

Contact

jerryventura@gmail.com

www.linkedin.com/in/jerryaceventura (LinkedIn)

Top Skills

Security Operations Center (SOC)

Learning Management Systems

Asset Management

Certifications

Airman Leadership School
Certificate

Honors-Awards

Leading the Way

Computer Engineer of the Quarter

United States Air Force
Organizational Award

United States Air Force Airman of
the Year

Star Performer

Jerry R. Ventura (Ace), MBA, MS Business Analytics

USAF Veteran, InfoSec and IT GRC Professional
Los Angeles Metropolitan Area

Summary

STRATEGIC CYBERSECURITY & GRC LEADER

Senior cybersecurity and GRC leader with 25+ years of experience designing, implementing, and governing enterprise security programs across regulated environments. Proven expertise in CMMC Level 2, NIST 800-171, FedRAMP, Secure Enclave architecture, cloud security, audit readiness, and risk management. USAF veteran with inactive TS/SCI clearance.

<https://jerryventura.com/>

Experience

Ramboll

Information Security Systems Manager
April 2025 - Present (10 months)
Los Angeles, California, United States

- Subject matter expert (SME) in creating a U.S. Secure Enclave for controlled unclassified information (CUI).
- Project manager for creating a secure cloud network environment that will ultimately lead to obtaining a Cybersecurity Maturity Model (CMMC) Level 2 certification.
- Supporting the development of and running processes for disaster recovery, human risk, computer forensics, compliance audits, and information risk management pertaining to a new secure network.
- Working closely with enterprise architects and solutions architects to ensure constant focus on information security issues.
- Instrumental in conducting security assessments of internal systems, spaces, applications, and IT infrastructure as part of the overall risk management practice
- Participating in meetings with managers at all levels of the organization to ensure privacy by design and by using the zero-trust model.

- Determining budgets of over 3 million dollars for creating a secure network for compliance with government regulations.
- Working closely with the US Department of Defense (DoD), US Department of Energy (DoE) and other US federal agencies to secure contracts.

Momentus

Information Security/Cybersecurity Manager

November 2021 - December 2023 (2 years 2 months)

San Jose, California, United States

- Implemented and manage vulnerability/patch management program using Tenable.io SAAS tool
- Implementation and managing of the Learning Management System (LMS) called Cornerstone which houses all security awareness training for the company and other training for other departments (HR, IT, Facilities, Engineering, Managers, subordinates, employees, contractors, etc.)
- Implemented and management of SolarWinds tool for service/help desk support tickets, asset inventory, including other network and infrastructure capabilities
- In charge of implementing and being compliant with frameworks, standards and controls for NIST, CIS/CIMMC, FedRamp, and utilization of a GCC High environment
- Currently working with auditors to ensure AWS Cloud environment is secure
- Worked directly with the IT team to implement network segmentation
- Set up and coordinated phishing training campaigns with a SAAS software called Cofense
- Continue to work directly with the Security Operations Center (SOC) to track, investigate, mitigate, and eradicate any and all cyber threats
- Solely in charge of setting up and running the monthly Cyber Security Councils, Cyber Risk and Advisory Committee, and all projects relating to IT and InfoSec using Microsoft Project and Project Web App (PWA)
- Handling of all risk regarding policy exceptions, software purchases and installs, and software license administration
- Set up and use of the companies SAAS GRC tool to run audits such as SOX (ITGC's), CIS, and NIST
- Help with compliance to the companies National Security Agreement (NSA)
- In charge of the overall incident response program which includes tabletop exercise and live cyber simulations of incidents
- Handling of all IT and InfoSec policies, processes, plans, charters, and acknowledgements

- Continually work with all IT and InfoSec vendors and security partners in which the company has contracts with
- Works closely with the VP of IT and directly for the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Beachbody

PCI Security & Compliance Manager

September 2020 - November 2021 (1 year 3 months)

Santa Monica, California, United States

- Primarily focused on project managing the overall PCI audit for all entities of the company and designing a new Confluence page for the department
- Support all new and reoccurring compliance efforts to a company that has newly gone from private to public
- Provide the company with guidance on following newly introduced company-wide policies, standards, and procedures
- Deliver and manage remediation processes from beginning to end for high-risk vulnerabilities using a newly implemented vulnerability tool called Rapid7 (insightVM and insightIDR modules)
- Communicate important security GRC information using Smartsheet, LucidChart, Tableau, Teams, Slack, Zoom, and Blue Jeans
- Help to implement new projects such as AWS Security Hardening and Okta Advanced Server Access
- Setup/utilize ZenGRC tool for compliance requirements such as vendor management, policies and standards, audits, and risk
- Oversee the company phishing campaign, security and developer training and Digital Shadows risk protection monitoring tool to minimize external digital risks for the organization
- Ask as a cross-departmental liaison and SME for all aspects for the 1st and only official audit of the company
- Help to establish and approve contractual requirements, billing, and SOWs for audits, new system installs, and any other efforts that involve these aspects of most compliance related projects

Warner Bros. Entertainment

Senior Security Analyst (Consultant)

February 2019 - June 2019 (5 months)

Burbank, CA

- Solely responsible for a newly implemented cloud security and compliance monitoring system

- Investigate and resolve security and compliance alerts/matches according to policies established
- Establish procedures for escalating possible security incidents to the appropriate departments
- Evaluate and test the functions of the security and compliance tool directly with all appropriate parties including Microsoft
- Analyze in detail the accuracy of the security and compliance data being collected
- Implement and follow a strict timeline to complete recommendations on the overall stability of the application
- Interpret company-wide information security policies, standards, and procedures to ensure alignment within the application
- Work closely with Infosec, Network Engineering, and other internal and external departments and personnel in order to ensure a cohesive flow of processes for elimination of security risks throughout the organization

The Walt Disney Company

Senior IT Security Remediation Specialist (Consultant)

February 2018 - September 2018 (8 months)

Glendale, CA

- Remediation of Critical and High Severity Vulnerabilities
- Organizational and attention to detail skills used to alleviate short-term and long-term security projects
- Drive the development of solutions and coordinating and monitoring remediation of all security gaps coming from a variety of sources.
- Include all layers of support such as OS, DB, APP, and Network
- Work with OS to include UNIX (AIX, Linux, HP-UX, Solaris) and multiple versions of Windows
- Ability to recommend technical solutions to application and infrastructure teams
- Able to handle confidential information when needed
- Work with and understand in depth regulations for instance Payment Card Industry (PCI), Sarbanes Oxley (SOX), HIPAA, Safe Harbor/Privacy, and internal controls
- Manage and use internal applications like Archer, Qualys, Tenable, ServiceNow, and MS Office Suite
- Knowledge of project management and communication programs such as Jira, MS Project, and SN PM Tool
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written, including an ability to articulate technical concepts in business terms

- Work with various business units and project teams including Legal, Controllership, and Management Audit to ensure requirements are complete and findings are being complied with and fixed if necessary
- Work closely with external service providers such as IBM, Xerox, and HCL
- Connect with PCI QSA Companies and work closely with auditors such as E&Y, PWC, Deloitte, and KPMG
- Update and help to make training documents for continuity purposes

Technicolor

Senior IT Security Project Manager (Consultant)

August 2016 - August 2017 (1 year 1 month)

Burbank, CA

- Assisted the Security Operations team with managing projects and tasks to assist the overall organization in keeping a strong security posture.
- Met regularly with departments such as Worldwide Content Management to discuss Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) ServiceNow Module updates, Vulnerability Management issues for production sites, and Patch Management Operations
- Created and presented metrics and dashboards in Performance Analytics for management and presentations
- Promote and comply with technology 'best practice' compliance standards and regulations
- Project planned, analyzed, and executed tasks with specific milestones and due dates to ensure the overall project was completed successfully and with little delay and hardly any mishaps

The Walt Disney Company

Privacy Manager

October 2010 - January 2016 (5 years 4 months)

Glendale, CA

- Remediation of Critical and High Severity Vulnerabilities
- Organizational and attention to detail skills used to alleviate short-term and long-term security projects
- Drive the development of solutions and coordinating and monitoring remediation of all security gaps coming from a variety of sources.
- Include all layers of support such as OS, DB, APP, and Network
- Work with OS to include UNIX (AIX, Linux, HP-UX, Solaris) and multiple versions of Windows
- Ability to recommend technical solutions to application and infrastructure teams

- Able to handle confidential information when needed
- Work with and understand in depth regulations for instance Payment Card Industry (PCI), Sarbanes Oxley (SOX), HIPAA, Safe Harbor/Privacy, and internal controls
- Manage and use internal applications like Archer, Qualys, ServiceNow, and MS Office Suite
- Knowledge of project management and communication programs such as Jira, MS Project, and SN PM Tool
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written, including an ability to articulate technical concepts in business terms
- Work with various business units and project teams including Legal, Controllership, and Management Audit to ensure requirements are complete and findings are being complied with and fixed if necessary
- Work closely with external service providers such as IBM, Xerox, and HCL
- Connect with PCI QSA Companies and work closely with auditors such as E&Y, PWC, Deloitte, and KPMG
- Update and help to make training documents for continuity purposes

MGM Resorts International

Lead Computer Engineer & Senior IT Compliance Analyst
 August 2006 - October 2010 (4 years 3 months)
 Las Vegas, Nevada Area

Information Technology Compliance Analyst (July 2009 – September 2010)
 Assist in ensuring MGM Resort systems and Information Technology processes comply with regulatory, industry, and legislative compliance requirements in all jurisdictions where it operates. This includes, but is not limited to, licensing, technical standards, internal controls, minimum standards, employee licensing and responsible gambling standards as they relate to gaming and associated equipment.

Computer Engineer (August 2006 – July 2009)

Ensured MGM Grand, the largest of all MGM Resort properties was supported through its technological needs. Assisted with software/hardware desktop support enabling employees to do their job without any interruptions.

- Facilitated meetings and supported agendas with company management and executives
- Accountable for implementing, designing, and maintaining 3 departmental SharePoint sites

- Identify compliance risks from every business line and manage them by providing ongoing training, advice, testing, and monitoring.
- Worked closely with Symantec Corporation as our hired internal outsourced leading security company to help with risk assessments and to help use and learn other security monitoring tools
- Leading technician for desktop support needs for entire MGM Grand Hotel buildings
- Complete hardware/software maintenance on all computers
- Regularly facilitate IT software/hardware compliance needs with the Gaming Control Board

United States Air Force

Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO)/Network Administrator
March 1998 - February 2005 (7 years)

Fort Walton Beach, Florida Area, Las Vegas, NV (Hurlburt Field, Nellis AFB)

Provided multiple information technology job functions throughout years with the United State Air Force. Oversaw Top Secret, Secret, and unclassified computer networks to ensure they functioned properly and securely.

- Provided computer support for home station locations as well as overseas deployed locations
- Supervised 10 personnel for all other computer/communications needs throughout the squadron
- Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) and Workgroup Manager (WGM) in charge of all Network capabilities for over 400 military personnel and 250 computers in 17 facilities
- Assisted with research & evaluation of new information technology products for future acquisition
- Network Administrator and ISSO in charge of maintaining an internal classified LAN
- Configured, managed, and backed up servers with terabytes of information
- Managed over 400 computer profiles and email accounts
- Security Training Awareness and Education Monitor (SATE) for all personnel
- Ensured all computers were updated with the latest anti-virus software and signature files as well as all Microsoft security network patches while following all military IT compliance and regulations
- Solely responsible for a 1-million-dollar yearly computer operating budget

Bank of America

Junior Buyer (Countrywide)
June 1996 - March 1998 (1 year 10 months)
Calabasas, CA

Education

Syracuse University - Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Master of Science - Business Analytics (MSBA) · (January 2018 - December 2019)

Syracuse University - Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Master of Business Administration (MBA) · (2017 - 2018)

California State University-Los Angeles
Bachelor of Science - Computer Information Systems · (2012 - 2015)

Northwest Florida State College
Associate of Science Degree in Computer Information
Systems · (2001 - 2002)

Community College of the Air Force
Associate of Science Degree in Computer Information
Technology · (2000 - 2001)