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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic and detail-oriented IT GRC Analyst with over 5 years of experience in cybersecurity governance, risk management, and regulatory compliance. Proven track record supporting ISO 27000 series, NIST CSF, GDPR, PIPEDA and PCI DSS frameworks, while performing risk assessments, audits, and policy development. Experienced in aligning security controls with business objectives and collaborating across departments to strengthen security posture. Holds a master's in information security and Privacy from the University of Calgary and pursuing CISSP certification. Skilled at translating complex technical risks into actionable insights for decision-makers. Proven ability to plan and execute IT audits end-to-end, communicate findings to executive teams, and contribute to continuous improvement initiatives. Experienced in coaching teams and supporting internal compliance programs.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- IT Governance: Policy Development, Security Audits, Gap Assessments, SOC Readiness
- Regulatory Compliance: GDPR, FOIP, PIPEDA, PHIPA
- Risk Assessment: Control Validation, Vulnerability Prioritization, Remediation Planning
- Tools: Splunk, Tenable, Nessus, JIRA, Power BI, Wireshark, ServiceNow, Vanta,
- Communication: Stakeholder Engagement, Training, Cross-Functional Collaboration
- Risk Management: Enterprise Risk, Third-Party/Vendor Risk, Risk Register, Key Risk Indicators
- Compliance & Controls: SOX ITGC, SOC 2, ISO 27001, NIST CSF, PCI DSS, COBIT 2019, CIS, ICS/SCADA
- Audit Support: Internal/External Audit, Evidence Collection, Control Testing
- Vendor Management: Risk Assessments, Security Due Diligence, Questionnaire Review
- Security Operations: Incident Response, DLP, SIEM, Threat Reporting
- Communication: Cross-Functional Collaboration, Executive Reporting, Policy Development
- Tools: Splunk, JIRA, ServiceNow, Nessus, Tableau, Power BI, BMNP
- Regulatory: PIPEDA, GDPR, FOIP, PHIPA
- Documentation & Reporting: Risk Registers, Playbooks, Executive Dashboards, Policy Enforcement
- Cryptography: AES, SHA-256, Key Management
- Programming: Java, python

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Lead Business / Security Analyst

NEL Professional (Nel pro Inc) – Calgary, AB

Jan 2025 – Present

- Founded and led the development of **NEL Professional**, a secure, milestone-based professional services marketplace focused on cybersecurity, IT, and regulated services, supporting global clients and verified professionals.
- Designed end-to-end business processes, including user onboarding, KYC/verification workflows, escrow milestone payments, dispute resolution, and deliverable acceptance.
- Translated business, compliance, and user requirements into functional and non-functional specifications, working closely with developers to deliver production features.
- Embedded risk, compliance, and governance controls aligned with ISO 27001, GDPR, PIPEDA, NIST CSF, COBIT 2019, and SOC 2 readiness into platform design.
- Led third-party risk assessments, vendor evaluations, and secure payment flow reviews for escrow and identity verification components.
- Developed risk registers, compliance documentation, policies, and SOPs, including data protection, IP ownership, milestone escrow, and incident response processes.
- Built executive dashboards and KPIs (Power BI / Excel) to track platform usage, user verification rates, project milestones, and operational risk indicators.
- Conducted UAT, QA coordination, and release validation, ensuring features met business, security, and regulatory requirements before launch.
- Drove early customer discovery, stakeholder interviews, and feedback loops, refining workflows to improve trust, retention, and transaction success rates.
- Managed cross-border collaboration with technical teams while maintaining compliance with Canadian and international regulatory expectations.

Associate Information Security Analyst intern

Online Business Systems (OBS Global) – Winnipeg, MB

May 2024 – Dec 2024

- Conducted organization-wide risk assessments and supported ISO 27001 certification readiness.
- Developed and enforced incident response policies and control documentation.
- Performed SOC 2 control gap assessments and supported client audit interviews.
- Delivered security training and built security awareness programs aligned with compliance needs.
- Produced dashboards and audit logs to support internal and external compliance efforts.
- Helped develop audit response playbooks and departmental compliance procedures.
- Conducted follow-up testing on remediated controls to ensure compliance closure.
- Guided team members during control gap assessments and compliance reviews.

Cybersecurity Audit & Risk Analyst

CyberDefense Partners Inc. – Calgary, AB

Oct 2024 – Dec 2025

- Conducted audits using COBIT 2019, PCI DSS, and ISO frameworks, reporting on remediation and control gaps.
- Implemented cryptographic protections and key management controls.
- Strengthened incident response capabilities by drafting process documentation and escalation flows.
- Created compliance dashboards for leadership visibility and planning.
- Translated complex IT concepts into business terms to support strategic planning.
- Supported third-party integration and continuous third-party risk management.
- Participated in compliance follow-ups and contributed to lessons-learned sessions.

- Led compliance attestations and ongoing monitoring activities by mapping regulatory requirements to business processes and integrating evidence from security and GRC tools

Teaching Assistant – Data Visualization

University of Calgary – Calgary, AB

Jan 2024 – Jun 2024

- Supported academic teams with responsible data management and visual analysis techniques.
- Delivered workshops on Power BI/Tableau with attention to privacy and compliance implications.
- Improved student success and reinforced secure communication standards in academic systems.

Business Systems Analyst

Conservative Estimate Co. – Lagos, Nigeria

May 2017 – Apr 2022

- Gathered technical and business requirements with emphasis on data governance and system security.
- Created documentation and supported QA in developing compliant system workflows.
- Integrated JIRA and business process automation tools to support internal audits and user access reviews.

EDUCATION

Master of Information Security and Privacy – University of Calgary

Aug 2023 – June 2025

Bachelor of Science (Hons), Computer Science – Enugu State University

2015 – 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

- COBIT 2019 ***Aug 2024***
- ISACA Global Volunteer ***Aug 2024***
- Platform Member ***Nov 2025***
- First Aid & CPR ***Aug 2024***

References available upon request.