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Welcome to the August 2026
ISSA Central Maryland Chapter
Monthly Membership Meeting

- Welcome New Members
- New Job Opportunities

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Online Voting: November 9 – 16, 2025
Electees Announced November 18, 2025

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Certification Continuing Education Units

Responsibility of each member to submit their CEUs

Certificate of Attendance available upon request

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CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Applied Cyber Career Accelerator (ACCA) Program

An intensive extracurricular program designed specifically for career-focused students in cybersecurity

www.carrollcc.edu/acca

Launched this fall - Carroll is looking to expand its list of available mentors for this advanced cyber program. If you are interested is supporting this program and becoming a mentor, please click on this link to share your contact details on the mentor program sign up form.

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Maryland Stem Festival

From: October 16, 2026 to November 15, 2026

The Maryland STEM Festival has begun. It's a month long of technology learning events for all students regardless of background and experience to take a greater interest in STEM with the hope they will pursue a STEM related/focused career.

Click here to view the website

ISSA International Updates

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ISSA Special Interest Groups (SIG)

https://www.members.issa.org/page/ISSASpecialInterestGroups

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).

- **Board of Directors Special Interest Group**
- **CISSP Special Interest Group**
- **Cyber Resilience Special Interest Group**
- **Emerging Technologies Special Interest Group**
- **Privacy Special Interest Group**
- **CISO Special Interest Group**
- **Women in Security Special Interest Group**

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ISSA Exclusive Member Benefits

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Black Hat USA 2026	FutureCon
CruiseCon Europe	RSAC 2027 Conference
AICerts	InfoSec
SecTor	FITSI
Wicked 6	HP
Elevate IT	Solutions LLC & DVMS Institute
Cloud Security Alliance	MindEdge

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
SANS AI/SI Cybersecurity Summit Fall 2026	Arlington, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Nov 2 - Tue, Nov 3, 2026
SANS Cyber Threat Intelligence Summit & Training 2027	Alexandria, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Feb 1 - Mon, Feb 8, 2027
SANS OSINT Summit 2027	Alexandria, VA, US & Virtual	Mon, Feb 1 - Mon, Feb 8, 2027
SANS AI Cybersecurity Summit Spring 2027	Denver, CO, US & Virtual	Wed, Apr 21 - Wed, Apr 28, 2027
SANS ICS Security Summit & Training 2027	Orlando, FL, US & Virtual	Mon, Jun 7 - Tue, Jun 15, 2027
SANS DFIR Summit & Training 2027	Washington, DC, US & Virtual	Mon, Aug 23 - Mon, Aug 30, 2027

ISSA Central MD 2026 Meetings and Events

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
October 28, 2026	Marcelle Lee	Fractal Security Group	Inside the Infostealer Economy
November 18, 2026	Austin Whisnant	DTEX Systems	Where Insider Risk and Cybersecurity Intersect
December 16, 2026			
January 27, 2027			
February 24, 2027			
March 27, 2027			
April 28, 2027			

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November 18, 2026
Austin Whisnant, Principle Analyst
DTEX Systems

Austin Whisnant is a Principal Insider Risk Analyst at DTEX, where she works primarily with the U.S. public sector on insider threat analysis, applied research, and training. Previously, she was a Senior Researcher with the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) at Carnegie Mellon University. Her research interests include artificial intelligence, risk analysis, modeling and simulation, and cybersecurity policy. Her work has spanned large-scale network traffic analysis, cyber workforce training, and statistical approaches to risk assessment.

In addition to her research experience, Austin has served as a lecturer at both the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and Carnegie Mellon University's Institute for Politics and Strategy. She holds a Master of Science in Telecommunications from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics from Furman University.

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Where Insider Risk and Cybersecurity Intersect and Where They Diverge

This session explores the intersection between insider risk and cybersecurity, including the tools, telemetry, and detection practices they share, as well as the areas where insider risk requires a different lens around user behavior, context, intent, and response. We'll look at how the two disciplines can complement one another, where traditional cybersecurity approaches may fall short when applied to insider risk, and how greater collaboration can help organizations identify and manage risks that might otherwise fall between the gaps.

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Marcelle Lee,
Founder and Principal Advisor of Fractal Security Group

Marcelle Lee is the Founder and Principal Advisor of Fractal Security Group, where she helps organizations strengthen their cybersecurity posture through strategic advisory services, threat intelligence, security awareness, and cyber resilience initiatives.

A cybersecurity leader, researcher, educator, and public speaker, Marcelle specializes in cyber threat intelligence, security operations, emerging technologies, and the evolving tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by today's threat actors. Her research focuses on cybercriminal ecosystems, credential theft operations, and the growing impact of infostealer malware on organizations across industries.

Marcelle is passionate about translating complex technical threats into actionable insights for security practitioners, business leaders, and executive audiences. Through conference presentations, workshops, consulting engagements, and training programs, she helps organizations better understand emerging threats and build practical, risk-based security strategies.

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Inside the Infostealer Economy: How Threat Actors Turn Stolen Credentials into Enterprise Breaches

Infostealer malware has emerged as one of the most significant threats facing organizations today. Millions of credentials, session tokens, browser cookies, and other sensitive data elements are harvested daily and sold through a thriving underground economy. These stolen assets frequently become the initial access vectors for ransomware attacks, business email compromise, account takeovers, and large-scale enterprise breaches.

This presentation provides a technical and operational examination of the modern infostealer ecosystem. Attendees will learn how infostealers infect systems, what data they collect, how threat actors monetize stolen information, and how organizations can identify and mitigate risks associated with credential theft. Drawing from current threat intelligence research and real-world examples, this session provides practical guidance that security practitioners can immediately apply within their own environments.

Attendee Takeaways

- Understanding the current infostealer threat landscape
- How stolen credentials, cookies, and session tokens are harvested and sold
- The connection between infostealers, ransomware, business email compromise, and account takeover
- Common indicators of compromise and investigative techniques
- Practical threat intelligence applications for security teams
- Detection, response, and prevention strategies to reduce organizational risk

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