



## **Catbird CTO to Deliver Keynote Address at SANS Virtualization Security Summit**

*Catbird to Co-Sponsor First-Ever SANS White Paper on Virtualization Security; Webcast*

**SCOTTS VALLEY, CA – (August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009)** – [Catbird](#), the pioneering leader in cutting-edge [security](#) and compliance solutions for virtual and cloud networks, announced today that chief technology officer Michael Berman, CISSP, will serve as a the keynote speaker during the highly-respected [SANS Institute's "What Works in Virtualization and Cloud Computing Security Summit"](#) at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, August 17 at the Fairmont Washington, D.C. hotel.

Berman, a recognized expert and popular speaker on secure computing in virtualized and cloud environments, will discuss some of the most pressing issues around preserving regulatory compliance when moving to virtualized infrastructure, and provide insight on new technologies that are evolving to help businesses overcome these issues. Berman's "how to" address will dissect in detail the core requirements of IT compliance regulations, including HIPAA, SOX, GLBA and PCI among others, and reveal where virtualized compliance and security tools must be utilized. Berman will highlight new solutions that can deliver a level of security and compliance on the virtual platform that surpasses physical security.

"Until recently, advances in virtualization technology have far surpassed the industry's ability to keep up with the security and compliance implications of this new paradigm, leaving many in the IT business scrambling to build their own specifications and permitting the auditors to easily discover gaps," Berman said. "Fortunately, new advances on the security and compliance front are making it possible for enterprises to take a proactive approach to achieving a more reliable security posture, even in heterogeneous environments."

### Whitepaper Provides Tips on Avoiding Virtualization Mistakes

As part of the Summit, Catbird and McAfee have sponsored the first-ever SANS white paper on virtualization security, which will be available at the conference. The paper, "[Top Ten Virtualization Mistakes and How to Avoid Them](#)," will be presented in a webcast at 1 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, August 18. The webcast will feature Berman; Jim Hietala, senior SANS analyst and principal at Compliance Research Group; and Lee Legnon, senior solutions architect in the Global Strategic Alliances Group at McAfee.

The complimentary webcast will describe critical failures in virtualization deployments and the impact these can have on security and compliance across the stack. Panelists will provide recommendations and best practices that can help avoid security mistakes in these environments to preserve security, compliance and data asset protection. To register for the webcast, visit <https://www.sans.org/webcasts/show.php?webcastid=92624>.

The SANS Institute is the largest and most trusted cooperative research and education organization for

information security training, certification, and research. The Summit, which runs August 17-18, brings together industry leaders to help enterprises realize the enormous benefits of virtualization while addressing the new security challenges created by this new environment. With sessions focused on general virtualization, application virtualization, desktop virtualization and enterprise infrastructure virtualization, the Summit is designed to help virtualization security managers, consultants and resellers broaden their understanding of virtualization security issues and how best to address them in specific applications.

For more information about the SANS Summit, visit [http://www.sans.org/virtualization09\\_summit/](http://www.sans.org/virtualization09_summit/).

**About Catbird**

*Catbird is the industry leader in comprehensive security and compliance for virtualized, cloud and physical environments, and winner of the 2007 VARBusiness Technology Innovator Award for Virtualization, the Windows IT Pro Best of Tech-Ed 2008 IT Pro Editors Choice Award for Security and a Best of Show Finalist at VMworld 2008. Via Catbird V-Security and the "Catbird" virtual appliance, Catbird is the only company delivering best-practice security for Hypervisor, Guest VMs and Policy/Regulatory Security Compliance. As companies migrate mainstream servers and desktops to virtual environments, uncertainty over security and compliance can impact deployment plans. Catbird's protection eliminates these worries and keeps virtualization plans on track. Founded in 2000 by Internet pioneer Ron Lachman, the company's in-the-cloud architecture protects thousands of customer systems and networks who rely on Catbird and its partners to protect their valuable IT assets from external and internal threats. The private company is based in Silicon Valley, and is currently recruiting new partners and resellers.*

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