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CRACCON'25

📅 **4-5 OCTOBER 2025**

📍 **India International Center, Delhi**

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VISION

Build a global community of cybersecurity experts across the globe, drive innovations in cybersecurity, and bridge the gap in industry ready talent.

WHO WE ARE

CRAC Learning is a **non-profit** initiative to spread cybersecurity awareness and enable the security enthusiast to build a career in cybersecurity.

We work with various academia including schools, **universities** and **colleges**, **societies**, to spread cybercrime and cybersecurity knowledge to students, professionals and general public.

Led by the experts from

amazon 🍎 ▦ **Microsoft** UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

⬙ **Adobe** **yahoo!**

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ABOUT US

	Cybersecurity Awareness Campaigns	Capture the Flag(CTF)	Tech-Talks	Reasech Programs
Audience Reached	2000+	2000+	5000+	120+
Events	150+	100+	100+	50+

CRAC Learning Foundation started in the year **2022** and organized multiple small scale cybersecurity events online as well as offline globally. We are among the most active cybersecurity community with around **8000**+ members and presence across the globe including **India**, **US**, **UK** and **Ireland**.

Our goal is to enhance the cybersecurity research, skill gap and spread cybersecurity awareness to reduce the cybercrimes. At CRAC Learning, we have partnered with various communities and organization to bring a change in the cybersecurity posture and awareness overall. With the right mentoring and resources, we steer the talent in the ethical direction!

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OUR VISIONARIES

Swati Laxmi

Our Founder, Swati Laxmi, boasts over a decade of experience warding off cyberthreats for Fortune 500 giants (**Amazon**, **AWS**, **Microsoft**), secured M.Eng. From **University of Maryland** and came back to enhance security growth in India. She also founded – **Defhawk**, a cybersecurity simulations platform.

Gitesh Sawariya

Co-founder, Chief Product Officer (CPO) at **DefHawk**, leading the vision, strategy, design, and development of the product we are building to provide a holistic cybersecurity ecosystem where students, professionals, and organizations engage and grow.

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INSIGHT PARTNERS

Pranit Garud
Sr. Security Engineer, Amazon

Our strategist, **Pranit Garud**, is an accomplished hacker turned white-hat hero renowned for uncovering vulnerabilities before they make headlines. He is currently working with **Amazon**, worked at **Apple**, and secured M.Eng from **University of Maryland.**

Vaibhav Gupta
Founder, AppFend

Our advisory, **Vaibhav Gupta**, is an accomplished security expert with over 13+ years of experience at **Adobe**, **Amazon**, secure advanced certificate from **Stanford University**. Vaibhav also led the Delhi chapter for Null community and is actively building security products, and been a speaker/trainer at **BlackHat** USA, **DefCon** USA, **OWASP** AppSec EU, NullCon, BSides Vegas, Academia, etc.

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INSIGHT PARTNERS

Iftekhar Hussain

Principal Program Manager, Microsoft

Experienced cybersecurity professional with over **15 years** of proven expertise in product management at companies like **Microsoft, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, HCLTech**, contributing to the complete product lifecycle from support, implementation, and sales to the build process.

Keynote Speaker
Kevin Cardwell

Worked extensively with banks and financial institutions throughout the Middle East, Europe and the UK. Served as leader of a DoD Red Team with 100% success rate of compromise. Worked on projects include the Petroleum Development Oman and the Central Bank of Oman. Designed and implemented the custom security baseline for the existing Oman Airport Management Company (OAMC) airports and the two new airports.

INSIGHT PARTNERS

Prashant Venkatesh

Founder, Seasides Information Security Conference

Our advisory Prashant Venkatesh, **Founder** of **Seasides** and a leader in product security with **20+ years** in the field. Speaker at major cybersecurity conferences like **Blackhat, Nullcon, and c0c0n, brings rich experience in successful conference in India - Seasides** Information Security Conference, which attracts **~1000 participants every year.**
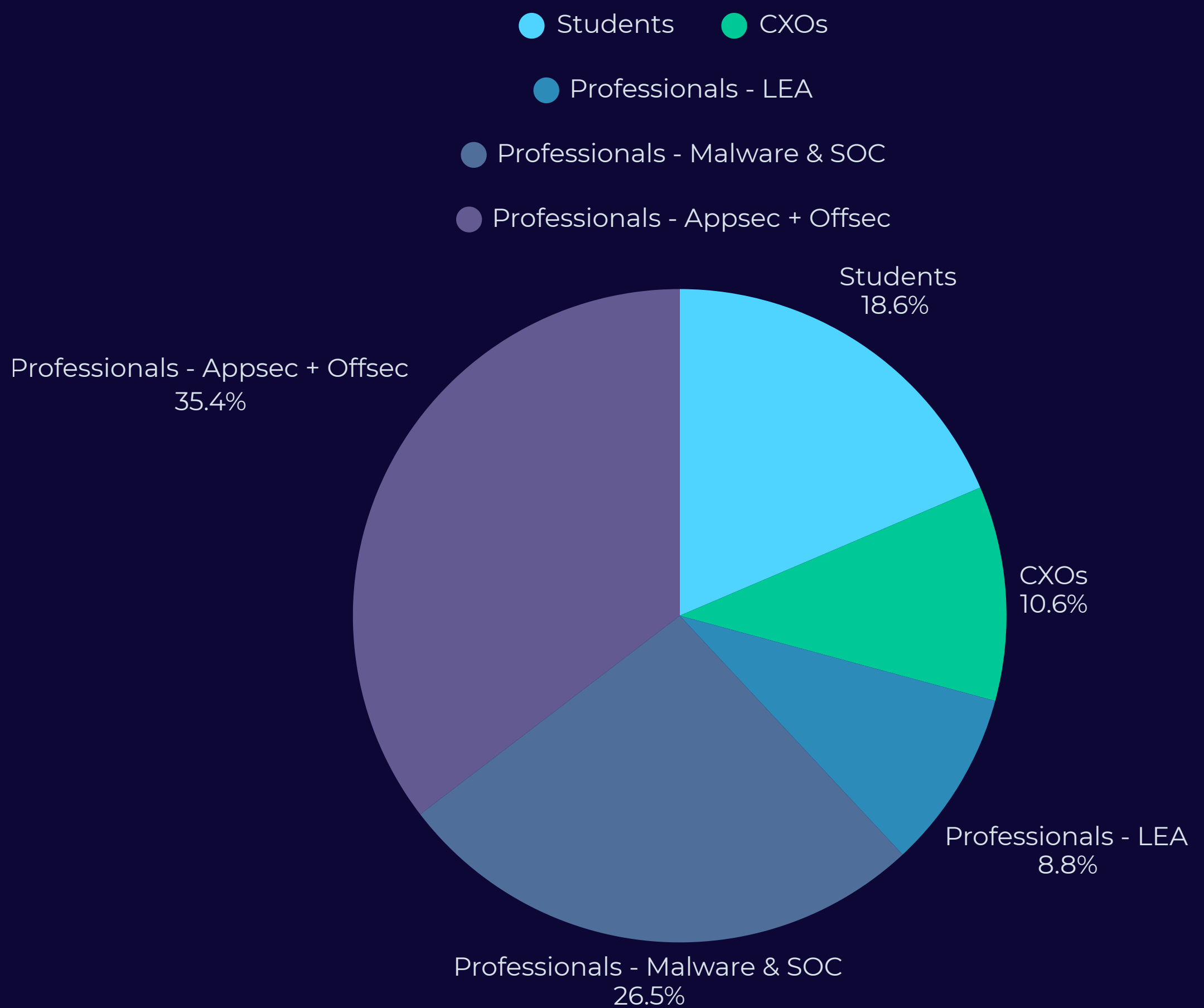

Butchi Babu Burra

IT advisory Board member Punjab & Sind Bank

Butchi Babu Burra CISA IT advisor PSBank, Recruiter CXOs, Author, Speaker to the Garranto Academic Family! With 34 years of expertise in IT, Cyber Security, and Governance, Mr. Babu has guided leading institutions like Punjab and Sind Bank through complex challenges
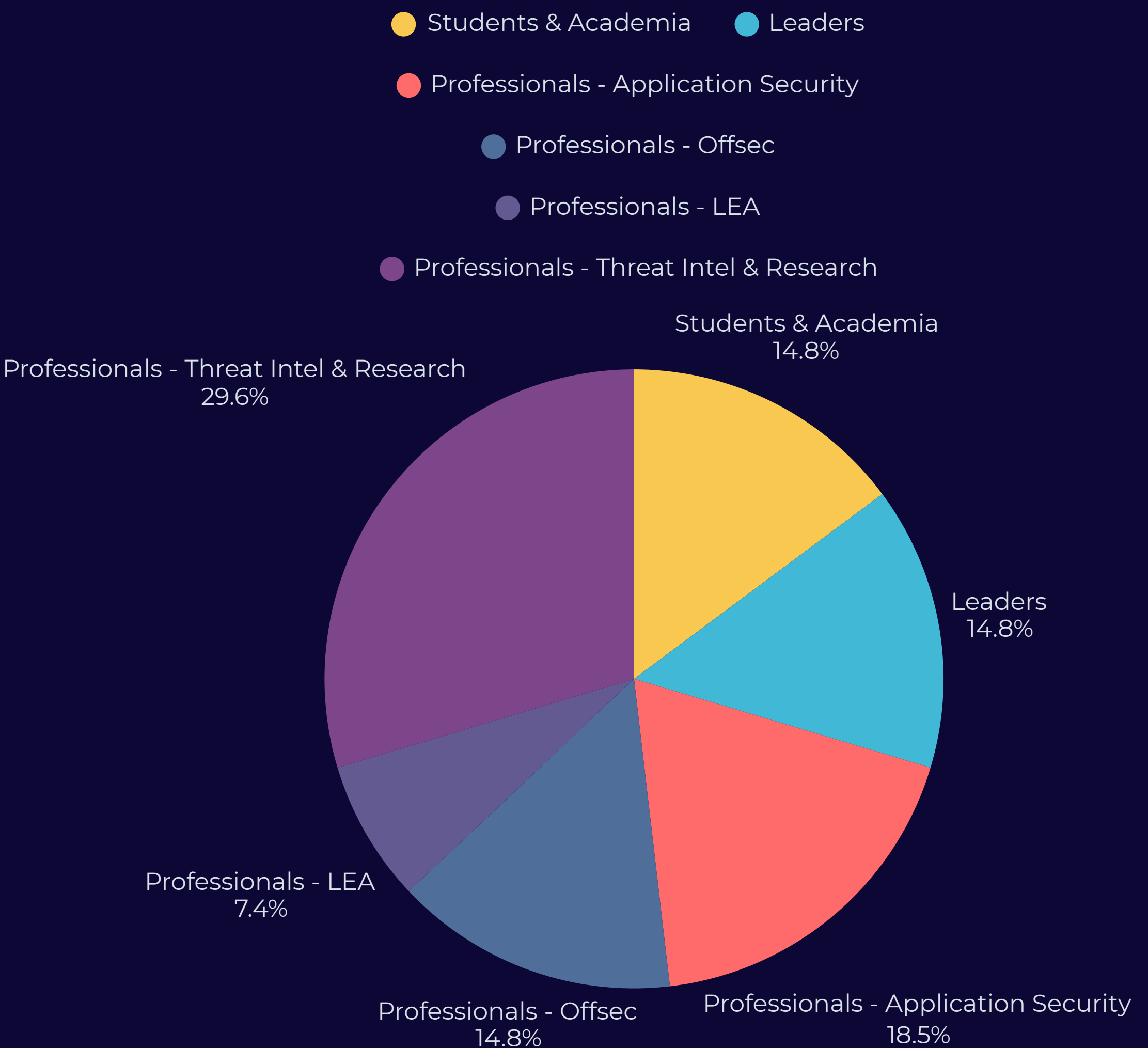
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TARGET AUDIENCE

● Students   ● CXOs

● Professionals - LEA

● Professionals - Malware & SOC

● Professionals - Appsec + Offsec

Students
18.6%

Professionals - Appsec + Offsec
35.4%

CXOs
10.6%

Professionals - LEA
8.8%

Professionals - Malware & SOC
26.5%

Past CRACCON'24 - 27,28 January

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TARGET AUDIENCE

Expected CRACCON'25 - 4-5th October

- Students & Academia
- Leaders
- Professionals - Application Security
- Professionals - Offsec
- Professionals - LEA
- Professionals - Threat Intel & Research

Students & Academia
14.8%

Professionals - Threat Intel & Research
29.6%

Leaders
14.8%

Professionals - LEA
7.4%

Professionals - Offsec
14.8%

Professionals - Application Security
18.5%

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Kevin Cardwell, President at Cyber2Labs
Worked extensively with banks and financial institutions throughout the Middle East, Europe and the UK. Served as leader of a DoD Red Team with 100% success rate of compromise. Worked on projects include the Petroleum Development Oman and the Central Bank of Oman. Designed and implemented the custom security baseline for the existing Oman Airport Management Company (OAMC) airports and the two new airports.

Rakesh Kumar Kunwar, Sr. Director, Arcon
Seasoned cybersecurity leader driving strategic business engagements, developing Managed Security Portfolios, and delivering robust IT strategies across global enterprisesm, CISSP-certified, bring expertise in Privileged Access Management (PAM), Identity & Access Management (IAM), Security Configuration Management (SCM), and Endpoint Privilege Management (EPM).

More Chief Guest
Indian Defence Security Leaders (To be revealed during the conference.)

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CXO PANELS

Rajnish Gupta, MD & Country Manager - India Region, Tenable

Strategy, execution, people development, Building and managing customer and partner relationship, Deep understanding of technology and solutions. Worked in all market segments - Telecom, Government, PSU, Enterprise, BFSI.

Sumit Chouhan, CISO, Destro Solutions

Results-driven cybersecurity executive with over two decades of experience leading enterprise security initiatives, delivering advanced threat detection and mitigation solutions, and driving growth through channel partner frameworks. Recognized for innovative R&D in cybersecurity, thought leadership, and successful go-to-market strategies across global markets.

Col. Deepak Joshi, CISO, Hewlett-Packard

A seasoned professional with over 23 years of experience in Information and Cybersecurity, Data Protection,and Privacy across the BFSI sector, Indian Armed Forces, and the United Nations. Currently serving as CISO at CERSAI (Pan India CKYC Registry, Mortgage Registry), regulated by RBI, managing approx 100 Crore PII data.

CXO PANELS

Ashwini Pandey, CISO, Punjab National Bank CCISO CRISC CISM CISA ISO LEAD AUDITOR CeISB CAIIB, based in New Delhi, DL, IN, is currently a Chief Information Security Officer at Punjab National Bank. Ashwini Pandey CCISO CRISC CISM CISA ISO LEAD AUDITOR CeISB CAIIB brings experience from previous roles at Punjab National Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce.

Sudhanshu Mittal , Head & Director, Technical Solutions at Nasscom, Governing Council Member CMTI - Central Manufacturing Technology Institute | AI V&V Committee Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) . Sudhanshu leads the overall operations of Gurugram CoE and is also responsible for driving the solutioning of the problem statements brought by CoE partners. Vertical focus includes Automotive, Healthcare.

Rajesh Rathi, CISO, Co-founder of GRIDsentry Powergrid Cybersecurity Startup incubated at the prestigious IISC Bengaluru and IIT Kanpur, Rajesh has been instrumental in its success. Rajesh also led various startups as director - E3 Labs – Environment Energy Economy startup incubated at IISC, Bangalore, Rail Labs – Digital Railway Safety startup incubated at IIT Madras, Efficio Hub – Virtual Back Office for Startups.

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TECH PANELS

Nishant Sharma, Head of Security, SquareX
Nishant Sharma leads Cybersecurity Research at SquareX, where he focuses on advancing defenses across browser and enterprise security domains. With over a decade of experience in cybersecurity R&D, Nishant previously served as VP of Labs R&D at INE and led research at Pentester Academy - used by learners in over 125 countries. A seasoned trainer and frequent speaker at **DEF CON, Black Hat, and OWASP.**

Iftekhar Hussain, Principal Product Manager, Microsoft - Emerging Threat Research
Experienced cybersecurity professional with over 15 years of proven expertise in product management, contributing to the complete product lifecycle from support, implementation, and sales to the build process. Skilled in driving product and service adoption, synthesizing insights from key customers and partners, and providing strategic guidance to the Product Team. Strong in relationship and experience management, adept at resolving complex customer issues, and driving improvements in product features and services.

TECH PANELS

Nir Halfon Founder, CEO at IONSec

With over 20 years of experience in the cybersecurity domain, founder and CEO of IONsec, a cutting-edge company that provides advanced solutions for digital forensics and incident response (DFIR), Nir leads a team of top-tier cybersecurity researchers and forensic experts and provide professional guidance, training, and inspiration.

Sandeep Singh, Security Strategy, HackerOne

is a security leader with 12+ years of experience across vulnerability response, bug bounty, AppSec, cloud, and security operations. Known for building and scaling teams, driving strategic security initiatives, and mentoring talent, they bring a practical, people-first approach to solving complex security problems. An active speaker and community contributor

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Sathish Kumar Balakrishnan, Privacy and Information Security Manager at E6Data, Sathish focuses on securing infrastructure, strengthening compliance, and mitigating security risks. He have helped secure 870+ web applications and over 1 lakh network IPs, working with 300+ clients across the UAE, US, Africa, and Asia. Beyond professional work, He is passionate about community impact.

Priya Goel, Senior Director, Data Scientist at Gartner
Data Science leader at Gartner, with a proven track record of using innovative AI solutions to significantly improve client retention, engagement, and business growth, redefined service delivery and boosted team productivity by automating workflows with AI. Her leadership focuses on aligning cross-functional teams with strategic goals and fostering a culture of continuous innovation with expertise across Generative AI, Recommendation Systems, NLP, Predictive Modeling, and Data Engineering.

TECH PANELS

Teja Chintalapati,
Principal Manager, Cyber Innovation, DSCI
Teja leads the cybersecurity innovation efforts at the Data Security Council of India, where I manage three national programs covering Cybersecurity, Semiconductor Security, and capacity building across the country.

Preetam Rao, CEO & Co-Founder
QuillAudits
Teja leads the cybersecurity innovation efforts at the In his own words : "As Co-founder and CEO of QuillAudits, I help founders turn security into their biggest growth advantage. With over 1500 projects secured and $3B in assets protected, our mission is clear — make Web3 fearless. Ready to build without compromise? Let's connect."

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SPEAKERS

Nikhith Tummalapallim, DFIR and Red team Expert, LinkedIn

Nikhith is a seasoned security professional with 8+ years of expertise in Incident Response, Adversary Tradecraft and Threat Hunting. He has worked with top organizations like Mandiant, Microsoft, Crowdstrike. Throughout his career he's held a variety of roles starting as a Red Team Consultant at Mandiant, moving into Threat Hunter 2 at Microsoft, and later Red Team Engineer III at Crowdstrike.

Seedon D'Souza, Sr. Security Eng, Sony India Software Ltd

Hardware & Industrial Security Pentester specializing in embedded systems, firmware analysis, and OSINT. My work bridges hardware exploitation with industrial security standards, currently focused on EU Cyber-Resilience Act (CRA) compliance for connected devices.

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SPEAKERS

AI & MCP Off-Def
powered by Defhawk

NIKHILESH TAYAL

Co-Founder, AIMLetc.
Google Developer Expert for AI.
Entrepreneur, Building Multi AI
Agents System

**Deep Web for Red
Team Ops** powered by IICON

RAKESH KRISHNAN

Threat Intelligence
Researcher, Threat Intel Blog
- The Raven File

**Exploring Cloud
Attack Paths**

SHASHANK DUBEY

Cloud Security
Researcher Cyble

Pentesting Mastery
powered by HackerOne

HERANE MALHOTRA

drsniper - HackerOne Brand
Ambassador | OSCP
Bug Bounty Hunter

DRONE HACKING

SEEDON D'SOUZA

Sr. Security Eng, Festo
Hardware & Industrial Pentester
Black Hat Arsenal 2025,
BSides CDMX 2024

LINUX MALDEV

**ADHOKSHAJ
MISHRA**

Staff Detection Engineer,
SentinelOne, talked at
SecurityFest, SINCON, 44CON

**The Thinking
Firewall - AI/ML**
POWERED BY DEFHAWK

**SAUBHAGYA
TRIPATHI**

Corporate Cybersecurity Strategist | Palo Alto &
Checkpoint Certified

**SDR and Signal
Security**

SAMARTH BHAT

Security Researcher at
Reinfosec

CFP REVIEW BOARD

Kevin Cardwell
President at **Cyber2Labs**
Author of CPENT, CAST 614, CAST 611,
Defence and Deception | Served as leader of
a DoD Red Team

Dilip Madhavan
Security leader at **GoDaddy**
Previously Secured **Amazon**,
as a RED team leader | **Symantec** | Sun
Microsystem

Dr. Geeta Yadav
Assistant Professor @ CSE, IIT Ropar
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, **C3i Hub,
IITK | PhD, IITD |** Cybersecurity of Industrial
Internet of Things | ML in security

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Deepak Gandotra
A strategic innovator in IT and **Digital Security**, known for aligning tech solutions with business goals and enhancing digital resilience. **FICO, Thales**

Eitan Platok
CTO of IONSEC and former Incident Response Lead for **Israeli E-Government**. Expert in threat hunting and cyber research.

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ACTIVITIES AND REACH

TOTAL REACH

—— Total Reach
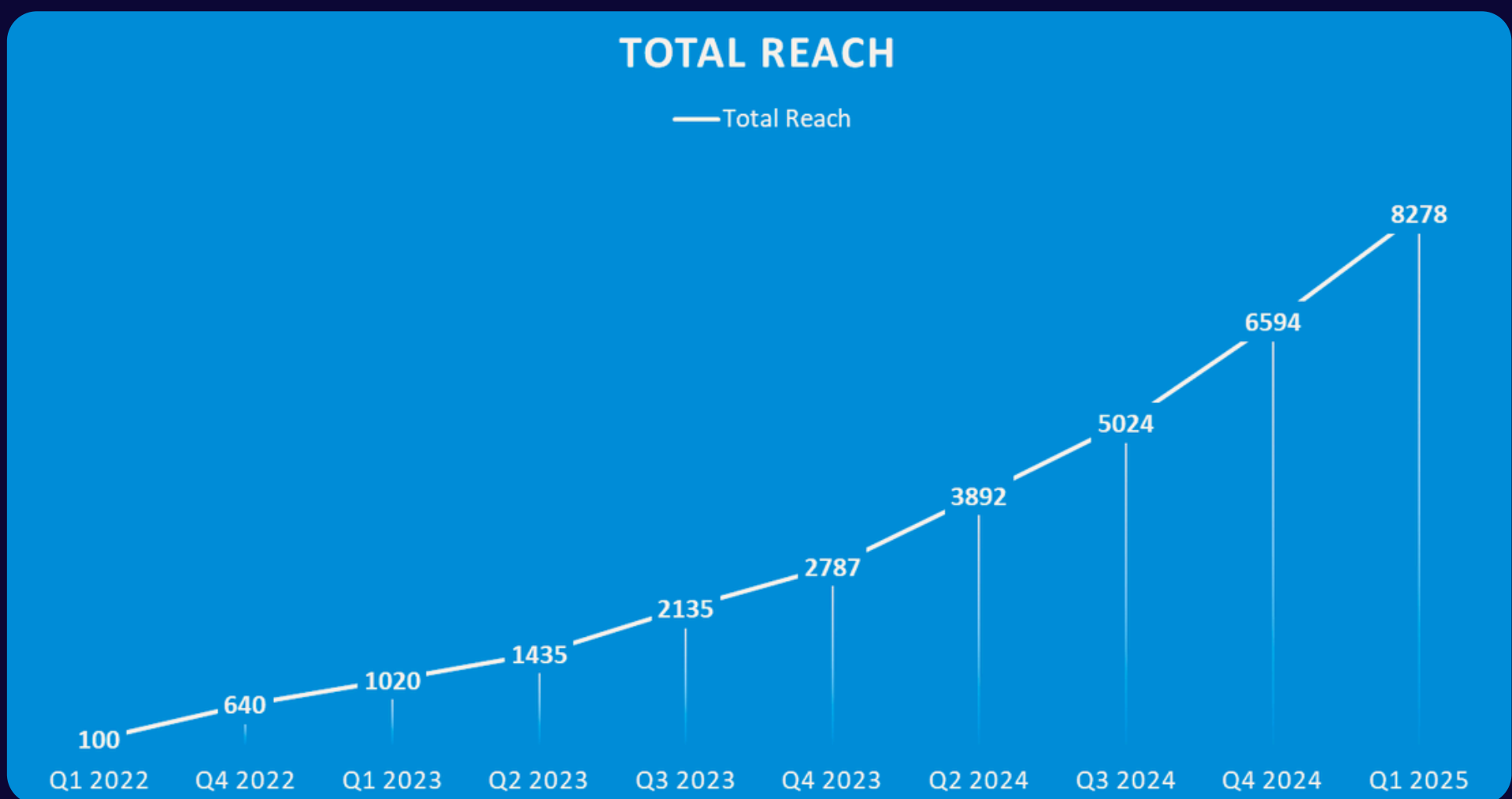
This graph highlights the range of activities undertaken and the corresponding audience reach. A consistent upward trend reflects increased engagement and effective outreach strategies.

TECHNOLOGIES COVERED

Cybersecurity with/in AI/ML	Blockchain security
Database Security	API Security
Threat Research	Mobile App security
Backend Security	ICS/OT
Threat Intel	IoT Security
Secure Coding	DevSecOps
Threat Detections - EDR, XDR,	CVE Analysis
Cloud Security	Digital Forensics
SIEM, SOAR	Web Application security

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MAIN TRACK

Key Note

CTF

Tech Talks

Workshop

Villages

Resume Review

Career Fair

CXO Panel

Networking

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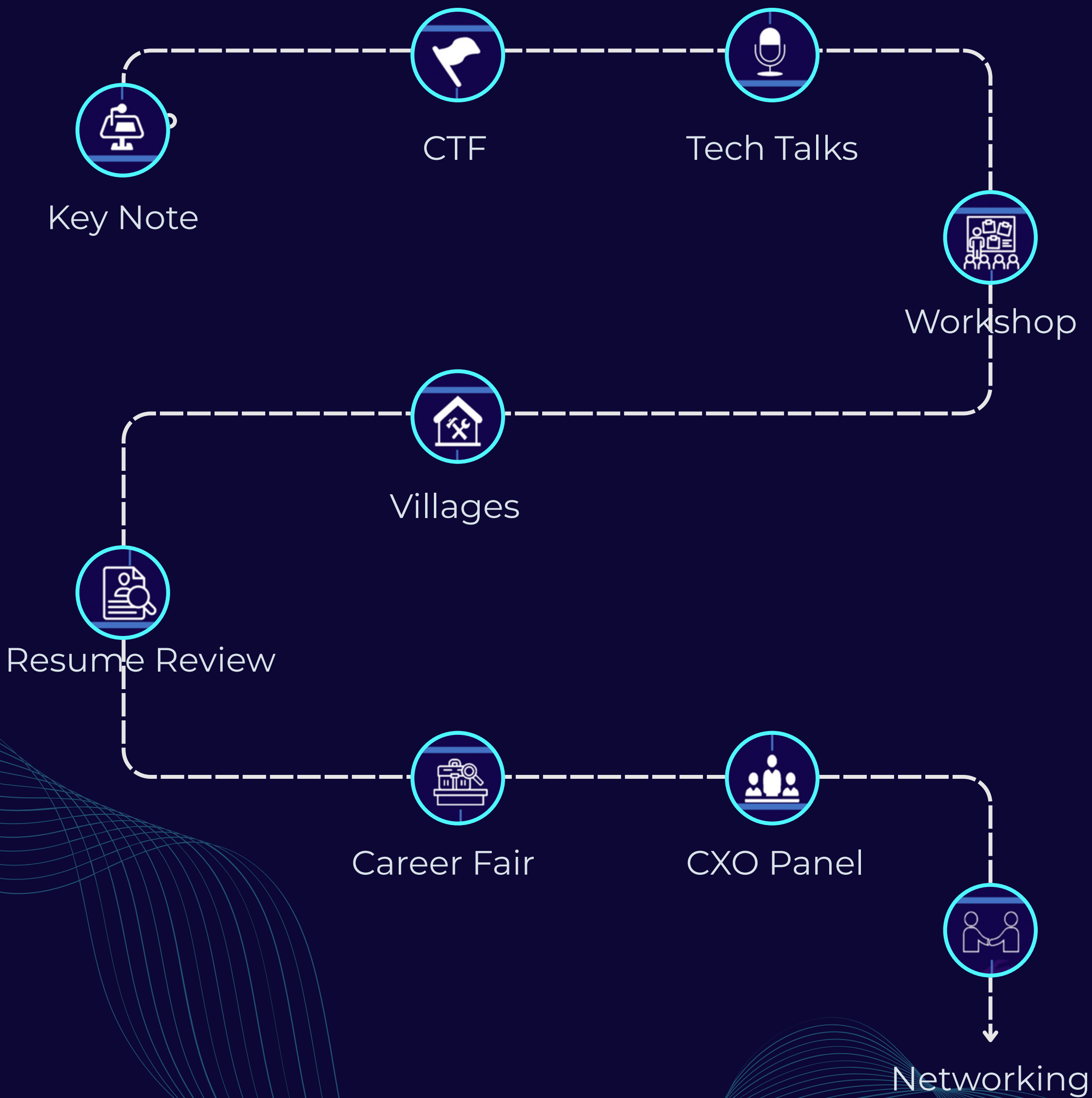
TECHNICAL TRACK

D A Y 1

9:00 - 9:30
Opening Ceremony
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9:30 - 10:30
Offline CTF commences
|
9:30 - 1:30
Tech Talks
|
9:30 - 1:30
Hacking Villages
|
9:30 - 1:30
Tech workshops
BREAK
2:30 - 5:00
Hacking Villages
|
2:30 - 5:00
Tech workshops
|
2:30 - 5:00
Tech Talks
|
3:30 - 5:00
|
Resume Review/Career Fair

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TECHNICAL TRACK

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Opening Ceremony
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Resume Review/Career Fair

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BUSINESS TRACK

Tech Panels

Live Bug Hunting

Key Note

Exclusive
Networking lounge

CXO Panel

Talent &
Leadership

Best Startup
Pitch Award

Networking

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BUSINESS TRACK

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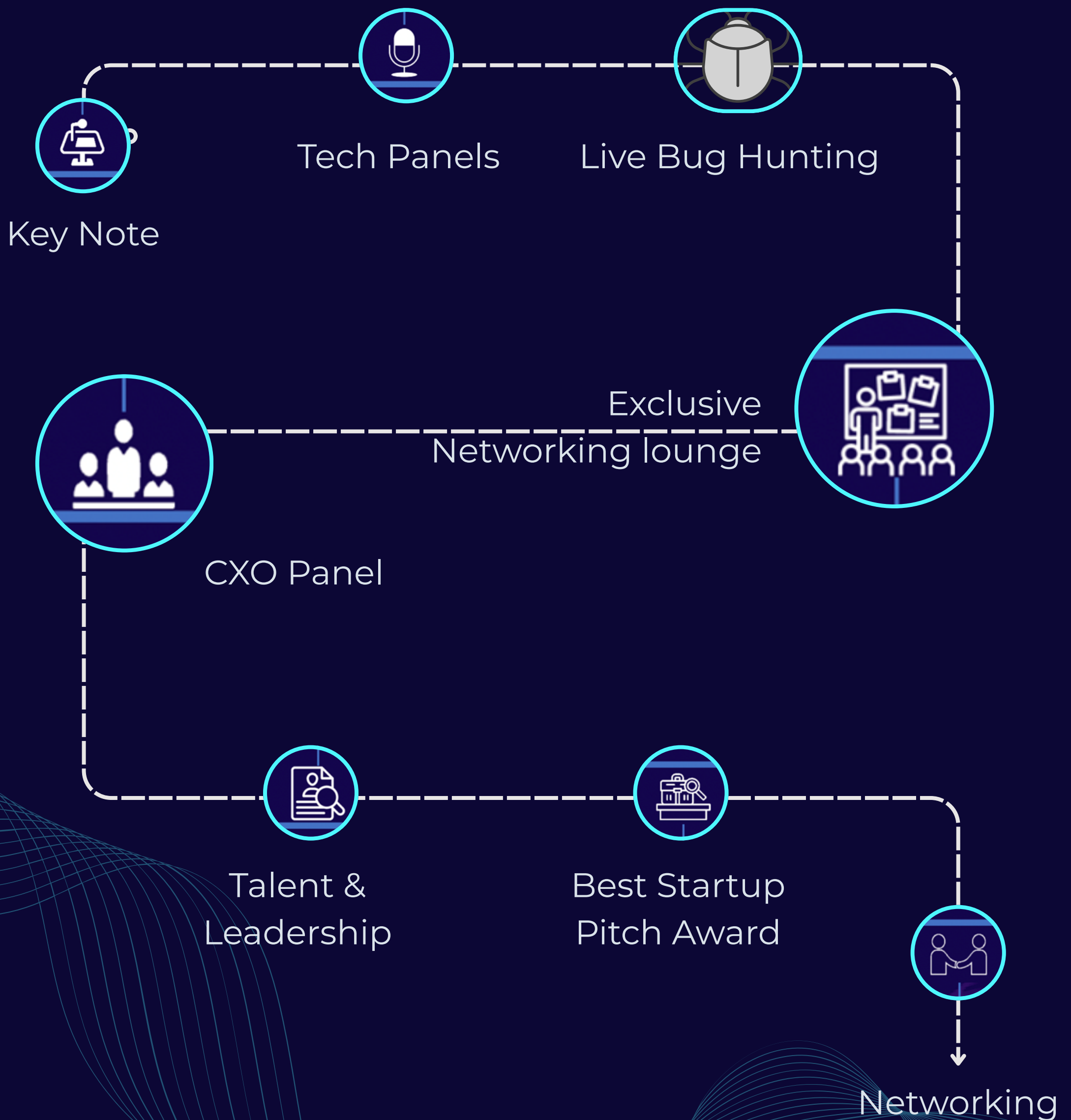
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Keynote
(Main Hall)

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Product and Service Exhibition
(Exhibition Area)

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Business Networking
(Exhibition Area)

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Hiring Pod
(Exhibition Area)

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BUSINESS TRACK

DAY 2

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Keynote by Kevin Cardwell
|
10:00 AM - 6 PM
Product and Service Exhibition
|
10:00 - 6:00
Business Networking
|
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM
CXO Panel 1
|
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
CXO Panel 2
|
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
CXO Panel 1
|
4:00 PM - 6 PM
Exclusive Business Lounge
|
3:00 PM - 5 PM
Hiring Pod
|
7:00 PM Onwards
Networking Party

WORKSHOP & VILLAGE

Car Hacking
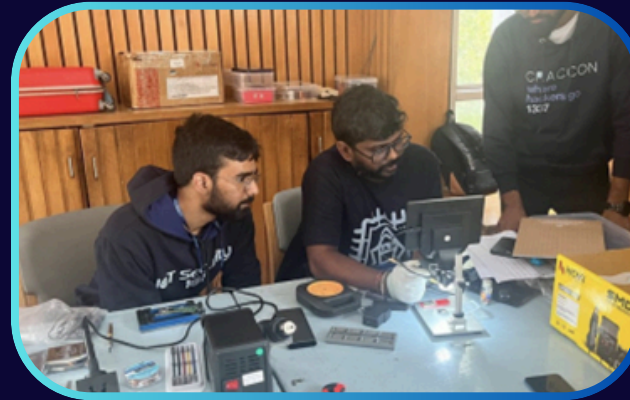
Hardware/IOT Hacking

Drone Hacking

AI Security

Cloud Security

Blockchain Security
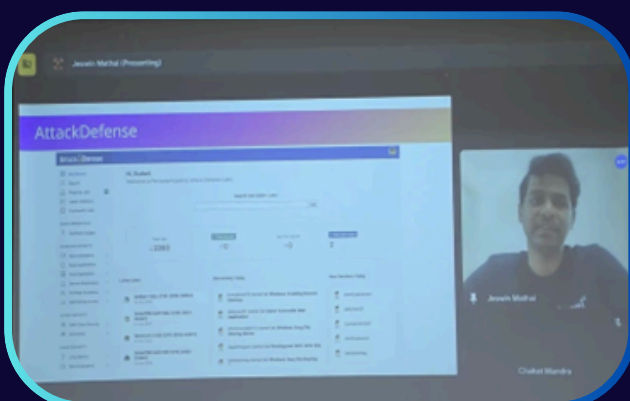
Malware Analysis

Mobile Hacking

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LIVE BUG HUNTING

Real world application hacking

Cash prizes and recognition

Exclusive free goodies and swag

Hands-on industry exposure

CXO PANEL

Relevant Topics
Latest Industry Trends
Inspiring career paths
Real-world insights
Innovative Ideas

Mixed Panel
Industry experts
Government Officials
Diverse background
CXOS

Highlights
Q&A Session
Student centric
Networking opportunity
Recorded session

CTF/STF COMPETITION

Raid (CTF & STF)
We will build and host specialised competitions for companies with features like leaderboard, live metrics, and performance graphs to asses talent on our platform.

Real world simulations
It is a state-of-the-art dynamic platform to mimic the environment exactly as it is and simulate cyber attacks according to implementation in different industries

Gamification
With every challenge they solve, students win points. They challenge each other, earn skills, rank against each other, and winner will get free goodies and prizes.

Team Play
To make the competition more challenging and exciting students can create a team and solve challenges together on our platform.

HACKEXPO'24

Academics
Dr. Praveen Kumar Khosla
Pro Vice Chancellor, Chitkara University
CyberCrime Panel Discussion

IT Leader
Upkar Singh
IT Leader | Digital Strategist | DevOps Leader | Business Digital Thinker | 2x TEDx Speaker
CyberCrime Panel Discussion

GPAI and AI expert
Maya Sherman
Innovation Attaché, IFS | AI Policy Researcher & Ethicist
CyberCrime Panel Discussion

DFIR expert
Nir Halfon
Founder and CEO, IONSEC
Cybersecurity, Incident Response Talk

IoT & Hardware Security
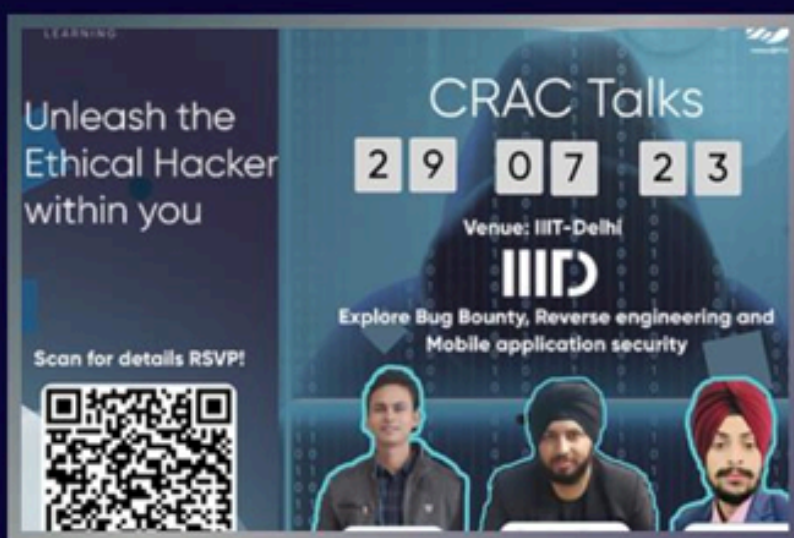**Chen Mor Yosef**
Senior Security Developer
Israeli Unicorn Island

Security Researcher
Phaneedra Bharadwaj
IoT security Expert
CyberCrime Panel Discussion

Incident Response & Threat Hunting
Eitan Platok
CTO and Co-Founder, IONsec
DFIR expert

MEET OUR TEAM

Phaneendra B.
15+ yrs in Industry | IoT Security Expert
Executive - Tech

Sahil Sharma
15+ yrs in industry |
Security at BT Group | SPJIMR

Kritika Gaur
SOC analyst at Genepact, (CEH, CHFI)

Bhavya Jain
Security Engineer, Zomato

Jalaj Bhaskar
SOC Analyst, Birlasoft

Nanak Singh Khurana
Bug Bounty researcher; Prescient Security

Ritvik Arya
Security researcher, Amazon

Dhruv Dholakia
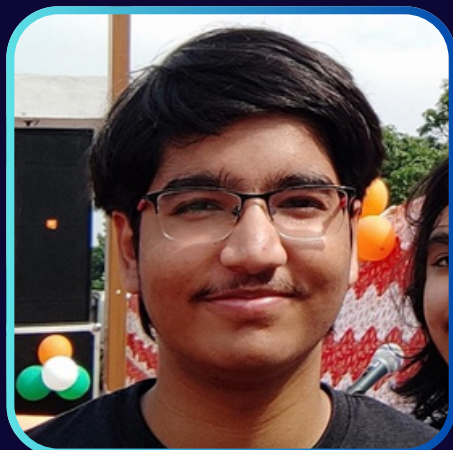KPMG, Kefi Events

Kartikey Jain
Red team, Prescient Security

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VULNCON

PyDelhi conf

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Frontline Of Your Business

StartupNews.fyi

The Hackers Meetup
Let's Talk About Hacking

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HAPPY CLIENTS

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UNIVERSITY

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SHARDA
UNIVERSITY

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