

Chris Kosmas

Information Security Professional

I have over 10 years of experience in various technical information security roles. I love solving difficult problems, sharing what I know, and learning something new every day.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

HUNT Analyst

Kirkland & Ellis

01/2022 - Present

Chicago, Illinois

Achievements/Tasks

- Incident Response and Threat Intelligence - manage technical aspects of security incidents and conduct intelligence gathering analysis of adversary tactics and strategies
- Investigations - conduct investigations on highly sensitive matters, insider threats, HR related events and other non-traditional security incidents
- Security Assessments - lead Red and Purple team projects
- Threat Hunting - conduct weekly threat hunts to identify and remediate issues traditional security tools won't find
- Detection Engineering - create, process, tune, document and hand off alert configurations in various security tools to operations team to action
- Technical risk assessments - performed technical risk assessments for IT projects, technologies, web applications and third-party vendors
- Vulnerability management - identified vulnerabilities and worked with various teams to remediate

Consulting Engineer

CDW

09/2019 - 01/2022

Remote

Achievements/Tasks

- Penetration Testing - conducted network, wireless, social engineering, web app, and cloud penetration tests

Cyber Threat Engineer

Trustwave

04/2019 - 09/2019

Chicago, Illinois

Achievements/Tasks

- Security Operations - reviewed logs from SIEM, firewall, and EDR devices daily to identify and remediate potential threats in customer environments

Security Analyst

Sirius Computer Solutions

07/2016 - 04/2019

Skokie, Illinois

Achievements/Tasks

- Engineering - supported multi-million dollar customer network and security infrastructure tool implementations

SKILLS



PERSONAL PROJECTS

ChatGPT Memory Forensics Research Project

- Conducted a research project that investigates memory forensic artifacts left behind by the web-based version of ChatGPT.

Virtual Hacking Labs

- Practiced penetration testing against vulnerable virtual environments on TryHackMe.

Security Blog

- Maintained an information security blog about interesting topics on my website.

Azure Sandbox

- Built out an Azure Sandbox environment to test various cloud configurations and implementation best practices.

Active Directory Home Lab

- Created and maintained a small Active Directory environment in my home lab comprised of one domain controller, one server and two workstations.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

SANS Technology Institute - Master of Science, Information Security Engineering (05/2023 - 11/2025)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - Bachelor of Science, IS/IT and Marketing (08/2012 - 05/2016)

GIAC - GIAC Security Expert (GSE) (11/2024 - Present)

ISC2 - Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) (07/2020 - 10/2025)