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For Security & Compliance 2023

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The Microsoft First Awards for Security and Compliance 2023 is an exciting competition presented by Softwerx. It recognises individuals and organisations that have most effectively used a 'Microsoft First' approach to streamline and strengthen their information security.

Prizes

The winner will receive a Microsoft Surface Go, an engraved pen, a bottle of bubbly and a trophy.

Finalists will receive a bottle of bubbly, engraved pen and trophy.



Judging panel



Chris Williams
Territory Manager,
Modern Work and Security,
Microsoft



David Terrar
Chief Executive Officer,
Cloud Industry Forum



Peter Messervy-Gross
Chief Information Officer,
Altum Group



Adriaan Bekker
Chief Information Security
Officer,
Softwerx

Entry requirements

- Current customer of Softwerx
- Utilising the Microsoft Security Stack

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Entering is easy



How to enter

- Simply complete the online application using [this link](#).

About a 'Microsoft First' approach

A 'Microsoft First' approach encourages optimal use of the latest Microsoft security stack. This enables you to leverage your existing Microsoft investment, resulting in commercial gains and an improved security posture. By adopting a Microsoft First approach, you will also avoid overspending on unnecessary third-party solutions.

Your entry covers five areas

- 1 Understanding and adoption
- 2 Enhanced security
- 3 User experience
- 4 Commercial gains
- 5 Simplicity

Why you should enter

The overall winner of the Microsoft First Awards for Security and Compliance 2023 will receive: an engraved trophy, a letter of commendation, a bottle of champagne, a personally engraved pen (Microsoft Visionary), a Softwerx Swag Pack – and a Microsoft Surface Go! The winner will also receive a free Security Assessment of their Microsoft environment worth up to £3,000 as well as a digital badge for display.

To apply, simply complete your answers to the application questions by the closing date, which is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

How it works

The Microsoft First Awards are open to Softwerx customers of all sizes and types. The overall winner and finalists will be announced in late 2023. The total upper limit of the word count for your application is 500 words. If you have any questions about the process, please email patrick.leckie@softwerx.com.

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Last year saw some excellent entries and stiff competition. Find out what last year's winners achieved.



Kidney Research UK wins 2022 award

Kidney Research UK are proud winners of the 2022 Microsoft First Awards for Security and Compliance thanks to outstanding work enhancing their security with Microsoft and Softwerx.



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Altum Group receives 2022 finalist accolade

Altum Group are an international financial services firm who transformed their security with a Microsoft First approach. Peter Messervy-Gross is CIO at Altum Group and was named 'Microsoft Visionary' as a finalist of the 2022 Microsoft First Awards for Security and Compliance.

[Read more.](#)



The benefits of our Microsoft First approach extend right across the Group and provide us with an enterprise-class platform to service our clients and make sure that, along with our staff, we are as safe and efficient as possible. I'd like to thank my team, Microsoft and also Softwerx for their design guidance and consultancy."



Peter Messervy-Gross

Chief Information Officer,
Altum Group

*Microsoft Visionary and
Finalist 2022*

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