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Our Team

Who’s behind CrowdStrike

CrowdStrike has brought together an incredible team of security professionals from intelligence, law enforcement and industry. From architects to engineers, the CrowdStrike team is made up of experts from the world's best technology companies, to include Apple, Google, Amazon and Microsoft. Every single person lives and breathes our mission of changing the security industry through cutting-edge technology, intelligence, and services.

George Kurtz President/CEO & Co-Founder

Serial entrepreneur George Kurtz co-founded CrowdStrike, a cutting-edge, big data, security technology company focused on helping enterprises and governments protect their most sensitive intellectual property and national security information. Kurtz is an internationally recognized security expert, author, entrepreneur, and speaker. He has more than 20 years of experience in the security space, including extensive experience driving revenue growth and scaling small and large organizations. His entrepreneurial background and ability to commercialize nascent technologies has enabled him to drive innovation throughout his career by identifying market trends and correlating them with customer feedback, resulting in rapid growth for the businesses he has run. His prior roles at McAfee, a $3-billion security company, include Worldwide Chief Technology Officer and GM, as well as SVP of Enterprise. Prior to joining McAfee, Kurtz started Foundstone in October 1999 as the founder and CEO responsible for recruiting the other six founding team members. Foundstone, a world wide security products and services company, had one of the leading incident response practices in the industry, and was acquired by McAFee in October of 2004. He also authored the best-selling security book of all time, Hacking Exposed: Network Security Secrets & Solutions.

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Dmitri Alperovitch Co-Founder & CTO

Dmitri Alperovitch is the Co-Founder and CTO of CrowdStrike Inc., leading its Intelligence, Technology and CrowdStrike Labs teams. A renowned computer security researcher, he is a thought-leader on cybersecurity policies and state tradecraft. Prior to founding CrowdStrike, Dmitri was a Vice President of Threat Research at McAfee, where he led company's global Internet threat intelligence analysis and investigations. In 2010 and 2011, Alperovitch led the global team that investigated and brought to light Operation Aurora, Night Dragon and Shady RAT groundbreaking cyberespionage intrusions, and gave those incidents their names. In 2013, Alperovitch received the prestigious recognition of being selected as MIT Technology Review's "Young Innovators under 35" (TR35), an award previously won by such technology luminaries as Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Mark Zuckerberg and Jonathan Ive. Alperovitch was named Foreign Policy Magazine's Leading Global Thinker for 2013, an award shared with Secretary of State John Kerry, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos. He was the recipient of the prestigious Federal 100 Award for his contributions to the federal information security in 2011 and recognized in 2013 as one Washingtonian's Tech Titans for his accomplishments in the field of cybersecurity. With more than a decade of experience in the field of information security, Alperovitch is an inventor of eighteen patented technologies and has conducted extensive research on reputation systems, spam detection, web security, public-key and identity-based cryptography, malware and intrusion detection and prevention. Alperovitch holds a master's degree in Information Security and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, both from Georgia Institute of Technology.

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Shawn Henry President of CrowdStrike Services & CSO

Shawn Henry is the president of CrowdStrike Services and CSO and a retired executive assistant director of the FBI. Henry, who served in three FBI field offices and at the bureau's headquarters, is credited with boosting the FBI's computer crime and cybersecurity investigative capabilities. He oversaw computer crime investigations spanning the globe, including denial-of-service attacks, bank and corporate breaches, and state-sponsored intrusions. He posted FBI cyberexperts in police agencies around the world, including the Netherlands, Romania, Ukraine and Estonia. He has appeared on "60 Minutes," "CBS Evening News," "Good Morning America," "The Today Show," "Dateline," "Rock Center with Brian Williams" and C-SPAN. He has been interviewed by Forbes, BusinessWeek, The Wall Street Journal, the Associated Press and USA Today. Henry earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hofstra University and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

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Gregg Marston Co-Founder & CFO

Gregg Marston has a proven track record of repeatedly guiding start-up, technology-based businesses to successful liquidity events. Marston's experience as a financial officer ranges from startups with 4 employees to public companies with revenues of $180 million and 2000 employees. As CFO of Networks in Motion (NIM), Gregg played a key roll in the company's growth from pre-product/pre-customer in 2005 to becoming one of the two largest wireless navigation companies with 2009 revenues in excess of $70m. In December 2009, he helped sell NIM for $181m, the largest acquisition of a Southern California Venture Funded IT company in 2009. Prior to joining NIM, Gregg spent three decades working with three successful startups that earned substantial returns for their investors. He was CFO of Foundstone, a computer security company that was acquired by McAfee in late 2004. During the 1990s he was CFO of Intek Global, a narrow-band wireless data company that he took public and increased the price of its stock 6x in less than a year. During the 1980s he was controller of Triconex, a fault-tolerant computer company that had an IPO and was subsequently acquired.

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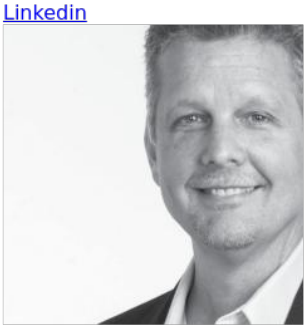

Kurt Speck SVP, WW Sales & Operations

Kurt Speck is a Senior Sales Executive and successful leader with a proven record in building and leading Global Sales Organizations. Kurt is the Senior Vice President of Sales and Operations at CrowdStrike and was most recently a Senior Vice President at McAfee. With twenty five years of experience in Enterprise Technology and Software Sales/Operations, Kurt is a fierce competitor with a refuse to lose attitude. During his tenure at McAfee, Kurt led his Organization to unmatched levels as he ran Sales and Operations for the Enterprise and Commercial business in North America. His Organization was responsible for revenue growth of $125M to $190M from 2008-2012., and he consistently led his Organizations to exceed goal expectations. Kurt was named Worldwide Sales VP of the Year in 2009, Worldwide Sales VP of the Year in 2011, and he led his organization to finish #1 Worldwide again in 2012. Prior to McAfee, Kurt held similar positions at EMC, Documentum and Oracle. He was Regional Vice President of the Year in 2005 and 2007 at EMC, Regional Director of the Year in 2003 at Documentum, Global Account Manager of the year at Oracle in 2001, and he previously won similar awards throughout his career. Kurt strongly believes in focusing on customer service and providing unwavering support to his customers and employees are critical towards achieving success.

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Steve Chabinsky General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer

Steven Chabinsky is Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Chief Risk Officer. He also is an adjunct faculty member of George Washington University, and the cyber columnist for Security magazine. Prior to joining CrowdStrike, Mr. Chabinsky had a distinguished 17-year career with the FBI, culminating in his service as Deputy Assistant Director, the highest-ranking civilian (non-law enforcement officer) position in the FBI's Cyber Division. Prior to that role, Mr. Chabinsky organized and led the FBI's Cyber Intelligence program, and was the FBI's top cyber lawyer. Mr. Chabinsky also served in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), where he rose to become Acting Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Cyber, Chairman of the National Cyber Study Group, and Director of the Joint Interagency Cyber Task Force. A graduate of Duke University and Duke School of Law, Mr. Chabinsky began his legal career as an associate with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, and as a law clerk for the Honorable Dennis Jacobs (now Chief Judge) of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Chabinsky is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive, and the National Security Agency Bronze Medallion for inspired leadership. In 2012, he was named one of Security magazine's "Most Influential People in Security."

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Adam Meyers VP of Intelligence

Adam Meyers has over a decade of experience within the information security industry. He has authored numerous papers that have appeared at peer reviewed industry venues and has received awards for his dedication to the field. At CrowdStrike, Adam serves as the VP of Intelligence. Within this role it is Adam's responsibility to oversee all of CrowdStrike's intelligence gathering and cyber-adversarial monitoring activities. Adam's Global Intelligence Team supports both the Product and Services divisions at CrowdStrike and Adam manages these endeavors and expectations. Prior to joining CrowdStrike, Adam was the Director of Cyber Security Intelligence with the National Products and Offerings Division of SRA International. He served as a senior subject matter expert for cyber threat and cyber security matters for a variety of SRA projects. He also provided both technical expertise at the tactical level and strategic guidance on overall security program objectives. During his tenure at SRA International, Adam also served as the Product Manager for SRA's dynamic malware analysis platform Cyberlock.

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Mike Convertino Senior Director, Strategic Operations & CISO

As the CrowdStrike's Senior Director for Strategic Operations and CISO, Mike Convertino is responsible for the operation of the CrowdStrike Security Operations Center as well as a full offering of Active Defense capabilities unique in industry. Convertino has more than 24 years of experience in providing both enterprise-level information security and advanced cyber weapons development. Prior to his work at CrowdStrike, Convertino was the Senior Director of Network Security at Microsoft where he was responsible for protecting all of the company's networks from intrusion and exploitation. Prior to his work at Microsoft, Convertino was a Colonel in the US Air Force responsible for a unit of over 600 telecommunications, computer, signals intelligence and information operations personnel developing defensive and offensive cyber intelligence and weaponry for the Department of Defense. During his time in Service, he was highly decorated in the war in Bosnia and served as both as a Squadron and Group Commander and on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

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Wendi Rafferty VP of CrowdStrike Services

Wendi Rafferty has over ten years of experience in the computer security industry, including a career with the US military. As the Vice President of Services for CrowdStrike, Wendi is responsible for all professional services offered by the company. Along with her team, Wendi responds to critical security breaches and provides customers with solutions to complex adversary problems. Prior to her work at CrowdStrike, Wendi was a Managing Director for Mandiant's Los Angeles office. In this role, she was responsible for leading a team of security consultants that responded to large security breaches throughout the world. Her work focused on the energy sector, critical infrastructure, technology, and defense industrial base verticals. Wendi has amassed tremendous experience working for the US Government and the world's largest Fortune 500 companies.

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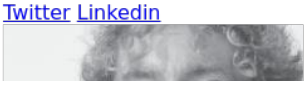

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Dave Diehl Tool Using Mammal

Dave Diehl is responsible for the strategic design of the Active Defense architecture of the CrowdStrike Falcon platform. He started his career in operational networking and security. Dissatisfied with the quality of security products on the market, Dave joined Secure Computing, where he quickly became the lead architect of the Sidewinder firewall, which quickly emerged as the most secure and trusted firewall on the commercial market. During his tenure, he successfully integrated technologies from two competitive and two complementary acquisitions, and shipped the first next-generation firewall integrating stateful and proxy handing of applications, SSL and SSH decryption, IPS, and global reputation system.
After Secure Computing was acquired by McAfee, Mr. Diehl became the Chief Architect of the network security business unit, leading McAfee's efforts to design next generation network security. Dave has consulted on high assurance designs for the smart grid, and with multiple chip vendors on design of future security features. He has ten patents pending.

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Alex Ionescu Chief Architect

Alex Ionescu is the Chief Architect at CrowdStrike, Inc. Alex is a world-class security architect and consultant expert in low-level system software, kernel development, security training, and reverse engineering. He is coauthor of the last two editions of the Windows Internals series, along with Mark Russinovich and David Solomon. His work has led to the fixing of many critical kernel vulnerabilities, as well as to over a few dozen non-security bugs. Previously, Alex was the lead kernel developer for ReactOS, an open source Windows clone written from scratch, for which he wrote most of the Windows NT–based subsystems. During his studies in Computer Science, Alex worked at Apple on the iOS kernel, boot loader, and drivers on the original core platform team behind the iPhone, iPad and AppleTV. Alex is also the founder of Winsider Seminars & Solutions Inc., a company that specializes in low- level system software, reverse engineering and security trainings for various institutions. In the last three years, he has also contributed to patches and development in two major commercially used operating system kernels.

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Dr. Sven Krasser VP, Engineering

Dr. Sven Krasser currently serves as Vice President of Engineering at CrowdStrike where he oversees the development of endhost and cloud-based Big Data technologies. Until 2011, Dr. Krasser was Sr. Director, Data Mining Research, at McAfee. In this role, he led the data analysis and classification efforts for TrustedSource, McAfee’s global reputation and cloud intelligence service. Under his leadership, cloud intelligence has been adopted across product lines using a single massively scalable server and backend platform. Dr. Krasser is a recognized authority on network and host security, leading inventor of numerous key patented and patent-pending network and host security technologies, and author of various publications on networking and security. He received a Vordiplom in Electrical Engineering from the Technische Universität Carolo-Wilhelmina zu Braunschweig in Braunschweig, Germany, in 2000 and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2002 and 2004. A list of

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Dave Cole VP of Products

Dave Cole is a seasoned product leader and a security industry veteran who has led an enterprise security start-up from product concept through successful exit and headed a $3B consumer product portfolio through a period of sustained growth. Dave is currently VP of Products for CrowdStrike, a global provider of security technology and services focused on identifying advanced threats and targeted attacks.

Prior to working at CrowdStrike, Dave held numerous senior positions within market-leading organizations such as Symantec and Deloitte & Touche as well as former security start-ups Internet Security Systems and Foundstone. Most recently, Dave was Vice President of Product Management at Symantec where he was responsible for the consumer (Norton) product portfolio and serving as General Manager of Norton Mobile. Dave is currently on the Advisory board of 2 early stage security startups, SourceClear and Sigza.

Dave holds numerous U.S. patents for product design, ranging from analytical methods and security scoring to user experience and reporting. Dave has been a regular speaker at industry conferences for information security and investors, including Black Hat, RSA & others. He has also been a contributing author to a number of information security publications and books, including Crimeware: Understanding New Attacks and Defenses. Dave holds a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

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Renee Beckloff Senior Director of Technical Support

Renee Beckloff is the Sr. Director of Technical support where she is responsible for ensuring customers are not only happy with the support received, but delighted with the level of attention and proactive nature of the Global technical support team. Prior to joining CrowdStrike, Renee was responsible for enabling and building support teams with companies such as Qualys and Hortonworks, as well as managing training and professional support organizations with VeriSign.

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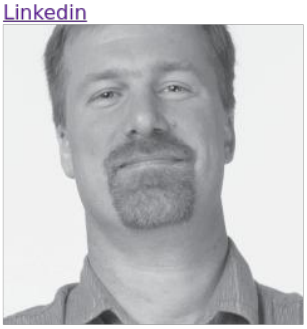

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Jessica DeCianno Director of Marketing

With close to a decade of marketing experience in the security industry, Jessica DeCianno runs all marketing initiatives and strategy for CrowdStrike. Prior to CrowdStrike, Jessica was a Senior Pricincipal responsible for security product go-to-market strategy within SRA International. As one of the founding members of the Netwitness team, she focused on brand creation, product marketing, and marketing programs until the successful acquisition by RSA in 2011.

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Brian Staats Creative Director

A natural born artist, a disciplined scientist, and a data engineer, Brian Staats has a diverse career culminating as the Creative Director for CrowdStrike. As an artist, Brian uses traditional and new media to craft beautiful works on paper, canvas, and digital screens. Brian has a meticulous eye for information design, aesthetics, and visually communicating great stories. As a scientist, Brian was trained in genetics at the University of Kansas and continued a Masters in Bioinformatics at Johns Hopkins University. Brian cut his teeth on "Big Data" in information and interface design at the National Cancer Institute's Core Genotyping Facility where he designed and developed Genewindow, a visual genome browser, which was featured in the journals of Science and Nature Genetics. As an engineer, Brian obsesses over engineering principles to bring data visualizations and user interfaces to life. He has crafted numerous designs in many disciplines ranging from genetics, healthcare, video games, and cyber security. Brian is a Shokunin, Japanese for 'craftsman' or 'artisan', he pursues that ever elusive asymptote of mastery in all aspect of his life. As an artist, a scientist, an engineer, and all around design geek. Find out more Nutritional Facts about Brian.

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Jim is an expert in content extraction, large scale data ingestion, distributed applications, and supervised algorithms. Jim has over 18 years of experience as a developer and team lead. Before CrowdStrike Jim was Director of Engineering for the personalization company Gravity, and held team lead positions at Panasonic and McAfee. He is the creator of the open source project "Goose" which is a content extraction tool used by researchers and machine learning tools for content extraction. He is also a contributor to the Hadoop open source project.

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