When the Calls Are Coming from Inside the House - Privileged User & Insider Threat

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What do you do when the stranger you fear on the other end of the line isn't a stranger at all? At the core of the privileged user problem is this dichotomy: With greater access to a company's computer assets comes greater security risk. The privileged user can be a company's security enforcer, but also its greatest security risk.

If a privileged user wants to do bad things, their elevated access to the company network and all the information that entails makes it easier for them. But, even well-intentioned, seasoned, privileged users can pose high risks. For instance, a system administrator or network engineer with elevated access (or privileged user status) can cause greater damage to the company by clicking on a malicious link than if an office manager on the 17th floor with limited access to the network clicks on the same one, simply due to his role within the company. Elevated access brings with it increased risk as privileged users are of high value to corporate hacktivists and persistent adversaries eager to penetrate a company's defenses.

In this session, Michael Crouse will provide attendees with best practices for building a privileged user strategy, outline who has a privileged user problem, use cases (IT sabotage, fraud, financial gain, etc.), as well as ways to make sure you're prepared if that call you fear is coming from inside the house.

This demonstration will showcase SureView® Insider Threat, from Raytheon Cyber Products, a comprehensive, proactive, information protection solution that provides unprecedented visibility into and context around end user activity throughout the enterprise. Insider Threat protects organizations' intellectual property, investigates potential fraud, ensures compliance and avoids liabilities, fines, penalties, and brand damages associated with data breaches.

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