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Harnessing AI to Rewrite the Rules: Blueprints for the Modern Defender

Tuesday, Oct 27 9:00am CT

Main Ballroom



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Welcome to the 16th annual Cyber Security Summit!

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The Cyber Security Summit is a robust and growing community of professionals who work to protect critical infrastructure. We bring business, government, military, and academic leaders together to collaborate, troubleshoot, showcase, and celebrate solutions for today's cybersecurity challenges.

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We are thrilled that you will be joining us for this very special event.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a game changer for information security professionals. AI is opening new attack paths that allow attackers to become better and faster. AI also lowers the barrier to entry, resulting in a surge of new threat actors. It was clear to the Cybersecurity Summit Think Tank that the focus of the 16th Annual Cybersecurity Summit must be AI. From both offensive and defensive perspectives, AI is the 1000-pound gorilla in the room.

Attendees will be treated to a wealth of information to understand and defend against AI-based threats. Attendees will hear what top cybersecurity vendors are bringing to the table. Attendees will also gain pragmatic insight from practitioners; discussing what works and what does not. And finally, the Summit will include insights from a series of interesting fresh start up companies in the AI security space.

Mary and I have been part of the Cybersecurity Summit for many years and are honored to be this year's Co-chairs. The Summit is so much more than an educational event. The Summit is a forum where thought leaders can network to share ideas and best practices. The Summit is also a place where attendees can explore career opportunities. And at least for me, the Summit is a place to foster lifelong friendships.

This is the **16th annual Cybersecurity Summit**, and I am proud to say that I have been to all of them. The Summit has allowed me to learn, grow professionally, advance my career, and now help others advance their careers too. This event has a particularly interesting educational lineup at a time when we all need to increase our AI knowledge in short order. As exciting as that is, I am equally excited to see the people who have become special to me over the years. Mary and I look forward to meeting you, fostering new friendships, and expanding our professional networks even more.

Thank you to every Think Tank Advisor, committee member, sponsor, speaker, volunteer, intern, mentor, and attendee who gives your time, talent, ideas, and heart to this community.

Thank you for showing up, for sharing what you know, for challenging what we think we know, and for believing that **together, we can make a difference**.

- *Chris* and *Mary*

Join the Community!

Sixteen years grew to become 28K+ LinkedIn followers whose feeds include event reminders, Cyber Pro Posts, timely joint advisory intelligence, member accolades and awards, pics & poses, discount savings and more!

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Summit Highlights: Don't Miss a Thing!

Challenge Coins: Earn Your Cyber Bling!

We're honoring 200 individuals with very cool Challenge Coins for serving on Think Tank committees and speaking at the Summit. Want one next year? Get involved and cash in on your cyber cred!

NEW! Cyber Innovation Showcase

Our Think Tank went hunting for disruptive technologies and fresh ideas to solve tomorrow's cybersecurity challenges. Meet the innovators who could change the game!

Book Signings: Think Quantum!

Meet Dr. Georgina Shea, get your book signed, and explore the future of quantum computing. Tuesday Reception, 5–6 PM; Wednesday Industry Partner Lounge, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM.

Women in Cyber Breakfast: Game On!

What do competitive athletics and cyber defense have in common? Find out Wednesday, 7:00–7:50 AM, at the WiCyS Breakfast: Game On: Winning Through Conflict, Challenges, and Change. Bring your competitive spirit!

NEW! Agents of Chaos Competition

Ready for a challenge? CrowdStrike brings you a 50-minute competition on Wednesday. Sign up through the Summit app and see how you handle a little chaos!

Decompression Lounge: Unplug to Recharge

More dogs than ever! Take a break, pet a pup, sign up for a chair massage, tackle a mind challenge, and pick up mental health resources. Even cyber warriors need a breather!

Closing Session: Let's Debate AI!

After two days exploring AI's promise and peril, it's your turn to weigh in! Join Wednesday's fast-paced, interactive Human Led. AI Powered. debate and help answer the big question: Where should we draw the line?

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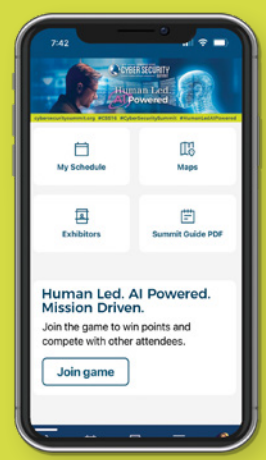
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Human Led. AI Powered. Mission Driven.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it: explore the Summit, make connections, and rack up points! Download the Summit App, join the challenge, and put your human intelligence to work. Attend sessions, visit sponsors, scan QR codes, and complete missions to climb the leaderboard.

Finish in the top three by 4:30 PM Wednesday and claim your rewards—including exclusive Summit swag, special prizes, and complimentary CSS17 VIP All Access Passes!

The mission is yours. The rewards are waiting. Game on!.



- ☐ **Submit** Session Feedback Surveys (Auto Points)
- ☐ Scan a code at each **Sponsor and Partner Booth** (QRC)
- ☐ **Download** Sponsor/Partner Docs (Auto Points)
- ☐ Learn what our **Industry Partners** are up to (QRC)
- ☐ Chill at the **Decompression Lounge** (QRC)
- ☐ **Snuggle the Pups** (QRC)
- ☐ Visit Wednesday's **Agents of Chaos** competition (QRC)
- ☐ Participate in a **Networking Lunch Discussion**
- ☐ Stop by Wednesday's **Public Sector Village** (QRC)
- ☐ Attend the closing **AI Debate** on Wednesday (QRC)
- ☐ **Post a pic on LinkedIn** with **#CSS16** and **#HumanLedAIPowered**, show it at the registration desk and get 100 points!



A Personal Note of Thanks

For sixteen years, Summit planning has begun with one essential question for our Think Tank: What is the defining concern for the year ahead?

Once the theme is set, everything else grows from it. This year, the answer was unmistakable: AI is reshaping our world. We wanted to explore its extraordinary potential, confront its very real risks, and—above all—keep people at the heart of the conversation.

That vision became **Human Led. AI Powered**. AI can accelerate protection, but strategy, ethics, judgment, and courageous leadership keep cybersecurity on course. AI is rewriting the rules—accelerating both defense and attack. It can outpace us, outlearn us, and sometimes outmaneuver us. The question is no longer simply what AI can do, but how we will guide it, where we will draw the line, and how we will ensure innovation continues to serve humanity.

The CSS16 Think Tank embraced that challenge, shaping conversations around real-world problems, difficult questions, and what comes next. They pushed us to do something new. Their challenge sparked the Cyber Innovation Showcase—10 fast-paced presentations showcasing emerging AI-powered solutions and inviting us to imagine what might be possible.

But after sixteen years of Summits, I am reminded that the most meaningful moments are not always found on a stage. They happen when people connect. This summer, Summit Fundraiser Chair **Lindsey Konerza** organized the CSS16 golf event supporting **WeNetworkNow**, a nonprofit founded by **Mamady Konneh**. A Summit scholarship recipient over a decade ago, Mamady has returned every year as an attendee, speaker, and now Think Tank Advisor. Seeing his career thrive and his commitment to helping others enter cybersecurity is a full-circle moment that makes it all worthwhile.

I am deeply grateful to the people who helped bring this year's Summit to life: Co-chairs **Chris Buse** and **Mary Diner**; Associate Producer **Stacy Tietjen**; Program Chair **Vince Aimutis**; Intern Program Directors **Carrie Hobbs** and **Michael Nghiem**; and Cyber Innovation drivers **Kumar Dasani** and **Paul Hershberger**. Carrie and Michael selected 15 interns from more than 100 applicants and led Think Tank Time, sharing the real stories behind cybersecurity careers. Michael was the Summit's first intern in 2011–2012. Having him return more than a decade later to help shape the next generation is a full-circle moment that makes me incredibly proud.

Stacy has been my right hand, coordinating hundreds of details with extraordinary dedication. Vince, Kumar, and Paul brought energy, connections, and fresh ideas. Mary and Chris offered wise counsel, answered every call, and occasionally shared a glass of wine!

Chris has been part of the Summit since year one and was an early VLA honoree. His upcoming conversation with **Tina Meeker** will reflect on his journey and the connections that endure. Having met through the Summit, they'll now share the stage as Tina receives her own VLA Award—a wonderful example of what this community makes possible.

The Summit is so much more than a gathering. It is where a cybersecurity professional meets a mentor or someone who opens a door to a new opportunity. Where a first introduction becomes a lifelong friendship. Where an idea becomes a partnership. Where someone finds the courage to take the next step. And where people who care deeply about protecting our world come together to make it a little safer.

That is the Summit I believe in. And that is the Summit I hope we continue to build together.

As we step into an AI-powered future, may we lead with wisdom, act with purpose, and never lose sight of the humanity we are here to protect.

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With gratitude,

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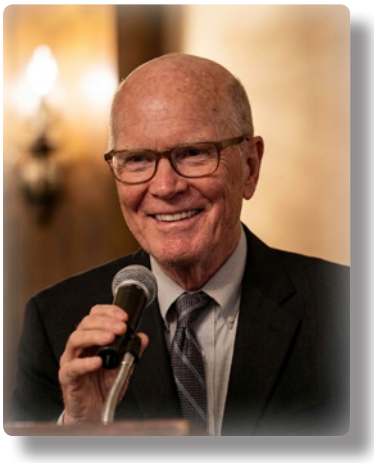
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In Memoriam

Honoring Two Friends Who Made a Difference

The Cyber Security Summit lost two friends this past year—two remarkable men who, in very different ways, made a meaningful impact on our mission to secure our world.

Both brought expertise, leadership, and a commitment to protecting others. More importantly, both shared their time, wisdom, and friendship with the Summit community. We are grateful for their contributions and honored to remember them.



Stewart Baker

Cybersecurity Leader • Lawyer • National Security Expert • Early Summit Supporter

Stewart Abercrombie Baker was a distinguished lawyer, commentator, former General Counsel of the National Security Agency, and the first Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under President George W. Bush.

He was also one of the Cyber Security Summit's early supporters.

In 2014, Stewart took the Summit stage to present "**What the Cyber Security Crisis Means for American Business**." His message was as relevant then as it remains today: regulation alone would not solve the cybersecurity challenge. Instead, he encouraged organizations to focus on the attacker—understanding who was coming after us, why, and how to better defend against them.

Stewart brought a rare combination of legal expertise, national security perspective, and straight-talking insight to the cybersecurity conversation. We are grateful that he shared that perspective with our community and proud to have had him as an early friend and supporter of the Summit.

We remember Stewart for his intellect, his candor, and his commitment to making America safer.

Chris Brossart

Think Tank Advisor • National Guard Warrior • Leader • Friend



Chris Brossart was a dedicated National Guard warrior and leader, a devoted husband and father, and valued Cyber Security Summit Think Tank Advisor.

Before being medically retired from military service, Chris held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, directing IT operations for the Minnesota National Guard. Chris fought a courageous battle against cancer following multiple deployments to Iraq and Kuwait. His military career was marked by dedication, organization, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to his mission. Those who knew Chris knew his talent and his good heart. They also knew his determination—some might even say his stubbornness—to accomplish whatever he set his mind to.

Over the past year, we watched that determination take on its greatest challenge. Facing mounting odds, Chris worked tirelessly to make the most of the time he had with his family while also preparing those around him for the day he would no longer be here.

His courage, strength, and selflessness left an indelible mark on all of us.

We remember Chris for his service, his leadership, his friendship, and the extraordinary courage with which he faced his final battle.

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Special Events

InfraGard Breakfast
Tues, Oct 27 | 7:00 AM
Stone Arch
AGILEBLUE

Military Cyber Careers Breakfast
Tues, Oct 27 | 7:15 AM
Wakota

WiCyS Breakfast
Wed, Oct 28 | 7:00 AM
Ballroom

Chainguard

CISO Luncheon
Registration Required
Tues, Oct 27 | 11:45 AM
Stone Arch

Cyber Coffee Café
Tues & Wed | 7:00 AM-2:00 PM | Industry Partner Lounge
7:00-11:00 AM | Glow Booth #18

CROWDSTRIKE

Agents of Chaos
Tues, Oct 28 | 8:00 AM-3:50 PM
Interlachen Room



Therapy Dogs
Tues & Wed | 9:00-3:00 PM
Decompression Lounge | 2nd Floor

Spaaaah! Chair Massage
See Summit APP to reserve a slot
2nd floor Workspace



Dr. Georgianna Shea Book Signing
Tues | 5:00-6:00 PM | Glow Booth 18
Wed | 11:45 AM-12:45 PM | Industry Partner Lounge

Expo Reception
Tues, Oct 27 | 5:00-6:00 PM
Ballroom Foyer

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VIP Dinner
Registration Required
Tues, Oct 27 | 6:00-8:00 PM
Stone Arch

Cyber Innovation Showcase
Wed, Oct 28 | 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Ballroom 3

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Logistics
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MedTech Seminar
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Visionary Leadership Awards
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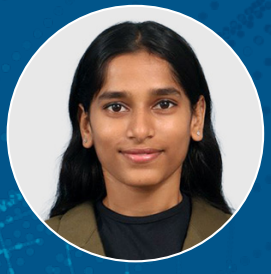
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Upcoming Industry Partner Events

Minnesota ISSA chapter was the first professional association to participate in the 2012 Cyber Security Summit. Industry Partners to the Summit include a variety of not-for-profit organizations dedicated to cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, STEM education and security awareness. Keep the connections going beyond CSS16. Explore upcoming opportunities to learn, network, and engage with our Industry Partners

NOVEMBER 2026

NOV 02 — **Global Conversations: Minnesota's Diplomats**
Global Minnesota
12:00 PM | Landmark Center, St. Paul

NOV 03 — **Health Sector Security Workshop**
Health-ISAC
Bangalore, India

NOV 04 — **Amis Historiques: A Celebration of U.S.-French Diplomatic Relations**
Global Minnesota
4:00 PM | Alliance Française, Minneapolis

NOV 04 — **Health Sector Security Workshop**
Health-ISAC
Louisville, Kentucky

NOV 05 — **Health Sector Security Workshop**
Health-ISAC
Hyderabad, India

NOV 11 — **Health Sector Security Tabletop Exercise**
Health-ISAC
São Paulo, Brazil

NOV 12 — **CISO Breakfast**
InfraGard
7:30–9:00 AM | Original Pancake House, Roseville

NOV 17 — **2027 Global Business Outlook**
Global Minnesota
5:00 PM | 3M Innovation Center, St. Paul

NOV 2026 — **Member Meeting**
ISC2 Twin Cities
check website for details

NOV 19 — **Fourth Annual End of Year Holiday Cheer!**
InfraGard, ISSA, MILCYB, WiCyS
Mall of America Event Center

NOV 30 – DEC 04 — **2026 Fall Americas Summit**
Health-ISAC
Tucson, Arizona

DECEMBER 2026

DEC 02 — **2026 WorldQuest International Trivia Competition**
Global Minnesota
6:00 PM | Great Hall, Coffman Memorial Union, Minneapolis

DEC 04 — **Cyber 4 Heroes 2027 Application DEADLINE**
FREE Advanced Cybersecurity Training
Cyber.Training@metrostate.edu

DEC 05 — **WeNetworkNow Annual Gala**
WeNetworkNow
5:00 PM | DoubleTree by Hilton, Roseville

JANUARY 2027

JAN 19 — **Members Meeting**
InfraGard
Check website for location

JAN 19 — **Cyber 4 Heroes 2027**
FREE Advanced Cybersecurity Training
Cyber.Training@metrostate.edu

JAN 2027 — **Member Meeting**
ISSA
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MARCH 2027

MAR 15 – MAR 19 — **2027 APAC Summit**
Health-ISAC
Gold Coast, Australia

JUNE 2027

June 07 — **Annual Golf Tournament**
WiCyS Minnesota
Dellwood Country Club, Dellwood, MN

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A dynamic live-pitch experience where cybersecurity startups (under $20M revenue) introduce cutting-edge solutions to an audience of CISOs, enterprise buyers, investors, and industry experts. Combining the energy of a startup accelerator with the influence of a leadership summit, Cyber Innovation Showcase creates a launchpad for innovation, visibility, and strategic growth.

8:00 AM-8:40 AM | CI 1: Cyber & AI Market Overview

Cybersecurity innovation is accelerating at the intersection of human expertise, AI, and entrepreneurial disruption. Join a dynamic discussion with a cybersecurity Wall Street analyst, CISO, venture capitalist, and cyber strategist as they examine emerging market trends, investment priorities, and breakthrough technologies shaping the future of cyber defense. Explore where opportunity, risk, and innovation converge—and what comes next..

*Moderator: **Catherine Trebnick**, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities; **Kumar Dasani**, Head of InfoSec, B. Braun Medical Inc., **Karl Mattson**, Founder & Managing Partner, Squared Circle Ventures; **Galeal Zino**, Founder & CEO, NetFoundry;*

8:40 AM-9:00 AM | CI 2: Glow Start-up Pitch #1

AI is changing the threat landscape, creating new urgency for security teams to evolve with it by shifting focus to the unmanaged attack surface living above the OS in AI agents and browsers. We are officially entering the age of the defender, leveling the playing field by using AI to power an active, real-time control plane that proactively shrinks this attack surface and neutralizes threats.

***Martin Bally**, Chief AI Security Strategist, Glow*

9:00 AM-9:20 AM | CI 3: Netfoundry Start-up Pitch #2

Saying Yes to AI Without Having to Say Yes to the Risk. AI is only as valuable as what it can access: private data, internal tools, and the systems that run your business. Every new agent, model, and MCP server opens another door into those systems, and most enterprises can't open those doors safely. That leaves security teams with two bad answers. They say no, and AI stalls in pilot, or they say yes and take on risk nobody signed up for. This talk shows how security leaders can give the business its yes by connecting AI to enterprise resources without exposing those resources to the network. It also explains why that connectivity model is what moves enterprise AI.

***Galeal Zino**, Founder & CEO, NetFoundry*

9:20 AM-9:40 AM | CI 4: Onyx Start-up Pitch #3

Your AI Agents Already Have the Keys. Do You Know What They're Doing? AI agents now connect to email, code, CRMs, and cloud accounts with real credentials, yet most security teams can't say which agents exist, what they can reach, or what they did yesterday. In this 10-minute pitch, Ken Sigel shows what a Secure AI Control Plane looks like in practice: finding every agent, fencing what it can touch, and following what it does at runtime without slowing the business down.

***Ken Sigel**, Solutions Engineer, Onyx*

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9:40 AM-10:00 AM | CI 5: Black Kite Start-up Pitch #4
Andrew focuses on helping customers operationalize cyber risk intelligence to drive risk reduction across digital and physical supply chains. Over the past three years, he has had the privilege of working with hundreds of enterprise TPRM programs across North America. What has he learned? That TPRM is undergoing a massive industry transformation. He will share the best strategies for strengthening third-party cyber risk management programs—helping organizations shift their perspective to assess vendors the way adversaries do. Andrew will discuss how to identify vendor ransomware susceptibility, drive vendor engagement at scale, and reinvent cyber assessments with actionable cyber risk intelligence to improve security outcomes.
Andrew Joycey, Regional Sales Manager, Canada Central US, Black Kite

10:00 AM-10:20 AM | CI 6: Novee Security Start-up Pitch #5
Autonomous Offensive AI: Scale Elite Pentesting, Validate the Findings You Already Have. The best offensive talent doesn't scale. Human judgment stays essential, yet one expert can't cover a whole portfolio continuously. Novee's offensive AI runs attacker-level testing across your environment nonstop, proving what's exploitable and closing the loop with tailored fixes, so your best pentesters spend their time on deep work only humans can do. It also frees up your experts from the tedious validation process on findings you've already paid for, testing bug-bounty and threat-intel reports against the live asset to surface real risk.
John Bradshaw, Director, Solutions Engineering, Novee

1:20 PM-1:40 PM | CI 7: ArcQubit Start-up Pitch #6
Q-Day won't wait for your slowest vendor. ArcQubit's mission is to make quantum readiness and crypto agility standard practice in every cyber program, not a one-time PQC migration project. Experts from U.S. national labs, NASA, and Fortune 500 companies founded ArcQubit to replace post-quantum guesswork with clear decisions across cloud, IT, OT, AI, and blockchain through one living roadmap. Continuous discovery and visibility become an action plan that stays current, so technical teams and executives can act, protect their crown jewels, and sustain crypto agility for years to come.
Shadya Maldonado, Co-Founder and CEO, ArcQubit Inc.

1:40 PM-2:00 PM | CI 8: Artemis Start-up Pitch #7
Home-Field Advantage: Using Knowledge of Your Environment to Defend Against AI-Powered Attacks. Attackers now hand whole intrusions to AI agents that probe, fail, adjust, and try again in seconds, while most SOCs still rebuild each alert by hand. Clint Patterson covers what changed in this year's AI-driven intrusions and what stayed the same. He shows why detections built on your own environment's baseline hold up better than signatures, and how to give AI agents the investigation work while your analysts keep the decisions that matter.
Clint Patterson, Founding Security Engineer, Artemis

2:00 PM-2:20 PM | CI 9: Ent Start-up Pitch #8
Productivity is the new attack surface. AI now drives both sides of the endpoint: adversaries use autonomous agents to run intrusions faster than any SOC can respond, while employees adopting AI tools open the door to shadow AI, data leaks and exposed credentials. Both look like normal work. Drawing on recent AI-executed attacks, Geoff Roote of Ent shows why alert-driven, after-the-fact detection falls short and how intent-aware prevention at the endpoint can stop incidents before damage occurs.
Geoff Roote, Sr. Manager, Delivery & Experience Innovation, Ent

2:20 PM-2:40 PM | CI 10: Enlighten Intelligence Start-up Pitch #9
Enlighten Intelligence delivers CISOs a new operational capability: Intelligence Management. Intelligence Management transforms the current Intel Cycle into an automated process, leveraging Human-Led AI as Directors and Task Executors, expanding your team's productivity and outcomes. The platform's knowledge management architecture modernizes, enhances, and integrates the Intel Cycle, enabling organizations to more efficiently manage, optimize, and operationalize intelligence across domains including cyber, geopolitical, social, 3rd party, and human. The result: proactive defense, enabling organizations to operate at the speed of the adversary.
Vince Peeler, Co-Founder & CEO, Enlighten Intelligence

2:40 PM-3:00 PM | CI 11: aizome: Start-up Pitch #10
Not all AI Agents are Born Equal. Enterprise AI agents inherit identity from users, applications, and context, and act across systems no one has predefined. IAM, PAM, and NHI all assume something these agents don't provide: a fixed identity and a known origin. Amir Ofek on what an identity model for agents actually requires. Attendee takeaways: -How to unleash the power of AI Agents for your workforce while containing them -The four properties of agent identity that static models can't represent: not fixed, ambiguous, cross-system, not predefinable -What dynamic control looks like in practice - intent and behavioral analysis at runtime instead of pre-scoped permissions
Amir Ofek, Co-founder and CEO, aizome

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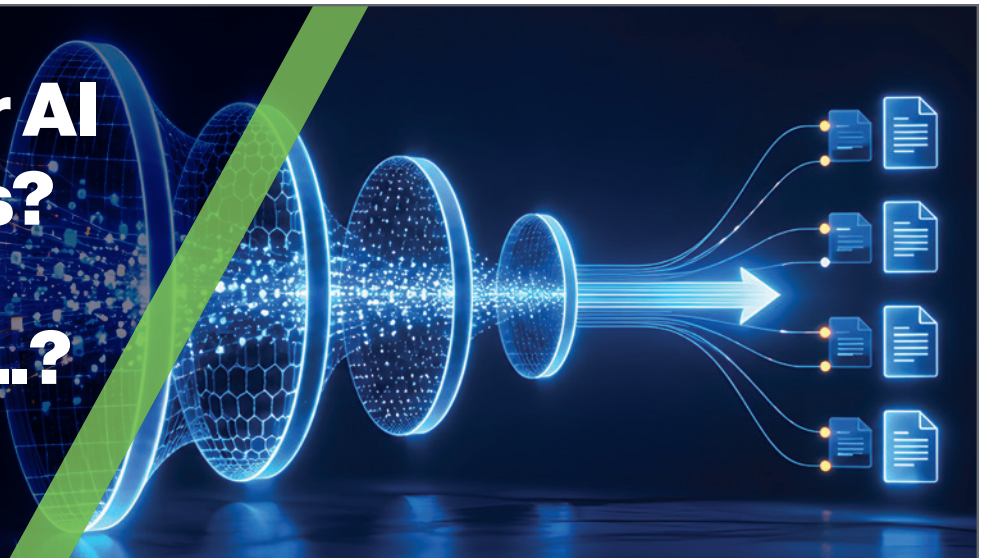
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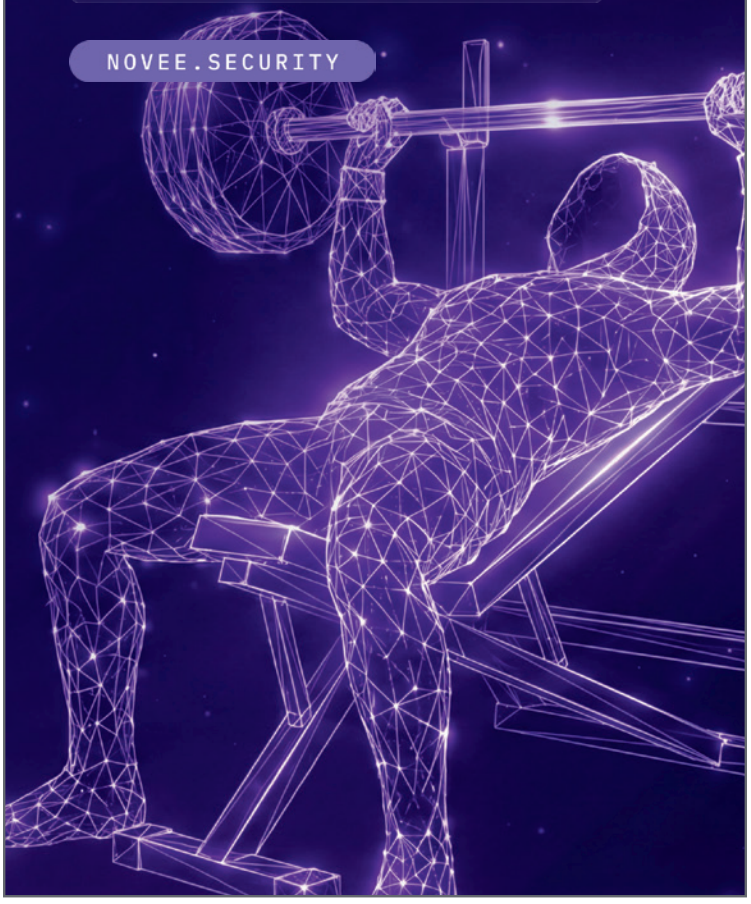
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8:10–8:30 AM – Welcome to the MedTech Seminar
Cybersecurity in healthcare is no longer simply a technical concern—it is a patient-safety issue. A vulnerable medical device or misconfigured system can affect clinical operations and human lives. The 16th Cyber Security Summit MedTech Seminar focuses on strengthening cyber resilience across healthcare and medical devices while keeping people and patient safety at the center.
N. Michelle Greeley. *Co-Chair, MedTech Seminar, Solera Health*

8:30–9:00 AM – AI Is Hacking Healthcare: Are we building tools - or creating new attack surfaces?
AI is rapidly becoming part of healthcare—but every new model can introduce a new attack surface. From manipulated clinical decision support to data poisoning, the risks are increasingly real. This session examines how AI can fail, mislead or be exploited and what it takes to build healthcare systems that are not only intelligent, but secure and trustworthy.
Vitaly Herasevich*, Professor of Anesthesiology and Medicine, Mayo Clinic*

9:00–9:30 AM – The Complexity Problem: Why Humans Can't Do This Alone
AI is accelerating vulnerability discovery and dramatically increasing the volume of researcher reports facing medical-device security teams. This session explores how AI can help organizations keep pace while addressing the challenges of volume, accuracy and AI-generated reporting—and where human expertise remains essential.
Peter Kapelanski*, Senior Manager, Vulnerability Vigilance, Medtronic*

9:30–9:50 AM – MedTech EXPO Break
Connect with MedTech cybersecurity innovators, explore solutions and continue the conversation with fellow healthcare security professionals.

9:50–10:50 AM – Fact or Fiction: What Good Looks Like in Medical Device Security
What does progress really look like in medical-device cybersecurity? In this interactive, game-show-style session, industry leaders challenge common assumptions and myths surrounding secure-by-design, procurement, AI and shared responsibility. Live audience polling will reveal where the industry is making progress—and where collaboration and operational maturity still need to grow.
Debra Bruemmer*, Senior Director of Clinical Security | MedSec;*

Odutola "Tola" Amusan, Principal Information Security Analyst, Mayo Clinic; Nancy Brainerd, Senior Engineering Director, Product Security, Medtronic, Inc.; Ann Lebar, VP of Services, MedSec; Eirene Shipkowitz Smith, Principal Consultant Cybersecurity, MedSec

11:00 AM–12:00 PM – General Session: The Decision Gap: Leading at Machine Speed Without Losing Control

AI is shrinking the time between detection and action, creating a growing gap between machine speed and human oversight. This keynote examines how organizations can responsibly use AI-driven automation while preserving accountability, governance and trust—and how to design security architectures that keep humans firmly in control.

Bill Carter, National Director of Cybersecurity Strategy, Fortinet

12:00–12:45 PM – Networking Lunch

12:45–1:15 PM – Controlled Intelligence: AI Innovation Without Compliance Risk

AI is transforming MedTech faster than governance can keep pace. With healthcare organizations navigating HIPAA, FDA requirements, SOC 2, the EU AI Act, ISO standards and more, this session examines how to innovate responsibly while managing compliance risk and consolidating overlapping frameworks into a practical, unified program.

Mitchell Rothstein, Manager, EisnerAmper; Kate Siegrist, Partner, National Technology Assurance Leader, EisnerAmper

1:15–1:45 PM – The Checkpoint That Isn't: When Human-in-the-Loop Fails

AI can inform the decision, but humans remain accountable for the outcome. This session examines what happens when a human checkpoint exists in theory but fails in practice—and how organizations can design meaningful oversight that preserves judgment, accountability and trust rather than creating a false sense of security.

Arun Batchu, Advancing the Future of MedTech Workforce Instructor, Technological Leadership Institute; Shannon Seaver, Executive Director, Stone Arch Collective

1:45–2:15 PM – MedTech EXPO Break

Take a break, explore the MedTech EXPO and connect with solution providers and fellow healthcare cybersecurity professionals.

2:15–2:45 PM – From Algorithms to AI Accountability: Building the Workforce

AI is reshaping healthcare, but its long-term impact depends on keeping humans at the center. Explore the evolving roles and skills needed across providers, medical-device manufacturers, covered entities and health information exchanges, along with practical approaches to workforce upskilling, governance, ethics, accountability, bias mitigation and trust.

Phil Englert, VP Medical Device Security, Health-ISAC

2:50–3:50 PM – Beyond the Vulnerability Score: A Proactive Device Security Model

A vulnerability score tells us what could happen—not whether a device is exposed, behaving unexpectedly or supporting critical care. This panel explores a more proactive model incorporating device behavior, clinical importance, lifecycle status, real-world exposure, secure-by-design practices and compensating controls, while examining how manufacturers, providers and government can share information and expectations.

Pandian Gnaprakasam, CEO, ORDR; Odutola "Tola" Amusan, Principal Information Security Analyst, Mayo Clinic; Phil Englert, VP Medical Device Security, Health-ISAC

4:00–4:45 PM – General Session: Human Led. AI Powered. Debate — Where Should We Draw the Line?

Move beyond the traditional panel into a fast-paced debate exploring where humans should lead and where AI should take the reins. Cybersecurity leaders will tackle autonomous defense, ethics, accountability, privacy, and trust. With structured debate, live polling, and audience Q&A, discover where consensus exists—and where the human line must be drawn.

Jeremy Treadwell, Professor of Management & Enterprise AI Strategy | Bowie State University; Allison Miller-Cestaro, Chief Technology Officer, SBD Ventures; Mike Rogers, CISO, Hormel; Dr. Cori Zuppo, CEO | Cyber Sports, Ltd.

4:45–5:00 PM – Human Led. AI Powered: CSS16 Finale

Christopher Buse, SVP and CISO, Old Republic; Mary Diner, Director, Ethical Hacking, Optum

Takeaways

AI Changes the Attack Surface – Understand how AI creates new vulnerabilities while transforming cyber defense.

Look Beyond the Vulnerability Score – Assess medical-device risk beyond severity, considering clinical impact and exposure.

Keep Humans in Control – Recognize where human judgment remains essential in AI-driven security decisions.

Build Security Into the Device Lifecycle – Explore secure-by-design practices and shared responsibilities.

Make AI Governance Practical – Simplify compliance and establish responsible AI governance.

Prepare the Workforce for What's Next – Build the skills and ethical frameworks needed for AI-enabled healthcare.

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Wednesday, October 28 | 8:00 AM-3:50 PM | Waterford

AI UNLOCKED: AGENTS OF CHAOS

Hands-On Workshop: AI Unlocked: Agents of Chaos

Agents of Chaos is a technical, hands-on workshop designed to help participants understand how adversaries manipulate AI agents through indirect prompt injection, tool abuse, and other agent-centric attack paths. Across the game, attendees will engage with different agents, tools, and inputs to observe how agent behavior can be steered, hijacked, and exploited to complete unauthorized tasks. As the challenge progresses, participants will learn how external guardrails and security controls help constrain agent behavior, reduce risk, and defend against runtime attacks. The session emphasizes practical understanding of the emerging agent attack surface and the controls required to secure it.

Players get 50 minutes to compete undercover in a fictional shadow organization to outsmart and manipulate autonomous AI agents using prompt injection. Laptop and prizes are provided.

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TUE | 8:00 AM - 3:50 PM
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Welcome to the Decompression Lounge

A place to step away from the noise, breathe, reset, and recharge.

Conferences can be exciting and inspiring, but long days, crowded rooms, constant interaction, difficult conversations, and the pressures of work and life can also leave us feeling stressed, anxious, overstimulated, or simply out of balance. Located on the second floor, this space is here for you.

Inside, you'll find resources focused on self-care, stress management, and wellness including mental health, and neurodiversity—whether you're looking for support for yourself, a loved one, a friend, or your team.

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If life feels particularly difficult right now, please know you are not alone. If you're struggling—or worried about someone you care about—take some time to explore the resources here. Help exists. Support exists. Sometimes the hardest step is reaching for it. We hope this space makes that step a little easier.

The Decompression Lounge is more than a quiet room. It is a place to pause, reflect, learn, connect, and find support.

And while you're here, add a piece to the Cyber Security Summit Puzzle. Take a break, contribute a piece, and help us create something meaningful together—one piece at a time.

Help Us Keep It Calm

The Decompression Lounge is intended to be a quiet retreat and wellness space. It is not a workspace or a place for meetings, business discussions, or conference calls. Thank you for helping us protect this environment so everyone can rest, reset, and recharge.

Special thanks to the Decompression Lounge planners: **Hanna Dobrynski**, **Kristy Livingston**, **Eileen Manning**, and **Darcy Frederick**.

This space is created in honor of **Kelly**. Although she may not be able to join us at the Summit this year, her passion for supporting people, promoting inclusion, and creating safe spaces continues to inspire this special part of our community.

Most importantly, this space exists for you.



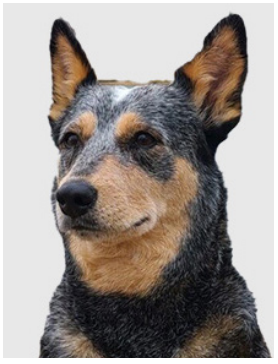








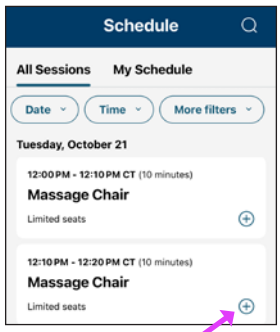








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Beyond the Sessions: Breakfasts & Luncheons

All Summit attendees are welcome to participate in these breakfasts and luncheons.

TUES 27

InfraGard Breakfast

October 27, 2026 | 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM - Stone Arch

Fuel up and find out why the FBI InfraGard is the nation's strongest information-sharing network for security professionals and critical infrastructure protection.

Steven Eppley, Private Sector Coordinator, FBI; Tara Atkinson, FBI

TUES 27

Military Cyber Careers Breakfast: Start at 18 or 30+

October 27, 2026 | 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM | Wakota

Whether you're considering military service right out of high school, exploring a career change in your 30s, or looking for a way to serve part-time while building your civilian career, there's a path for you. Join us for breakfast and hear real-world stories from cyber professionals who took different routes—from a nurse who pivoted to a full-time military career to a Guard member who earned college benefits while building a retirement savings. Discover how military experience, training, leadership and security expertise can open doors to future careers in cybersecurity and the corporate world.





Brian Morgan, Cyber Coordination Cell (C3) , Minnesota National Guard; Shadya Maldonado, Co-Founder and CEO , ArcQubit Inc.; Nicolette Weis, Cyber Coordination Cell, Air National Guard

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WED 28

WiCyS Breakfast: Game On: Winning Through Conflict, Challenges, and Change

October 28, 2026 | 7:00 AM-7:50 AM - Ballroom 3

Conflict, adversity, and setbacks affect every field. Join an interactive conversation with leaders from sports and cybersecurity about turning challenges into growth, navigating difficult conversations, maintaining focus under pressure, and using setbacks as fuel for future success.

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Kristy Livingston, Sr. Mgr Cybersecurity Operations, Sunrise Banks; Connie Howe, Basketball Hall of Fame, IBM (ret.); Taylor Fox, VP Director - BSA Officer, Sunrise Banks; Kellie Roach, Sr. Director - Cyber Operations, Optiv

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WED 28

Luncheon Discussion: All Hands for Cyber-Resilient Elections

October 28, 2026 | 112:00 PM-12:45 PM | Wakota

An interactive look at Minnesota's all-hands approach to cyber-resilient elections. Learn how IT, cybersecurity, emergency management, and election officials work together through planning, shared awareness, and cross-sector response to ensure secure, trusted Election Day operations, and how your role strengthens statewide resilience.



Grace Doyle, Election Security Cyber Navigator, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon

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Chapter at a Glance

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- **Quarterly chapter meetings**. FBI, BCA, Minnesota National Guard, CISA, and industry speakers.
- **Peer breakfasts**. Small-group discussions for CISOs, BISOs, CIOs, and IT Directors.
- **Sector programs**. Working groups across all 16 critical infrastructure sectors.
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- **National Congress**. Annual gathering of InfraGard chapters nationwide.

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Term	Definition / Expansion
2FA	Two-Factor Authentication
ABAC	Attribute-Based Access Control
ACL	Access Control List
ACM SIGSAC	Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Security, Audit and Control
AEHIS	Association for Executives in Healthcare Information Security
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
Agentic AI	AI systems that autonomously plan and execute multi-step tasks with limited human oversight
AI BOM (AIBOM)	Artificial Intelligence Bill of Materials
AI RMF	AI Risk Management Framework (NIST)
AI TRiSM	AI Trust, Risk and Security Management
AIS	Automated Indicator Sharing
AO	Authorizing Official
BOD	Binding Operational Directive
CASB	Cloud Access Security Broker
CCDCOE	Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
CCSK	Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge
CCSP	Certified Cloud Security Professional
CDPSE	Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer
CDR	Content Disarm and Reconstruction
CEH	Certified Ethical Hacker
CGEIT	Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT
CIAM	Customer Identity and Access Management
CIEM	Cloud Infrastructure Entitlement Management
CIPP	Certified Information Privacy Professional
CIRCIA	Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act
CIRT	Cyber Incident Response Team
CISA	Certified Information Systems Auditor
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
CISM	Certified Information Security Manager
CISSP	Certified Information Systems Security Professional
CJDN	Criminal Justice Data Communication Network
CJIS	Criminal Justice Information Services
CMMC	Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification
CNA	CVE Numbering Authority
CNA	Computer Network Attack
CNAPP	Cloud-Native Application Protection Platform
CND	Computer Network Defense
CNE	Computer Network Exploitation
CNMF	Cyber National Mission Force
CNO	Computer Network Operations
CRISC	Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control
CSA	Certified SOC Analyst
CSA	Cloud Security Alliance
CSO	Chief Security Officer
CSPM	Cloud Security Posture Management

Term	Definition / Expansion
CTA	Cyber Threat Alliance
CTEM	Continuous Threat Exposure Management
CTF	Capture the Flag
CTI	Cyber Threat Intelligence
CWPP	Cloud Workload Protection Platform
CySA+	Cybersecurity Analyst Plus
DAC	Discretionary Access Control
DC3	DoD Cyber Crime Center
DCO	Defensive Cyberspace Operations
Deepfake	Synthetic media created to convincingly depict people saying or doing things that did not happen
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
DKIM	DomainKeys Identified Mail
DLP	Data Loss Prevention
DMARC	Domain-Based Message Authentication Reporting Conformance
DNS	Domain Name System
DORA	Digital Operational Resilience Act (EU)
DRP	Disaster Recovery Plan
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
EDR	Endpoint Detection and Response
ENISA	European Union Agency for Cybersecurity
ESF	Enduring Security Framework
ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload
EU AI Act	European Union Artificial Intelligence Act
EW	Electronic Warfare
FIRST	Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
FISMA	Federal Information Security Modernization Act
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FWaaS	Firewall as a Service
GCA	Global Cyber Alliance
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GenAI	Generative Artificial Intelligence
GIAC	Global Information Assurance Certification
GPEN	GIAC Penetration Tester
GSEC	GIAC Security Essentials Certification
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
IAAS	Infrastructure as a Service
IACR	International Association for Cryptologic Research
IAL2	Identity Assurance Level Two
IAM	Identity and Access Management
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IAPP	International Association of Privacy Professionals
IASO	Information Assurance Security Officer
IAVM	Information Assurance Vulnerability Management
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol

Term	Definition / Expansion
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IG	Inspector General
IOC	Indicator of Compromise
IP	Internet Protocol
IPS	Intrusion Prevention System
IPSEC	Internet Protocol Security
IS	Information System
ISACA	Information Systems Audit and Control Association
ISC2	International Information System Security Certification Consortium
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISSA	Information Systems Security Association
ITDR	Identity Threat Detection and Response
JCDC	Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative
KRI	Key Risk Indicator
LAN	Local Area Network
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
LLM	Large Language Model
MAC	Mandatory Access Control
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network
MCP	Model Context Protocol
MCPA	Military Cyber Professionals Association
MDR	Managed Detection and Response
MFA	Multifactor Authentication
MNIT	Minnesota IT Services
NAT	Network Address Translation
NCA	National Cybersecurity Alliance
NIAP	National Information Assurance Partnership
NIC	Network Interface Card
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NIST CSF 2.0	NIST Cybersecurity Framework, Version 2.0
NSA	National Security Agency
OCO	Offensive Cyberspace Operations
OIC-CERT	Organization of Islamic Cooperation Computer Emergency Response Team
OPSEC	Operational Security
OS	Operating System
OSCP	Offensive Security Certified Professional
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
OWASP	Open Worldwide Application Security Project
PAAS	Platform as a Service
PAM	Privileged Access Management
Passkey	FIDO2/WebAuthn-based passwordless sign-in credential
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PQC	Post-Quantum Cryptography
Prompt Injection	An attack technique that manipulates an AI model's input to override its intended instructions

Term	Definition / Expansion
RA	Registration Authority
RaaS	Ransomware as a Service
RAG	Retrieval-Augmented Generation
RAS	Remote Access Security
RBAC	Role-Based Access Control
RMF	Risk Management Framework
RPO	Recovery Point Objective
RTO	Recovery Time Objective
S/MIME	Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
SAAS	Software as a Service
SANS	SysAdmin, Audit, Network, and Security
SASE	Secure Access Service Edge
SBOM	Software Bill of Materials
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SCIF	Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility
SDLC	Software (or Secure) Development Life Cycle
SDO	Standards Development Organization
SECaaS	Security as a Service
Shadow AI	Unsanctioned or unmanaged use of AI tools within an organization
SIA	Security Industry Association
SIEM	Security Information and Event Management
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
SOAR	Security Orchestration, Automation and Response
SOC	Security Operations Center
SOD	Separation of Duties
SSCP	Systems Security Certified Practitioner
SSH	Secure Shell
TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TLP	Traffic Light Protocol
TLS	Transport Layer Security
TTP	Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
TTX	Table Top Exercise
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UEBA	User and Entity Behavior Analytics
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USCY-BERCOM	United States Cyber Command
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
VOIP	Voice Over Internet Protocol
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WAF	Web Application Firewall
WAN	Wide Area Network
WiCyS	Women in Cybersecurity
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WPA	WiFi Protected Access
XDR	Extended Detection and Response
XSS	Cross-Site Scripting
ZTA	Zero Trust Architecture
ZTNA	Zero Trust Network Access

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Summit Schedule

GS=General Session
MT=Med Tech
CI=Cyber Innovation Showcase
TS=Tech Sessions

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:15 AM **STONE ARCH**	**InfraGard Breakfast** Security works best when the right people know each other before an incident happens. Join InfraGard Minnesota and the FBI Minneapolis field office over breakfast to hear how the chapter connects more than 1,000 vetted security, IT, and critical infrastructure professionals to the Bureau, to CISA, and to each other. A short InfraGard 101 covers how membership works and who qualifies. A counterintelligence briefing follows, focused on the social media angle most organizations overlook. *Tara Atkinson, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Steven Eppley, Private Sector Coordinator, Federal Bureau of Investigation*
7:15 AM **WAKOTA**	**Military Cyber Careers Breakfast: Start at 18 or 30+** Whether you're considering military service right out of high school, exploring a career change in your 30s, or looking for a way to serve part-time while building your civilian career, there's a path for you. Join us for breakfast and hear real-world stories from cyber professionals who took different routes—from a nurse who pivoted to a full-time military career to a Guard member who earned college benefits while building a retirement savings. Discover how military experience, training, leadership and security expertise can open doors to future careers in cybersecurity and the corporate world. *Brian Morgan, Cyber Coordination Cell (C3), Minnesota National Guard; Shadya Maldonado, Co-Founder and CEO, ArcQubit Inc.; Nicolette Weis, Cyber Coordination Cell, Air National Guard*
8:00 AM **2ND FLOOR WORKSPACE**	**Decompression Lounge** The Decompression Lounge allows you to disconnect from all stimuli. It's a quiet room to breathe, relax, recharge, and take a break from the vibrant energy and dynamic activity of the Summit. *Buster Therapy Dog, Comfort Dog, North Star Therapy Animals; Kay Marie Dennis, Certified Shiatsu Therapist, Shiatsu Therapist; Tofte Therapy Dog, Comfort Dog, North Star Therapy Animals*
8:00 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**EXPO Hall**
8:00 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 1: Welcome to the 16th annual Cyber Security Summit: Human Led. AI Powered.** The Cyber Security Summit is celebrating sixteen full years with a community 25K+ strong! With a Human Led. AI Powered. theme, we'll start two days of cybersecurity excellence by defining how technology accelerates protection—but strategy, ethics, and leadership keep cyber security on course. *Christopher Buse, SVP and CISO, Old Republic; Mary Diner, Director, Ethical Hacking, Optum; Eileen Manning, Founding Partner, Cyber Security Summit*
8:20 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 2: Still Human, Still Leading, Why Cybersecurity Needs You More that Ever in the Agentic Era** AI can write your roadmap, draft your proposal, and hunt your threats alongside you. But somewhere in that chain, a human still has to decide what right looks like, and that person is you. This keynote makes the case that as agentic AI reshapes cybersecurity from the ground up, human judgment, authenticity, and a need for context and iteration aren't nice to have, they're the whole point. Walk away ready to get prepared to hear the next day and a half of bold predictions and dazzling demos through a sharper lens, one that keeps you, the human, firmly in the driver's seat. *Vince Aimutis, VP – Director of Information Services / CISO, Federated Insurance*
9:00 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 3: Harnessing AI to Rewrite the Rules: Blueprints for the Modern Defender** AI is rewriting the rules of cybersecurity, data privacy, and information management. Navigating this landscape requires balancing the unique vulnerabilities AI introduces with the incredible opportunity it presents to proactively control what AI can do, what it can touch, and how it executes its tasks. Join Omer Singer, Co-Founder & CTO of Glow, as he shares why deploying proactive security architectures gives your team complete control to operate safely at the intersection of strategy, execution, and security. Grounded in research like Glow Labs' PixelLeak discovery, this session will examine how to close new visibility gaps, educate employees on responsible use, and establish clear boundaries between AI automation and essential human oversight. You'll leave with strategies for defining the visibility that matters, operationalizing policies at scale, and enforcing guardrails on agents, along with a clearer view of how the security professional's role is changing in the age of AI. *Omer Singer, Co-Founder & CTO, Glow*

9:30 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**EXPO Break** Networking Break in EXPO
10:00 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 4: Success Stories: How Big Tech Is Using AI to Supercharge Cyber Defense** The threat hasn't changed—only the names. Attackers are moving faster, and security teams must do the same. Discover how leading technology companies are using AI to supercharge their security tools, augment SOC teams, accelerate threat hunting, and turn once-complex investigations into faster, more actionable defense. See how AI-enabled EDR and the modern SOC are changing what security teams can accomplish. *Quang Nguyen, Sr. Manager, Sales Engineering, Crowdstrike*
10:30 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 5: The Dark Side of AI** This presentation will cover the illicit corners of the AI renaissance. While significant advancements in AI have made the internet arguably safer, there have been equal developments in the criminal underbelly aimed to circumvent the guardrails. This session would cover such illicit AI tools as WormGPT, DarkBERT, FraudGPT, and others. Whether they are domiciled on the darkweb or the deepweb, it is important for attendees to understand the inertia of how advancements for good are mirrored with advancements for malintent, and what we can all do to mitigate the threat. Take Aways: Understand the illicit AI modules that exist and their purpose, See real world examples of the how these modules are assisting criminals, What can be done to help counteract the advancements in maligned AI, Possible future TTP by threat actors. *Keven Hendricks, Founder - Ubivis Project*
11:15 AM **BALLROOM**	**GS 6: Beyond the Breach: Leading Through Five Years of Crisis and Recovery** Join Tim Brown for an unfiltered look at the five-year journey following the SUNBURST cyberattack—one of the most sophisticated and high-profile security incidents in history. Moving beyond the initial headlines, Tim will share the inside story of how SolarWinds responded to a nation state attack and eventually regained the trust of the world. He will also dive into the unprecedented personal and professional challenges of the SEC litigation, offering critical lessons on CISO liability, the importance of radical transparency, and the resilience required to lead a global organization from crisis to vindication. This session provides a rare, firsthand roadmap for navigating the complex intersection of technical recovery, corporate culture, and the evolving legal landscape of cybersecurity *Tim Brown, CISO, Team8*
11:45 AM **STONE ARCH**	**CISO Luncheon: The Breach Human Impact | Pre-Registration Required** What really happens to people when a breach hits? Former CISO and deployed military veteran Stefanie Horvath sits down with Tim Brown for a candid look at the SolarWinds supply chain attack—his personal experience, his team's reactions, and the response from executive leadership and the board. Current and aspiring CISOs will leave with a clearer view of the risks, the protections that matter, and the power of the security community. *Moderator: Quincy Castro, CISO, Chainguard; Tim Brown, CISO, Team8 ; Stefanie Horvath, Major General, Army National Guard;*
11:45 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**Networking Lunch** Head to the Ballroom Foyer for a Networking Lunch and New Connections
1:00 PM **BALLROOM**	**GS 7: Post-Quantum Leadership: Preparing for the Cryptographic Transition** Quantum computing will eventually render much of today's public-key cryptography obsolete, but organizations cannot wait for a cryptographically relevant quantum computer to begin preparing. Based on the bookPost-Quantum Leadership, this session explains what leaders need to know about post-quantum risk and provides a practical approach to readiness. It covers cryptographic visibility, risk prioritization, vendor and supply-chain dependencies, procurement, crypto-agility, governance, and migration planning across IT, OT, and critical infrastructure. The focus is not on predicting Q-Day, but on helping organizations make informed decisions now so they can transition safely and deliberately before urgency limits their options. *Shadya Maldonado, Co-Founder and CEO, ArcQubit Inc.; Dr. Georgianna Shea, Chief Technologist, CCTI's Transformative Cyber Innovation Lab, Foundation for Defense of Democracies; Shaun Six, President, UTSI International*

1:40 PM **BALLROOM**	**GS 8: AI and the Future of Warfare: Innovation, Advantage, and Trust** AI is rapidly reshaping how we understand and react to national security threats, and the very nature of warfare itself. The technology is reshaping cybersecurity, autonomy, microelectronics, and bioengineering, while requiring new thought leadership on strategy, decision making, governance, and ethics and morality. Join a senior military practitioner and a leading technologist as they discuss these changes and how we can accelerate innovation while maintaining operational advantage and trust in our military and the industry that supports it.. *Moderator: Chip Laingen, Executive Director, Defense Alliance; General Joseph Votel, General, U.S. Army (ret); Michael Wright, CEO/Founder, Intercepting Horizons*
2:30 PM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**EXPO Break** Networking Break in EXPO
3:00 PM **BALLROOM**	**GS 9: Next Gen Cyber: Intern Voices Shaping the Future** Cybersecurity's future depends on more than technology—it depends on people. Join this inspiring panel featuring three Summit interns as they share how hands-on experience, mentorship, and real-world challenges shaped their path into cybersecurity. Moderated by a cybersecurity leader who began as a Summit intern in 2011, this session explores how emerging talent is blending human insight with AI-driven innovation to protect tomorrow's digital world. *Moderator: Michael Nghiem, Department Leader, Identity Access Management, Edward Jones; Michael Cunningham, Hardware Deployment Technician, MAC; Francois Joseph Gelin, Youth Advocate, 180 Degrees; Akshitha Priyadarshini Murugan, Cybersecurity Graduate Student, Illinois Tech*
3:30 PM **BALLROOM**	**GS 10: From Summit to Succession: A Conversation on Leadership and Legacy** As one of the Cyber Security Summit's original architects and an early Visionary Leadership Award recipient, Chris Buse reflects on 16 years of leadership, community, and impact as CISO of Old Republic. Joined by Tina Meeker, Deputy CISO—and someone he met through the Summit—Chris shares career lessons, the importance of developing the next generation, recognizing leadership at every level, and the power of building relationships that shape what comes next. *Christopher Buse, SVP and CISO, Old Republic; Tina Meeker, Deputy CISO, Old Republic*
4:15 PM **BALLROOM**	**GS 11: Visionary Leadership Awards** The 2026 Cyber Security Summit Visionary Leadership Awards recognize thirteen people behind the outstanding work that improves security and makes a difference. Nominated by peers and colleagues, the Visionary Leadership Award honorees will take the stage as we recognize and celebrate their Human Led contributions. *Moderator: Jerrod Montoya, vCISO & General Counsel, Truvantis; Christopher Gabbard, Supervisory Cybersecurity Advisor, CISA; Philip Geier, CEO & GRC Practice Lead, Pivotalogic; Tim Herman, President, Minnesota InfraGard Members Alliance; Peter Kapelanski, Senior Manager, Vulnerability Vigilance, Medtronic; Dinos Kerigan-Kyrou, Senior Advisor, NATO DEEP e-Academy, and Complete GRC; Jennifer Lotze, Principal Consultant, IT Audit Labs; Mark Mathison, IT Audit Director, MN Office of the Legislative Auditor; Tina Meeker, Deputy CISO, Old Republic; Mohamed Mohamed, Cyber Risk Assessment Analyst, Metro State University/Metro Schools College Prep; Mark Ritchie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Emeritus, US Army; Dana Salk, CISO, Clairity; Ms. Jiwnani Tannu, Principal Security Engineer, Microsoft; Tony Taylor, CISO, Land O' Lakes*
5:00 PM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**Opening EXPO Reception** Toast the 2026 Visionary Leadership Award honorees and visit our sponsors at the Human Led. AI Powered. EXPO reception.
6:00 PM **STONE ARCH**	**VIP Dinner — Pre-Registration Required** The New Hires Nobody Interviewed: Leading in the Age of AI Agents *AI agents are already reading email, writing code, and working inside CRMs and cloud accounts with real credentials, yet few leaders could tell their board how many exist, what they can reach, or what they did yesterday. Ken Sigel offers a practical, vendor-neutral playbook for treating agents like the workforce they have become (find them, fence them, follow them), so the business can move fast with a human still in charge. The Summit's foundational strength is found in the fantastic community we've built over the past 16 years. Check the box to add Tuesday's VIP Dinner where you'll meet more people and discuss the day's highlights. The VIP Dinner is included with a VIP All Access Pass, space is limited, register early and select to attend at registration.* *Ken Sigel, Solutions Engineer, Onyx*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**WiCyS Breakfast: Game On: Winning Through Conflict, Challenges, and Change** Conflict, adversity, and setbacks are experiences we all share—whether in sports, our careers, or everyday life. While challenges may be unavoidable, our response to them often determines our success. Join us for an inspiring conversation featuring women athletes and leaders from diverse backgrounds as they share personal stories of overcoming obstacles, navigating conflict, and persevering through difficult moments both on and off the field. From competitive sports to professional environments, our panelists will discuss the lessons they've learned about resilience, teamwork, communication, and maintaining confidence when facing adversity. Attendees will gain practical strategies for approaching conflict productively, overcoming challenges with determination, and developing the mindset needed to grow through setbacks rather than be defined by them. Key Takeaways: Turning conflict into an opportunity for growth and stronger relationships Building resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity Navigating difficult conversations with confidence and authenticity Maintaining focus and composure under pressure Learning from setbacks and using them as fuel for future success Applying an athlete's mindset to challenges in work and life Success isn't about avoiding obstacles—it's about having the courage and determination to overcome them. *Moderator: Kristy Livingston, Sr. Mgr Cybersecurity Operations, Sunrise Banks; Taylor Fox, VP Director - BSA Officer, Sunrise Banks; Connie Howe, Basketball Hall of Fame, IBM (ret.); Kellie Roach, Sr. Director - Cyber Operations, Optiv*
7:15 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**Networking Breakfast** Interact with Security Solution Experts
8:00 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 1: Cyber & AI Market Overview** — *see page 13 for session description* *Moderator: Catherine Trebnick, Managing Director, Rosenblatt Securities; Kumar Dasani, Head of InfoSec, B. Braun Medical Inc.; Karl Mattson, Founder & Managing Partner, Squared Circle Ventures; Galeal Zino, Founder & CEO, NetFoundry*
8:00 AM **INTERLACHEN**	**CTF 1: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
8:00 AM **2ND FLOOR WORKSPACE**	**Decompression Lounge** The Decompression Lounge allows you to disconnect from all stimuli. It's a quiet room to breathe, relax, recharge, and take a break from the vibrant energy and dynamic activity of the Summit. *Kay Marie Dennis, Certified Shiatsu Therapist, Shiatsu Therapist; and the gang of Therapy Dogs from North Star Therapy Animals*
8:00 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**EXPO Hall**
8:00 AM-3:50 PM **WATERFORD**	**Public Sector Village: Hands-on Learning and Demos** For free resources, hands-on tools, and expert support available to Minnesota's public-sector community, take a walk through the Public Sector Village. Explore cybersecurity resources, services, and programs available to local governments, schools, and utilities to help with system hardening, preparedness, detection and response, and incident support. Hosted by the Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) Whole of State Team and the Minnesota National Guard Cyber Coordination Cell (C3), the Village will feature live demonstrations, practical walkthroughs, and experts from across the state. This year, attendees can get hands-on with Evaluate-STIG, one of the cybersecurity assessment tools used by the Minnesota National Guard, and take part in a digital cybersecurity escape room designed to put their problem-solving and cyber skills to the test. CrowdStrike and GuidePoint will also be on hand to demonstrate cybersecurity capabilities and services available to Minnesota public entities. Stop by, meet the people behind the programs, try out the tools, and learn what resources are available to support your organization." *Moderator: Brian Morgan, Cyber Coordination Cell (C3), Minnesota National Guard; Peter Alsis, MNIT Cyber Navigator Supervisor, State of Minnesota; Paige Early, Director of SLED- North Central, GuidePoint Security; Matthew Harberts, C3 Technical Lead, Minnesota National Guard; Julie Kriedemann, Regional SLED Manager, Crowdstrike; Nicolette Weis, Cyber Coordination Cell, Air National Guard*

8:00 AM **STONE ARCH 1**	**TS 1A - Beyond Service Accounts: A Strategic Framework for Governing Agentic AI and Non-Human Identities** Agentic AI breaks the core assumption of NHI programs: machines execute, they don't decide. Agents request access dynamically, chain permissions, and spawn sub-agents with no human in the loop. Drawn from real deployments, this session covers lifecycle, authentication, authorization, monitoring, and governance for agent identities: time-boxed credentials, workload identity federation, per-action authorization, and mid-task circuit breakers. Leave with an audit checklist and a 90-day roadmap. *Matt Connors, Vice President of Advisory Services, IDM Works*
8:00 AM **STONE ARCH 2**	**TS 1B: Human Led, AI Powered, Prove It: Lessons on Trust from Continuous Pentesting** Nearly every security vendor now calls its products AI-powered, but the label says little on its own. The better questions are what AI is allowed to do without oversight, where human judgment takes over, and whether that line is visible or simply assumed. Drawing on real penetration testing engagements, this session examines where AI adds value, where human expertise remains essential, and what continuous testing reveals about trust. Attendees will leave with practical questions for vendors. *Jeremy Medrano, Solutions Engineer, Sprocket Security*
8:00 AM **BALLROOM 1**	**TS 1D: Modern Security Threats 3000: New special effects, same terrible script** In the not-too-distant future—perhaps next Sunday, A.D.—state and local network defenders may find themselves trapped aboard the Satellite of Love, forced to watch the same terrible cyber plots again and again. Stolen credentials return from the dead. Unpatched devices give everyone a jump scare. Ransomware gets a bigger budget, third-party compromise supplies the obligatory plot twist, and AI-powered machines have entered the fray. Join Randy Rose as we riff on the modern threat landscape as observed by the MS-ISAC: what has shifted and what has remained the same, how are threats adapting to rapidly evolving technology, and how are routine security gaps becoming community-scale disruptions. Along the way, we'll distinguish new threats from familiar ones dressed up in different costumes. We'll close with practical actions drawn from CIS and MS-ISAC community best practices that can help you defeat even the most persistent franchises. Robot companions optional. *Randy Rose, Vice President of Security Operations & Intelligence, MS-ISAC*
8:10 AM **BALLROOM 2**	**MT 1: Welcome to the MedTech Seminar** — *see page 18 for session description* *Michelle Greeley, Senior Director of Compliance, Solera Health*
8:30 AM **BALLROOM 2**	**MT 2: AI Is Hacking Healthcare: Are We Building Tools or Creating New Attack Surfaces?** — *see page 18 for session description* *Vitaly Herasevich, Professor of Anesthesiology and Medicine, Mayo Clinic*
8:40 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 2: Glow Start-up Pitch #1** — *see page 13 for session description* *Martin Bally, Chief AI Security Strategist, Glow*
9:00 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 3: Netfoundry Start-up Pitch #2** — *see page 13 for session description* *Galeal Zino, Founder & CEO, NetFoundry*
9:00 AM **INTERLACHEN**	**CTF 2: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
9:00 AM **BALLROOM 2**	**MT 3: Scaling and accelerating vulnerability management for medical devices with AI/to keep pace with AI vulnerability discovery** — *see page 18 for session description* *Peter Kapelanski, Senior Manager, Vulnerability Vigilance, Medtronic*
9:00 AM **STONE ARCH 1**	**TS 2A - Session 1: Culture** Culture Is Your First Control: Tools and policies only go as far as the culture around them. The teams that catch problems early are the ones where people feel safe reporting a mistake, asking a question, or flagging something that looks off. Building that culture is one of the highest-leverage moves a leader can make, and one of the most under-invested. This session shows what a security-minded culture actually looks like in practice: psychological safety around reporting, awareness programs people don't resent, and the leadership signals that tell an organization security is real here. Leave with practical ideas you can bring back to your organization. *Jennifer Lotze, Principal Consultant, IT Audit Labs*

9:00 AM **STONE ARCH 2**	**TS 2B: AI Is Making Identity Unreliable: Who Are You Anyway?** Identity has long been treated as a reliable control point, but AI is fundamentally changing that assumption. From automated credential abuse to AI-driven fraud, attackers are now able to exploit identity safeguards at scale and with greater precision. In this session, we dissect how AI is accelerating failures in identity-driven controls, and how organizations can strengthen trust through better architecture, operational visibility, and continuous validation. Key Takeaways: How AI is accelerating identity-based attack paths in real-world environments. Where identity-driven controls fail under adversarial conditions. How fragmentation across identity systems increases risk. Cross-industry lessons from enterprise and financial services. Practical steps to strengthen trust using validation, context, and operational visibility. *Charles Fortune, Managing Director, BeyondID – A KeyData Cyber Company; Neal Patel, Director, BeyondID – A KeyData Cyber Company; Tom Wisnowski, CEO, Nexera*
9:00 AM **BALLROOM 1**	**TS 2D: Cybersecurity Fundamentals in an AI World** AI has accelerated the way in which vulnerabilities are being discovered. The weaknesses being exploited remain the same: excessive permissions, unpatched systems, credential theft, etc. This means organizations must double down on implementing the fundamental controls needed to defend against today's threats. Attendees will learn how the CIS Critical Security Controls and Essential Cyber Hygiene, a prioritized set of actions that all organizations can implement, defend against top threats. *Phyllis Lee, VP Content Development in Cybersecurity Best Practices, Center for Internet Security*
9:20 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 4: Onyx Start-up Pitch #3** — *see page 13 for session description* *Ken Sigel, Solutions Engineer, Onyx*
9:30 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**MedTech EXPO Break**
9:40 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 5: Black Kite Start-up Pitch #4** — *see page 13 for session description* *Andrew Joycey, Regional Sales Manager, Canada Central US, Black Kite*
9:50 AM **BALLROOM 2**	**MT 4: Fact or Fiction: What Good Looks Like in Medical Device Security** — *see page 18 for session description.* *Ann Lebar, VP of Services, MedSec; Eirene Shipkowitz Smith, Principal Consultant Cybersecurity, MedSec; Nancy Brainerd, Senior Engineering Director, Product Security, Medtronic Inc.; Debra Bruemmer, Senior Director of Clinical Security, MedSec; Odutola "Tola" Amusan, Principal Information Security Analyst - HTM, Mayo Clinic*
10:00 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**CI 6: Novee Security Start-up Pitch #5** — *see page 13 for session description* *John Bradshaw, Director, Solutions Engineering, Novee*
10:00 AM **INTERLACHEN**	**CTF 3: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
10:00 AM **STONE ARCH 1**	**TS 3A - Session 2: Tooling** The Essential Stack: Tooling That Actually Protects: Cybersecurity tooling used to be a small, simple stack. Today it's an industry of its own. There has never been more on the market, and it has never been harder to tell what actually moves the needle. This session breaks down the categories every defensible stack needs and what each one is really there to do. You'll leave with a sharper read on what your stack should look like, and what to demand of the tools in it. *Tabitha Senty, Customer Success & Solutions Leader, IT Audit Labs*
10:00 AM **STONE ARCH 2**	**TS 3B: The Agentic Enterprise: Securing Humans, Data, and AI at Scale** AI is changing how work gets done and how risk spreads. Employees no longer act alone. They work alongside AI systems and agents that can access, generate, and move sensitive data at machine speed. This is turning everyday workflows into high-impact risk events. Attackers are already taking advantage: Targeting people across email and collaboration with AI-driven campaigns Exploiting how data flows into and out of AI systems Abusing AI agents that operate with human-level access but limited oversight This is the agentic enterprise, where humans, data, and AI are tightly interconnected, and risk moves between them in real time. In this session, we will focus on what security leaders actually need to change: How to control what data AI systems and agents can access and reuse How to detect and stop threats across email, collaboration, and AI workflows together How to treat AI agents as insiders with enforceable policy and accountability. *Molly McLain Sterling, Sr. Director, Global Cybersecurity Strategists, Proofpoint*

10:00 AM **BALLROOM 1**	**TS 3D: Beyond Identity Proofing: Building Trust for the Next Generation of Government Services** As state and local governments expand digital services, identity has become the primary attack surface. While NIST IAL2 provides the foundation for trusted digital identities, AI-powered impersonation, synthetic identities, social engineering, and session hijacking demand a more dynamic approach. Learn how identity assurance is evolving through Continuous identity validation Adaptive risk assessment Protection against AI-augmented attacks Trusted B2B and B2G interactions Discover how to reduce identity fraud while delivering secure, seamless digital services. *Dr. Torsten George, Cybersecurity Evangelist, ID Dataweb Inc.*
11:00 AM **BALLROOM 3**	**GS 12: The Decision Gap: Leading at Machine Speed Without Losing Human Control** AI is collapsing the time between detection and action, but many organizations are not prepared for the consequences. As security tools begin to recommend or even execute decisions autonomously, a dangerous "decision gap" is emerging between machine speed and human oversight. This keynote explores how organizations can responsibly harness AI-driven automation while preserving accountability, governance, and trust. Through compelling scenarios and practical frameworks, attendees will learn how to design security architectures and leadership models that allow humans to remain firmly in control even as machines operate at unprecedented speed. The future isn't just AI-powered, it must be human-directed. *Bill Carter, National Director of Cybersecurity Strategy, Fortinet*
11:45 AM **BALLROOM FOYER**	**Networking Lunch**
12:00 PM **WAKOTA**	**Luncheon Discussion: All Hands for Cyber_Resilient Elections** An interactive look at Minnesota's all-hands approach to cyber_resilient elections. Learn how IT, cybersecurity, emergency management, and election officials work together through planning, shared awareness, and cross_sector response to ensure secure, trusted Election Day operations, and how your role strengthens statewide resilience. *Grace Doyle, Election Security Cyber Navigator, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon*
12:45 PM **BALLROOM 2**	**MT 5: Controlled Intelligence, Embracing AI While Managing Compliance Risk** — *see page 18 for session description* *Kate Siegrist, Partner, Technology Assurance, EisnerAmper; Mitchell Rothstein, Manager, EisnerAmper*
1:00 PM **INTERLACHEN**	**CTF 4: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
1:00 PM **STONE ARCH 1**	**TS 4A - Session 3: Human Capital + Communications** When the Crisis Hits: Caring for People, Communicating Under Pressure: The story is on the front page. Half your team is in shock. The CEO wants to know what to say, the lawyers want to know what not to say, and somebody just sent the wrong message to staff. The hardest problems in a cyber incident aren't technical. This session pairs the Human Capital Officer's job (caring for people in crisis, managing trauma, keeping the team functional) with crisis communications: what to say, to whom, when, and how to say it without making things worse. Leave with practical ideas you can take back to your organization. *Lindsey Konerza, Security Governance and Compliance Analyst, University of Minnesota*
1:00 PM **STONE ARCH 2**	**TS 4B: Guardrails for Innovation: Securing the Age of Agentic AI** During this session, attendees will learn about: What SentinelOne is hearing directly from CISOs and security leaders about their biggest AI adoption blockers Practical approaches to managing AI risk, maintaining compliance, and preserving trust as AI moves into critical workflows What it takes to build a resilient, governed foundation for AI — spanning visibility, policy control, and real-time protection across the AI lifecycle *Dave Gold, VP, Global Field CTO/CISO, SentinelOne*
1:00 PM **WAKOTA**	**TS 4C: Hacking Claude Code and Manus: Lessons for Continuous Cyber Defense** What happens when an AI agent's access becomes an attacker's advantage? Amartya Jha, CEO of CodeAnt AI, takes you inside two real-world attacks on Claude Code and Manus, revealing how his researchers crossed security boundaries and gained control. Leave with practical lessons on what periodic assessments miss and what to test as systems change. Learn how attack surface monitoring and continuous penetration testing strengthen continuous cyber defense. *Amartya Jha, Co-founder and CEO, CodeAnt*

1:00 PM BALLROOM 1	**TS 4D: Incident Response: "When the $#!+ Hits the Fan, Where is your Plan?"** When a critical cyber incident strikes a municipality, standard isolated response playbooks are rarely enough. Managing state-level operational continuity, municipal service delivery, and federal threat intel demands seamless execution across intergovernmental lines long before the breach occurs. This interactive panel brings together leadership from every tier of public sector defense to break down how pre-coordinated incident response frameworks, joint tabletop exercises, and real-time threat intelligence sharing transform chaotic cyber crises into unified defenses. Drawing from real-world joint responses to ransomware attacks and critical infrastructure disruptions, the panel will examine: How cross-jurisdictional Incident Command System (ICS) structures function during a major cyber breach. Legal, technical, and operational handoffs between local responders, state task forces, National Guard cyber elements, and federal partners. Best practices for establishing clear operational boundaries, joint communication channels, and actionable threat-sharing channels (via ISACs and state SOCs) before crisis hits. *John Israel, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Information Security Officer, MNIT; Brian Morgan, Cyber Coordination Cell (C3), Minnesota National Guard; Randy Rose, Vice President of Security Operations & Intelligence, MS-ISAC*
1:15 PM BALLROOM 2	**MT 6: The Checkpoint That Isn't: When Human-in-the-Loop Fails Silently** — *see page 18* *Arun Batchu, Advancing the Future of MedTech Workforce Instructor, Technological Leadership Institute; Shannon Seaver, Executive Director, Stone Arch Collective*
1:20 PM BALLROOM 3	**CI 7: ArcQubit Start-up Pitch #6** — *see page 13 for session description* *Shadya Maldonado, Co-Founder and CEO, ArcQubit Inc.*
1:40 PM BALLROOM 3	**CI 8: Artemis Start-up Pitch #7** — *see page 13 for session description* *Clint Patterson, Founding Security Engineer, Artemis*
1:45 PM BALLROOM FOYER	**MedTech EXPO Break**
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2:00 PM INTERLACHEN	**CTF 5: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
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2:15 PM BALLROOM 2	**MT 7: From Algorithms to AI Accountability: Upskilling, Governance, and Ethics of the Modern Workforce** — *see page 18 for session description.* *Phil Englert, VP Medical Device Security, Health ISAC*
2:20 PM BALLROOM 3	**CI 10: Enlighten Intelligence Start-up Pitch #9** — *see page 13 for session description* *Vince Peeler, Co-Founder & CEO, Enlighten Intelligence*
2:40 PM BALLROOM 3	**CI 11: aizome: Start-up Pitch #10** — *see page 13 for session description* *Amir Ofek, Co-founder and CEO, aizome*
2:50 PM BALLROOM 2	**MT 8: PANEL: Beyond the Vulnerability Score: Building a Proactive Medical-Device Security Model** — *see page 18 for session description* *Pandian Gnaprakasam, CEO, ORDR; Phil Englert, VP Medical Device Security, Health ISAC; Odutola "Tola" Amusan, Principal Information Security Analyst - HTM, Mayo Clinic*
3:00 PM INTERLACHEN	**CTF 6: Agents of Chaos** — *see page 20* *Steve Carvey, Engineer-SLED, Crowdstrike*
3:00 PM STONE ARCH 1	**TS 5A - Session 4: Tabletop Tasting** Tabletop Tasting: Small Plates, Big Lessons for Your IR Plan: Your incident response plan looks great in the binder. How does it look when ransomware hits at 4pm on a Friday, your CFO is on a flight, your top engineer is on PTO, and a journalist is calling for comment? This session serves up a series of small-plate tabletop scenarios, each one stress-testing a specific section of your IR plan. You'll see where your plan stands up and where it cracks, and leave with the questions worth bringing back to your organization. *Chris Gabbard, Supervisory Cybersecurity Advisor, CISA*

3:00 PM **STONE ARCH 2**	**TS 5B: The Best Offense is a Good Defense: Using Controls to Survive the AI Vulnerability Surge** Most security teams are one unverified control assumption away from a breach they never saw coming. Frontier AI has collapsed the time between CVE disclosure and working exploit from weeks to hours. The controls defenders rely on were configured before that clock started running, and most teams have never checked whether they actually block the techniques being used against them today. When exploits arrive in hours, a control that was never verified against the actual attack technique is a blind spot. This talk maps the attacker's path through the patch window step by step, and shows exactly where compensating controls cut the kill chain cold and where they just look like they do. Mitigation first, patch second is the only response model that works at AI speed. Come find out if yours does. *Eric Magnus, Sales Engineer, Zafran Security*
3:00 PM **WAKOTA**	**TS 5C: Trust, But Verify: How AI-Powered Security Is Changing the Game** In this session, Horizon3.ai and Ecolab will explore how human judgment and AI-powered automation strengthen security validation. Through real-world examples, the conversation will examine how repeatable testing uncovers hidden exposure, validates remediation, and reveals the attack paths that matter most. Attendees will learn how evidence can improve remediation decisions, prioritize issues based on business risk, and build confidence in responsible autonomous testing, even in production environments *Justin Smith, Principal Security Architect, Platform Security Manager, Ecolab; Drew Vanover, Principal Cybersecurity Strategist, Horizon3*
3:00 PM **BALLROOM 1**	**TS 5D: Cyber Insurance — Protect Yourself Against Cyber Risk** Many of us look to cyber insurance to help protect us with cyber risk. What do you need to do to get cyber insurance? What controls do you need in place? Once you have cyber insurance and you still get breached, how do you make a claim? What are the next steps? Come to this talk to get the answers and more! Please join us for an informative panel that includes a practitioner and a cyber insurer to learn to help you get cyber insurance and steps to take after a breach. Michele Lange, Esq., CIPP/US *Mea Clift, CISO, Ally; Michele Lange, Travelers*
4:00 PM **BALLROOM 3**	**GS 13: Debate: Human Led. AI Powered. — Where Should We Draw the Line?** Move beyond the traditional panel discussion and into a fast-paced, thought-provoking debate designed to challenge assumptions and spark meaningful dialogue. As artificial intelligence rapidly transforms cybersecurity, one critical question remains: where should human judgment lead, and where should AI take the reins? In this interactive general session, cybersecurity leaders will take opposing positions on some of today's most pressing and polarizing issues—from autonomous threat response and AI-driven defense to ethics, accountability, privacy, and trust. Through structured rounds of argument and rebuttal, subject matter experts will make their case, challenge competing perspectives, and push the conversation beyond surface-level talking points. Audience members won't just observe—they will actively shape the discussion through live polling and real-time Q&A, helping reveal where consensus exists and where difficult tensions remain. A skilled moderator will guide the exchange and close with key insights, actionable takeaways, and a clearer understanding of how organizations can balance innovation with human responsibility. In a world increasingly powered by AI, this session asks the question that matters most: how do we ensure cybersecurity remains human led? *Allison Miller-Cestaro, Chief Technology Officer, SBD Ventures; Dr. Cori Zuppo, CEO, Cyber Sports, Ltd.; Mike Rogers, CISO | Hormel, Jeremy Treadwell, Professor of Management & Enterprise AI Strategy, Bowie State University*
4:45 PM **BALLROOM 3**	**GS 14: Human Led. AI Powered: CSS16 Finale** Human Led. AI Powered - enjoy a recap as Chris and Mary wrap up the 16th Annual Cyber Security Summit. *Christopher Buse, SVP and CISO, Old Republic; Mary Diner, Director, Ethical Hacking, Optum*
5:15 PM **INTERLACHEN ROOM**	**aizome CXO Dinner** Invitation Only private sponsored dinner *Amir Ofek, Co-founder and CEO, aizome.*
5:15 PM **PRIVATE DINING ROOM**	**SentinelOne CXO Dinner** Invitation Only private sponsored dinner *Dave Gold, VP, Global Field CTO/CISO, SentinelOne*

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Christopher Buse is SVP and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for Old Republic International, where he is responsible for designing and implementing the enterprise security architecture for the company. Buse previously served as Assistant Commissioner and CISO for the State of Minnesota central technology agency, MNIT Services, and in several critical audit and technology systems roles at the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor. Buse graduated from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and has supplemented his degree with numerous computer science and management information systems courses. Christopher is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive), Certified Information Systems Auditor, and a Certified Information Systems Security Professional.

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Mary Diner is Director, Offensive Security with Optum and has over 25 years of cybersecurity leadership experience in the financial, manufacturing and healthcare verticals. Her responsibilities have included planning and roadmaps, strategy, engineering, architecture, technology portfolio management, product management, supplier management, and cybersecurity operations. Mary has been with UnitedHealth Group and Optum since 2012 and is a veteran contributor to the Cyber Security Summit.

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STACY TIETJEN

Professor

St. Thomas School of Law

Stacy Tietjen is an adjunct professor at the St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Recent past work includes Senior Director of Compliance and Integrity for CHS Inc., a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives across the United States, where she led compliance programs across the company, with responsibilities that include the Code of Conduct, policies, training, investigations, compliance and integrity initiatives, and the enterprise record and information management program. Stacy has served on numerous boards including Secure360 | Upper Midwest Security Alliance (UMSA), Minnesota Agricultural and Rural Leadership (MARL), Business Continuity Planners Association (BCPA), and the FBI Minneapolis Citizens Academy Alumni Association (FBIMCAAA). She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Information Technology and a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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NANCY BRAINERD
Senior Engineering Director, Product Security, Medtronic, Inc.
WED 9:50 AM
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MEA CLIFT
CISO, Ally
WED 3:00 PM
Tech Session



PETER ALSIS
MNIT Cyber Navigator Supervisor, State of Minnesota
WED 8:00 AM
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CISO, Team8
TUE 11:45 AM
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Vice President of Advisory Services, IDMWORKS
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MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
Hardware Deployment Technician, MAC
TUE 3:00 PM
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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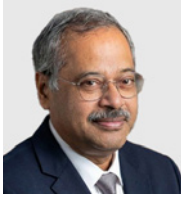
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Advancing the Future of MedTech Workforce Instructor, Technological Leadership Institute
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STEVE CARVEY
Engineer-SLED, CrowdStrike
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GRACE DOYLE
Election Security Cyber Navigator, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon
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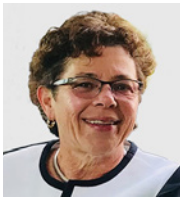
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CEO & GRC Practice Lead, Pivotalogic
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Founder - Ubivis Project
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Youth Advocate, 180 Degrees
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Professor of Anesthesiology and Medicine, Mayo Clinic
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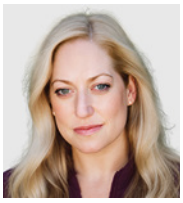
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vCISO & General Counsel, Truvantis
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VP Content Development in Cybersecurity Best Practices, Center for Internet Security
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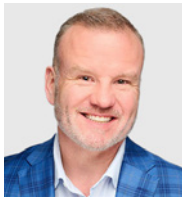
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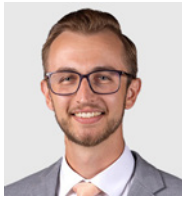
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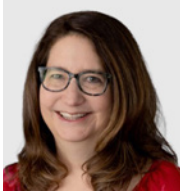
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Principal Security Engineer, Microsoft
TUE 4:15 PM
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DREW VANOVER
Principal Cybersecurity Strategist, Horizon3
WED 3:00 PM
Tech Session



MICHAEL WRIGHT
CEO/Founder, Intercepting Horizons
TUE 1:40 PM
General Session



TONY TAYLOR
CISO, Land O' Lakes
TUE 4:15 PM
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JOSEPH VOTEL
General, U.S. Army (Retired)
TUE 1:40 PM
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GALEAL ZINO
Founder & CEO, NetFoundry
WED 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM
Innovation Showcase



JEREMY TREADWELL
Professor of Management & Enterprise AI Strategy, Bowie State University
WED 4:00 PM
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NICOLETTE WEIS
Cyber Coordination Cell, Air National Guard
TUE 7:15 AM
Military Career Breakfast;
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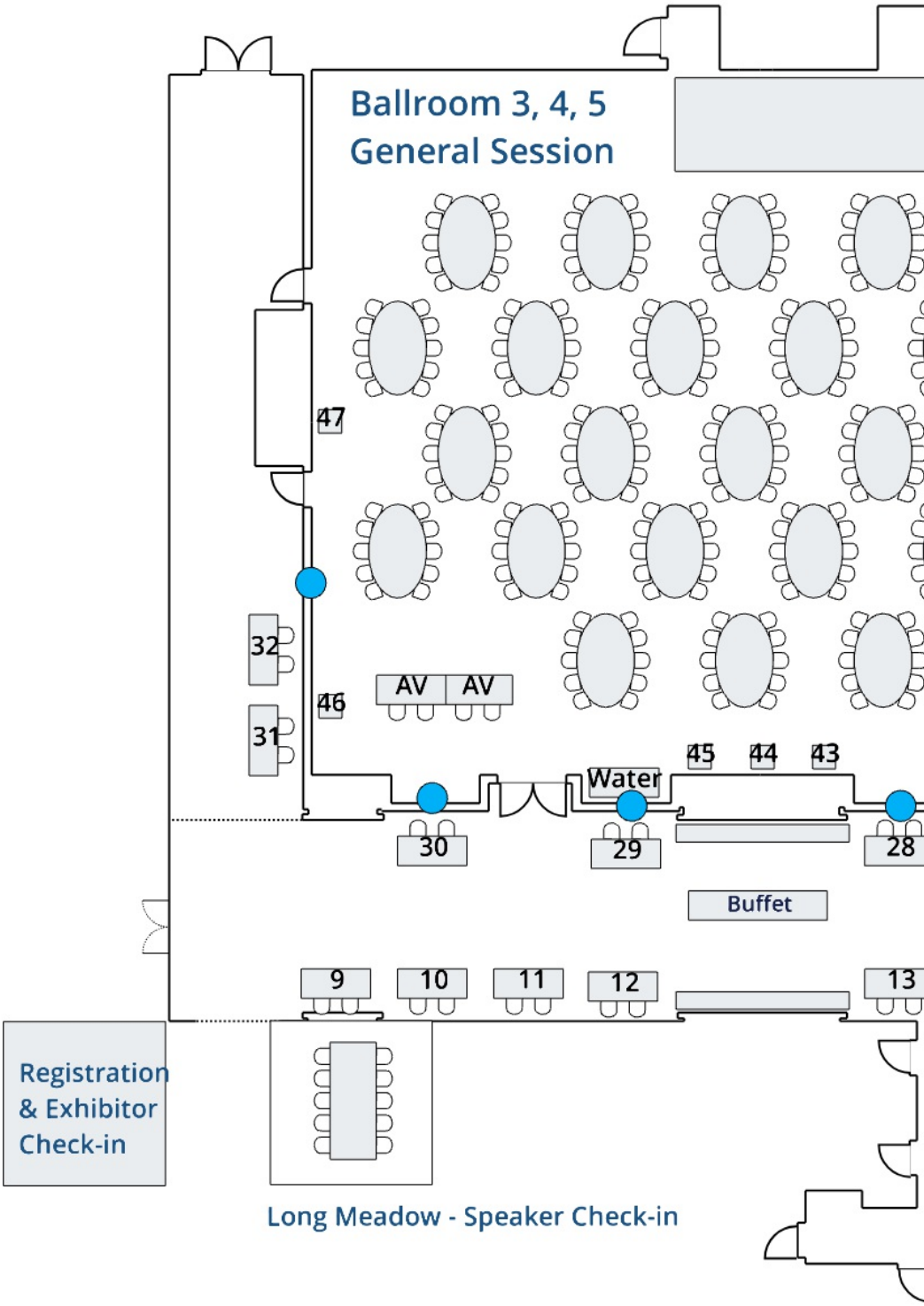
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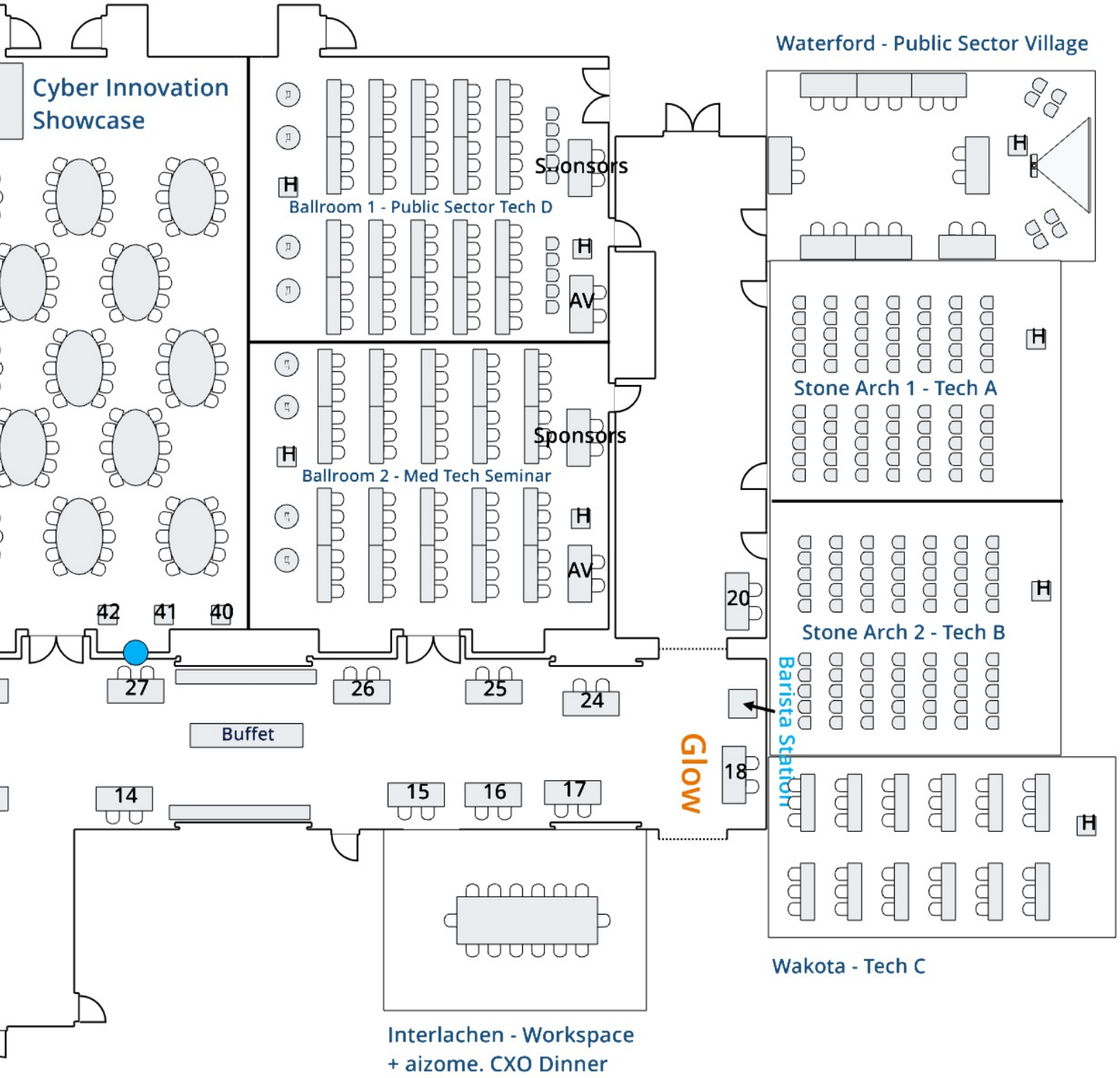
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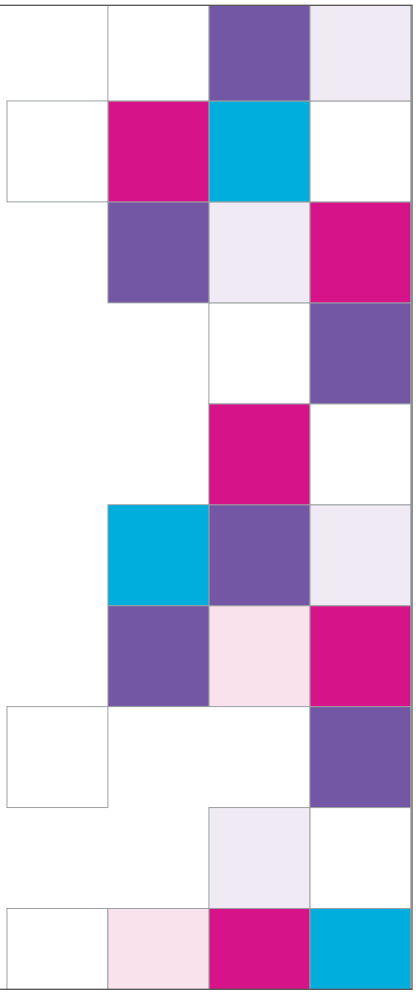
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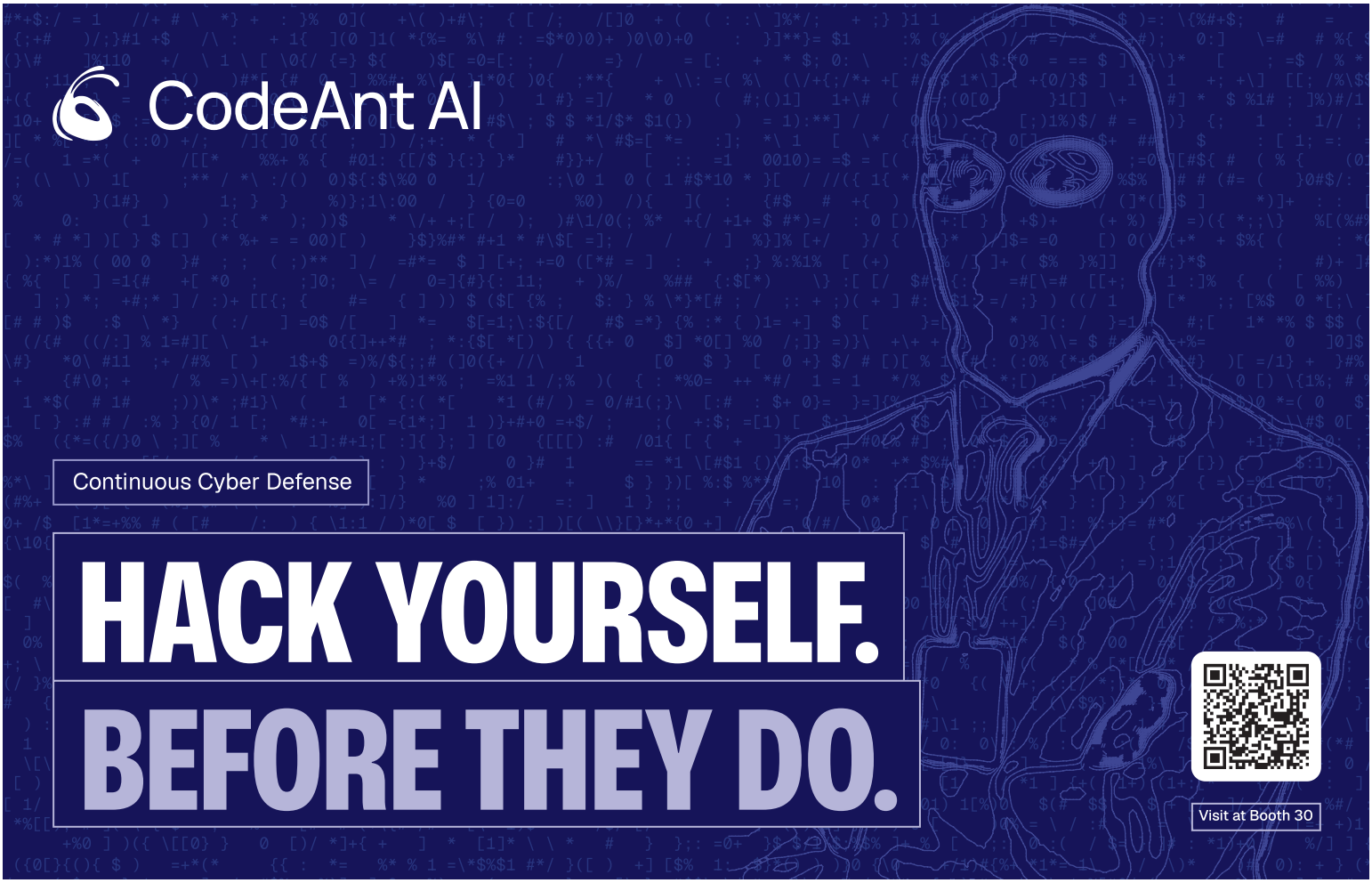
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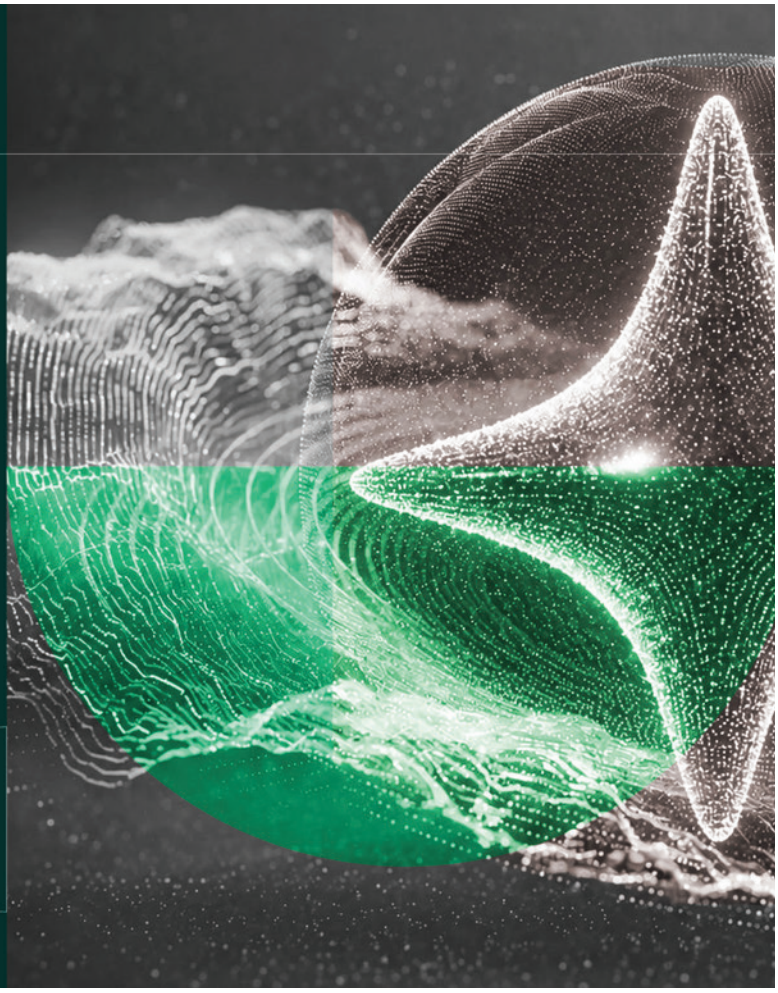
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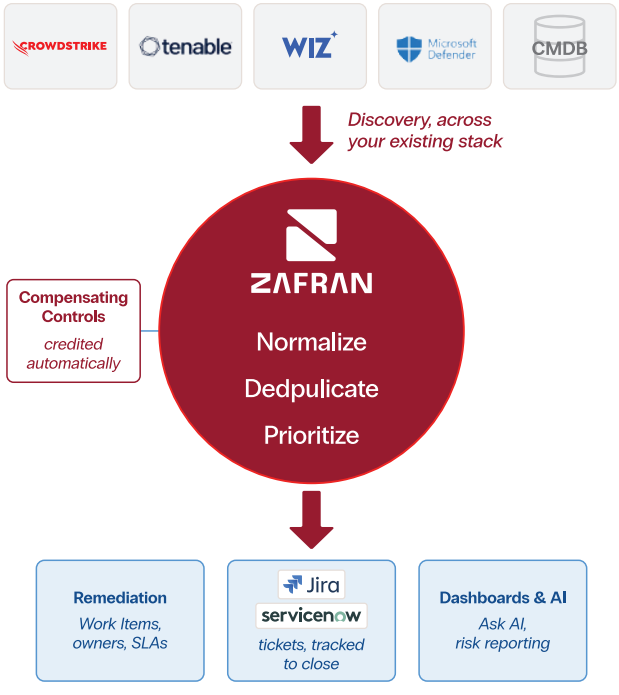
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