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Black Duck

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Entry Title Black Duck
Category Q01c. Company of the Year - Information Technology - Cybersecurity
Company of the Year Submission Format Written Answers

a. Briefly describe the nominated company's history and past performance (up to 200 words). Required

Black Duck® was originally established in 2014 as a division of Synopsys called the Software Integrity Group. Through rapid organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, the Synopsys Software Integrity Group quickly emerged as a leader in the application security space. In October 2024, the Software Integrity Group officially separated from Synopsys as an independent company and rebranded as Black Duck.

Today, Black Duck meets the board-level risks of modern software with True Scale Application Security, ensuring uncompromised trust in software for the regulated, AI-powered world. Only Black Duck solutions free organizations from tradeoffs between speed, accuracy, and compliance at scale while eliminating security, regulatory, and licensing risks. Whether in the cloud or on premises, Black Duck is the only choice for securing mission-critical software everywhere code happens.

Additionally, Black Duck has been recognized by Gartner® as a Leader in the Magic Quadrant™ for Application Security Testing for seven consecutive years, ranking highest for Ability to Execute and Completeness of Vision for five years in a row. Black Duck has also been recognized as a four-time Leader in the Forrester Wave™ for Software Composition Analysis and a three-time Leader in the Forrester Wave™ for Static Application Security Testing.

b. Outline the nominated company's achievements since the beginning of 2023 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words). Required

Since 2023, Black Duck has further bolstered its leadership position and earned additional industry accolades in the AppSec market through continued product innovation and partnerships.

On October 1, 2024, The Software Integrity Group officially separated from Synopsys as an independent company, rebranding as Black Duck

Launched Polaris Assist, an AI-powered AppSec assistant boosting security and developer productivity, allowing teams to understand and remediate security vulnerabilities in their code more easily

Launched Black Duck® Supply Chain Edition, a new SCA solution enabling organizations to mitigate upstream risk in their software supply chains, giving development teams the most comprehensive set of capabilities to detect and manage the components of their supply chains

Introduced new static, dynamic, and software composition analysis engines on the Black Duck Polaris™ Platform, enabling DevOps teams to quickly find and fix vulnerabilities in proprietary code, open source dependencies, and application behavior through a single, fully integrated SaaS platform

Launched Software Risk Manager, a powerful new ASPM solution enabling security and development teams to simplify, align, and streamline their AppSec testing across projects, teams, and AppSec testing tools

Partnered with Secure Code Warrior and NowSecure to complement our portfolio.

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c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other companies in the firm's industry and/or to the company's own past performance (up to 250 words). Required

Black Duck has differentiated itself as the undisputed leader in the software security industry, as evidenced by its growth, market share, and industry accolades. Black Duck earned the highest market share (31.2%) in the application security testing market according to Gartner’s “Market Share: All Software Markets, Worldwide, 2023.” Black Duck additionally received the highest scores for all five use cases in the 2022 and 2023 Gartner® Critical Capabilities for Application Security Testing.

Tom Herrmann, Black Duck’s VP of Global Channels and Alliances, received the CRN® Channel Chiefs award in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 for rapidly establishing and growing a successful channel partner program consisting of more than 600 partners in 80 countries who have contributed to consistent double- and triple-digit year-over-year growth.

From the strategic partner standpoint, becoming an independent organization has allowed more flexibility throughout our program, emphasizing a “partner-first” strategy for our business. We also now conduct more than 30% of our business globally through the channel, with some regions conducting up to 100% of all business through partnerships.

Black Duck also supports a wide range of customers, including 51% of the Fortune 100, 6 of the top 10 financial services companies, 10 of the top 10 technology companies, and 10 of the top 10 global 500 automotive companies.

d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional

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