

# Implementing AI and Shoring Up Cybersecurity in 2025

## We asked 1000 US Technology Leaders

How are they preparing for the future?



### OPERATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Adapting to the rise of AI.



### CYBERSECURITY

Proactively addressing growing risks.



### FUTURE INVESTMENTS

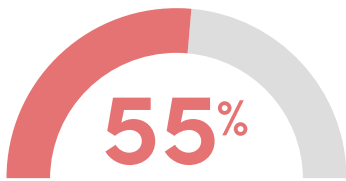
Hiring and technology budgets.



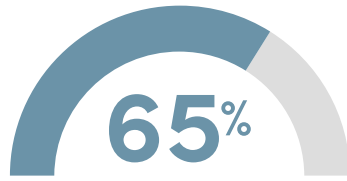
### EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

Managing rising interest rates, talent shortages, and skill gaps.

## AI is a Top Priority



of IT leaders plan to **invest in AI** within the next two years



of respondents ranked their **AI maturity** as **operational or better**

## Skill Gaps Create Barriers

Cybersecurity **29%** Network Security **28%**

are the **top two skill gaps**, surpassing:

- 21%** Cloud computing & digital transformation
- 19%** New technology procurement
- 9%** Legacy system migration ranks lowest

### Biggest Skill Gap by COMPANY SIZE



**28%** cite security skills as a major challenge.

LARGE ORGANIZATIONS



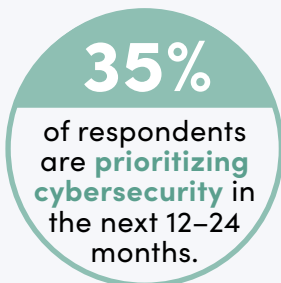
Only **18%** report the same.

SMALL ORGANIZATIONS

## Cybersecurity: The Constant Concern

### WHY NOW?

**2025 PROJECTION:** Cybercrime could cost businesses **10.5 TRILLION** globally source



of respondents are **prioritizing cybersecurity** in the next 12–24 months.



**Security concerns** are a **top roadblock** for

**48%** of organizations

## The Bottom Line

“If you want to stay competitive, you have to **focus on AI**.”

If you want to stay in business, you have to make **cybersecurity a priority.**”