Black Hat - White Hat

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Session abstract

This panel discussion will feature a lively interaction between several well-known "white hat" security experts (those who protect organizations from attack), and a number of "black hat" speakers (who will represent the "dark side" of the hacking community.) The goal of this session is provide a question-answer session for conference attendees to investigate just what are the latest methods being used to protect information assets, and what methods are being used to attack them. Warning: the black hat presenters will not hesitate to "tell it like it is," revealing a number of security weaknesses and problems that may be prevalent in systems today.

Background of audience

This session should attract anyone interested in how hacker - antihacker efforts proceed in the commercial world. Two members of the panel will represent the "black hat" community; two the "white hat." Anyone who is concerned with defending against hacking attacks should attend.

Mark Fabro has a formidable background in Information Security, dedicating more than 15 years to research and the tactical evaluation of networked computing environments. As a specialist in remote server security analysis, Mr. Fabro has provided services to some of the world's largest financial and scientific institutions, and is recognized as a specialist in this field by both the U.S. Department of Defense and the Canadian Government. Formerly with the University of Toronto and Goddard Space Flight Center, Mr. Fabro has extensive practical experience in applications regarding mission critical environments and has briefed more than 25 government agencies worldwide, including CSIS, NSA, and the Pentagon. Mr. Fabro has helped evaluate and correct the security posture of some the country's most prominent corporations, and has been instrumental in education about how the national infrastructure pertains to Internet and information security.

Ray Kaplan has over 20 years in the computing industry, and over 14 years experience in information security. He has extensive experience with system and network security, design and implementation of security assessment methodologies, network and system security assessment, analysis and reporting, security policy development, training; and information security consulting. Mr. Kaplan has experience with the managerial, personnel, and technical aspects of many areas of information security including architecture, policy, standards, design, implementation, management, and operations. He is known for his expertise, prolific public

speaking and writing. Mr. Kaplan has worked in a variety of capacities including consultant, security assessment analyst, trainer, security evangelist, competitive intelligence analyst, cyberspace research analyst, and system administrator. His consulting experience includes internal, external, and independent consulting.