Secora Smedes

Network Security Consultant

Profile

Network Security Consultant with 5 years of experience in designing, implementing, and managing secure IT infrastructures. Proficient in identifying vulnerabilities, conducting risk assessments, and developing mitigation strategies to safeguard critical data and systems. Proven track record in implementing security policies, conducting incident response, and ensuring compliance with industry standards. Strong communication and collaboration skills, adept at working with cross-functional teams to achieve organizational goals. Demonstrated expertise in using cutting-edge security tools and technologies to stay ahead of emerging threats.

Employment History

Network Security Consultant at C Spire, MS

Mar 2023 - Present

- Successfully implemented a comprehensive network security strategy for C Spire, resulting in a 30% reduction in security incidents and a 25% decrease in average incident response time.
- Conducted a thorough risk assessment for the company's critical assets, leading to the identification and remediation of 80 high-risk vulnerabilities, significantly improving the overall security posture.
- Spearheaded a company-wide cybersecurity awareness program, training over 1,000 employees on best practices and increasing the detection rate of phishing attempts by 50%.

Associate Network Security Consultant at Synergetics DCS, MS

Sep 2018 - Feb 2023

- Successfully implemented a network security solution for a major client, resulting in a 35% reduction in cyber threats and a 25% increase in overall system efficiency.
- Led a team of 5 security professionals in conducting vulnerability assessments for over 50 clients, identifying over 300 potential risks and providing actionable recommendations to mitigate these threats.
- Developed and delivered customized network security training programs for over 100 employees, resulting in a 40% decrease in security incidents and a 20% improvement in employee security awareness.

Education

Master of Science in Cybersecurity at Mississippi State University, MS

Aug 2014 - May 2018

Relevant Coursework: Network Security, Ethical Hacking, Cryptography, Secure Software Development, Digital Forensics, Cyber Risk Management, Cloud Security, Cybersecurity Policy and Governance, and Incident Response.

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Skills

Ethical Hacking

Cryptography

Firewall Management

Intrusion Detection

Penetration Testing

Risk Assessment

Secure Coding

Languages

English

German

Hobbies

Ethical hacking

Building and configuring computer networks

Cryptography and coding puzzles