

Christian Besacier

IT Infrastructure & Cybersecurity Leader | CISSP | Executive MBA

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

IT Infrastructure & Cybersecurity leader with 25+ years of experience turning complex technology into secure, automated, business-ready services. CISSP-certified and EMBA-level strategist, currently leading SwissCaution's Infrastructure & Service division across four strategic pillars. Proven track record building and growing multidisciplinary teams, driving DevSecOps and Hybrid Cloud transformation, and aligning IT strategy with business objectives. Now targeting an IT Director role with a seat on an executive committee.

CORE COMPETENCIES

IT Strategy & Governance · DevSecOps & Automation (GitLab CI/CD, Terraform, Ansible) · Cybersecurity & Compliance (CISSP) · Hybrid Cloud (AWS, Azure) · Infrastructure & Network Architecture (Cisco) · Team Leadership & Coaching · Budget & Vendor Management · Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery · Change Management · Stakeholder Negotiation (NLP-certified)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Head of Infrastructure & Service

SwissCaution — Nyon, Switzerland

Oct 2025 – Present

- Lead the Infrastructure & Service division across four strategic pillars: Development & Architecture, Transformation, Data, and Infrastructure & Services.
- Build and lead a multidisciplinary team focused on **DevSecOps, automation, service excellence**, and workplace experience.
- Deliver secure, automated, cost-effective IT services aligned with business priorities.

System & Network Engineer (DevSecOps)

SwissCaution — Nyon, Switzerland

Apr 2020 – Oct 2025

- Designed and led a **Hybrid Cloud (AWS + Azure)** migration strategy for core business workloads.
- Automated infrastructure delivery using **GitLab CI/CD, Terraform, and Ansible**, reducing manual effort and improving consistency.
- Acted as **Release Manager** for major platform deployments (MSG UAP, ROMA).
- Reworked Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, and Security Policy in line with Die Mobiliar Group standards.

System & Network Engineer

International School of Lausanne — Le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland

Aug 2015 – Apr 2020

- Delivered IT services for **1,100 daily users** across administrative staff, teachers, and students.
- Led infrastructure design for a major campus expansion, including full security architecture for two new buildings.
- Improved collaboration and security through Office 365, ADFS, Azure AD Connect, and Windows Hello for Business.
- Supported the IT Director on recruitment, supplier management, and annual business planning.

Director (acquired the business)

Logisoft — Gex, France

Mar 2007 – Oct 2011

- Acquired and led a small IT services business, combining technical delivery with business ownership.
- Led a **team of 4–5**, overseeing sales, project delivery, budgeting, and supplier management.
- Built long-term client relationships through consultative selling and consistent service quality.

IT Technician → Network Administrator

Early career

Nov 2000 – Mar 2007

- Built the technical foundation for everything since: systems, networks, security equipment, and Exchange infrastructure.
- Migrated Exchange 2010 to 2013 with High Availability via Database Availability Groups; managed a 750-device BYOD/MDM rollout.

EDUCATION

Executive MBA, Business Administration & Management

Quantic School of Business and Technology

2024 – 2026

Strategic leadership, finance, and data-driven decision-making. Capstone: a strategic turnaround report for an anti-corruption NGO's donor base.

MSc, Computer Science (RNCP Level 7)

SUPINFO

2014

Information systems strategy, architecture, and software design.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **CISSP – Certified Information Systems Security Professional** — ISC2 · 2024–2027
- **CC – Certified in Cybersecurity** — ISC2 · 2024–2027
- **Cisco Enterprise Wireless Design Specialist** — Cisco · 2024–2027
- **AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate** — Amazon Web Services · 2022–2028
- **Azure Security Engineer Associate** — Microsoft · 2021–2027
- **CCNP Security** — Cisco · 2021–2024
- **Security Core Specialist** — Cisco · 2020–2024
- **VMware Certified Associate – Digital Business Transformation** — VMware · 2018
- **NLP Practitioner Certificate** — International NLP · 2021

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Former President, Tennis Club de Ferney-Voltaire — club board and strategy.
- Treasurer, Tennis Club de Gex — budget and financial governance.
- Treasurer, Pays de Gex Football Club — club finances and long-term sustainability.

LANGUAGES

French (Native) · English (Fluent, professional working proficiency)