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STRATEGIC CYBERSECURITY AND IT GRC OPERATIONS

Manager of Information Security • IT Security Operations Manager • Governance Frameworks • Compliance Strategy • Vulnerability Assessment • Enhanced Cybersecurity Posture • Implemented Compliance Solutions
Inactive Top Secret/SCI Clearance • USAF Veteran

WORK EXPERIENCE

MOMENTUS

Nov 2021 - Dec 2023

Senior Information Security/Cybersecurity Manager

- Managed risks related to software purchases, installations, and licensing using the company's SAAS GRC tool.
- Completed detailed third-party risk assessments with vendors to including collecting all relevant information.
- Conducted SOX, CIS,
- NIST, ISO 27001 audits and ensured compliance with the National Security Agreement.
- Handled IT InfoSec policies, processes, plans, and charters. Collaborated with IT and InfoSec vendors, security partners, and company contracts. Worked with VP of IT for tech needs and CISO.
- Served as a liaison between technical and non-technical teams, ensuring a unified understanding of audit requirements, compliance controls, and GRC activities within the organization.
- Reinvented endpoint security strategy by implementing advanced Microsoft Defender for threat detection, significantly bolstering overall cybersecurity posture.
- Collaborated closely with dedicated IT group in planning connector rollouts to all network endpoints while supporting strategic change management initiatives.
- Cultivated comprehensive stakeholder understanding of the ZenGRC platform for efficient audits, evidence collection and timely updates to SAAS software.
- Spearheaded monthly Cyber Security Councils & Cyber Risk Advisory Committee meetings; managed related projects using Microsoft Project & PWA tools.
- Oversaw implementation and management of Cornerstone Learning Management System (LMS) housing company-wide training programs across departments.
- Navigated the implementation and utilization of ZenGRC tool, enhancing compliance with vendor management, policies, standards, audits, and risk.
- Collaborated with Security Operations Center (SOC) on cyber threat tracking & mitigation strategies plus cyber reliance protocols.
- Oversaw incident response program, including live cyber simulations and tabletop exercises.
- Tracked security initiatives aligned with GRC activities, supplied metrics to management.
- Enforced compliance with CIS, NIST/CMMC, DOD regulations & FedRamp; optimized GCC High environment use.
- Implemented Tenable.io SAAS for administering vulnerability/patch management program.
- Project-managed the enterprise-wide rollout of MS Defender to all endpoints.
- Coordinated effective phishing training campaigns via Cofense SAAS software.
- Partnered closely with external auditors in securing AWS Cloud environment.
- Implemented network segmentation strategies alongside IT team members.
- Constructed an effective service desk using SolarWinds tool.

BEACHBODY

Sep 2020 - Oct 2021

PCI Security and Compliance Manager Consultant

- Directed end-to-end remediation processes for high-risk vulnerabilities using Rapid7 (insightVM and insightIDR modules), a recently implemented vulnerability tool.
- Constructed contractual requirements while overseeing billing processes; approved SOWs for audits alongside new system installations related to compliance projects.
- Orchestrated the comprehensive annual PCI audit across all global company entities and engineered a new interactive Confluence page for departmental use.
- Leveraged Smartsheet, LucidChart, Tableau, Teams, Slack, Zoom, and Blue Jeans to effectively communicate crucial security GRC information.

- Supervised firm-wide phishing campaign and security developer training; used Digital Shadows tool for external digital risk mitigation.
- Championed compliance efforts, providing robust support for both new and recurring initiatives.
- Provided expert guidance on compliance with new organizational policies and standards.
- Led AWS Security Hardening and Okta Advanced Server Access as innovative projects.
- Acted as liaison and expert during the company's first official audit.

WARNER BROS ENTERTAINMENT

Feb 2019 - June 2019

Senior Security Analyst Consultant

- Fostered collaboration between Infosec, Network Engineering, and other internal/external departments, establishing cohesive processes to eliminate organizational risks.
- Thoroughly analyzed the accuracy of data collected by the new security tool in detail, guaranteeing reliable information on which to base decisions.
- Implemented a rigorous timeline for addressing crucial suggestions on the new application's stability, guaranteeing prompt and efficient delivery.
- Collaborated directly with all involved parties, including Microsoft, to evaluate and test the functionality of the security and compliance tool.
- Leveraged advanced SIEM tools such as ArcSight to collect and analyze valuable data logs, enhancing overall understanding of system performance.
- Pioneered MCAS, a new cloud security system, and took full responsibility for its implementation.
- Resolved security and compliance alerts following policies via thorough investigation.
- Established protocols for escalating potential security incidents for quick response.
- Mastered Excel to deliver operational metrics covering all aspects to stakeholders.
- Interpreted firm-wide security policies for application alignment procedures.

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

Feb 2018 - Sep 2018

Senior IT Security and Compliance Remediation Specialist Consultant

- Innovated effective solution development processes, coordinating, and monitoring the remediation of all security gaps from various sources.
- Supervised IDS/IPS alerts, conducting detailed reports to confirm no critical network threats.
- Collaborated with various Windows and UNIX versions to strengthen system defenses.
- Spearheaded remediation of critical vulnerabilities for robust security measures.
- Refined training docs for seamless transition during staff changes or updates.
- Expanded support layers now include OS, DB, APP, Network for full protection.

TECHNICOLOR

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

Senior IT Security Program Manager Consultant

- Fostered consistent dialogue with departments such as Worldwide Content Management to discuss updates on GRC ServiceNow Module, Vulnerability Management for production sites, and Patch Management Operations.
- Successfully delivered comprehensive project plans by meticulously analyzing tasks with specific milestones and due dates, ensuring minimal delays or mishaps.
- Designed impactful metrics and dashboards for management presentations in Performance Analytics.
- Strengthened security by assisting the Security Operations team in project management.
- Familiar with using waterfall and agile methodologies and used 'best practice' standards for optimal compliance.

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

Oct 2010 - Jan 2016

Corporate IT Compliance Privacy Manager

- Collaborated with multiple business units such as Legal, Controllershship, Management, Audit to ensure full compliance with requirements and promptly address any required fixes.
- Engaged with international PCI QSA Companies auditors like E&Y, PWC, Deloitte, KPMG, ensuring comprehensive audit procedures were consistently adhered to.
- Championed both short-term and long-term IT security and privacy projects through exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail.

- Recommended technical solutions to application and infrastructure teams, effectively protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
- Acquired comprehensive knowledge of PCI, SOX, GDPR, HIPAA, Safe Harbor/Privacy regulations, improving internal controls.
- Articulated technical concepts into business language using excellent communication skills.
- Managed internal apps like Archer, Qualys, ServiceNow, Workday, MS Office for efficiency.
- Utilized Jira, MS Project, Project Web App, ServiceNow PM Tools for efficient project management.
- Regularly assessed global standards for robust company cybersecurity maintenance.
- Fostered partnerships with IBM, Xerox, HCL for efficient project collaboration.

MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL

Aug 2006 - Sep 2010

Senior Information Technology Compliance Analyst and Lead Computer Engineer

- Collaborated closely with Symantec Corporation to augment our security measures through comprehensive risk assessments and utilization of advanced monitoring tools.
- Served diligently as the leading technician for desktop support needs across all MGM Grand Hotel buildings, ensuring seamless, efficient IT operations.
- Identified compliance risks across all business lines and bolstered risk management through ongoing training, advice, testing, and monitoring.
- Led design, implementation, and upkeep of three SharePoint sites, boosting workflow efficiency.
- Fostered communication by arranging meetings and supporting agendas with company leaders.
- Regularly ensured IT software/hardware compliance with Gaming Control Board rules.
- Performed thorough maintenance on all computers for optimal system performance.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE/DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Mar 1998- Feb 2005

Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO)/Network Administrator

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- Performed thorough maintenance on all computers for optimal system performance.
- 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.
- Network Administrator and ISSO in charge of maintaining an internal classified LAN.
- Assisted with research & evaluation of new information technology products for future acquisition.
- Configured, managed, and backed up servers with terabytes of information.
- Managed over 400 computer profiles and email accounts.
- Verified 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.

EDUCATION

Syracuse University	Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA)
Syracuse University	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
California State University Los Angeles	Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems (BSCIS)