

# Gartner Security & Risk Management Summit

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## Meet the Gartner Business and Technology Insights Experts



**Manuel Acosta**

Senior Director

- Cybersecurity program management
- Cybersecurity/cloud security strategy/ AI security
- Cybersecurity risk management
- CISO assessments/IT Score
- Security frameworks

**Key Initiatives**

- Build and Optimize Cybersecurity Programs
- Cyber Risk
- Cybersecurity Leadership
- I&O Operations Management
- I&O Organizational Strategy



**Richard Addiscott**

Vice President

- Security strategy, security program management and maturity
- Governance, and cybersecurity board and executive reporting, cybersecurity metrics
- Security awareness, security behavior and culture, human-centered design
- Helping build high-performance security teams, security structures and security operating models
- Security policy, standards

**Key Initiatives**

- Cyber Risk
- Cybersecurity Leadership



**Lampus Alevizos**

Senior Director

- Cyber-risk management
- Cyber-risk analysis
- Cyber-risk assessment
- Cyber resilience

**Key Initiative**

- Cyber Risk



**Anson Chen**

Senior Director

- Impact of Chinese cybersecurity law (CSL), data security law (DSL), personal information protection law (PIPL)
- Data/privacy protection, data security governance, and data security vendors in China
- Cybersecurity strategy, business-centric cybersecurity investments, outcome-driven metrics (ODM) in China
- AI trust, risk, security management (AI TRISM) in China
- Application programming interface (API) security and vendors in China

**Key Initiatives**

- Cybersecurity Leadership
- Demonstrate Value and Collaborate With Business Partners
- Digital Technology Leadership for CIOs in China
- Meet Daily Cybersecurity Needs
- Security of Applications and Data



**Luke Ellery**

Vice President

- Developing strategies for IT vendor risk management including AI, GenAI, operational and cyber risk
- Initiating and managing procurement transformation programs, including agile procurement processes
- Establishing effective vendor management and governance, including performance management
- Developing business-aligned sourcing strategies
- Negotiation of contract terms for software agreements

**Key Initiatives**

- Cyber Risk
- IT Contracts Negotiations
- IT Sourcing, Procurement and Vendor Management Operating Model
- IT Sourcing Strategy Development and Execution
- IT Vendor Portfolio Management



**Esraa ElTahawy**

Senior Director

- Securing multicloud IaaS and PaaS environments
- Components needed for SaaS security
- Application security
- How to address API security
- Setting a cloud security strategy

**Key Initiatives**

- Infrastructure Security
- Security of Applications and Data



**Deepti Gopal**

Director

- Cybersecurity leadership
- Board reporting
- Risk-conscious decision making
- M&A
- Market development

**Key Initiatives**

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- Demonstrate Value and Collaborate With Business Partners



**David Gregory**

Vice President

- Operational resilience
- Business continuity management
- IT Score for BCM
- Businesswide cyber-resilience planning
- Business impact analysis

**Key Initiatives**

- Cybersecurity Leadership
- Demonstrate Value and Collaborate With Business Partners
- Security and Risk Management for CISO Coalition

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**Eric Grenier**  
Senior Director

- Endpoint protection platforms (EPP), endpoint detection and response (EDR)
- Defending the enterprise against ransomware attacks
- Mobile device security and management (UEM, mobile device management, MTD)
- Protecting enterprise environments against the threat of advanced malware
- Bring your own device (BYOD) protections and policies

**Key Initiatives**

- Digital Workplace for Technical Professionals
- Security Technology and Infrastructure for Technical Professionals



**Wayne Hankins**  
Senior Director

- Executive briefing on zero-trust architecture and how it benefits their business
- How ransomware effects business and the executive's role in managing a ransomware attack.
- Help executives understand how to protect their business using mobile threat detection (MTD) solutions
- Work with security leaders on developing their incident response plan and playbooks
- Coach CISOs on developing cybersecurity strategies that align with their business

**Key Initiatives**

- Cybersecurity Leadership
- Infrastructure Security



**Greg Harris**  
Senior Director

- DevSecOps
- Application security
- Application security testing (AST)
- Software composition analysis (SCA)
- Web application and API protection (WAAP)

**Key Initiative**

- Security Technology and Infrastructure for Technical Professionals



**Craig Lawson**  
Vice President

- Selection and implementation of infrastructure protection technology and cloud security (SASE, SSE, CSPM, CASB, SWG)
- Selection and implementation of security monitoring products and services, including SIEM, XDR, SASE, threat intelligence, firewall, IPS, IDS, UEBA
- Implementation of a vulnerability management strategy
- Managed detection and response (MDR)
- Threat intelligence

**Key Initiatives**

- Cyber Risk
- Infrastructure Security
- Meet Daily Cybersecurity Needs
- Security Operations



**Christopher Mixter**  
Vice President

- Cybersecurity leadership (CISO effectiveness)
- Cybersecurity workforce management
- Cybersecurity organizational and operating models
- Cybersecurity business value communication and board-level reporting
- Third-party cyber-risk management programs

**Key Initiatives**

- Build and Optimize Cybersecurity Programs
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- Meet Daily Cybersecurity Needs



**Dhivya Poole**  
Senior Director

- Managing vulnerabilities and exposure- program and process
- Development of risk based vulnerability management program
- Penetration testing processes
- Penetration testing proposal reviews

**Key Initiative**

- Security Operations for Technical Professionals



**Zachary Smith**  
Director

- Identity and access management program
- Identity and access management leadership
- Identity and access management communications and metrics
- Identity and access management business case
- Identity and access management for GenAI and AI agents

**Key Initiatives**

- Build and Optimize Cybersecurity Programs
- Cyber Risk
- Cybersecurity Leadership
- Demonstrate Value and Collaborate With Business Partners
- Identity and Access Management



**Max Taggett**  
Senior Principal

- Endpoint security vendor selection and planning (EDR/XDR)
- Email security
- Ransomware

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- Infrastructure Security

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**John Watts**  
Vice President

- How do I plan and deploy zero-trust technologies to the organization?
- How do we optimize vendors and tools to maximize resiliency and flexibility?
- What are the best ways to secure access to web, SaaS and private applications for my branches and hybrid workforce?
- How do we discover and manage assets for cybersecurity?
- How do we prepare and respond to the current threat landscape?

**Key Initiative**

- Infrastructure Security



**Bart Willemsen**  
Vice President

- Customer and employee privacy and data protection challenges
- Developing privacy programs and privacy officer's best practices
- Reviewing guidelines, privacy and risk management programs, policies, (white)papers
- Ethical challenges with AI and other technology in business and society
- Artificial Intelligence related privacy, bias, risk and ethics concerns

**Key Initiatives**

- Cyber Risk
- Cybersecurity Leadership
- Privacy Program Management



**Dennis Xu**  
Vice President

- AI security
- SaaS security posture management (SSPM)
- Secure the usage of Microsoft 365 Copilot

**Key Initiative**

- Security Technology and Infrastructure for Technical Professionals



**Mia Yu**  
Director

- Impact of China security regulations
- Security strategy, governance, organization and staffing, framework
- Measuring security and its relevance to business objectives
- Presenting risk and security to senior management and the board

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