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Objective — Seeking the Cybersecurity GRC Specialist role to specialize in the development, review, and documentation of robust security policies tailored for the financial sector. Committed to verifying and auditing compliance with critical regulatory frameworks, including the SAMA Cybersecurity Framework and the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL), to ensure effective governance and mitigate enterprise risk across the organization.

Education

University of Jeddah

Bachelor in Cyber Security-College of Computer Science and Engineering

- GPA: 4.84 / 5
- Academic Excellence: Received 4 times

Experience

CYVERSE

Oct 2025 – Present

GRC Intern

- Developed and designed a comprehensive Compliance Checklist fully based on the PDPL Implementing Regulation (Personal Data Protection Law), to ensure corporate alignment and mitigate legal risks.

Saudi Geological Survey

Jun 2024 – August 2024

Cybersecurity Intern

- Conducted security risk assessments and compliance audits aligned with NCA standards and local Legislation; identified technical/governance gaps and developed mitigation strategies.
- Supported internal security controls and GRC adherence by driving Security Policy documentation, change requests, and continuous monitoring of physical/data security controls.
- Applied Identity and Access Management (IAM) principles (Least Privilege and Need-to-Know) to enhance access security and user management via Active Directory.
- Contributed to vulnerability management and risk reduction by identifying security flaws, proposing Technical Designs for patching, and documenting internal awareness efforts.

Related Coursework

- Cybersecurity Architecture & Engineering: Gained hands-on experience designing and reviewing secure system architectures aligned with governance and compliance standards.
- Certified SOC Analyst (CSA): Developed skills in SOC monitoring, incident detection, and reporting to support risk management and cybersecurity strategy.
- Certified Network Defender (CND): Focused on proactive network defense, Security Architecture Design, and the implementation of layered security controls to strengthen operational resilience.
- Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH): Applied ethical hacking methodologies, including Phishing Simulation and social engineering techniques, to identify vulnerabilities and recommend risk reduction measures.
- Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI): Gained expertise in Data Protection and digital forensics, evidence collection, and supporting the Incident Management framework.
- Information Security Fundamentals: Acquired foundational knowledge on Security Policy Development, Risk Assessment, Strategy Development, and adherence to legislation in information protection.
- CompTIA Security+: Strengthened understanding of cybersecurity concepts, including Risk Governance, Identity and Access Management (IAM), Threat Analysis, and Compliance Frameworks.

Skills

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| – Security Governance | – Vulnerability Analysis | – PDPL & SAMA. | – SEIM (Splunk) |
| – Policy Development | – Phishing Simulation | – Analytical Thinking | – Documentation & Reporting |
| – Regulatory Compliance | – Priority Management | – Digital Forensics | |

Certification

Certified SOC Analyst

EC-Council

- Gained practical skills in security monitoring, incident response, and compliance reporting to support governance, risk management, and strategic cybersecurity projects.

Memberships

- **Governance of Digital Data and Development (GOVI)**, Cybersecurity Specialist.
- **Saudi Council of Engineers**, Student Member.

Language

- Arabic (Native)
- English (Fluent)