

MSP VS MSSP

MSP:

- A Managed Service Provider (MSP) is a third-party company that is hired to outsource a company's IT services
- Think of an MSP as a Chief Information Officer (CIO) who handles your IT services
- They are responsible for managing customers IT infrastructure
- The goal with an MSP is to improve the operations of a company while reducing the budget by hiring an external service rather than committing resources to manage IT services
- Dangers of relying solely on an MSP:
 - MSPs focus solely on IT services
 - MSPs do not have the security knowledge or expertise to effectively mitigate cyber risk
 - Many MSPs are not familiar with common compliance frameworks

MSSP:

- Similarly, a Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) is an external company that is hired to outsource a company's cybersecurity strategy
- Think of an MSSP as a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) who manages your cybersecurity projects
- An MSSP acts as a cybersecurity partner
- Offers a number of cybersecurity services such as:
 - Cybersecurity Risk Assessments
 - Vulnerability Scanning
 - Penetration Testing
 - 24/7/365 Security Operations Center
 - Managed Detection & Response
 - Compliance Management Services

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