



To be held at 17:00 on **Wednesday 21 March 2007** at the offices of:  
**KPMG, 2 Cornwall Street, Birmingham B3 2DL** (See website for map)

## ***The need for effective security vulnerability management***

**Guest speaker:** **Neil Ward, BSc**  
*Senior Manager, KPMG*

Attacks on computer networks are changing and evolving, exploiting flaws in some of the very software programs designed to keep data secure. This change reflects the dynamic nature of the evolving threat landscape and the vulnerabilities that attackers target. Most organisations are unaware of how vulnerable their systems and data are to unauthorised access.

- How new and unexpected vulnerabilities are being exploited
- Examination of the source of threats
- Why vulnerabilities continue to be a problem
- The solutions and resources available to reduce or mitigate the level of risk.

### **Neil Ward**

With over 15 years security and networking experience, Neil is a Senior Manager in KPMG's IT Advisory group and is responsible for KPMG's Information Security Services delivered in the Midlands.

Prior to joining KPMG, Neil was the Network Manager for a major FTSE 100 company. He has undertaken security and network related work for a variety of private and public sector organisations. With comprehensive support, design and management experience of security and networking technologies, Neil is certified on a number of leading products and technologies.

Neil was responsible for the development of a number of IT security work programmes and methodologies which have been successfully used internationally by KPMG member-firms to provide quality IT security advice to clients.

Neil is a CESG listed Advisor Scheme (CLAS) consultant and a Certified CISCO security specialised (CSS-1).

**The CISA/CISM CPE credit for this meeting will be 1 hour.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

17.00 Coffee

17.30 Guest Speaker.

18:45 Refreshments and informal networking.

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