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Summary

Matthew H. Smith is a highly experienced cybersecurity assessment and risk leader with a proven background in global security evaluations, M&A security due diligence, third-party risk management, vulnerability assessment, and enterprise control review. His experience leading security assessments for Oracle's global M&A activities, combined with his hands-on technical foundation and framework-based risk methodology, makes him exceptionally well qualified to support organizations seeking to understand and improve their cybersecurity posture.

Matt brings the ability to assess cybersecurity programs from both a technical and executive perspective. He can evaluate infrastructure, vulnerabilities, security controls, compliance alignment, vendor risk, and operational maturity, while also translating findings into business-focused recommendations that leadership can act on. His depth of experience, professional credentials, and practical assessment background make him a strong asset for cybersecurity consulting, audit support, acquisition diligence, third-party reviews, and enterprise risk advisory engagements.

Professional Cybersecurity Assessment Bio

Matthew H. Smith is a senior cybersecurity, information security, and enterprise risk leader with more than 30 years of experience designing, securing, evaluating, and assessing complex technology environments across highly regulated industries. His career reflects a strong progression from hands-on infrastructure, systems engineering, and IT operations roles into director-level leadership across enterprise security, third-party risk management, mergers and acquisitions, vulnerability assessment, and global cybersecurity risk evaluation.

Matt brings a rare combination of deep technical knowledge, executive risk insight, and practical assessment experience. He has spent much of his career helping organizations understand their cybersecurity posture, identify control gaps, evaluate technical and operational risks, and translate complex findings into clear, actionable recommendations for leadership teams. His background makes him especially valuable in cybersecurity assessment, audit readiness, security due diligence, and risk-based advisory engagements.

Cybersecurity Assessment and Risk Leadership

As a Director within Oracle Corporation's Global Information Security organization, Matt lead risk-focused programs supporting both **Third Party Risk Management** and **Mergers & Acquisitions**. In these roles, he has been responsible for assessing organizational risk at scale, evaluating cybersecurity maturity, and helping leadership understand the security implications of business decisions, acquisitions, vendor relationships, and technology environments.

Since 2011, Matt has led global security assessments in support of Oracle's M&A activities. His work has included comprehensive evaluations of acquisition targets' cybersecurity programs, infrastructure, application environments, operational controls, and technical risk exposure. These assessments required not only technical expertise, but also the ability to evaluate business impact, regulatory alignment, operational maturity, and integration risk.

Matt's assessment experience includes mapping findings to recognized cybersecurity and compliance frameworks, including **CIS Controls, PCI, HIPAA, HITRUST, and ISO 2700x**. This framework-based approach allows him to evaluate environments in a structured and defensible manner while providing practical recommendations that align with industry expectations and organizational risk tolerance.

Global Security Due Diligence and Onsite Assessments

Matt has extensive experience conducting cybersecurity assessments across multiple geographies, including onsite evaluations of corporate environments, technology operations, and colocation facilities. His assessment work has required coordination across business leaders, engineering teams, infrastructure teams, legal stakeholders, compliance personnel, risk management groups, and senior executives.

In M&A and enterprise assessment scenarios, Matt has led cross-functional teams responsible for identifying technical weaknesses, evaluating security program maturity, and documenting risk in a way that supports acquisition decisions, remediation planning, integration strategy, and executive reporting. His ability to lead these assessments across global environments demonstrates his strength in both technical execution and security program governance.

Matt is particularly skilled at translating technical vulnerabilities and security observations into business-relevant risk narratives. This is critical in assessment work, where leadership teams need to understand not only what security gaps exist, but why they matter, how they could affect the organization, and what actions should be prioritized.

Vulnerability Assessment and Technical Security Evaluation

Matt's cybersecurity assessment background is grounded in strong technical capability. He has owned and supported vulnerability scanning and technical assessment efforts using tools such as **Rapid7 Nexpose, Nmap, Metasploit, and Burp Suite**. His hands-on knowledge of these tools

enables him to evaluate environments beyond policy-level review and perform deeper technical validation of security risks.

His experience includes identifying vulnerabilities, validating findings, assessing exposure, and working with engineering and infrastructure teams to determine practical remediation paths. This combination of technical assessment experience and enterprise risk leadership allows Matt to bridge the gap between tactical findings and strategic decision-making.

Matt's technical foundation spans systems engineering, infrastructure resilience, security operations, security tooling, enterprise architecture, and IT risk evaluation. This background gives him a strong understanding of how systems are designed, deployed, maintained, and attacked — an essential perspective when performing meaningful cybersecurity assessments.

Third-Party Risk and Enterprise Control Evaluation

In addition to M&A-focused assessments, Matt has significant experience in third-party risk management. His work in TPRM has involved evaluating external organizations, understanding vendor security posture, identifying control gaps, assessing data protection practices, and helping organizations make informed risk-based decisions about third-party relationships.

This experience is especially valuable for organizations that rely on vendors, cloud providers, SaaS platforms, managed service providers, business partners, and outsourced technology operations. Matt understands how third-party weaknesses can introduce enterprise risk and how to evaluate those risks using a practical, control-based assessment methodology.

His ability to assess both internal and external environments makes him well-suited for cybersecurity consulting engagements involving vendor assessments, acquisition diligence, enterprise security reviews, audit preparation, control maturity evaluations, and risk remediation planning.

Executive Communication and Actionable Recommendations

One of Matt's core strengths is his ability to communicate complex cybersecurity findings to diverse audiences. He is experienced in working with engineering, risk management, and senior leadership teams to ensure that assessment results are not simply documented but clearly understood and acted upon.

In cybersecurity assessment work, this ability is critical. Technical findings must be prioritized, contextualized, and converted into business-focused recommendations. Matt can explain risk in practical terms, identify remediation priorities, and support leadership in making informed decisions about investment, risk acceptance, mitigation, and operational change.

His leadership style is grounded in collaboration, technical credibility, and a strong understanding of enterprise risk. He is comfortable working with technical teams on detailed findings while also providing senior stakeholders with clear summaries, risk themes, and strategic recommendations.

Professional Credentials

Matt holds several respected cybersecurity and information security certifications, including **CISSP, CCSP, CCSK, CISM, and GSNA**, along with multiple historical network and security certifications. These credentials reflect his balanced expertise across cybersecurity governance, cloud security, technical assessment, audit readiness, and enterprise risk management.

His certifications, combined with decades of hands-on and leadership experience, position him as a trusted cybersecurity assessment professional capable of evaluating complex environments, identifying material risk, and providing practical guidance aligned to business needs and industry standards.