

We engaged Jim LaValley to conduct a global security audit of all of our applications and networks. This was prompted by a growing concern that our existing security footprint needed an outside perspective on our current security implementation. A particularly sensitive part of the job required quick analysis and results to confirm or deny suspected security irregularities generated by two employees.

Jim conducted the analysis over a very short time frame with the full knowledge and cooperation of all members of the corporate and field IT group. He performed his tasks with a well-defined project plan that included deliverables, resources, timing and costs. A major part of his value was educating the IT group on the latest security practices and methods as well as educating them about the practices of the current users. Jim was clear and concise in his technical and lay explanations and used the latest security detection tools that he demonstrated expansively to the appropriate technical resources. He was not intrusive in his approach and very thorough in his recommendations. He uncovered several areas that needed immediate remediation and several that needed clearer user policies and procedures. Jim enabled us to curtail several irregular practices in various parts of the globe.

He performed a detailed risk analysis that enabled senior management to understand the risk profile that was currently in place and make informed decisions about what level of security in which areas was appropriate given user needs and global platform exposure. He provided IT with an objective and accurate view of the current work and opportunities for improvement based on best practices and world events.

Jim's work far exceeded our expectations for the level of detail and analysis and the focused recommendations associated with each area of exposure. He provided practical options and associated timing to assist us in creating our own plan for moving forward. He also educated several members of the technical team on security methods that saved them substantial time and created a more secure environment. Jim was at all times, available for questions, conferences and elaboration on his findings. His report provided us with a comprehensive guide for future actions as we extend our global footprint.

I recommend Jim's services and counsel without reservation. His technical and personal skills are excellent and appropriate without question. If you have any questions about specific project outcomes, I would be pleased to answer them.

Sincerely,
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