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Executive Profile

Accomplished Technology Leader & Entrepreneur with 30+ years guiding organizations in cybersecurity, IT operations, and digital transformation. Former DoD contractor at Wright-Patterson AFB (88th Communications Group), previously holding a Top Secret clearance. First CCNA-certified professional on base (1999), selected to co-lead the Air Force's worldwide rollout of Secure Computing Sidewinder firewalls. Experienced at building businesses, leading technical teams, training, and aligning IT strategy with organizational goals. Proven success in banking, financial services, consulting, manufacturing, transportation and entrepreneurial ventures.

Notable Achievements

- DoD Contractor, WPAFB (88th Communications Group): Held Top Secret clearance, supporting large-scale rollouts of modern perimeter defense solutions and IT operations
- First Cisco CCNA-certified professional at WPAFB (1999); mentored peers, led certification initiatives, and taught Cisco networking courses at Miami Jacobs College in Dayton, OH
- Helped lead the Air Force's worldwide deployment of Secure Computing Sidewinder firewalls (1999–2000) leading up to Y2K
- Directed enterprise automation initiatives at Huntington Bank, cutting IOC workloads by more than 50%
- Sparked cross-divisional adoption at Huntington Bank of efficiencies available through automation practices, transforming operations enterprise-wide
- Founder & CEO of multiple ventures (Lighthouse Digital Logistix, Ohio Party Bus, Ohio Fun Excursions), scaling businesses and managing 30+ staff
- Directed multimillion-dollar IT infrastructure initiatives for Fortune 500 and government clients

Leadership Highlights

- Built and managed large teams of employees, overseeing operations, finance, compliance, and growth strategy
- Recognized for developing automation solutions that improved efficiency, reduced costs, and scaled enterprise services
- Skilled at mentoring, training, and building high-performance technical teams
- Delivered results across industries including financial services, defense, government, manufacturing and transportation

Professional Experience

Lighthouse Digital Logistix LLC

- Lead IT consulting in AI automation, cybersecurity, and cloud solutions

Hebron, OH (2024–Present)

Founder/Principal Consultant

Ohio Party Bus & Ohio Fun Excursions

- Built and scaled fleet transportation and tourism business with 33+ staff, digital systems, ~\$1M growth

Hebron, OH (2021–Present)

Founder/CEO

Huntington National Bank

- Technical lead, implemented automation that cut incident workload by half, supported executive reporting during critical events, responsible for organization wide automation

Columbus, OH (2018–2024)

Sr. Network Automation Engineer
Sr. Network Engineer • NOC Engineer

Alliance Data Systems / Fujitsu America / CareWorks Technologies / Cisco Systems / ODJFS / Longaberger

- Directed PCI-compliant security programs, large-scale WAN/MPLS migrations, and enterprise network infrastructure and network security projects

Various Ohio Locations (2000–2017)

Director • Sr. Network Engineer • Sr. Systems Engineer • Sr. Network Security Engineer

ACS Defense – Wright-Patterson AFB

Dayton, OH (1997–1999)

Sr. Systems Engineer

- Top Secret clearance, first Cisco CCNA on base, co-led Air Force Sidewinder firewall rollout

EDS, Freudenberg Spunweb Co.

- Programming, data center operations, network migrations, and security engineering

RTP, NC (1991–1997)

Network Engineer roles

Education & Certifications

- **MSc Information Assurance w/Honors** – Norwich University (2007)
- **BSc Computer Information Systems w/Honors** – DeVry University (1991)
- Active: Security+, ITILv3, VCP5, CCNP Enterprise
- Former: CISSP, CISA, CISM, CCDP, CCSE