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Alliance Training Collective to create a certification for Red Team Testing. He is one of the founders of the Security BSides conferences; he's been a keynote, speaker, and/or trainer at more than fifty InfoSec conferences worldwide, including DEFCON, CyberWeek, and BlackHat. He's a member and certification holder with ISACA, on the board of CREST, and holds CISSP, CISA, BS7799, and NSA IAM certifications. His upcoming book, Red Team Testing, is being published by Elsevier/Syngress. And despite all that, he is perhaps best known for his appearance on the TV show Tiger Team on TruTV, and his TED Talk, Hackers are all about curiosity, and security is just a feeling.