

# Niknaz Sadehvandi

Junior Cybersecurity Analyst | IT Professional

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity Analyst with hands-on experience in vulnerability management, incident response, and IT General Controls testing. Skilled in SOX compliance, corrective actions, annual audits, and control remediation. Adept at collaborating with auditors, management, and control owners to ensure timely resolution of deficiencies. I hold an M.S. in Cybersecurity Technology (4.0 GPA) with technical expertise across SIEM, IDS/IPS, Active Directory, and risk management frameworks.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Junior Cybersecurity Analyst | Sunset Auto Sales

03/2020 – Present | Charlotte, NC

- Executed IT General Controls testing, achieving 100% compliance with SOX regulations and enhancing internal audit readiness.
- Streamlined documentation of testing procedures, boosting team efficiency by 20% and reducing errors.
- Conducted vulnerability management and incident response, reducing phishing triage times by 30% and false positives by 25%.
- Enhanced Splunk's capabilities by integrating threat intelligence feeds, improving detection rates by 30%.

### Customer Service Associate | Bloomingdale's

05/2015 – 12/2019 | Tysons Corner, VA

- Managed and triggered over 100 customer requests weekly, achieving a 90% issue resolution rate on first contact.
- Trained and mentored 10 new associates, improving documentation accuracy by 25%.

### Administrator / IT Helpdesk Support | Kafpoush

12/2010 – 02/2015 | Germantown, MD

- Optimized IT systems and security tools, enhancing controls and reducing vulnerabilities by 30%.
- Implemented user access validation through fingerprinting, ensuring compliance across 100+ audits annually.

## **Architectural & IT Assistant | Ganjineh**

*03/2004 – 06/2009 | Tehran, Iran*

- Spearheaded IT solution, CCTV, and secure access installations, enhancing security compliance by 30% and reducing incidents.
- Collaborated with engineers to enhance IT controls, ensuring full compliance with physical security standards, resulting in a 15% reduction in security breaches.
- Enhanced risk analysis and security strategies, ensuring 100% compliance in IT system audits through detailed documentation.

## **PROJECTS**

Digital Forensics & Incident Response Lab | UMGC (01/2025 – 03/2025)

- Investigated intrusions using FTK Imager, Autopsy, and Autoruns.
- Identified persistence mechanisms, unauthorized accounts, and SSH exfiltration.
- Documented findings with NIST and ITGC frameworks.

## **EDUCATION**

- M.S. in Cybersecurity Technology | University of Maryland Global Campus (2024–2025), GPA: 4.0, President's List
- B.S. in Information Technology | University of Phoenix (2022–2024), Magna Cum Laude
- A.A. in Information Technology | Central Piedmont Community College (2019–2022)
- A.S. in Architectural Drawing | Islamic Azad University, Iran (2008), GPA: 18.11/20

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Security & Compliance: IT General Controls, SOX, Risk Management, Incident Response, Threat Hunting, Digital Forensics, Audits

Systems & Platforms: Windows, Linux, Mac, Active Directory, Office 365, AWS, Azure

Tools: Splunk, Tenable, Nessus, Wireshark, FTK Imager, Autopsy, Nmap, Burp Suite, Autoruns

Programming: Python, PowerShell, Bash, Java, R

Soft Skills: Communication, Documentation, Collaboration, Mentoring, Timely Resolution

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Python Basics for Data Science, IBM (2024)
- R Programming Fundamentals, Stanford Online (2024)