RENE VENTURA

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IT, INFORMATION SECURITY, PRIVACY & RISK LEADER

Strategic and results-driven Information Security Leader with a proven track record in building and leading high-performing teams, enhancing enterprise security postures, and aligning cybersecurity initiatives with business goals. Adept at managing risk, ensuring compliance, and driving strategic initiatives in dynamic environments. Expertise spans vulnerability management, incident response, security governance, and regulatory frameworks. Strong communicator and collaborator, with a deep understanding of emerging threats and technologies.

Languages: English & Spanish; Personal website: www.reneventura.com

STRENGTHS

- Cybersecurity Strategy & Governance
- Risk Management & Mitigation
- Incident Response & Crisis Management
- Compliance: NIST, ISO 27001, HIPAA, SOX, PCI-DSS
- Vulnerability Management & Threat Analysis
- Cloud Security Architecture (AWS, Azure)

- Security Awareness & Training Programs
- Audit & Regulatory Compliance Leadership
- Vendor & Stakeholder Management
- Data Privacy & Protection (GDPR, CCPA)
- Cross-Functional Leadership & Collaboration
- Security Operations (SOC, SIEM, IDS/IPS)

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Established and led security teams to enhance enterprise-wide security postures.
- Pioneered cybersecurity strategies that aligned with business growth and compliance needs.
- Recognized for building scalable, secure infrastructures that support dynamic business environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BURWOOD GROUP • Chicago, Il
25+ years in the industry Technology consulting and integration firm.

Security Practice Manager • **August 2023 to Present**
Develop, lead, and scale the cybersecurity practice to address complex security challenges and deliver robust solutions tailored to client needs.

- Designed and implemented comprehensive cybersecurity strategies to enhance client resilience.
- Established new service offerings aligned with emerging market trends.
- Directed the execution of risk assessments, incident response planning, and vulnerability management.
- Championed a culture of technical excellence and continuous improvement across engagements.
- Partnered with executive leadership to drive business development, securing high-value opportunities.

IBUSINESS FUNDING & KNIGHT CAPITAL FUNDING • Fort Lauderdale, FL
A top Fintech software (SaaS) and lender service provider specializing in SBA Small Balance Lending.
Knight Capital established itself as a leading specialist in the Merchant Cash Advance (MCA) industry.

Director of IT & Information Security • **October 2018 to August 2023**
Transformed the organization's security posture, ensuring resilience against evolving threats.

- Spearheaded the development of security policies, procedures, and compliance programs.
- Implemented enterprise-wide vulnerability management, achieving a 40% reduction in exploitable risks.
- Designed and deployed scalable cloud security solutions (AWS) to enhance system integrity.
- Successfully led the organization through SOC 2 Type 2 and SOX compliance audits.
- Directed cross-functional teams to align security initiatives with business objectives, fostering executive buy-in.

DATAREMOTE, INC • **Miami, FL**

DataRemote specializes in IoT solutions, traditional phone-line replacement, wireless M2M data connectivity, and fleet tracking solutions.

Director of IT • **April 2017 to October 2018**

Built the IT and Security infrastructure from the ground up, positioning the company for growth.

- Architected a secure AWS environment, transitioning from legacy on-premise systems.
- Established robust incident response protocols, significantly reducing downtime.
- Oversaw IT operations, ensuring scalability, security, and regulatory compliance.
- Managed vendor relationships, optimizing contracts and enhancing service delivery.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

CYBEAR • **Miami, FL** • **Security Consultant** • **April 2020 to Present**

- Conducted risk assessments and compliance audits, ensuring adherence to industry standards.
- Designed and implemented tailored security roadmaps to address unique organizational challenges.

C2 HOSTING • **Miami Beach, FL** • **Systems Administrator** • **January 2016 to April 2017**

- Built and maintained server infrastructure, optimizing data center operations.

THINKBOX TECHNOLOGIES • **Miami, FL** • **IT Support Specialist** • **January 2015 to January 2016**

- Enhanced IT service delivery through process optimization and innovation.

MEDICAL INFORMATION RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT CENTER • **Havana, Cuba** • **IT Generalist** • **July 2011 to May 2014**

- Expanded IT support capabilities, improving overall operational efficiency.

DESIF • **Havana, Cuba** • **Web Administrator** • **January 2009 to April 2013**

- Coordinated with other team members to ensure that all aspects of the website project were completed on time.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) • ISC^2
CRISC (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control) • ISACA
CISM (Certified Information Security Manager) • ISACA
MCSA, MCSE (Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert) • Microsoft
A+, **N+**, **CIOS**, **Security+**, and **CSIS** Certified Professional • CompTIA

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY - WGU • **Salt Lake City, UT**
Relevant coursework: **Secure Systems Analysis & Design. Information Assurance & Network Security, 2022.**

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE • **Miami, FL**
Relevant coursework: **Introduction to Microcomputers. Database Concepts & Design, 2017.**

THE ACADEMY OF SOUTH FLORIDA • **Miami, FL**
Information Technology Professional, 2016.

TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVERRIA - CUJAE • **La Habana, Cuba**
Relevant coursework: **Engineering Graphics & Design, 2013. Computing: Engineering & Science, 2014.**

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

IDS/IPS – FORTIGATE, SNORT, F2B
SIEM – SPLUNK, KIBANA, DATADOG
OS – WINDOWS, MACOS, LINUX
DLP – TERAMIND, OBSERVIT, VERIATO
VULN. MGMNT – QUALYS, NESSUS

ENDPOINT – CARBONBLACK,
DEFENDER, WEBROOT, ESET,
TRENDMICRO, AVIRA
WAF – CLOUDFLARE, AWS, HAPROXY
GRC – BYTECHEK, DATAGRASP

FIREWALL – BARRACUDA, FORTINET,
SONICWALL, PFSENSE, CISCO
AUTH – SAML, AD, MFA
WEB – IIS, APACHE, NGINX
OTHER – ACRONIS, VEEAM, UNRAID