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SUMMARY

Cybersecurity risk management graduate (M.P.S., Georgetown University) with experience in technology risk assessment, data protection and handling confidential records in regulated healthcare and insurance settings. Applies ISO/IEC 27001, COBIT, NIST CSF and PCI DSS to risk assessments, control reviews and compliance tracking, with working knowledge of Singapore's IM8 and the PDPA, and acts as the link between technical teams, operations and senior management.

EDUCATION

M.P.S., Cybersecurity Risk Management — May 2026

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

- Coursework: Information Assurance & Risk Management, Cybersecurity Governance Frameworks, Information Security Law & Compliance, Cyber Threat Intelligence

B.S., Information Technology: Network and Internet Security — May 2023

New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY

- Coursework: Network and Internet Security, Database Management, Cisco Networking Academy

EXPERIENCE

Student Worker, Office of Residential Life — Jan 2025 – May 2026

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

- Accessed and protected sensitive student information under university privacy and confidentiality rules.
- Managed user access on the principle of least privilege, granting, updating and removing permissions as roles changed.

Software Engineering Team Lead — Oct 2023 – Aug 2024

Bright Mind Enrichment and Schooling, New York, NY

- Assessed data privacy and security risks of LLM and generative AI integrations during pilot and rollout.
- Acted as point of contact between programming teams and operations, coordinating issues, priorities and fixes.
- Reported progress, risks and delivery status to senior management in clear, non-technical terms.
- Built and hardened web applications on AWS using OWASP Top 10 secure coding practices.

COVID-19 Healthcare Assistant — Jul 2020 – Jan 2021

Changi General Hospital, Singapore

- Safeguarded confidential contact-tracing data in SafeEntry for the Ministry of Health under strict data protection controls.

Database Management — Sep 2019 – Nov 2019

Great Eastern Life, Singapore

- Kept medical invoice records in Oracle/FPMS accurate and audit-ready at an MAS-regulated insurer.

Senior Trooper (Active Reserve) — Jan 2016 – Nov 2017

Singapore Armed Forces, 8th Battalion Singapore Infantry Regiment

- Enforced access control and physical security protocols at high-security installations alongside the Military Police Command.
- Awards: National Service Excellence Award (2019), Commander's Coin (2017), Marksmanship Award (2016–17, 2019).

SELECTED PROJECTS

- **Ransomware response and recovery, oil and gas (capstone, 2026):** incident detection, vulnerability and incident response reports, RMF change policy, CISO board briefing; co-authored the System Security Plan.
- **Enterprise risk management plan (2025):** NIST CSF 2.0 and ISO/IEC 27001 framework, crown-jewel assessment, control mapping and executive briefing.
- **Hands-on labs (2025):** Nessus vulnerability scan and triage; password-hash cracking with Hashcat and John the Ripper.

LEADERSHIP

- Vice President, Georgetown University Cybersecurity Society (Aug 2025 – May 2026): organised networking events and hands-on security labs.
- Advisor of Operations, Presidential Cabinet, Georgetown Graduate Student Government (2025 – 2026).
- Cybersecurity Ambassador (Volunteer), World Bank Group Latin America Conference (Apr 2025): briefed delegates on phishing and device security; supported secure event operations and incident escalation.

CERTIFICATIONS

ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Information Security Associate (SkillFront) · Microsoft Copilot for Security · Google Cybersecurity Certificate · Google Cloud · CompTIA Security+ (in progress)

SKILLS

GRC: IT risk assessment, compliance assessment, control testing, risk registers, audit evidence, remediation tracking, governance reporting
Frameworks: ISO/IEC 27001/27002, COBIT, PCI DSS, NIST CSF, NIST RMF / SP 800-53, SOC 2, SANS IR (PICERL), OWASP Top 10, MITRE ATT&CK; Singapore IM8, PDPA, GDPR, CCPA
Security: Microsoft Purview, DLP, access control, incident escalation, threat intelligence, penetration testing, secure coding
Tools: Jira, Excel, Python, SQL, AWS, Google Cloud, Oracle Database, Wireshark · **Languages:** English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, French