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Data Management

Security, resilience and application in the face of growing threats

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Data has quickly become both the most valuable and most vulnerable asset in today's digital economy. Organisations are increasingly reliant on the data they have collected, and are susceptible to the impacts of data theft, data manipulation, and data poisoning. Our rapid adoption of AI, including the data-hungry LLMs underpinning the generative phase, further underscores the criticality of data integrity.

Data management is not solely about resilience and security; it is also about application. Our ability to exploit data effectively defines success or failure. We hold data closely as a competitive enabler, but the greater challenge lies in enabling data sharing to improve our capacity for self-defence.

Cybersecurity is often described as a team effort, yet true collaboration requires the courage to share and the innovative processes to support it. Therefore, at this event, we will focus not only on protecting our data reserves, but also on how we can utilise them to benefit the common good. Failure to do so could have a detrimental effect on our future prosperity.

All SASIG events operate under the Chatham House Rule, and there is no charge to attend. Our hosts will kindly provide lunch and refreshments.

Tuesday 13 January 2026

9.30am to 3.30pm

London

Chair

Professor Andrew Clark
Content Advisor, The SASIG

9.30am **Registration, coffee, and networking**

10am **Welcome and introductions**

Professor Andrew Clark Content Advisor, The SASIG

Mark Pierson Head of Group Business Continuity, Incident Management & Physical Security, Nationwide

10.10am **Keynote presentation: Do people really understand data?**

Mark Pierson Head of Group Business Continuity, Incident Management & Physical Security, Nationwide

Data is everywhere—powering decisions, shaping strategies, and influencing the way we live and work. But true understanding goes far beyond collecting numbers. Without context, quality, and interpretation, data can mislead as easily as it can inform. I will try to uncover why data literacy is not just a technical skill but a critical capability: the ability to question assumptions, apply ethical judgment, and turn raw figures into meaningful insights that drive smarter decisions, and how we learn from other critical industries.

10.30am **Panel Session: Learning from other professions**

Facilitated by **Oz Alashe MBE** CEO, Cybsafe

Mark Pierson Head of Group Business Continuity, Incident Management & Physical Security, Nationwide

Paul Fyfe Executive Board Member and Senior Director of Regulation, Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Jon Parker CEO & Chief Capability Designer, Flyby Technology

Al Pease, Nominated Person Ground Operations, TUI Airways

How well do users really understand the value and importance of the data they manage every day? How can we encourage them to handle it more carefully? What lessons can we take from other professions such as transport, aviation and medicine. What is the “just culture” and how could we ensure its wider adoption in cybersecurity? Is regulation the answer – could/should we test users on their IT safety, where has something similar worked and how?

11.30am **Tea, coffee, and networking break**

12noon **Priorities for 2026: What trends should we expect to see?**

Florian Pouchet Head of Cybersecurity and Operational Resilience UK, Wavestone

As organizations race to unlock the full potential of AI, data management is undergoing a radical transformation. In 2026, the focus shifts from simply storing and securing data to actively enabling intelligent, real-time, and AI-ready ecosystems.

Following our previous discussion on the Top 30 for 2030 (at the Financial Services SASIG), join Florian again as he presents the top priorities you should consider for the coming year, along with emerging topics to keep an eye on.

12.30pm **“We weren’t ready” – a story about loss, legacy, and the cost of putting it off**
James Dyson Founder, SecureVault.life

We spend our careers protecting data, but rarely think about what happens to it when we’re gone. The reality of modern loss isn’t just emotional; it’s digital. From cloud accounts and crypto wallets to passwords and photo archives, our online lives now outlast us, often leaving families locked out, confused, and overwhelmed. This talk shares a personal story of loss that exposed those gaps, and how it led to building SecureVault.life, a secure, human-centred way to manage digital and practical legacy. It asks: how do we protect not just our systems, but our stories?

1pm **Networking lunch**

1.45pm **Responsible AI meets resilient AI**
Laura Bratu Senior Manager, AI Governance and Security, Lenovo

AI systems increasingly blur the line between development and production, with real-world data and continuous learning creating new security, privacy and resilience challenges. As sensitive data spreads across environments, traditional controls no longer suffice. This session explores how Responsible AI practices (data-centric security, governance and privacy-preserving techniques) can strengthen resilience in AI-driven systems.

2.15pm **Spear Phishing Case Study**
Andy Robinson Police Officer, City of London Police

A behind-the-scenes look into an offender’s criminal activity and the subsequent Police investigation. Whether you have previously undergone cyber security awareness training or are in the search of a fresh perspective, these sessions offer a unique insight into cyber crime and the investigation techniques that are in use today.

3.15pm **Closing Remarks**
Mark Pierson Head of Group Business Continuity, Incident Management & Physical Security, Nationwide

3.30pm **End of meeting**

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SASIG is a subscription-free networking forum, membership now represents thousands of organisations of all sizes from across the world and from all sectors, public and private. Its 11,200+ membership is drawn from CIOs, CISOs and their staff with responsibility for cybersecurity within their organisations. Professionals from other disciplines (risk, HR, legal, supply, etc.) and representatives from government, law enforcement and academia are also being increasingly welcomed at events. The Chatham House Rule is strictly enforced and universally respected at all meetings, and vendors and the Press are routinely excluded. Thus, the level of debate is extraordinarily revealing and rewarding.

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