

PRAJWAL ADHIKARI

Cybersecurity | GRC | IS Audit

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PROFILE SUMMARY

Passionate cybersecurity professional with experience in information systems auditing, risk management, and compliance readiness for security frameworks and regulatory standards. Skilled in conducting gap assessment and driving remediation efforts to close identified gaps, as well as developing security policies and procedures providing organizations with a strong foundation to defend against cyber threats. Detail-oriented and analytical problem solver with strong communication skills, capable of translating security concepts into actionable insights.

EDUCATION

Gandaki College of Engineering and Science

Bachelor of Software Engineering

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

- ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Lead Auditor
- ISC2 Certified in CyberSecurity (CC)
- OneTrust Tech, Risk and Compliance Professional
- The GRC Approach to Managing Cybersecurity
- The Definitive GRC Analyst Masterclass

EXPERIENCE

Associate IS Auditor and GRC Analyst

September 2024 – Present

Vairav Technology Security Pvt. Ltd

- Actively support organizations in achieving compliance readiness for standards and frameworks including ISO 27001, SOC 2, IEC 62443-3-3, NRB IT Guidelines and NIA IT Guidelines for Insurer.
- Develop, review and update security policies and procedures to identify and close compliance gaps, aligning with relevant standards and frameworks.
- Collaborate with the team to conduct external IS audits for financial institutions contributing to audit planning, fieldwork, and reporting.
- Prepare detailed internal and external audit reports, highlighting key findings, risk areas, and compliance status to inform management decisions and drive continual improvement.
- Conduct gap assessments by evaluating existing controls and collaborate with stakeholders to drive remediation and strengthen compliance.
- Deliver security awareness training sessions to financial institutions, helping teams strengthen their understanding of cybersecurity best practices and apply them effectively in their day-to-day operations.
- Serve as the Virtual Information Security Officer (VISO) for a finance company, providing strategic guidance on information security, regulatory compliance, and risk management.
- Author cybersecurity blogs to enhance awareness of compliance and security best practices.

Sr. Application Support Engineer

June 2021 – March 2023

Machnet Technologies Inc

- Diagnosed and resolved complex technical issues for global clients, serving as an escalation point.
- Analyzed logs to troubleshoot issues and provided clear, timely updates to clients during high-impact incidents.
- Collaborated across different teams to conduct root cause analysis and develop solutions.
- Managed and optimized support team operations improving escalation workflows, and ensuring SLA compliance.
- Led training and mentoring initiatives for new recruits ensuring a smooth on-boarding process.
- Documented recurring issues, and proposed long-term solutions to reduce ticket volume.

Software Developer

December 2019 – March 2021

Magic Cube Engineering

- Developed a mobile School ERP application using React Native, translating client design into a functional product.
- Contributed to planning, requirement analysis, and design of software solutions.
- Supervised and provided guidance to interns, supporting day-to-day operations.

SKILLS

- **Audit and Risk Management:** Perform IS audits, risk assessments and develop risk treatment strategies.
- **Security and Compliance:** Implement the knowledge of compliance frameworks like ISO 27001, SOC 2, IEC 62443-3-3 and regulatory standards for compliance readiness.
- **Policy and Documentation:** Develop security policies and procedures, conduct compliance reporting, and prepare IS audit reports.
- **Security Awareness Training:** Deliver training sessions to improve organizational awareness of cybersecurity risks, best practices, and compliance requirements.
- **Soft Skills:** Excellent analytical, problem solving and time management skills; effective communicator with demonstrable leadership and interpersonal skills; detail-oriented and organized with proven ability to work collaboratively.