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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Yash Kadakia is the Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Security Brigade, which he established in 2006. With two decades of experience in enterprise cybersecurity, he has built security teams, assessment methodologies and technology platforms serving major financial institutions and enterprises. He is also the founder of ShadowMap, an attack surface and threat intelligence platform, and B-52, an agentic penetration testing platform. His work focuses on how AI is transforming cyberattacks, enterprise risk and security testing.

STAGE INTRODUCTION

Yash Kadakia is the Founder and CTO of Security Brigade, which he started at 19 and has led for two decades. He is also the founder of ShadowMap and B-52, an agentic penetration testing platform. His work combines enterprise security experience with AI-driven technology, bringing a practical perspective to how organisations can keep pace with evolving cyber threats.

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EXTENDED BIOGRAPHY

Yash Kadakia is the Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Security Brigade, a cybersecurity firm he established in 2006 at the age of 19. Over two decades, he has built security teams, assessment methodologies and proprietary platforms to help organisations understand their exposure and strengthen their defences.

His experience spans enterprise cybersecurity, application security, penetration testing and red teaming. At Security Brigade, he built the business around detailed, expert-led assessments that examine how systems operate, how controls fail and how individual weaknesses combine into larger attacks.

Alongside the security practice, Yash developed Lemon, the company's internal assessment platform, to capture testing knowledge, enforce workflows and maintain consistent quality as the team grew. That focus on combining expert judgement with technology continues through ShadowMap and B-52.

He founded ShadowMap to help organisations discover their external attack surface and connect threats across exposed infrastructure, leaked credentials, dark-web activity and brand impersonation. He is also the founder of B-52, an agentic penetration testing platform that applies AI to assessment planning, application analysis, exploitation and evidence-based reporting.

His current work spans using AI to conduct security assessments and evaluating the risks introduced by AI applications and autonomous agents. He brings a practitioner's perspective to cybersecurity strategy, emerging threats and their implications for enterprise leadership and oversight.

Yash has spoken at industry forums including the NASSCOM-DSCI Annual Information Security Summit and Nullcon. His commentary and the work of his companies have featured in Financial Times, POLITICO Europe, Forbes India, CIO.com, CSO Online and Network World.

ABOUT SECURITY BRIGADE

Founded in 2006 and CERT-In empanelled since 2008, Security Brigade combines expert security testing with proprietary technology across penetration testing, red teaming, application and cloud security, and security compliance assessments.

The company has worked with ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, the Reserve Bank of India, NPCI, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, Mahindra, Infosys and Etihad Airways. It is the company behind ShadowMap and B-52, with a presence across Mumbai, London, New York and Singapore.