

5 SECURITY TIPS FOR CISOs

MOVE FROM OVERWHELMED TO EMPOWERED



TIP 1: INTEGRATION



Consider integration as a key part of your buying decision.

Vendor sprawl in the typical security environment often results in unnecessary complexity and inefficient workflows. Not only that, but the ongoing shortage of talent means it's getting harder to adopt solutions as they were intended. This, all too often, leaves businesses exposed to increasingly sophisticated cyber attacks.

By taking a platform approach to mitigate these challenges, you can adopt an open, portfolio-based platform that enables your solutions to work in harmony together. This approach delivers a unified frontend whilst technologies from a range of vendors are seamlessly integrated in the background.

The result... you're able to leverage your existing investments, build on what you have and create a stronger foundation for your future security needs.



TIP 2: UNIFY NETWORK, IT AND SECURITY

Traditionally, network, IT and security teams have worked independently, in siloes; but this creates bottlenecks when you're trying to solve problems as each team becomes reliant on each other. By bringing your teams together with collaborative workflows, ITOps can remediate issues with meaningful alerts for NetOps who can enforce policies more consistently. Thus, reducing the burden on SecOps whilst improving the overall productivity of all three teams.

Unifying teams in this way is not easy, but an integrated platform can help. What you should look out for is a customisable unified view, allowing each team to see alerts, metrics, and context that are most meaningful to them.



TIP 3: SECURITY MATURITY

It's all too easy to find yourself using a reactive approach to security, especially when budgets are tight, talent is limited and the threat landscape is always changing. However, by using a reactive mode of security the investments you make may only help to maintain the status-quo, rather than free you to mature your security capability.

By picking a security maturity model, you will be better guided in your decision making and able to take a proactive approach to security. There's a lot of choice out there, but most models reflect unified visibility across control points, cross-environment automation and clear security metrics as advanced capabilities.

A hand in a dark suit sleeve points towards a futuristic digital dashboard. The dashboard features a world map at the top with location pins, a list of numerical data points with upward and downward arrows, a large bar chart with a white trend line, and several pie charts on the left. The background is a dark blue grid with glowing lines.

TIP 4: UNIFY YOUR VIEW

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