Yitian (Kevin) Ren

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Driven cybersecurity engineer with a passion for safeguarding company and user data. Past experience includes privacy-enhancing technologies, privacy regulation analysis, threat hunting, security operations management, and penetration testing. Proven ability to identify security & privacy gaps and implement effective mitigation strategies.

Education

- Master of Cybersecurity — Brown University   09/2021 - 06/2023
- Bachelor of Mathematics & Bachelor of Economics — University of California, Davis   09/2017 - 03/2021

Work Experience

Cybersecurity Consultant (Blue team & Privacy) — EY, Hong Kong SAR   07/2023 - 01/2025

- Conducted Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) for 5+ international companies, to identify and mitigate data handling risks associated with GDPR, CCPA, and PIPL compliance. Designed privacy-preserving architectures for data collection systems, reducing user data exposure by 50% and improving compliance with global privacy regulations by 70%. Advised on privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs) such as differential privacy and data anonymization to enable secure analytics for app usage and subscription retention.
- As a core member of the team launching three Security Operation service lines and the EY Greater China Managed Security Operation Center, I developed security software integrations that enhanced log monitoring, Privacy by Design, threat detection, and data visualization, resulting in a 25% efficiency gain. Identifying management inefficiencies, I then spearheaded the project management streamlining efforts after 6 months, focusing on architecture design, budget optimization, and UAT arrangement, resulting in reduced my manager's workload by 50%.
- Developed privacy-preserving solutions using LLM models and Python, including an internal chatbot for privacy gap analysis and a report generation tool that automates data mapping and risk assessment. Implemented differential privacy techniques to ensure secure data processing, resulting in a 25% increase in analysis efficiency and a 50% improvement in report accuracy.
- Collaborated with legal and engineering teams to enhance mobile app privacy practices, implementing data protection protocols and least privilege access controls. These efforts ensured compliance with regional privacy regulations and enabled the successful launch of the app in the market.

TMT Analyst, Intern — CSC Financial, Shenzhen, China   06/2021 - 09/2021

- Analyzed sensor and semiconductor chip supply in the midstream of China's new energy vehicle market in groups and accurately predicted a 30-40% increase in vehicle production in Q4 2021.

Risk Management, Intern — Ping An Bank, Shenzhen, China   06/2019 - 08/2019

Skills

- Privacy Technology (Several kinds of PETs)
- Privacy Regulations (GDPR, CCPA, PIPL)
- System Architecture Privacy Analysis
- Threat Hunting & Risk Assessment
- Python & LLM Development
- SOC Architecture & Data Visualization

Languages

- English - *Full Proficiency*
- Chinese - *Native or Equivalent*
- Cantonese - *Working Proficiency*

Certificates

- OSCP+ — Offensive Security Certified Professional Plus
- CIPP/US — Certified Information Privacy Professional - United States
- CIPP/E — Certified Information Privacy Professional - Europe
- CIPT — Certified Information Privacy Technologist
- CIPM — Certified Information Privacy Manager
- OSWP — Offensive Security Wireless Professional
- Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin

Interests

- ♟ Chess - FIDE 2110
- 🏂 Snowboarding
- 🏃 Badminton