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Driven blue & red engineer with a passion for safeguarding company and user data. Past experience includes threat detection & response, threat hunting, security operations management, incident response and penetration test. 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 & Red team) — EY, Hong Kong SAR 07/2023 - 01/2025

- As a core member of the team launching three Security Operation service lines and the EY Greater China Managed Security Operation Center (MSOC), I developed security software integrations including threat modeling that enhanced log monitoring, Privacy by Design, threat detection, and data visualization, resulting in a 25% efficiency gain.
- Identifying management inefficiencies of the MSOC development, 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%.
- Conducted comprehensive penetration testing for a government agency, focusing on web application security, architecture reviews, and code audits; identified 30+ vulnerabilities (e.g., incorrect HTTP header configurations, misconfigured access controls, and risky data transformation designs), delivered customized risk mitigation strategies aligned with the agency's risk appetite, and confirmed 100% remediation through retesting, ensuring compliance and a robust security posture.
- Conducted incident response for 2 education clients in cases of potential data breaches or anomalies. Analyzed internal server logs to determine whether a data breach had occurred, identified the root cause, and provided actionable recommendations to mitigate risks and prevent future incidents.
- Developed Python-based tools, including an internal chatbot for privacy gap analysis and a report generation tool, automating data mapping and risk assessment to improve analysis efficiency by 25%.
- Conducted Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) for 5+ international companies, to identify and mitigate data handling risks associated with GDPR, CCPA, and PIPL compliance. Identified 100+ data handling gaps in total and result in a 300+ reduction in identified risks and a 70+% improvement in regulation compliance.

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.

Skills

- **Threat Detection & SOC Architecture**
 - Threat Modeling & Risk Assessment
 - Incident Response
 - SIEM (Splunk) & Architecture Design
- **Penetration Testing**
 - Web Penetration Testing
 - Vulnerability Scan & Code Review
- **Programming & LLM**
 - Python & Bash Scripting
 - Prompt Engineering & Fine Tuning
- **Privacy & Compliance**
 - Differential Privacy & Data Anonymization
 - Gap Analysis & Compliance Audit
 - Privacy by Design

Languages

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

Certificates

- CIPP/US
- CIPP/E
- CIPT
- CIPM
- OSCP+ — OffSec Certified Professional Plus
- OSWP — OffSec Wireless Professional
- Splunk Enterprise Certified Admin

Interests

- ♟ Chess - FIDE 2110
- ⛷ Snowboarding
- 🏸 Badminton