

Virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO)

Access Executive Expertise for Post-Breach Response, to Fill a Leadership Gap, or to Develop an Improved Cybersecurity Program

A virtual Chief Information Security Officer or vCISO can help develop and implement a cybersecurity strategy tailored to your organization, identify cybersecurity risk and define response, and implement remediation or mitigation activities after a breach. Unit 42 vCISOs are industry-recognized speakers with extensive experience briefing boards across Fortune 500 and Global 2000 companies.

Working with Unit 42, you can retain a CISO on an interim or part-time basis to identify cyber risk and enhance your security program. You can also leverage these proven leaders after a breach to coordinate your cybersecurity response and communicate with your customers, legal, and regulators. Your internal stakeholders can collaborate with your vCISO, taking advantage of proven experience to create a cybersecurity strategy and roadmap for improving your organization's security posture and upgrading your defenses. You can also work with a vCISO to take effective action after a breach.

A vCISO can help you answer board and management questions like "Are appropriate resources being used to protect our critical assets from ransomware or theft?" The virtual CISO assigned to you can help you weather the transition until a new CISO comes on board or engage long-term with your organization. Whatever your need, you can utilize our deep bench of cybersecurity talent across the domains of proactive security, offensive security, security engineering, security operations, digital forensics, threat intelligence, incident response, and more. This means you can focus more of your attention on strategic business matters, knowing that a top-tier professional is skillfully managing your organization's day-to-day information security.

Benefits

Retain a Cyber Risk Expert

Leverage demonstrated expertise and field-tested methodologies. Working with a Unit 42 vCISO, you can take effective action after a breach, build a strategy that reduces cyber risk and lay the foundation for a world-class cybersecurity program.

Uplevel Your Board of Directors Briefings

Our vCISOs are industry-recognized speakers with extensive experience briefing boards across Fortune 500 and Global 2000 companies. With these credentials in your corner, you can embrace challenging conversations with confidence.

Focus on What Matters

When you engage a Unit 42 vCISO, you can focus your attention on strategic business matters, knowing that a top-tier professional is skillfully managing your organization's day-to-day information security.

What You Get



Expert vCISO

vCISOs are skilled cybersecurity experts with extensive experience delivering strategic advice to globally recognized organizations. You will be matched to the right Unit 42 team member to meet the unique requirements of your organization.



Risk-Informed Approach

vCISOs drive action based on risk-informed findings and real-world observations. Your vCISO will evaluate your cybersecurity posture to identify and prioritize threats and remediation activities. All recommendations are tuned to your unique needs.



Customized Services

Our suite of vCISO services is customized to meet your priorities. From broad information security program build-outs to technical cloud security assessments, we deliver actionable recommendations to improve security across your business.



Deep Bench of Talent

By retaining a Unit 42 vCISO, you gain direct access to Palo Alto Networks deep bench of cybersecurity talent across the domains of proactive security, offensive security, security engineering, security operations, digital forensics, threat intelligence, incident response, and more.

Approved by Cybersecurity Insurance Plans

Unit 42 is on the approved vendor panel of more than 70 major cybersecurity insurance carriers. If you need to use Unit 42 services in connection with a cyber insurance claim, Unit 42 can honor any applicable preferred panel rate in place with the insurance carrier. For the panel rate to apply, just inform Unit 42 at the time of the request for service.

Under Attack?

If you think you may have been compromised or have an urgent matter, get in touch with the Unit 42 Incident Response team at start.paloaltonetworks.com/contact-unit42.html or call North America Toll-Free: 866.486.4842 (866.4.UNIT42), EMEA: +31.20.299.3130, UK: +44.20.3743.3660, APAC: +65.6983.8730, or Japan: +81.50.1790.0200.

About Unit 42

Palo Alto Networks Unit 42™ brings together world-renowned threat researchers, elite incident responders and expert security consultants to create an intelligence-driven, response-ready organization that's passionate about helping you proactively manage cyber risk. Together, our team serves as your trusted advisor to help assess and test your security controls against the right threats, transform your security strategy with a threat-informed approach, and respond to incidents in record time so that you get back to business faster.



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