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Introduction

1.1 Availability

07.2024

1.2 Focus Areas

- Cloud Computing such as AWS, Azure
- Python Development
- Web Technologies
- IT Security
- **Automation/Orchestration**
 - Infrastructure as a Code (Ansible, Terraform, Pulumi)
 - Documentation as a Code (Sphinx)
 - Compliance as a Code (Prevent, Detect and Remediate)
 - Continuous Integration (CI)
 - Continuous Delivery (CD)
 - CasC (Configuration as Code)
 - JCasC (Jenkins Configuration as Code)
- Blockchain, Hyperledger
- Machine Learning / Data Science
- Internet of Things
- Container (e.g.; Docker, Podman)
- DevSecOps
- Site Reliability Engineering (SRE)
- Platform Engineering (PE)
- Hashicorp Secret Vault
- **BaFin**
 - BAIT (based on KWG (Kreditwesengesetz))
 - KAIT (based on KAGB (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch))
 - VAIT (based on VAG (Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz))

- ZAIT (Zahlungsdiensteaufsichtliche Anforderungen an die IT von Zahlungs- und E-Geld-Instituten)
- Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) - Regulation (EU) 2022/2554
- European Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)
- NIS 2 Directive, European Union as Directive (EU) 2022/2555
- Critical Entities Resilience Directive (CER), European Union as Directive (EU) 2022/2557

1.3 Languages

- English (Fluent)
- English (Working Proficiency)
- German (C1)
- Urdu (native)

1.4 Locations

- Germany
- Europe (EU)

1.5 Experience

- more than 5 years

1.6 Sectors

- Automotive
- Consulting
- Finance
- Industry
- Information Technology
- Trade
- Transportation
- Healthcare

Overview

2.1 Operating Systems

- Apple
 - Apple iOS
 - Apple macOS (previously Mac OS X and later OS X)
- Linux
 - Debian
 - Ubuntu
 - Red Hat RHEL/CentOS
- Windows

2.2 Automation - Orchestration

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|--|---|------------------------|
| • Automation/Orchestration | Code) | Fork of HashiCorp |
| • Infrastructure as a Code (e.g. Ansible, Terraform, Pulumi) | • JCasC (Jenkins Configuration as a Code) | Terraform) |
| • Documentation as a Code (e.g. Sphinx) | • Threat Modeling as a Code | • Ansible |
| • Compliance as a Code (e.g. Prevent, Detect and Remediate) | • reStructuredText | • Pulumi |
| • Continuous Integration (CI) | • Markdown | • Microsoft PowerShell |
| • Continuous Delivery (CD) | • Sphinx-doc | • Jenkins |
| • CasC (Configuration as a | • Python | • Git |
| | • bash | • GitLab |
| | • Terraform | • GitHub |
| | • OpenTofu (an Open Source | • Azure DevOps |

2.3 Programming Languages, Scripting Languages

Please have also a quick look on the section Automation and Orchestration. We want to prevent double entries.

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|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| • Python | • Typescript | • Solidity |
| • Javascript | • Shell-Scripts (bash) | • Ruby |

2.4 Databases

- PostgreSQL
- Elasticsearch
- MongoDB
- MySQL (also MariaDB)
- HeidiSQL
- InfluxDB

2.5 Network

- Ethernet
- TCP/IP

2.6 Tools

- Amazon AWS
- Microsoft Azure
- CI/CD Pipelines
- Docker-Swarm
- Ansible
- Terraform
- Pulumi
- Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Beats (ELK)
- Linux KVM
- VMware
- Wireshark
- GitHub
- GitLab
- Microsoft Office
- Libre Office
- Sphinx-doc

2.7 Processes

- Agile
- Scrum
- PDCA iterative management of projects
- Waterfall Model
- GitOps
- DevOps
- DevSecOps
- Site Reliability Engineering (SRE)
- Platform Engineering (PE)
- Threat Modeling

2.8 Machine Learning

- **Analysis and Modeling:**
 - Regression
 - Clustering
 - Decision Trees
 - SVMs
 - Hypothesis Testing
 - Time-Series Forecasting
 - Data Visualization
 - Dimension Reduction
 - Ensemble Learning

- Boosting
- Stacking
- Hyper-parameter tuning
- Feature Scaling
- Dimensionality Reduction
- Anomaly Detection
- Text Mining
- NLP (Natural Language Processing)
- Computer Vision
- CNNs (Convolution Neural Networks), etc.

• **Data Science Tools:**

- Pandas,
- Numpy,
- Scikit-Learn,
- Tensorflow,
- Keras,
- Pytorch,
- XGBoost,
- LightGBM,
- Scikit-Optimize,
- Matplotlib,
- Seaborn,
- Plotly,
- Cufflinks,
- PySpark,
- SQLAlchemy,
- wxPython,
- Tkinter, etc.

2.9 Other Skills

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS),
- Platform as a Service (PaaS),
- Software as a Service (SaaS),
- Atlassian Confluence,
- Atlassian JIRA,
- Azure,
- Azure cli,
- Continuous Integration (CI),
- Continuous Delivery (CD),
- Cyber Security,
- Splunk,
- Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Beats (ELK),
- Docker,
- Podman,
- IoT (Internet of things),
- Blockchain,
- Hyperledger,
- Microservices,
- Monitoring,
- OAuth2,
- Ethereum,
- Quorum,
- Representational State Transfer (RESTful) with HATEOAS (Hypermedia as the Engine of Application State),
- Vagrant,
- Django,
- Nodejs,
- Flask,
- AWS,
- AWS cli,
- AWS services like WAF
- Ansible molecule,
- Python pytest,
- Bastion Hosts,
- DNS,
- CoreDNS,
- Route53 (DNS),
- Privileged Access Management (PAM),
- Hashicorp Secret Vault,
- OpenBao (an Open Source Fork of HashiCorp Secret Vault),
- eperi Gateway,

Projects

Content

- *Projects*
 - *2023 - 2024*
 - ★ *KELAG, Austria, Klagenfurt*
 - ★ *ESWE Stadtwerke, Germany, Wiesbaden*
 - *2023*
 - ★ *OYAK Bank, Germany, Frankfurt*
 - ★ *MKS Instruments, USA, worldwide*
 - *2022*
 - ★ *H&M, Sweden, Stockholm*
 - ★ *SABIC, Gelsenkirchen Germany*
 - *2021 - till now*
 - ★ *ndaal Gesellschaft für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik, Cologne, Germany*
 - *2020*
 - ★ *AKKA TECHNOLOGIES - Köln, Germany*
 - *2019*
 - ★ *FRAUNHOFER (FIT) - Sankt Augustin, Germany*
 - *2018*
 - ★ *TH KOELN - Cologne, Germany*
 - *2017-2018*
 - ★ *TH KOELN - Cologne, Germany*

3.1 2023 - 2024

3.1.1 KELAG, Austria, Klagenfurt

Time: 11.2023 – 04.2024

Activity: Cloud Computing, Automation, Security

Tasks: • Configured Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana for seamless

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- log processing from Winlogbeat.
- Orchestrated end-to-end log management, implementing real-time log shipping from Windows endpoints to ELK Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana).
- Addressed delays in log shipping post system events (e.g., power interruptions, network handover etc) and attacks by fine-tuning Winlogbeat configurations.
- Developed Kibana dashboards for visualizing log trends and set up alerts for proactive responses to critical events.
- Overcame challenges in detecting system failures by exploring continuous log streaming.
- Proof of Concept for Cribl Log Aggregation

3.1.2 ESWE Stadtwerke, Germany, Wiesbaden

Time: 09.2023 - 05.2024

Activity: Cloud Computing, Automation, Security

- Tasks:
- Automation for Hashicorp Secret Vault with Ansible
 - Resilient Hashicorp Secret Vault implementation
 - Automation Linux Hardening with Ansible
 - Automation Windows Hardening with Ansible
 - Documentation as a Code
 - Molecule testing within container (Docker, Podman)
 - Active Directory hardening
 - Automation of a secure DNS infrastructure with CoreDNS
 - Automated control of the hardening with the following tools:
 - PingCastle,
 - Rusthound,
 - Bloodhound,
 - Microsoft ARI,
 - Scoutsuite,
 - Monkey365,
 - Prowler,
 - Scuba gear,
 - Automating of Tier 0 hardened Active Directory environments

3.2 2023

3.2.1 OYAK Bank, Germany, Frankfurt

Time: 09.2023 - 10.2023

Activity: Cloud Computing, Automation

- Tasks:
- Automation for Azure Log Management with templates
 - Automation for Azure Hardening with templates

3.2.2 MKS Instruments, USA, worldwide

Time: 02.2023 - 04.2023

Activity: Incident Response Team Ransomware

Tasks:

- Recreating VMware ESXi and Hyper-V landscape as part of the incident response team after a successful ransomware attack <https://www.csoonline.com/article/3687098/mks-instruments-falls-victim-to-ransomware-attack.html>
- Automating CIS hardened Windows 10 and Windows 11 analyst VMs on AWS with Pulumi, Terraform, Ansible and PowerShell

3.3 2022

3.3.1 H&M, Sweden, Stockholm

Time: 08.2022 - 10.2022

Activity: Cloud Computing, Automation, Azure

Tasks:

- Automation of a Compliance Check for Azure
 - create automated compliance check (Function as a App)
 - create a report with findings
 - create a Dashboard
 - using diverse Azure APIs
 - Main tools were Python, RESTful, Ansible, Terraform, Azure-cli
- Molecule testing within container (Docker, Podman)
- Documentation as a Code

3.3.2 SABIC, Gelsenkirchen Germany

Time: 01.2022 - 03.2022

Activity: Automation with Ansible and Terraform

Tasks:

- Setup Linux Debian Test Environment with Ansible
- Setup Linux Windows Test Environment with Terraform in AWS
- Linux Hardening with Bash, Ansible
- Windows Hardening with Ansible Powershell

3.4 2021 - till now

3.4.1 ndaal Gesellschaft für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik, Cologne, Germany

Time: 07.2021 - present

Activity: Machine Learning

Tasks:

- Documentation automation & optimization
- Machine Learning
- Python Development
- Hardening of Windows Systems especially Windows 2016, 2019 and 2022
- Automation for Telegraf, InfluxDB, Grafana
- Automation with Ansible [1], Terraform and Pulumi
- Automation for Hashicorp Secret Vault with Ansible
- Resilient Hashicorp Secret Vault implementation
- Creating automated tests with Ansible molecule and Python pytest

3.5 2020

3.5.1 AKKA TECHNOLOGIES - Köln, Germany

Time: 11.2019 - 09.2020

Activity: Blockchain, VANET (Vehicular adhoc network),
Automation, IT Security, Web Technologies

Tasks:

- Solved main issues in VANET by utilizing Blockchain technology, to benefit from its built-in integrity and trust.
- Developed a customized blockchain to store and transact Vehicle Sensor Data in Python using Flask.
- Imported Real world maps (OpenStreetMap), extracting street and roadside components and Simulating Traffic according to these parameters in SUMO.
- Generated Vehicle Data from the simulation, filtered and parsed from XML to JSON via RESTAPI endpoints into Blockchain application.
- Automated security key / certificate generation and Securing communication (Curve for ZMQ, SSL/TLS for HTTP traffic).
- Containerized all applications in Docker, and created Docker-Compose playbooks for deployment locally or in AWS Cloud.
- Created a metrics endpoint and used it to generate visualization.

3.6 2019

3.6.1 FRAUNHOFER (FIT) - Sankt Augustin, Germany

Time: 11.2019 – 09.2020

Activity: Blockchain, Quality Compliance,
Automation, IT Security, Web Technologies, Industry 4.0

Tasks:

- Setup Quorum blockchain implementations on vagrant, docker and Amazon EC2
- Tested out Quorum transaction and consensus algorithms.
- IoT Arduino Programming and Data acquisition of IoT sensor data through MQTT.
- Wrote Smart contract on Ethereum blockchain in Solidity.
- Created Web templates with JavaScript / HTML for User Interface.
- Developed Core application in Python using Flask that interacts via REST API.

→ for deploying smart contracts in Blockchain.

- Parsed JSON Data from Blockchains and generated compliance certificates.

3.7 2018

3.7.1 TH KOELN - Cologne, Germany

Time: 04.2018 – 07.2018

Activity: Blockchain, VOIP, SIP Server, Automation

Tasks:

- Blockchain technology was used to create a shared ledger between Asterisk SIP servers that contain user information.
- Blockchain web (Flask) application was created to allow users to signup & login, view the blockchain, make transactions and mine new blocks, using REST API.
- SIP registration/calling/answering functions were scripted using PJSIP library and calls were initiated via Android SIP client.

3.8 2017-2018

3.8.1 TH KOELN - Cologne, Germany

Time: 11.2017 – 02.2018

Activity: DASH, Video streaming, Traffic Shaping

Tasks:

- Setup HTTP video Streaming using NGINX server and DASH.JS framework.

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- MPEG-DASH conversion and MPD generation with FFMPEG and MP4BOX.
 - Traffic Shaping at bridge gateway using Linux networking tools such as iperf, Wondershaper etc.
 - Video streaming metrics via DASH.JS and packet analysis with Wireshark.
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Publications

Content

- *Publications*
 - *2023*
 - ★ *2023, October eleventh*
 - *2021*
 - ★ *2021, December fourteenth*
 - ★ *2021, November 21th*

4.1 2023

4.1.1 2023, October eleventh

Integrating Data-Privacy Through Pipelines at data2day conference

All data stored on a filesystem has some metadata. Sometimes more **and** other times less. This can be a huge privacy breach, since the metadata can contain sensible data that can be used to identify persons, locations, **or** other interesting information.

To **not** leak **any** hidden sensitive information, it **is** crucial to ensure that **all** data that **is** stored **and** processed **is** clean. This task **is** predestined to automate.

This talk will focus on how to remove **all** the metadata **and** automate this procedure through data processing pipelines that can be used **in** an MLOps **as** well **as** the classical DevSecOps cycle. [1]_

4.2 2021

4.2.1 2021, December fourteenth

Research Paper log4j Vulnerability [2]_

4.2.2 2021, November 21th

Ansible Role InfluxDB 2.0 with encryption on Linux Debian [3]

Chapter 5

Education

Content

- *Education*
 - 2023
 - 2022
 - 2017-2020
 - 2010-2014

5.1 2023

- Certified LPIC-1, v5, Linux Professional Institute, Linux Hotel
- Information Security Threat Modeling (STRIDE)

5.2 2022

- Hashicorp Vault training **with** certification Vault Associate (002)

5.3 2017-2020

- Master of Science **in** Communication Systems **and** Networks
Technische Hochschule Köln, Köln (Germany)

5.4 2010-2014

- Bachelor of Engineering **in** Electronic Engineering
NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi (Pakistan)

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