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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cybersecurity, product security, and risk management leader with over 25 years' experience in regulated industries such as financial services, healthcare, and public sector. Known for transforming complex compliance frameworks into actionable engineering requirements, streamlining governance processes, and driving audit readiness. Recognized author, speaker, and executive communicator skilled at aligning technical teams and business leadership. Background in cloud security architecture, governance, and policy optimization for emerging technologies. Actively advancing expertise in AI, quantum computing, and confidential computing to anticipate next-generation risks.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INTEL | May 2024 – July 2025

AI Cloud Cybersecurity and Compliance Principal Engineer | Dallas, TX

- **Conducted comprehensive threat model assessments** and vulnerability management for control plane and customer-facing AI cloud applications, identifying critical exposures and mitigating risk
- **Authored executive-level security documentation** including whitepapers and regulatory compliance reports for C-suite stakeholders and external customer audit requirements for Intel Tiber AI Cloud
- **Spearheaded SOC 2 Type II attestation and remediation initiatives for Intel Tiber AI Cloud**, successfully managing complex cross-business unit requirements and achieving compliance within accelerated timelines
- Role concluded due to two workforce reductions affecting ~40,000 employees over 12 months
- **Streamlined security requirements and SDL (Security Development Lifecycle) processes** by coordinating with legal, engineering, and external counsel for the Intel Tiber AI Cloud

VMWARE | January 2021 – January 2024

Cloud Cybersecurity and Compliance Principal Engineer - Office of the CTO | Dallas, TX

- **Delivered cybersecurity strategy integration** by consolidating 1,800+ security requirements across product development lifecycle down to fewer than 100, enabling engineering teams to meet FedRAMP HIGH, PCI DSSv4, CMMCv2, HIPAA, and SP 800-171r2 standards
- **Streamlined the Authority to Operate (ATO) process** for customers by translating System Security Plan (SSP) artifacts and Control Correlation Identifier (CCI) requirements into a standardized package for eMASS.
- Role concluded due to workforce reduction affecting 14,000 employees during the Broadcom acquisition
- **Advanced industry leadership** through standards organizations including INCITS and ISO-IEC

CAVEONIX | November 2018 – October 2020

Chief Cloud Cybersecurity and Compliance Architect | Product Management | Dallas, TX

- **Designed empirical risk assessment methodologies** utilizing advanced risk models for cloud solutions with dynamic asset assessment and environmental adaptation
- **Integrated 23 global cybersecurity frameworks** with NIST alignment, enabling seamless adaptation to evolving regulatory requirements including financial services compliance
- **Authored IT Auditing: Using Controls to Protect Information Assets 3rd Ed.** (McGraw-Hill 2005-2019)

ORACLE CLOUD | November 2017 – November 2018

Cloud Cybersecurity Strategy and Technical Solutions | Dallas, TX

- **Led security risk assessment and vulnerability management** programs for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) and Oracle Cloud Computing (OCC) serving enterprise financial services customers
- **Delivered strategic recommendations** for cloud security enhancements, threat management optimization, and incident response process improvements

AMAZON WEB SERVICES | November 2016 – November 2017

Risk Management and Assurance Senior Consultant | Dallas, TX

- **Delivered comprehensive training and advisory services** to AWS customers including Fortune 100 financial services institutions on cloud security best practices, regulatory compliance, and risk management
- **Executed post-breach security assessments and incident response** for high-profile clients
- **Implemented security frameworks** focusing on comprehensive risk mitigation for regulated industries

VMWARE | August 2015 - November 2016

Global Strategist for Product Compliance and Cybersecurity Solutions | Dallas, TX

- **Secured $10M in federal funding** through collaboration with Intel, VCE, Coalfire, HyTrust, and McAfee to lead strategic planning and implementation of FedRAMP Moderate compliant infrastructure within the NIST National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE)
- **Interfaced with clients as SME** in Cloud Security, Compliance, Access Controls, Encryption, Endpoint Security, Monitoring, Configuration Management, Vulnerability Management, and Firmware Integrity
- **Spearheaded development and publication** of comprehensive guidance, creating Product Applicability Guides for key federal regulations

VCE | February 2011 - July 2015

Product Security and Compliance | Dallas, TX

- **Designed and product managed secure and compliance infrastructure** using DISA STIG CAT 2 baselines and FISMA, FedRAMP, PCI-DSS, HIPAA, CESG, CJIS requirements across storage, network, compute, virtualization, and management infrastructure.
- **Led executive briefings and customer presentations** as Cloud Security Subject Matter Expert (SME) spanning public sector (SLED/GOV/DOD/IC), financial services, manufacturing, Cloud Service Providers (CSPs), and System Integrators/Service Organizations (SI/SO)
- **Instrumental in collaborative initiatives resulting in over $700M in tracked revenue**, demonstrating ability to effectively engage and influence key stakeholders

Early Career

- **Accudata Systems** (2009-2010): Developed and delivered SOWs for PCI, HIPAA, and FISMA assessments, integrating RSA and Vormetric technologies to enhance enterprise cybersecurity solutions.
- **ForeScout Technologies** (2006-2008): Built Professional Services Organization, managing global accounts to drive technical sales cycles for cybersecurity solutions.
- **Texas Instruments** (2001-2006): Pioneered hardware-based mobile security model, creating a new market for mobile devices and conducted audit assessments of multiple data systems and entity level controls.
- **United States Navy** (1991-1999): Led nuclear propulsion operations on USS Nebraska, ensuring compliance and precision in high-stakes, regulated environments.

EDUCATION

- Master of Business Administration, Information Security | University of Texas at Austin
- Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Engineering Technologies | Thomas Edison State College

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO)
- PCI Internal Security Assessor (PCI-ISA)
- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (AWS-CCP)
- Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- **Amazon Author**: *Hacking Exposed: Computer Forensics* and *IT Auditing: Using Controls to Protect Information Assets* (McGraw-Hill) https://www.amazon.com/author/chrisdavis
- **Blog**: articles on compliance, audit readiness, and governance best practices https://www.cloudauditcontrols.com
- **Free materials**: free compliance and governance resources https://github.com/davischr2/Cloud-Documents

- **Speaker** at RSA, BlackHat, VMworld, CSA, SANS, ISACA chapters
- **Adjunct Professor**, 10 years teaching cybersecurity, auditing, and risk management