AKEEM WILLIAMS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

GRC Engineer and ISO Lead Auditor specializing in AI governance, privacy controls, and cloud security automation. Proven expertise in implementing policy-as-code frameworks, conducting ISO 27001/42001 audits, and translating regulatory requirements into technical controls. Experienced in AWS infrastructure, Python automation, and cross-functional collaboration with engineering, legal, and security teams.

CORE COMPETENCIES

AI Governance & Risk Management | Policy-as-Code (OPA/Rego) | Privacy Engineering (GDPR, CCPA)
ISO 27001/42001 Lead Auditor | SOC 2, NIST CSF, NIST RMF | Security Control Implementation
AWS Cloud Security (IAM, CloudFormation, Lambda, S3) | Python Automation | Infrastructure-as-Code
GRC Tooling (OneTrust, ServiceNow, Compyl, Vanta) | Technical Risk Assessments | Cross-Functional Leadership

KEY PROJECTS

AWS AI Governance Framework with Policy-as-Code | Personal Project | 2024-2025

- Engineered comprehensive AI governance framework implementing **55+ automated controls** across ISO 27001, ISO 27701, and ISO 42001 standards
- Developed **policy-as-code enforcement** using Open Policy Agent (OPA/Rego) for automated compliance validation
- Built **Python security scanners** for AWS SageMaker, IAM, and S3 resources with automated risk scoring and JSON/HTML reporting

- Demonstrated practical AI governance through technical control implementation and continuous compliance monitoring
- **Technologies:** Python, AWS SageMaker, OPA/Rego, boto3, IAM, KMS, S3, CloudFormation
- **GitHub:** github.com/ajwill85/aws-ai-governance-framework

Serverless Portfolio & News Aggregator | Personal Projects | 2024-2025

- Architected and deployed full-stack serverless applications using AWS Lambda, API Gateway, DynamoDB, S3, and CloudFront
- Implemented **infrastructure-as-code** using CloudFormation for repeatable, secure deployments
- Designed IAM roles and security groups following **least-privilege principles**
- **Technologies:** React, AWS Lambda, API Gateway, DynamoDB, CloudFormation, ACM, Cloudflare DNS
- **Live Sites:** ajwill.ai | humanriskintel.com

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Principal Consultant | Human Risk Intelligence | July 2023 - Present | Remote, CA

- Provide **ISO 27001 and ISO 42001 auditing services** including readiness assessments, internal audits, and certification preparation
- Engineer GRC solutions aligning security controls with business and regulatory requirements for clients
- Design and implement **cloud security frameworks on AWS** including IAM design, encryption management, and compliance with ISO, SOC 2, and NIST standards
- Deliver security awareness programs enhancing organizational resilience against phishing and social engineering
- Advise on continuous improvement strategies to mature cybersecurity posture and maintain certification compliance

Cyber Intelligence Analyst / Case Manager | Cyber Defense and Intelligence Center | April 2024 - August 2024 | Remote, CA

- Conducted intelligence analysis and technical reporting using **OSINT and All-Source Intelligence** techniques
- Trained new analysts on intelligence gathering techniques, OPSEC procedures, and artifact documentation

- Leveraged OSINT tools to systematically analyze cybercrime activities and emerging threats
- Provided technical support for Linux VM installations; created knowledge base articles for LinuxMint on VMware/VirtualBox

Senior RCS - Gartner for Technical Professionals | Gartner | August 2019 - April 2023 | Remote, FL/CA

- Led team of **10+ associates** supporting Security, Data & Analytics, Applications, and Cloud Infrastructure research
- Managed security awareness and IT newsletters, developing educational content on cybersecurity trends, phishing, and social engineering
- Facilitated cross-functional expertise sessions on **Cybersecurity, Risk Management, TPRM, Privacy, GRC, and Audit**
- Provided project management for software pilots, addressing **security, privacy, and usability concerns**; contributed to training an **AI/ML-powered recommendation system** by providing domain expertise and feedback to improve algorithm accuracy
- Reduced onboarding time for new hires by **50%** through video knowledge repository creation

Research Content Specialist | Gartner | August 2015 - August 2019 | Fort Myers, FL

- Served as executive liaison between analysts and **C-level clients** on security, risk management, audit, and privacy strategy
- Performed document reviews including **security policies, risk assessments, TPRM questionnaires, BIAs, and PIAs**
- Led post-acquisition integration of CEB Risk/Audit/Finance staff, ensuring alignment with new processes and technology
- Built relationships with analysts and clients, reducing request processing times by **30%**
- Stayed current on cybersecurity research including GRC, IRM, ERM, IAM, Cloud Security, and Threat Intelligence

CERTIFICATIONS

ISO 27001 & ISO 42001 Lead Auditor | Mastermind Assurance | 2025
Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) | ISC2 | 2024
OneTrust Fellow of Privacy Technology | OneTrust | 2024

- Privacy, Privacy Rights Automation, GRC, TPRM, Data Privacy Impact Assessment Automation, Data Mapping Automation, Incident Management, Consent & Preference Management, Cookie Consent

GIAC Security Leadership (GSLC) | GIAC | 2023
Security Awareness Professional (SSAP) | SANS | 2023
GIAC Advisory Board Member | GIAC | 2023
Qualys VMDR | Qualys | 2023
Google Cybersecurity Certificate | Google | 2023

In Progress: AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (Winter 2025) | AWS Certified AI Practitioner (Spring 2026) | AWS Certified Security Specialty (Summer 2026) | AWS Certified Developer (Winter 2026)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming/Scripting: Python, Bash, JavaScript, React, Policy-as-Code (OPA/Rego)

Cloud & Infrastructure: AWS (IAM, Lambda, API Gateway, DynamoDB, S3, CloudFront, SageMaker), CloudFormation, Infrastructure-as-Code, Terraform (familiar)

GRC & Privacy Tools: OneTrust, ServiceNow, Compyl, Qualys VMDR, Jira, Confluence, Vanta (familiar)

Frameworks & Standards: ISO 27001, ISO 42001, ISO 27701, SOC 2, NIST CSF, NIST RMF, NIST 800-53, GDPR, CCPA, PCI DSS

Privacy Engineering: PIAs, Data Subject Rights Management, Consent Management, Data Mapping & Classification, Privacy by Design, Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PETs)

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Information Management | Arizona State University | 2015
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology | University of Florida | 2009
Certificate in Web Development and Database Systems | University of West Florida | 2013

GRC Champion Apprenticeship | Cyversity | 2023

- Completed 16-week Cybersecurity Mentorship and 12-week GRC Apprenticeship programs
- Created security policies and control implementations aligned with NIST RMF, NIST 800-53, and ISO 27001
- Developed Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) training materials

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Blog: Human Risk Intel – Managing human risk using intelligence and data-driven methods | humanriskintel.beehiiv.com
Online Training Moderator | SANS Institute | May 2023 – Present
Member: ISC2, Cyversity, ISACA