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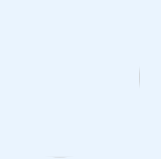


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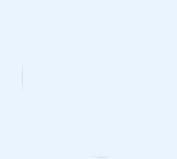


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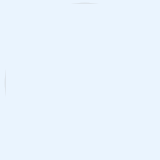
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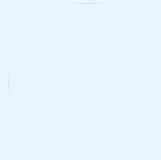
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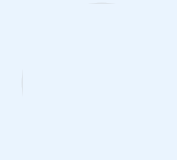
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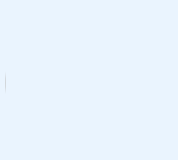
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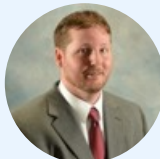
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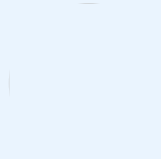
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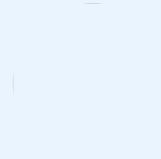
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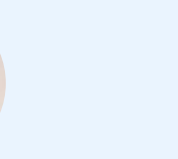
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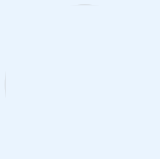
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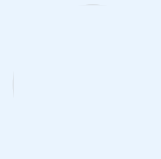
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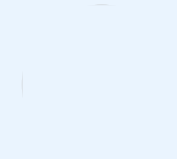
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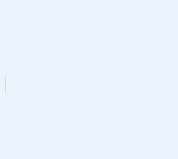
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 **September 23, 2025**

Central Time

Registration

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Morning Networking

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

9:30 AM-9:35 AM

KEYNOTE

The Dark Side of AI in Corporate Security

9:35 AM-10:00 AM

AI and especially LLMs have quickly become "must have" tools for many workplaces. Unfortunately, that includes the people attacking your organizations. From the most sophisticated nation state groups down to unsophisticated "script kiddies," we are seeing more threat actors incorporate AI into the attack vectors. This talk will provide an overview of how threat actors are using AI in all sorts of ways and what your organization can do to defend against these attacks.

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KEYNOTE PANEL


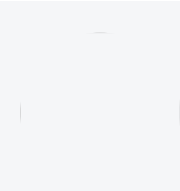


Rearchitecting the Enterprise for Agentic AI: Control, Collaboration, and the Next Frontier of

10:05 AM-10:50 AM

Automation

Agentic AI, autonomous systems that perceive, reason, and act with minimal human intervention is poised to redefine how work gets done. As these intelligent agents move beyond experimentation into enterprise-scale deployments, organizations must prepare to fundamentally rearchitect their digital environments.

This panel will explore how leaders can operationalize agentic AI to drive efficiency, creativity, and strategic advantage while preserving oversight, governance, and trust. Discussion topics will include designing workflows around autonomous decision-making, managing human-agent collaboration, and navigating emerging risks such as bias, security, and operational drift. Join us as we unpack what it truly means to lead in an era of intelligent, action-oriented AI and how to ensure these agents serve both your innovation goals and core business values.

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FIRESIDE CHAT


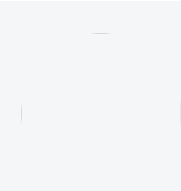

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Lessons from AI Adoption

As organizations accelerate their AI strategies, many are turning to intelligent automation and agent-based systems to streamline operations, reduce costs, and enhance decision-making. But early adoption isn't without its challenges. In this fireside chat, we'll sit down with a senior technology leader to explore what it really takes to implement these solutions in a complex enterprise environment.

This conversation will cover:

- Real-world use cases of AI-powered agents and automation in action
- What worked, what didn't, and the surprises along the way
- Key governance, compliance, and security considerations
- Organizational readiness and change management lessons
- Advice for peers preparing to scale intelligent automation

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Networking

11:30 AM-11:45 AM

PANEL

11:45 AM-12:30 PM

Bridging Strategy and Systems: Aligning Business Goals with IT Innovation

In a world of rapid digital disruption, the most successful organizations are those where business strategy and IT execution move in lockstep. This panel brings together business and IT leaders to explore how to align long-term growth objectives with the right mix of emerging technologies—from AI and cloud platforms to data-driven decision-making and modern application architectures. Panelists will discuss how to break down silos between departments, drive innovation through collaborative planning, and build agile digital infrastructures that scale with evolving business needs. Expect insights on joint KPIs, governance frameworks, and the cultural shifts required to turn IT from a support function into a strategic growth enabler.

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12:35 PM-12:50 PM

Cutting through the noise: first principles on identity security and the path ahead

Identity security has become noisy. Around every corner, there is a new acronym or product category, leaving CISOs struggling to separate signal from marketing. Yet at its core, identity security is simple: protecting valuable assets from misuse. The first principles haven't changed—authentication (IAM), governance (IGA) and privilege control (PAM). Everything else is a capability to integrate, not a platform to buy.

But knowing the principles is only half the challenge. Every organization is on its own journey. Some are still wrestling with basic hygiene, others are adopting zero trust foundations, and many are learning how to govern a workforce where non-human identities outnumber humans 100 to 1. Developer growth, machine identities, and cloud transformation all shape where you are today—and what your next step should be.

In this session, Shashwat Sehgal will break down the first principles of identity security, outline the phases of the identity security maturity curve, and show how leaders can rationalize their roadmap. The future is API-led, ephemeral and least-privileged by design—but the right next step depends on where you are starting from.

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Lunch & Networking

12:50 PM-1:45 PM

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1:45 PM-2:30 PM

The Future of Cyber Resilience: Winning in a World of Constant Threats

In an era of escalating cyber threats, evolving attack surfaces, and accelerated digital transformation, traditional security models are no longer enough. This keynote will explore what it means to build cyber resilience in today's complex environment—where speed, adaptability, and business alignment are paramount. From securing hybrid and multi-cloud environments to integrating AI-driven threat intelligence, we'll examine how leaders can future-proof their security strategies while enabling innovation. Learn how to shift from reactive defense to proactive resilience, ensuring your organization can not only withstand but thrive amid disruption.

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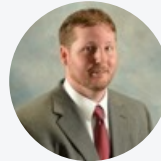


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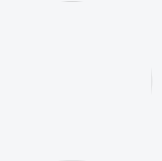
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2:35 PM-3:10 PM

Cybersecurity Leadership in the Era of AI and ML: Navigating Innovation and Responsibility

In the dynamic realm of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), CISOs play a pivotal role in leveraging these advancements for enhanced cybersecurity. Strategic integration of AI and ML is essential for bolstering security measures, optimizing decision-making, and driving innovation. CISOs must adopt a comprehensive approach, considering the entire lifecycle of these technologies to ensure both efficiency and ethical use. Establishing robust governance frameworks becomes paramount, addressing biases, ensuring transparency, and minimizing unintended consequences.

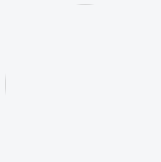
Looking ahead, as AI and ML continue to advance, CISOs face evolving challenges and regulatory considerations. Proactive engagement involves staying informed about changing regulations, particularly in areas such as data privacy and ethical AI practices. CISOs should strive for a tech-enabled understanding of AI and ML systems, encompassing deployment, impact, and security measures. This approach positions organizations to navigate the regulatory landscape effectively, ensuring responsible and competitive integration of AI and ML into cybersecurity strategies.

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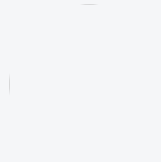


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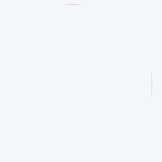
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Networking Break

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3:30 PM-4:15 PM

Strategic Shifts: Reimagining Engineering Talent Deployment and Management in the Age of GenAI

Unlock insights into the evolving landscape of talent deployment and retention as board expectations drive CIOs to rethink traditional IT talent models. Explore the impact of GenAI on coding processes and the software engineering lifecycle, and discover strategies for optimizing talent allocation and headcounts. Gain actionable insights into defining new roles, cultivating essential skills, and charting GenAI-centric career paths to align with organizational goals and stay ahead in a rapidly changing technological landscape.

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Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:15 PM-4:25 PM

Cocktail Networking

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

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