

Michael Coates

Former CISO at Twitter and Former Head of Security at Mozilla

Michael Coates has worked in the information security space for the past 20 years, leading security at global organizations, such as Twitter and Mozilla, and protecting hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Coates is currently the CISO of CoinList and the CEO of the sub-entity CoinList Digital Asset Services, a leading exchange platform that is disrupting the Web 3.0 and cryptocurrency digital asset offerings. He is also a co-founder of Altitude Networks and served as its CEO before a successful exit following the company's acquisition. Previously, Coates was the Chief Information Security Officer at Twitter. There, his team worked to protect nearly 300 million users, securing both Twitter systems and user data. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Coates draws on his experience securing some of the world's most complex networks to bring to light the threats that exist and provide a roadmap for securing the future of technology.

Before serving as CISO at Twitter, Coates was the Director of Product Security at Shape Security. In this role he worked with a specialized team to drastically change the way organizations defend their applications against modern application attacks. Prior to that, Coates was head of security for Mozilla. There, he built and led the security assurance program to protect nearly half a billion Firefox users, Mozilla web applications, and infrastructure.

Coates has also served on the global board of directors for OWASP, the largest non-profit application organization in the world. Coates was a member of the board for six years, three of those years as the chairman.

Before building and leading security programs, Coates assessed, compromised, and secured applications and networks for some of the largest banks, governments, and enterprises around the world. Coates has served as an advisor to multiple startups and was also honored in 2012 when he was selected as an *SC Magazine* "Influential Security Mind." He continues to promote the advancement of cybersecurity as an angel investor for several innovative cybersecurity companies around the world.