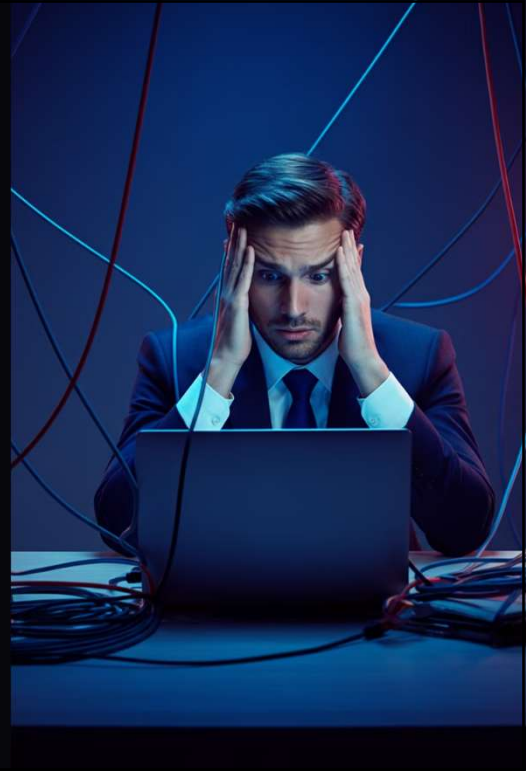


Cybersecurity and The Rise Of AI

The digital landscape is constantly evolving, presenting new and complex cybersecurity challenges for businesses of all sizes.

Businesses face a wide range of threats, from traditional attacks like phishing and malware to emerging threats like business email compromise (BEC) and AI-driven deepfakes.



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- 24 Years Experience Serving The Midwest
- Contracted by firms from Winnipeg Canada all the way down to the Florida Keys
- Focus on cybersecurity, compliance, and a truly unique approach to "proactive" (not just monitoring software)
- Newly launched - Innovative Automations focusing on AI and Business Automation Technologies

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The Current Cybersecurity Threat Landscape

The digital landscape is evolving, presenting new and complex challenges for businesses.

Cybersecurity threats continue to evolve and become more sophisticated, posing significant risks to organizations of all sizes.



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Understanding Business Email Compromise (BEC) Scams



Email Deception

BEC scams often target businesses with sophisticated phishing emails designed to appear legitimate.



Financial Loss

Victims of BEC scams may lose large sums of money due to unauthorized wire transfers or payments.



Reputational Damage

BEC attacks can harm a company's reputation and erode customer trust.

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The Dangers of Compromised Passwords

Compromised passwords can lead to data breaches and financial losses. Hackers can gain access to sensitive information, including customer data, financial records, and intellectual property.

Strong passwords, such as those with a combination of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols, can help to prevent unauthorized access. Regularly changing passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication are also crucial steps to protect against password compromise.

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Multifactor Authentication (MFA): Your First Line of Defense

- 1 **Traditional Passwords**
Easy to guess, steal, or compromise.
- 2 **MFA Adds Another Layer**
Requires a second factor of authentication, like a code sent to your phone or a biometrics scan.
- 3 **Increased Security**
Significantly harder for unauthorized users to gain access to your accounts.
- 4 **Implement MFA Everywhere**
Protect your sensitive accounts and data by enabling MFA whenever possible.

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Cybersecurity Audits: Essential for Microsoft 365

- 1 **Identify Vulnerabilities**
Regular audits help identify security gaps and potential vulnerabilities in your Microsoft 365 environment.
- 2 **Compliance Requirements**
Audits ensure compliance with industry regulations and best practices, reducing legal and financial risks.
- 3 **Proactive Defense**
Audits enable you to proactively address security weaknesses before they can be exploited by attackers.
- 4 **Enhanced Security Posture**
By identifying and mitigating risks, you strengthen your overall security posture, minimizing the likelihood of breaches.

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SOC & MDR for Microsoft 365: Essential Protections

1 Security Operations Center (SOC)

A dedicated team of cybersecurity experts continuously monitors your Microsoft 365 environment for threats.

2 Managed Detection and Response (MDR)

Proactive threat hunting, detection, and incident response capabilities to protect your Microsoft 365 data.

3 24/7 Monitoring

Real-time threat detection and response, ensuring your Microsoft 365 environment is always secure.

4 Improved Security Posture

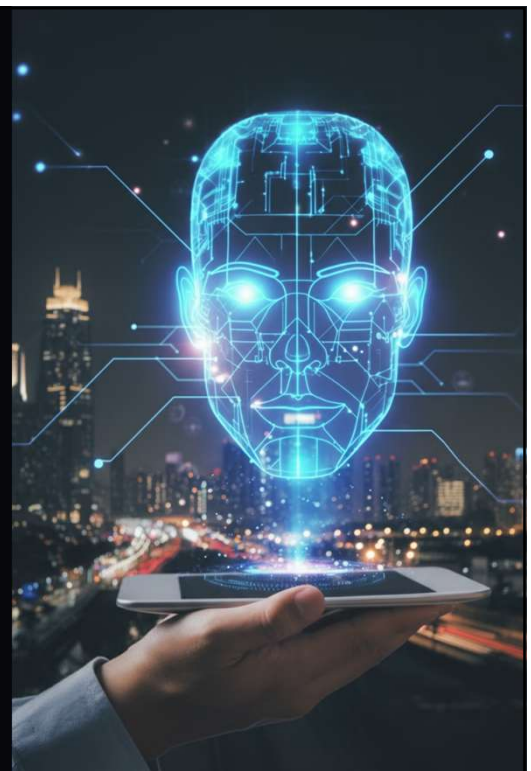
Reduces the risk of data breaches and downtime, protecting your business continuity.

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The Rise of AI: A Transformative Force

Artificial intelligence (AI) is likely to rapidly transform the way we live, work, and interact with the world. It's becoming increasingly sophisticated and driving innovation across industries.

From healthcare to finance, transportation to manufacturing, AI is poised to affect every aspect of our lives. Its ability to analyze vast amounts of data, identify patterns, and make predictions is unlocking new possibilities for growth and efficiency.



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Automating Sales Workflow with AI

Leverage AI transcription

Capture detailed meeting notes from sales calls

Automatically generate action items

Follow-up activities, and bullet point summaries for each meeting

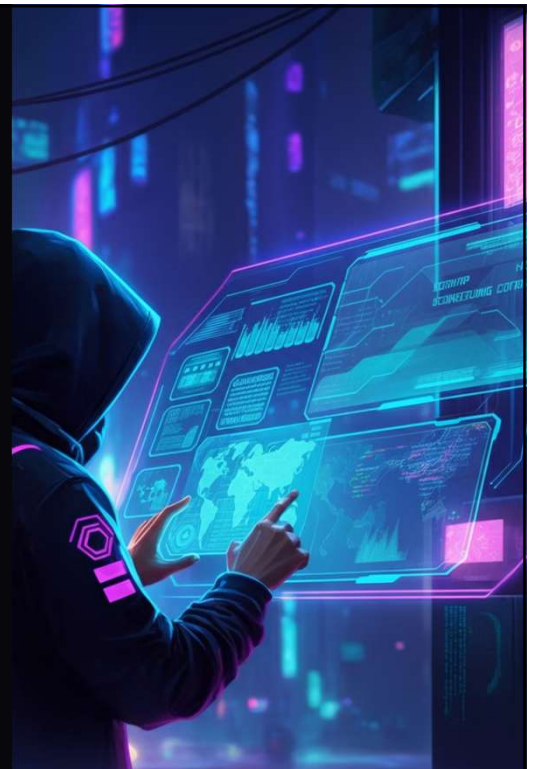
Utilize a custom ChatGPT model

Analyze sales call adherence to the Sandler Sales methodology and provide personalized feedback for improvement and suggested next steps

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AI Has Some Of The Biggest Potential to Transform Our Lives and Operations.

But... It Can Also Have A Dark Side



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Deepfakes and AI-Powered Fraud: Separating Fact from Fiction

Deepfakes are synthetic media, often videos, that use AI to create convincing imitations of real people.

These AI-generated videos can be used for malicious purposes, like spreading misinformation or impersonating individuals for financial gain.

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Mom warns of AI voice cloning scam that faked kidnapping | GMA

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Compliance Challenges with AI and Machine Learning

<h3>Data Privacy and Security</h3> <p>AI systems rely on vast amounts of data. Protecting sensitive information during collection, processing, and storage is critical.</p>	<h3>Algorithmic Bias</h3> <p>AI algorithms can perpetuate existing biases within data. Ensuring fairness and ethical considerations is crucial.</p>
<h3>Transparency and Explainability</h3> <p>Understanding how AI systems reach their decisions is essential for accountability and trust.</p>	<h3>Regulatory Frameworks</h3> <p>Navigating evolving AI regulations, such as GDPR and CCPA, requires proactive compliance.</p>

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Potential Security Risks of AI Deployment

1K Data Breaches	500 Security Flaws
30M Data Theft	500 Misuse of AI

AI systems can be vulnerable to attacks, leading to data breaches, security flaws, and unauthorized access.

Data theft is a major risk, especially in industries like healthcare and finance.

AI systems can be misused for malicious purposes like deepfakes and social engineering.



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Leveraging AI Tools to Enhance Cybersecurity



AI-Powered Threat Detection

AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of data to identify patterns and anomalies that might indicate threats.



Automated Security Response

AI can automate routine security tasks, such as patching vulnerabilities and blocking malicious traffic.



Security Awareness Training

AI-powered training platforms can simulate real-world scenarios to help employees learn and apply cybersecurity best practices.



Advanced Security Analytics

AI can analyze security logs and data to identify suspicious activity and potential breaches.

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Managing Third-Party Risk in the AI Ecosystem

- 1 **Vendor Due Diligence**
Thorough vetting of AI providers is crucial. Evaluate their security practices, compliance certifications, and data handling policies.
- 2 **Contractual Agreements**
Establish clear contracts outlining responsibilities, data ownership, security obligations, and breach notification procedures.
- 3 **Ongoing Monitoring**
Continuously monitor AI providers for compliance, security updates, and potential vulnerabilities to mitigate risks.



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Employee Awareness and Cybersecurity Training

Empowering Employees

Employees are the first line of defense against cybersecurity threats. They need to be trained to recognize and report suspicious activity, protect sensitive information, and follow safe online practices.

Training should be tailored to different roles and responsibilities, covering topics like phishing, social engineering, strong password practices, and malware awareness.

Ongoing Education

Cybersecurity training should be an ongoing process, with regular refreshers and updates to address emerging threats and technologies.

Organizations should offer a variety of formats, including online courses, interactive simulations, and workshops, to keep employees engaged and informed.

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Building a Resilient Incident Response Plan (and a platform to manage it)

A well-defined incident response plan is crucial for businesses to effectively manage and recover from cybersecurity breaches.

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Identify and Analyze

Quickly identify the nature and scope of the incident.

2

Contain and Mitigate

Isolate the affected systems to prevent further damage.

3

Recover and Restore

Restore affected systems and data to their pre-incident state.

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Lessons Learned

Document the incident and identify areas for improvement.

A proactive approach to incident response helps minimize damage, ensure business continuity, and protect sensitive information.

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Conclusion: Prioritizing Cybersecurity for Business Success

Cybersecurity is not just a technical issue, it's a business imperative.

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