

CYBERSECURITY • FOUNDER • RESEARCHER •
LEADER

Larry "Salty" Orton



Talks that don't put people to sleep. AI on offense, leading technical teams, and the road from uniform to founder.

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Live events and keynotes
Podcasts and interviews
Schools and universities



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Bios

SHORT • 25 WORDS

Larry Orton is a cybersecurity founder, researcher and U.S. Army Master Sergeant. He builds autonomous security systems and holds a master's in cybersecurity from UC Berkeley.

MEDIUM • 60 WORDS

Larry Orton is a cybersecurity founder and researcher who has spent 19 years leading soldiers as a U.S. Army Master Sergeant. He holds a Master of Information and Cybersecurity from UC Berkeley, where his team built an AI agent that hacks systems on its own. He is the author of the novel *Defenseless by Design*.

LONG • 130 WORDS

Larry Orton is a cybersecurity founder, researcher and leader. Over 19 years in the US Army, he led recruiting, retention and waiver programs, served on a combat deployment responsible for the brigade's readiness, and built Rally Point, a workflow tool the Army has used daily for four years. He earned a bachelor's in computer science from Liberty University and a Master of Information and Cybersecurity from UC Berkeley. His Berkeley capstone, an autonomous penetration testing system that took live machines to full control without human help, became a company. He writes about AI on offense, security leadership, and why breaches happen between teams. His first novel, *Defenseless by Design*, turns a modern breach into a story people actually finish. He lives in South Carolina.

INTRO FOR THE HOST • READ ALOUD, ABOUT 40 SECONDS

Our next speaker has spent 19 years leading soldiers in the U.S. Army, and the last few teaching machines to hack. Larry Orton holds a master's in cybersecurity from UC Berkeley, where his team built an AI that breaks into computers on its own. That project became his company. He also wrote a cybersecurity novel, because, in his words, nobody reads security reports. Most people call him Salty. Please welcome Larry Orton.

NAME

Larry Orton. "Salty" is fine on stage and on air.

TITLE LINE

Cybersecurity founder, researcher and leader. U.S. Army Master Sergeant.

BY THE NUMBERS

19 years leading soldiers • 17 years in CS and cybersecurity • 15 teams built and trained • 21 companies and projects

Topics

Subjects Larry speaks on. Each one is shaped for the audience and the format.

01 • KEYNOTE OR PODCAST

The hacker is now AI.

What autonomous offense looks like when it works, and what defenders need to change right now. With a real story of an AI agent going from nothing to full control.

PEOPLE LEAVE KNOWING

- How AI attackers actually plan and adapt
- Why the annual pentest is already too slow
- Three things to change on Monday

30 • 45 • 60 MIN

02 • KEYNOTE, WORKSHOP OR PODCAST

Lead like an NCO.

What 19 years of leading soldiers teaches about running technical teams. Standards, ownership, and taking care of people when the mission does not wait.

PEOPLE LEAVE KNOWING

- How to set a standard and hold it
- How to build a team with fewer resources than the job calls for
- What "taking care of people" looks like on a deadline

30 • 45 MIN • 90 MIN WORKSHOP

03 • KEYNOTE OR SCHOOL

Nobody reads the report.

Why security fails between teams, and how to make people actually care. Drawn from the novel Defenseless by Design.

PEOPLE LEAVE KNOWING

- Where breaches really happen: the seams between teams
- How to write findings people act on
- Why stories beat slide decks

30 • 45 MIN

04 • SCHOOL, VETERANS GROUP OR PODCAST

From uniform to founder.

Starting a company while still serving. The real version, with the mistakes left in.

PEOPLE LEAVE KNOWING

- How to turn military skills into a tech career
- What school and certificates are worth
- How to start something without quitting first

30 • 45 • 60 MIN

Any topic can be shaped for the room: executives, engineers, students or a general audience. Ask about a custom topic on AI, cybersecurity research or leadership.

Formats

Live events

- Keynote, 30 to 60 min
- Fireside chat or panel
- Workshop, 90 min
- Conferences, company offsites, leadership events

Podcasts

- 30 to 90 min, video or audio
- Remote: pro mic, camera and quiet room on his end
- In studio when travel works

Schools and universities

- Guest lecture or class visit
- Career talks for students and student veterans
- Capstone and cyber club panels
- High school to graduate level

GOOD PODCAST QUESTIONS

- What happens when the hacker is an AI that never sleeps?
- How did a recruiter end up building an AI that hacks computers?
- What did 19 years in the Army teach you about running a tech team?
- Why write a novel about a breach instead of another report?
- What should someone leaving the military do first to get into cyber?
- What part of cybersecurity is about to disappear?

ON STAGE HE NEEDS

- Lavalier or handheld mic
- HDMI to the screen, 16:9
- Clicker and a confidence monitor if you have one
- Internet only for a live demo

BOOKING

- Ask 4 to 6 weeks out when you can
- Fees on request. Schools, veterans groups and nonprofits, just ask
- Travel from South Carolina

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WATCH

1 Guy 2 Cups podcast:
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