



Joe Kovara | Chief Technology Officer & Principal Consultant

■ Profile

Joe Kovara oversees and directs the technology pursuits of Certified Security Solutions, Inc. (CSS). In this role, Joe is responsible for establishing the core technical foundation of the company. He sets the strategy, and ensures that the organization is competent and prepared to meet present and future requirements of our most forward thinking clients. Joe is adamant about ensuring that CSS solutions are practical and leverage our clients' existing technology investments.

Joe has fostered numerous advances in security concepts and established a systemic approach to capturing and building Intellectual Property (IP) that creates a competitive advantage for our clients. One of Joe's most significant accomplishments is establishing security as a dimension of quality. This concept was developed in concert with NTT Communications based in Tokyo, Japan. The term Security Kaizen was coined to capture the view of managing security through a continuous improvement process, leveraging TQM & Six Sigma disciplines.

Joe has 35 years of experience in the security and IT industries with extensive expertise in all aspects of information security, operating systems, and networks. Joe holds patents on self-configuring computer systems and networks. Prior to joining CSS in 2001, Joe was CTO of CyberSafe Corporation. Joe was a key contributor to CyberSafe's growth, bringing several enterprise-security products to market and deploying them in mission-critical Fortune 100 environments. Prior to CyberSafe, Joe was a Principal with the security-consulting firm of Kaplan, Kovara & Associates. Joe began his career developing software and mission planning for the Pioneer 10/11 Asteroid-Jupiter mission.

Personal Highlights

- ▶ Joe has traveled extensively, and enjoys it tremendously. He especially enjoys the opportunity to try new and different cuisines.
- ▶ His other appetite is reading, and he is a foreign and political affairs analysis and news junkie, with SF as the occasional guilty pleasure.

Publications

- ▶ *Implementing Kerberos for Distributed Systems*, in *Information Security Handbook*, Auerbach Publications
- ▶ *Security Kaizen*, in *.com Security Master*, NTT Communications Publications

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