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Steve Tout is a seasoned expert in Identity & Access Management (IAM) and is obsessed with helping clients to deliver disruptive insights, scale authentic ways of communicating and lead with nonconformist innovation. Founder & President of Forte Advisory, he has been a member of the IAM community for 18+ years with a focus on program management, enterprise architecture and operational excellence for the world's largest companies in telecommunications, financial services, high tech and Big 4 consulting.

Prior to his current role at Forte Advisory, Mr. Tout was the CEO of Seattle start-up, VeriClouds, an identity threat protection company focused on making credential breaches a thing of the past. While at VeriClouds, Mr. Tout led a start-up team (of former Microsoft security researchers and product managers) pioneering the identity threat protection space. He led the overall corporate vision, product strategy and enterprise sales globally. Notable accomplishments include leading the ForgeRock integration to deliver the most comprehensive integrated threat intelligence solution for the ForgeRock Identity Platform.

Mr. Tout is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and has presented numerous times at Kuppinger Cole's Consumer Identity World including on the topic of *Building World Class Security Products with Privacy by Design* (2018) and delivered a keynote on *Risk Aware IAM* (2017) in Bellevue, WA. In 2018, Mr. Tout moderated a panel of industry experts on the topic of *Risk Informed IAM, Compromised Credentials and the Future of Authentication* at Identiverse 2018 in Boston, MA. He is also a blogger for CSO Online and recently updated his management strategy for IAM in his article *Managing Identity & Access Management in Uncertain Times*¹.

Prior to VeriClouds, Mr. Tout was a Director of Cybersecurity & Privacy at PwC where he worked with PwC clients on identifying, assessing and treating risk, building security services and incorporating long-term strategies that enable superior user experience and improved operational efficiency. Notable projects include providing a reference architecture, POC leadership and project management for Oracle IAM integration with Oracle ERP for a global coffee company located in the Pacific Northwest

Prior to PwC, he was the global head of IAM at VMware (one of the four largest enterprise software companies) where he designed and managed global customer and partner facing systems. Prior to joining VMware, Steve was a consultant at Oracle where he led deployments at strategic accounts in the manufacturing and high-tech sectors.

As an advisory board member, Steve helps founders with business development, innovation evangelism and strategic marketing. Startups he has helped include Seattle based VeriClouds and Palerra, the leading cloud access security broker and pioneer of the API-based CASB solution. (Palerra was acquired by Oracle in October 2016)

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¹ Managing Identity & Access Management in Uncertain Times, January 2019 – Steve Tout

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