

The Future of IT & Cybersecurity

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Central Time

Registration

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Morning Networking

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

9:30 AM-9:40 AM

VISION VOICES KEYNOTE

The Future of Generative Al: Transforming Business and Technology

9:40 AM-10:05 AM

Explore the transformative potential of Generative AI in this forward-looking session, where we will delve into how this cutting-edge technology is set to revolutionize business and technology landscapes. We will discuss emerging trends, anticipated advancements in the next 12-24 months, and their impact on various industries. Learn about practical applications of Generative AI, from enhancing customer experiences to driving innovation and operational efficiency. Our experts will also address the ethical considerations, regulatory challenges, and best practices for successful AI integration. Join us to gain insights into how Generative AI can unlock new opportunities and shape the future of your organization.

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KEYNOTE PANEL

10:10 AM-10:55 AM

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

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

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





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Coffee Break

10:55 AM-11:15 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT

Lessons from the Frontlines of Al Adoption

11:15 AM-11:50 AM

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

Real-world use cases of Al-powered agents and automation in action

What worked, what didn't, and the surprises along the way Key governance, compliance, and security considerations Organizational readiness and change management lessons Advice for peers preparing to scale intelligent automation

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Bridging Strategy and Systems: Aligning Business Goals with IT Innovation

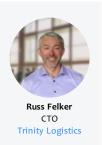
11:55 AM-12:40 PM

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

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Blueprint to Cloud Success: Unifying Infrastructure and Security for Digital Transformation

12:45 PM-1:00 PM

In the race to achieve digital transformation, cloud adoption is no longer a competitive advantage - it's a business imperative. But rapid cloud expansion often leads to fragmented infrastructure, siloed security strategies, and increased operational complexity, putting transformation goals at risk. This session will explore how organisations can break down these barriers by taking a unified approach to cloud infrastructure and security.

Join us to uncover practical strategies for building a resilient, scalable cloud foundation that accelerates innovation while keeping security at the core. We'll dive into how to simplify operations, enhance visibility, and ensure consistent security policies across hybrid and multi-cloud environments - empowering IT leaders to drive transformation faster and with confidence. Whether you're just starting your cloud journey or optimising an existing environment, this session will provide a clear blueprint to do cloud right.

PANEL

2:00 PM-2:45 PM

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

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

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FIRESIDE CHAT

2:50 PM-3:25 PM

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

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

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





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Networking Break

3:25 PM-3:45 PM

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

3:45 PM-4:30 PM

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

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Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:30 PM-4:40 PM

Cocktail Networking

4:40 PM-5:30 PM

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