

Security Assurance Lead

# Summary

I'm a forward-thinking Security Assurance Lead with a deep-rooted passion for fortifying organizations' security postures. My core focus revolves around Privileged Access Management (PAM), Vulnerability Management, and Application Security, and I'm equally dedicated to the principles of open-source security and DevSecOps. My mission is to ensure a robust security posture.

With a foundation built on Linux expertise and a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity threats, I bring a unique perspective to security leadership. I'm devoted to fostering a culture of cyber vigilance and enabling organizations to proactively defend against emerging threats while incorporating open-source security solutions into their strategies.

## **Work Experience Security Assurance Lead**

Bridgestone, August 2023 - Present

As a Security Assurance Lead, I am responsible for the Application Security, Vulnerability Management, Privileged Access Management (PAM), and Vulnerability Remediation global initiatives within the EMIA (Europe, Middle East, India, and South Africa) region. I collaborate closely with cross-functional teams to ensure the highest level of security for critical applications and systems. I utilize cutting-edge technologies including Tenable, CyberArk, Harness, Azure DevOps, OnePlan, Snyk, and SonarQube to proactively identify and mitigate security vulnerabilities.

During my time leading the Vulnerability Remediation initiative, I achieved a decrease of 22% of vulnerabilities within 1 month.



## **Personal Information Nationality** Belgian

**Date of Birth** 16 of May

Languages

Dutch **Mother Tongue** French **Mother Tongue** English **Professional** Beginner German Portuguese Beginner Spanish Beginner

## **Education**

**Bachelors in information technology** Odisee, Brussels | 2012 - 2015

## Certifications

CompTIA Security+, 2022 CompTIA

ITIL v3, 2020 **PeopleCert** 

**Puppet Practitioner, 2019** 

Open-Future

**CCNP Routing and Switching, 2015** 

Cisco

**CCNP Security, 2015** 

Cisco

**CCNA, 2013** 

Cisco



## **Technical Skills**

#### **Security Management**

LDAP Administration • HAProxy • Zabbix
Monitoring Server • Hashicorp Vault • SELinux
• CyberArk • firewalld • Nagios • Sensu •
PagerDuty • Role-Based Access Control
(RBAC) • Identity and Access Management
(IAM) • Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) •
Vulnerability Management • Privileged
Access Management (PAM) • Vulnerability
Remediation • Application Security • Tenable
• Snyk • SonarQube

## **DevSecOps**

PostgreSQL • Jenkins • Redmine • Prometheus • Puppet • Terraform • Bash Scripting • Git • Grafana • Jira • MediaWiki • Airflow • Foreman • Microsoft PowerShell • Harness • Azure DevOps

#### **Development**

Golang • Power Automate • Python •
JavaScript • Apache HTTP Server • NGINX •
HTML5 • CSS • SQL

#### **Cloud and Virtualization**

AWS • Amazon S3 • Docker • Oracle VirtualBox • Kubernetes • VMware ESXi • OpenNebula • KVM • VMware PowerCLI

#### **Operating Systems**

Windows Server • RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) • Ubuntu Linux • Ubuntu Server • Rocky Linux • CentOS • Arch Linux • Debian • Kali Linux

#### **Methodologies**

Agile • ITIL • Scrum

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## **Security Engineer**

Curios, January 2022 - Present

As a cybersecurity consultant, I provide clients with technical expertise to identify and mitigate security threats and vulnerabilities. I advocate for security by design principles and promote secure development cycles to improve clients' overall cybersecurity posture. I design and implement security monitoring capabilities, utilizing opensource security tools and methodologies, to enhance threat detection and incident response readiness. I automate security analysis and response capabilities, leveraging DevSecOps principles and tools to integrate security into the software development life cycle and improve incident response time and effectiveness.

## **DevSecOps Engineer**

Siemens Mobility, August 2022 - August 2023
As a DevSecOps engineer, I created and maintained a secure and scalable infrastructure for web applications, utilizing DevSecOps methodologies and tools. I established hardening guidelines to identify and mitigate security vulnerabilities on existing servers and applications. I collaborated with cross-functional teams to provide support and troubleshooting via a ticketing tool and ensured timely resolution of any security-related issues. My focus on security best practices while designing and developing web applications using HTML5, JavaScript, and CSS ensured that they met security and compliance requirements.

#### DevSecOps Engineer

Worldline, May 2022 - July 2022 As a DevOps engineer, I played a key role in setting up and configuring the DevOps environment. I provided guidance on best practices for integrating security into the DevOps pipeline and worked closely with development teams to ensure smooth deployment and operation of applications. I implemented monitoring and alerting systems to ensure the availability and performance of the applications. In addition, I optimized the database performance by tuning queries and implementing proper indexing. I performed regular backups and disaster recovery planning for the database and provided technical support and troubleshooting for any database-related issues.



## **Technical Skills**

Business Intelligence
IBM DB2 • Netezza • IBM Cognos BI • IBM
Cognos Analytics • IBM TM1 • IBM Planning
Analytics • IBM Framework Manager • IBM
DataStage • QlikView • QlikSense

### Courses

EDB Postgres Tools v11 • IBM DataStage Essentials • ITIL v4 Foundations

#### Extra

FOSDEM 2022 • The DevOps Conference 2022 • Anomali eXtends 2022 • BruCon 2022 • ElasticOn 2022 • Infosecurity London 2022 • HashiConf 2022 • FOSDEM 2023 HTTPS://HELLIA-BE.GITHUB.IO K LINKEDIN.COM/IN/KANDRIESSENS +

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### Open-source and DevOps Lead

Inuits, May 2021 - December 2021
As a Linux System Administrator and Puppet
Automation Engineer, I work within the DevOps
team to ensure maximum efficiency of all
operations and systems. I implement and
maintain Puppet automation tools to streamline
configuration management and deployment
processes. I monitor system performance and
troubleshoot issues to minimize downtime and
ensure optimal system functionality. Additionally,
I assume the role of Database Administrator for
PostgreSQL, managing database performance,
security, backups, and disaster recovery to
ensure its smooth operation.

#### **Operations and Delivery Lead**

Deloitte, August 2015 - April 2021 As a Cloud Platform Manager, I oversaw the operations of a cloud platform running BI applications, ensuring continuous improvement and end user engagement. I also deployed and maintained a server environment consisting of over 500 Linux and Windows servers, ensuring optimal performance and uptime. Utilizing Puppet and scripting languages such as Bash, Python, and JavaScript, I automated processes and streamlined procedures. I created and maintained a comprehensive monitoring setup for operational monitoring with Zabbix and Grafana. I implemented continuous improvement and deployment methodologies for server and application delivery. Lastly, I deployed and provided technical support for BI applications, including QlikView and IBM products.