Generative **Future**

Keynote Session

Essentials for an Aspiring CISO: Leading with Confidence in Uncertain Times



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- Security advisory for Microsoft, PwC, Boeing, HP, Fidelity Investment, ExxonMobil, Zoom, DISA

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- Former DISA (DoD) Operations Manager
- Former CISO of Pactera & Brandeis University Heller School
- Former Penetration Tester for Fortune 500 firms
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Agenda



- CISO Challenges
- Leadership & Business Acumen
- Risk Management
- Technology Adaptation Management



Where Are We?

Cloud environment intrusions increased by **75%** in one year

- 2024 Global Threat Report by CrowdStrike

39% of companies are training employees to better understand the threats posed by generative AI

- CISO Report 2023 by Splunk

Most common threat vectors:

Misconfigured systems 38%

Vulnerabilities in internally developed apps 31%

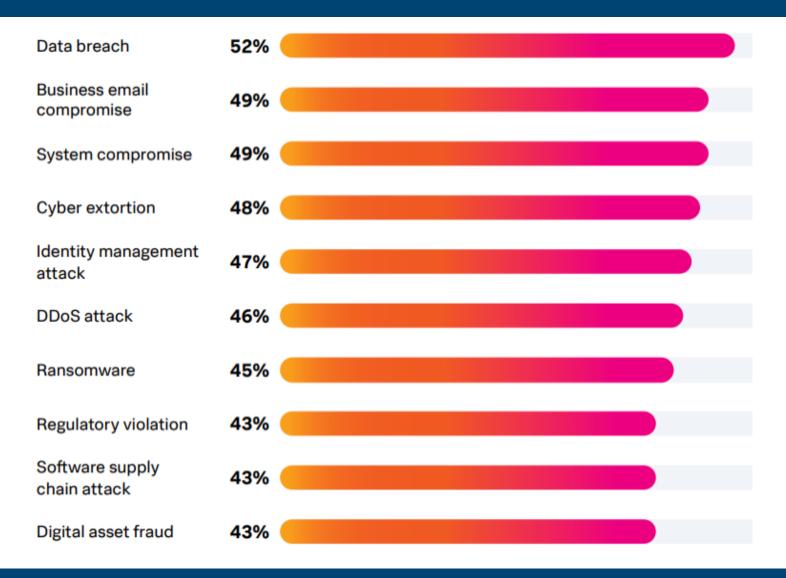
93% of businesses adopted AI, but 31% lack an AI Security Policy

State of Security 2024 by Splunk



Most frequent incidents experienced in the past two years





Risk Management	Third Party Risk Management	Endpoint Protection	Software Security	Vulnerability Management
Certification maintenance	Internal Audit Response	Configuration Management	Security Awareness Training	Patch Management
Penetration Testing	Cloud Security	Regulatory Compliance	Al Security, Safety, & Trustworthiness	Incident Response
Network Security	Physical Security	RFP / Customer Questionnaire	Identification & Authorization	Zero Trust Architecture

CISO Responsibilities

(Not an exhaustive list)



Words of wisdom



"The only way to do great work is to LOVE WHAT YOU DO."

- Steve Jobs



CISO Challenges



Leadership & Business Acumen



Risk Management



Technology Adaptation Management



Ranking Cybersecurity Program Success Factors





Leadership

1

Know business operations

2

Build strong relationships & trust through collaboration

3

Get mentorship & provide mentorship to staff

4

Develop a culture of cybersecurity & learning



Business Acumen



Financial Knowledge



Communicate in non-technical terms



Know where you are & where you need to be



Risk Management



Know the regulations



Have a detailed incident response plan



Establish cybersecurity framework & risk register



Supply chain risk management



Regulatory Compliance Training

91% of companies are ramping up security training for legal and compliance teams

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91% of companies say everyone on their security team makes compliance a part of their jobs



Generative Al-related risks that organizations consider relevant and are working to mitigate, % of respondents¹.

Inaccuracy, cybersecurity, and intellectual property infringement are the most cited risks of generative Al adoption.



Source: McKinsey & Company

'Asked only of respondents whose organizations have adopted Al in at least 1 function. For both risks considered relevant and risks mitigated, n = 913. Source: McKinsey Global Survey on Al, 1,684 participants at all levels of the organization, April 11–21, 2023

Manage Technology Adaptation

Rapid technology advancements (e.g. AI)

Work closely with Business and IT on new technology adoptions

Ask vendors about tools to address new risks



Future

- "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!"
- CISO will be accountable for security incidents
- More Regulations will target the CISO role like Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) for the CFO
- Ask for Director & Officer (D&O) Insurance Coverage to protect yourself

Calling capable CISOs!



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Thank you!

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