

List of chief officer (CxO) titles

Title	Postnominal	Explanation
chief academic officer	CAO	Responsible for academic administration at universities and other higher education institutions.
chief accounting officer	CAO	Responsible for overseeing all accounting and bookkeeping functions, ensuring that ledger accounts, financial statements, and cost control systems are operating effectively.
chief administrative officer	CAO	Responsible for business administration, including daily operations and overall performance.
chief Artificial Intelligence officer	CAIO	Responsible for AI research department.
chief analytics officer	CAO	Responsible for data analysis and interpretation.
chief architect	CA	Responsible for designing systems for high availability and scalability, specifically in technology companies. Often called enterprise architect (EA).
chief audit executive	CAE	Responsible for the internal audit.
chief business officer	СВО	Responsible for the administrative, financial, and operations management of the organization, often combining the roles of chief administrative officer (CAO), chief financial officer (CFO), and chief operating officer (COO).

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chief business development officer	CBDO	Responsible for business development plans, design and implementation of processes to support business growth.
chief brand officer	СВО	Responsible for a brand's image, experience, and promise, and propagating it throughout all aspects of the company, overseeing marketing, advertising, design, public relations and customer service departments.
chief commercial officer	CCO	Responsible for commercial strategy and development.
chief communications officer	cco	Responsible for communications to employees, shareholders, media, bloggers, influencers, the press, the community, and the public. Practical application of communication studies.
chief compliance officer	cco	Responsible for overseeing and managing regulatory compliance.
chief content officer	cco	Responsible for developing and commissioning content (media) for broadcasting channels and multimedia exploitation.
chief creative officer	CCO	In one sense of the term, responsible for the overall look and feel of marketing, media, and branding. In another sense, similar to chief design officer.
chief customer officer	CCO	Responsible for customer relationship management.
Chief Development Officer	CDO	Responsible for activities developing the business. Usually through added products, added clients, markets or segments.
chief data officer	CDO	Responsible for enterprise-wide governance and utilization of information and data as assets, via data processing, data analysis, data mining, information trading, and other means.

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chief design officer	CDO	Responsible for overseeing all design aspects of a company's products and services, including product design, graphic design, user experience design, industrial design, and package design, and possibly aspects of advertising, marketing, and engineering.
chief digital officer	CDO	Responsible for adoption of digital technologies, digital consumer experiences, the process of digital transformation, and devising and executing social strategies.
chief diversity officer	CDO	Responsible for diversity and inclusion, including diversity training and equal employment opportunity.
chief engineering officer	CEngO	Similar to the more common chief technology officer (CTO); responsible for technology/product R & D and/or manufacturing issues in a technology company, oversees the development of technology being commercialized.
chief executive officer	CEO	Responsible for the overall vision and direction of an organization, making the final decisions over all of the corporation's operations. The highest-ranking management officer; often also the chairman of the board. Usually called CEO in the United States, chief executive or managing director in the United Kingdom, Commonwealth of Nations, and some other countries.
chief experience officer	СХО	Responsible for user experience, overseeing user experience design and user interface design. "CXO" is not to be confused with "CxO", a term commonly used when referring to any one of various chief officers.
chief financial officer	CFO	Responsible for all aspects of finances.
chief gaming officer	CGO	Responsible for both the game development and the online/offline publishing functions of a company that makes video games.
chief human resources officer	CHRO	Responsible for all aspects of human resource management and industrial relations.

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chief information officer	CIO	Responsible for information technology (IT), particularly in IT companies or companies that rely heavily on an IT infrastructure.
chief information security officer	CISO	Responsible for information security.
chief innovation officer	CIO	Responsible for innovation.
chief investment officer	CIO	Responsible for investment and/or for the asset liability management (ALM) of typical large financial institutions such as insurers, banks and/or pension funds.
chief information technology officer	СІТО	Responsible for information technology. Often equivalent to chief information officer (CIO) and, in a company that sells IT, chief technology officer (CTO).
chief knowledge officer	СКО	Responsible for managing intellectual capital and knowledge management.
chief legal officer	CLO	Responsible for overseeing and identifying legal issues in all departments and their interrelation, as well as corporate governance and business policy. Often called general counsel (GC) or chief counsel.
chief learning officer	CLO	Responsible for learning and training.
chief marketing officer	СМО	Responsible for marketing; job may include sales management, product development, distribution channel management, marketing communications (including advertising and promotions), pricing, market research, and customer service.
chief medical officer	СМО	Responsible for scientific and medical excellence, especially in pharmaceutical companies, health systems, hospitals, and integrated provider networks. The title is used in many countries for the senior government official who advises on matters of public health importance. In the latter sense compare also Chief Dental Officer (Canada) and Chief Dental Officer (England).

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chief networking officer	CNO	Responsible for social capital within the company and between the company and its partners.
chief nursing officer	CNO	Responsible for nursing.
chief operating officer	COO	Responsible for business operations, including operations management, operations research, and (when applicable) manufacturing operations; role is highly contingent and situational, changing from company to company and even from a CEO to their successor within the same company. Often called "director of operations" in the nonprofit sector.
chief privacy officer	СРО	Responsible for all the privacy of the data in an organization, including privacy policy enforcement.
chief process officer	СРО	Responsible for business processes and applied process theory, defining rules, policies, and guidelines to ensure that the main objectives follow the company strategy as well as establishing control mechanisms.
chief procurement officer	СРО	Responsible for procurement, sourcing goods and services and negotiating prices and contracts.
chief product officer	СРО	Responsible for all product-related matters. Usually includes product conception and development, production in general, innovation, user experience, project and product management. Sometimes defends the value proposition of individual products by recognizing and resisting instances where cost reduction or standardization efforts would impede it in ways that operations management may not fully recognize, such as after mergers and acquisitions.
chief quality officer	CQO	Responsible for quality and quality assurance, setting up quality goals and ensuring that those goals continue to be met over time.
chief research and development officer	CRDO	Responsible for research and development.

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chief revenue officer	CRO	Responsible for measuring and maximizing revenue.
chief risk officer	CRO	Responsible for risk management, ensuring that risk is avoided, controlled, accepted, or transferred and that opportunities are not missed. Sometimes called chief risk management officer (CRMO).
chief sales officer	CSO	Responsible for sales.
chief science officer	CSO	Responsible for science, usually applied science, including research and development and new technologies. Sometimes called chief scientist.
chief security officer	CSO	Responsible for security, including physical security, network security, and many other kinds.
chief strategy officer	CSO	Responsible for strategy, usually business strategy, including strategic planning and strategic management. Assists the chief executive officer with developing, communicating, executing, and sustaining strategy. Sometimes called chief strategic planning officer (CSPO).
chief sustainability officer	CSO	Responsible for environmental/sustainability programs.
chief technology officer	СТО	Responsible for technology and research and development, overseeing the development of technology to be commercialized. (For an information technology company, the subject matter would be similar to the CIO's; however, the CTO's focus is technology for the firm to <i>sell</i> versus technology used for facilitating the firm's own operations.). Sometimes called chief technical officer.
chief visionary officer	cvo	Responsible for defining corporate vision, business strategy, and working plans.
chief web officer	CWO	Responsible for the web presence of the company and usually for the entire online presence, including intranet and internet (web, mobile apps, other).

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chief shariah officer	CSO	Responsible for the shariah compliance of the company businesses. Usually used in Islamic Banking sector.	