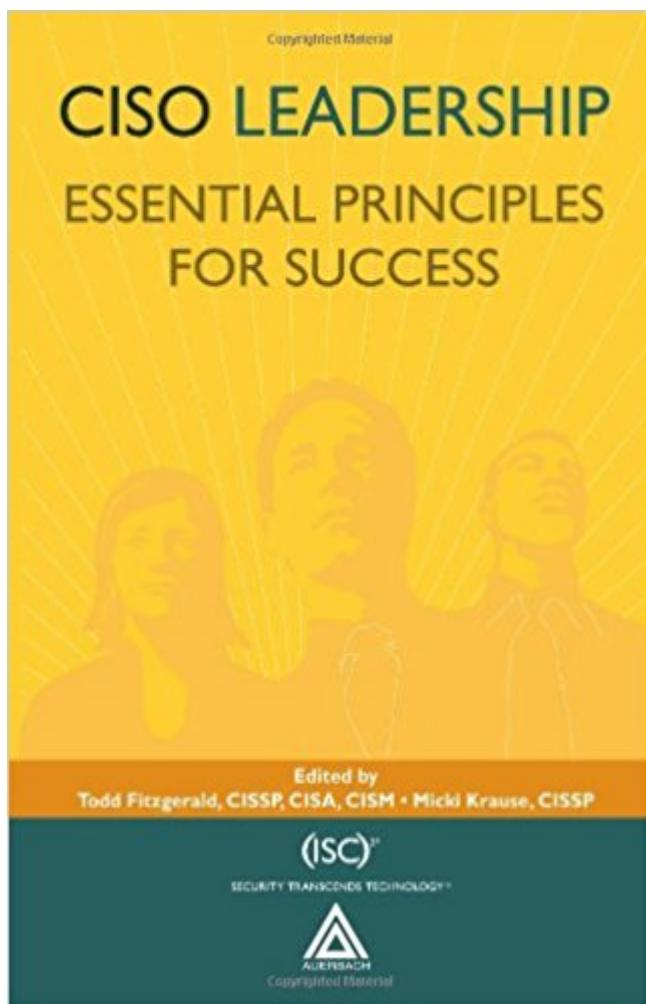


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# CISO Leadership: Essential Principles For Success ((ISC)2 Press)



## Synopsis

Caught in the crosshairs of "Leadership" and "Information Technology", Information Security professionals are increasingly tapped to operate as business executives. This often puts them on a career path they did not expect, in a field not yet clearly defined. IT training does not usually include managerial skills such as leadership, team-building, communication, risk assessment, and corporate business savvy, needed by CISOs. Yet a lack in any of these areas can short circuit a career in information security. *CISO Leadership: Essential Principles for Success* captures years of hard knocks, success stories, and yes, failures. This is not a how-to book or a collection of technical data. It does not cover products or technology or provide a recapitulation of the common body of knowledge. The book delineates information needed by security leaders and includes from-the-trenches advice on how to have a successful career in the field. With a stellar panel of contributors including William H. Murray, Harry Demaio, James Christiansen, Randy Sanovic, Mike Corby, Howard Schmidt, and other thought leaders, the book brings together the collective experience of trail blazers. The authors have learned through experience—been there, done that, have the t-shirt—and yes, the scars. A glance through the contents demonstrates the breadth and depth of coverage, not only in topics included but also in expertise provided by the chapter authors. They are the pioneers, who, while initially making it up as they went along, now provide the next generation of information security professionals with a guide to success.

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Great read. Any CISO or anyone looking to go that path should have a read of this book. Lots of information is common sense but the way it is written puts everything in to great perspective. Highly recommended.

This is a good source to develop or improve leadership in Information Security. I really enjoy it and recommend. Each chapter gives you advice on how to have a successful career in the field.

Contemporary information security is a relatively new specialty that continues to evolve. Even newer is the job title "chief information security officer." As a result, those who don the CISO mantle do so without an established playbook. In *CISO Leadership: Essential Principles for Success*, a number of experienced and highly successful information security practitioners share their collective experiences--including mistakes. They provide valuable advice for those aspiring to become information security leaders. A common theme throughout the book's 19 chapters is the idea that information security is about more than simply amassing technical knowledge. Rather, it is the combined set of skills that include leadership, team building, communication, risk assessment, and corporate business savvy. Lack of these skills has often resulted in a CISO's premature termination. The book is divided into three sections all centered on the issue of leadership. Part I is titled "A Leadership Disconnect," while Part II "Leadership Mandate" features chapters on fundamental topics, such as career advancement, security as a business function, business drivers, and more. Part III, "Leadership Evolution," covers business savvy, organizational culture, selling security, and more. For those with a forward career path in information security, *CISO Leadership* is a valuable guidebook. The authors' "war stories" can help you avoid the bumps as you go down that road. The breadth and depth of the experience of the authors makes this a unique book that you can use to further your information security career.

This reference contains good insight and very practical information for a new security professionals or security professionals with less than 8 years in the field. The authors have and had leading positions in the information security field. I liked the way it was written with the different authors giving their perspective and advice. Very good reference.

This book covers some very valuable insights to developing your skills as a new or seasoned CISO as well as into a well rounded one. There is lots of great information provided from some of the

leading industry representatives in the field of security worthy of reading. I personally have heard Todd Fitzgerald speak on the topics of security and consider him a superb security advocate and leader in the CISO realm.

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