

4 Maneuvers to Outpace Accumulating Security Debt

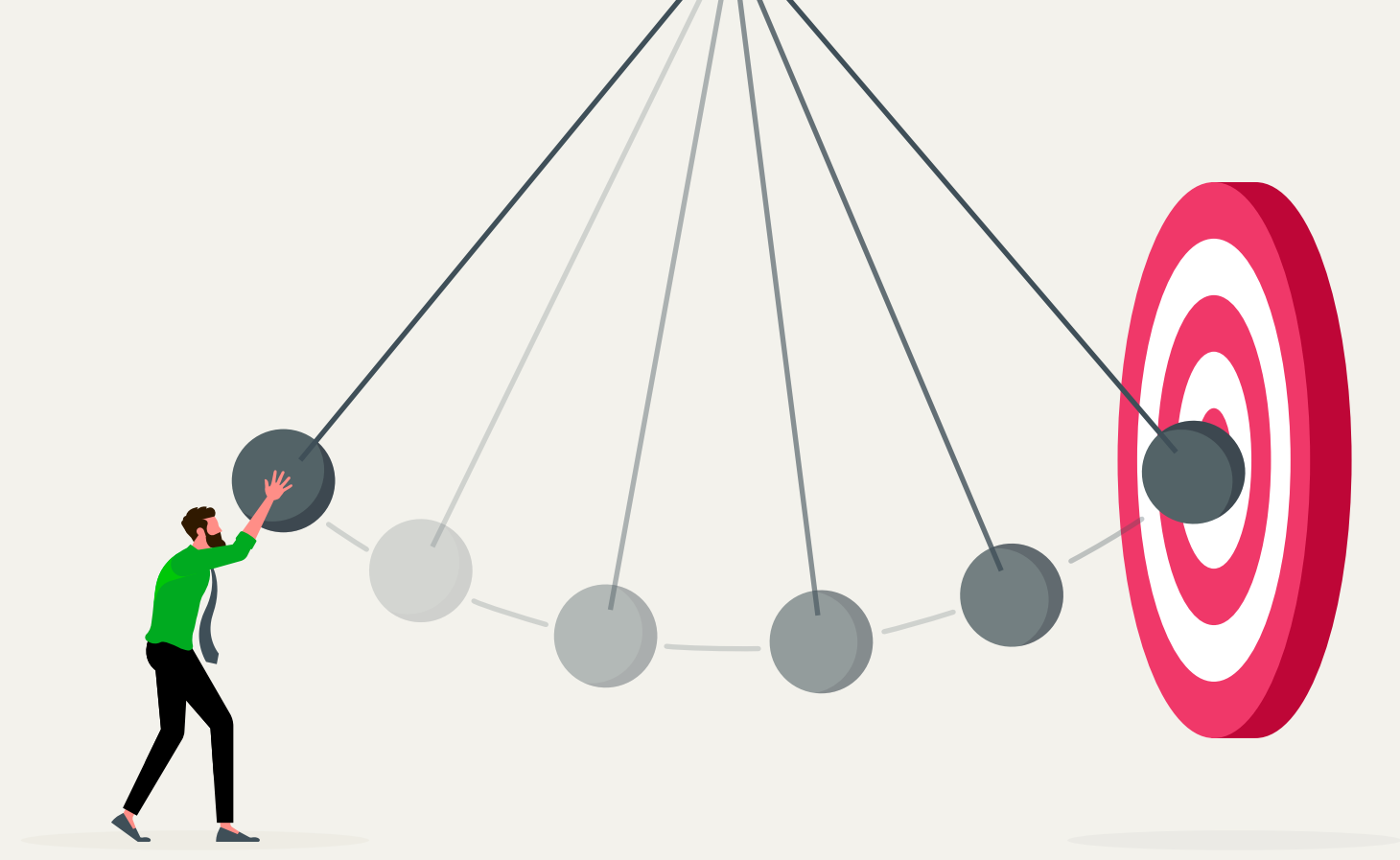


A new report written by CISOs for CISOs explains the harsh reality of accumulating cybersecurity debt:

“Each postponed update, every skipped security review, and all those ‘we’ll fix it later’ decisions aren’t just technical footnotes – they’re unpaid loans against your company’s future. And unlike financial debt, you won’t know the interest rate until it’s too late: when a breach turns that debt into a crisis that demands immediate payment.”

— CISOs Investigate Security Debt

This peer-authored research takes a look at the human element behind security debt and how CISOs can reverse the trends and stop it from accumulating:



1 Cure apathy by eliminating ambiguity

When problems grow too big to tackle, CISOs and their teams lose hope. But when the path forward is clear, the pendulum swings forward toward progress again.

Nagomi reverses apathy at the source by offering a unified, real-time view of risks, priorities, and resources—helping teams take clear, decisive actions that prevent further debt accumulation.

2 Fight “undervalued” with “well understood”

The buck for security debt stops with the CISO. They shoulder the blame when things fall behind, but rarely get the credit for avoiding disaster. Let’s face it: As a CISO, it’s hard to feel truly appreciated when so much of your success is invisible.

CISOs deserve recognition—and now, they can prove it. Nagomi gives CISOs the tools to track, measure, and report undeniable progress, showing both the board and the team how security investments pay off.



“Cybersecurity debt accumulates because organizations lack clear direction and a way to articulate risk to business leaders.”

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3 Go from “reactive” to “responsive”

Everything revolves around time. And in security, the longer you take to react to threats, the more problems stack up.

Nagomi empowers defenders with real-time data to prioritize and resolve threats quickly. By reducing recovery times, CISOs can free up resources and start paying down debt.

4 Go from spectator to strategic leader: Get a seat at the table

Security leaders shouldn’t just be watching from the sidelines.

Nagomi translates complex security data into board-level insights, giving CISOs the visibility and influence they need to shape strategy. With the right seat at the table, CISOs can address the root causes of security debt—and fix them.



“We see CISO satisfaction positively correlated with access and influence at the board level. CISOs with a strong rapport with their boards feel more valued and, generally, report they are ‘heard,’ even when there are disagreements on budgeting.”

— Steve Martano, IANS Research

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