Vikas Bhatia

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Summary: Innovative, business first and executive facing cleared (TS/SCI/NATO – with Poly) Cyber risk / compliance professional who has delivered innovative mission critical solutions at every stage of the implementation lifecycle to over 130+ companies.

Professional Timeline:

May 2025 – August 2025 – Personal Development Break

Hands on AI & low code provider & standards upskilling including:

- Hands on AI prompting and agent development using various models, e.g.OpenAI / ChatGPT, Anthropic / Claude / Claude Code, Google Gemini, Manus, and Grok, and technologies e.g., Lovable, Cursor, Airtable, Supabase, Netlify, and Lindy,
- Created AI Assessments based on Standards such as ISO/IEC 42001:2023 & NIST AI RMF
- Selected projects can be found at https://vikasbhatia.info/projects

November 2024 – April 2025 – Independent Consulting

CISO, GRC, AI, Risk Consulting (Contract & Remote)

Key Projects include:

- Pre-launch AI Agency – AI & Cybersecurity Risk advisor to the CEO
- EvolutionIQ – Tasked by the CISO to project manage evidence collection for HiTrust Audit
- Harness - Own SOC2 certification process and deliver final report within 60 days
- Big Pharma Vendor - Retained as the organization's first CISO to meet security / privacy compliance requirements

May 2024 – October 2024 – InMarket Media LLC

VP, Information Security, Remote

Key Achievements:

- Partnered with Counsel & C-Suite during FTC Order response
- Implemented the foundational enterprise risk governance framework & library in partnership with Management, Legal & HR
- Managed technology risk during M&A transation
- Delivered a 2 year, 3-phase, Enterprise Technology & Information security maturity plan to management
- Partnered with Sales and Legal teams to respond to Customer's information security assessments
- Revised & implemented policy framework including Internal Controls, Risk Management, Information Security & AI
- Aligned Product management, Development & Cloud Infrastructure teams to enterprise risk framework

March 2024 – May 2024 – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Cybersecurity Lead - Office Inspector General (OIG) Audit, Springfield, VA.

Key Achievements:

- Represented OIG during intra-Intelligence Agency AI & Technology related risk assessments
- Oversaw FISMA Vulnerablity Management audit in line with NGA OIG guidance and Yellow book Auditing Standards
- Reviewed FISMA assessments conducted by contractors to prepare audit work papers

May 2018 – Feburary 2024 – JustProtect Inc.

Founder, CEO & Chief Risk Officer, Tampa, FL.

Key Achievements:

- Oversee all internal legal, compliance, privacy, product development, information security & technology risks
- Raised $750k in financing & oversaw product to $700k ARR
- Product owner for the JustProtect SaaS Risk Assessment platform (conducted 5k assessments with 60% efficiency)
- Finalist in ABB's Electrification challenge, "Cyber security assessment in electrical substations"
- Finalist in FDIC's, "*From Hurricanes to Ransomware: Measuring Resilience in the Banking World*" Tech sprint [1]
- Design of Finance, Healthcare, Education, Utilities, Manufacturing industry & compliance specific solutions
- Manage internal SOC2, ISO27000, FedRAMP and StateRamp compliance programs

August 2012 – May 2018 Kalki Consulting LLC

Virtual CISO (Multiple Clients), New York, NY.

Notable client projects and Roles

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[1] https://www.fdic.gov/news/press-releases/2021/pr21090.html

- Federal Reserve, Information Security New York - Senior Risk assessor and Co-led a re-design of vendor risk assessment process
- Blackrock – Designed and led SMB risk assessment approach to Risk & Legal organization
- Blackstone – Led global identity and access management gap evaluation and redesign
- Performed strategic and tactical security roles during buy and sell side M&A transactions
- Designed, built and implemented multiple Enterprise Risk Management & Information Security Management programs
- Provided first CISO advisory services to startups, financial services, technology, healthcare and retail organizations

November 2006 – April 2012 Deloitte & Touche (Multiple Roles)

February 2011– April 2012: Northeast Deloitte-HP Alliance / Business Development Manager, New York, USA

Key Achievements:

- Enhanced and delivered business and client focused sales strategies resulting in a 300% revenue increase
- Fostered and Managed executive relationships within HP & Deloitte's senior leadership
- Developed and strategic initiatives to align HP Enterprise Security Products to Deloitte delivery methodologies
- Oversaw joint go to market and communications programs at the client, solution or industry levels

January 2008 – February 2011: Security & Privacy Services Manager – Technology Risk (Security & Privacy)

Notable client projects and Role:

- Constellation Energy: NERC & HIPAA compliance ArcSight Alerting & Monitoring Subject Matter Expert
- Target Corporation: Target.com transformation - Cyber Threat & Incident Response lead
- American Express Global Corporate Credit Cards: Global data privacy risk mapping co-lead
- CIT Bank (F500 Holding Company): FFIEC - Information Security and Data Privacy Breach response Project Lead
- Health Quest Hospital System: Data breach2 response Consultant & Information Security & IT transformation Lead

November 2006 – December 2007: Senior Security Consultant, Security & Privacy Services, London, UK

Notable client projects and Role:

- VISA: Enterprise network security led to the internal audit function during a SAS70 assessment
- Shell Oil: Security lead during an audit of a global operating system deployment to 180,000 desktops
- Johnson Media: Independent security review and risk assessment for new infrastructure deployment
- Marks & Spencer's: Network security architecture lead during a PCI compliance driven assessment
- National Audit Agency: Assisted Global Biometrics lead to develop and deliver client focused workshops

September 2000 – October 2006   CapGemini UK

Sept 2003 – Oct. 2006: (Cleared) Security MSSP Technical Consultant, London, UK.

Role overview and key achievements:

- Mission critical 24x7x365 reactive Information Security 3rd line support to 23 cross-industry clients (Response & Escilation)
- Enhanced & Re-engineered BAU, crisis, business continuity and disaster recovery workflows, procedures and technologies
- Provided technical leadership during national and international "Tiger Team" client assignments
- Provided proactive support during penetration tests, vulnerability assessments, firewall and IDS Audits or M&A activity

June 2002 – August 2003: Senior (3rd & 4th line) WINTEL / MCSE Solutions Consultant, London, UK.

Key achievements:
- Designed, built & supported Microsoft Mobile Information Server Environemnt delivering mobile email to executives
- Designed, built & supported CapGemini's first off-shore development & SSL VPN environment

September 2000 – May 2002: 24x7 3rd Line National WINTEL Engineer / Deputy Team lead (~15,000 Users), London, UK.

Key achievements:
- Key roles during high profile infrastructure incidents e.g., Disaster Recovery, power outages
- Performed and lead key roles during global virus outbreaks e.g. "I Love You", "Nimda", "Sircam and "MyDoom"

Nov 1999 – May 2000   BBC Technology 2nd Line Technical Support (~5000 users) and MCSE Trainer, London, UK.

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2 https://attrition.org/dataloss/2006/08/vbmc01.html

Feb 1999–Sept 1999 ICL (AXA Insurance) 1st & 2nd Line National Service Desk (~5000 users), Stevenage, UK.

Professional Certifications:

- Boardroom **Qualified Technology Expert (QTE)**
- Service Assurance for Federal Reserve (SAFR)
- Certified Chief Information Security Officer (C|CISO)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP)
- EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker
- GIAC Security Essentials Certification (GSEC Certified)
- ITIL V3 Foundation
- Microsoft Windows NT4 & W2k (MCSE)

Regulatory Compliance, Industry Frameworks & Standards (Selected)

- Regulations: HIPAA, GLBA, SOX, SEC, FFIEC, PCI DSS, NERC/CIP
- International / Federal / State Privacy Laws e.g., GDPR, NY Shield, and CCPA
- AI Standards: ISO 42001, ISO 23894, ISO 5339 & NIST AI.600-1
- Infosec Standards: ISO/IEC 27001/2 & COBiT, FISMA, NIST-800-53 & HMG IAS
- Certifications: HITRUST, SO2C, ISO & PCI-DSS

Technical Enterprise Security Experience – Hands-On & Management

- SaaS Software Development experience (various front end, back end and infrastructure technologies)
- Cloud Infrastructure security (AWS, Google, Azure)
- GRC Solutions (Archer & ServiceNow)
- SIEM and Log Management Technologies (ArcSight)
- Remote Connectivity, Perimeter, Web Application, Database and Infrastructure Operations & security management
- End point Vulnerability Management, Network Intrusion Detection/Prevention, Anti-Virus and Data Loss Prevention
- Identity and Access lifecycle Management & authentication solutions
- Cloud Infrastructure security (AWS, Google, Azure)

Awards (Selected)

- https://www.fdic.gov/news/press-releases/2021/pr21090.html
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ2gu0tt9rM

Public Speaking & Commentary (Selected):

- https://floridapoly.edu/news/articles/2021/03/031821-capstone-justprotect.php
- https://www.tf7radio.com/guests/#:~:text=Episode%2036-,Vikas%20Bhatia,-Vikas%20Bhatia%20is
- https://privacypleasepodcast.buzzsprout.com/622234/8546982-s2-e67-vikas-bhatia-founder-ceo-justprotect-cybersecurity-advisor-speaker
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF0AUYz6qv8
- https://events.infosecworldusa.com/2022event/speaker/516571/vikas-bhatia
- https://open.spotify.com/episode/7bqPzOULFiUpDbNvxqIz7j
- https://www.privacysecurityacademy.com/dt_team_category/psf-speaker-2019/page/13/
- https://issuu.com/honeysucklemagazine/docs/honeysuckle_home_issue__4/54

Professional Associations:

- InfraGard CISO Cross Sector Chair
- Cloud Security Alliance – Continuous Security Metrics Working Group Member

Formal Education

- BA Hrs. Economics (with German Language) from Kingston University, UK (Graduated 1998)