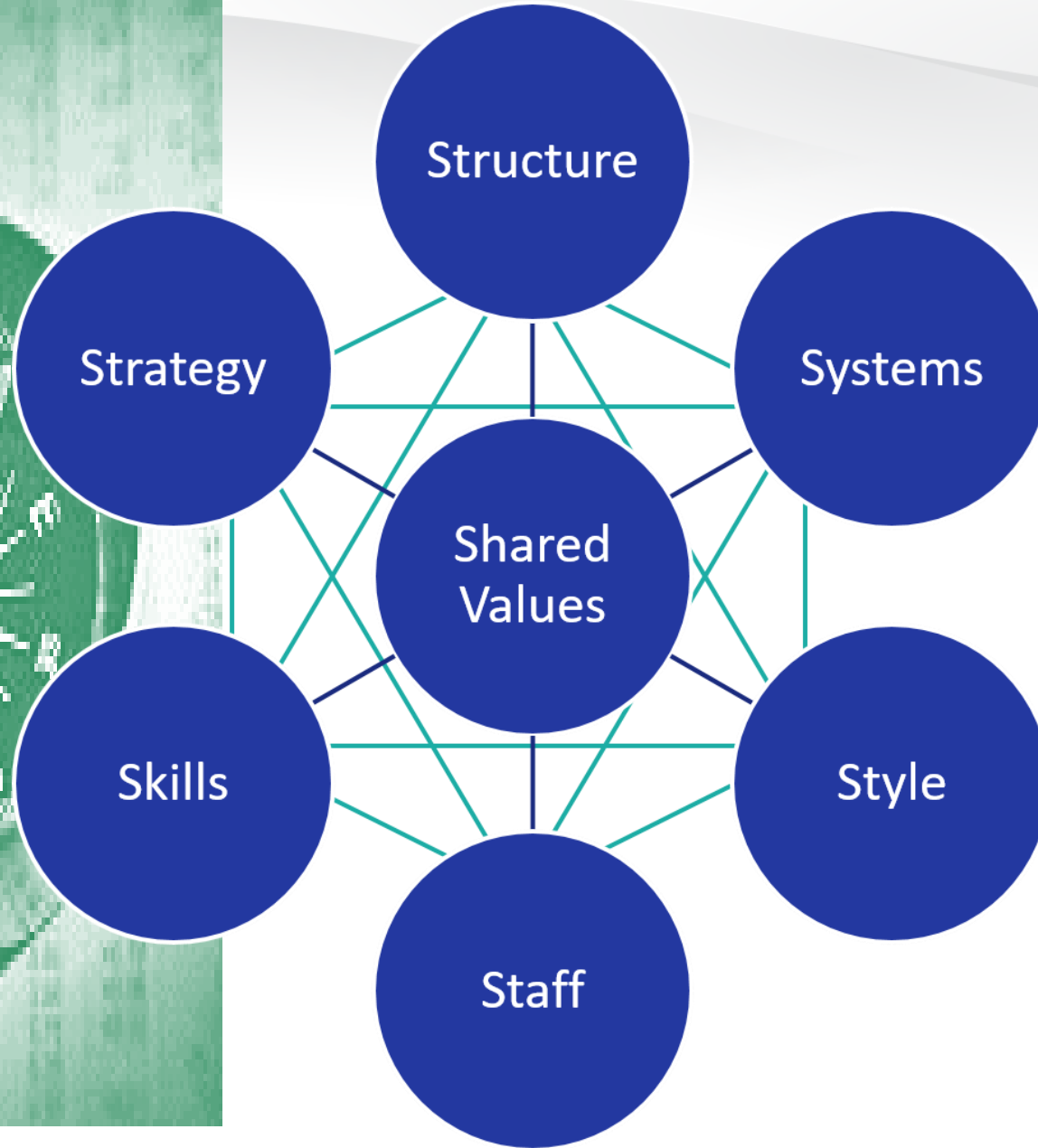


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# The CISO's Ability To Realize a Cybersecurity Strategy Is Impacted By 7 Key Factors



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**DEVELOP CYBERSECURITY  
VISION & STRATEGY**

**EMERGING  
TECHNOLOGIES &  
TRENDS**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**DATA PROTECTION &  
PRIVACY**

**CISO SOFT SKILLS**

**Structure**

**Strategy**

**Shared  
Values**

**Skills**

**Staff**

**Systems**

**Style**

**DEFINE CYBERSECURITY FUNCTIONS**

**REPORTING MODEL**

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

**SECURITY CONTROL  
FRAMEWORKS**

**LEVERAGING INCIDENTS**

**CISO AND THE BOARD**

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL  
WORKFORCE DYNAMICS**



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Source: T. Fitzgerald, *CISO Compass: Navigating Cybersecurity Leadership Challenges with Insights from Pioneers* (2019, Auerbach Publications)

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# 2020 CISO Managed Functions

## Monitor

Security Baseline Configuration Review

Logging SIEM & Monitoring

Vulnerability Assessment

Managed Services

Incident Response

Forensic Analysis

Threat Intelligence

Security Analytics

Insider Threat

## Awareness

End User Security Awareness

Intranet Site and Policy Publication

Targeted Awareness

Phishing Programs

Executive/Board Education and Advance Reporting

## Risk

Risk Assessment and Analysis

Systems Security Plan

Internal and External Penetration Testing

Privacy

Cyber Insurance

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendor Risk Management

## Policy/Controls

Security Policy

Security Architecture

Security Control Assessment

Identity Access Management

Bus Continuity & Disaster Recovery

Control Framework Compliance

Program Management



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# The Security Leader Skills Required of This ~~Guy~~ Person



# Decision Point: Critical Differences in Thought Processes



Technology Challenge

Concrete Task-Oriented

Hands-On, Mastery of Skill

High Individual Contribution

Meetings, Documentation=AVOID

TECHNICAL

# Managerial Competencies Are Different

Embrace  
Ambiguity

Oral  
Communications  
Up, Down,  
Across

People-  
Oriented  
Conflict  
Resolution

Influence  
Consensus  
Building

Multi-  
Generational  
Team  
Building

MANAGERIAL

# Skills: Leadership Skills Paramount for Today's CISO



Leadership

Strategic thinking

Business knowledge

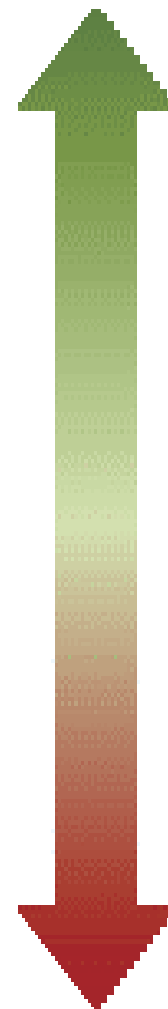
Risk management

Communication

Relationship management

Security expertise

Technical expertise



Source: Forrester Research (Projection to 2018 CISO)



# Avoid CISO “Pitfalls”

- 1. The First CISO – Underfunded, Unclear expectations**
- 2. Experienced executives will use metrics against the CISO**
- 3. Following a “Rockstar CISO”**
- 4. CISO in name only, babysitting compliance for auditors**
- 5. Outshining the CIO (and reporting to them)**
- 6. Long interview process and company can’t make up their mind (may not be serious about role)**





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# The Opportunity

# What Degrees Do Fortune 500 CISOs Prefer ?



## UNDERGRADUATE

Computer  
Science  
18.4%

Business  
9.2%

Management  
Information  
Systems  
8.9%

## GRADUATE

MBA  
44.8%

Computer  
Science  
7.7%

Management  
Information  
Systems  
5.0%

Source: 2017 Forrester Research, Base 326 Fortune 500 CISOs reporting undergraduate education on LinkedIn; 181 Fortune 500 CISOs reporting graduate degrees

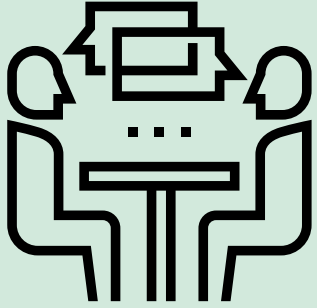


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# Challenge Conventional Thinking Where CISOs Come From

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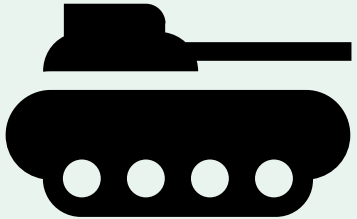
## CONSULTING

❑ <1 in 1000 Big Four security consultants become CISOs



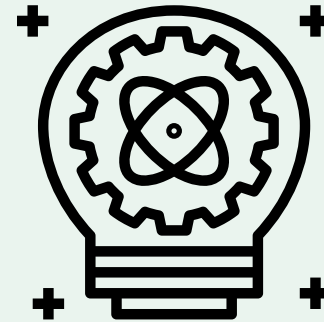
## LAW ENFORCEMENT

❑ < 4% come from this background



## MILITARY

❑ <11% Fortune 500 CISOs have military background



## TECH COMPANY

❑ 25% worked for security vendor/service provider, few hired directly to CISO role

Source: 2017 Forrester Research, CISO Career Paths: Plot Your Course for Advancement



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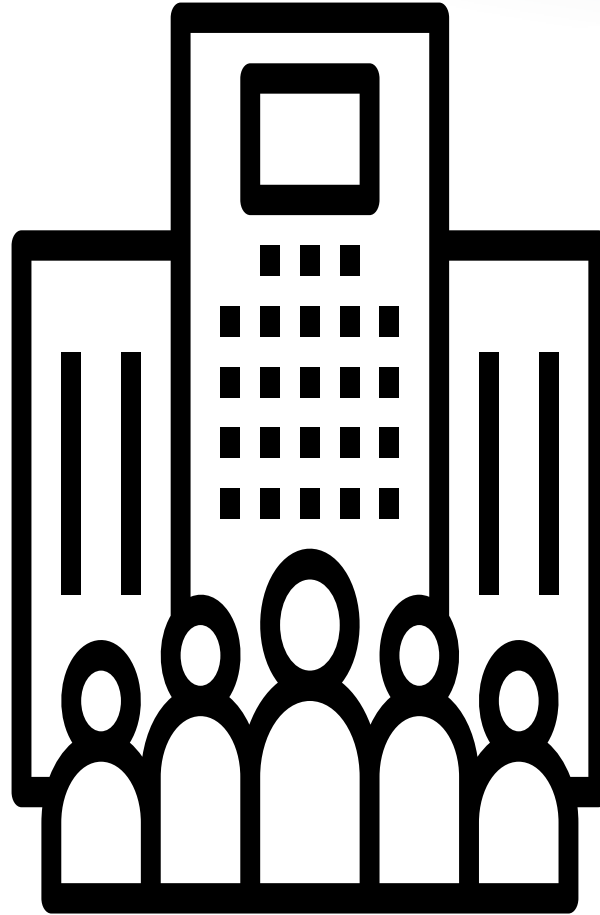
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# Do CISOs Get Promoted From Within?

59%  
Fortune 500  
CISOs  
External  
Hires

4% CISOs  
have SVP  
title



Few F100  
hired first-  
time CISO;  
rest of F500  
ok with that

F500 CISOs  
average  
tenure 4.5  
years



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# Cybersecurity Leadership Demographics Are Changing



**Women Comprise 14% of  
North America  
Cybersecurity Workforce**



**Non-Managerial  
Staff, 6%**

**Manager, 3%**

**Director/Middle  
Manager, 2%**

**C-Level,  
1%**

Executive  
Management, 1%

**Contractor,  
1%**

Source: ISACA SheLeadsTech Panel, Dublin, Ireland 2018, [www.dogpatchlabs.com](http://www.dogpatchlabs.com)

Note: Women n=2,134, Men n=16,679, percentages may not total 100% due to rounding, Source: T. Fitzgerald, *CISO Compass: Navigating Cybersecurity Leadership Challenges with Insights from Pioneers*, Figure 13.2, (2019, Auerbach Publications)



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**42% of North America  
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Positions Are Managerial  
Roles Held By Men**



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“Employment of information security analysts is projected to grow 32 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.”

- U.S. Dept of Labor





# Key Certifications To Invest In



132K



115K



>50K



27K



>1M

Certification	<u>SimplyHired</u>	<u>Indeed</u>	<u>LinkedIn Jobs</u>	<u>TechCareers</u>	Total
CEH (EC-Council)	2,100	2,849	4,471	1,360	10,780
CISM (ISACA)	3,088	4,049	6,663	6,409	20,209
CISSP [(ISC)2]	9,760	12,967	20,129	6,875	49,731
GSEC (SANS GIAC)	1,552	1,983	3,187	920	7,642
Security+ (CompTIA)	2,437	3,145	4,348	415	10,345



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Source: Business News Daily, 11/29/18 Best Information Security Certifications 2019

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# Top Paying Certifications

1. Google Certified Professional Cloud Architect - \$139,529
2. PMP® - Project Management Professional - \$135,798
3. Certified ScrumMaster® - \$135,441
4. AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate - \$132,840
5. AWS Certified Developer – Associate - \$130,369
6. Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Server Infrastructure - \$121,288
7. ITIL® Foundation - \$120,566
8. CISM - Certified Information Security Manager - \$118,412
9. CRISC - Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control - \$117,395
10. CISSP - Certified Information Systems Security Professional - \$116,900
11. CEH - Certified Ethical Hacker - \$116,306
12. Citrix Certified Associate - Virtualization (CCA-V) - \$113,442
13. CompTIA Security+ - \$110,321
14. CompTIA Network+ - \$107,143
15. Cisco Certified Networking Professional (CCNP) Routing/Switching - \$107K

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POPULAR**

Source (July, 2019)  
<https://www.globalknowledge.com/us-en/resources/resource-library/articles/top-paying-certifications/>

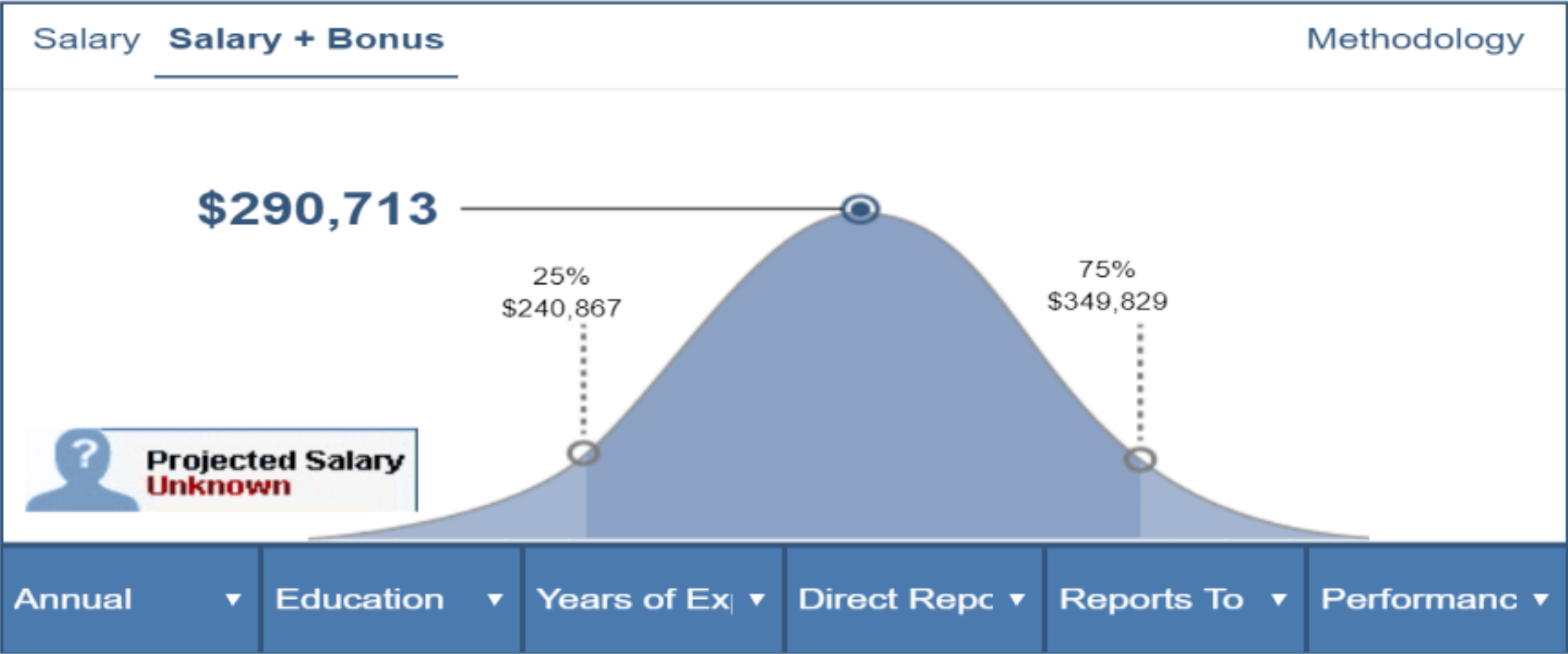


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Chief Information Security Officer Chicago, IL





Choice of Money?

Happiness?

Both?

# Today we Covered

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SO DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME  
...OR YOUR LIFE

MAKE A DECISION **TODAY**....

IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT???

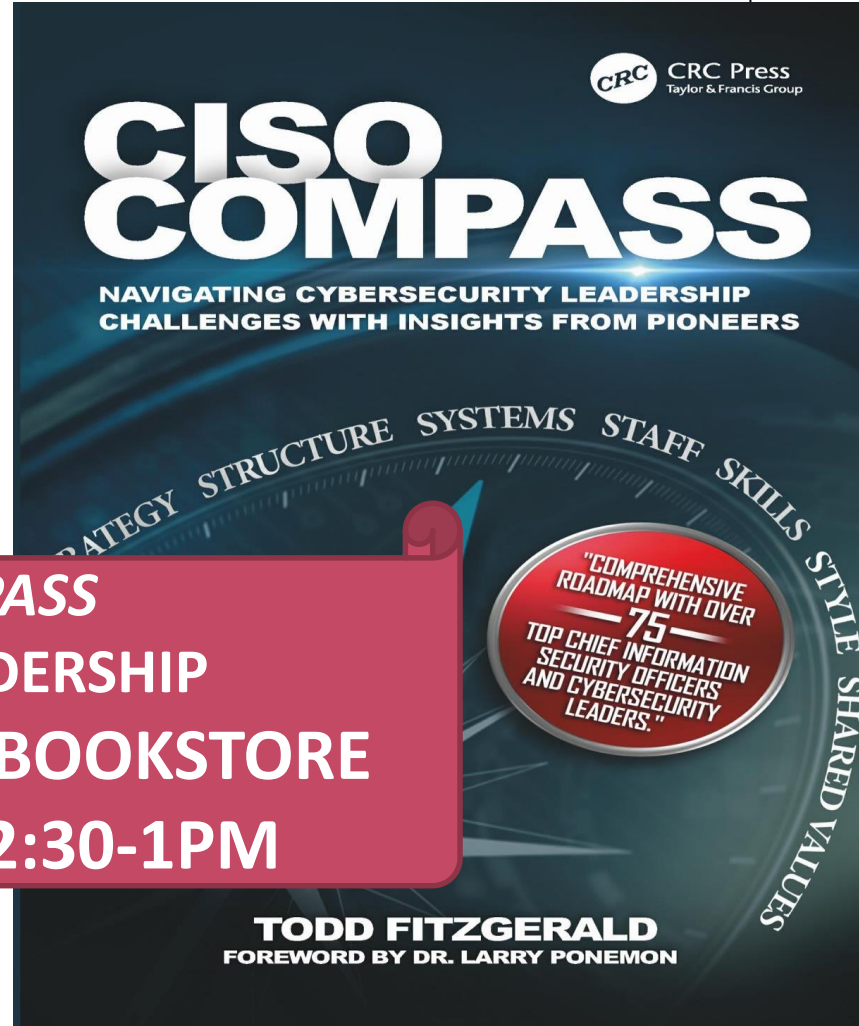
YES ☒ NO ☒



# Additional Resources for the Journey... Thank You! Any Questions?



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CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP  
BOOK SIGNING IN RSA BOOKSTORE  
THURSDAY FEB 27 12:30-1PM**



## Chapter 14

### CISO Soft Skills

## Chapter 15

### The CISO and the Board of Directors

## Chapter 13

### Multigenerational Workforce Team Dynamics

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#### Increased

In recent year  
curity issues.  
Thanksgiving  
day season, in  
was the imper  
curity program  
the theft of pe  
first very visib  
a 35-year con  
preceding the  
tributing fact  
into Canada,

We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty.

Edward R Murrow, 1908–1965

Just look around the workplace and we can see times are changing, morphing into a new work environment. In the words from one of the songs from the hit musical Hamilton, "Look Around, Look Around at how lucky we are to be alive right now." The musical itself is a prime example of how our tastes as a society have changed, as the musical reworks the story of Alexander Hamilton's efforts during the summer of 1776 to achieve American independence. The Founding Fathers and major character actors cast represented diversity, as well as utilizing nonstop hip-hop, rhythm and blues, pop music, soul music, and traditional show tunes to tell the story. The musical was critically acclaimed by receiving record 16 Tony nominations, winning the best musical award and ten others in 2016, and still experiences tremendous box office success today.

#### Our Workforce Is Changing

By now, the question must be surfacing—so, what does the Hamilton musical have to do with our workforce today? Everything. Everything that was taken for granted as "the way things were done" has shifted. Hamilton took an "old story" and modernized it, made a musical appeal to today's generation by speeding it up, changing the music to something catchy. The story also highlighted a "young, scrappy, and



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