



## Who we are

The Jericho Forum® is an international IT security thought-leadership group – customer-led – dedicated to defining ways to deliver effective IT security solutions that will match increasing business demands for secure IT collaboration between business partners, customers, and suppliers in our open, Internet-driven, globally networked world, where corporate perimeters are being eroded.

Our members include CxOs and senior systems security professionals from multi-national corporate user organizations, security vendors, solutions providers, and academics.

## What we do

Our members share their extensive knowledge and experience as CISOs and security practitioners to:

- Raise awareness of the security challenges we face as our corporate perimeters become increasingly eroded, requiring us to adopt new approaches that maintain the secure global operations that business demands
- Define security principles, requirements, architectures, implementation approaches, and best practices that respond to these challenges, and influence industry adoption of them by both vendors (to develop the solutions that customers need) and customers (to use their purchasing power to demand that their suppliers develop these solutions)
- Support development of open standards that underpin these solutions

## Why the Jericho Forum?

In the mid-1990s, thought-leading CISOs shared their perceptions that increasing business demands for collaborations with business partners, suppliers, and customers were undermining their security defenses at their corporate perimeters. They saw that this process was an inevitable trend, which would accelerate rapidly as business demand for global exchanges of information grew. This required a new approach to securing their business operations; but they found security vendors were not addressing it to develop the security products, services, and solutions needed. By 2004, they also found that no existing security group was taking up this problem. So, in 2004, they founded the Jericho Forum.

## Our approach

Business today demands collaborative working with business partners, suppliers, customers, and out-workers, globally over the Internet. This significantly broadens the scope of what "information security" must cover. The future for effective security is to protect corporate business's greatest asset – its information – taking an information-centric approach by moving protection closer to the data, and ultimately by integrating the security with the data.

The Jericho Forum's commandments define the security principles for assuring effective security in de-perimeterized environments, and our Collaboration Oriented Architecture (COA) Framework supports architecting secure systems for de-perimeterized environments. Together, they provide a design principles blueprint and practical framework showing how to create secure architectures for global business collaborations over the Internet.

The Jericho Forum recognizes the huge potential of Cloud Computing – seemingly unlimited computing power, storage, applications resources, and services, all at almost immediate availability and low cost. There are a number of different Cloud types, however, and each poses different combinations of risks which enterprise business must understand how to manage. We have therefore extended our mission for "secure global business collaboration" to include securing the Cloud.

## Industry liaisons

The Jericho Forum has a close working relationship with the Open Group Security Forum. We also enjoy mutually beneficial exchanges with other industry groups.

In May 2009 we established a collaboration agreement with the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA), following their official launch a month earlier. We continue to work closely with them.

## Become a member

If you would like to be part of our drive to influence our industry, steer our priorities and deliverables, and network with our members, become a member. Visit [www.jerichoforum.org/join.htm](http://www.jerichoforum.org/join.htm).

