



## 2025 Boston Application Security Conference

The bearer of this certificate attended the following workshop on **Saturday, April 5, 2024, from 8:30-9:15am** at the Microsoft Technology Center, 5 Wayside Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

### **Keynote – No Admittance Except on Party Business – Kevin Johnson**

In this keynote, Kevin Johnson of Secure Ideas explores the unexpected journey of application security professionals through the lens of J.R.R. Tolkien's beloved tale, "The Hobbit". Just as Bilbo Baggins was unexpectedly thrust into an adventure far beyond his comfortable Hobbit-hole, security practitioners often find themselves responsible for protecting vast digital landscapes they never anticipated traversing. This talk examines how security professionals, like reluctant heroes, can embrace their crucial role in the organization's quest for secure development.

Drawing parallels between the distractions and detours faced by Thorin's company and today's appsec teams, the keynote discusses how security efforts often lose sight of their primary objective, enabling the business while protecting it. From battling organizational trolls to navigating the political forests of enterprise priorities, security teams frequently become ensnared in tactical challenges that divert them from strategic purposes. Through practical examples and career lessons, this presentation offers a map for appsec professionals to better align with both business stakeholders and development teams, transforming from perceived obstacles into valued companions on the shared journey toward secure, successful products.

By the end of this keynote, attendees will gain actionable insights for crafting more effective security programs that enhance rather than hinder business goals—proving that even the smallest security measures can make the greatest difference when properly aligned with the company's ultimate treasure.

### **Workshop Agenda**

- Presentation: 8:30-9:15am

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