

# Dustin S. Sachs

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## Senior Information Security Officer

Results-Oriented Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) with a track record of success in developing and implementing robust cybersecurity strategies. Demonstrated expertise in managing information security risk, governance, and compliance, ensuring the protection of critical assets. Proven leadership in driving organizational resilience through effective incident response and threat mitigation. Skilled in building and leading high-performing teams, fostering a culture of cybersecurity awareness and best practices. Strong research and content strategy background, leveraging thought leadership to drive informed decision-making. CISSP-certified professional Pursuing a Doctor of Computer Science (DCS) degree in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance.

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### Major Achievements

- *Presented cryptocurrency security and consulting service offerings to Executive Leadership as a Finalist in the 2013 Innovation Challenge at Navigant, demonstrating innovative thinking and a forward-looking approach when Bitcoin was only five years old.*
  - *Created the World Fuel Services AI Working Group reflecting proactive leadership and an innovative mindset.*
  - *Demonstrated collaboration with CIO and other executives through leading high-performing teams, fostering cybersecurity awareness, and strategically aligning technology initiatives with business goals.*
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### Core Competencies

Security Program Development	Security Operations Management	Third-Party Risk Management
Incident Response and Management	Business Continuity Planning	Security Metrics & Reporting
Vulnerability Management	Budgeting & Financial Management	Data Governance
Security Frameworks	Security Policy Development	Security Awareness & Education

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### Leadership Experience

**World Fuel Services, Houston, TX** **2022 – Present**

**Senior Manager, Information Security Risk Management**

- Manage and support a team of seven employees responsible for Information Security Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) functions, raising task completion from 60% to 95% bi-weekly
- Provide oversight and direction for enterprise-wide security awareness and training initiatives, resulting in a 40% report rate for simulated phishing exercises and a quarter-over-quarter decrease in simulation failures
- Optimized the third-party risk assessment process for new and updated technologies, reducing the average time to complete assessments by 50% and providing greater process transparency to business stakeholders
- Serve a leading role in supporting the establishment of robust policies and procedures for enterprise cybersecurity, resulting in a satisfactory rating from auditors on 85% of assessed security controls

**Lonestar College, Houston, TX**

**2023 – Present**

**Adjunct Professor**

- Instruct courses within the Bachelor of Applied Technology – Cybersecurity program, promoting engaging and interactive learning

- Develop innovative course content aligned with the dynamic landscape of cybersecurity, integrating current industry topics and trends
- Infuse real-world examples into the curriculum to bridge the theoretical knowledge and practical application gap
- Employ diverse teaching methodologies, including hands-on projects and group discussions, to cater to various learning styles and needs
- Provide personalized support, guidance, and mentorship to students, contributing to a comprehensive and enriching educational experience
- Actively collaborate with fellow educators to share best practices, enhance curriculum, and engage in ongoing professional development

**Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology, Houston, TX**

**2023 – Present**

**Director of Research and Content Strategy**

- Develop and implement a 12-month research agenda to proactively address emerging trends and challenges in critical infrastructure technology, ensuring relevance and impact
- Create and publish weekly top-tier research reports, white papers, and thought leadership content, establishing ICIT as a trusted and authoritative voice in the field
- Manage a team of over 40 ICIT Fellows to compile insights, conduct analysis, and deliver timely research findings
- Provided strategic guidance and thought leadership to a wide range of stakeholders, including policymakers, industry professionals, and academia, playing a pivotal role in driving informed decision-making

**Performance Food Group, Houston, TX**

**2020 – 2022**

**Manager, Information Security Risk Management**

- Developed and implemented a structured framework for the risk management function, successfully migrating it from an ad-hoc approach to a well-defined and systematic process
- Led the initiative to conduct a comprehensive business impact analysis, resulting in 100% improvement in identifying the potential threats to the organization
- Conducted over 100 risk assessments for new and updated technologies, identifying 25% more critical risks than previous assessors and completing assessment reports 75% faster
- Created 18 new policies and procedures for enterprise cybersecurity, resulting in 100% compliance with regulatory and compliance standards

**Centerpoint Energy, Houston, TX**

**2019 – 2020**

**Senior Governance, Risk & Compliance Advisor (2020)**

- Conducted over 30 risk assessments for new and updated technologies, identifying 25% more critical cyber risks than previous assessors
- Analyzed and coordinated efforts to enhance cybersecurity maturity in alignment with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), resulting in a 1.5-point increase in average NIST CSF scoring
- Developed and implemented 5 new policies and procedures to enhance enterprise cybersecurity, achieving 100% compliance with regulatory requirements
- Successfully crafted weekly cybersecurity communications for the organization, increasing interaction with employees by 40% and causing a 70% increase in adherence to best practices among employees
- Served as a founding member of the CenterPoint Cybersecurity Awareness Council, responsible for a 200% increase in employee training and awareness campaigns

**Centerpoint Energy**

**Senior Cyber Security & Threat Intelligence Analyst (2019-2020)**

- Served as the primary incident responder in 5 high-profile security incidents, managing a team of three employees and completing incident investigations in under 48 hours
- Provided new training to junior staff in the incident response process, resulting in a 300% increase in forensic investigation capabilities
- Conducted over a dozen malware analysis investigations using online and host-based tools, resulting in identifying and remediation of malicious files within 12 hours of the initial compromise

**B&V Pathway Forensics, Houston, TX**

**2019**

**Cybersecurity Manager**

- Negotiated half a dozen forensic investigations, generating over \$500,000 in revenue in a single quarter
- Developed compliance, governance, and security programs for a healthcare client that prevented a \$2.5 million fine
- Retained for speaking engagements, webinars, and publications in trade and industry magazines, enhancing the company's exposure

**Special Counsel/EQ, Houston, TX**

**2018 – 2019**

**Senior Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics Consultant**

- Negotiated and led a team of five Information Security professionals conducting NIST and HIPAA compliance framework assessments, generating over \$1 million in revenue in a quarter
- Delivering comprehensive incident response, cybersecurity, and governance consulting solutions to clients, reducing the financial impacts of security incidents by \$3.5 million
- Mentored and trained junior employees in developing security programs for sensitive data, particularly in the healthcare and regulated industries, resulting in a 50% increase in the client portfolio

**Navigant Consulting, Houston, TX**

**2013 – 2018**

**National Team Leader & Primary Forensics Investigator**

- Negotiated and conducted forensic examinations related to the theft of trade secrets, insider threats, and external data breaches, generating an annual revenue of \$3 million
- Increased new compliance framework assessment revenue by 40% and obtained 90% client satisfaction ratings
- Successfully managed a global team of five forensic examiners and a budget of over \$5 million.
- Implemented a global quality control system for digital forensic laboratories, resulting in consistent A+ ratings from internal and external auditors

**HSSK Forensics/RICOH Americas, Houston, TX**

**2008 – 2013**

**Computer Forensics Consultant**

**Grant Thornton, Miami, FL**

**2006 – 2008**

**Computer Forensics Consultant**

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## Associations

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- **Advisory Board Member**, Cyber Security Tribe **2023 – Present**
- **Student Member**, American Psychological Association **2023 – Present**
- **Member**, Third Party Risk Association (TPRA) **2022 – Present**
- **Member**, ISC2 **2018 – Present**
- **Member**, Information Systems Audit and Controls Association (ISACA) **2018 – Present**
- **Former Chapter VP, Former Director, Membership Committee, Member** – FBI Infragard **2016 – Present**
- **Tracks and Speakers Conference Committee, Chair** – Third Party Risk Association **2022 – 2023**
- **CCE Certification Board, Member** – International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners **2015 – 2019**

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## Certifications

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<b>Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)</b> , ISC2	<b>2020 – Present</b>
<b>Microsoft 365 Certified: Fundamentals</b> , Microsoft	<b>2021 – Present</b>
<b>Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals</b> , Microsoft	<b>2021 – Present</b>
<b>Cloud Practitioner Fundamentals</b> , Amazon Web Services	<b>2023 - Present</b>
<b>Power Platform, Azure AI, Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals</b> – Microsoft	<b>2023 - Present</b>
<b>Microsoft Power BI Data Analyst</b>	<b>2023 - Present</b>
<b>Microsoft Azure AI Engineer</b>	<b>2023 - Present</b>

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## Education

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**Colorado Technical University**, Colorado Springs, CO – Expected Graduation: 2024

- **Doctor of Computer Science (DCS)**, *Cybersecurity and Information Assurance*

**Master of Business Administration (MBA)**, Cybersecurity Specialization, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

**Graduate Certificate in Computer Forensics**, University of Central Florida, Tampa, FL

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**, Political Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL