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Driven privacy 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 incident response. 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. Identified 100+ data handling gaps in total and advised on privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs) such as differential privacy and data anonymization to enable secure analytics for data usage and retention. Resulting in a 300+ reduction in identified risks and a 70+% improvement in regulation compliance.
- 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%.
- As a core team member, established privacy controls during enterprise database consolidation, applying GDPR,PDPO & PIPL frameworks to securely integrate both consumer and internal corporate data. Designed data flow diagrams and dashboards to map anonymized data flows, establishing the foundation for future privacy-preserving analytics across 15+ consolidated databases within the group's ecosystem.
- 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%.

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

- **Privacy Technology**
  - Differential Privacy
  - Data Anonymization
  - Privacy by Design
- **Regulations & Compliance**
  - GDPR, CCPA, PIPL, HIPPA, ...
  - ISO 27001
  - Gap Analysis & Compliance Audit

- **Programming & LLM**
  - Python
  - Prompt Engineering & Fine Tuning
  - Bash Scripting
- **SIEM & Data Visualization**
  - Threat Hunting & Incident Response
  - SOC Architecture Design
  - Data Flow Mapping

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