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Publication Date	Description	Associated Event	Status
Jun 2019	<p>State of OT/ICS Cybersecurity Survey</p> <p>The SANS State of Operational Technology (OT)/Industrial Control System (ICS) Cybersecurity Survey will focus on assessing the current state of known and perceived cybersecurity risks and threats. The related whitepaper will explore potential impacts to industrial and automation control systems when applied within the OT domain, such as systems used to facilitate automated operations in production, manufacturing and service delivery processes.</p>	SANSFIRE 2019	Seeking Sponsors
Jul 2019	<p>Common and Best Practices for Security Operations Centers Survey</p> <p>The 2019 SANS SOC Survey will focus on providing objective data to security leaders who are looking to establish a SOC or optimize an existing SOC. The survey is designed to capture best practices and provide defensible metrics for justifying SOC resources to management. The project will include commentary taken from in-depth interviews with respondents who share specific information about how they operate and what does—and does not—work for them.</p>	Security Operations Summit & Training	Seeking Sponsors
Aug 2019	<p>Integrated Incident Response Survey</p> <p>Can integrated security and response capabilities become a means to overcome persistent issues—including staffing shortages, silos between groups, workflow and lack of ownership—that previous survey respondents have said hamper their IR capabilities? This survey will explore best practices for investigating and responding to events, while also reducing silos and ownership issues through more integrated processes.</p>	Digital Forensics and Incident Response Summit & Training	Seeking Sponsors
Sep 2019	<p>SANS Supply Chain Security Report</p> <p>Recent press attention has focused on supply chain attacks by Russia and China, but more corporations have suffered damage from attacks by cybercriminals that used vendors, subcontractors and small suppliers as a path to compromise larger companies. The high financial impact of these attacks has attracted CEO, board of directors, and regulatory and auditor attention to supply chain security. In this whitepaper, SANS Director of Emerging Security Trends John Pescatore will provide recommendations that cover the key processes, metrics and techniques used across industry and government, focusing on examples from the SANS WhatWorks Program and other success stories.</p>		Seeking Sponsors
Oct 2019	<p>A Tale of Two Paths: Threat Hunting Needs for New and Established Hunters Survey</p> <p>Organizations just starting their threat hunting journey have different needs than those who are honing their skills and programs. This survey will look at those differences and how they impact the priorities set by both types of organizations. Actionable advice will assist organizations in both situations to grow their programs and improve their threat hunting abilities</p>	Threat Hunting & Incident Response Summit & Training	Seeking Sponsors

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Dec 2019	<p>Endpoints in the Dragnet Survey</p> <p>Past SANS surveys show that endpoints of all types are being breached and used as launching points to dig deeper into organizations' networks. Yet, despite the variety of tools and high-quality log sources available for detection, the majority of respondents' organizations have yet to adopt technologies (such as behavior monitoring or analytics) or configure their SIEMs to gather the required logs that can provide needed context. Many organizations don't seem to be using solutions that offer auditing or advanced endpoint detection and response (EDR) capabilities. This survey will look for improvements in these and other elements of their endpoint programs.</p>	Cyber Defense Initiative 2019	Seeking Sponsors
Jan 2020	<p>SANS 2020 Cyber Security Spending Survey</p> <p>This new survey, developed by John Pescatore and Barbara Filkins, will explore what organizational leaders are emphasizing as they budget for and procure security tools and services to support their business amid evolving technologies and threats. Results will provide analysis and insight into strategies that organizations (and individuals) can use to justify security spending.</p>		Seeking Sponsors
Feb 2020	<p>SANS 2020 Cyber Threat Intelligence Survey</p> <p>The 2020 Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) Survey, developed by SANS instructor Rob Lee, will build on the 2019 CTI survey, which showed that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to CTI. The intent of this survey is to gain insight into how consumers and generators of CTI leverage, create and measure intelligence, improvements realized as a result of using CTI, and best practices in use across respondents' organizations.</p>		Seeking Sponsors
Apr 2020	<p>SANS 2020 Top New Attacks and Threat Report</p> <p>In the SANS 2020 Top New Attacks and Threat Report, John Pescatore will provide deeper insight into the threats highlighted during the SANS panel discussion at the 2020 RSA Conference. The paper will include practical advice from SANS instructors Ed Skoudis, Heather Mahalik, and Johannes Ullrich on critical skills, processes and controls needed to protect their enterprises from these advanced attacks.</p>		Seeking Sponsors

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