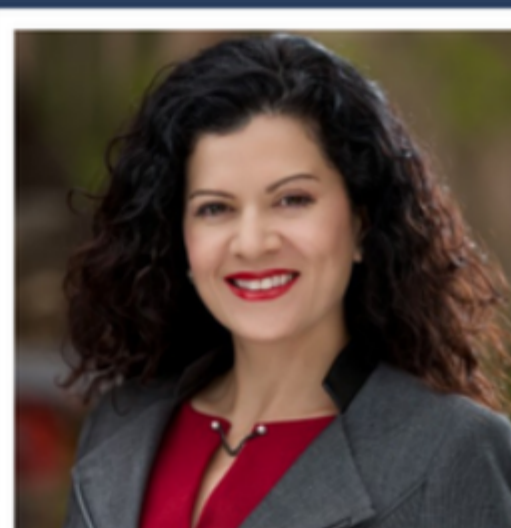


THOUGHT LEADERSHIP FROM THE EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN ALLIANCE



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[Xochitl Monteon](#) has over 25 years of experience in cybersecurity and risk management across multiple industries and is currently the Vice President of Software and Advance Technologies and the Chief Privacy Offer (CPO) at Intel.

Today she shares insights on **the human element in cybersecurity**:

“Cybersecurity is not only about technology, but more importantly, it’s about human behavior. Phishing, for example, continues to be the most successful attack technique because people click—it’s human nature.

“Cybersecurity professionals come from all walks of life. You can come from an engineering background or social sciences. Individuals who have started in sociology and psychology, and then couple that with a technology component, make amazing cybersecurity professionals.

“Although we are post-pandemic, many of us continue to work from home, either permanently or in a hybrid structure. For companies, this situation makes maintaining both employees’ privacy and a strong security posture more challenging.

“In addition to cybersecurity technology, creating a human perimeter is critical. Ensure you have an educated workforce who serves as a force multiplier for cybersecurity and privacy. Focus not only on the training component, but also on the integration into operational processes. Privacy and security are inseparable; connect them into your corporate DNA. A best practice is having a robust security development life cycle as well as privacy by design.”

As Xochitl (pronounced Soh-Chee) illuminates for us, we cannot depend solely on our IT department to defend against cyber-attacks. It’s up to each of us.

Until next time,

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