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Jeff Schmidt is the founder and CEO of JAS Communications LLC, a professional services firm delivering risk management, technology, and governance solutions to a wide range of commercial and government clients. With a unique blend of technical expertise and business savvy, Jeff has consistently shown results architecting and delivering products and services. A proven entrepreneur, Jeff founded Secure Interiors (SI), an early entrant into the managed Internet security space, and managed the business to acquisition in 2003. Jeff also assisted in the re-launch of Kleiner Perkins backed ENDFORCE (formerly SmartPipes) by managing their flagship product offering to initial revenue generation. ENDFORCE was subsequently acquired by Sophos.

Previously, Jeff founded Authis, a provider of innovative risk-managed identity services for the financial vertical, and was the CIO of The Ohio State University's second largest business unit. In this capacity, he directed the technology planning, budgeting, implementation, and operations for a \$65MM department. He also spent time at The Microsoft Corporation where he spearheaded Microsoft's first internal malicious testing of Windows 2000.

Jeff is a founder and elected Director of the InfraGard National Members Alliance, the private sector component of the FBI's InfraGard Program (InfraGard is an FBI/private sector alliance dedicated to improving and extending information sharing between private industry and the government on matters of national security). Jeff helped the FBI create the InfraGard Program in 1998 and has received commendations from the Attorney General, the Director of the FBI, and the National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC – now a part of the Department of Homeland Security).

On topics of computer security, Jeff is frequently interviewed and cited by numerous national publications and news outlets. He has authored several scholarly papers and has testified before state legislative bodies and the United States Congress.

Jeff authored *The Microsoft Windows 2000 Security Handbook*, published by Que in four languages, and contributed to *Using Windows NT 4.0*, and *Teach Yourself Linux in 10 Minutes*, also published by Que. He received a BS CIS from The Ohio State University and an MBA *Magna Cum Laude* from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.