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SUMMARY

Technology executive and security leader with 22+ years of progressive experience spanning enterprise cybersecurity, AI infrastructure, data engineering, and executive IT leadership. Currently securing global enterprise platforms at Thales Cybersecurity (formerly Imperva). Career arc from founding and leading an MSP through CIO roles to principal-level security consulting at Akamai, Imperva, and Thales. Deep expertise in application/API security, DevSecOps, AI-era threat mitigation, and building data-driven technology organizations. Proven ability to translate complex technical landscapes into actionable strategy for the C-suite.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- ▶ Enterprise Security Architecture
- ▶ WAF / API / Bot Security
- ▶ DevSecOps & CI/CD
- ▶ Threat Analysis & Response
- ▶ Linux & Infrastructure
- ▶ AI / LLM Infrastructure
- ▶ NVIDIA GPU Deployment
- ▶ Data Governance & Compliance
- ▶ Big Data / NoSQL Architecture
- ▶ Full-Stack Development
- ▶ Executive IT Leadership
- ▶ Strategic Technology Roadmaps
- ▶ Vendor & Budget Management
- ▶ ISO / HIPAA / SOC / ITIL
- ▶ Stakeholder Communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Thales Cybersecurity Products

Jan 2024 – Present

Principal Security Consultant — Denver Metropolitan Area

- ▶ Lead enterprise security consulting for a world leader in data and application protection, serving clients across all major industries
- ▶ Architect and deliver application, data, and process security solutions for complex, multi-cloud enterprise environments
- ▶ Advise on emerging threat vectors including AI/LLM-based attacks, prompt injection defense, and data exfiltration via generative AI

Imperva

Apr 2022 – Jan 2024

Principal Security Consultant — Denver Metropolitan Area

- ▶ Promoted to Principal; led complex enterprise security engagements through Imperva's acquisition by Thales (Dec 2023)
- ▶ Consulted on WAF, API security, bot management, and DDoS protection for Fortune 500 and enterprise clients
- ▶ Developed security architecture recommendations spanning cloud-native, hybrid, and on-premises deployments

Akamai Technologies

Jul 2018 – Apr 2022

Security Consultant II → Senior Security Consultant — Denver Metropolitan Area

- ▶ Promoted twice over 3+ years; integrated and supported Akamai security products (KSD, Bot Manager) for enterprise accounts
- ▶ Led threat identification and resolution workflows, consistently exceeding success criteria and KPI targets
- ▶ Created technical documentation, policy frameworks, and consultative security procedures for client engagements

JohnDou, llc.

Jan 2017 – Jul 2018

vCIO | Developer — Greater Denver Area

- ▶ Provided fractional CIO advisory services and IT strategy consulting for medium-to-large organizations
- ▶ Established end-to-end software development lifecycles (SPA frontend, backend architecture) within Agile/Kanban frameworks
- ▶ Delivered systems audits, workflow optimization, and measurable ROI for client technology investments

Synoptek

Mar 2016 – Jan 2017

Client Advisor (vCIO) — Centennial, CO

- Provided CIO-level strategic perspective across multiple industries as primary liaison between IT teams and clients
- Obtained and retained high-volume, high-risk accounts; leveraged PMP, ITIL, and ISO/SOC methodologies

Viriton, llc.

Aug 2010 – Mar 2016

CIO & Founder — Denver, CO

- Founded and led an MSP delivering enterprise-grade solutions to financial, legal, energy, and medical organizations
- Built Denver's largest Big Data meetup (800+ members), partnering with Hortonworks, Cloudera, Datastax, and MapR
- Managed R&D for big data infrastructure; created remediation products for NoSQL and SQL massive data deployments
- Represented IT interests for clients managing >\$2B in assets; achieved 50% operating cost reductions through decentralization

Syntron Computer Services, Inc.

May 2005 – May 2010

CIO

Managed deployments, design, and budgeting for workflows, clients, employees, and infrastructure.

NSI — National Surveillance Inc.

Feb 2004 – May 2005

CIO — Denver, CO

Designed, tested, and deployed large-scale multiplex camera installations. Developed regional expansion and vendor reallocation plans.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Colorado State University

1999 – 2001

Languages: English (Native) | German
(Professional Working)

CERTIFICATIONS

DevOps Foundations

LinkedIn Learning

DevOps Foundations: Containers

LinkedIn Learning

DevOps Foundations: CI/CD

LinkedIn Learning

The Cybersecurity Threat Landscape

LinkedIn Learning

Inclusive Leadership

LinkedIn Learning