

# CHRIS GIBBS

CCSP, CISSP, CISM, CRISC, CCIE-Security  
NETWORK SECURITY / CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP

*"Chris reinvented our cybersecurity platform and protected our \$2B business as we raced to the cloud and expanded activities across a globally distributed digital ecosystem."  
– CEO, Acme Company*

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## *Changing global corporate information security postures with a rigorous, holistic approach and business-focused solutions.*

Tenacious and innovative technology executive known for transforming billion-dollar organizations with world-class teams and groundbreaking cybersecurity strategies. Respected for bolstering thousands of firewalls across 20+ countries and protecting global assets from disastrous cyberthreats. Career highlights include:

- ✓ Ensured interconnectivity between Fortune 500 companies for \$50B merger.
- ✓ Directed team of 95+ technology experts while managing \$100M budget.
- ✓ Shrank incident response time from 12 hours to 45 minutes.
- ✓ Introduced firewall technology that costs 60% less.
- ✓ Saved \$8M while stopping 3 major global threats.
- ✓ Lowered domestic system security expenses 15%+.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fortune 10 Oil Company, Austin, Texas

06/2016 to Present

### Cybersecurity Solutions Director, Industrial Information Technology (IIT)

Protect 400K+ in computing assets with 1,000+ firewalls across the global network for this \$236B enterprise with 47 offices in 20+ countries. Minimize global cybersecurity risk, direct corporate responses to ransomware, and execute incident response (IR) drills for potential billion-dollar threats. Maintain the highest level of system sustainability worldwide by introducing robust internal controls and frequently auditing global firewall security architecture. Collaborate across business units to strengthen cybersecurity posture. Manage and train 95+ system architects and engineers. Control \$100 million cybersecurity budget.

### *Empowered company to more effectively address multibillion-dollar threats by revamping Global Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan.*

- **Introduced firewall technology that cost 60% less than standard options**, featured additional functionalities, and enabled re-use of a single device to handle multiple connections.
- **Ensured important security controls could not be bypassed without being noticed** by moving firewalls into routing mode versus relying on a bridging strategy. Drafted and enacted game-changing security policies.
- **Successfully virtualized global networks.** Transitioned from standalone physical firewall/router to hyperconverged infrastructure in which virtualized firewalls and routers could be used on top of an underlying computing platform.
- **Shrank IR drills from 12 hours to <1** through automation and continual plan rework. Reduced team incident resolution times by 75% and decreased unnecessary controls by 25%.
- **Saved \$8 million in recovery costs** while quickly and effectively responding to 3 major threats.

Acme Company, Austin, Texas

10/2013 to 06/2016

### Director of Security and Network Engineering



Ensured the highest levels of confidentiality, availability, and integrity for corporate systems and services. Steered 45 network/security professionals while reporting directly to the VP of Information Security (IS) at this \$2 billion, globally expanding company. Rapidly evolved organizational technology by introducing modern security mechanisms, transitioning IS functions to cloud-based platforms, and driving profound change across business units worldwide. Acted as a technical influencer while implementing strong perimeter defense controls for critical infrastructure.

### *Led team to seamlessly execute 80 firewall audits with 600+ connections for sites across 3 continents.*

- **Reduced downtime caused by failed changes from hours to minutes.** Allowed network and security changes to be tested in a virtual environment by implementing digital twin strategy.
- **Improved after-hour coverage of security issues without requiring additional headcount** by providing Cisco Firewall, VPN, and IPS training to Network Operations staff.
- **Slashed North America system security expenses 15%+.** Capitalized on in-depth product knowledge to eliminate overlapping functions, enable new features, and reduce memory/CPU burden on systems.
- **Enhanced identity access management** by installing cloud-based 2-factor authentication (2FA) system.

Oil & Gas Company, Austin, Texas

01/2011 to 10/2013

Network Security Service Design Lead

Directed and coached 30 global network security professionals while making high-level decisions on architecture deployment and network security strategy. Researched new products, engaged vendors, and kept apprised of industry trends. Enhanced security of technical systems and operational processes.

*Empowered 5+ network security engineers to ascend into higher leadership positions. Mentored others to enhance their IT careers.*

- **Mitigated risks and kept guest traffic from interfering with business traffic** by expanding use of anonymous Internet access (AIA) at sites, transferring risk to an ISP. Used existing wireless infrastructure to extend availability of guest wireless service.
- **Enabled singular security policy to be applied to multiple platforms without intermingling.** Leveraged multi-context functionality of firewalls. Centralized 3<sup>rd</sup>-party connections.

Natural Gas Company, Austin, Texas

03/2004 to 12/2010

Supervisor – Information Security (IS)

Improved enterprise network security services for this \$40 billion company by conducting firewall audit reviews, providing VPN remote access, implementing 2FA capabilities, strengthening Internet connectivity, and carefully monitoring security events. Hired and managed 4 full-time employees (FTEs) and 5 contractors. Performed web filtering and Internet load balancing.

*Modernized and scaled cyber security system as the entire team grew from 7 employees to 60+.*

- **Entrusted to serve as Network Security Lead for billion-dollar mergers and acquisitions (M&A)**, such as ABC Petroleum (\$4 billion), XYZ Energy (\$2 billion), and GHI Resources (\$2 billion).
- **Ensured interconnectivity between 2 Fortune 500 energy companies during \$50 billion merger.** Built firewalls, defined rules, and restricted access where needed.
- **Spearheaded growth from 12 firewalls to 200+ and improved security of remote systems.** Enacted certificate-based authentication for corporate remote access and introduced 2FA for 3<sup>rd</sup>-party remote access.
- **Upheld full compliance with Sarbanes Oxley (SOX) regulations** while migrating new security information and event management system (SIEM) for ISO 27001/2 adherence.
- **Promoted through progressively responsible roles.** Ascended the ranks from initial position of Security Analyst (FY'04 to FY'07), to Senior Security Analyst (FY'07 to FY'09), and ultimately to Supervisor of Information Security.

CREDENTIALS & EDUCATION

Master of Science (MSc), Information Security and Assurance

The University of Texas at Austin  
Capstone Excellence Award Recipient



Master of Science (MSc), Information Technology Management

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas



Bachelor of Science (BSc), Management Information Sciences (MIS)

St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas

**CERTIFICATIONS:** Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert – Security (CCIE-Security) | Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) | Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) | Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) | Cloud Computing Security Professional (CCSP) | Palo Alto Certified Network Security Administrator (PCNSA) | CompTIA Network + | CompTIA Security + | Cisco Certified Network Professional – Security (CCNP-Security)

TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Web Application Firewall (WAF), Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), Web Content Filtering, Intrusion Detection and Prevention (IDS/IPS) Systems, Remote Network Access (IPsec VPN, SSL), Anti-Virus and Anti-Spam (AV/AS) Solutions, Email and Messaging Security, Distributed Denial of Service Architecture (DDoS), Flow and Application Monitoring, Integrated Network Architectures, Cloud Technologies, Internet Backbone Networking, VPN/VPLS Technologies, Routers, Cisco ISE, ASA, SD-WAN, and SDN Platforms

## **Résumé Strategy**

This international technology executive had an incredible history of transforming the security postures of global, multibillion-dollar corporations with new technologies and firewall strategies. To start the résumé strong, I indicated all of his certifications and included a very telling quote from the CEO of his former employer to further spotlight the scope of his digital transformation efforts.

I added a succinct career highlights section to spotlight his \$100 million budget management and global threat prevention for multiple Fortune 500 companies.

I designed this résumé to be completely ATS-friendly. All images, call-out boxes, headers, sub-headers and footers are PNG images placed behind the text.