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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, identifying and mitigating data handling risks associated with GDPR, CCPA, PIPEDA, PDPO and PIPL compliance. Identified 100+ data handling gaps in total and advised on privacy-enhancing technologies to mitigate risks. Resulting in a 50+% 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, 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%.
- Innovated privacy solutions from LLM models & Python. Developed and optimized internal chatbots and easy-report tools, resulting in a 25% increase in gap analysis and 50% increase in report generation efficiency.
- Enhanced mobile-app privacy practice while collaborating with legal teams. Strengthened data protection protocols, enforced least privilege access controls, and led to a successful launch in the regional app 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.
- Utilized Python, Bloomberg, and Wind to update data sets related to semiconductors automatically.

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

- Tested timeliness of bank risk system and refined report process to save 20% reporting time.

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