

## SECURITY FORUM

### What We Do

A mature and developed information security practice has become a requirement for any modern information system. As the information security industry has grown in scope, its practitioners within the various groups and forums of The Open Group have specialized in developing security content of specific interest to those focused domains.

The Security Forum contribution is different. It is cross-cutting, and more generally applicable than those more specialized interest groups within The Open Group. The Security Forum produces general purpose intellectual property: reusable theory, principles, best practices, methods, white papers, and standards to help suppliers and users of technology implement safe, secure, and cost-effective systems.

Over the last several years, that intellectual property has been developed in two areas: Security Architecture, and Information Risk Analysis and Quantification. Recent examples include the Security Axioms, The Open FAIR™ O-RA and O-RT standards, the Open FAIR™ Analysis Spreadsheet Tool, and the Open FAIR™ Risk Analysis Process Guide. This work has been broadly applied for multiple industries, as well as supporting industry-vertical activities within The Open Group, such as the Open Process Automation™ Forum.

With a deep history of expertise in architecture and risk, the Security Forum helps the application and advancement of those concepts and standards throughout The Open Group, with an overall willingness to advise, contribute to, and support the security work done in other specialized Forums and Work Groups.



### Making Standards Work®

Standards are key enablers for the creation of future business structures and lean processes. All over the globe, many companies have expended significant effort mandating and developing their own in-house processes only to discover the need to create a standards-based approach to architecture and risk management. The Open Group Security Forum produces re-usable knowledge embodied in its publications to help companies answer common questions once and cost effectively.

Cybersecurity is evolving rapidly with new architectures, needs, and threats, and The Security Forum recognizes that it needs to operate with deliberate speed to produce standards, guides, and white papers at the time they are needed so that both Members and the broader information security community will have them readily available.

## Who We Are

The Security Forum is one of the longest standing Forums within The Open Group. Over its two decade history of producing security standards, guides, white papers, and evaluation tools, the Forum membership has evolved into a group of security and risk generalist practitioners who develop and apply knowledge that is relevant to multiple vertical or industry domains.

The Forum culture is one of inclusion, and its Member organizations are very diverse. They include large, multinational users and global suppliers information technology, small and medium-sized integrators and consultants, government entities, and academic institutions. Security Forum members tend to be experienced generalists who have applied security methods and theory across multiple information technology domains.

The Security Forum individual contributors are service-oriented professionals who frequently volunteer their time and contribute their expertise to industry standard-setting organizations beyond just The Open Group. In the last several years, Members have advanced information security and risk thinking within the Internet Engineering Task Force, the American Bar Association, and the US National Institute of Standards and Technology. We welcome collaboration with other similarly structured organizations around the world.

The Forum welcomes anyone who wants to express their voice in establishing next generation risk evaluation and security technology approaches, methods, applications, and best practices. The Security Forum contributors have the reputation of vigorously but cordially debating hard questions and concepts. Through this process, all Members help each other in learning more about their profession, identifying and defining critical contemporary business and technical issues, and developing reasoned responses to those issues. Together, Members collaborate on projects that will help further the security profession, and encourage the development and adoption of open standards.

Current members of the Security Forum include experts from various security fields, including risk analysts, security architects, network and system designers, security product vendors, and academia.

The Forum wants new Members and welcomes anyone from highly experienced individuals to newcomers in the field who want to bring fresh ideas into the Forum, collaborate constructively in a collegial, respectful environment, and get things done to make the profession better.

### More information

To find out more about participating in this Forum, please visit

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### About The Open Group

The Open Group is an international vendor and technology-neutral consortium upon which organizations rely to lead the development of technology standards and certifications, and to provide them with access to key industry peers, suppliers, and best practices. The Open Group provides guidance and an open environment in order to ensure interoperability and vendor-neutrality.

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