

Akash Nikhra

Assistant Manager – Cyber Security

I am a self-motivated Information Technology professional having a keen interest in information and network security. Experienced with VAPT, MBSS Review, Security Governance, and Compliance, & running Vulnerability Management Program. Able to understand technical & business problems and find effective solutions through critical thinking, research, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication. Completed Master's (MBA) in IT Business Management with a specialization in Information Security from Symbiosis International University, Pune.

EXPERIENCE

PwC India (2018 – present)

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Relevant Experience:

- **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 Cyber security Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon (Apr '17 – Jun '17)

Intern – Cyber Security Analysts

Projects:

- **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.

Personal Info.

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Education

MBA (IT Business Management) – Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT), Pune

Batch: 2016- 2018

B. E. (CSE) – Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal

Batch: 2010 - 2014

Certifications

- EC Council Certified Security Analyst v10(Pursuing)
- Certified Ethical Hacker v10

Strengths

- Hard-working
- Wary of deadlines
- Innovative thinking
- Eye for detail/ Extensive research capabilities
- Collaboration
- Handling Pressure

