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OBJECTIVE

Dedicated and skillful computer and communications engineer seeking a position in IT and Information Security.

EDUCATION

From 09/2010 to 06/2015	American University of Beirut Bachelor's in Computer and Communications Engineering	Beirut, Lebanon
From 09/2001 to 06/2010	Al Batoul High School Lebanese Baccalaureate	Beirut, Lebanon

EXPERIENCE

From 10/2016 to Present

KPMG Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon

IT Compliance Officer and National Information Security Officer Delegate; responsible for:

- Ensuring that all local IT systems and initiatives are secure and meet published global and local security requirements and ensuring that they do not conflict with global IT direction/plans or local legal requirements.
- Understanding high level requirements from Global, considering the local firm's needs, and working with the National Information Security Officer (NITSO) and ITS to plan and implement the needed controls.
- Managing the assignment of specific responsibilities relating to information security by coordinating with representatives from different parts of the organization with relevant roles and job functions. This would include working closely with NITSO, ITS, HR, Q&RM and meeting with them as needed to achieve the objectives of information security.
- Working closely with NITSO to serve as the single point of contact for all client information security queries and requirements.
- Supporting the plan and execution of information protection awareness campaign that includes annual training on confidentiality, information protection and data privacy.
- o Implementing new requirements and programs as directed by KPMG Global Information Protection Group (IPG) and Regional Security teams.

From 10/2016 to Present

KPMG Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon

IT Developer; responsible for:

- Developing existing applications by analyzing and identifying key areas for improvements using net-based applications including VB.Net, SQL, HTML, JavaScript and ASP.Net
- o Analysis and optimization of applications
- Maintaining website, adding content and updating webpages
- o Finding and fixing bugs and errors

From 06/2016 to 07/2016

Al Akhbar Daily Newspaper

Beirut, Lebanon

IT Support Trainee:

- Testing and evaluating existing IT systems
- o Performing daily operational and maintenance procedures

From 06/2014 to 09/2014

Khatib & Alami

Beirut, Lebanon

IT Admin Trainee:

- Planning, implementing and maintaining a Microsoft Windows Server 2008
 Environment and Active Directory Infrastructure.
- o Microsoft SQL 2005 Development
- o ASP.NET 3.5 C# 2008 web-based development in both .NET frameworks.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

04/2019 ISO 27001- Foundation: Certified - Certificate number: ISFO1044351-2019-04

12/2016 CCNAX – Cisco Routing and Switching: Training course completion – Certificate number: 429013

09/2016 CEH - Certified Ethical Hacker: Training course completion - Certificate number: 186530

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English and Arabic (writing, reading and speaking)

Computer Skills: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, HTML, C++, Visual Basic, C#, ASP.NET, Java, SQL.

Technical Skills: Research skills, IT audit processes, IT governance, risk and compliance frameworks, ISMS standards

and mechanisms, computer networks.

Soft Skills: Leadership, communication, team-building, organizational, management, and public speaking.

Interests: Reading, traveling, series and sports.