



Visible Ops Security:

Achieving Common Security and IT Operations Objectives in 4 Practical Steps

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Transforming IT Security from Good to Great

Follow-up to best-seller gives four clear steps to integrating information security into the daily operations of other groups

Immature, hysterical, and incompetent hardly describe the ideal information technology team.

But for some companies - even billion dollar multinationals - descriptors such as these are common, especially for security teams that don't have effective working relationships within IT.

As a follow-up to the best-selling *Visible Ops Handbook*, Gene Kim, George Spafford and Paul Love have released ***Visible Ops Security: Achieving Common Security and IT Operations Objectives in 4 Practical Steps***.

Written for security professionals but essential for all IT personnel, ***Visible Ops Security*** takes off where the *Visible Ops Handbook* left off, showing how to integrate information security practices into day-to-day IT operations, IT service development, project and release management, and internal audit.

In four steps, Kim, Spafford, and Love provide proven advice for those who wonders how to start and where to go after that.

These phases include:

- Phase 1:** Integrating change management, reducing access, and developing security incident handling procedures.
- Phase 2:** Identifying critical IT functionality in a top-down, risk-based way, then fixing IT control issues.
- Phase 3:** Improving quality of releases, ensuring security standards are integrated into projects and builds.
- Phase 4:** Selecting and improving measures for continuous process improvement efforts.

In this age of high-profile information security failures, there is an ever increasing number of laws and standards mandating security in the IT environment. ***Visible Ops Security*** is a vital tool for building repeatable and verifiable IT processes that transcend technology, thus transforming information security from "good" to "great."

Praise for *Visible Ops Security*

" ... the first work I've found that helps connect all the dots between the shared objectives held by management, security professionals, auditors, and IT professionals ... very compelling ... "

Jay R. Taylor, CIA, CISA, CFE, General Director, Global IT Audit & Financial Services Audit, General Motors Corporation

*" ... an essential companion to the original *Visible Ops* book."*

Steve Darby, VP of Operations, IP Services

" ... provides the clearest recommendations for improving and sustaining an organization's security operations that I have yet seen ... "

Sasha Romanosky, Carnegie Mellon University

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