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The Future of IT & Cybersecurity CIO & CISO Think Tank

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Eastern Time

Registration

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Morning Networking

9:00 AM-9:45 AM

Opening Remarks

9:45 AM-9:55 AM

KEYNOTE PANEL

10:00 AM-10:45 AM

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Generative AI in 2026: Transforming Business and Technology

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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10:50 AM-11:05 AM

The Silent Breach: How Cognitive Bias Fuels Executive Cyber Risk

Every leader is human, and that's exactly what makes them vulnerable. In this keynote, Charlotte Edwards, VP operations at Cyberwolf, shows how unconscious cognitive biases quietly make CEOs and board members far more vulnerable than we often realize.

Based on 100+ real-world exposure scans for high-profile leaders, Charlotte shares how optimism, authority and fast decision-making creates security gaps, and what CISOs can do to close them without adding friction. A human look at the blind spots that matter most, and how to turn them into stronger protection.

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Coffee Break

11:05 AM-11:25 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT

11:25 AM-12:00 PM

Cybersecurity Resolve: Mental Fatigue, Burnout & the Human Risk Factor

Cybersecurity isn't just a technical challenge, it's a human one. With mounting pressure, 24/7 threats, and increasing accountability, today's workforce is under immense stress. This leadership roundtable explores the intersection of mental wellness, organizational resilience, and insider risk. Topics include burnout detection, human error trends, building psychologically safe teams, and fostering a culture where security isn't just enforced, but owned. Learn how executives are rethinking workforce sustainability in security, with practical strategies for retention, performance, and mental clarity at every level.

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PANEL

12:05 PM-12:50 PM

The Next Wave Agentic AI: Control, Collaboration, and the Future 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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12:55 PM-1:10 PM

Always Advancing: Ransomware, AI and the Next Wave of Cyber Attacks

North America's cyber threat landscape has entered a new and more complex era, shaped by geopolitical tensions, state-aligned threat actors, AI-driven attacks, and increasingly fragile digital supply chains. In this session, Feras Tappuni, Founder and CEO of SecurityHQ, will explore 2025 threat intelligence trends, highlighting the most targeted industries and regions, the growing coordination between nation-state adversaries, and the shift toward identity-focused, intelligence-led attack strategies.

Feras will examine how artificial intelligence is accelerating phishing, deepfakes, social engineering, and insider infiltration, while multi-layered supply chain attacks expose the interconnected nature of modern business ecosystems. Drawing on global threat intelligence and frontline incident response insights, he will outline how security leaders can move beyond reactive defenses toward intelligence-led security, zero-trust resilience, and proactive threat detection to protect critical assets in 2026 and beyond.

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Lunch & Networking

1:10 PM-2:10 PM

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2:00 PM-2:45 PM

Embracing Innovation: Best-of-Breed Emerging Technologies from Silicon Valley ... and Beyond!

In this strategic session designed for Chief Information Officers (CIOs), we delve into the transformative realm of "Innovate through Emerging Tech." As technology stewards, CIOs play a pivotal role in navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of emerging technologies—such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things. The session provides CIOs with actionable insights into leveraging these technologies to drive innovation within their organizations. Attendees will explore practical strategies for implementation, addressing potential challenges, and ensuring ethical considerations in adopting these disruptive technologies. Join us to empower your role as a technology leader and discover how CIOs can strategically leverage emerging tech to propel their organizations into the forefront of innovation. This panel discussion will take you on a journey through the forefront of technological innovation, featuring three visionary solutions poised to revolutionize the digital landscape. These pioneering solutions address pressing challenges faced by organizations worldwide, ranging from permissions management to troubleshooting live applications and system observability.

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FIRESIDE CHAT

2:50 PM-3:25 PM

Securing the Rise of Agentic AI: Trust, Control, and Resilience in Autonomous Systems

As agentic AI systems evolve from experimental tools to enterprise-grade digital workers—capable of making decisions, taking actions, and adapting in real time—they introduce a new paradigm of both possibility and risk. Unlike traditional automation, agentic AI operates with greater autonomy, raising urgent questions for security leaders: How do we ensure control? How do we manage risk when systems

learn, act, and adapt independently?

This panel will explore the security implications of deploying agentic AI across business operations—from data privacy and decision integrity to real-time threat mitigation and adversarial AI risks. We'll dive into the intersection of governance, identity management, and AI observability, and how CISOs can build frameworks that safeguard both the systems and the outcomes.

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Networking Break

3:25 PM-3:45 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT

The Human Side of Tech: Why Soft Skills Are the Real Superpower

3:30 PM-4:05 PM

In a world obsessed with digital transformation, AI, and automation, it's easy to forget the power of human connection. But the truth is—technology doesn't lead, people do. As roles evolve and teams become more cross-functional, the ability to listen, influence, adapt, and collaborate has become just as critical as technical expertise.

Today's CIOs, CISOs, and tech leaders are expected not only to drive innovation, but to communicate across departments, manage diverse teams, and navigate uncertainty with empathy and clarity. Emotional intelligence, storytelling, active listening, and resilience are no longer "nice to have"—they're essential for anyone leading in a fast-moving, high-stakes environment.

Nowhere is this leadership shift more relevant than in the US particularly in NYC, a city built on creativity, reinvention, and cultural diversity. Here, the ability to connect across perspectives isn't just a professional skill—it's a way of life. As tech and business worlds converge, NYC's unique blend of innovation and human-centered thinking offers the perfect backdrop to explore how soft skills are reshaping the future of leadership.

This session dives into why the most successful executives are blending EQ with IQ to inspire trust, build alignment, and drive lasting impact.

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Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:05 PM-4:15 PM

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