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The Future of IT & Cybersecurity

CIO & CISO Think Tank

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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

9:40 AM-10:05 AM

Surviving the Agentic AI Wild West: Security, Trust & Control in an Autonomous Future

As organizations race to deploy AI copilots, autonomous agents, and machine-driven decision-making, executives face a new reality: innovation is moving faster than governance. Agentic AI introduces unprecedented opportunities for productivity and transformation, but it also creates new attack surfaces, accountability challenges, and operational risks. This keynote explores how CIOs and CISOs can navigate an increasingly autonomous digital landscape while maintaining security, compliance, and trust. Join us as we examine the next 24 months of AI evolution and discuss what leadership must do today to prepare for tomorrow's AI-powered enterprise.

KEYNOTE PANEL

10:10 AM-10:55 AM

The Autonomous Enterprise: How Much Decision-Making Should We Hand to AI?

As AI evolves from assistant to decision-maker, organizations are confronting a fundamental leadership question: where should humans remain in the loop? From autonomous workflows and intelligent agents to AI-driven business operations, enterprises are rapidly redefining how decisions are made. This executive discussion explores the opportunities, risks, and ethical implications of increasing AI autonomy. Panelists will debate how much control organizations should relinquish, where accountability ultimately resides, and how leaders can balance innovation, trust, and oversight in the age of autonomous enterprises.

Networking Break

10:55 AM-11:15 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT

11:15 AM-11:30 AM

The Human Firewall: Burnout, Cognitive Overload & Cyber Resilience

Cybersecurity leaders are expected to defend against relentless threats while managing increasingly complex environments and shrinking talent pools. The result is often fatigue, burnout, and heightened organizational risk. This candid conversation examines the human side of cybersecurity, exploring how mental wellness, workforce resilience, and leadership culture directly impact security outcomes. Learn how leading organizations are addressing burnout, reducing human error, improving retention, and building teams that can sustain performance in an always-on threat landscape.

DISRUPTOR

11:35 AM-11:50 AM

From Detection to Prediction: How AI is Rewriting Cyber Defense

Security operations have historically been reactive. Today's AI-powered platforms are shifting the paradigm toward predictive defense, enabling organizations to identify threats before they become incidents. This disruptor session explores emerging technologies that leverage machine learning, behavioral analytics, and automation to accelerate response times and improve resilience. Discover how forward-thinking organizations are moving beyond traditional SOC models and preparing for the future of autonomous security operations.

PANEL

11:55 AM-12:30 PM

Cloud Security Reckoning: Are We Finally Getting Cloud Right?

More than a decade into cloud transformation, many organizations continue to struggle with visibility, identity management, shared responsibility, and increasingly complex multi-cloud environments. As AI workloads expand and infrastructure becomes more distributed, security leaders face growing pressure to balance agility with protection. This discussion explores the lessons learned from cloud adoption and examines what resilient, secure, and scalable cloud architecture should look like for the next generation of digital enterprises.

Lunch

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

DISRUPTOR

1:30 PM-1:45 PM

The Rise of Machine Identity: Securing the Non-Human Workforce

Machine identities now outnumber human users by a staggering margin, yet many organizations still lack visibility into how they are created, managed, and secured. From AI agents and APIs to service accounts and automated workloads, the non-human workforce is becoming essential to business operations. This session explores why machine identity has emerged as one of cybersecurity's fastest-growing challenges and what leaders must do to ensure these invisible identities do not become tomorrow's biggest attack vector.

PANEL

1:50 PM-2:35 PM

The Security Debt Crisis: What Legacy Technology Is Costing the Modern Enterprise

While organizations invest heavily in digital transformation, many remain constrained by aging infrastructure, technical debt, and legacy systems that introduce security vulnerabilities and operational inefficiencies. As AI initiatives accelerate and modernization budgets tighten, leaders must make difficult decisions about where to invest and what to retire. This session explores the hidden costs of security debt, the risks of delaying modernization, and practical strategies for balancing innovation, resilience, and business priorities.

Afternoon Networking

2:35 PM-2:55 PM

PANEL

2:55 PM-3:30 PM

Cyber Resilience 2030: Preparing for the Threats We Haven't Seen Yet

The next wave of cyber threats will be shaped by AI-powered attacks, quantum computing, geopolitical instability, and increasingly sophisticated adversaries. While predicting the future is impossible, preparing for it is not. This panel brings together security leaders to discuss emerging risks, resilience strategies, and investments that organizations should prioritize today to remain secure tomorrow. Explore how leading enterprises are building adaptable security programs designed for uncertainty and disruption.

PANEL

3:35 PM-4:10 PM

The Cost of Trust: Balancing Customer Experience, Privacy & Security

In a digital-first economy, trust has become one of an organization's most valuable assets—and one of its most difficult to maintain. Customers expect seamless experiences, regulators demand stronger protections, and security teams are tasked with safeguarding both. How can organizations balance convenience, privacy, and protection without compromising innovation? Join this executive discussion as leaders examine the evolving relationship between trust, brand reputation, customer loyalty, and business growth in an increasingly connected world.

Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:15 PM-4:30 PM

Cocktail Reception

4:30 PM-5:30 PM

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