FSP KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - ERIC PARENT - OCTOBER 2013

Speaker BIO: Eric Parent has been actively working in IT for over 25 years. His experiences have been both international and domestic and spans across almost every industry. He is currently CEO of two security companies (Logicnet and EVA-Technologies), president of a small aviation company and city councillor in his city of residence. He also teaches a cyber security course at Montréal's École Polytechnique and continues work on numerous security research projects to better the industry. A frequent television and radio guest, he enjoys being challenged with complexe questions and providing original responses that stem from out of the box thinking. Mr Parent maintains several industry certifications (IMITI CISSP-ISSAP CGEIT CRISC CISM) and continues to work with ISC2 to develop better certification benchmarks.

Keynote Title:

We are all adults here, lets hear the truth and work with the facts

Keynote synopsis:

Every manager, every C level executive and every board member should know that the true maturity of their IT security is not being reported to them.

They should know that their decisions revolve around short term objectives and illusions of security often created for them, and that there for their decisions are not always the best decisions.

Just like knowing that the Titanic was flawed and could sink would have altered many decisions taken by the captain of that famous ship, our enterprises rely on equally inaccurate data.

You may think "no, not in my company" and you would be wrong. A career in IT security most certainly involves the realization that ethics is a variable, often leaving you feeling powerless.

So knowing just how bad things can be, and understanding the ecosystems that are put in place to fuel these scenarios is key to navigating through these storms and coming out a winner in the end.

Since every major corporation has an inside leaker or a catastrophe waiting to expose the dark secrets that have been carefully swept aside, you must ask yourself "*how would my enterprise weather the storm of a "Snowden" type leak?"* Until recently, this was hardly a primary concern, but it now is.

The key to an optimized decision taking process lies with knowing the facts and understanding the possible shortcomings of the people involved.

In this presentation we will cover several surprising events, decisions that some would find criminally wrong, that occurred right here, in Canadian corporations, with the top decision takers completely unaware of the gap between their perception of reality and reality itself.

You will find that these scenarios seem taken from a spy novel or a James Bond movie, and you will be equally amazed when proof is provided that this is happening right here, right now, in corporations, with your data.

Once this knowledge has been shared, no longer powerless shall you be, and with your help, the first steps to better security can start immediately.

<u>Presenter picture:</u>

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