# Alex Sulsky

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#### **BRIEF**

Information security architect with experience building, protecting and automating resilient, distributed systems.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Student

# **Digital Crafts**

September, 2017 - January, 2018 Houston, TX

Accelerated School for Software Engineering - Full Stack Immersive Program

- Introduced to application development using popular JavaScript and Python frameworks such as NodeJS, jQuery, React, Express, Flask, Tornado.
- Worked with Postgresql and Firebase databases.
- DevOps with AWS, Heroku, Dokku and Git.
- Built and deployed web applications using the above tools.

# Macquarie Bank Ltd.

May, 2015 - April, 2017

Engineer

Houston, TX

- Built and supported private and public cloud web-application delivery systems around F5 LTM load balancing proxies.
- Secured access to public applications using F5 APM and Palo Alto firewalls.
- Built out monitoring and reporting using Splunk and other off-the shelf systems, e.g. SiteScope.
- Built a web app to report on F5 LTM configuration and status using F5's iControl API.
- Worked with internal researchers to contain threats and discovered zero-day exploits via custom rule-sets in McAfee Intrushield IPS and F5's ASM Web Application Firewall.

#### Texas Children's Hospital

October, 2011 - May, 2015

Data Security Architect

Houston, TX

- Developed security standards, advised leadership and technical staff on security risks and best practices.
- Served on the "Architectural Review Committee" to approve the design of proposed IT systems, create technical standards and advise policy.
- Built an application delivery system around F5's BIG-IP technologies using Global and Local Traffic Managers.
- Set up a centralized multi-factor authentication system for websites with a mix of F5's Access Policy Manager (APM) and RSA's Adaptive Authentication.
- Installed and configured F5's SAML-capable proxy to allow SSO with third-party applications.
- Protected web applications with F5's Applications Security Manager and SourceFire IPS.
- Built a DDOS mitigation scheme by peering with ISPs and incorporating Arbor's Pravail APS.

- Developed baseline security configurations for common OS's and applications on NIST and CIS Benchmarks.
- Set up Symantec's Control & Compliance Suite (CCS) to audit system compliance to configuration standards.
- Set up a meaningful risk assessment and reporting practice through the integration of Symantec's CCS with Symantec's Data Leak Protection, Endpoint Protection, and Rapid 7's Nexpose vulnerability scan results.
- Ran popular security tools including Checkpoint and Cisco firewalls, BlueCoat forward proxies, Rapid 7's and and RADIUS AAA servers.

# Texas Children's Hospital

May, 2011 - October, 2011

Enterprise Systems Engineer - Contract

Houston, TX

- Worked on improving Microsoft Active Directory Services, PKI, and Microsoft Exchange systems.
- Integrated Wifi authentication with Active Directory through RADIUS & 802.1x capable APs.
- Automated common administrative tasks through VBscript and PowerShell scripts.

Alvarez & Marsal

February, 2007 - November, 2010

New York, NY

- System Engineer
  - Created detailed continuity and disaster recovery plans for messaging, DNS and web services.
  - Minimized disaster recovery times by integrating VMWare's Site Recovery Manager with EMC Clariion snapshot and mirroring services.
  - Managed encryption tools: PGP, Bitlocker, EFS, and Safend.
  - Built data center storage systems for Exchange, VMWare, file share, and backup around EMC Clarition.
  - Built branch office storage systems around FreeNAS, and HP StorageWorks.

## Katzenbach Partners LLC

December, 2002 - September, 2006

Systems & Networking Lead

New York, NY

- Designed a highly available, multi-office WAN through dedicated inter-office frame relay links, backed by IPSec VPNs over the Internet.
- Designed a multi-homed data center by way of BGP-peering with two ISPs.
- Built a multi-site WLAN around Cisco APs and Active Directory-based authentication.
- Automated desktop deployment using Microsoft's Remote Installation Server and distributed filesystem storage.
- Led two Active Directory and Exchange upgrades, and worked with consultants to build an Exchange-integrated Avaya VoIP system.
- Secured systems, firewalls, and networking equipment using NSA, NIST, and vendor guidelines.
- Managed SonicWall/NetStructure, and Cisco firewalls.
- Set up detailed network monitoring by displaying WMI, WBEM, SNMP counters and alerts in a WhatsUp Gold console.

1997 - 2001 Comtex New York, NY