Chris Kosmas

Information Security Professional

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Incident, Response & Forensics Analyst
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

02/2024 - Present *Chicago, Illinois*

Achievements/Tasks

- Help manage security incidents and conduct intelligence gathering analysis of adversary tactics and strategies
- Conduct investigations on highly sensitive matters, insider threats, HR related events and other non-traditional security incidents
- Manage 3rd party Red and Purple teaming projects
- Conduct weekly threat hunts to find and remediate security issues
- Create, process, tune, document and hand off alert configurations in various security devices to operations team to action

Cyber Security Engineer
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

01/2022 - 02/2024 *Chicago, Illinois*

Achievements/Tasks

- Performed technical risk assessments for IT projects, technologies, web applications and third-party vendors
- Identified vulnerabilities and worked with various teams to remediate

Consulting Engineer (Penetration Testing)
CDW

09/2019 - 01/2022 *Remote*

Achievements/Tasks

- Conducted external/internal network, wireless, social engineering, web app, and cloud penetration tests on customer environments in different industry verticals

Cyber Threat Engineer
Trustwave

04/2019 - 09/2019 *Chicago, Illinois*

Achievements/Tasks

- 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

- Supported multi-million dollar customer network and security infrastructure tool implementations

SKILLS

Incident Response | Penetration Testing | Forensics | Threat Hunting | Red Teaming | Purple Teaming | Detection Engineering | Malware Reverse Engineering | Exploitation | Threat Intelligence | Cloud | Networking | Operating Systems | Scripting | Active Directory | Vulnerability Management | Risk Assessments | Cybersecurity Frameworks | Security Awareness | Project Management | Technical Writing | Executive Communication | Consulting | Customer Service | Mentorship

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Active Directory Lab

- Created mini Active Directory domain in VMware Workstation comprised of one Windows domain controller, one Windows Server, and two Windows Clients to learn administration and penetration testing

Virtual Hacking Labs

- Practiced penetration testing against vulnerable virtual machines on TryHackMe and Hack the Box platforms. Created write-ups to share with colleagues and friends.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Information Security Engineering
SANS Technology Institute

05/2023 - 05/2026

Bachelor of Science, IS/IT and Marketing
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

08/2012 - 05/2016

CERTIFICATES

CISSP - (ISC)² Certified Information Systems Security Professional
https://www.credly.com/badges/ad3e139e-bc86-4d06-8d60-45bd623b78fa

GIAC Security Expert (GSE)
https://www.giac.org/certified-professional/Chris-Kosmas/221562