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Top Skills

Attention to Detail

Critical Thinking

Thinking Skills

Languages

Hindi

English

Certifications

ISO 27001 Lead Auditor

Tenable.io Web Application Scanning

Foundations of Operationalizing MITRE ATT&CK

DevSecOps - Automating Security in DevOps

Akash Nikhra

Senior Controls Analyst - Corporate, Risk & Resilience
India

Summary

Cyber Security Professional with more than 6 years of experience, has completed his MBA in IT Business Management Specialization Information Security from Symbiosis International University.

Working as Senior Controls Analyst with experience in Information Risk Management, Cyber Security assessments, IT Audits, Technology Risk and Compliance and General IT Controls Testing (ITGC).

Well-versed in NIST Cybersecurity Framework and have expertise in areas such as Network Security, Security Incidents Management, Cybersecurity Operations, Endpoint Security, Remote access management, Configuration Management, etc.

During my career, gained proficiency in conducting in-depth reviews and risk assessments & selecting appropriate risk mitigation strategies. I was experienced in making high-stakes decisions, resolving complex security issues, and providing advisory services. Strong knowledge of NIST SP 800-53, NIST Cybersecurity Framework, NIST Ransomware framework, MITRE ATT&CK Framework, Cyber Kill Chain Framework, Vulnerability Management, VAPT, and CIS benchmark. Adept at meeting daily goals and effectively tracking team activity to effectively manage workload.

Experience

Moody's Corporation

Senior Control Analyst - Corporate, Risk & Resilience

January 2024 - Present (1 year)

Played a pivotal role in achieving ISO 27001:2022 certification by managing evidence gathering, planning, and conducting internal audits. Conducted NIST CSF maturity assessments across various domains and aligned the framework's requirements with ISO 27001:2022 standards, ensuring a cohesive and robust cybersecurity posture. Collaborated with stakeholders

to enhance audit readiness, streamline processes, and ensure regulatory compliance.

EY

Manager - Cybersecurity

May 2023 - January 2024 (9 months)

Gurugram, Haryana, India

Led the implementation of ISO 27001:2022 and ISO 22301 for one of India's largest telecom giants, managing a team of 20 consultants, senior consultants, and managers. Supported the client in multiple external and regulatory audits, ensuring compliance, enhancing cybersecurity measures, and strengthening business continuity and resilience through strategic planning and effective execution of global standards.

Moody's Corporation

Senior Control Analyst - Audit, Risk & Compliance (Cybersecurity)

December 2021 - May 2023 (1 year 6 months)

Gurugram, Haryana, India

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PwC India

3 years 9 months

Assistant Manager

October 2020 - December 2021 (1 year 3 months)

Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Cyber Security Consultant

April 2018 - October 2020 (2 years 7 months)

Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

- Managing a Vulnerability Management Program for a large Indian conglomerate commencing telecom services in India for securing their IT System from Internal & External Threats by Continuously Assessing the System using security tools like Nessus and highlight the vulnerabilities found and orchestrating and ensuring the same is closed on systems.

- Conducting Cyclic Vulnerability Assessment of 40k+ Servers, Databases, and Network Nodes and highlight the vulnerabilities to different stakeholders and ensuring they are closing them. Vulnerabilities include OS, Middleware, Database & Application related findings. Completed orchestration and ensuring an end to end Governance-starting from coordinating with respective stake-owners to ensuring the closure of the findings.
- Validating the patches which are released by different OME's (Microsoft, Red Hat, Oracle, etc.) also testing them on the development environment, identify and report issues and release the patched to the implementation team which then can be applied to entire Infrastructure.
- Helps Stake-owners to close the findings reported by external auditors and ensure that systems are compliant with organization policies.
- Designed Minimum Baseline Security Standard for international clients with follow focus areas: Access Control, Authentication and Authorization, Configuration Management, logging and Monitoring and, Patch Management.
- Validating and reviewing the MBSS documents of the major technologies present in the client's environment and make changes recommended by the InfoSec team.
- Created MBSS for Wireless Access Points (WAP) for subsequently performing configuration review of Management, Technical & Operational Controls for WAP.
- Actively participated in business development activities such as preparing a number of proposals, presentations for the conference, and marketing material.

CISO CYBERSECURITY PVT. LTD.

Summer Intern

April 2017 - June 2017 (3 months)

Gurgaon, India

Role :- Cyber Security Analysts

Responsibilities:-

- Implementation of ISMS: I was responsible for designing and planning the Information Security Management System (ISMS) for the organization by aligning it with the controls of ISO 27001:2013.
- VAPT: Responsible for conducting Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing (VAPT) on the website of the organization and documented all the security related issues to the development team.

- Study on Hybrid Cloud Security: Studied the Amazon web services (AWS) architecture and their services, also the new security challenges to cloud service providers and smarter approaches to mitigate them.

Brave Harbor Co.

Web Developer

November 2014 - November 2015 (1 year 1 month)

Bhopal Area, India

As a web developer their and being a part of the development team my role is to design the front end of the website and integrated it with the back end and later serve as a technical support.

Education

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Master's Degree, MBA - ITBM · (2016 - 2018)

Rajiv Gandhi Prodyogiki Vishwavidyalaya

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.), Computer Science · (2010 - 2014)