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“Thank you for the opportunity to join the events; I have learnt some fantastic techniques. It was well organised and delivered with great enthusiasm. Really enjoyed so thank you again!”  
Compliance Officer, Al Malaamah

“The presentations I attended were insightful, and the speakers were experts in their respective fields. Overall, the event was well-organised, and I gained a lot of knowledge that I can apply to my work in cybersecurity. Thank you once again for your hard work in putting together such a fantastic event. I look forward to attending future conferences and continuing to learn from industry leaders in cybersecurity.”  
Senior Data Analyst, AW Rostamani

“The e-Crime Conference in Abu Dhabi was an enlightening and enriching experience that exceeded all my expectations. The event equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to better understand and address the complex world of cybercrime. I would highly recommend this conference to anyone interested in the field of cybersecurity or digital security. It is a must-attend event for professionals looking to stay ahead in this ever-changing landscape.”  
IT Administrator, Purshottam Kanji & Co.

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## Speakers

Khalid Abubaker,  
Regional Sales Manager  
**Gatewatcher**

Abdulla Al Dhaheri,  
Cybersecurity Specialist  
**UAE Government**

Mamdouh Al-Gendy,  
Digital Security Centre of Excellence  
**Entrust**

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti,  
Head of Cybersecurity  
**United Arab Emirates Government**

Aus Alzubaidi, Director of IT,  
Cybersecurity & Management  
**MBC Group**

Ara Awakian, Chief Operations Officer  
**DarkSight/MeInfoSec**

Jeevan Badigari, Director of Information  
Security & Governance  
**DAMAC Group**

Simon Brady, Editor, **AKJ Associates**

Melih Berk Ekşioğlu,  
Threat and Vulnerability Management  
Group Manager  
**Cyberwise/Securrent ME**

Steve Kinghan,  
Head of Cyber Operations  
**Hiscox**

Raghul Mohan,  
Lead – Technical Consultant  
**ManageEngine**

Theshan Mudaly, Solutions Engineer  
**BeyondTrust**

Ahmet Öztoprak, Sales Director META  
**Binalyze**

Hussein Hassan Shafik,  
Group CISO and Privacy Officer  
**Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank**

Zaheer Mubarak Shaikh, CISO  
**Al Maryah Community Bank**

James Sherlow,  
Systems Engineering Manager, EMEA  
**Cequence Security**

Vikalp Shrivastava, Global CISO  
**Kerzner International**  
Lakhwinder Singh, Pre-Sales Manager  
**Thales**

John Smith, CTO EMEA, **Veracode**

Abhijit Tannu, Data Security Expert  
**Seclore Technologies**

Rajesh Yadla,  
Head of Information Security  
**AI Hilal Bank**

## Key themes

- Insuring the uninsurable?
- From smart machines to smart cities - securing the IoT
- Making the most of next gen tech: automation, AI and the rest
- Securing digital currencies and DLT
- Getting real about cyber risk management
- Keeping citizens safe
- Cybersecurity for SaaS/IaaS/PaaS
- Developing the next generation of security leaders
- The rise and rise of effective cybersecurity regulation
- Cybersecurity as a service: the pros and cons
- Reining in BigTech
- Upskilling security teams

## Who attended?



### Cyber-security

We have a 15-year track record of producing the events cyber-security professionals take seriously



### Risk Management

We attract senior risk officers with responsibility for information risk assessment and mitigation



### Fraud, Audit, Compliance

We provide the go-to events for fraud prevention and compliance owners at the world's key corporates



### Data Protection & privacy

We are a key venue for decision-makers with budget and purchasing authority

Agenda					
08:30	Registration and networking break				
09:20	Chairman's welcome				
09:30	<b>Securing the ecosystem</b>				
	<p><b>H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti</b>, Head of Cybersecurity, United Arab Emirates Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital transformation</li> <li>• Emerging trends and technologies</li> <li>• Associated cyber-threats and crimes</li> <li>• Protecting and securing the ecosystem</li> <li>• Working together for a safer cyber-ecosystem</li> <li>• PPP and cyber-pulse</li> </ul>				
09:50	<b>Detection of cyber-threats: Myth or reality?</b>				
	<p><b>Khalid Abubaker</b>, Regional Sales Manager, Gatewatcher</p> <p>While 85% of attacks are still made with known APT or malware, NDR solution should embedded engines to detect known and unknown malicious or abnormal activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatewatcher is beyond NDR, the AIONIQ platform provides advanced detection for unknown APT attacks</li> <li>• Immediate improvement to current cybersecurity issues and a response adapted to the new detection needs of organisations thanks to a 360° vision of cyber-threats</li> <li>• Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) optimises your existing resources and helps you to see further. Compatible with all cybersecurity solutions</li> <li>• Unparalleled level of detection and visibility of cyber-risk associated with each connection between assets and users</li> </ul>				
10:10	<b>Cybersecurity challenges in the real estate business</b>				
	<p><b>Jeevan Badigari</b>, Director of Information Security &amp; Governance, DAMAC Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing office locations</li> <li>• Mobile applications</li> <li>• CRM systems and office application suites</li> <li>• Third-party security</li> <li>• Cloned websites</li> </ul>				
10:30	<b>Education Seminars   Session 1</b>				
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11:10	Networking break				
11:40	<b>EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION   CISO priorities discussion</b>				
	<p><b>Simon Brady</b>, Editor, AKJ Associates (Moderator);</p> <p><b>Steve Kinghan</b>, Head of Cyber Operations, Hiscox;</p> <p><b>Vikalp Shrivastava</b>, Global CISO, Kerzner International;</p> <p><b>Aus Alzubaidi</b>, Director of IT, Cybersecurity &amp; Management, MBC Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does legacy cybersecurity thinking and technology have to change?</li> <li>• Prioritizing cybersecurity initiatives in the absence of any easy way to quantify cyber risks</li> <li>• How much is enough? Are CISOs under budget pressure? Is there pressure to outsource?</li> <li>• The cyber talent shortage – real or illusion?</li> </ul>				
12:10	<b>Cybersecurity physics: Breaking the attack chain</b>				
	<p><b>Theshan Mudaly</b>, Solutions Engineer, BeyondTrust</p> <p>Join BeyondTrust and learn how you can break the attack chain and establish a solid foundation for security project success. Theshan Mudaly, Solutions Engineer at BeyondTrust, will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common attack chain entry points</li> <li>• Practical steps you can take to block entry</li> <li>• How PAM ensures project success</li> </ul>				

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<b>12:30</b>	<b>Education Seminars   Session 2</b>		
	<b>Binalyze</b> <b>Supercharging security operations with DFIR: Achieving forensic-level precision at high speed and scale</b> <b>Ahmet Öztoprak</b> , Sales Director META, Binalyze	<b>Cequence Security</b> <b>New trends of successful cyber-attacks and data breaches</b> <b>James Sherlow</b> , Systems Engineering Manager, EMEA, Cequence Security	<b>ManageEngine</b> <b>Effective PAM strategies to combat cyber-threats in evolving work environments</b> <b>Raghul Mohan</b> , Lead – Technical Consultant, ManageEngine
<b>13:10</b>	Lunch and networking break		
<b>14:00</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION   Financial services discussion</b>		
	<b>Simon Brady</b> , Editor, AKJ Associates (Moderator); <b>Hussein Hassan Shafik</b> , Group CISO and Privacy Officer, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank; <b>Rajesh Yadla</b> , Head of Information Security, Al Hilal Bank; <b>Zaheer Mubarak Shaikh</b> , CISO, Al Maryah Community Bank; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating cybersecurity into wider enterprise risk management frameworks</li> <li>Becoming a more strategic partner to the business?</li> <li>Building resilience against third-party security threats</li> <li>Web 3.0 and the next generation of the internet: securing new technologies and services</li> </ul>		
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Embracing the security benefits of Web3</b>		
	<b>Abdulla Al Dhaheri</b> , Cybersecurity Specialist, UAE Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developments in identity of Web3</li> <li>Simultaneously securing against Web 2.0 and Web3 security risks</li> <li>Best practices for protecting Web3 applications and infrastructure</li> <li>Moving forward securely</li> </ul>		
<b>14:50</b>	<b>Education Seminars   Session 3</b>		
	<b>DarkSight/MeInfoSec</b> <b>An average of 93 vulnerabilities on every computer in KSA and the UAE, why?</b> <b>Ara Awakian</b> , Chief Operations Officer, DarkSight/MeInfoSec	<b>Cyberwise/Securrent</b> <b>Cyberwarfare</b> <b>Melih Berk Ekşioğlu</b> , Threat and Vulnerability Management Group Manager, Cyberwise/Securrent ME	<b>Thales</b> <b>Data security for a zero trust world</b> <b>Lakhwinder Singh</b> , Pre-Sales Manager, Thales
<b>15:30</b>	Networking break		
<b>15:50</b>	<b>Building a resilient and adversary focused Security Operations Centre (SOC)</b>		
	<b>Steve Kinghan</b> , Head of Cyber Operations, Hiscox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baselining the threat facing your firm</li> <li>Understanding the training and development required to grow</li> <li>Consolidate and grow – a focus on doing more with less</li> <li>Future proofing your approach</li> </ul>		
<b>16:10</b>	<b>Time for security to grow up</b>		
	<b>Simon Brady</b> , Editor, AKJ Associates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current security models and attitudes are not fit for purpose</li> <li>Organisations need to change their approach</li> <li>Software firms must take responsibility for their products</li> <li>Information sharing should be the norm not secrecy</li> <li>Boards must walk the walk not just talk the talk</li> </ul>		
<b>16:25</b>	Chairman's closing remarks		
<b>16:30</b>	Conference close		

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<p><b>Cequence Security</b></p> <p><b>New trends of successful cyber-attacks and data breaches</b></p> <p><b>James Sherlow</b>, Systems Engineering Manager, EMEA, Cequence Security</p>	<p>APIs are becoming the #1 application attack vector of choice for bad actors.</p> <p>Cequence protects 6bn API transactions per day, and will share insights into the trends of API attacks, how organisations have been breached and how to protect critical assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many API endpoints do you have? Where are they?</li> <li>• What sensitive information is being exposed via APIs?</li> <li>• Can you prevent attacks on your APIs natively, in real-time?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cyberwise/Securrent ME</b></p> <p><b>Cyberwarfare</b></p> <p><b>Melih Berk Ekşioğlu</b>, Threat and Vulnerability Management Group Manager, Cyberwise/Securrent ME</p>	<p>The world is changing. After peaceful years, there is a war on the gates of Europe, Middle East is burning and the China Sea is boiling. For the first time in human history, we see hackers taking active part in the war! Hackers are actively damaging systems, financing the fight or causing harm to citizens. So the question becomes, in the new cyberwarfare, what should we expect and what can be done to defend?</p> <p>Join us to hear what the history of cyberwarfare is showing us and what the future seems to be. We'll be sharing our insight as well as what researchers think and how can we make a change in this cyberwar.</p> <p>During the presentation, key takeaways will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief introduction to cyberwarfare will be given, with different types of it, and real-life examples for each cyberwarfare type</li> <li>• Historical events and some examples of the cyber-armies, cyber-alliances will be shared</li> <li>• Why cyberwar is growing and our prediction of the future in terms of cyberwar</li> <li>• And of course, how can we defend</li> </ul>
<p><b>DarkSight/MeInfoSec</b></p> <p><b>An average of 93 vulnerabilities on every computer in KSA and the UAE, why?</b></p> <p><b>Ara Awakian</b>, Chief Operations Officer, DarkSight</p>	<p>Join DarkSight and understand the root cause of infections and the solution to securing your endpoints.</p> <p>Ara Awakian, Chief Operations Manager, will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional statistics of vulnerabilities in 3rd party applications</li> <li>• Challenges of patching and examples</li> <li>• DarkSight – Identification and remediation</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Entrust</b></p> <p><b>Entrust People, process, technology – the road to post-quantum cryptography</b></p> <p><b>Mamdouh Al-Gendy</b>, Digital Security Centre of Excellence, Entrust</p>	<p>Quantum computers pose an inevitable threat to digital security. Within the decade a quantum computer will be able to break traditional cryptography in use today. With the understanding that the transition to post-quantum cryptography will take several years, and that bad actors are harvesting data now to decrypt later, organisations need to protect their data today. While the timelines are fuzzy, the takeaway is clear: The time to prepare for PQ is now. How prepared are you?</p> <p>Find out more by attending the Entrust People, process, technology – the road to post-quantum cryptography.</p> <p><b>We will talk about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why an accurate cryptographic asset inventory is essential in your initial preparations</li> <li>• How to approach your post-quantum cryptography preparedness</li> <li>• What steps need to be taken by organisations now, to prepare and migrate to quantum-resistant cryptography?</li> </ul>
<p><b>ManageEngine</b></p> <p><b>Effective PAM strategies to combat cyber-threats in evolving work environment</b></p> <p><b>Raghul Mohan</b>, Lead – Technical Consultant, ManageEngine</p>	<p>As businesses continue to adapt to evolving work environments, it’s also crucial to enforce effective strategies to combat the equally evolving cyber-threat landscape. Processes and tools can end up falling short in various areas, and cybercriminals wouldn’t wait until your business buckles up. That said, it is important to start implementing future-proof PAM strategies that are required in today’s world.</p> <p><b>In this session, you’ll learn:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of privileged accounts in the cyber-threat environment</li> <li>• An effective security approach to privileged access management challenges</li> <li>• The role of PAM in strengthening a zero trust architecture</li> <li>• Streamlining privileged account governance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mandiant</b></p> <p><b>Cyber Threat Intelligence: The smart CISO’s secret weapon for saving money and combating cybercrime</b></p> <p><b>Renze Jongman</b>, Manager, Mandiant Intelligence</p>	<p>Cybercrime is a growing problem, and it’s costing businesses billions of dollars every year. In order to protect their organisations, CISOs need to be able to identify and respond to threats quickly and effectively. However, this can be expensive.</p> <p>That’s where threat intelligence comes in. Threat intelligence can help CISOs to identify and prioritise threats, develop effective mitigation strategies, and improve their incident response. As a result, threat intelligence can help CISOs to save money on security costs. In this talk, Google’s Renze Jongman will discuss how smart CISOs are using threat intelligence to save money and combat cybercrime.</p> <p><b>He will cover topics such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to identify and prioritise threats</li> <li>• How to develop effective mitigation strategies</li> <li>• How to improve incident response</li> <li>• How to save money on security costs</li> </ul> <p>If you’re a CISO or security professional who is looking for ways to save money and improve your organisation’s security posture, then this talk is for you.</p>

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<p><b>Seclore</b></p> <p><b>Closing the data security gap</b></p> <p><b>Abhijit Tannu</b>, Data Security Expert, Seclore Technologies</p>	<p>In today's digital age, enterprises are increasingly driven by their digital assets. With global collaboration and cloud adoption, these assets are constantly on the move and are often beyond the perimeter of the enterprise's control. This has led to a widening data security gap, which existing technologies are unable to cover. This gap is impacting enterprises in various ways, including data breaches, loss of confidential information, and reputational damage.</p> <p>To address this critical issue, enterprises need to adopt a new approach to data security. This session will discuss how some enterprises are closing the data security gap by leveraging advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. We will explore real-world examples of successful approaches that have helped enterprises achieve greater security and control over their digital assets.</p> <p>Join us to learn how you can close the data security gap in your enterprise and protect your valuable digital assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern enterprises are driven by digital assets</li> <li>• With global collaboration and cloud adoption, your digital assets are on the move</li> <li>• Increasingly they are going beyond your perimeter of control</li> <li>• This is creating a widening data security gap</li> <li>• How existing technologies are unable to cover this gap?</li> <li>• How is this gap impacting enterprises?</li> <li>• How do you close this gap? What is the approach that some of the enterprises are taking?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thales</b></p> <p><b>Data security for a zero trust world</b></p> <p><b>Lakhwinder Singh</b>, Pre-Sales Manager, Thales</p>	<p>Many legacy data security architectures were built assuming data would live in a data centre and be consumed on-premises. IT owned and operated the infrastructure, security, and applications and had immense visibility and control over data and users. However, for the modern organisation, these checkpoints no longer exist. No matter how strong the perimeter around the data centre is, the security it delivers is merely conceptual.</p> <p>As legacy data security architectures do not address many of the characteristics of the modern data-centric world, they cannot protect organisations against sophisticated data breaches from increasingly determined attackers. If today's CISOs and CDOs want to break the reactionary cycle of measures and countermeasures, they must take an entirely new approach to data security for a zero trust world.</p> <p><b>In this session, you will learn:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to secure the data, so it can move safely across multiple on-premises and cloud environments while maintaining its protection profile</li> <li>• Ensures that data is protected from malicious users and advanced persistent threats (APTs) attempting to steal sensitive information</li> <li>• Help to understand your data and its risk and prioritise remediation</li> <li>• Reduce fines and help you to meet government, organisational, and industry regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Veracode</b></p> <p><b>Effective software security in the real world</b></p> <p><b>John Smith</b>, CTO EMEA, Veracode</p>	<p>Gaps within your software security strategy are invitations for cyber-threats. Learn how to protect your organisation against bad actors with practical strategies to secure your software.</p> <p><b>During this educational seminar at e-Crime Cybersecurity Congress in Abu Dhabi, you'll gain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insights from empirical data and experience from Veracode customers around the world</li> <li>• An understanding of effective processes, technology skills needed to create a robust software security program</li> <li>• Tangible steps you can implement to strengthen your application security program</li> </ul>