CEDRICK RANDOLPH

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Summary

Detail-oriented and results-driven **Cybersecurity Consultant** with 5+ years of proven success in **PCI DSS compliance**, **risk management**, and **security engineering**. Adept at identifying vulnerabilities, executing remediation plans, and enhancing cybersecurity infrastructure aligned with regulatory frameworks such as NIST, ISO 27001, and SOX. Exceptional communicator and crossfunctional collaborator committed to driving secure, scalable solutions that protect sensitive data and reduce risk.

Skills

- Vulnerability Assessment & Management
- PCI DSS Compliance & Audit Readiness
- Incident Response & Recovery
- Network Security (TCP/IP, Firewalls, VPNs)
- Regulatory Frameworks (NIST, ISO, SOX, HIPAA)
- Security Controls Implementation

- Risk Assessment & Mitigation Planning
- Cloud Security (AWS Well-Architected)
- Penetration Testing Tools (Qualys, OpenVAS)
- Cybersecurity Awareness & Training
- Security Policy Development
- SIEM & Log Analysis (Splunk, ELK)

Experience

PCI DSS Consultant 04/2024 to Current Confidential

- Led PCI DSS gap assessments across 6 client environments, identifying 100+ non-compliant controls and reducing risk exposure by 40%.
- Advised executive stakeholders on best practices for securing cardholder data and achieving sustained PCI DSS compliance.
- Directed technical teams in deploying encryption, tokenization, and secure authentication mechanisms.
- Collaborated with audit teams to ensure 100% success rate in external assessments and regulatory inspections.

Cybersecurity & Compliance Consultant Randolph and Associates Inc.

12/2018 to 05/2022 Poinciana, FL

- Executed 25+ comprehensive risk assessments and compliance audits for SMEs, reducing potential penalties by 30%.
- Designed and deployed cybersecurity programs, including policy development and incident response procedures.
- Coached clients through remediation efforts, ensuring continuous alignment with NIST CSF and ISO 27001 standards.
- Developed playbooks and tabletop exercises that improved organizational readiness and reduced response time by 60%.

Moderator & Coach 12/2020 to 09/2021

Career Karma

- Guided 200+ individuals through personal/professional growth with structured coaching and cybersecurity career planning.
- Created a safe and inclusive digital space while facilitating tech-focused discussions and knowledge sharing.
- Delivered conflict resolution and real-time moderation across multiple digital platforms.
- Helped mentees transition into tech roles with customized learning paths and interview prep support.

Education and Training

Master of Science: Cyber Security Expected in 01/2027

Southern New Hampshire University

Bachelor of Science: Cybersecurity 01/2025

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Associate of Arts: Software Engineering 01/2020

Kenzie Academy

Certifications

- PCI Compliance Specialist
- CompTIA Security+
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified Qualys Guard VMDR
- AWS Well-Architected Proficient
- CCNA 200-301: Network Fundamentals
- OpenVAS & Network Security
- NIST Risk Management Framework Expert

Key Achievements

- Slashed breach attempts by **75%** using predictive, data-driven security enhancements.
- Cut compliance costs by **30%** for Fortune 500 clients through streamlined strategies.
- Mentored 50+ professionals on PCI DSS implementation, achieving 100% audit success.
- Neutralized 1,000+ vulnerabilities in 30 days, improving security posture by 40%.
- Elevated SOX compliance maturity, reducing financial reporting risks by 35%.

Projects

- Al-Powered Cybersecurity Bot Developed Python-based tool reducing data triage time by 25%.
- **Mastercard Cybersecurity Simulation** Built risk scoring models to strengthen client data protection.
- PwC Risk Assessment Framework Delivered simulated assessments aligning threats with compliance goals.
- Forage Cybersecurity Labs Practiced threat intelligence and ransomware mitigation using Python scripts.