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# Huawei collaborates with OIC-CERT's 5G security working group



OIC-CERT will be announcing the launch of a 5G security working group.

At this year's GISEC, the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team, OIC-CERT, a leading international cybersecurity platform will be announcing the launch of a 5G security working group for all stakeholders of the cyberspace to

ensure end-to-end cyber security for OIC member states at the Telecom Cybersecurity Stage. The launch of the 5G security working group has been initiated to increase awareness on the importance of 5G security, develop a common 5G security framework for risk assessment

and management and develop an open standard that can be used to mitigate any technical difficulties in rolling out the 5G.

Eng Bader Al-Salehi, Chair of OIC-CERT, hoped that this working group shall contribute to the global 5G development by forming a trusted global ecosystem. Engr. Bader added, "Before 5G technology can deployed, we need to ensure that the security challenges of this technology can be overcome. We believe that this initiative by the OIC-CERT shall assist to resolve some of the security issues and accelerate 5G implementation especially within the OIC community."

This collaborative approach aims to provide best practices, guidance and promote standardisation objectives in an open and transparent platform to accelerate the roll out of 5G among OIC member states in a seamless and cost-effective

manner.

Dato' Ts Dr Haji Amirudin Bin Abdul Wahab, CEO of CyberSecurity Malaysia, Permanent Secretariat of the OIC-CERT and representing Malaysia who is a co-chair of the 5G security working group together with Huawei said, "Huawei has an excellent track record of empowering secure and resilient digital transformations in the UAE and the rest of the world. Together with Huawei, we are dedicated to providing expertise in cyber crisis management and develops capabilities to mitigate cyber threats by leveraging on global collaboration.'

Aloysius Cheang, Chief Security
Officer of Huawei UAE and the
other co-chair of the 5G security
working group commented,
"Huawei has been dedicated to
helping partners in the region to
address cybersecurity challenges
while building cutting-edge
networks. This collaboration is a
direct reflection of our ongoing
commitment. We are honoured
to work with the OIC-CERT to
actively contribute and provide
guidance to the global cybersecurity
ecosystem."

# Experts discuss securing 5G era, supply chain

# With the end of the proceedings on Day #2 what were the key onsite announcements made by your team?

At GISEC 2021, the most influential event in the MENA region, Huawei showcased solutions that aim to add new value to industries in both public and private sectors including Huawei Smart Government Solutions and Smart Energy.

Huawei also showcased its cloud services including Intelligent Twins, Cloud Native 2.0, and Enterprise Intelligence, EI, Experience Centre that is key to accelerating digital transformation and reshaping enterprises' business operation and value creation models. Huawei experts also touched on 5G and its role in empowering industries and cybersecurity as a whole.

## What have been the areas of discussion between onsite visitors and your team?

During the event, Huawei shared knowledge with visitors on how the company collaborates with governments, customers, and partners to tackle cybersecurity and privacy challenges through enhanced systematic cybersecurity governance and unified cybersecurity standards.



JIAWEI LIU, CEO of Huawei UAE.

Huawei experts also shed light on the impact of regional PPP on intergovernmental organizations and big tech as well as topics such as 5G in Vertical Industries, Securing the 5G Era, and Supply Chain Cyber Risk.





### **GISEC 2021** HIGHLIGHTS

**NAMAN TALDAR,** Channel Sales Manager, Oregon Systems

"There have been a number of inquiries about our solutions and we have been having sales meetings with customers on day two of GISEC," says Taldar. Oregon Systems provides an integration layer for OT vendor solutions and this has been built through years of experience working with such vendors. Oregon Systems is an Abu Dhabi based OT, IT and IoT cybersecurity regional distributor of OT-focused cybersecurity vendors. Its target customers are in critical infrastructure, oil and gas, manufacturing, nuclear, transportation, utilities, healthcare, financial, amongst others.



**ANDREY PARSHIN,**Pre Sales Manager EMEA, Group-IB

"The visitors have good technical knowledge and most of the inquiries are about threat intelligence," says Parshin. Group-IB is a partner of Interpol and a global threat hunting and intelligence company. In November 2020 Group-IB, supported an INTERPOL-led operation, targeting business email compromise cybercrime out of Nigeria. Group-IB is a provider of solutions aimed at detection and prevention of cyberattacks, online fraud, and IP protection. Group-IB's Threat Intelligence and Attribution system was named one of the best in class by Gartner, Forrester, and IDC.



**BACHIR MOUSSA,** Regional Director MEAR, Nozomi Networks

"OT visibility and security is of large interest from the visitors, and they require the help of the Nozomi team to build the strategy and close the security gap. Key expectations of visitors include security solutions that can be deployed without any impact on the network and provide immediate benefits while adhering to government regulations."



ARUN KUMAR SHAJI,
Technical Consultant SolarWinds,
Spire Solutions

"Visitors are inquiring about Orion and the remediation provided by SolarWinds," says Shaji.
SolarWinds has been ranked No 1 in Network Management Software by IDC. SolarWinds offers tools to help IT pros monitor the performance of their infrastructure, networks, applications, and databases. Spire Solutions is a leading value-added distributor with exclusive distribution rights for cybersecurity solution and service providers."



MAHER JADALLAH, Senior Director - Middle East & North Africa, Tenable.

"Visitors have been keen to discuss and understand the types of paths attack typically take, and how they can strengthen their defences to deflect them. Another key topic has been discussing the risks posed by misconfigurations in Active Directory and how threat actors will look for these to elevate privilege and further compromise infrastructure."



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## Acronis discusses the holistic approach to cyber protection

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Acronis has received a third round of investment of \$250 Million taking the valuation of company to \$2.5 Billion. Acronis plans on further expanding in the Middle East region with this additional financial support. The company has hired multiple headcounts already and is planning the organisation and attendance of several key local events this

year across the GCC countries. Acronis also has a worldwide datacentre plan, as it aims at opening 111 of them across the world within two years, including in the Middle East.

# What have been the areas of discussion between onsite visitors and your team?

The holistic approach to cyber protection. Simple data backup or simple cybersecurity is not enough anymore, companies and individuals need a fully cyber protection solution.

Acronis also explained how the leading sport teams in the world trust our technology and how the football champions in European leagues use our innovative products. Acronis also reminded people that backup is dead and that an internal IT strategy is critical.

#### In your opinion what are the key solution expectations of visitors in the near future?

People want a solution that is simple to comprehend, to use, to integrate and deploy. SMBs want to lower their IT cost while having the most efficient protection on the market. Ultimately, all companies, regardless of their



MAREVA KOULAMALLAH,
Head of Marketing and Communication
MFA. Acronis.

size and industry, want to minimise risk and limit the number of solutions being used in order to avoid downtime loss or data breach. People want quicker, safer and more reliable technology.



RABIH ITANI, Country Manager UAE at Vectra Al.

#### Vectra AI announces evolved threat detection and response for Azure-AD, Microsoft 0365

### With the end of the proceedings Day #2 what were the key onsite announcements made by your team?

At GISEC, Vectra Al announced evolved threat detection and response capabilities for Azure-AD and Microsoft 0365 and demonstrated how it extends Vectra's on-prem and laaS detection to provide full visibility and stitching of the entire kill chain movement, all via a single dashboard.

### In your opinion what are the key solution expectations of visitors in the near future?

Visitors are looking to harness the power of artificial intelligence to mitigate the ever-evolving threats. To use an analogy from Greek mythology, they are simply looking to deploy a minotaur within their security operations that will cover the security gap where attackers can currently freely road after they bypass initial defences.



**HADI JAAFARAWI,**Managing Director Middle East,
Qualys.

# Qualys takes visibility one step further with its new Cybersecurity Asset Management

### What have been the areas of discussion between onsite visitors and your team?

Organisations want to secure their hybrid environments, but they cannot secure what they do not see or do not know, visibility is the first step. Therefore, a lot of interest is seen in the Qualys Global IT Asset Inventory. Whether on-prem, mobile, endpoints, clouds, containers, OT and IoT, Qualys sensors continuously discover all IT assets providing 100% real-time visibility of the global hybrid-IT environment.

Qualys also had several discussions around use cases for Qualys Cybersecurity Asset Management, a solution which will be available later this month. Building on visibility, the solution goes a step further and assesses every asset's security risk, enabling SOC teams to not only get relevant alerts but enables the IR analyst to take appropriate and timely actions.

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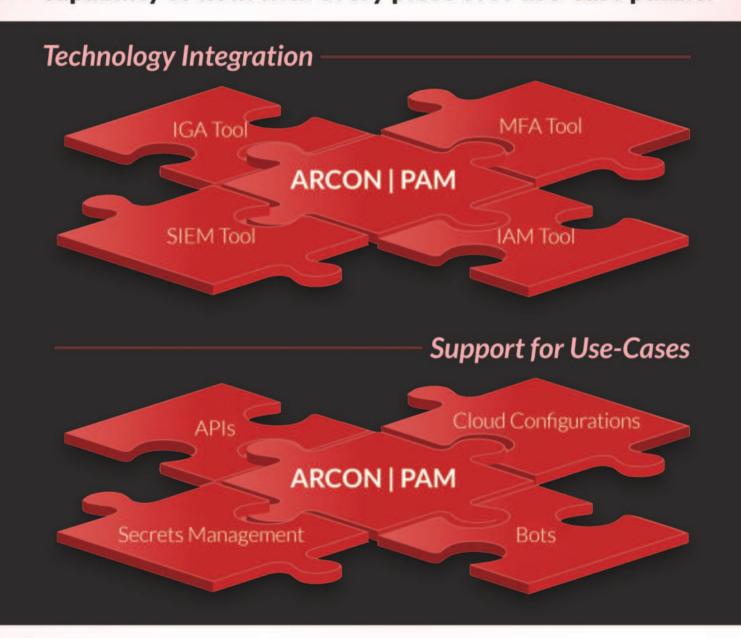
Organisations are looking for a unified endpoint solution that can provide multiple capabilities everything from visibility and risk prioritisation to patch management and response. This is where the Qualys Agents come in.

Cloud Agents continuously collect data from across the entire infrastructure and consolidate it in the Qualys Cloud Platform for IT or security teams to view. Cloud Agents also allow teams to quickly respond to issues.





Privileged Access Management (PAM) environment is complex. A robust PAM solution must have the capability to fit in with every piece of IT use-case puzzle.



ARCON | PAM, the best-fit architecture seamlessly supports IT use-cases and integrates with various technology platforms to solve the IT use-case jigsaw puzzle.



# GISEC 2021 IN PICTURES



















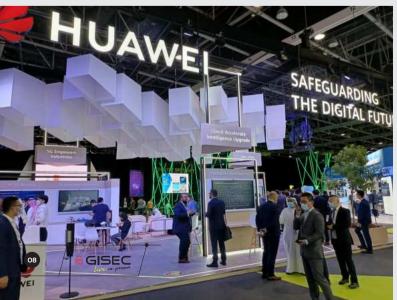
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# iConnect is helping organisations achieve efficient workflow by pioneering innovation

#### **About iConnect**

The 21st century marks an unquestionable necessity to introduce cutting-edge technologies in all industries. And iConnect is showing the way.

The organisation formulates an extensive array of IT Services and solutions to help organisation, ranging from Governments, BFSI, Energy, Manufacturing, Aviation, Healthcare, Hospitality, and other corporations to achieve more efficient workflow powered by pioneering innovations and digital solutions. iConnect serves the MEA region with advanced

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### Your Trusted Technology and Business Partner

iConnect has formed strategic relationships to offer business and technical expertise, reliable solutions, and professional services to its clientele. Since its inception in 2016, iConnect works on integrating a wide spectrum of projects across multiple industries and sectors, positioning itself as a leading IT Services and Software Distribution Company in the field of information technology. Its clientele's core principles and methodologies are foremost to iConnect's business objectives, with a focus on providing state-of-the-art resources that are continuously evolving in quality and quantity.

#### Our solution integration services include: Technology Audits and Site(s) Assessment:

Our assessment process aligns projected goals and objectives with the business and technical requirements of the client.

#### **Managed Cybersecurity Services:**

We build and reinforce your cybersecurity capabilities based on international industry standards and top-quality practices.

#### Governance, Risk and Compliance:

A substantial portion of our resource directory is dedicated solely to proactive risk intelligence and higher efficiency levels.

Security Consultancy and Advisory Services: We enable cybersecurity leaders to design comprehensive plans that resonate with our client's Board of Directors and Executives' business objectives.

#### **Business Analysis:**

We focus on the use of internal and external data to recommend technology solutions and services that deliver premium value to your business.

#### Planning and System Development:

Executed with global standards, we design, implement, maintain, and analyse integrated security systems.

#### **Project Management:**

Our exclusive methodologies help clients easily communicate information to all stakeholders and keep them in the loop with potential success.

#### **Turnkey Solutions:**

Our turnkey solutions can be easily integrated and immediately implemented to the current IT infrastructure of a business to revamp critical areas of the venture.

#### **Engineered Project Documentation:**

Designed and implemented at a top-class level, our document management services produce improved collaboration and reviews, faster approval, reduced risks and better

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### Customised Training Programmes:

We offer world-class training events that envelope a wide bracket of technology offerings and industries. Our programs are specially tailored to the needs of our clients.

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We provide cross-industry preventative maintenance for our clients' IT infrastructure, leveraging the potential for higher revenue while diminishing the probability of downtime and misallocation of resources.

#### **Mission and Vision**

iConnect believes in a highperformance culture. Our aim is to embrace today's digital transformation of our living environment by providing groundbreaking technological infrastructure. We strive to translate our core values of reliability and innovation into the best solutions for our customers.

#### **Our Vision**

To define the future of Network and Security systems by implementing sustainable business models and providing reliable services that involve cutting-edge technologies.

#### **Our Mission**

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