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As a CIPM and CISA-certified professional, I bring a unique blend of expertise in data privacy and information security, aligning business objectives with global standards such as ISO 27001, GDPR, ISO 27701, NIST, and PCI DSS. I specialize in designing and implementing comprehensive data protection programs, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements while maintaining robust security protocols. My experience in training teams on both privacy and security best practices ensures that organizations not only meet compliance standards but also create a culture of privacy and security.

In addition to my privacy expertise, I am a Certified Penetration Tester and Ethical Hacker (CPT/EH) by EC-Council, enabling me to identify vulnerabilities and enhance security measures to protect personal data and sensitive information. With strong time management and problem-solving skills, I focus on achieving results-driven outcomes that safeguard both privacy and security, ensuring business continuity and regulatory compliance.

## Personal Information

Nationality: Indian  
Visa Status: Resident Visa

Date Of Birth: 11/09/1996  
Passport No: R9492489

Marital Status: Single  
Languages: English, Hindi, Kannada

## Core Proficiencies

Personal Data Protection  
Data Management  
Risk Assessments

Business Continuity Management  
Training and Awareness  
Third-Party Risk Management

Project Management  
Budgeting and Allocation

## Work History

**Senior Consultant – Information Security** | Keypoint Solutions W.L.L – Manama, Bahrain | Sep 2024 to Present

- Conduct comprehensive gap assessments for Data Management practices within organizations, ensuring strict adherence to KSA's NDMO Data Management and Personal Data Protection Standards.
- Conduct comprehensive DPIAs (Data Privacy Impact Assessment) for Data Privacy practices within organizations, ensuring strict adherence to KSA's and Bahrain's PDPL (Personal Data Protection Law).
- Conduct comprehensive BIAs (Business Impact Analysis) and RAs (Risk Assessments) for BCM (Business Continuity Management) practices within organizations.
- Conduct comprehensive RSAs (Recovery Strategy Analysis) by assessing RTOs (Recovery Time Objective) and RPOs (Recovery Point Objective) for Disaster Recovery Strategies within organizations.
- Conduct a comprehensive SPOF (Single Point of Failure) analysis to identify the single point of failure within organizations.
- Conduct training and awareness sessions on Data Management and Personal Data Protection within organizations.
- Ensure alignment of organizations with Bahrain's PDPL, KSA NDMO DMPDP and PDPL regulations, guaranteeing full compliance.

- Assist organizations in the implementation of necessary controls of Data Management and privacy practices.
- Assist organizations in selecting the appropriate tools necessary for the effective implementation of Data Management and privacy practices.
- Collaborate closely with cross-functional teams to provide expert guidance on security measures during the design, development, and deployment of new technologies and systems.
- Prepare reports and documentation outlining gap assessment findings, and recommended action plans for clients.
- Develop policies, procedures, strategies, plans, and key performance indicators (KPIs) for robust Data Governance and Privacy.
- Contribute to the development of business continuity and disaster recovery plans, ensuring clients' ability to respond to and recover from security incidents.
- Stay current with the evolving threat landscape and industry trends, ensuring that clients' security measures remain updated and effective.

**Consultant – IT Security** | Keypoint Solutions W.L.L – Manama, Bahrain | July 2023 to Aug 2024

- Conducted comprehensive gap assessments for Data Management practices within organizations, ensuring strict adherence to KSA's NDMO Data Management and Personal Data Protection Standards.
- Authored and formulated policies, procedures, strategies, plans, and key performance indicators (KPIs) for robust Data Governance.
- Ensured meticulous alignment of organizations with Bahrain's PDPL and KSA regulations, guaranteeing full compliance.
- Assisted organizations in selecting the appropriate tools necessary for the effective implementation of Data Management practices.
- Collaborated closely with cross-functional teams to provide expert guidance on security measures during the design, development, and deployment of new technologies and systems.
- Stayed current with the evolving threat landscape and industry trends, ensuring clients' security measures remained up-to-date and effective.
- Prepared reports and documentation outlining gap assessment findings, and recommended action plans for clients.
- Contributed to the development of business continuity and disaster recovery plans, ensuring clients' ability to respond to and recover from security incidents.

**Assistant Project Manager - Cybersecurity Services** | ProVise Management Consulting | Apr 2023 to May 2023

- Maintained tactical control of project timelines to keep teams on task and achieve schedule targets.
- Partnered with project team members to identify and quickly address problems.
- Delivered a high level of service to clients to both maintain and extend relationships for future business opportunities.
- Supported senior managers and department leaders by completing projects and problem resolution under schedule demands.
- Developed risk assessment reports to identify threats and vulnerabilities.
- Analyzed security policies as per ISO 27001 for usefulness and value to suggest security policy improvements.

**Information Security Officer** | Rise and Shine Group of Companies | Dec 2022 to Apr 2023

- Reviewed violations of computer security procedures and developed mitigation plans.
- Performed risk analyses to identify appropriate security countermeasures.
- Recommend improvements in security systems and procedures.
- Conducted security audits to identify vulnerabilities.
- Encrypted data and erected firewalls to protect confidential information.
- Managed team of employees, overseeing hiring, training, and professional growth of employees.
- Worked within applicable standards, policies, and regulatory guidelines to promote a safe working environment.
- Monitored computer virus reports determining when to update virus protection systems.

- Engineered, maintained, and repaired security systems and programmable logic controls.
- Developed plans to safeguard computer files against modification, destruction, or disclosure.
- Performed risk analyses to identify appropriate security countermeasures.
- Learned new skills and applied them to daily tasks to improve efficiency and productivity.

**Group IT Manager** | Rise and Shine Group of Companies | Dec 2022 to Apr 2023

**IT Manager** | Rise and Shine Insulation and Fire Protection LLC – UAE | Aug 2021 to Dec 2022

- Managed network and system performance, conducting troubleshooting, security patching, and maintenance.
- Coordinated IT operations activities to deliver a smooth flow of daily business needs.
- Assisted in the development of long-term strategies to grow the department and resources.
- Wrote policy, procedure, and manuals governing internal IT use.
- Partnered with project team members to identify and quickly address problems.
- Interacted and negotiated with vendors, outsourcers, and contractors to secure products and services.
- Coordinated technical training and personal development classes for staff members.
- Communicated with the executive team and CEO to maximize development efficiencies and resolve technology issues.
- Developed, analyzed, and modified budgets to allocate current resources and estimate future IT requirements.
- Administered web server and supported SharePoint and MS Teams server-based applications.
- Provided network support services for devices such as switches, firewalls routers, and other hardware.

**Digital Marketing Executive** | Rise and Shine Insulation and Fire Protection LLC – UAE | Dec 2019 to Dec 2022

- Created solution-based execution plans to achieve business goals based on Google Analytics and internal reporting data.
- Directed traffic growth strategies, SEO, content distribution, email marketing, and trackbacks.
- Utilized Google Analytics to set up, monitor, and analyze content success and identify opportunities for content improvement.
- Created and distributed monthly SEO reports to notify site traffic, goals, and KPIs.
- Oversaw marketing expenditures and coordinated department workflow to meet deadlines under budget.
- Leveraged Mail Chimp to implement email campaigns and monitor performance.
- Increased brand awareness through the creation and management of social media channels, boosting social media engagement by 80%.
- Monitored and analyzed market and competitor metrics to inform digital marketing strategies.
- Optimized website exposure by analyzing search engine patterns to direct online placement of keywords or other content.
- Oversaw preparation of marketing copy, images, videos, emails, and other collateral.
- Generated 10% in sales through effective networking and marketing strategies to grow new business and increase productivity.

**ERP Executive** | Rise and Shine Insulation and Fire Protection LLC – UAE | Dec 2018 to July 2021

- Analyzed network security and current infrastructure to assess areas in need of improvement and develop solutions.
- Played a key role in ongoing network design, re-evaluation, and optimization to keep pace with company growth.
- Worked closely with management teams to plan, develop, and execute technical strategies aligned with the company's vision.
- Led and assisted technical upgrade projects by working and coordinating with management and developers for integrations.
- Identified computer hardware and network system issues, performing troubleshooting techniques for remediation.

- Reviewed and assessed architecture design, implementation, testing, and deployment needs to identify project requirements and costs.
  - Completed paperwork, recognized discrepancies, and promptly addressed them for resolution.
  - Monitored company inventory to keep stock levels and databases updated.
  - Learned new skills and applied them to daily tasks to improve efficiency and productivity.
- Note:** was a part of many appraisals and incentives from the company

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**Junior Software Engineer** | Glovish Technologies - India | June 2018 to Nov 2018

- Collaborated with the team to analyze system solutions based on client requirements.
- Manipulated and implemented object-oriented programming models.
- Documented software development methodologies in technical manuals to be used by IT personnel in future projects.
- Discussed project progress with customers, collected feedback on different stages, and directly addressed concerns.
- Developed clear specifications for project plans using customer requirements.
- Delivered completed products within the project deadline.
- Documented customer requirements and project plans.
- Developed applications by applying experience in VB.Net and Java programming languages.
- Collaborated with senior software staff to produce new software solutions.
- Used SQL Agent to schedule and monitor SQL jobs.

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**Education**

**Master of Computer Applications, MCA**

Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**Bachelor of Computer Applications, BCA**

Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

**Pre – University – (PCMCs) – Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Computer Science**

Karnataka PUC Board, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

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**Certifications**

**Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM)**

IAPP

**Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)**

ISACA

**Certified in AI Security and Governance, PrivacyOps**

security.ai

**Cisco Certified Network Associate**

Cisco

**Certified Ethical Hacker v11**

EC - Council

**Network Security Associate NSE-1, NSE-2**

Fortinet

**Google Analytics for Beginners and Advanced Google Analytics**

Google Analytics Academy

**Fundamentals of Digital Marketing**

Google Digital Garage

**MTA 98 – 364 Database Fundamentals**

Microsoft

**MTA 98 – 365 MTA Windows Server 2016 Administration Fundamentals Preparation Course**

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