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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity Professional supporting highly regulated Department of State contract environments with over five years of experience in security operations, vulnerability management, SIEM monitoring, incident response, and risk assessments. Proven ability to reduce security incidents by 30% and maintain 98% system uptime through proactive threat detection, security event investigation, control validation, and risk-based remediation aligned with NIST, CIS, RMF (SP 800-53), and PCI-DSS frameworks. CompTIA Security+ certified; CySA+ in progress; B.S. in Cyber Security & Information Assurance expected 2027.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Security Operations: Vulnerability Management (Tenable/Nessus), SIEM Administration & Monitoring, Security Event Investigation, Incident Response, Threat Detection & Triage, Malware Analysis Support, Vulnerability Scanning

Network & Infrastructure Security: Firewall Rule Review, IDS/IPS Concepts, Network Traffic Monitoring, TCP/IP Analysis, Remote Access Security, Windows Server Security

Identity & Access Management: Active Directory, Privileged Access Controls, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Group Policy Compliance, Security Audits, Risk Assessments, Security Metrics Reporting

Systems & Tools: Symantec Endpoint Security, Microsoft Defender, SolarWinds, Tenable.io, Windows Server, DNS, DHCP, PowerShell

Reporting & Documentation: Security Incident Reporting, Weekly Security Metrics, SOP Documentation, Executive Risk Reporting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IT Security Specialist

Astraeus Operations – Department of State Contractor | Melbourne, FL | 2025–February 2026

- Lead enterprise vulnerability scanning and remediation efforts using Tenable/Nessus across networks, servers, and systems.
- Monitor and administer SIEM platforms, investigating security events and incidents, and resolving them.
- Conduct technical security assessments, risk assessments, and configuration audits.
- Manage endpoint security tools (EDR/antivirus) to strengthen detection, containment, and remediation capabilities.
- Produce weekly security reports and information security metrics for leadership and compliance validation.

Cyber Security Analyst / Service Desk

Tsymmetry – Department of State Contractor | Melbourne, FL | 2020–2025

- Investigated security alerts and supported incident response and forensic triage to minimize risk exposure.
- Administered Active Directory access controls, managed user privileges, and supported MFA implementation to strengthen identity security.
- Assisted with vulnerability remediation, patch management coordination, and compliance documentation for audit readiness.
- Resolved security-related incidents within SLA timelines while safeguarding sensitive government systems and data.

Lead CNC Machinist / CNC Machinist

RUAG Space – Titusville, FL | Fullhouse Machinery – Melbourne, FL | 2018-2020

- Programmed and operated CNC Machines to manufacture high-precision aerospace components, contributing to the production of 75+ satellites currently in orbit.
- Led production processes and designed tooling to improve efficiency and maintain tight-tolerance quality standards.

Administrative Support / Operations Coordination

Duke Energy – Orlando, FL | 2015-2017

- Managed 500+ monthly work requests, coordinating cross-functional resources to ensure operational efficiency.
- Supported large-scale storm response operations by streamlining crew assignments and logistics coordination.

Customer Service, Operations & Training

Walt Disney World – Lake Buena Vista, FL | 2006-2015

- Led training initiatives for 80+ employees and supervised multi-team operations during high-volume events.
- Collaborated with technical and engineering teams during attraction testing and system adjustments.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- B.S. Cyber Security & Information Assurance (Expected 2027) – Western Governors University
- CompTIA Security+ | CompTIA A+ | Google IT Support | CySA+ (In Progress)