

## AUTHOR AND INDUSTRY VETERAN ERIK PACE BIRKHOLZ TO JOIN ISEC PARTNERS, INC.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., March 13 -- iSEC Partners, Inc., a proven full-service security consulting firm, announced today that they have hired seasoned industry leader and renowned author, Erik Pace Birkholz, CISSP. He is the author of the best-selling book, *SPECIAL OPS: Host and Network Security for Microsoft, UNIX and Oracle*, and a contributing author of five international best-selling books for Osborne/McGraw-Hill including *SQL Server Security*, *Hacking Windows 2000 Exposed* and *Hacking Exposed: Network Security Secrets and Solutions*.

Birkholz has been an information security professional since 1995, having worked for KPMG and Ernst & Young as part of their national attack and penetration teams, the West Coast security assessment lead for Internet Security Systems (ISS), at Foundstone as one of their charter members in the professional services division, and as the founder of Special Ops Security. Most recently, Birkholz was a Senior Product Security Advisor for Dell where he drove the SDL (Secure Development Lifecycle) -- a consistent and pervasive process that helps to reduce the number and severity of vulnerabilities in Dell products.

"We are very excited to welcome Erik to iSEC Partners. Erik has helped world class organizations evaluate their software development processes and create more secure products. This is where we excel and we're enthusiastic about adding another member to our team who can help our clients improve their processes." --Joel Wallenstrom, President, iSEC Partners, Inc.

Birkholz is an award-winning speaker who has presented to audiences worldwide, including NATO, the Pentagon, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Security Agency (NSA), and most branches of the Department of Defense. Additionally, Erik regularly presents at the Black Hat Briefings, RSA Conference, SANS Institute, Institute for Applied Network Security, ISSA, ISACA, and the Microsoft Global Briefings.

"I'm very enthusiastic to join iSEC Partners. It's an opportunity to leverage the relationships I have cultured over my 13 years in the industry to expand iSEC's partnership with Fortune 500 clients who understand the challenges associated with developing world class solutions. ---Erik Pace Birkholz, Worldwide Sales, iSEC Partners, Inc.

About iSEC Partners, Inc. ([www.isecpartners.com](http://www.isecpartners.com))

iSEC Partners is a full-service security consulting firm that provides penetration testing, secure systems development, security education and software design verification. iSEC Partners' security assessments leverage our extensive knowledge of current security vulnerabilities, penetration techniques and software development best practices to enable customers to secure their applications against ever-present threats on the Internet. Primary emphasis is placed upon helping software developers build safe, reliable code. Areas of research interest include application attack and defense, web services, operating system security, privacy, storage network security and malicious application analysis.

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