



Chris Finan is an entrepreneur with a passion for creating and scaling world-changing companies, products and policies.

Chris has founded, advised and served in executive leadership positions in a variety of early-stage and growth-stage cybersecurity companies, including Shape Security (acquired by F5 Networks), ActZero (backed by Point72), and Imperium (acquired by Google).

He also founded Manifold Technology, a venture-backed company that delivered blockchain-based secure transaction infrastructure to the Global 500.

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Chris also previously served in the Obama administration as the Director for Cybersecurity Legislation and Policy on the National Security Council in the White House.

During his time in the NSC, Chris led the administration's legislative reform efforts, played a key role in the data privacy debate, and spearheaded the Executive Order that directed the development of the NIST cybersecurity framework.

Chris began his career in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and intelligence officer, including a tour in Iraq where he led an intelligence team and served as a liaison to the Iraqi government.

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