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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Diverse cybersecurity and compliance leader with more than a decade of experience building and directing security programs, teams, and governance functions for regulated organizations. Founded and scaled a cybersecurity and compliance practice, hiring and leading staff, setting strategy, and owning security and privacy programs end to end as Privacy Officer and Security Officer of record. Pairs hands-on cloud security architecture with executive-level program leadership across HIPAA, PCI-DSS, SOC 2, and GLBA, using AI governance frameworks and AI-enabled compliance automation to reduce audit exposure, eliminate high-risk findings, and measurably improve organizational security posture.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Security Organization Leadership & Team Building
- Security Program Strategy & Governance
- AI Governance & Compliance Automation
- Identity & Access Governance
- Audit Readiness & Evidence Management
- Vulnerability Management & Remediation
- HIPAA / PCI DSS / SOC 2 / GLBA Compliance
- Risk Management & Regulatory Assessments
- Cloud Security Architecture (Azure / AWS)
- Vendor & Third-Party Risk Management
- Incident Response Planning & Execution
- Zero Trust Architecture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Axeleos Inc.
2021 - Present

Founder & Cybersecurity / Compliance Practice Lead

Founded and lead a healthcare-focused cybersecurity and HIPAA compliance practice serving providers, payers, and affiliated organizations. Built and direct the team, set practice strategy, manage client engagements and vendor relationships, and serve as outsourced Privacy Officer and Security Officer of record.

- Built and lead the practice from the ground up, recruiting and directing sales, onboarding, and delivery staff, setting goals and priorities, and owning accountability for performance across the organization.
- Serve as outsourced Privacy Officer and Security Officer of record, owning program governance, risk management, policy development, and regulatory audit readiness for healthcare organizations.
- Lead HIPAA Security Rule risk analyses, PHI safeguard assessments, and remediation planning, reducing documented vulnerabilities by 65% and improving OCR audit readiness.
- Reduced high-risk compliance findings by 68% through PHI workflow modernization, security control implementation, and ongoing monitoring for healthcare provider clients.
- Authored AI governance and acceptable use policies and built AI-driven compliance automation workflows, cutting manual audit evidence review by dozens of hours per cycle and accelerating policy gap detection.
- Architected HIPAA-aligned Azure environments with integrated identity governance, conditional access, encryption, audit logging, and monitoring controls.
- Designed and implemented security governance frameworks, incident response plans, vulnerability management programs, and AI governance policies for healthcare organizations of varying size and maturity.

Presidio
2024 - 2025

Azure Cloud Lead Engineer, Security & Compliance

- Directed the integration of regulatory compliance controls into Azure cloud-managed services delivery across the managed services portfolio, including identity governance, encryption standards, and audit logging requirements.
- Developed AI-augmented runbooks and incident decision trees, reducing response effort and improving consistency across the managed services portfolio.
- Automated continuous compliance monitoring, including patching validation and vulnerability management, reducing configuration drift and exception volume.

- Reduced customer onboarding time by embedding compliance verification and security controls directly into deployment workflows.

2nd Watch
2022 - 2023

Senior Azure Cloud Consultant

- Directed cloud strategy and security architecture for enterprise clients in highly regulated industries, with roadmaps shaped by regulatory requirements and risk management frameworks.
- Led security reviews and cloud adoption framework implementations, emphasizing governance, identity security, and compliant operations across diverse sectors.

Lunavi
2020 - 2022

Senior Engineer, Global Service Center

- Designed and managed security monitoring workflows for more than 600 managed services clients, supporting threat detection and service continuity objectives.
- Delivered hands-on cloud security solutions and system optimization for enterprise workloads across a diverse client base.

Venetian Casino Resort
2014 - 2020

Senior Engineer, Systems

- Directed PCI DSS compliance and security audit readiness for enterprise credit card data processing environments across a 1,500+ server infrastructure.
- Led enterprise-wide security enhancements, system migrations, and infrastructure hardening initiatives supporting global resort and casino operations.
- Delivered executive-level reports and proofs of concept that influenced IT security strategy and capital allocation decisions.

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Certified HIPAA Privacy & Security Expert (CHPSE)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional
- Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)
- Certified HIPAA Professional (CHP)
- Microsoft Certified Azure Solutions Architect Expert
- The Open Group: TOGAF 9 Certified