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Annual Summer Conference 2025

June 24 - 25, 2025 (In-Person or Virtual)
8:30 am to 5:00 pm EDT

Location: RBC Waterpark Place Auditorium, 88 Queens Quay West, Toronto

PROGRAM BROCHURE

DAY 1: Tuesday June 24, 2025

7:45 – 8:20 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Opening/Welcome Remarks Najib Hayat, President Toronto Chapter	
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Keynote: Fireside Chat: "Amplifying Intelligence: Balancing Innovation and Security in an AI Era" - Fireside Chat Adam Evans, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer RBC	
9:30 – 9:45 AM	BREAK / ROOM CHANGE	
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2:00 – 2:15 PM	BREAK	
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Leading Through Uncertainty: Governance & Delivery in High-Stakes Transformations Wes Lynah, Director National Healthcare Solutions Leader Deloitte	Gen AI: Practical Applications We Can Use Today Malik Datardina, Assistant Professor - Teaching Stream, Emerging Technologies UW School of Accounting and Finance
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4:30 – 5:00 PM	How is our Future Generation coping with AI Student Panel: Ibrahim Qayyum, Saayna Halder & Saad Hussain Moderator: Behram Faroogh	

Day 1 Keynote Session

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Amplifying Intelligence: Balancing Innovation and Security in an AI Era Fireside Chat

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Join Adam Evans, a recognized thought leader on cyber operations and security technologies, as he shares his insights on how generative AI is simultaneously accelerating the industrialization of the cybercrime while revolutionizing our defensive capabilities against increasingly sophisticated criminal enterprises.

As Chief Information Security Officer at RBC, Adam brings a unique perspective on the critical need for strategic risk management frameworks and the evolving regulatory landscape, particularly how enhanced SEC rules and regulations are reshaping organizational security strategies. He champions the essential role of cross-sector collaboration as industries unite to safeguard data security for clients, governments, and consumers in an interconnected digital ecosystem.

Adam advocates for an integrated human-AI approach in cybersecurity, emphasizing that while advanced systems provide unprecedented analytical capabilities, human expertise remains indispensable for nuanced decision making and long-term strategic oversight. His philosophy centres on leveraging technology that amplifies human intelligence.

Don't miss Adam's essential guidance on staying ahead of the accelerating pace of global technological transformation and developing next generation adaptive skills required to thrive in our rapidly evolving threat and cyber landscape.

This conversational leader spotlight will be moderated by Sara Carroll, Senior Director, Global Head of Strategy and Business Enablement at RBC's Chief Audit Executive Group.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Adam Evans

Senior Vice President & Chief Information
Security Officer
RBC

Adam Evans is Senior Vice President (SVP) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for RBC. As CISO, Adam sets RBC's cyber vision, strategy and program to reduce cyber risks and keep clients, employees, and systems safe. He manages an evolving threat landscape and the global expansion of cyber security services as RBC's businesses continue to digitize.

Adam is responsible for developing cyber solutions that can adapt to the evolving risks of next generation cyber threats, leveraging machine learning, artificial intelligence, and behavioural analysis to prevent attacks with increased efficiency and speed.

He leads RBC in managing cyber incidents and implementing incident response and red team exercises to identify and strengthen vulnerabilities and improve RBC's cyber resilience. With over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry as a security professional, Adam is recognized as a thought leader in cyber security and global defense.

Day 1 Sessions

9:45 am – 10:45 am

A **Fraud Trends, Prevention and an Investigative Case Study**

SESSION DESCRIPTION

The presentation will focus on Canadian and Ontario fraud trends, statistics, resources and a case study focusing on Business Email Compromises.

SPEAKER



John Armit
Detective Constable | Economic Crimes and Corruption Unit (ECCU), Anti-Rackets Branch (ARB) | Financial Crimes Services (FCS) - OPP
OPP

Detective Constable John Armit has been a member of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for 24 years. John has worked in various roles within the OPP, including general investigative duties, major crime, traffic services and as a Community Service & Media Officer.

In 2015, John began working in his current position with the OPP's Anti-Rackets Branch (ARB), investigating major economic crimes, Cyber-Enabled fraud and political corruption.

In 2021, John was seconded for almost three years to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) as a Detective Sergeant working as a law enforcement Liaison Officer nationally and internationally. John is a spokesperson for the OPP's Financial Crime Services, presents at the Ontario and Canadian Police Colleges on cyber-enable and financial crimes.

In September 2024, John was the recipient of Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada's (FINTRAC) Partnership award.

B **Privacy and AI: Laying the Foundation for Responsible Use**

SESSION DESCRIPTION

The speakers will cover:

- How privacy laws apply to the development and use of generative AI
- Current law on the development and use of generative AI
- The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC)'s position on the development and use of generative AI
- Understanding compliance issues arising from generative AI development and use
- Practical AI Governance Tips

SPEAKER



Roland Hung
Partner
Torikin Manes LLP

Roland Hung is a partner at the law firm, Torikin Manes LLP. His practice encompasses all aspects of business law, with emphasis on technology, privacy compliance, cybersecurity and data management. His diverse career path, which includes roles as former Senior Legal Counsel and Global Privacy Officer at a large multinational, as well as Chief Legal Officer and Chief Privacy Officer of a technology company. Roland has extensive board experience having served on various boards. Roland is ranked by Chambers Canada and Lexpert.



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Day 1 Sessions

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

A Understanding the Quantum Threat and Reliable Post Quantum Cryptography Migration Methods

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Quantum computing is evolving rapidly, unlocking powerful new capabilities — and introducing serious new threat vectors for businesses to prepare against. In this session, we'll explore the current state of quantum computing, the risks it poses to today's cryptographic systems, and the timeline for when these threats could become reality. We'll also dive into emerging quantum-safe technologies, evolving standards, and the practical steps organizations are taking right now to future-proof their security in a post-quantum world.

SPEAKER



Brian Neill
Co-founder & Vice President of Product
evolutionQ
CISSP

Brian is a co-founder and Vice President of Product at evolutionQ, a quantum-safe technology company that builds cybersecurity software products and offers quantum risk assessment services to the financial and government sectors. Brian has over 20 years of experience in commercial cybersecurity roles at organizations including Certicom, Blackberry, Infosec Global and evolutionQ with a primary focus on secure software application development and technical product management. Brian holds a part-time technical associate position with the University of Waterloo and works closely with the Open Quantum Safe project.



Matt Jaksic
VP Sales & Partnerships
evolutionQ

Matt leads Sales and Partnerships for evolutionQ where he works closely with customers and ecosystem partners to bring quantum safe solutions to the market. Matt helps organizations understand and evaluate how Basejump, our post quantum key management system, can fit into their infrastructure and meet their security requirements. Prior to joining evolutionQ Matt held roles leading sales activities for SecureKey Technologies Inc., a leader in digital identity, leading products at telecommunications companies, and working in strategy consulting.

B Outsourcing your Security Operations Centre

SESSION DESCRIPTION

The speaker will provide attendees with an overview of the following:

- Strategic considerations and objectives for outsourcing security operations center (SOC) activities for large and medium-sized organizations that depend heavily on information technology
 - Optimizing costs
 - The role that Generative AI is playing in the SOC
 - Preventing burnout in the SOC and improving retention
- Building a Request for Information (RFI) for finding the right Master Security Service Provider (MSSP)
- Potential pitfalls and other evaluation considerations

SPEAKER



Vivek Khindria
Chief Executive Officer
Risk Embrace
CISM, CISSP, Chartered Director

Vivek is a former Senior Vice President of Cyber Security, Network, and Technology Risk at Loblaw Company Limited. Vivek has earned his Chartered Director designation from McMaster's DeGroot's school of business program on board governance. He also holds CISSP, CISM, and a BSc. Vivek has been leading large-scale security, network, cloud migration, and technology risk programs for one of Canada's largest businesses, with \$62+ billion in annual revenue. Loblaw has over 22 brands, more than 230,000 employees, and 3,000+ stores and clinics across retail, pharmacy, beauty, healthcare, banking, transport, and media—plus Canada's largest loyalty program.

Over his career, Vivek has held technology and cyber leadership roles at McMaster University, BMO, CIBC, and Bell. He is both a hands-on technical expert and an international speaker on cyber security, with field tested experience in incident response, cyber security testing, cloud security, PCI-DSS compliance, AI governance, and quantum computing readiness. He was a founding contributor to the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX.ca), helping Canadian businesses share threat data and best practices. From 2016 to 2024, he represented Canada on the Information Security Forum Advisory Council, a global coalition of Fortune 500 firms focused on cyber security research and solutions. Known for making complex topics accessible, Vivek continues to guide C-suite, boards, and startups in understanding and managing technology risks including artificial intelligence, cyber security, incident response, security operations, quantum computing, network, cloud, IoT, OT, identity, cryptography and resilience.

Day 1 Sessions

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

CISO Panel

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Join us to hear from three experienced CISOs, the challenges they are currently facing to effectively manage their offices and how they have overcome them.

SPEAKER



Kayode Ilori
CISO
Equitable Bank
CISA, CRISC, CISSP, ISSMP

Kayode is the Vice President and CISO for Equitable Bank, Canada's Challenger Bank™ and the seventh largest bank by assets. Kayode brings more than 15 years of cyber security experience, including Vice President, Cyber & IT Security at Concentra Bank prior to its acquisition by Equitable Bank. Since the acquisition, Kayode was Vice President, Cyber Governance and Risk Management prior to his appointment as CISO.

Kayode's broad career experience spans several industries including healthcare, a United Nations agency, pharmaceuticals and banking, with international experience in West Africa and Europe. He has held diverse roles ranging from senior security management roles to technical security architecture, technology audit and risk management roles. He holds several security designations including CISSP, ISSMP, CISA, CRISC and is passionate about tailoring security strategies to enable business outcomes and innovation.



George Al-Khoura
CISO
Ruby Life
Chartered Director

George leads the strategy and execution of cybersecurity for Ruby Life, a global online dating company that empowers people to connect and explore their relationships. With over 15 years of experience in the security profession, spanning military, government, and commercial sectors, with a focus on cyber and security threat intelligence.

George is also a co-founder and co-host of Bare Knuckles and Brass Tacks, a podcast that aims to make the InfoSec business a better experience for everyone. He also serves as a board member and advisor for several organizations that promote the advancement and innovation of security and technology in Canada and beyond. George is passionate about building and nurturing diverse and inclusive teams, fostering a culture of collaboration and learning, and delivering value and impact to the stakeholders and communities he serves.



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B Navigating Change with Agentic AI: Interac's Journey in a Dynamic Risk Landscape Fireside chat

SESSION DESCRIPTION

In a world defined by continuous transformation, Agentic AI is emerging as a pivotal force reshaping how organizations adapt, govern, and secure their digital ecosystems. This fireside chat will explore how Interac is leveraging Agentic AI to thrive amid constant change—transforming its data and AI strategy to meet evolving business and regulatory demands.

Join Behram Farough as he conducts a fireside chat with Fahad Shaikh of Interac, where Fahad will share firsthand insights into how the organization is embedding Agentic AI into its organization. The session will unpack:

- What Agentic AI really means—from autonomous decision-making to adaptive learning—and how it differs from traditional AI models
- Interac's Data and AI Strategy, including how it is evolving to support proactive, intelligent systems that can operate with minimal human intervention while maintaining trust and transparency
- The impact of Agentic AI on IT Audit, Governance, and Security, with real-world use cases that highlight how AI agents are being deployed to monitor controls, detect anomalies, and support compliance in real time
- Governance and risk management in flux—how Interac is addressing the shifting risk landscape with agile frameworks that balance innovation with accountability
- Key learnings from Interac's data team, including how they've adapted to the steep learning curve of AI evolution, redefined methodologies, and embraced a culture of continuous learning

This session will offer practical perspectives on how to lead through uncertainty, build resilient AI governance models, and unlock the transformative potential of Agentic AI in audit and security functions. Attendees will leave with actionable insights and a deeper understanding of how to prosper in a changing world.

SPEAKER



Fahad Shaikh
AVP, Data and AI Strategy and Delivery
Interac Corp

Fahad Shaikh is the AVP of Data Strategy and Delivery at Interac Corp. In his current role, he's currently advancing Interac's data and AI management capabilities and unlocking new avenues for data-driven value creation. With over 15 years of experience in Financial Services in both business and technology capacities working on retail and commercial payment products. He brings expertise in transformation and delivery, product management, payments technology, operational risk and Data/AI strategy and management. His background also includes developing and implementing emerging technology trends such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, cryptocurrency, eSports and open banking.

MODERATOR



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Principal - Farough Consulting
President Elect – ISACA Toronto Chapter
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Day 1 Sessions

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

A

Leading Through Uncertainty: Governance and Delivery in High-Stakes Transformations

SESSION DESCRIPTION

In times of disruption, strong governance is not just oversight—it's the engine of delivery. Drawing from large-scale healthcare and public sector transformations, this session explores how governance can actively manage risk, accelerate execution, and protect outcomes when the stakes are high.

These transformations often involve a shift from paper-based workflows to fully digital environments—introducing ambient and conversational AI, interoperability, and large-scale clinical data platforms. After years of planning, configuration, and readiness work, entire health systems—from hospitals to long-term care—undergo a go-live event that redefines every operational process, with no room to pause patient care. These are among the most complex cutovers in any industry.

These programs demand not only operational readiness but also rigorous governance structures that can stand up to audit scrutiny, regulatory oversight, and public accountability—core pillars of digital trust.

Wes Lynah shares practical lessons from leading multi-vendor implementations, structuring PMOs to withstand uncertainty, and aligning delivery across diverse stakeholders. This session offers concrete strategies to build delivery resilience, navigate operational and political complexity, and sustain trust under intense scrutiny.

SPEAKER



Wes Lynah

Director

Deloitte

Wes Lynah leads Deloitte Canada's Healthcare Solutions practice, specializing in digital health strategy, large-scale technology transformation, and delivery governance. With nearly 20 years of experience across consulting, advisory, government, and military environments, he has led complex healthcare and public sector initiatives across provincial health systems. Wes brings a disciplined, outcomes-driven approach to high-stakes delivery, where trust, accountability, and execution matter most. He has also had the privilege of living and working in seven countries, contributing to a global perspective on system change and leadership.

Day 1 Sessions

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

B

Gen AI: Practical Applications We Can Use Today

SESSION DESCRIPTION

This practical presentation offers professionals valuable insights into leveraging generative AI effectively in business contexts. The content distinguishes between using AI for amplification versus abdication, highlighting practical use cases including presentation development, data-to-prose conversion, document extraction/analysis, and automated content generation. The presentation emphasizes the importance of "human-in-the-loop" verification while warning against AI's mathematical limitations. By exploring both current capabilities and limitations of generative AI, this session provides attendees with a balanced perspective on emerging technology, providing actionable strategies for professionals to enhance productivity through AI without abdicating critical thinking responsibilities.

SPEAKER



Malik Datardina

Assistant Professor - Teaching Stream, Emerging Technologies

UW School of Accounting and Finance
CISA, CA, CPA

Malik Datardina, CPA, CA, CISA, guides accounting students through emerging technologies as an Assistant Professor at the University of Waterloo while maintaining deep industry connections. He has a wealth of knowledge in the space of innovation, exploring the impact of both innovation and exponential technologies on the profession, and has authored professional publications on the topic. Malik's two decades of experience, encompassing audit innovation, audit data analytics (ADAs), as well as governance, risk, and compliance (GRC), further enrich his contributions in these areas. His recent focus has been on emerging technologies, particularly GenAI and its ability to streamline and enhance knowledge work within the CPA profession and beyond.

Day 1 Sessions

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

A

Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities of AI Adoption in Enterprises: A Candid Conversation

SESSION DESCRIPTION

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to revolutionize industries across the globe, enterprises are grappling with how to effectively integrate these technologies into their operations. This discussion seeks to unravel the complexities of AI adoption by fostering an open dialogue on the strategic, ethical, and operational considerations vital for success. Attendees will gain valuable insights into how AI use cases are evolving from experimental projects to mainstream operationalization, transforming business processes and decision-making.

We will explore best practices for implementing AI technologies, overcoming common hurdles, and ensuring robust data privacy and security measures. Additionally, the panel will discuss the pivotal role of governance in managing AI-driven initiatives, along with strategies for balancing innovation with risk management. By sharing real-world experiences and examining current trends, industry leaders and experts will provide attendees with actionable insights on how to harness AI for sustainable business transformation and competitive advantage.

Join us for a thought-provoking session that promises to deliver a deeper understanding of AI's impact on the enterprise landscape and the practical steps needed to navigate this rapidly evolving field.

SPEAKER



Rolandi Treska

Partner, National Enterprise Systems & Data Trust Leader and GRC Technology Leader
PwC Canada

Rolandi is a Partner in PwC Canada's Toronto office and, as a management consultant, he helps organizations solve their toughest business problems. Over the course of his career, he's developed a track record of driving business value by challenging the status quo and enabling clients to think differently.

He brings a diverse experience of international and cross-industry experience and advises clients on a broad number of issues with the aim of transforming organizations through emerging and disruptive technology solutions. Rolandi specializes in helping clients navigate business and technology risks associated with implementing and adopting cloud technology solutions, as well as emerging and disruptive technologies. He has deep experience in designing and implementing innovative governance, risk, security and control solutions that enable his clients to build trust and maximize the value of their technology investments. He is also highly specialized in various emerging technologies, namely blockchain/distributed ledger technology, Web 3.0, cryptocurrencies and tokenization, robotic process automation, and artificial intelligence.



Asif Qayyum

Partner, Cybersecurity Risk and AI Trust
PwC

Asif leads the PwC's Digital Security, Controls and Compliance Solutions practice and has 21 years of experience working in a wide range of industries including being hands-on, managing complex transformation programs in emerging tech and legacy modernization in North America and Asia. He specializes in cybersecurity strategy, governance and risk management, internal controls assessment, design, implementation and audit of IT and business process controls focused on Cloud, Data and AI.

He has served on various advisory positions including Ontario Securities Commission's Fintech Advisory Committee, CPA Canada's Data Standards Assurance Committee, he is an International Fulbright Nominee and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow from MIT

MODERATOR



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Day 1 Sessions

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

System Enforced Segregation of Duties - Case Study

SESSION DESCRIPTION

The importance of Segregation of Duties controls has significantly increased over the years in response to audit and regulatory pressure, including the need to protect organizations from fraud and errors. This focus has led to improved technical solutions to enhance the transparency and traceability of these controls. These solutions include Access Management and ERP solutions, which enable management to systematically enforce and enable segregation of duties through restricting system access to perform business functions, process transactions and access data.

Although the focus of our session is on system access, we recognize that organizations should also consider the risks of physical access to facilities or assets, along with the solutions in use across the entire transaction flow or operation.

Our session will provide insights to the following areas:

1. What is driving the requirements for segregation of duties controls?
2. What risks exist within a business process from a segregation of duties perspective?
3. How can management implement appropriate segregation of duties when assigning system access?
4. What additional Segregation of duties technical considerations should management consider? (i.e. Workflow and integrated systems).

SPEAKER



John Heaton
Executive Director,
Technology Risk Services
KPMG
CA/CPA, CISA, CISSP

John is an experienced IT Risk and Security transformation leader with over 35 years of experience. He brings over 25 years of pragmatic experience in helping clients transform their IT risk and security organizations, solutions and processes to meet the ever changing regulatory and customer requirements.

John's specialties include leading large-scale cyber security and IT risk transformation programs. He has extensive experience dealing with leading global organizations having worked in North America, South America and Europe. He has extensive experience in leading the security and controls implementation components of ERP projects, including Workday, SAP, Oracle and Peoplesoft.



Temi Ogunnowo
Manager,
Technology Risk Services
KPMG
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Temi is a Technology Risk Consulting Manager at KPMG, with over 8 years of experience specializing in IT audit, cybersecurity, financial control assurance, and technology risk advisory. He has led high-performing teams and collaborated with senior executives across sectors to assess, design, and strengthen internal control environments, IT governance, and information security frameworks.

Temi is passionate about helping organizations leverage technology to achieve business goals while effectively managing risk.

Day 1 Sessions

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

A Student Panel: How is our Future Generation coping with AI

SESSION DESCRIPTION

For the first time ever, we are pleased to invite two bright and upcoming students who each have excelled in their field of studies to join us on stage as representatives of the future generation. Join Behram Farooq as he has a fireside chat with these brilliant minds to get their outlook on what the future holds for them in this ever-evolving world of AI.

PANELISTS



Ibrahim Qayyum
Student
St Francis Xavier
Secondary School

Ibrahim is an 11th grade IB student from St. Francis Xavier Secondary School. He is passionate about tech and innovation, he is a 2x qualifier for the largest conference for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs - DECA and recently won the top prize amongst over 120k students globally. He is a tinkerer at heart and is currently busy organizing the TEDx conference on Innovation for schools in Mississauga this Summer.



Saayna Halder
Student
University of Toronto
(Mississauga)

Saayna is a first-year university student pursuing a degree in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics. She is passionate technopreneur, especially focusing on simplifying complexity with innovative solution. She has won the 1st place in LIBC conference and has also secured a place in TOP 10 Roleplay in DECA Regionals and Top 10 Multiple Choice in DECA Provincials. She is committed in making an impactful career inspire other young-minds to join the technopreneur league.



Saad Hussain
Student
University of Toronto

Saad is completing his final year at UofT. He is currently working as a QA Analyst at Environment Canada, where he applies his passion for automation and AI to drive innovation in software testing. With a strong foundation in software quality assurance, he ensures the delivery of high-quality results by staying current with industry best practices. Saad is also an active participant in the tech community, regularly attending industry events and connecting with peers over shared interests. Currently, he is developing a testing framework that leverages both AI and cloud.

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Day 2 Keynote Session

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Internal Audit Assurance in a Changing World

SESSION DESCRIPTION

This session explores unique challenges Internal Audit departments must address to thrive in a changing world, and operational techniques to overcome them.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Diego DeMatos
Vice President, Global Technology
& Data Risk Audit
RBC
CISA

Diego de Matos is RBC's Vice President, Global Technology & Data Risk Audit, where he is transforming the Chief Audit Executive Group's (CAE Group) approach to technology and data risk coverage, including realigning capabilities for enhanced delivery.

Diego is an accomplished IT, cyber security, and operational risk leader and highly regarded for his expansive technical skills, effective leadership capabilities, and large program transformational results. Diego has assumed progressively senior roles since joining RBC in 2015, including most recently, Managing Director, U.S. IT & Data Governance Audit.

Prior to joining RBC, Diego held U.S.-based executive roles at the Royal Bank of Scotland, and senior auditing roles at Ernst & Young. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a B.S., Accounting.

As a member of the CAE Group executive leadership team, Diego has accountability for setting the Group's IT and Data Risk strategic vision, driving global coverage strategies, managing the global plan delivery, and defining automation priorities across the globe.

Day 2 Sessions

9:45 am – 10:45 am

The Hacker's Toolkit: Real-World Examples, Insights, and How Hackers are Using AI to Scale Up Cyber Attacks

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Irfan will take attendees beyond theory and into the trenches of today's evolving cyber threat landscape. Through live demonstrations and real-world examples, this session will demonstrate how attackers are using low-tech tactics and AI to exploit trust, process gaps, and technology blind spots.

Key takeaways will include:

- How AI is being used to scale up cyber attacks, including spoofing
- Breakdown of common spoofing methods used in phone, phishing, social engineering, BEC, VEC, and third-party compromise scenarios
- Real-world MITM and supply chain attacks (impacting employees and systems)
- Honeypot defenses and deception strategies
- Honeytrap campaigns and social engineering tactics
- Comprehensive defensive strategies
- Recommendations for improving user awareness, technical controls, and incident response readiness to build a resilient security posture

This session is ideal for cybersecurity professionals, auditors, and risk leaders who want to better understand attacker tactics—and what it takes to stay ahead of them. Whether you're on the frontlines of IT security or in an oversight role, this session offers actionable insights.

SPEAKER



Irfan Aziz Hayat

Founder

SecureMeNow.ca / TechGuru

Irfan Aziz Hayat is a visionary entrepreneur and cybersecurity leader with over two decades of experience in cyber resilience, innovation, and strategic IT governance. He is the Founder of SecureMeNow.ca, a pioneering platform designed to protect organizations from evolving email-based and AI-driven spoofing threats; the Founder of ClinicFone, an innovative remote staffing solution for the healthcare industry; and the Founder of TechGuru, a managed IT and security services provider (MSP/MSSP) with a unique offering for TechOps: Expert Technology Guidance reducing operational IT costs by 50 - 60% using AI & Global IT Staffing.

Irfan's proactive approach to cybersecurity is exemplified by his uncovering of a critical breach at a major international bank with over \$60 billion USD in assets, where his timely intervention averted significant financial and reputational damage. His expertise spans whitehat security, red team operations, AI threat mitigation, and holistic cybersecurity governance.

Day 2 Sessions

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Data & AI Governance as a business enabler

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Join us for an insightful presentation on 'Data and AI Governance as a Business Enabler' by Meridian Credit Union. This session will explore the pivotal role of governance frameworks in harnessing data and AI to drive business success. The presentation will delve into how organizations can create a thriving environment for data utilization by ensuring accessible, timely, and reliable data. It will highlight the importance of aligning strategy, people, and processes to foster a data-driven culture, emphasizing practical steps leaders can take to make data a core component of their operations. By focusing on data quality, analytics-based decision-making, and delivering data as a product, the presentation will demonstrate how robust data governance can transform organizational performance and support strategic goals.

Furthermore, the presentation will address the integration of AI within enterprise governance framework. It will discuss the significance of data literacy and skills development in ensuring that staff at all decision-making levels are equipped to utilize data and AI tools effectively. Attendees will gain valuable insights into building a mature data culture, overcoming resistance to data usage, and implementing governance practices that align their data ambitions with their business needs and aspirations.

SPEAKER



Sahar Nezami
VP, Enterprise Analytics & Data
Meridian

Sahar Nezami is a seasoned data and analytics leader and currently the VP of Enterprise Data & Analytics at Meridian Credit Union. She and her team are responsible for enterprise data governance, data analytics strategy, BI & decision support, and advanced analytics & AI.

Before joining Meridian she held data and analytics leadership roles at the Bank of Canada and CIBC.

Sahar is an advocate of governance as an enabler and self-serve data and analytics to empower the business.

She has been named on multiple top-100 global lists of data and analytics leaders, she's a certified CDAIO, and is a mentor and volunteer working with women and newcomers.

Sahar completed her undergraduate studies in Software Engineering and a master's degree in Economic Systems Engineering and finally an MBA.

Day 2 Sessions

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

A Privacy Issues and Rules relating to the use of Large Language Models (LLMs) and Agentic AI

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Having built out their cyber security programs, hired key staff and engaged third parties to monitor and support their cyber security, and managed and secured their IT networks and devices, organizations are increasingly challenged to manage and secure the breadth of Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT) and Operational Technologies (OT) including video surveillance, networked smart devices, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, elevators and security systems that have been implemented.

As the reliance on IIOT and OT increases, organizations are finding it challenging to keep up with the rapidly changing needs of their business and the impact cybersecurity has on each process and control. Audit committees, overseeing many of the company's activities and performance, must be certain management is keeping up with this evolving landscape.

Our session will cover the IIOT and OT specific cyber threats, the governance required to manage these solutions, and the challenge of securing, patching and monitoring these networks and devices.

SPEAKER



Patricia Thaine
Co-Founder & CEO
Private AI

Patricia is the Co-Founder & CEO of Private AI, a Microsoft-backed startup who raised their Series A led by the BDC. Private AI won the Privacy Innovation Award at PICCASO 2024, was named a 2023 Technology Pioneer by the World Economic Forum as well as a Gartner Cool Vendor. Patricia was on Maclean's magazine Power List 2024 for being one of the top 100 Canadians shaping the country.

B Thriving Through Disruption – How organizations are crafting for resilience

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Mark will share case studies that describe how organizations build their operational resilience programs and build confidence in their ability to navigate scenarios and threats. Whether you're facing cyber threats, supply chain disruptions, or unexpected global events, this session equips you with insights, lessons and tools to help your organization emerge stronger in our 'new normal' of constant disruption.

SPEAKER



Mark Barboza
Director
PwC
CISA, CA

Mark leads PwC's Operational Resilience practice. He establishes and runs Resilience and Risk programs - focusing on operating model design, program execution, reporting, technology enablement and regulatory response.

He also serves on the leadership for PwC's Global Centre for Crisis and Resilience - the think tank which produces PwC's leading thinking on resilience.

Day 2 Sessions

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

A Evaluating Audit Conclusions and Complementary User Entity Controls Contained in the SOC 2 Audit Reports of Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) Cloud Service Providers

SESSION DESCRIPTION

SOC 2 audit reports provide verified control assertions regarding the design and operational effectiveness of a third-party service provider's internal controls over a defined audit period.

This speaker will outline approaches for confirming the adequacy of a cloud service recipient organization's infrastructure availability and resilience capabilities, based on:

- Audit conclusions on controls identified and tested in the SOC 2 audit reports of that organization's third-party Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) providers, as well as
- Complementary end-user controls applicable to infrastructure availability and resilience that are also disclosed in these SOC 2 Audit Reports.

SPEAKER



Alvaro Orrantia
AVP Global Technology
Governance & Control
Manulife
CRISC

With over 30 years of experience, **Alvaro** is a trusted leader in IT resilience, cybersecurity and risk management. He currently leads global disaster recovery and IT availability at Manulife where he has driven major reductions in IT incidents and pioneered AI-based initiatives.

Alvaro has held senior roles at Scotiabank, RBC, TD and BlackBerry among others, where he built and scaled enterprise-wide programs in disaster recovery, cyber risk, and business continuity. His work has supported global crisis responses, regulatory compliance and innovation in resilience strategies.

He holds an MBA, a Bachelor's in Computer Science, and certifications in CRISC, CISSP, and CBCP.

Day 2 Sessions

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

A Adaptive Threats and Cyber Resilience in the Age of AI

SESSION DESCRIPTION

As artificial intelligence (AI) rapidly evolves, so do cyber threats. Adversaries are leveraging AI to enhance reconnaissance, automate social engineering attacks, create intelligent malware, and bypass traditional defenses. The emergence of AI-powered threats—such as deepfake-driven fraud, autonomous hacking, and polymorphic malware—poses an unprecedented challenge to cybersecurity.

In this session, we will explore how attackers are using AI to scale and adapt threats in real time, why traditional security approaches are no longer sufficient, and how organizations must respond with **adaptive cybersecurity strategies**. The session will highlight:

- **AI-Powered Cyber Threats:** How AI is being weaponized for phishing, misinformation, and automated attacks.
- **The Evolution of Adaptive Threats:** How cybercriminals are using AI to outpace conventional defenses.
- **Defensive AI Strategies:** Using AI-driven threat intelligence, anomaly detection, and automated response to counter evolving threats.
- **Building Cyber Resilience in the age of AI**

Attendees will gain critical insights into the future of AI in cybersecurity, with actionable recommendations on leveraging AI for defense, industry collaboration, and preparing for AI-driven cyber warfare.

SPEAKER



Umang Handa
Partner | National
Cybersecurity Managed
Services Leader
EY Canada

Umang Handa is a Partner at EY Canada and is the National Cybersecurity Managed Services Leader. He is responsible for leading outcome focussed managed security services in cybersecurity.

Umang has played various global roles and has worked extensively with large organizations in North America, Australia, Africa, Asia and Europe to create end to end cyber programs, all the way from Strategy to Implementation and Operations. Umang has over nineteen years of experience in Cyber Security Implementation and Operations, Governance, Analytics, Dark space Intelligence, Advanced Threat Defenses and Hunting. He has led various teams to develop market leading advanced Cyber Services pertaining to Business Centric Cyber Managed Services, Advanced Threat Response and Mitigation, Threat Hunting, Threat Intelligence, Risk and Outcome Based Analytics, Purple Teaming and other key areas of cyber competencies.

He is a known and recognized cybersecurity leader in the industry and is sought after by industry leaders in a number of cybersecurity thought leadership articles, conferences and towards cybersecurity solution development.

B Privacy in the Cloud – Managing Risk and Compliance

SESSION DESCRIPTION

This session will explore key strategies and challenges for understanding and managing privacy risk in cloud environments. Topics will include intricacies of cloud services, third party risk, data residency and nuances of the shared responsibility models of the major cloud providers. This session will offer practical privacy-forward insights for today's evolving compliance landscape.

SPEAKER



Migam Megardichian
Global Privacy & AI Contract
Lead, Data & Trust Office
TELUS

Migam Megardichian is the recipient of the 2024 PICCASO Canada Award for Outstanding Privacy Lawyer, and Canada's top 20 Women in Cybersecurity Award 2022 from IT World Canada. Migam brings a practical approach to privacy law, drawing on extensive experience advising organizations on compliance, emerging technologies, and data risk. She is also an active member of Canada's sport governance community and currently serves on the board of Swimming Canada.

Day 2 Sessions

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

A

Resilience Under Pressure: Thriving in Cybersecurity Amid the Rise of Cybercrime

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Cybercrime has grown into the third-largest global economy, placing cybersecurity professionals under immense pressure to defend against evolving threats. In this session, we explore how psychological resilience plays a vital role in helping teams adapt, innovate, and thrive in the face of relentless cyber challenges.

Join us to discuss strategies for:

- Leveraging resilience to stay ahead of adversaries and drive security innovation.
- Strengthening mental agility and stress management in high-risk environments.
- Combating burnout while maintaining peak performance in cybersecurity.

By fostering resilience, cybersecurity professionals can transform obstacles into opportunities—ensuring not only survival but success in an ever-changing digital landscape.

SPEAKER



Vicky Laurens
Vice President, Security Engineering
and Deployment
Scotiabank

With over 20 years of experience in information security, **Vicky Laurens** is a seasoned leader specializing in cybersecurity and risk management across diverse sectors, particularly within the financial services industry. She has led successful automation initiatives that not only streamlined operations but also resulted in significant cost savings. With a strong commitment to mentoring and developing talent, enhancing cyber security programs, leading regulatory compliance efforts, and fostering a culture of excellence in cybersecurity, Vicky is dedicated to driving strategic initiatives that protect organizations against emerging threats.

Currently serving as Vice President of Security Engineering and Deployment at Scotiabank, Vicky leads a team of experts to implement innovative security technologies for keeping the Bank safe. With a robust educational background, including a master's degree in systems science, Vicky continues to make impactful contributions to the cybersecurity landscape. In her spare time, she enjoys being active and outdoors.

B

Detecting Malicious Command Line - LolBins

SESSION DESCRIPTION

This presentation outlines a data-driven approach to understanding Living Off the Land Binaries (LOLBins) and their role in modern threat techniques. We will explore common LOLBins, analyze their typical usage by adversaries, and demonstrate how data analytics can identify anomalous activity. Topics include:

- data sources for threat hunting,
- statistical methods for anomaly detection, and
- practical examples of detecting LOLBin-based attacks.

Attendees will gain actionable insights into proactively identifying and mitigating sophisticated threats often missed by traditional security controls, enhancing their organization's overall cybersecurity posture.

SPEAKER



Shil Sircar
senior Vice President
Arctic Wolf Networks

Shil Sircar is an SVP of Product Engineering & Data Science at Arctic Wolf Networks. He is responsible for the development of Aurora Data Platform & Data Science, Aurora mEDR platform.

He has a bachelors and masters in electronics and communications engineering. Shil holds many patents and publications in the fields of AI and machine learning, mobile security, cryptography, satellite imaging, and radar interferometry.

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