The Changing Cybersecurity Landscape
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Speaker Biographies

Andre Edwards, Special Agent, Cyber Division, FBI
Andre Edwards investigates business email compromises, ransomware, and cyber-criminal enterprise cases for the FBI in Nashville. He is a former software engineer for Lockheed Martin and a former personal trainer, high school teacher and track coach. Andre received his B.S. in Computer Science from Prairie View A&M University.

Etay Maor, executive security advisor, IBM Security.
Etay is an executive security advisor at IBM Security, where he leads security and fraud fighting awareness and research. A security evangelist, Etay regularly presents at industry events and academic master classes as well as volunteering for educational security awareness programs. Previously, Etay was the Head of RSA’s Cyber Threats Research Labs where he managed malware research and intelligence teams and was part of cutting-edge security research. Etay holds a BA in Computer Science and a MA in Counter Terrorism and Cyber Terrorism. He has spoken at a wide range of conferences and has been interviewed in major media outlets.

Cris Thomas, Global Strategy Lead, IBM X-Force Red
With more than two decades of experience, Cris Thomas (aka Space Rogue) commands an uncanny ability to link disparate events, read between the lines and distill complex, technical information into readily understandable, accessible and actionable intelligence. Space Rogue and his colleagues created the first security research think tank, L0pht Heavy Industries, and the widely popular video news show The Hacker News Network. Eager to share his wealth of knowledge on security trends, Cris has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and has been interviewed by media organizations such as Wired, MSNBC and even MTV. Before joining IBM, he worked at such companies as @Stake, Guardent, Trustwave, Tenable and others. Cris currently works for IBM X-Force Red where he helps clients understand their risks and how they can meet compliance and security challenges.