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GIAC Certified Cyber Security Professional and Army Veteran, with a strong background in project management, system administration and troubleshooting complex problems to better serve customers. A coachable, team-player. Passionate about contributing meaningful cyber security solutions defending our global technological way of life.

COMPENTENCIES AND SKILLS
Platforms: AWS, SAP ERP, Splunk, Linux
Languages: PowerShell, SQL, Python, ABAP
Tools: Nmap, Wireshark, Burp Suite Pro, Nessus, Zenmap, Nmap, ncat, tcpdump, Snort, SIEM
Frameworks: NIST 800-53, ISO 27001, ISO 27003, OWASP Top 10
Compliances: PCI, HIPPA, GLBA, FERPA, FISMA

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS
Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Cybersecurity, SANS Technology Institute (March 2023)
GIAC Certifications: GSOC (2023), GCIH (2023), GSEC (2022), GFACT (2022)
CompTIA Network+ (2022)
ISC2 CISSP - Certified Information Systems Security Professional (2017)
Bachelor of Science, Information Technology Management, Trident University, Cypress, CA (Sept 2013)

CYBER PROJECTS AND ENGAGEMENTS
Bug Crowd Freelance Security Researcher with multiple reports for the Veteran's Affairs Department.
HacktheBox Academy - Top 1% of students with over 100 completed machines and challenges.
- Vulnerability Assessment, Penetration Testing Process, and the Reporting and Documentation modules.

HomeLab
- Recreation of OS and Application errors for diagnostic and troubleshooting.
- Logging of all network traffic via Snort which feeds into my Burp Suite Pro.

BSides Conferences in Philadelphia and DC 2017, Sans Netwars CTF 2017, Black Hat 2018, Splunk Boss of the SOC at PEAK Cyber Symposium 2019

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Back Office Support Engineer, SAP National Security Services, Newtown Square, PA: 2014 to 2015
- Participated in inaugural NS2 Serves program cohort and the only participant to be hired directly by SAP based on outstanding performance throughout the program.
- Assessed the security needs of computer and network systems, validated various safeguarding solutions, and managed the implementation and maintenance of security devices, systems, procedures, and countermeasures.
- Coordinated customer server with SAP Development and Global Support Centers to discover and implement ERP and database solutions.
- Focused on risk mitigation activities, provided infrastructure, application, operational/information security, and applied security controls to maintain confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Sergeant, Retired, U.S. Army (2001 – 2015), 2 Deployments to Iraq

Combat Engineer (2001-03), Automated Supply Specialist (2003-06), Master Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic (2006-15), Equal Opportunity Leader (2008-2015)

Select Accomplishments
- Oversight of equipment and vehicles worth $10M+ with 100% accountability during the first Amnesty operations attempted, post conflict.
- Construction and Operations of a Personal Satellite Network for soldiers overseas in 2010.