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### **Protecting the House: Evolving from Exposure to Excellence in Application Security**

Application Security is the most misunderstood and underserved area in security, and it challenges every agency, CIO, and security team. Within state and local government, the perceived complexity and intractability of the problem space, combined with a changing set of vendors and leaders, leaves it delegated, deprioritized, or simply ignored. Whether you're in the process of designing and building your own software or are trying to get clarity on the security of your vendor-supplied applications, this presentation will guide you through a proactive and practical approach to make Application Security excellence easier to envision, evangelize, and execute.

### **Biography**

Jack Danahy leads Product Strategy and Engineering at pioneering security service provider NuHarbor Security. He is a thirty-year veteran in the effort to improve cybersecurity worldwide, founding three successful security companies that were later acquired by Watchguard Technologies, IBM, and Alert Logic, respectively. In multiple executive security roles, he has driven innovation, receiving 12 patents in the space. At NuHarbor, he is leveraging the company's strengths across multiple security disciplines to deliver on the NuHarbor mission of making strong cybersecurity easier through integrated data gathering, analytics, and reporting. Jack has been a frequent speaker and writer on security topics since the early 1990's, and has been featured by Forbes, Fortune, the NYTimes, CNNfN, Bloomberg, and others. You can find him opining on security topics with NuHarbor CEO Justin Fimlaid during their Top 100 podcast, "PWNEED".