

## **ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR**

### **Ken Cutler, CISSP, CISM, CISA, Security+, CASP, Q/EH**

### **Director – Professional Certification Programs**

Ken Cutler is the Director – Professional Certification Programs for Security University. He is President and Principal Consultant of Ken Cutler & Associates (KCA) InfoSec Assurance, an independent consulting firm delivering a wide array of Information Security and IT audit professional consulting services. Mr. Cutler is also a Senior Teaching Fellow at CPEi (CPE Interactive), specializing in Technical Audits of IT Security and related IT controls.

Ken is an internationally recognized consultant and trainer in the Information Security and IT audit fields. He is both certified as and has conducted courses for: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), CompTIA Security+, and CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP). In cooperation with Security University, he recently was featured in two full length training videos on CISSP and Security+. Ken is also a Qualified Ethical Hacker (Q/EH) and a Certified Meteorologist (USAF).

Formerly he was Vice President - Information Security for MIS Training Institute (MISTI) where responsibilities included: Information Security curriculum and advanced IT Audit course development, and chairing major IS and Business Continuity Planning (BCP) conferences and symposia.

Ken is a frequent and much-in-demand speaker on a wide array of IS and IT Audit topics. Through KCA, Mr. Cutler has personally delivered consulting services in both management and hands-on technical areas. He has also managed and directly participated in numerous Information Security consulting projects under various former MISTI affiliated professional services divisions, including the Information Security Institute (ISI) and Advanced Information Management (AIM).

Starting in 1993, Ken directed the development and growth of MISTI's IS curriculum and has frequently demonstrated his diverse expertise by personally developing and delivering numerous seminars and hands-on workshops in IS management and concepts, IT auditing, network infrastructure security and audit, web application security and audit, wireless security, and vulnerability testing. Since 1995, Mr. Cutler has frequently delivered hands-on network auditing and vulnerability testing courses in the United States, Russia, United Kingdom, Nigeria, South Africa, Serbia, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Greece. Audiences for his MISTI hands-on government technical auditing and security programs included: NASA, NIST, NSA, GSA, USDA, USPS, FDIC, and SSA.

He has lectured at many major industry and regional professional association events, including frequent appearances at numerous COMDEX shows in the United States, Canada, and Saudi Arabia from 1997-2002. Mr. Cutler has chaired the popular InfoSec Mexico program in partnership with EJ Krause from 2002-2010. Ken has been a featured speaker at the Middle East IT Security Conference (MEITSEC) in Dubai, UAE in 2002 and 2003.

His input on vulnerability testing tools is frequently sought out by major software vendors, such as IBM Internet Security Systems (ISS), Symantec (Axent), Hewlett-Packard (SPI Dynamics), NEMEA, Tenable, and The Saint Corporation.

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Mr. Cutler has over 30 years of experience in IS, IT auditing, quality assurance, BCP, and information services. He has been performing different forms of IT Auditing projects and services since 1979. His industry experience includes: insurance, banking, financial services, natural resources, manufacturing, government contracting, security and audit software product design and utilization, consulting and training.

Ken has held numerous positions in IT management, including being the Chief Information Officer of a Fortune 500 company (Moore McCormack Resources) in the earlier stages of his professional career. He directed company-wide IS programs for American Express Travel Related Services, Martin Marietta Data Systems, and Midlantic Banks, Inc. The scope of his management responsibilities at those major corporations included: security policies and standards, awareness programs, security risk assessments, overseeing security administration, consulting services, and security technology selection. In response to the results of a series of his in-depth technical internal audits identifying major exposures in major application recoverability and data protection controls, he was appointed to form the Information Security program, including Disaster Recovery Planning, at Midlantic Banks, Inc. While at Midlantic Banks, he also served as the first President of the COMDISCO International Disaster Recovery Users Group. He represented American Express at the International Information Integrity Institute (I-4) and was unanimously elected by its members to serve on the I-4 Member Advisory Committee (MAC) during his first year of participation.

Ken has been a long-time active participant in international government and industry security standards initiatives including the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, Generally Accepted System Security Principles (GSSP), Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria (ITSEC), US Federal Criteria, and Department of Defense Information Assurance Certification Initiative.

Mr. Cutler is the primary author of the widely acclaimed Commercial International Security Requirements (CISR), which offers a commercial alternative to military security standards for system security design criteria. He is the co-author of the original NIST SP 800-41, "Guidelines on Firewalls and Firewall Policy". Ken has also published works on the intricacies of Information Security, security architecture, disaster recovery planning, wireless security, vulnerability testing, firewalls, single sign-on, and Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). In addition, he has been frequently quoted in popular trade publications such as *Computerworld*, *Information Security Magazine*, *Infoworld*, *InformationWeek*, *CIO Bulletin*, *Healthcare Information Security Newsletter*, and *MIS TransMISsion*. Mr. Cutler was featured in a special live TV program entitled, "*The Electronic Battlefield*", on Abu Dhabi UAE Public TV and has also been interviewed on several US radio talk programs including *My Technology Lawyer and Talk America*.