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GRC ANALYST | GOVERNANCE, RISK & COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior GRC Analyst specializing in **IT risk management, regulatory compliance, and security policy frameworks**. Deep expertise in ISO 27001, NIST, and GDPR compliance. Proven track record in preparing organizations for external audits, managing third-party risk, and aligning IT controls with business objectives.

CORE COMPETENCIES

-  **Governance & Compliance** - Frameworks: ISO 27001, NIST CSF, SOC2, GDPR - Policy Development & Maintenance - Audit Management & Preparation - Regulatory Reporting
 -  **Risk Management** - IT Risk Assessment & Treatment - Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM) - Business Continuity Planning (BCP) - Threat Modeling facilitation
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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024 | Healthcare Provider | London

ISO 27001 Certification - Challenge: Achieve ISO 27001 certification to bid for NHS contracts. - **Solution:** Led the gap analysis, implemented required ISMS controls, and managed the external audit process. - **Impact:** - Achieved certification with zero major non-conformities. - Unlocked £5M in new business opportunities. - Standardized security processes across 5 departments.

2023 | SaaS Scale-up | Remote

Vendor Risk Program - Challenge: Manage security risks from an exploding number of SaaS vendors. - **Solution:** Implemented a centralized TPRM platform and automated vendor assessment workflows. - **Impact:** - Reduced vendor onboarding time by 50%. - Identified and mitigated risks in 3 critical sub-processors. - Established continuous monitoring for key vendors.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Senior GRC Analyst / AI Solutions Architect | January 2025 - Present *IBM* | *London, UK*

- Architecting hybrid cloud transformation using IBM Cloud and Red Hat OpenShift for Fortune 500 enterprises
- Implementing watsonx AI solutions for intelligent automation, reducing operational overhead by 35%
- Leading DevSecOps transformation with Ansible Automation Platform and Terraform IaC across multi-cloud environments
- Delivering zero-downtime Kubernetes cluster migrations for mission-critical financial and government workloads
- Building enterprise CI/CD pipelines with GitHub Actions and Jenkins serving 500+ developers globally

Senior GRC Analyst / Technical Lead | 2020 - 2025 *Goldman Sachs, Ypsomed, Cushman & Wakefield*

- Led grc analyst initiatives across finance, healthcare, and real estate sectors
- Designed and implemented solutions supporting millions of daily transactions
- Established best practices and automated frameworks

- Mentored engineering teams on modern technologies and practices
- Delivered solutions achieving 300% improvement in operational efficiency

GRC Analyst | 2016 - 2020 *Microsoft, Emerson, Various Fortune 500*





- Built enterprise solutions for digital transformation initiatives
- Led cross-functional teams designing scalable applications
- Established frameworks and implementation strategies
- Evangelized modern technologies through technical leadership

EDUCATION

 **Bachelor of Science**

Southern New Hampshire University, USA  | 2013



CERTIFICATIONS & CONTINUOUS LEARNING

-  **Microsoft Certified Solutions Architect Expert**
-  **AWS Certified Solutions Architect Professional**
-  **Azure Solutions Architect Expert**
-  **Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)**

Continuous Learning:

- Active contributor to open-source projects - Regular participant in technical communities - Following latest developments in technology - Experimenting with emerging tools and practices

SECURITY CLEARANCES

-  **UK SC (Security Check)** - Valid until 2028
 -  **NATO Clearance** - Valid until 2029
 - ✓ **Background Checks:** Watchdog (2024), Sterling (2019)
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AVAILABILITY & CONTACT

Immediate Availability for grc analyst roles



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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Technical Portfolio & Presentations:

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References and detailed project portfolios available upon request