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CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONAL

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EXECUTIVE PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY A detail-oriented cybersecurity professional with over 3 years of experience bridging SOC operations, risk management, and privacy governance. Specialized in leading data protection functions and compliance initiatives for ISO 27001, SOC 2, and the DPDP Act. Demonstrated success in designing DLP architectures, executing Business Impact Analyses (BIA), and driving vulnerability assessments. Proven technical aptitude in cloud infrastructure, endpoint security, and threat detection, with a track record of translating complex security requirements into actionable enterprise governance strategies without relying on formalized service level agreements.

EDUCATION

Integrated Master of Science in IT IMS & CS | 2020 - 2025

Department of Animation, IT IMS & Mobile Application, Gujarat University, India.

- Information Technology Infrastructure Management Services and Cyber Security

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS (NOT CERTIFIED)

- CompTIA Network+ & Security+
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RH124 & RH134)
- CompTIA PenTest+
- Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP)
- Information Privacy Manager (CIPM)
- Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Google Professional Cloud Security Engineer
- Microsoft Certified: Security Operations Analyst Associate (SC-200)
- Splunk Core Certified Power User

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cybersecurity & Ethical Hacking

- **Application Security & Penetration Testing Tools** – Proficient in using Burp Suite, Wireshark, Nmap, SQLmap, and Metasploit Framework for vulnerability assessment, network analysis, and exploitation testing.
- **OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence)** – Experienced with the OSINT Framework to gather intelligence and analyze security risks using publicly available data sources.

Virtualization & System Administration

- **Hypervisors & Virtualization** – Competent in managing Type I and Type II Hypervisors, ensuring efficient deployment and maintenance of virtual environments.
- **Google Workspace Administration** – Experienced in managing Google Workspace, including user access control, security policies, and troubleshooting.

AI & Data Analysis

- **Working with AI** – Skilled in generating synthetic data for AI model training and security applications. Familiar with AI-based cybersecurity automation and threat detection.

GRC & Security Frameworks

- **Compliance & Policy** – Expertise in developing and auditing security policies against ISO 27001, SOC 2, and CIS standards.
- **Risk Management –** Skilled in conducting technical risk assessments and third-party vendor reviews.

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- ***Received the CAP Award (Appreciation Award)***
- ***Security & Forensics***
  - Certified Forensic & Dark Web Analyst (CFDWA) - Ampcus Cyber
  - Introduction to OSINT – Security Blue Team
  - Ethical Hacking & Cyber Security (85% A+) – Department of Forensic Science, Gujarat University
  - Infrastructure Security, Level 1 – QA
  - Defending Active Directory - CodeRed, EC-Council
  - Introduction to Web Forensics - CodeRed, EC-Council
- ***Networking & Foundational Security***
  - NSE 1 & 2 Network Security Associate – Fortinet
  - NDG Linux Unhatched – Cisco Networking Academy
  - Cyber Security Essentials – Cisco Networking Academy
  - Introduction to Cyber Security – Cisco Networking Academy
- **Cloud and AI**
  - Google Cloud Skills Boost
    - Google Cloud Essentials
    - Digital Transformation with Google Cloud
    - Exploring Data Transformation with Google Cloud
    - Innovating with Google Cloud Artificial Intelligence
    - Infrastructure and Application Modernization with Google Cloud
    - Introduction to Large Language Models | Generative AI | Gemini for Google Workspace | Responsible AI
    - Generative AI Fundamentals
    - Gemini in Gmail | Drive | Docs
- **Associate Google Workspace Administrator Certification**
- **GRC & Security Frameworks**
  - Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) ITGC Audit Concepts and Coordination
  - ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Consultant- Lead Auditor & Implementer
- **Steam Robotics Master Training & Certification – Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Education Department, Government of Gujarat**
- **Hackers Hour - Hack All Things CTF – The Hackers Meetup**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Softweb Solutions – An Avnet Company (GRC Analyst)
Avnet Inc. – Cybersecurity Analyst | May 2026 – Present

- **Security Framework Governance:** Execute comprehensive, enterprise-wide cybersecurity assessments utilizing recognized global standards, specifically prioritizing NIST CSF and ISO/IEC 27001 to strengthen organizational resilience.
- **Policy Development & Enforcement:** Architect, update, and manage corporate cybersecurity policies, operational standards, and data protection procedures to strictly align with global regulatory requirements, including GDPR, PCI-DSS, and SOX.
- **Risk Management & Mitigation:** Conduct continuous, proactive risk assessments across global business units and regional infrastructure; maintain and update centralized risk registers while designing risk mitigation strategies to address emerging threat vectors.
- **Vendor & Third-Party Auditing:** Support third-party risk management initiatives by auditing vendor security postures, evaluating client compliance, and reviewing security controls to mitigate supply chain vulnerabilities.
- **Audit Readiness & Compliance Metrics:** Coordinate and drive internal and external audit preparation, response activities, and control testing; monitor and deliver granular compliance health status reports, risk metrics, and control effectiveness KPIs to key stakeholders.

Crest Data Systems Pvt. Ltd. | Ahmedabad | Nov 2022 - May 2026

SOC Analyst (Focused on GRC, Privacy Governance & Technical) | Oct 2025 – May 2026

Officially promoted to SOC Analyst after successfully leading security operations and compliance initiatives; bridging security monitoring with governance functions.

- **Leadership & Strategy:** As the acting Data Protection Officer, led the development and enforcement of over 10 security policies aligned with ISO 27001 and SOC 2, directly advising leadership on data protection and compliance strategy.
- **Data Protection & Privacy Governance:** Execute functional responsibilities equivalent to a Data Protection Officer (DPO), serving as the primary stakeholder for internal data privacy frameworks and compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act.
- **Governance & Policy Management**: Developed and enforced 10+ security policies and frameworks aligned with ISO 27001 and SOC 2, improving compliance adherence by 5%.
- **Google VoVo Compliance:** Manage the Vendor-Owned Vendor-Operated (VoVo) compliance program for Google ODC, ensuring strict adherence to client-mandated security controls and conducting periodic self-assessments.
- **DLP & Insider Risk Management:** Designed and deployed Data Loss Prevention (DLP) policies across Email and Cloud Drive environments, successfully classifying 100% of sensitive IP and reducing data leakage risks by implementing blocking rules for unauthorized external sharing.
- **Endpoint Security Architecture:** Architected the Mobile Device Management (MDM) strategy, implementing Zero Trust policies for corporate assets and secure Work Profiles for BYOD devices to ensure segregation of corporate data.
- **Business Impact Analysis (BIA):** Conducted comprehensive Business Impact Analysis across critical business units to define RTO/RPO objectives, directly feeding into the Business Continuity Plan (BCP).
- **Vulnerability & Risk Analysis:** Conducted 10+ technical risk assessments on internal applications and vendor systems, identifying critical vulnerabilities and collaborating with engineering teams on remediation plans to reduce threats by 20%.
- **Security Awareness**: Led Information Security (InfoSec) training for over 1,200 employees across three locations, significantly increasing security awareness and reducing phishing-related incidents by 60%.
- **Third-Party Risk Management**: Reviewed and prepared Third-Party Risk Assessment questionnaires and conducted due diligence on 20+ vendors, identifying key compliance risks and recommending security improvements.
- **Risk Assessments:** Supported 10+ risk assessments by identifying vulnerabilities and collaborating with teams to implement mitigation strategies, reducing potential threats by 20%.

IT Administrator (Intern and Full-Time) | Jul 2022 - Dec 2024

- **Lab Management & Workflow Maintenance:** Managed security application labs, ensuring seamless integration with SIEM systems and optimized workflows for testing.
- **Synthetic Data & AI Training:** Generated structured synthetic data to improve AI models for security threat detection.
- **Cyberattack Simulation & Security Testing:** Designed and executed attack simulations to generate datasets for testing SIEM and security tools.
- **Workspace Hardening & Security Compliance:** Conducted security audits and hardening exercises using CIS standards to reduce vulnerabilities.
- **On-boarding & Off-boarding Management:** Automated IT access provisioning and de-provisioning with Power Automate for efficient employee transitions.
- **IT Support & Troubleshooting:** Provided end-to-end IT support, ensuring system uptime and handling escalations beyond business hours.
- **Process Automation & Efficiency:** Implemented workflow automation to optimize IT processes and conducted post-incident analyses to prevent recurring issues.