

Ned Flanders

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Profile

Versatile information security professional experienced in developing and supporting security programs. Meets challenges with resourceful solutions, including process improvements and able to effectively communicate across teams by understanding relevant stakeholder interests.

Skills

Monitoring, Detection, Enterprise Security- analysis of events, alerts, and prioritization of response. Knowledge of common exploit techniques and planning and automation of response to incidents- including Rapid7, Tenable, Microsoft and AWS security and configuration products.

Risk Management - vulnerability management including the ability to recognize business processes and the necessity of working with other stakeholders to prioritize needs and controls. Understand the importance of measurement to produce actionable intelligence for the decision making process. Ability to appreciably contribute to contingency planning, BCP, and DRP.

Incident Response, Reporting, and Continuous Improvement - ability to audit and gather operational data to increase security posture in a constantly changing information security landscape. Deep interest in cybersecurity news and staying current with information security best practices.

Security Administration and Operations- strong background in maintaining a secure operational environment with skills including AWS, Azure, identity management, Active Directory, SIEM, SOAR, networking, firewall configuration.

Certifications

AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate

AWS Certified Security Specialist

Microsoft Certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate

ISC2 CISSP

Experience

Data Recognition Corporation

Maple Grove, MN ---May 2023- present

Senior Security Analyst

- ❖ Planned and implemented application security program rollouts throughout company
- ❖ Led Security Champions program and application and cloud security training for developers
- ❖ Developed API driven reporting system for application security data
- ❖ Drove our cloud security program, resulting in an eighty-four percent reduction in vulnerabilities over a nine month period.

Vista Outdoor

Anoka, MN ---November 2021- May 2023

Information Security Engineer

- ❖ Analyzed application security and communicated with developers and managers, recommended and prioritized remediations
- ❖ Planned incident response and disaster recovery procedures and produced a number of automated procedures and playbooks in response to a variety of incident types.
- ❖ Led deployment of security tools and security related projects, implemented usage of Microsoft security and identity protection products, KQL queries and Azure data

- ❖ ingestion into SIEM and SOAR.
- ❖ Designed and implemented cloud based alternatives to legacy systems, reducing cost and streamlining procedures

Vista Outdoor
Anoka, MN --- April 2021-November 2021

Information Security Analyst

- ❖ Provided Palo Alto firewall support and troubleshooting in a global network
- ❖ Analyzed and performed end to end processes of vulnerability management, worked with multiple departments to prioritize and remediate new and long standing vulnerabilities using both Rapid7 InsightVM and Microsoft Defender.
- ❖ Responsible for user security education and phishing simulations
- ❖ Investigated endpoint security and network security events

Egan Company
Brooklyn Park, MN — 2014-2021

System Administrator

Accomplishments

- ❖ Researched, recommended and implemented an Asset Management system to alert on unpatched infrastructure, insecure configurations, and software licensing violations. This decreased workload for administrators and reduced information technology risk
- ❖ Maximized infrastructure performance and security by analyzing and remediating vulnerabilities, managing endpoint security, monitoring and responding to alerts from firewalls and intrusion prevention systems. Utilized robotic process automation to increase response time to intrusion prevention and decrease associated cost.

Education

Metro State University- Minneapolis, MN
Information Assurance and Information Technology Security Masters GCERT

Hennepin Technical College- Brooklyn Park, MN
AAS Network Administration