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of senior IT decision makers believe that their organization has a problematic shortage of cybersecurity skills.

The cybersecurity skills shortage is growing incrementally worse on an annual basis, with no end in sight. CISOs must recognize this reality and factor a lack of adequate resources and/or skills deficiencies into every decision they make. To address the perpetual skills gap, organizations must consider cybersecurity solutions built around product integration, advanced analytics, and automation. CISOs should also consider professional and managed services options for staff augmentation or task outsourcing.

Original survey question:

In which of the following areas do you believe your IT organization currently has a problematic shortage of existing skills?

Survey respondents:

586 senior IT decision makers at midmarket and enterprise organizations in North America and Western Europe.

Source:

ESG Research Report, *2019 Technology Spending Intentions Survey*, February 2019.