Monthly Meeting
September 4, 2025

Please Silence All Phones

Thanks

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Elections of Officers
Online Voting: November 10 – 17, 2025
Electees Announced November 19, 2025

- ❖ VP Operations
- ❖ CISSP - Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Professional Development

ISSA Senior Member

Lorenzo Thweatt, CISSP

ISSA recognizes members who have been with the organization for at least five consecutive years and have demonstrated at least 8 years of relevant cybersecurity experience.

Congratulations

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Central Maryland Chapter is look for a new meeting location.

Requirements:

- Monthly meetings, 4th Wednesday of each month
- 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- Accommodate 50 members
- LCD Projector
- WiFi internet capable to support ZOOM meetings
- Allows us to bring in food and drinks

Contact Bill Smith (President@issa-centralmd.org)
  Sidney Spunt (V_P_Operations@issa-centralmd.org)

Certification Continuing Education Units

Responsibility of each member to submit their CEUs

Certificate of Attendance available upon request

ISSA Special Interest Groups

ISSA has many opportunities for members to form and participate in global initiatives and working groups. As a member, you can choose to be active in one or more of these Special Interest Groups (SIG).

Women in Security Special Interest Groups
Mission: Develop global women leaders and build a stronger community to create a compelling environment around cybersecurity and technology.

Privacy Special Interest Group (SIG)
This group is dedicated to providing privacy relevant topics to security professionals through thought leadership and a knowledge-sharing platform. The Privacy SIG will be hosting quarterly webinars and providing concise and timely privacy-related information.

Cyber Resilience Special Interest Group (SIG)
Mission: Build a global community of Cyber Resilience professionals in order to share actionable best practices to protect our organizations from cyber-attacks on high value assets.

ISSA Exclusive Member Benefits

https://issa.org/partner/

SecTor	Infosec
Black Hat USA 2025	Phoenix TS
FITSI	CruiseCon
Wicked6 Cyber Games	ELEVATE IT
HP	Solutions LLC
MindEdge	Treadstone 71
Cloud Security Alliance	

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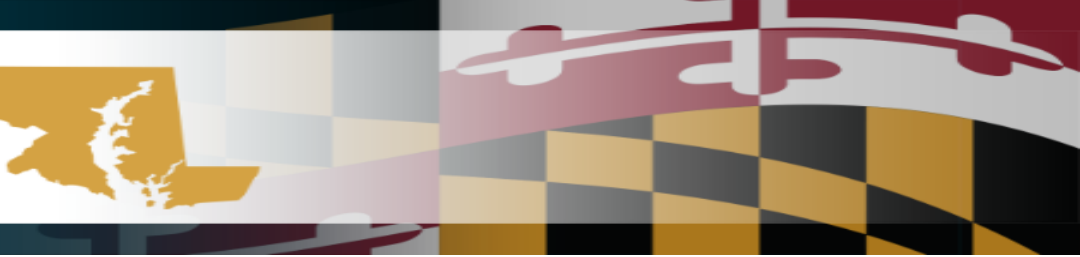Corelight - DTEX Systems - Gtegrity, Inc. – Leidos –
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ISSA + INFOSEC

Welcome, ISSA members

As a member of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), you are part of an elite community of cybersecurity professionals committed to advancing the industry. At Infosec, we share ISSA's commitment to promoting a more secure digital world through education, collaboration, and professional development.

We proudly offer exclusive discounts on our security training solutions and services to ISSA members. This special partnership reflects our shared dedication to empowering security professionals and strengthening organizations' cyber defenses.

ISSA members are eligible for a discount on Infosec's training offerings. ISSA non-member subscribers are also eligible for discounts. Use your code during checkout or share with your rep to receive your discount.

https://www.infosecinstitute.com/partner/issa/

Click here for more information and to register.

What: 1-day Virtual Instructor Led Training (Earn 8 CPE hours this fall)

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Hours: 8:00 am CDT – 4:30 pm CDT (1/2-hour lunch time)

Location: Online Virtual Meeting - Login and session details are sent to participants the day before the event.

Instructor: Ross A. Leo, Associate Director of Professional Training & Development Cyber Security Institute, College of Science and Engineering, University of Houston - Clear Lake.

Cost:

- **ISSA/ISACA Members:** $90 - 8 CPEs

Free Security Training

Free training on current topics of interest (i.e. Artificial Intelligence) and certifications (Microsoft, CISSP, CEH, Cloud, etc.) are provided by several companies supporting the cybersecurity community. Links to several offerings can be found on the ISSA Central Maryland Chapter/Training web page:

Training - Central Maryland Chapter of ISSA

Upcoming Summits

SANS

Summit & Training events provide an immersive training experience that arms attendees with deep-knowledge and actionable information and has a lasting impact on their careers and their organization's security programs. **https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit**

Event	Location	Dates
CloudSecNext Summit & Training 2025	Denver, CO & Virtual	Summit: Oct 2-3 Training: Oct 4-9
SANS Cyber Leaders Summit	London, GB	Summit: Oct 22
Hack & Defend Summit & Training	Austin, TX & Virtual	Summit: Oct 28-29 Training: Oct 30 - Nov 4
Neurodiversity in Cybersecurity Summit 2025	Free Virtual Summit	Summit: Nov 20
SANS Cyber Threat Intelligence Summit & Training 2026	Rosslyn, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Jan 26 - Mon, Feb 2, 2026
SANS AI Cybersecurity Summit 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Apr 20 - Mon, Apr 27, 2026

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Free Training in AI courtesy of **NVIDIA**.

1. Generative AI Explained - • Generative AI and how it works. • Various Generative AI applications. • Challenges and opportunities in Generative AI - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gTAJ-sKa**
2. Building A Brain in 10 Minutes - • Exploring how neural networks use data to learn • Understanding the math behind a neuron - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gvVrqwZF**
3. Augment your LLM with Retrieval Augmented Generation - • Basics of Retrieval Augmented Generation • RAG retrieval process • NVIDIA AI Foundations and RAG model components - Link: **https://lnkd.in/g8hYube9**
4. AI in the Data Center - • AI use cases, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, and their workflows. • GPU architecture and its impact on AI. • Deep learning frameworks, and deployment considerations - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gvNzawxe**
5. Accelerate Data Science Workflows with Zero Code Changes - • Learn benefits of unified CPU and GPU workflows • GPU-accelerate data processing and ML without code changes • Experience faster processing times - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gRmxxVn8**
6. Mastering Recommender Systems - • Strategies from Kaggle Grandmasters on building recommendation systems for e-commerce. • Cover 2-stage models, candidate generation, feature engineering, and ensembling - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gdHtJbVS**
7. Networking Introduction - • Learn about networks and their importance. • Explore Ethernet basics and data forwarding in Ethernet networks. • Discuss network components, requirements, OSI model, TCP/IP protocol - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gqX2CJMu**
8. How to Perform Large-Scale Image Classification - • Learn large-scale image classification • Cover challenges, modeling techniques AND validation strategies. - Link: **https://lnkd.in/gWRSha8P**

ISSA Central MD 2025 Meetings and Events

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 24, 2025	Christine Springer	Rising Culture Group	Emerging Leadership Challenges
October 22, 2025	Capture The Flag	CoreLight	
November 19, 2025	Kevin A. McGrail	Peregrine Computer Consultants Corporation	Practical Applications with Google AI using Gemini for Workspace
December 17, 2025	Holiday Social Event		

October 22, 2025

Corelight's Capture the Flag Exercise: Building Skills for Success

Join us for an immersive lab-based, instructor-led defensive Capture the Flag exercise with Corelight. Participants will dive into one or more real-world scenarios to detect and respond to threats using logs from Suricata and Zeek.

Each participant will need their own laptop, a standard web browser, and a connection to the Internet.

At the end of the event, participants will not only have honed their threat detection skills but will also have gained insights into leveraging Suricata and Zeek for effective network defense.

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Kevin A. McGrail, *Peregrine Computer Consultants Corporation*

Kevin A. McGrail, aka "KAM", is the CEO emeritus for PCCC, a Cloud Fellow at DitoWeb.com, and the Chair Emeritus for the Apache SpamAssassin project. He specializes in privacy and security for network, e-mail, and business with decades of experience battling spam, malware, and phishes. As a Cloud Fellow for Dito, he helps organizations migrate and manage their Cloud Cybersecurity. He founded and leads Dito's Cyber Security practice, awarded Google's Cloud Security partner of the year in June 2022 and the Google preferred partner for Civilian and DoD Authorities to Operate. He is a Google Developer Expert for AI/ML, Cloud, and Google Workspace as well as a member expert in the U.S. Marine Corps Cyber Auxiliary. KAM enjoys working with Open Source Software and is a proud member of the Apache Software Foundation. He has battled spammers for decades and his research protects hundreds of millions of Internet users every day. In February 2025, he was awarded the Mary Litynski lifetime achievement award for keeping the internet safe from M3AAWG.org. KAM is a Center for Innovative Technology MACH37 Cyber Security Incubator Graduate and a member of the board of advisors for Virtru.com & SecurityUniversity.edu. He is also named a Distinguished Senior Fellow as a thought leader in the field of Cyber Security at Thomas University's Armed Services Institute in the Center for Military Life.

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Practical Applications with Google AI using Gemini for Workspace

In this presentation, AI expert, Kevin A. McGrail dives into AI's history and its ethical implications for a safer digital future. Discover Google Gemini AI's powerful Workspace features and applications. Learn to craft effective AI prompts and leverage tools like NotebookLM. Understand data organization for maximizing AI capabilities and mitigating bias. Explore advanced techniques and compliance in AI.

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Christine Springer, Founder & CEO Rising Culture Group

Christine Springer is the Founder of Rising Culture Group and a trusted advisor to leaders seeking to drive results while creating a supportive environment for team growth. With a background in Psychology from the University of Texas and a master's degree in physical therapy from Texas Woman's University, Christine has spent her entire career helping people and organizations.

Christine and her team specialize in helping technical leaders migrate from expert contributors to trusted leaders who can inspire buy-in and drive strategic outcomes.

Christine is certified in Everything DiSC and Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team. She is also a certified coach.

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Emerging Leadership Challenges: 'Balancing Business as Usual' with Strategic Imperatives Given Emerging IT Workforce Shortages

A recent qualitative research project into the growing challenges which IT/IS teams face in balancing strategic priorities with urgent demands uncovered key gaps. These gapes related to leadership effectiveness, change management, emotional intelligence, and the misalignment between implementation and actual adoption of new technology (e.g., AI, ML, manufacturing automation, etc.).

This presentation will address the escalating talent gaps which perpetuate IT/IS under-investment, how AI threatens to disrupt succession planning, and a 3-pronged approach to mitigate these challenges and help position IT/IS as a strategic business partner and not simply a cost center.