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Information Security Consultant/Life Coach

IT security and business continuity specialist offering more than 12 years in managing software applications and development, followed by 7 years in information security. Conduct IT risk analysis. Develop IT security policies & procedures. Worked with private and public sectors in local and international organizations. Holder of CISM certificate. Life coach and blogger during free time.

Core Competencies

Information security compliance (PCI, SoX, HIPAA, ISO 27001, ISO 22301). Disaster recovery and business continuity. IT security policies and procedures. Risk analysis (MEHARI). Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). SSL & Entrust technologies. Strong understanding of Information Security Management Systems , Strategy, Policies, BCM and Risk Management Frameworks, Information security standards, Cloud Computing, Project Management , Data Classification

Excellent communication and inter personal skills, team player with proven ability to interact with all levels of management, staff and clients.

Languages (spoken and written): English, Arabic, French, Spanish
Nationality: Lebanese-Canadian

Educational & Professional Qualifications

ACC credentials – International Coach Federation (2014)

NLP Diploma – Bann Center, Beirut-Lebanon (2011)

Professional Coach – Coaching de Gestion, Montreal-Canada (2010)

Effective Public Speaking Certificate –McGill University, Montreal–Canada (2010)

Certified Information Security Manager Certificate (**CISM**)–ISACA, Montreal-Canada (2008)

Public Key Infrastructure (**PKI**) course- Learning Tree International Ottawa-Canada (2005)

Post-Graduate Management Diploma–McGill University, Montreal–Canada (2004)

Masters Computer Sciences–Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut - Lebanon (1997)

Bachelor Computer Sciences–Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut - Lebanon (1992)

Professional Experience

Paramount Systems, Dubai - UAE **May 2015 – Present**
Company specialized in information security
Senior Information Security Consultant
Being an IT project manager:

- Provide Information security awareness trainings in Arabic & English
- Conduct implementation of ISO 27001:2013 & 22301:2012 projects

- Conduct Implementation of Governmental regulations such as Information Security Regulation (ISR) and NESA standards.

Xperteam, Dubai/UAE – Beirut/Lebanon **Nov 2010 – Jun 2014**

IT company specialized in Electronic Payment and Loyalty systems

Senior IT Project Manager

Being an IT project manager:

- Manage software project in all phases of the Software development life cycle (**SDLC**)
- Develop procedures for security measures during **SDLC** phases
- Prepare statement of works (**SOW**) and business requirement documents (**BRD**)
- Prepare RFP responses

McKesson, Montreal - Canada **Jun 2009 – July 2010**

Pharmaceutical distributor

Senior Information Security Analyst

Being a member of the security team:

- Develop policies and procedures for physical and logical security access
- Participate in the periodic information security testing and assessment
- Participate in **SOX** compliance audit
- Be in charge for a **PCI**-compliance and Penetration tests projects
- Be in charge for a Disaster Recovery Plan project (**DRP**)
- Participate in **ISO27001** compliance project at the company using **Archer** tool
- Conducted Business Impact Assessment (**BIA**) for critical business activities

Justice Ministry of Quebec, Montreal – Canada **Jan 2004 – Jun 2009**

Information Security Analyst

Being a member of the security team and a member of the team in charge of projects related to electronic certificates of signature and encryption:

- Develop policies and procedures for physical and logical security access
- Develop procedures for information security internal auditing
- Conduct risk analysis for the core business systems using the **Méhari** method
- Develop user and technical guides for **Entrust** products
- Conduct training sessions and conferences
- Participate in various projects of **GPKI** (Governmental Public Key Infrastructure) of different ministries and organizations
- Administer and train users on **Livelink** products for electronic document management

Ajilon Consulting, Montreal – Canada **Jul 2003 – Dec 2003**

IT consulting firm

Software Application Support

Worked for their client “Agere Systems”, an integrated circuit components company:

- Monitor **SQL**/**Oracle** databases transactions under **Unix.**
- Troubleshoot databases transactions

Middle East Bookstore, Montreal – Canada **Sep 2001–Jun 2003**

Project Manager

- Develop business processes and procedures
- Develop an **Access 2000** database for the website.

Mediterranean Bank, Beirut - Lebanon **Jun 1995 – Feb 2001**

One of the leading banks in Lebanon

Software Engineer

Being a member of the IT team:

- Implement and support KINDLE banking modules.
- Play the role of **quality assurance** control of banking procedures and programs.
- Prepare and conduct testing plans under **Unix.**
- Prepare and conduct training on banking procedures.
- Work on the 2YK project to comply with year 2000.
- Develop many applications for IT division such as help desk and credit files applications under **VBA Access 2000**.

American Life Insurance, Beirut - Lebanon **Feb 1994 – Jun 1995**

One of the leading life insurance companies in Lebanon and Worldwide

Analyst Programmer

Being a member of the IT team:

- Maintain and develop programs under **FoxPro 2.6**.
- Train agents and employees.

Turnkey Systems, Beirut – Lebanon **Feb 1992 – Feb 1994**

IT Software company

Programmer

Being a member of the IT team:

- Define client's business needs.
- Develop accounting, stock and inventory application under **Informix/Unix** and **FoxPro 2.6**.

SOFTWARE CONSULTANT – Free Lancer

Projects worked on with:

Electrical Safety Authorization, Sudbury - Canada **2002 – 2006**

Company deals with electrical inspection for mines and commercial buildings.

Develop a database under **Access 2000** to maintain inspectors' daily work to maintain contracts, inspector visits and generate corporate periodic reports.

InfoPro, Beirut - Lebanon **2000-2001**

Information Research Company that leads market surveys and provides market statistical information for customers.

Develop a reporting tool under **Access 2000** to manipulate banking data and produce statistical & comparative reporting.

CIMA group, Beirut - Lebanon **1993-2001**

A group of diagnostic centers that provides radiology and laboratory services for patients.

Develop a radiology and laboratory reception and billing system under **Access 2000.** System was operational from 1994-2012.

Professional Memberships

- Member of ICF – Dubai Chapter
- Member of ISACA – Lebanon Chapter