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**Tell us in brief about your professional journey till date.**

*Everyday news about hacking incidents piqued my interest in this field. I started looking up into how and why hackers hack. For me, complex password was something which no one would be able to crack. But quickly I learnt that it was a myth. Then I decided to dig deeper into the cyber world of security. With Ethical Hacking as my foundation, I learnt about various defensive*

*and subsequently my quest for knowledge took me deeper into IT security.*

**According to you What are the big challenges CISOs facing today?**

*I believe the biggest challenge is limited time and resources. Commercially, organizations are tight on budgets and they want to spend money in a wise manner. On the other side the hackers are getting more organized and have*

*is handling dissimilar clients of various sizes would develop **better understanding on handling** complex information security issues. But I would say decision must be taken based on the sensitivity of information being handled within organization. Also, it is a fact that you cannot outsource every function of information security because of privacy and confidentiality.*

**How do you define the thin line difference between data privacy and data security?**

*Privacy data is information about individuals while data security is about protecting sensitive business as well as private information. In other words we can say data being secured may not be private but private data needs appropriate security.*

**What will be your suggestions to information security vendors providing solutions to reach your expectations and satisfaction?**

*Vendors should not think only about selling, they must first understand the organization's requirement as well as environment to design customized solution for their customers. Vendors often fail to understand the operational challenges the organization will face after implementing their security solutions. Vendors should focus on problem solving and not selling, the sales will automatically rise if their solution can solve the problem. The organization will also have more confidence on their solution in the long run. ●*

# 'Limited Time & Resources Are the Biggest Challenges, CISOs Facing'

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*technologies including firewalls, honeypots, etc. and slowly after gaining some maturity in this field, I gravitated from training towards consultancy. My management was quite satisfied with my work, and soon after I got an opportunity to solely handle the security management for my organization.*

**Why did you choose information security as a profession?**

*As I said, I got hooked to hacking incidents even when I wasn't aware of the information security world. I just stumbled into this field because of my sheer curiosity and willingness to explore this domain. So I began with ethical hacking*

*no time limits to identify loopholes in computer applications. Once a new vulnerability is found I guess no organization is secure from a new exploit whose signatures are not known. The second biggest challenge that I have faced during my career as security manager was users' interest and awareness. Although I can say I was able to manage this challenge to a large extent.*

**Do you believe in 'information security outsourcing', and if so, to what extent?**

*Yes I believe that staff working in the same environment becomes limited on skills and experience. An outsourcing organization which*



