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The Flyzik 5

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The Top 5 Cyber Security Challenges

How do you pick just 5? There must be 500. Here is one opinion of the Top 5 Cyber Security Challenges awaiting the new Administration.

The National Cyber Security Program and its 12 Initiatives

It took a long time to get Cyber Security elevated to the highest levels of government priorities --- the challenge now is to deliver.

Identity Protection

Not just HSPD-12 and people, but identifying things, trusted partners in supply chains, cargo entering the country, etc. And don't forget, the American people have major concerns about Identity Theft --- we need ways to protect Personal Identifiable Information.

Those Mobile Devices

The technology offers limitless potential, but security of thumb drives, flash drives, blackberries, smart cellphones, laptops and new wireless products hitting the market everyday raise all kinds of new security vulnerabilities.

Virtualized Environments and Cloud Computing

The rapid trend to virtualization and cloud computing brings many cost and energy benefits but don't overlook the security implications of running multiple operating systems on individual servers and the movement of data across server farms in locations not necessarily under your physical control.

Cyber Attacks against SCADA and other Critical Infrastructure

We tend to think about Cyber Security vulnerabilities from a CIO/CISO perspective, but what about protection of systems used to control and manage power, water supplies, transportation systems and the myriad other critical infrastructure components?

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Thought Leadership Built Around Cybersecurity

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As we begin the new federal government fiscal year & transition to a new administration, identifying government's top priorities is on everyone's mind. Jim Flyzik and I just finished hosting 2 Federal Executive Government & Systems Integrator roundtables with the Defense Dept. & the Dept. of Homeland Security and FY2009 IT spending looks extremely strong within these federal agencies. The issue of more investment around CyberSecurity Solutions was a major theme at both roundtables.



Within the past few months, here are some of the important developments and announcements around the issue of CyberSecurity:

*The Dept. of Homeland Security is the current lead for CyberSecurity and they have released their National Cyber Security Initiative with 12 core initiatives. See link to article: http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1_no1/47639-1.html?s=dailyNL

- Van Hitch, CIO-Justice and Robert Carey, CIO-Navy are co-chairing the federal committee on CyberSecurity. See link to article: <http://www.fcw.com/online/news/153767-1.html>
- President Elect Barack Obama has recommended that The White House take the lead on CyberSecurity and appoint a government-wide IT & Cyber Czar. See link to article: http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1_no1/47641-1.html?s=dailyNL
- Recent research shows that there will be more Cyber-Attacks against our Critical Infrastructure-see link to article: http://www.gcn.com/print/27_28/47568-1.html?topic=security
- The Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) initiative has made great progress towards its goal of reducing the number of external internet connections

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Federal Executive Forums:

Identity Management - 2 Years in Review



This Program Discussed:

- **Status & Progress with Identity Management solutions in the Federal Government**
- **Main Benefits & Best Practices from Government using Identity Management implementations**
- **What are the plans to achieve interoperability with different Identity Management Programs**
- **A Vision for the Future and Future Applications in Identity Management**

Panelists:

- **Robert Mocny** - Director US VISIT Program, DHS
- **Jeremy Warren** - CTO, Dept. of Justice
- **Mary Dixon** - Director Manpower Data Center/OSD
- **Kathy Kraninger** - Director of the Screening and Coordination Office, DHS
- **David Troy** - Director, U.S. Government Identity Management Solutions Group, EDS
- **Mark Cohn** - Unisys Federal

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- Upgrading Federal Networks to the more secure IPv6 Protocol is making good progress
- Issuing of HSPD-12 smart card identity credentials to all federal employees and contractors has reached its goal of an October 2008 deadline from OMB

The next Administration will need to focus on completing these initiatives that are under way and also increase attention to issues of collaboration between public and private sectors. In our roundtables and forums-here are a few thoughts that I have:

- Listen: Government understands that the technology is currently available to solve some of these problems-but it's more about understanding the mission problems of all the federal agencies. My good friend and strategic partner, Becky Nolan of AFCEA, has an amazing IA/Cyber Solutions Program planned for Dec. 10th & 11th with most of the Top Thought Leaders in the Federal Government speaking. I would highly recommend attending and listening to their challenges and problems. You can learn more about this event [here](#).
- Invest: Government is trying to do more with less and in the past-has made decisions that only applied to their current problem. They would like Industry to have more skin in the game and welcome anyone who is willing to invest their resources to try and work with their government customers before making a major acquisition.
- Partner: I've been pleasantly surprised to hear about the successful partnerships between technology vendors and government contractors in order to solve some of government's biggest problems. In some cases, tough competitors joining forces for the good of their government customer, this really works-especially if this means that you may have to go outside your product offerings to find the right solution.

Although the challenges of CyberSecurity are extremely tough, I'm very optimistic about the level of awareness and progress being made around this important priority to our government and country. I'm also excited to listen and learn more-since our 1st Federal Executive Forum Program of 2009 will be on this topic and feature top executives from The Dept. of Homeland Security, Justice and Navy.

On a sad note, when I first started in the computer magazine business in the fall of

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Emerging Technologies: Spotlight on Virtualization/Visualization



This Program Discussed:

- Status & Progress on these Emerging Technologies
- Best Practices from Government using these Emerging Technologies
- Challenges to still overcome with these Emerging Technologies
- A Vision for the Future for these Emerging Technologies

Panelists:

- **Ken Ritchhart** - Deputy CIO, Customs & Border Protection, DHS
- **Dr. Joseph Kielman** - Science & Technology Directorate, DHS
- **Cynthia Krohmal** - Director, Capital Asset Management Service, VA
- **Porter Shomo** - Director, Federal Sales Division, Cognos
- **Joel Brunson** - President, Tandberg Federal
- **David Smith** - Solutions Engineering Architect, Citrix Federal

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Service Oriented Architecture

1981, the 3 dominant publications were Byte Magazine, Dr. Dobbs and Personal Computing Magazine (which is where I worked). A year later, PC Magazine was published-launched at the old Comdex Show in Las Vegas, and an amazing star in our business was born. Termed as the "Big Book," PC Magazine dominated the market and launched other publications like PC Week and PC Computing and made Ziff Davis Publishing the overwhelming PC Publisher in the business. Ironically, it was PC Magazine and Ziff Davis that bought Personal Computing in mid 1990, which is when I then went to work with Government Computer News (GCN). While on vacation 2 weeks ago, I was watching CNBC and saw a scroll along the bottom that said that with the February 2009 issue, PC Magazine will no longer publish their print magazine. Although I hated to compete against this dominant publication and publishing company, I totally respected this great magazine and it's sad to see our industry lose its #1 Magazine a few years after losing its #1 Trade Show.

- Tom

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December 10-11, 2008 Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.





This Program Discussed:

- **Status & Progress report on SOA in the Federal Government**
- **Best Practices using SOA**
- **How has SOA improved government programs**
- **What are the next steps**
- **What is the Vision for the future**

Panelists:

- **Kshemendra Paul** - Chief Architect, OMB
- **Vish Sankaran** - Program Director, Federal Health Architecture, HHS
- **Scott Bernard** - DCIO, Director of IT/ISSO, Federal Railroad Administration, DOT
- **Craig Muzilla** - Vice President, Middleware Business Unit, Red Hat
- **Andy Hoskinson** - Vice President & Partner, Technology Strategy and Consulting, Unisys Federal Systems

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The 2009 Federal Executive Forum Schedule Includes:

- January - CyberSecurity
- February - Border Security-3 Years in Review (Live at AFCEA Homeland Security Conference)
- March - Green Government
- March- Cloud Computing
- April - Net Centric Operations
- April -Telework
- April- Information & Intelligence Sharing
- May -Health IT In Government
- June- Emerging Technologies-(Biometrics-Storage Technologies & Interoperable Radios)
- July- Performance & Financial Management
- July -Building Government's Future Infrastructure
- August -Wireless Interoperability
- August-CyberSecurity-Part2
- September-SOA
- October-Identity Management
- November-Emerging Technologies-(Networking Trends-Security Trends-Web 2.0 Apps)
- December-Open Source Solution

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