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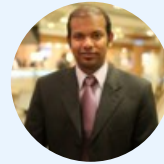
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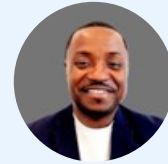
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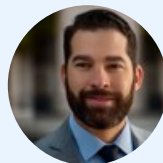
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April 23, 2026

Eastern Time

Registration

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Morning Networking

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

9:30 AM-9:35 AM

DISRUPTOR

The Silent Breach: How cognitive bias fuels executive cyber risk

10:25 AM-10:40 AM

Every leader is human, and that's exactly what makes them vulnerable. In this keynote, Daan Gheysens 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, Daan 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.

PANELISTS



Daan Gheysens
CEO
Cyberwolf Inc.

Coffee Break

10:40 AM-10:55 AM

KEYNOTE PANEL

9:35 AM-10:20 AM

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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PANEL

11:20 AM-12:00 PM

Agentic AI in Action: The Next Frontier of Enterprise Automation

As enterprises move beyond prompt-driven generative AI, agentic systems are enabling more autonomous, end-to-end workflows. This panel explores how organizations are putting agentic AI into practice, including where autonomy adds value and where human oversight remains critical.

Panelists will discuss how to design collaborative architectures between humans and AI agents, as well as the governance models needed to monitor behavior, prevent operational drift, and ensure trust.

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Lunch & Disruptor Showcase

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

PANEL

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

1:50 PM-2:35 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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Chief Architect Network: Designing Adaptive Enterprises in the Future Age of Emerging Technologies

1:00 PM-1:45 PM

Emerging technologies are no longer isolated innovations, they are converging forces reshaping the enterprise core. From agentic AI and quantum computing to edge intelligence, composable architectures, and post-quantum security, today's Chief Architects are redefining how organizations design for resilience, speed, and scale.

This high-impact panel brings together leading Chief Architects to explore how enterprise architecture must evolve to support autonomous systems, real-time data ecosystems, and cloud-native platforms—without compromising governance, interoperability, or long-term sustainability. The discussion will move beyond hype to focus on practical design patterns, modernization strategies, and architectural principles that enable innovation at scale.

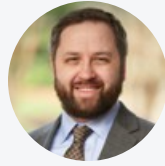
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FIRESIDE CHAT

3:45 PM-4:20 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

2:35 PM-2:55 PM

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2:55 PM-3:40 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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Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:20 PM-4:30 PM

Cocktail Networking

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

DISRUPTOR

Fly Direct: Building a Gen-3 Cybersecurity Startup

10:55 AM-11:15 AM

From a napkin sketch, to funding, to scale, this honest keynote breaks down the efforts it takes to build a modern cyber company: design-first, customer-obsessed, and engineered to go direct (no stopovers). Learn the practicals about raising funding from Google Ventures, behind-the-scenes of engineering & team building required, and branding as a moat.

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