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Summary: -

Professional Skills: -

- A result oriented Network and Security professional with around 14 years of experience in Network and IT Security/data centre knowledge/Designing, Infrastructure Security, Security Architecture Review, Enforcing Threat Mitigation Policies, Design of Security / Network Architecture Setup, Pre-sales solution, post implementation. LAN Security, WAN Security, VPN Security, Internet Security, Wireless Security, vulnerability assessment, risk assessment.
- Best Practices data centre design, deployment and configuration based on, PCISecuritystandards/NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) /SANS Security controls/CISecurity (Centre for Internet Critical Security) Controls.
- Firewall auditing and risk compliance.
- Vital contribution towards assisting internal and external audit, PCI and ISO27002/ISMS.
- Work with Network Support to ensure timely and effective handover of new projects and requirements into the implementation and support phases.
- Understands configuration dependencies and interrelationships between different security products, designs and troubleshoots in the area with this knowledge.
- Assess requirements and make design recommendations.
- Provide technical support and guidance to deliver the project in line with time.
- Develop architecture designs which are well-thought of, reasonable and practical.
- Participate in design and technology reviews, strategy meetings.
- Work closely with the Network Operations team to assist with diagnosing network issues and incidents.
- Strong knowledge of capacity management, change management, policies and procedures.
- Experience in redundancy architecture where more than 1 level of redundancy exists.
- Strong knowledge of standard engineering principles, theories, concepts and techniques.
- Strong understanding of system integration and hardware issues.
- Capable of debugging and resolving complex network problems.
- Provide technical impact assessments for planned changes, and service amendments.
- Skills to review Network and Security components SLAs and support contracts.
- Ability to manage vendor relationship.

Project Management: -

- Define and initiate projects, schedule, and performance of component projects, while working to ensure the ultimate success and acceptance of the project.
- Maintain continuous alignment of project scope with business and technical objectives, and make recommendations to modify the program to enhance effectiveness toward the business result or strategic intent.
- Diligent in leading enterprise network and security solutions projects.
- Strong team empowerment, motivation, and leadership skills.
- Strong documentation and reporting skills

- Excellent interpersonal, collaboration, and problem solving skills
- Perform detail evaluation of network and security components and making recommendations through comprehensive documentation.

Significant Roles in the following areas: -

- SAMA Cyber Security Framework
- Enterprise Security Architecture Development, implementation and operations
- PCI-DSS Certification Program.
- Performance dashboards, KPI and KRI management.
- Vulnerability management, penetration testing, red teaming and technical compliance.
- Awareness Campaigns through different channels across the organization.
- Review and approve Information Security policy, procedures, standards and guidelines.
- SPOC for ARBANK Data Centre Migration, defining strategies, Risks, Key Migration Events, run books and roll back plans.
- SPOC to liaise, discuss, plan, closures of internal and external audits.
- SPOC for Disaster Recovery strategy, plan key events, run books update and roll back plans.
- SPOC for all information security projects including the cyber security and threat intelligence.
- Evaluation, Project timelines and execution.
- Information security controls strategy, gap assessment, maturity levels.
- Part of information security steering committee to address the KPIs and KRIs.
- Recommendations on IT infrastructure enhancement to overcome newer threats and defining mitigation policies.
- Vulnerability Management, Penetration Testing, Red Teaming and Technical Compliance
- Resource Management, Team Leading, Projects and Program Management

Vendors and Technologies: -

- Cisco, Fortinet, Palo Alto, FireEye, Symantec, Qualys, Tenable, Juniper, RSA, McAfee, Attivo, MDM, AlGosec, Skybox, Beyond Trust, Quest, Net witness, Force point, DDoS, IXIA, vArmor, SDN, ACI and many more.

CERTIFICATIONS: -

- Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA).
- Cisco IPS specialist.
- Cisco Certified Security Professional (CCSP).
- Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (Security-Lab # 22720).
- Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (Voice-Written)
- Juniper Certified Internetwork Specialist (JNCIS)
 - Firewall/VPN Specialist.
- RSA SecurID Certified Administrator.
- ITIL.
- Certified Information Security Systems (CISM)

EXPERIENCE: -

<i>Organisation</i>	Al-Rajhi Bank Jan-2018 to Till Date
<i>Role</i>	Executive Manager-Information Security Controls

<i>Organisation</i>	Al Rajhi Bank. May 2013 to Dec 2017
<i>Role</i>	Senior Manager-Information Security Controls

<i>Organisation</i>	Ebttikar Technologies. March 2010 to April 2013
<i>Role</i>	IT Security Consultant

Projects: -

- VPN Security Project.
- WAN Network & Security Project.
- Wireless Security Project.
- GETVPN Project.

<i>Organization</i>	Oger Systems. April 2007 to March 2010
<i>Role</i>	Network Security Team Leader.

Projects: -

- Ministry of Council Network Migration & Security Enhancement.
- General Directorate of Passports Intranet Security Project.
- Shura Council Infrastructure and Security Project.
- Al-Rajhi Endowment Security Project for B2B Applications Project.

<i>Organisation</i>	HSBC Bank. Oct 2004 – Jan 2007
<i>Role</i>	Security Specialist

Projects: -

- Data Centre Security Project.
- Internet and Intranet Partners.

<i>Qualification:-</i>

- Bachelor of Engineer-Electronics and Communication