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AusCERT2008: Asia Pacific Information Security Conference

Crowne Plaza Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Australia May 18-23, 2008



AusCERT2008, Australia's premier Asia Pacific information security conference, will be held on the Gold Coast at the Royal Pines Hotel from Sunday May 18 to Friday May 23.

Interactive presentations at AusCERT2008: delegates will vote and answer questions

Improved audience interaction during presentations will be introduced this year with individual Communicator Keypad Interactive Devices in each conference room. Sponsored by Oracle, these devices allow delegates to interact with the speaker by sending text messages, voting, or speaking through the built-in microphone.

AusCERT Information Security Conferences have been bringing together the world's best IT security experts for the benefit of the Australian and Asia-Pacific IT community since 2002. This year's conference promises another solid lineup of speakers, with keynote presentations from Scott Charney, Corporate Vice President of Trustworthy Computing at Microsoft; John Stewart, CSO at Cisco Systems; and John Meakin, Group Head of Information Security at Standard Chartered Bank.

The AusCERT2008 program offers Technical, Business, Vendor and Research and Development streams, and tutorials on Thursday and Friday.

Plenary Speaker Profile – Bill Cheswick. Bill Cheswick will give recommendations on how security systems engineers may rethink the deployment and use of passwords and PINs.

Technical Speaker Profile – Peter Gutman, University of Auckland. In this presentation, Peter Gutmann examines the how and why of the destructive interaction between the way normal humans do things and the user interfaces that are typically used to present computer security information to users.

Business Speaker Profile – Brian Snow, Former Technical Director for the Information Assurance Directorate, NSA. Using examples, Brian Snow will discuss paths to better assurance in Operating Systems, Applications, and Hardware through better development environments, requirements definition, systems engineering, quality certification, and legal/regulatory constraints.

About AusCERT

As the National Computer Emergency Response Team for Australia and New Zealand and a leading computer emergency response team in the Asia/Pacific Region, AusCERT maintains an internationally recognised reputation and trusted contact network of computer security experts around the world. Now in its 15th year of operation, AusCERT monitors and evaluates global computer network threats and vulnerabilities from numerous sources. AusCERT has access to accurate, timely and reliable information about emerging computer network threats and vulnerabilities on a global basis. More information about AusCERT is at www.auscert.org.au.

Media Facilities

Facilities will be available for media use at the conference, including:

- Media Room for interviews
- Wireless Internet access
- Internet Café (internet connections, computers, printer)

Most conference sessions are open to the media, and are complimentary. Media representatives must register attendance, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Claire Groves (contact details below) to make arrangements.

Further conference information (program and speakers) is available on the website: [\(http://conference.auscert.org.au/\)](http://conference.auscert.org.au/).

More information

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