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CYBER SECURITY | CLOUD SECURITY | ENTERPRISE IMPLEMENTATIONS

ITIL Certified | Six-Sigma Green Belt Certified | Security+ Certified (In-process)

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SUMMARY

Experienced Cyber Security professional with an extensive history of success in leading and delivering complex technology projects.

Accomplished Project & Program Manager, technical consultant, strategist, and results-oriented leader who thrives in challenging, fast-paced environments.

Successfully managed multi-million-dollar projects, collaborate to bridge the gap between business and technology.

KEY SKILLS

Cyber Security Technology Experience

HITRUST Cybersecurity Audit & Certification	Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
NIST Cybersecurity Audit	Privileged Access Management (PAM)
Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)	Multifactor Authentication (MFA)
Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)	Micro-segmentation
Identity Access Management (IAM)	Data Tagging & Classification
Infrastructure & Network Security	Cloud Security

Industry Experience

Banking	Financial Services
Big 4 Accounting & Professional Consulting	Retail
Insurance	Healthcare
Energy	Electronics
Computing & Technology Consulting	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Florida Cancer Specialists   JAN. 2023 – FEB. 2023
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant

HITRUST certification audit project
- Identify and secured key business and technical resources
- Guide project team through HITRUST self-assessment audit, identify gaps, risk areas
- Secure baseline policies, and procedures
- Established project governance, executive communications
- Provide vendor management of HITRUST consultants

WellStar Health Systems   AUG. 2022 – OCT. 2022
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant

Cloud Security Project
Customization of Symantec CloudSOC Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)

- Identify current baseline CASB policies
- Led business and technical requirements gathering
- Identified critical PII and HIPAA vulnerabilities
- Directed design and implementation of CASB policies for PII, HIPAA to mitigate data privacy risks

Bayview Asset Management   MAR. 2022 – AUG. 2022
Senior Cyber Security Program Manager Consultant

Program Manager – security projects:

- Lead customization of Netskope CASB
- Direct implementation of Spirion data tagging and classification
- Manage implementation and customization of CyberArk (PAM), AD integration
- Lead implementation and customization of Sentinel One (IAM/ITDR)
- Manage proof-of-concept evaluation of Island.io corporate browser
- Direct implementation and customization of Silverfort with DUO MFA
- Lead customization of Guardicore network micro-segmentation
- Manage implementation of Extrahop
- Refined and restricted access to core applications and sensitive data, implemented GRC controls

ChenMed LLC   DEC. 2020 – JULY 2021
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant

NIST Cybersecurity Audit Project
Led detailed analysis & audit of ChenMed information systems and applications across the 5 NIST functional areas:

Identify | Protect | Detect | Respond | Recover

NIST audit focus areas:

- Applications
- Asset management
- Governance
- Operations

- Data security
- Information protection processes and procedures

➢ Provide detailed analysis of risks and recommendation for GRC remediations to executive leadership. Identified remediation steps, prioritization, and go-forward sustainability roadmap and timeline.

NIST Cybersecurity Audit – Remediation Project
Managed key workstreams to address audit deficiencies

- Implemented segregation of duties
- Restricted user access to key applications
- Secured access to PII, PHI, HIPPA, and financial data
- Refined and restricted administrative, end-user, and operational support access to core applications and data
- Revised and implemented new GRC operational policies & procedures

Data Architecture Design Project
Led detailed review & analysis of ChenMed data architecture:

- Clinical/real-time applications
- Reporting and analytic applications
- ETL Processes

- Network utilization
- Cloud utilization (AWS)
- Architecture security and integrity

Snowflake Project
Led Proof-of-Concept review of Snowflake cloud-based Data Warehouse SaaS.

- Developed use cases, test cases, and success criteria
- Load MySQL data & ETL code into Snowflake; Execute test cases - evaluate performance
- Provide detailed analysis & recommendations to executive leadership

Evolve Security Academy – Cybersecurity Boot camp   AUG. 2019 – DEC. 2019
In-depth education and hands-on lab training

Defense-in-depth	Security Architecture	Social Engineering
Security Program	Security Operations	Application Security (OWASP)
NIST CSF audit	Amazon Web Services	Offensive Security
GRC	Cryptography	Incident Response
Network Security	OSINT	Threat Hunting

Tools: Linux, Bash, Python, Wireshark

PRO-BONO PROJECT #1 -- Catalyst Charter Schools (Chicago, IL)
- Identified and developed comprehensive cybersecurity policies based on NIST CSF audit
- Conducted Social Engineering Assessment and consulting, provided recommendations
- Conducted Network Vulnerability Assessment and consulting, provided recommendations

PRO-BONO PROJECT #2 -- "Love Justice International"
- Evaluated mobile app. for vulnerabilities; recommended solutions

Wells Fargo   JAN. 2018 - AUG. 2019
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant
Endpoint Security Engineering & Emerging Services Enterprise Information Security Technology & Operations

Cloud Security Project
Implementation of Symantec CloudSOC Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)

- Led in-depth analysis and evaluation of top CASBs: Netskope, Symantec, SkyHigh
- Secured key business and technical requirements
- Developed, issued, and managed CASB RFP, vendor product analysis, and selection
- Established project governance, executive communications
- Managed Supply Chain and Legal activities for vendor selection
- Architecture design and review, SaaS integration, SOC integration, AD integration
- Led CASB configuration and engineering activities, infrastructure integration
- Managed testing process -- use cases included PII, PCI DSS, SSN
- Identified critical threats, established CASB policies to mitigate known threats, risks
- Developed and managed implementation plan
- Directed Netskope CloudXD CASB implementation, integration with AD, AWS, Salesforce, Splunk
- Directed Symantec CloudSOC CASB implementation integration with AD,AWS, Salesforce, Splunk
- Provided CASB vendor recommendation to executive leadership for production deployment

Health Care Services Corp.   AUG. 2017 – NOV. 2017
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant
Office of the CIO

Cloud Security Project
Production implementation of Symantec CloudSOC Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)

- Led business and technical requirements gathering
- Directed engineering, design, and implementation activities for Symantec CASB
- Established project governance, CISO communications, and budget reporting

- Identified critical PII and HIPAA vulnerabilities
- Developed and implemented CASB policies for PII, and HIPAA to mitigate data privacy risks
- Integrated with O365 cloud services – Outlook, SharePoint, OneDrive, AD
- Integrated with Security Operations and Threat Intel processes, ServiceNow

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited   OCT. 2015 – DEC. 2016
Senior Cyber Security Project Manager Consultant
Enterprise Global Information Security Office

Cloud Security Project
Production implementation of Netskope CloudXD Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB)

- Led global project team through product analysis and RFP selection process of CASB vendors
- Implemented proof-of-concept with Microsoft CASB, Symantec CASB, Netskope CASB
- Managed business analysis, business, and technical requirements gathering
- Developed and managed Cyber Security roadmap, business case, budget, chargeback
- Coordinated legal, privacy, and compliance reviews with corporate counsel
- Established project governance, GRC structure, CIO communications, and budget reporting
- Managed technology architectural review with CTO
- Established operating model, global support processes, operational roles and responsibilities, run-book, ArcSight SIEM integration, NOC & SOC integration
- Created use cases, test cases; established success criteria; test cases: PII, PCI DSS, SSN, GDPR
- Led Netskope CASB configuration, design, engineering, and implementation activities
- Directed QA, UAT, PEN testing, performance management testing, API testing -- Office 365, Google-for-Work, Salesforce, Azure, Azure AD, Okta
- Identified critical threats to protect corporate data, PII threats
- Designed, and deployed CASB security policies to prevent loss of PII and sensitive data
- $4m production implementation of Netskope CloudXD CASB, reduced data privacy risk

Enterprise Project Management Consultant   JAN. 2010 – SEPT. 2015

Security, Networking, Infrastructure & Data Center Projects
Key accomplishments include:

- Global Network Security Project: $15M implement IDS, IPS, DLP, web-content filtering
- Rescued $5M Hitachi Identity & Password Management Security Program
- Customization & deployment of McAfee Client to ~20k workstations, secured client data
- Network Redesign: implement VPN, B2B VPN, upgrade network switches
- Coordinated and planned tasks and project team for 48-hour D/R exercise
- Optimized and redesigned enterprise network across 16 locations.
- Responsible for enterprise architecture standards, development plans, project architecture review across data, network, & compute domains
- Rescued $1M troubled Infrastructure Technology Upgrade project
- Infrastructure Technology Replacement $5M multi-year project. Consolidate multi-site, multi-system environment to enterprise platform. Streamlined & lowered operational costs

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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS:
Bachelor of Arts Degree - Economics/Computer Science Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Security+ certification (In-process)   Evolve Security Academy–Cybersecurity Bootcamp, Chicago, IL

Six-Sigma Green Belt Certified - Accelper Consulting, Schaumburg, IL.   ITIL Certified - AXELOS PEOPLECERT