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# NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Open Group Security Forum had a number of notable achievements and additional Memberships during the first and second quarters of 2021.

- The Security Forum is thrilled to welcome the following organizations as Members and contributors:
  - CRI2M SRL (Belgium)
  - Deakin University (Australia)
  - KPMG LLP (United Kingdom)
  - Leidos (United States)
  - LogicGate (United States)
  - Micro Focus (United Kingdom)
  - Modulo Security Solutions (Brazil)
  - Nationwide (United States)
  - Security Express (Australia)
  - Singularity Technologies (United States)
  - Strategic Communications (United States)
- The Open FAIR Foundation Certification reached 1016 individuals at the end of 2Q 2021, growing by 110 individuals during the first two quarters of 2021.
- The O-AA™ Security Playbook was published to The Open Group Library in March 2021. This document provides guidelines for addressing security in an Agile Architecture – to enable the business to move rapidly in a world of defined and managed risk.
- The Zero Trust Architecture Working Group published the Zero Trust Core Principles White Paper in April 2021. This document introduces Zero Trust to leaders in Business, Security, and IT and provides a foundation on the drivers for Zero Trust, their implications, and the role of Zero Trust.
- The Zero Trust Architecture Working Group completed an internal restructuring to better accomplish its goals, electing Mark Simos (Lead Cybersecurity Architect, Microsoft) as Co-Chair of the Working Group to represent the Security Forum.
- The Security and Risk Management Working Group began a new project to review and finalize two contributed White Papers on the topic of calculating reserves for cyber risk. These documents demonstrate that show how the risk associated with information and information technology can be measured in a commensurate way as financial asset risk, so much so that capital requirements can be applied to it.
- The Security Forum began a collaboration project with the IT4IT™ Forum of The Open Group to develop a security/risk reference architecture that will be capable of being mapped to the existing IT4IT™ Reference Architecture.

# PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATES

## Zero Trust Security Architecture

The Zero Trust Architecture Working Group completed an internal restructuring that has allowed it to better focus its efforts on completing its first deliverables.

- The Zero Trust Core Principles Project successfully published the Zero Trust Core Principles White Paper in April 2021 (2Q 2021). As a result, the project team has begun refining and bolstering the Zero Trust Core Principles in the follow-up document The Open Group Guide: Zero Trust Commandments.
- The Zero Trust Landscape Project received input from data scientists on its surveys for CISOs and Chief Security Architects and for vendors of Zero Trust products/offerings. The project team compiled a set of publications from academia on Zero Trust and began distilling the contents to present in the Zero Trust Landscape White Paper. This document is expected to be published in 4Q 2021.
- The Zero Trust Reference Architecture Project met for several workshops and began creating an initial straw-man, conceptual Reference Model that will be refined and developed into a higher-level document focused more on strategic direction and conceptual guidance and will allow for reference implementations to be contributed. This document is expected to be published in 2021.

## Security and Risk Management

The Security and Risk Management Working Group continued its existing projects around Open FAIR and quantitative risk analysis and formally began a new project during the first quarter of 2021.

- The Open FAIR Body of Knowledge Update Project met to consider a revision of the Open FAIR™ Conformance Requirements document based on new versions of the Open FAIR™ Standards that were published in November 2021. Forum Director John Linford accepted the task of implementing revisions. This document will enter Forum Review in 3Q 2021 and is expected to be published in 4Q 2021.
- The Open FAIR Risk Analysis Example Guide Project successfully completed Forum Review in 2Q 2021. The document will be published in 3Q 2021. As a result, the project team will soon turn to updating the Open FAIR Risk Analysis Process Guide, applying learnings from creating the Open FAIR Risk Analysis Example Guide.
- The Calculating Reserves for Cyber Risk Project officially started, focusing on refining and finalizing two contributed White Paper. These White Papers will connect cyber risk in a way that risk managers and analysts in financial institutions can understand and accept within their frame of understanding risk and its management within a financial institution, such as a bank or trading desk. The first White Paper will enter formal Security Forum Review in 3Q 2021.

*Vigorously but cordially debating hard questions and concepts to establish next-generation risk evaluation and security technology approaches, methods, applications, and best practices.*



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