Center for Internet Security®

Confidence in the Connected World

Fact Sheet

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FAST FACTS

Founded	2000
Headquarters	East Greenbush, NY
Employees	200+
MS-ISAC Membership	6,000+
EI-ISAC	
CIS SecureSuite Membership	1,000+

Leadership

John M. Gilligan
Chief Executive Officer
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Who We Are

CIS harnesses the power of a global IT community to safeguard private and public organizations against cyber threats.

Our Vision

Leading the global community to secure our connected world.

The CIS Mission

- Identify, develop, validate, promote, and sustain best practice solutions for cyber defense.
- Build and lead communities to enable an environment of trust in cyberspace.

How We Do It

CIS is a forward-thinking nonprofit entity that harnesses the power of the global IT community to safeguard private and public organizations against cyber threats. Our CIS Controls and CIS Benchmarks are global standards and recognized best practices for securing IT systems and data against the most pervasive attacks.

These proven guidelines are continuously refined and verified by a volunteer global community of experienced IT professionals. CIS is home to the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center® (MS-ISAC®), the go-to resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for U.S. State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial governments.

Program Areas, Solutions, & Communities

MS-ISAC®

The mission of the MS-ISAC is to improve the overall cybersecurity posture of the nation's state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments through focused cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery. The MS-ISAC partners with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is recognized as the national ISAC for SLTTs to coordinate cyber readiness and response. CIS is home to the MS-ISAC.
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CIS Controls™

IT security leaders use the CIS Controls to quickly establish the protections providing the highest payoff in their organizations. They guide users through a series of 20 foundational and advanced cybersecurity controls that can eliminate the most common attacks.
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CIS Benchmarks™

The CIS Benchmarks are proven configuration guidelines to safeguard the operating systems, software, and networks that are most vulnerable to cyber attacks. The CIS Benchmarks are continuously verified by a volunteer IT community to combat evolving cybersecurity challenges.
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CIS SecureSuite®

Used by over 1,000 organizations worldwide, CIS SecureSuite Membership provides integrated cybersecurity resources to help businesses, nonprofits, governmental entities, and IT experts start secure and stay secure.
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CIS-CAT®Pro

Available through CIS SecureSuite Membership, CIS-CAT Pro quickly compares the configuration of target systems to CIS Benchmark recommendations and reports conformance on a scale of 0-100. CIS-CAT Pro users can view assessments, reports, and dashboards with CIS Controls associations for a select set of CIS Benchmarks.
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CIS WorkBench

Via CIS WorkBench, IT professionals from around the world develop, review, edit, and maintain the secure configuration recommendations contained in every CIS Benchmark. This consensus process is essential to the objective, vendor-agnostic nature of our resources. The CIS community website serves as a hub for tech professionals to tailor CIS Benchmarks to their individual needs, network, collaborate, discuss technical concepts, and download CIS resources.
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CIS Hardened Images™

CIS Hardened Images are cloud-based instances secured according to the proven configuration recommendations of the CIS Benchmarks. CIS Hardened Images are available on most major cloud platforms to automate secure provisioning of systems handling enterprise information.
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CIS CyberMarket®

This purchasing program serves SLTT governments and not-for-profit entities to improve cybersecurity through cost-effective group procurement.
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CIS Services®

Additional services such as vulnerability assessment, incident response, phishing exercises, and monitoring (monitoring available to public entities only).
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