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The First Principles Guide to Cybersecurity

A companion guide to the CSO Perspectives podcast with Rick Howard
and the security experts of the Hash Table

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Letter from the CSO

I've been doing this cybersecurity thing for a long time, over thirty years. As a student of the game, I've watched closely the community's incremental improvements to our notions of cyber defense. Recently though, I began to question whether or not our general momentum was moving in the right direction. We keep taking the next tactical step in our journey with never a thought about what we are trying to accomplish strategically. It occurred to me that we needed a first principle review.

The idea of first principles has been around since the Greek age of sophistry. Aristotle spoke about the concept some 300 years B.C.E.: "In every systematic inquiry where there are first principles, or causes, or elements, [...] science result[s] from acquiring knowledge of these."

What this project attempts to do is to throw a little aristotelian logic at the cybersecurity community and determine the four strategic pillars that we all should be pursuing. After 18 months of thinking, writing, and broadcasting on the subject, we have amassed quite a collection of some fundamental re-thinking about the cybersecurity space. I'm very proud of it. There is something to learn for everybody here from the newbie cybersecurity SOC analyst all the way to senior security leaders and business executives.

Enjoy!



Rick Howard

Chief Security Officer

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Strengthen your defenses with **First Principles**

First principles thinking is the foundation that we must install in order to build the information security wall. Each first principle in this guide serves as a component of your comprehensive defenses, another brick in the wall.

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Security Compliance

Orchestrating the Security Stack

Enterprise Backups

Encryption

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Google Cloud Platform

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LESSON #1

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Cybersecurity First Principles

You will learn about: first principles analysis | how first principles can enhance cybersecurity programs

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“Reduce the probability of material impact to your organization due to a cyber event.”




— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #6 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

First principles are the best way to build anything. In this introduction session for cybersecurity first principles, Rick Howard reveals the power of first principle thinking and how it can help you manage the ideas, strategies and technologies that security teams wrestle with on a daily basis. From Aristotle to Musk, first principles have enabled every great development in technology and society. With first principles thinking, you can prevent security fires instead of fighting them, efficiently reduce your technical debt, and launch your security program to the next level.

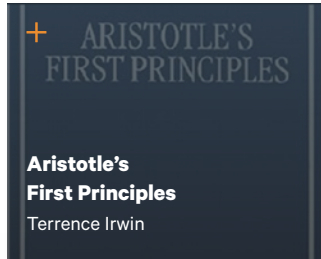
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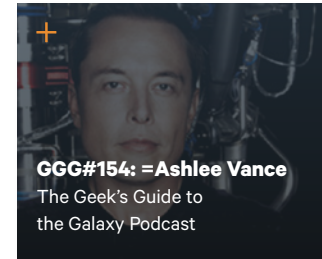
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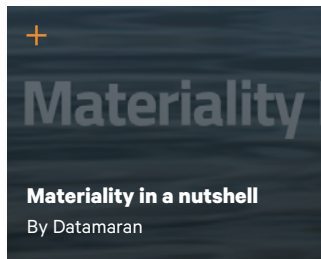
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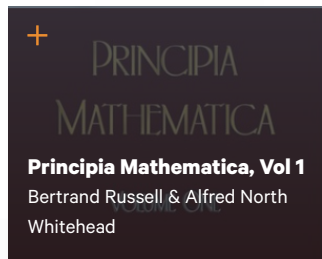
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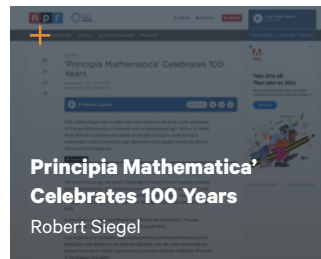
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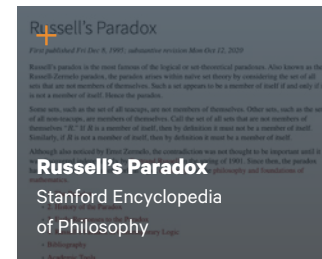
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LESSON #2

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Zero Trust

You will learn about: zero trust in practice | using your existing tools and technologies to implement zero trust

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“You most likely already have the technical tools deployed in your networks that will allow you to get a long way down the path of the zero trust journey right now.”




— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #7 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

The first brick on our infosec wall is zero trust. But can we actually achieve zero trust? Less a destination, zero trust is a philosophy, a strategy, and a way of thinking about the security of networked systems. In this session, Rick identifies the core tenets of zero trust, how zero trust will improve your security baseline, and how to leverage your existing technology to incorporate zero trust strategies.

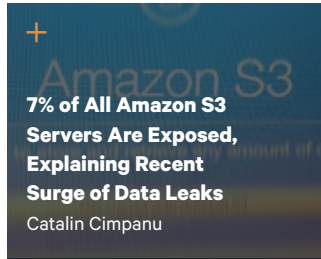
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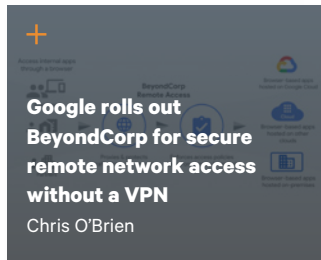
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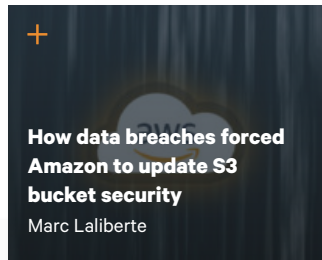
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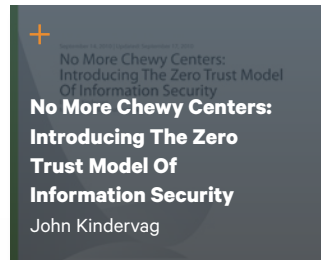
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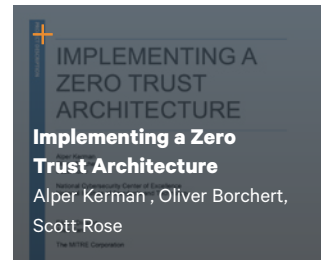
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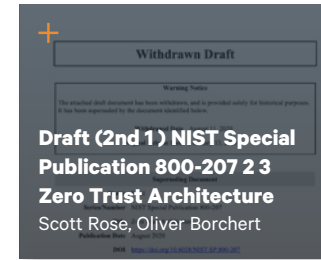
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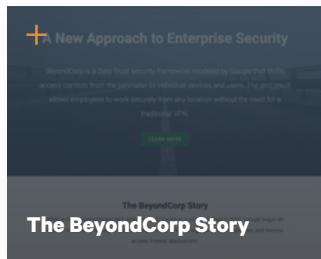
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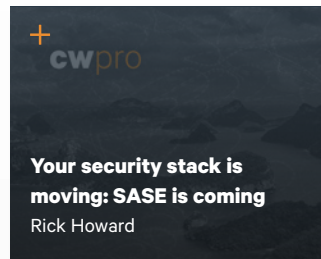
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Intrusion Kill Chains

You will learn about: defense-in-depth vs. intrusion kill chains | the 7 milestones of every successful attack | how to defend against threat actors using the kill chain

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“Think about each milestone in the attack sequence, each link in the chain as an opportunity to disrupt the hacking campaign.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #8 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Why work in the past when you can thrive in the future? The intrusion kill chain is an evolution over the antiquated concepts of defense in depth and tactical cybersecurity. In this lesson, Rick discusses the genius of the intrusion kill chain strategy, the seven attacker milestones that define every kill chain, and how to implement kill chain prevention with limited resources. The episode includes a detailed case study about implementing the strategy against APT 34 (OilRig) with Ryan Olson, Vice President of Threat Intelligence at Palo Alto Networks.

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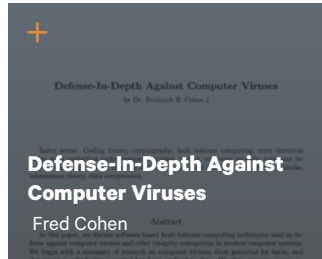
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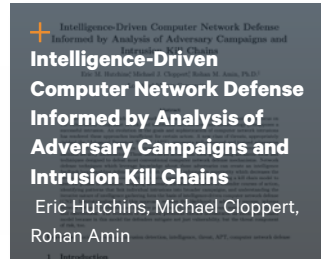
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Resilience

You will learn about: resilience in practice at Google and Netflix | how to implement resilience with limited resources

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“Design the system so that even if the Ragnar Locker ransomware group takes over a segment of my network, my business can continue to provide service. That’s resilience.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #9 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Even with mature zero trust and intrusion kill chain strategies, cyber disaster can still strike, causing material impact to your organization. In this lesson, Rick dives into the resilience principle as the best defense against the inevitable. With resilience built on top of zero trust and intrusion kill chains, a business can continuously operate despite adverse cyber events. With nearly two decades of effective resilience strategies, Netflix and Google are two impressive case studies for resilience engineering that Rick discusses in depth.

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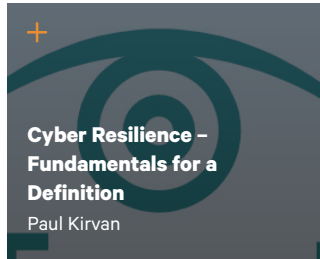
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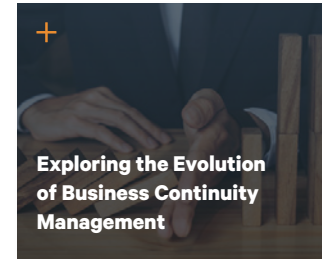
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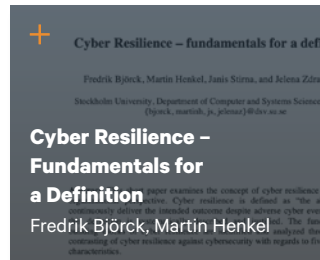
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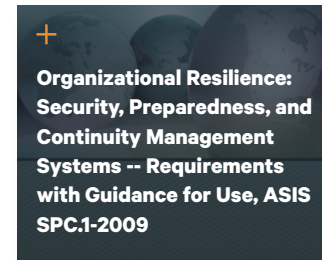
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LESSON #5

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DevSecOps

You will learn about: the ideal DevSecOps team | necessary skills for successful DevSecOps | rethinking the security operations center

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“DevSecOps is absolutely the linchpin to the entire metaphorical infosec wall... We can't respond to an automated adversary with manual processes.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #10 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

DevSecOps is the future of good cybersecurity. Without DevSecOps, your entire cybersecurity first principle wall is going to crumble under the weight of its own complexity. Rick discusses the DevSecOps principle, how to integrate software developers, IT operators, and security analysts into a hybrid DevSecOps team, and how to design (and redesign) the security operations center to enable effective integration.

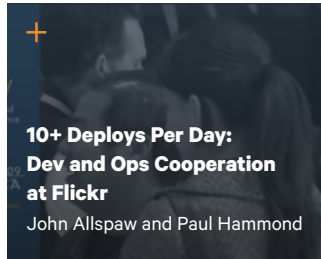
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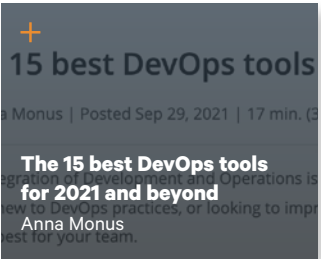
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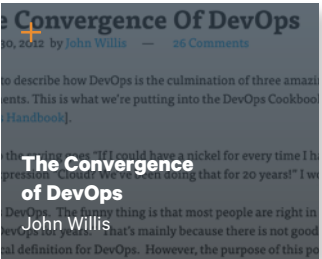
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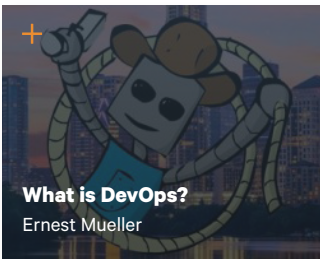
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Risk Assessment

You will learn about: cybersecurity risk resources | how to craft the right risk questions | how to produce effective risk estimations

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“Don’t think of probability or uncertainties as the lack of knowledge. Think of them, instead, as a very detailed description of exactly what you know.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #11 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Most of us have told ourselves that predicting risk with any precision is impossible, that cybersecurity is somehow different from all the other disciplines in the world. We’re wrong, of course. In this lesson, Rick identifies a formalized approach to making optimal choices under conditions of uncertainty. He discusses the three components that make a good risk assessment question, and reveals a simple but useful model to assess risk in any organization.

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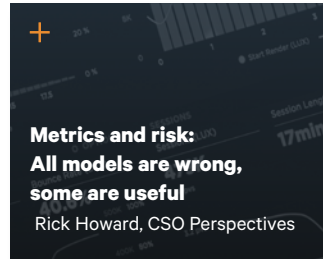
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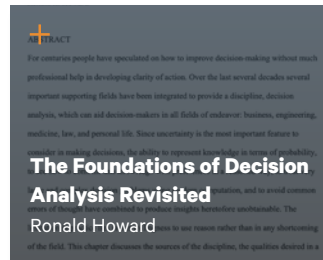
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Intelligence Operations

You will learn about: cyber threat intelligence operations | how to implement the 6-step intelligence process | the MITRE ATT&CK framework | the Cyber Threat Alliance

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“Strategies are a direction. You don’t have to build the equivalent of the NSA today to get the benefit of a fully functional intelligence team.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #12 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Intelligence is the fuel that drives the engine of security operations. Rick describes what it is, how to do it, and how to measure its effectiveness. Cyber threat intelligence can and should be implemented by every business regardless of size and resources. Rick teaches a six step intelligence process and uses a case study to focus the intelligence function on tasks that reduce the risk of material impact due to a cyber event.

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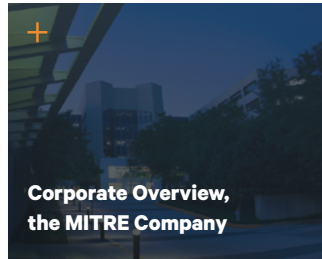
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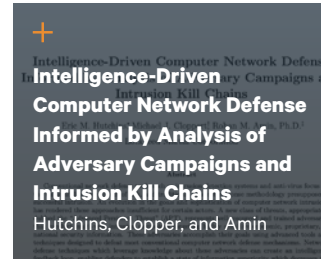
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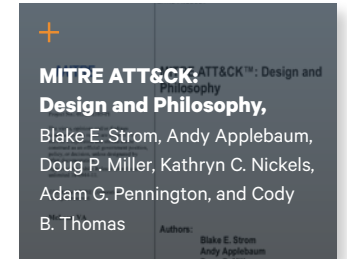
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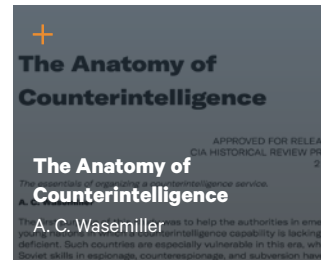
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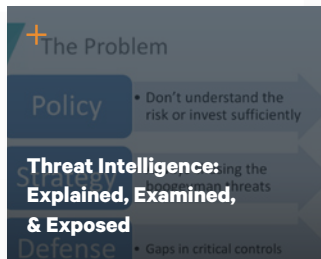
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Security Operations Centers

You will learn about: the first principles of a SOC | the ideal SOC | improving your SOC | convincing leadership that change is needed

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“It isn’t enough to have an organization called the SOC. The SOC you build must absolutely support the infosec wall.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #14 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

The Security Operations Center (SOC) is the nerve center of a company’s information security program. Rick teaches us the history of the SOC and why it’s so fundamental to every good security program. He shows us exactly where our SOC’s go wrong, the framework for the ideal first principle-guided SOC, and the best way to convince leadership that change is necessary.

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Episode #15 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Don Welch: CIO at New York University


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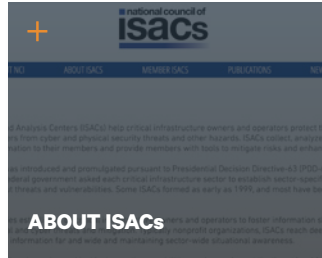
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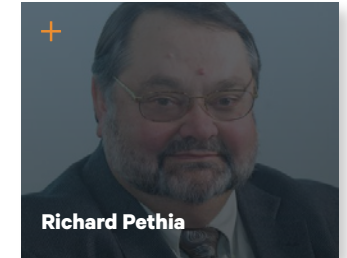
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Incident Response

You will learn about: the 4 steps of incident response | training your incident response team | successes and failures | how industry leaders do incident response

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“Everything OPM leadership did wrong before the breach and during can be boiled down to the atomic fact that they weren’t thinking in terms of cybersecurity first principles.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #16 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

What happens when your organization has a cyber event? In this session, Rick goes deep on Incident Response and the first principle approach to building a powerful cross functional team. With the proven 4-step process and training recommendations for teams of any size, Rick’s first principle approach to Incident Response is simple, effective, and measurable.

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Episode #17 Hash Table Discussion

Have you wondered how successful organizations make unparalleled Incident Response teams? The Hash Table shares their lessons, strategies, and expert advice.

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Jerry Archer : CSO at Sallie Mae






Ted Wagner: CISO at SAP National Security Services

Steve Winterfeld: Advisory CISO at Akamai

Rick Doten: CISO at Carolina Complete Health

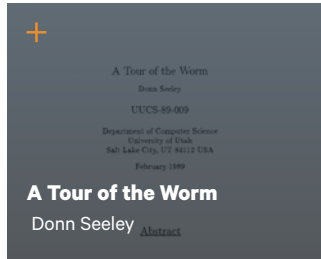
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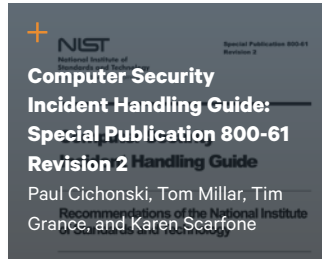
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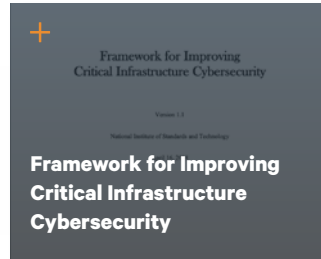
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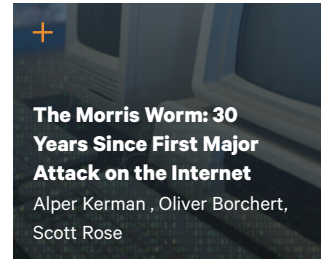
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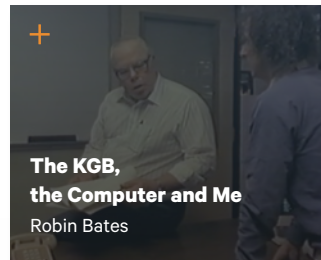
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Data Loss Protection

You will learn about: data islands | off-island control, destruction, deception techniques | key DLP resources | strategies for data classification, loss protection, and loss prevention

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“Building successful deception networks is at least 50% technical savvy and 50% art.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #18 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

It's 10pm, do you know where your data is? Better yet, do you know what your material data is? That's step one in Rick's guide to data loss protection and prevention. With key resources from NIST and Forrester, Rick outlines the key components of defining material data and protecting that data from loss. He also dives into the advanced concept of network deception for those with a mature DLP program. As always, the Hash Table weighs in with industry best practices and lessons learned.

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Episode #19 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Tom Quinn: CISO at T. Rowe Price Associates

Dawn Cappelli: VP of Global Security and CISO at Rockwell Automation

Nikk Gilbert: CISO at Cherokee Nation Businesses

Gary McAlum: Cybersecurity Advisory Council at ForgePoint Capital

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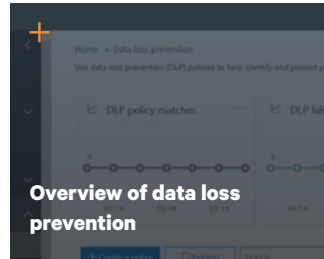
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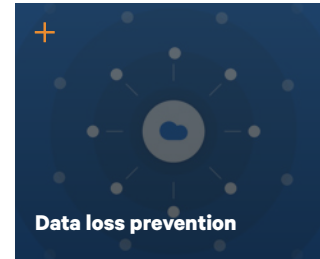
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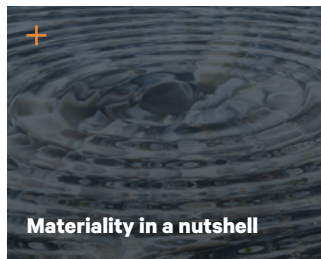
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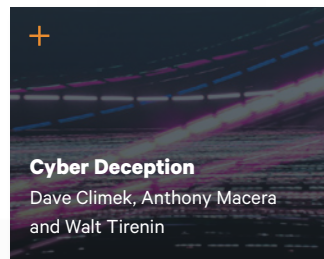
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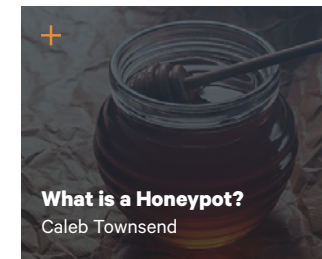
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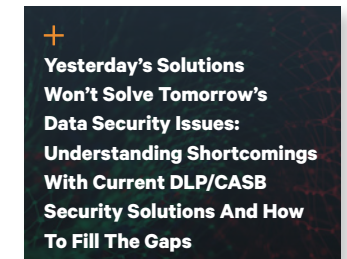
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LESSON #11

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Identity Management

You will learn about: authentication and identity technologies | the 7 characteristics of identity systems | next generation identity management | zero trust for identity management

“The concept of identity and authentication is probably the most important thing to get right for the future of transactional Internet business.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #20 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Who does your identity management? If it isn't your security team, Rick will tell you that needs some adjusting. In this lesson, Rick reviews the history of authentication, authorization, and identity. He breaks down the seven characteristics of an effective identity system for modern technologies and discusses next generation strategies. The Hash Table also lays out their requirements for a robust identity management system. Spoiler alert: zero trust is key.

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Episode #21 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Helen Patton: Advisory CISO at Cisco

Rick Doten: CISO at Carolina

Suzie Smibert: EVP and CTO

Complete Health

at OvareGroup

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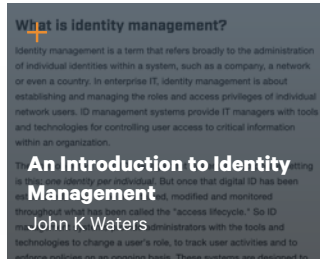
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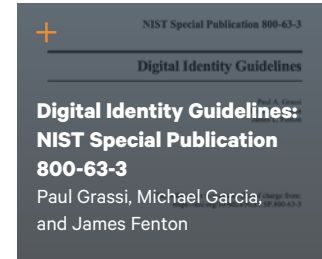
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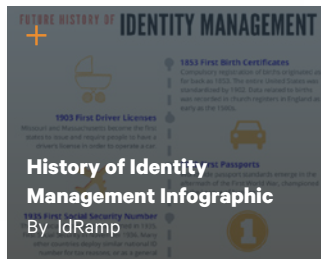
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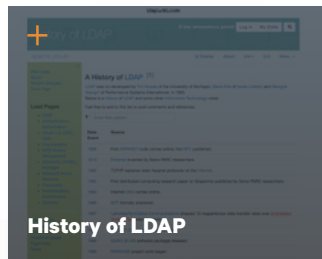
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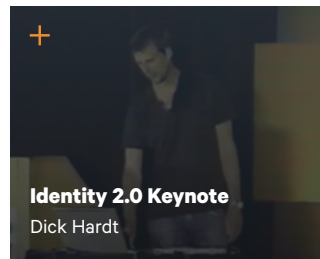
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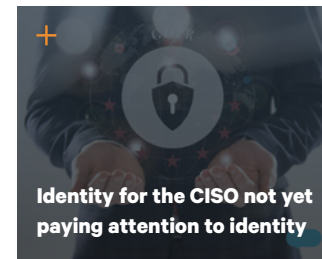
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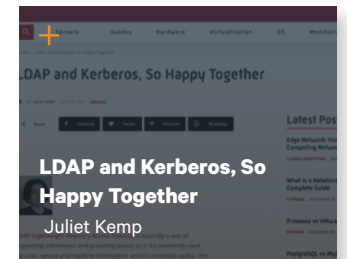
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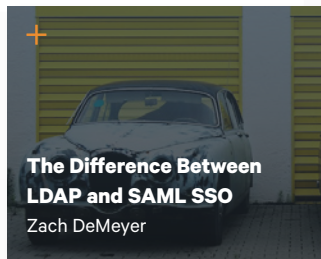
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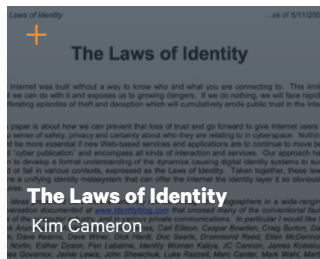
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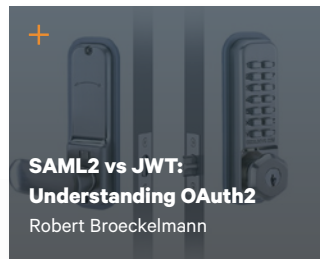
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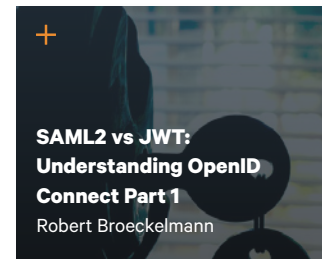
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LESSON #12

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Red Team/Blue Team Operations

You will learn about: how to scope penetration tests and exercises | achieving buy-in from executives | Kovel arrangements

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“Practice your skills and make mistakes in a highly controlled but pressure-filled environment so that you don’t make those mistakes when lives are on the line.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #22 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

What do Pope Sixtus V, President Ronald Reagan, The FAA, the Prussian Army, and Looney Tunes have in common? They all totally understood the value of red team/blue team operations. Rick teaches us how penetration testing supports zero trust and red team/blue team operations support intrusion kill chain prevention. He and The Hash Table explain how to identify employees with the right aptitude for this work, and how purple team operations benefit training, development, and expertise in your infosec program.

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Episode #23 Hash Table Discussion






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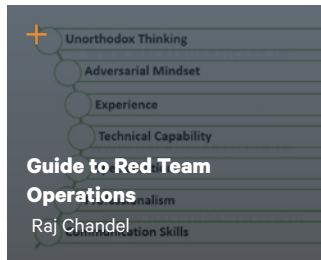
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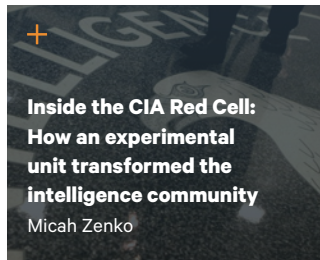
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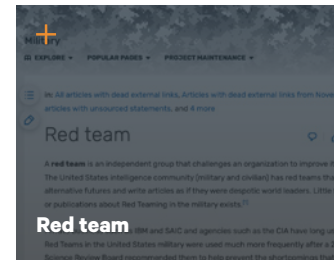
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LESSON #13

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Security Orchestration Automation and Response

You will learn about: SOAR enabling DevSecOps and Intrusion Kill Chains | managing limited resources | the SOAR-SIEM convergence | turning existing security tools into SOAR data feeds | retooling analysts into strategists

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“By using SOAR technology, you can essentially eliminate the need for Tier 1 and Tier 2 analysts.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #29 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

If your security team is overwhelmed fighting fires, you may suffer from alert fatigue.

In this session, Rick reveals how Security Orchestration Automation and Response (SOAR) tools will improve your security data flow, shift operations left towards prevention, and free personnel for more strategic pursuits. SOAR technologies also complement DevSecOps, enable intrusion kill chain prevention, and The Hash Table agrees! They explain how SOAR solves their fight against limited resources, the convergence between security event management and response orchestration, and where and how to start.

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Episode #30 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:






Rick Doten: CISO at Carolina Complete Health

Kevin Magee: CSO at Microsoft Canada

Kevin Ford: CISO at Esri

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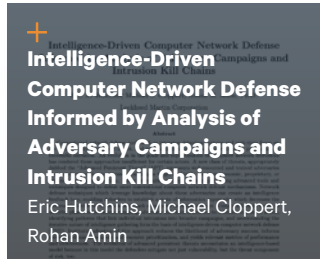
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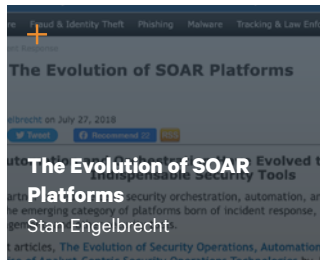
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Microsoft Azure

You will learn about: Microsoft Azure services and security tools | infrastructure as code | Azure strategies that support cybersecurity first principles

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“Our entire community has been running heads-down now for years, thinking tactically about the technical widgets required to get these new environments running and then flipping switches and turning dials on those widgets to provide some modicum of security.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #35 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

The cloud revolution is here. How well can we implement our first principle strategies within each environment? Do we need to embrace other security platforms to get it done? In this session, Rick and the Hash Table review Microsoft Azure through the lens of first principle thinking. They review how Azure supports, or doesn't support, strategies of resilience, zero trust, intrusion kill chains, and risk assessments. The Hash Table gives their detailed technical experiences and strategies using Azure to support cybersecurity.

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Episode #36 Hash Table Discussion






HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Rick Doten: CISO at Carolina Complete Health

Mark Simos: Lead Cybersecurity Architect at Microsoft

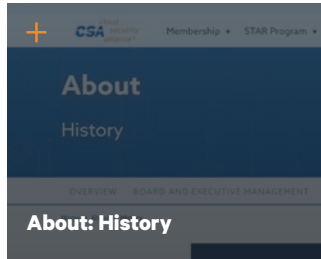
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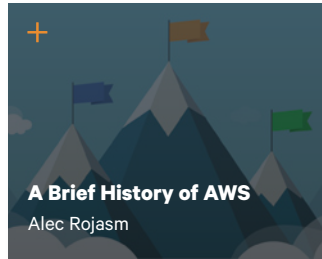
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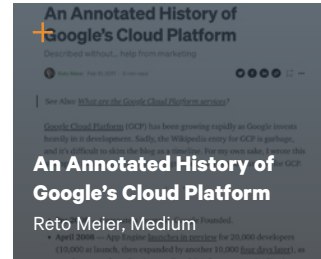
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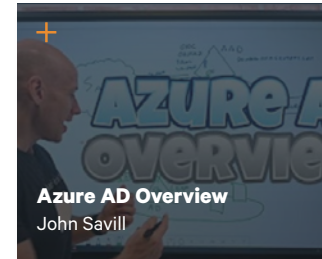
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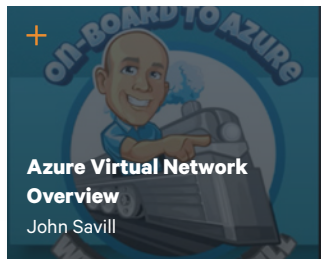
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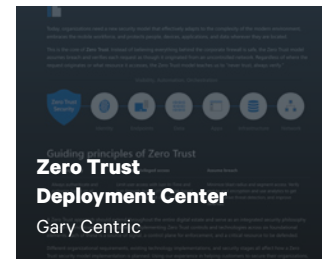
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LESSON #15

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Amazon Web Services

You will learn about: AWS networking and API techniques | DevSecOps in a cloud environment | AWS services and security tools | AWS strategies that support cybersecurity first principles

“If you’re going to deploy all four first principle strategies in the cloud, which you know you should do, you’re going to have to supplement the cloud security SaaS offerings with other third-party solutions.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #37 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

In this second session reviewing cloud platforms through the lens of first principle thinking, Rick and the Hash Table review Amazon Web Services (AWS). They discuss how AWS supports, or doesn’t support, strategies of resilience, zero trust, intrusion kill chains, and risk assessments. The Hash Table gives their detailed technical experiences and strategies using AWS to support cybersecurity.

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Episode #38 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:






Merritt Baer: Principal at AWS Office

Jerry Archer: CSO at Sallie Mae

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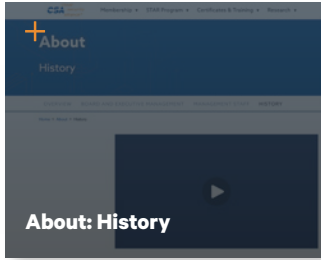
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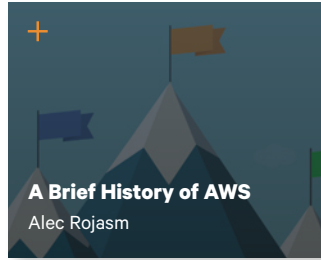
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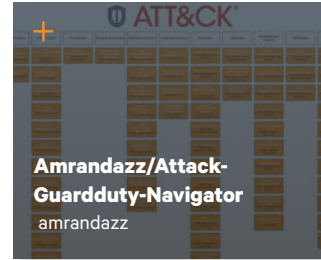
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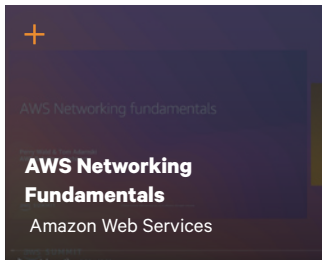
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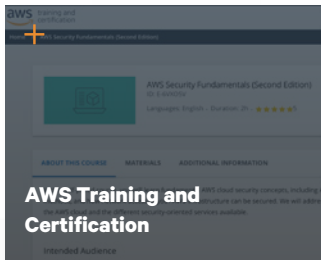
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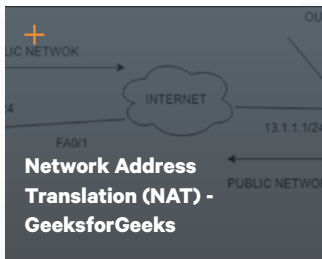
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LESSON #16

CPE CREDITS: 0.75

Google Cloud Platform

You will learn about: GCP networking | GCP security strategy and data management | cyber shenanigans, conditions of weirdness (COWs), and cyber COW-tipping

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“This is how you do zero trust. Software defined perimeter is not just a good idea; it’s probably the idea on how to do zero trust in the cloud.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #39 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

In this session looking at cloud platforms through the lens of first principle thinking, Rick and the Hash Table review the Google Cloud Platform (GCP). They identify some fundamental architectural differences between GCP and the other cloud providers that make GCP more effective at zero trust. The Hash Table gives their detailed technical advice about data management and risk assessments through GCP, strategies using GCP to support cybersecurity, and define our new favorite concepts: cyber shenanigans, conditions of weirdness (COWs), and cyber COW tipping.

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


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HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Bob Turner: Field CISO at Fortinet

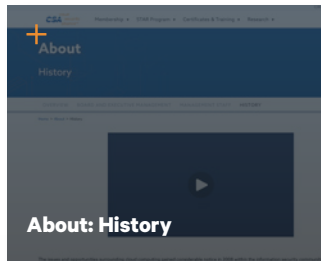
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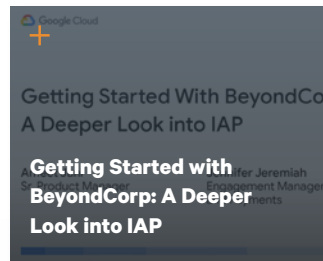
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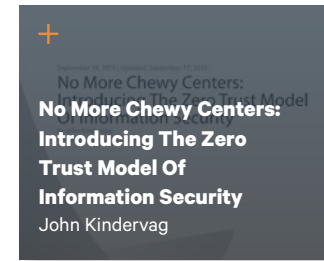
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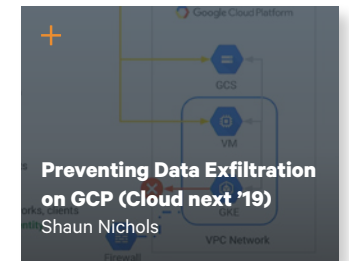
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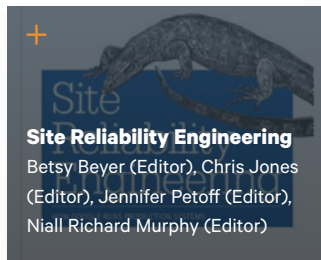
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LESSON #17

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Third Party Cloud Platforms

You will learn about: third party security platforms as first principle tools | cloud security orchestration | virtual firewalls and first principle strategies | converging cloud security tools into a single platform

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“The one tool that even comes close to providing what we need is the security platform.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #41 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

As we learned from the deep dive into Azure, AWS, and GCP, none of the primary cloud providers check the box for every security first principle. To do so, Rick looks at third party cloud security providers. In this session, Rick and the Hash Table discuss big security platforms like Fortinet, Cisco, Check Point, and Palo Alto Networks. We discover that comprehensive security orchestration across all data islands is the key, so much so that Rick adds orchestration as one of the five primary first principles.

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Episode #42 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Joakim Lialias: AVP of Security Product Marketing at Splunk

Ram Boreda: Field CTO at Palo Alto Networks

Ashish Rajan: Producer and Host of the Cloud Security Podcast

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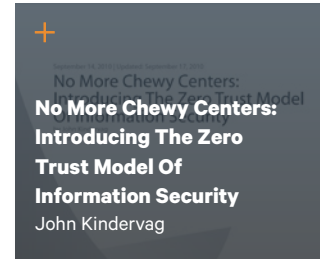
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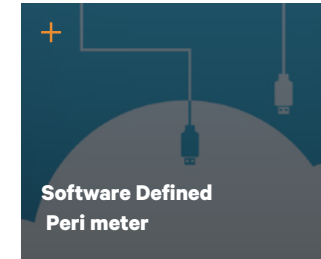
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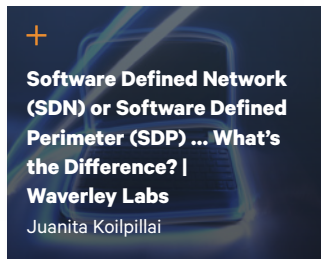
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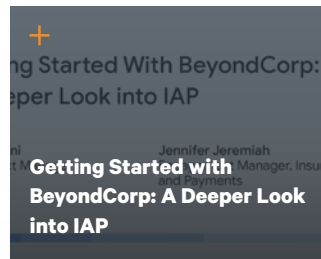
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LESSON #18

CPE CREDITS: 1.25

Encryption

You will learn about: cryptographic techniques | data at rest and in motion | encryption for data islands | open source and commercial encryption tools | protection against ransomware and extortion

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“For resilience, a fully deployed encryption system is the plumbing for delivering the must-have magic that your customers demand.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #51 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Encryption is like mortar to our first principle wall. It holds together resilience and zero trust for material data. Rick explains the history of famous cryptographic techniques, dives into SolarWinds as an example of zero trust and encryption failure, and identifies some strategies to help implement encryption for data at rest and data in motion. The Hash Table reveals a risk-based approach to deploying encryption and makes a solid case for extensive enterprise encryption to defend against ransomware extortion.

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



HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Don Welch: CIO
at New York University

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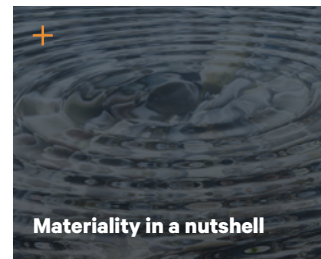
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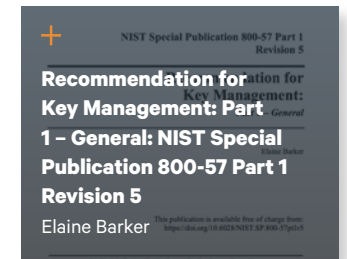
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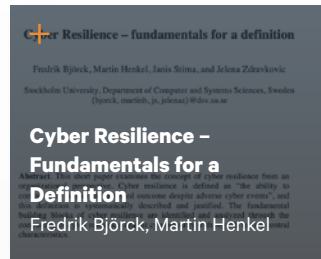
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LESSON #19

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Enterprise Backups

You will learn about: backup tools and platforms | workflow responsibilities and models | disaster recovery and business continuity plans | backups as a tool to improve resilience

“Whatever backup and recovery tactic you choose to support the resiliency strategy, you are not done before you have actually practiced the restoration process.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #53 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

This session covers the riveting topic of enterprise backup schemes to improve resilience. Rick discusses the value of data backups, workflow models, recent ransomware trends, and platforms for each use case. The Hash Table provides tangible enterprise backup strategies that encompass centralized, decentralized, and DevSecOps techniques, business continuity and disaster recovery plans, and engaging the Executive team in crisis scenarios and recovery training. In data backups, nothing is easy, but Rick breaks it down to first principles and makes it understandable.

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Episode #54 Hash Table Discussion






HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Jerry Archer: CSO at Sallie Mae

Jaclyn Miller: CISO at NTT Ltd.

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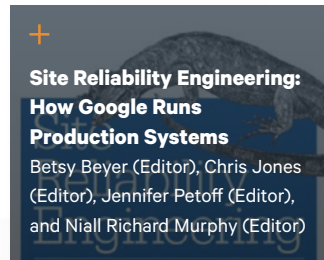
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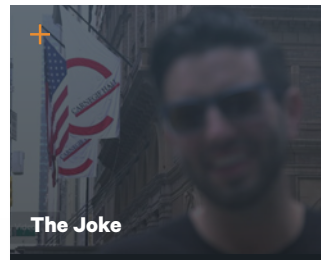
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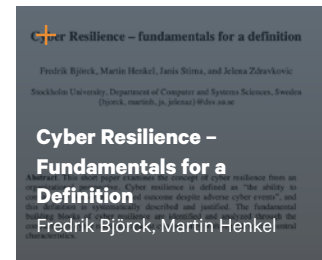
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LESSON #20

CPE CREDITS: 1.0

Orchestrating the Security Stack

You will learn about: SOAR/SIEM and SASE for large scale orchestration | data governance | the three components of a good SASE platform | data materiality and gap analyses | the dark side of automation

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“It’s obvious to me now that orchestration has to be the thing that we are all good at, and that binds the entire program together.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #55 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Our security stack has grown unwieldy. The complexity breeds vulnerability. Orchestration may be our only hope. Rick reviews SOAR/SIEM platforms, SASE, and DevSecOps strategies from the perspective of orchestrating the security stack. He discovers key methods to build zero trust, intrusion kill chain prevention, resiliency, and risk forecasting within these tools. The Hash Table identifies data governance and policy strategy as a crucial first step. They also talk about the first principles of speaking with the C-suite, as well as the darkside of automation and orchestration.

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Episode #56 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Bob Turner: Field CISO at Fortinet

Kevin Magee: CSO at Microsoft Canada

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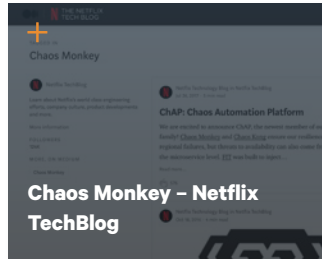
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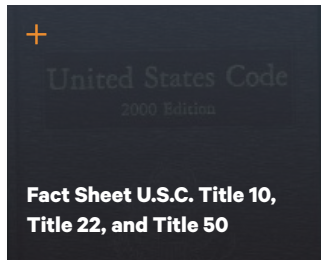
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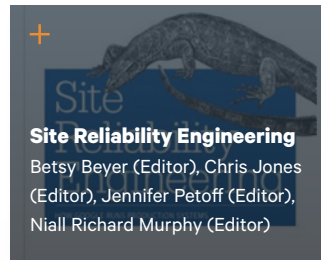
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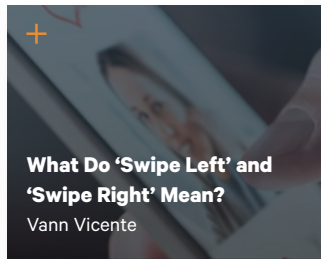
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LESSON #21

CPE CREDITS: 1.25

Adversary Playbooks

You will learn about: adversary playbooks and proactive defense | flipping the offense/defense balance | the 3 components of a proactive defense | ISACs and ISAOs

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“This is about deploying security controls around the world as fast as possible for any newly discovered threat.”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #57 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

They told us the adversary has an asymmetric advantage; that cyber defense has to be right every time while the offense only has to get it right once. Rick proves that proactive defense and adversary playbooks can flip that dynamic on its head. With the world of cyber defense and threat intelligence upside down, Rick and the Hash Table discuss the history of shifting the offense/defense balance, the three components of a proactive defense, and the evolution of adversary playbooks and the intrusion kill chain.

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Episode #58 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Ryan Olson: VP of Threat Intelligence at Palo Alto Networks

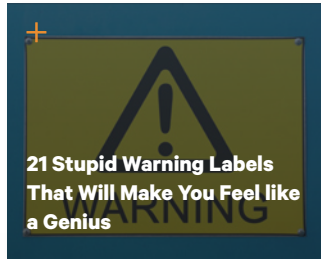
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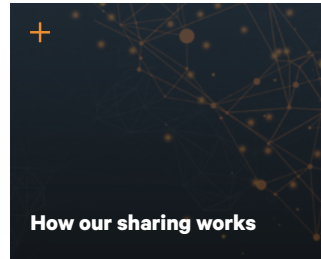
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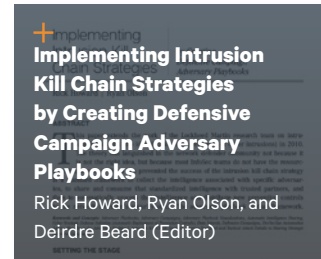
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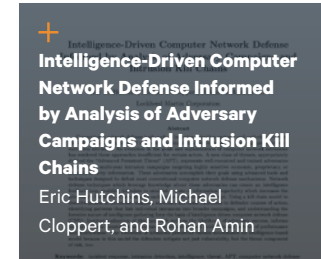
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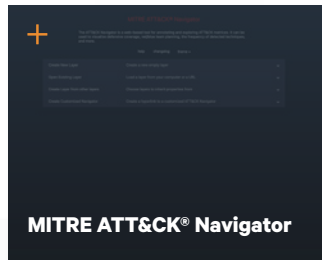
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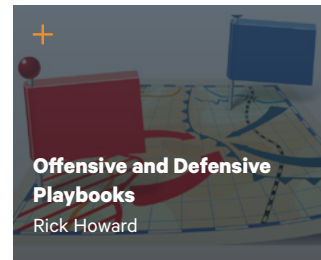
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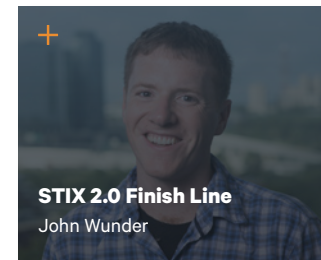
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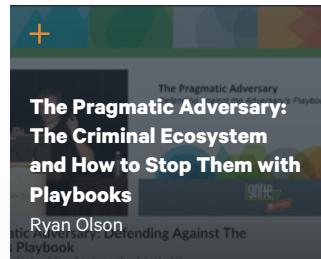
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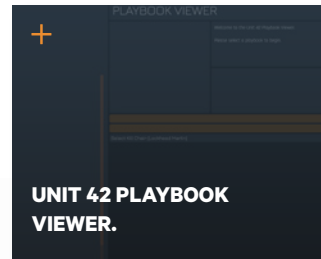
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LESSON #22

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Security Compliance

You will learn about: Privacy and security compliance | compliance support services | the value of investing in compliance | CyberWire’s spreadsheet of cybersecurity laws and standards

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“What’s the probability that a failure-to-comply penalty will be material to the business in the next three years?”

— RICK HOWARD, CSO

Episode #59 of the CSO Perspectives Podcast

Can security compliance add value to your organization as a first principle strategy? Or is it a distraction? In this session, we learn about the value of technology compliance and compliance technologies. Rick digs into the fundamentals of compliance and reviews case studies that reveal the potential material impact to your organization due to a compliance incident. As Rick says, “Compliance is a ticket to ride.” On the Hash Table, Tom Quinn of T. Rowe Price argues for why compliance is both good for business and good for security.

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Episode #60 Hash Table Discussion

HASH TABLE GUESTS:

Tom Quinn: CISO of T. Rowe Price

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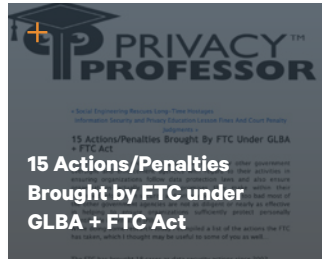
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