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SUMMIT

AUSTIN, TX

POST-CONFERENCE REPORT

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BY THE NUMBERS



18 Topic
Discussion Groups



61 Speakers



9 Networking
Events



25 Breakout
Sessions

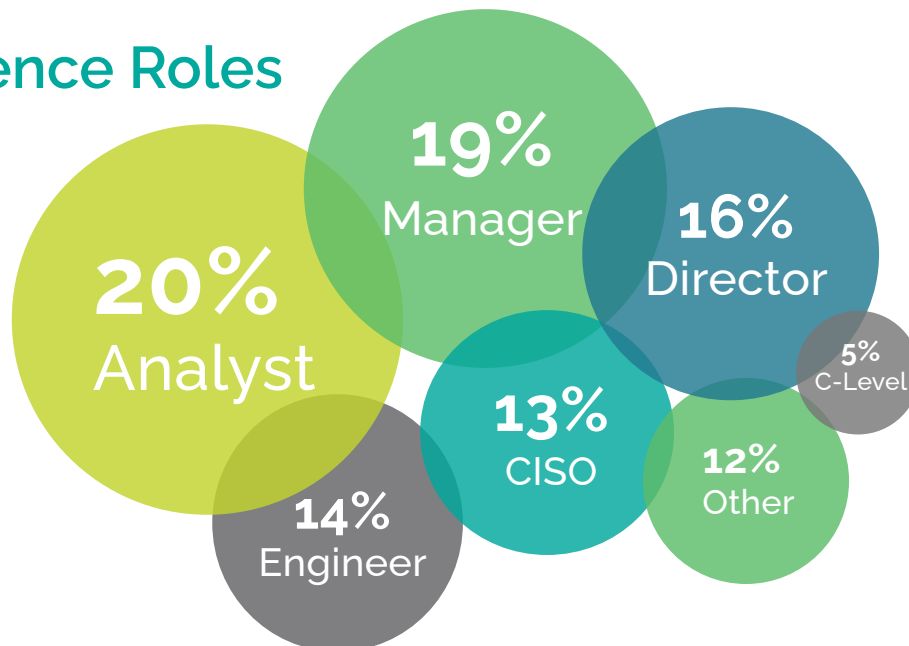


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Attendee Satisfaction



5 Keynote
Presentations

Audience Roles



Total Attendance: 484

Core Members: **352**

Sponsors & Associate Members: **108**

Govt./Partners: **12**

Non-Member Attendees: **12**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Inside Target's Cyber Strategy: What Works, What's Evolving, What's Next

• Jodie Kautt, Target

The 2025 Summit kicked off with a keynote presentation from the CISO of Target, Jodie Kautt, where she discussed how cyber threats are evolving at unprecedented speed, fueled by AI-driven automation and increasingly aggressive adversaries. Jodie explored how adopting a “never waste a good crisis” mindset can help sharpen focus and strengthen cyber programs and talked about why the fundamentals remain a competitive advantage.



The Social Matrix: Mapping the Human Layer of Modern Cybercrime

• Allison Nixon and May Chen-Contino, Unit 221B

The first full day of Summit concluded with an engaging keynote from Allison Nixon and May Chen-Contino of, Unit 221B, who explored how youth-driven, English-speaking cybercrime networks organize, recruit, and scale enterprise attacks such as ransomware by using social engineering tactics that evade traditional controls. The session examined what it takes to move from fragmented intel to real-world disruption: cross-sector investigative collaboration, responsible evidence development, and practical strategies for adapting to decentralized adversaries operating at the speed of social media.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

What *Die Hard* Teaches Us About the Value of a Disruptive Cyber Deception Program

• *Tim Pappa, Walmart*

The second full day of Summit began with an engaging keynote from Tim Pappa of Walmart that used an analogy of how the 1988 film *Die Hard* teaches us that even one defender with no shoes can disrupt terrorists with deception. Drawing from his rare experiences building and operationalizing cyber deception programs in law enforcement and the retail industry, Pappa showed three practical and measurable models of disruptive cyber deception operations that an organization can use at any stage of interest or operation of cyber deception functions and effects.



Fraud, Abuse, and the Agentic Commerce Reality Check

• *Sam Crowther, Kasada* • *John Byun, Sephora*

During lunch on the second day of Summit, John Byun, CISO at Sephora, and Sam Crowther, CEO of Kasada, had a candid conversation about what Sephora is seeing and how security teams can get ahead of agentic commerce before it becomes a problem they're reacting to. They discussed a range of topics including where fraud and abuse are accelerating fastest in retail and hospitality, what agentic commerce actually looks like in practice, and how to protect login, checkout, and account changes without adding friction



Lessons from a Career in the Crosshairs of Cyber Conflict

• *Bilyana Lilly, Author and Thought Leader*

Summit wrapped up with a closing keynote fireside chat featuring Dr. Bilyana Lilly, author and thought leader, discussing the human element of technology. Dr. Lilly shared her experiences as a target of foreign interest, her journey into Russian and Chinese information warfare, and some of her unusual experiences which inspired and shaped the characters and stories in her novel "Digital Mindhunters," which she did a book signing for after the keynote session.



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