**Invitation for April NZISF seminar**

Date/time/format: Thursday, 10th of April, 0800h, Auckland time, on ZOOM

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**Seminar topic: Risk Wizardry: The dark art of wrangling data to assess risk**

In cybersecurity, we claim to manage risk. But do we? In this talk I will argue that our assessments and understanding of risk are more akin to a dark art than a discipline underpinned by data. It does not need to be this way: most organizations now have tooling in place that will allow them to get a more accurate handle on risk, if only they knew how to wrangle the data the tool produced.

In this talk I will focus on a data-driven approach for assessing risk that most organizations can use to both their strategic and tactical advantage. Strategic, because the approach allows us to understand where we are and what initiatives are needed next. Tactical because up-to-date and accurate aggregations of available data allow for better decision-making in the field, diminishing the ‘fog of war’ that often hinders cybersecurity execution.

**Presenter: Hinne Hettema**



Hinne Hettema specializes in implementing security practices. He has held a variety of roles working as a consultant, as part of a team, or as a leader of a security team. With over two decades of experience in the security field, Hinne is also serving as an adjunct senior research fellow in cybersecurity at the University of Queensland, Australia.

He has experience in developing, implementing and running security operations, incident response and security service definition and execution. He focuses current engagements primarily on how organizations can optimize current practices, develop improvements, and make sensible decisions about their future direction. To that end, he uses his skills in architecture, security posture management, data science, threat intelligence, risk assessment and situational awareness to ensure an optimal spend of the security dollar.

**Details for registration:**

* Registration fee: $10.00.
* Registrations will be accepted until the morning of Wednesday, 9th of April
* ZOOM login will be circulated to attendees on Wednesday, 9th of April

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