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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished professional transitioning to cybersecurity with a strong strategic leadership and operational management foundation. Former Regional Director of a \$50M business, adept at merging executive-level management skills with emerging technical proficiencies in cloud security, penetration testing, and AI-driven threat intelligence. Poised to leverage a rich background into impactful security leadership in complex environments. Offers a distinctive blend of strategic vision and technical acumen, ideal for roles that require overseeing teams and hands-on problem-solving in cybersecurity.

## COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

**Technical:** Threat Hunting, Incident Response, Network Scanning, Cloud Security, Cloud Engineering, Identity and Access Management, Multi-cloud Authention, Cloud Pentesting, Machine Learning, DNS, Terraform, ML and Neural Networks

**Tools:** Sysinternals, Wireshark, SNORT, ELK, Osquery, OWASP Zap, Subfinder, Project Discovery suite, Metasploit, Jupyter Lab, Collab

**Frameworks:** NIST, MITRE ATT&CK, CSA, ISO, PCI-DSSHardware/OS: Windows, Linux

**Languages:** Python

**Functional:** Technical writing, oral communication, translating technical jargon to non-technical users, analytical thinking, problem-solving, management/leadership

## EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

**GIAC:** Public Cloud Security (GPCS), Cloud Security Essentials (GCLD), Security Essentials (GSEC), Currently enrolled in Cloud Penetration Testing (GCPN) **2023 -2024**

**CompTIA:** Security+ **2023**

**Other:** Pearson IT Specialist: AI **2024**

**Level Effect:** Certified Cyber Defense Professional **2023**

**SANS Technology Institute:** Cloud Diversity Scholarship Academy **2024**

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

<https://github.com/otaezo/Portfolio>

- **Incident Response Scenarios:** Found and documented breaches with open source tools, created detailed reports suitable for presentation to the C-Suite
- **Threat Intelligence Scenarios:** Compared fictional companies' current defense postures against known TTPs of a real APT. Output was color-coded MITRE ATT&CK matrices.
- **Vulnerability:** Nessus and open-source tools to create reports detailing remediation and ongoing defense in cloud and on-prem environments.
- **Cloud Environments:** Spun up AWS, Azure, and Google architecture, set IAM, ran compliance and security assessment, then secured the environments based on the results. Set up logging and analyzed results. Multi-cloud authentication between AWS, Azure, and Google.
- **Enumerated Lab Cloud Accounts** to find all hosts connected to a single domain name, then did brute-forced password cracking.
- **Phishing Campaigns:** Created campaigns using real-looking logins for fake sites that collected credentials and then were redirected to the real sites.
- **TryHackMe** rooms completed in offensive and defensive security, ranking in the top 3%.
- **Technical Writing:** Technical Editor for Taunton Press Books, author/ghostwriter of four how-to books and numerous articles.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Apprentice Cyber Defense Analyst, Level Effect** **08/2022-03/2023**

- Analyzed and resolved complex cyberattack scenarios, using advanced techniques to detect and mitigate threats.
- Improved training materials by auditing and updating for accuracy and relevance

### **Associate and Trainer, Amazon** **09/2020-01/2022**

- Regularly beat nightly quotas, recognized as a top performer
- Led a team of seventy associates to improve packing practices

### **Regional Director, Mueller Reports** **04/2013-09/2020**

- Transformed low-performing regions, increasing productivity to exceed production metrics.
- Designed transitions to subsequent managers, ensuring continued success and stability
- Collaborated on application QA and developed audio/video training modules, enhancing productivity, compliance, and user satisfaction

### **Taezo Woodworking Studio** **02/2006-11/2014**

- Managed studio operations, increasing revenue through bespoke equestrian projects
- Enhanced brand visibility through community engagement and media appearances

### **Network Help Desk Technician, Optimum** **09/2005-010/2006**

- Delivered effective technical support, achieving high first-call resolution rates and customer satisfaction.
- Recognized for outstanding technical knowledge and customer service excellence.