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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Information Security Consultant with 7+ years of experience in Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC), IT Audit, and Cyber Risk Management across BFSI, Telecom, Manufacturing, and FinTech. Experienced in ISO 27001 implementation, IT General Controls (ITGC), Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM), Cyber Maturity Assessments, VAPT, and security governance. Skilled in developing security policies, conducting risk assessments, strengthening compliance programs, and implementing practical security controls. Currently expanding expertise in AI Governance and secure AI adoption to enhance governance, risk, and compliance practices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Information Security Consultant — DEC 2023 – MAR 2026

Confidential Fintech (Early-Stage Startup), Bengaluru

- Conducted security assessments and enterprise risk analysis to strengthen the organization's security posture and support ISO 27001 compliance initiatives.
- Led a proof-of-concept evaluating locally hosted generative AI to reduce manual effort in ISO 27001 evidence review while maintaining organizational control over sensitive compliance information.
- Integrated Security-by-Design principles into product development by collaborating with engineering and compliance teams, reducing deployment-related security findings by 20%.

Senior Executive, Internal Audit — MAY 2022 – JUL 2023

Cognizant, Bengaluru

- Executed IT General Controls (ITGC) design and operating-effectiveness assessments across enterprise systems.
- Partnered with engineering teams to remediate security gaps and strengthen infrastructure security through risk-based audit recommendations.
- Designed audit methodologies aligned to ISO 27001 and NIST standards, improving audit consistency and reducing manual effort.

Assistant Manager, Cybersecurity Services — MAR 2020 – NOV 2020

Deloitte, Gurgaon

- Directed Cyber Maturity Assessments for enterprise clients, delivering strategic roadmaps to strengthen cybersecurity governance and risk management.
- Guided a manufacturing enterprise through ISO 27001 implementation and supported compliance initiatives across multiple global locations.
- Strengthened privacy and information security controls aligned with organizational privacy requirements and ISO 27001 best practices, reducing regulatory and operational risk.

Consultant — MAY 2018 – FEB 2020

KPMG, Bengaluru

- Delivered cybersecurity implementation for a wholesale bank in Bahrain, including vendor selection and regulatory compliance, achieving 40% faster audit closure.
- Led Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing (VAPT) and web application security reviews for a leading credit rating organization, supporting timely remediation of security findings.
- Developed minimum baseline security standards across 30+ telecom sites and conducted network infrastructure clearance assessments (Ericsson, Nokia, Huawei), supporting remediation of high-risk vulnerabilities prior to deployment.

Associate Consultant — APR 2017 – APR 2018

KPMG, Mumbai

- Executed mock regulatory audits across 22+ locations for a major telecom provider, strengthening regulatory preparedness and compliance readiness.
- Automated data collection and built performance dashboards using Excel Macros, cutting processing time by 40% and sharpening remediation prioritization.
- Conducted VAPT and configuration reviews for banking clients, strengthening security controls and supporting successful regulatory audits.

CORE COMPETENCIES

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

- ISO 27001 Implementation
- ITGC & Third-Party Risk
- Cyber Maturity Assessment
- DPDP Act 2023 & Privacy
- AI Governance (NIST AI RMF)

SECURITY ASSURANCE

- VAPT & Application Security
- Secure Configuration Review
- Infrastructure Security Audit
- Security Gap Analysis
- AI-Assisted Documentation

LEADERSHIP & CONSULTING

- Cybersecurity Roadmap Development
- Security Policy Development
- Stakeholder Management
- Cross-Functional Leadership

TECHNICAL SKILLS

SECURITY TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS

- Nessus & Burp Suite
- Metasploit
- TeamMate
- ISO 27001
- NIST CSF
- RBI IT Framework

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

- AI Governance
- AI-assisted Documentation
- LLM Prompt Engineering
- Workflow Automation
- Excel Macros

EDUCATION

MBA — IT Business Management
Symbiosis International University
Pune, India · 2015–2017

Bachelor of Computer Applications
Bangalore University
Bengaluru, India · 2011–2014

CERTIFICATIONS

- ISO 27001:2013 Lead Auditor
- ISO 20000:2018 Lead Auditor
- ISO 22301:2019 Lead Auditor

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- English — Fluent
- Hindi — Fluent

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

- BFSI & Wholesale Banking
- Telecom Infrastructure
- Fintech Platforms
- Manufacturing
- IT Enabled Services