

# Ashish Deshpande

Manager - Cyber Security



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A dedicated Security evangelist with over nine years of experience in information security governance and cybersecurity. Passionate about enhancing organizational security initiatives, aligning them with strategic information security goals, and ensuring future-readiness. Proven expertise in strengthening security frameworks and driving long-term resilience. Known for a positive outlook and a commitment to achieving excellence in security management



## 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



## Work History

2024-10 - Current

### Manager - Cyber Security

*Volge and Company, Qatar*

- Enabling clients to get accredited with National Information Assurance Standard 2.1 in the State of Qatar.
- Formulating cyber defense strategies and Security Roadmap for organizations in BFSI Sector
- Assisting organizations in designing end-to-end Data Classification and lifecycle management as per prevailing regulations
- Spearheaded efforts to maintain compliance with industry regulations, protecting sensitive data and mitigating potential fines or penalties.

2023-01 - Current

### GRC Team Lead

*Tech Mahindra, Doha, Qatar*

- Developed and executed Cyber Security Strategies and Roadmaps for both public and private sector firms.
- Established and led a comprehensive security awareness framework, while spearheading awareness campaigns.
- Implemented a holistic Third Party Risk Management framework for organizations across various sectors.
- Actively participated in Enterprise Risk Management, ensuring timely identification and remediation of security risks.
- Conducted thorough reviews and enhancements of existing policies and procedures to improve security posture.
- Represented clients in external and internal audits related to information security.
- Evaluated tenders and bids for third-party services, ensuring alignment with budgetary constraints, functional, and security requirements.

**2022-01 - 2023-01**

## **GRC Consultant**

*Ola, Bengaluru, Karnataka*

- Performed Third-Party Security Assessments on existing and new external partners of ANI Group of Companies
- Created and maintained an Information Security Risk Register; presented quarterly dashboards to Management
- 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.

**2018-04 - 2022-01**

## **Senior Consultant**

*EY, Bengaluru, Karnataka*

- 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.

**2017-04 - 2018-04**

## **Information Security Analyst**

*Primera Medical Technologies, Bengaluru, Karnataka*

- Conducted 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.

**2015-10 - 2017-04**

## **Information Security Consultant**

*KPMG Global Services, Bengaluru, Karnataka*

- Conducted 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.



## **Education**

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**2015-04 - 2016-05**

### **PGDM: International Humanitarian Law**

*Nalsar University Of Law - Hyderabad*

**2014-06 - 2015-05**

### **PGDM: Disaster Management**

*Tata Institute Of Social Sciences - Mumbai*

**2011-06 - 2014-05**

### **BBA: Business And IT**

*Symbiosis International University - Pune*