

SUMMARY

Brad MacKenzie is the Chief Executive Officer of Clear Skies Security, a professional security services company specializing in IT security assessments. Prior to starting up Clear Skies Security, Brad worked for over 9 years with Internet Security Systems (ISS).

While at ISS Brad was an instrumental leader within the consulting organization helping to establish it as a market leader in the assessment arena. Starting in 1999 as a Senior Security Consultant, Brad identified the need for a specialized team focusing solely on Penetration Testing. Brad was asked to develop the first team located out of the southeast, US, which quickly expanded to the entire eastern seaboard. The continued success of the team drove adoption of the team through the entire US national practice. As the success of the team grew, Brad was asked to develop additional services and the portfolio quickly expanded to deliver other advanced offerings like Application Assessments, Code Reviews, and Voice Over IP (VoIP) Assessments. The Penetration Test team soon became the flagship of the ISS consulting organization, and building on that success in the US, Brad was then chartered to build out the team globally. Through the years at ISS, Brad’s vision took the team from inception to a multi-million dollar global leader in the assessment space.

Although Brad started in the IT field in the late 1980s, his formal entrance to the security space was in 1993 when he started post-graduate studies in Computer Security. His initial focus was on Firewall technology and secure architectures, as well as link security and authentication using emerging PKI. Brad worked and studied in the Information Security Research Center (now called the ISI) at the Queensland University of Technology. In this role he was a lead consultant for many security related projects with clients such as banks, governments, and large businesses, as well as the manager of the Secure Networks Laboratory and teaching advanced Data Communications subjects. Brad then worked for a military contractor working on the Australian Army Command and Control System. Brad’s primary function was Integration Engineer for the Communications and Security subsystems. Brad also worked many years as a Senior UNIX Administrator, team lead, and security architect in both Australia and the USA.

SPECIALITY SKILLS	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Penetration Testing ❖ Web Application Assessments ❖ Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) ❖ Project and Financial Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Master of Information Technology Queensland University of Technology, Australia ❖ Graduate Diploma of Computer Science (with Distinction) Queensland University of Technology, Australia ❖ Bachelor of Science Griffith University, Australia