



## Ben Derr | Group Lead, & Senior Consultant

### ■ Profile

Ben Derr is Group Lead for the Application and Platform Security team, and a Senior Consultant at Certified Security Solutions, Inc. (CSS). As the team lead for Application and Platform Security, Ben is responsible for engagement oversight and day-to-day management of project delivery.

Ben's team specializes in the following areas: *Information Protection* [Vista—Bitlocker, Microsoft Rights Management Services (RMS), and general data privacy]; *Directory Services* [Microsoft Active Directory (AD), Novell, and Unix]; *Systems Management Services* [including, Microsoft Systems Management Services (SMS), System Center Operation Manager (SCOM), and System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM)]. In addition, Ben's team is well-versed in cross platform software authentication systems, such as Centrify, and Quest's Vintella product lines.

As Senior Consultant, Ben is a subject matter expert in systems and operations management, with a specific focus in Microsoft's SMS, SCCM, and SCOM product lines. Ben was also instrumental in designing and executing CSS' Active Directory Security Assessment Solution Pack, which enables our clients to proactively provide a defense-in-depth approach to their Active Directory implementations.

Ben brings over 13 years of experience in the IT field to CSS. Prior to joining CSS, Ben was on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, specializing in enterprise systems management and secure telecommunications for the Air Force. He was a key player in drafting the NSA's SMS 2003 Security Technical Implementation Guide, and moving the Air Force to formally adopt SMS 2003 as the mandated systems management tool across the entire service, encompassing over 1 million devices on both unclassified and classified networks.

### Personal Highlights

- ▶ Ben serves as Staff Sergeant in the Air Force National Guard (reservist).
- ▶ Committed to continual learning, he is currently completing his MBA program.
- ▶ Excited to be a father, Ben is expecting his first child in September 2007.

### Articles & Case Studies

- ▶ Leveraging Security in Microsoft Active Directory
- ▶ HCR Manor Care Case Study in Deploying Microsoft SMS

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