

ASHISH DESHPANDE

TEAM LEAD - GRC | CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIST | RISK MANAGEMENT | REGULATORY COMPLIANCE EXPERT

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EXPERIENCE

GRC Team Lead

Tech Mahindra

📅 01/2023 - Present 📍 India / Qatar

A leading provider of IT services and solutions across various sectors

- Designing diverse Cyber Security Strategies and Roadmaps for multiple public and private sector firms.
- Assisting organizations in designing end-to-end Data Classification and lifecycle management as per prevailing regulations in GCC.
- Formulating cyber defense strategies and Security Roadmap for organizations in BFSI Sector.
- Established and led a comprehensive security awareness framework, while spearheading awareness campaigns.
- Implementing a holistic Third Party Risk Management framework for organizations across various sectors.
- Actively participating in Enterprise Risk Management, ensuring timely identification and remediation of security risks.
- Conducting comprehensive reviews and enhancements of existing policies and procedures to improve security posture.
- Represented clients in over 20 external and internal audits related to information security.
- Evaluating tenders and bids for third-party services, ensuring alignment with budgetary constraints, functional, and security requirements.

GRC Consultant

Ola

📅 01/2022 - 01/2023 📍 Bengaluru, Karnataka

A company that provides taxi hailing services, manages customer digital wallets and is aiming to disrupt the electric scooter market

- Performed Third-Party Security Assessments on existing and new external partners of ANI Group of Companies.
- Formulated and delivered Information Security Awareness Trainings to various internal functions - On-boarding, Engineering, Automobile Security and other enablement functions.
- Formulated, Published and Enforced Information Security Policies to various internal and external stakeholders.

Senior Consultant

EY

📅 04/2018 - 01/2022 📍 Bengaluru, Karnataka

A multinational professional services firm providing audit, tax, and consulting services

- Developed, reviewed, and maintained information security policies, procedures, and playbooks to strengthen governance and meet regulatory requirements.
- Performed third-party security assessments to evaluate vendor security practices, ensuring compliance with contractual obligations and industry standards.
- Collaborated with management in business development, client profiling, and pre-sales activities, contributing to growth and client engagement strategies.
- Led risk assessments and gap analyses to identify security vulnerabilities, provided remediation recommendations, and ensured risk mitigation.
- Drove the implementation of security awareness and training programs to enhance organizational understanding of security practices and compliance obligations.

SUMMARY

I am a dedicated Security evangelist with over nine years in information security governance and cybersecurity. I am passionate about enhancing security initiatives and aligning them with strategic goals. My proven expertise lies in strengthening security frameworks and driving long-term resilience, recognized for my positive outlook and commitment to achieving excellence in security management.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Enhanced Third-Party Compliance

Increased third-party compliance rate to 95% within one year.



Security Roadmap Implementation

Led security roadmap implementation for 10 BFSI sector organizations.



Global Security Awareness Campaign

Spearheaded security awareness reaching over 4,000 employees globally.



Increased Control Compliance Rates

Increased Control Compliance rates by 40% for NIA (Qatar), ISO 27001-2022.

EDUCATION

PGDM

Nalsar University Of Law

📅 04/2015 - 05/2016 📍 Hyderabad

PGDM

Tata Institute Of Social Sciences

📅 06/2014 - 05/2015 📍 Mumbai

BBA

Symbiosis International University

📅 06/2011 - 05/2014 📍 Pune

STRENGTHS



Certifications and Skills

CISA, ISO 27001 LA, LI, ISO 22301 LI, ISO 42001 LA, Saudi Central Bank (ITGF), Third-Party Lifecycle Management, Data Privacy - GDPR, Qatar PDPPL, National Information Assurance, ReBiT, Indian DPDP

EXPERIENCE

Information Security Analyst

Primera Medical Technologies

04/2017 - 04/2018 Bengaluru, Karnataka

A company specializing in medical technology and services

- Performed over 10 Root Cause Analysis (RCA) for security incidents to identify underlying vulnerabilities and recommend corrective actions.
- Performed comprehensive internal audits across various business functions to ensure alignment with information security standards and best practices.
- Designed and implemented an information security awareness program, in compliance with HIPAA and ISO 27000 frameworks, to promote a security-conscious culture.
- Facilitated the implementation of a Security Exception Management process to systematically handle deviations from security policies and ensure risk mitigation.

Information Security Consultant

KPMG Global Services

10/2015 - 04/2017 Bengaluru, Karnataka

A global network of professional services firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services

- Conducted over 15 internal audits to assess and ensure compliance with information security standards and organizational policies.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to design and implement comprehensive information security policies and procedures.
- Performed third-party security assessments for clients in the banking, finance, and telecommunications sectors to evaluate vendor security posture and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

SKILLS

Business Development		Cybersecurity
NIST	HIPAA	Information Security
ISO 27001	Training Programs	
Regulatory Compliance		
Policy and Procedures		Problem Solving
Solution Oriented	Go-Getter	