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# A SANS 2021 Report Making Visibility Definable and Measurable

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Cybersecurity professionals consistently place visibility at the top of their recognized needs list. But the definition of “security visibility” covers a wide range, often lacking measurable elements that can help predict risk reduction if visibility is improved.

This report will capture insights from major stakeholder roles, such as SOC managers, IR team members, network security administrators, and CISOs or others in the C-suite. SANS instructors in red/blue/purple team areas will be queried for their inputs and experiences around best practices in defining and achieving business-relevant levels of security visibility. The analysis and report will provide a definition of visibility from both qualitative and quantitative perspectives.

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