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MOHAMAD LAWAND

Information Security professional with extensive experience helping financial institutions and other critical sectors across the GCC raising their game against cybersecurity adversaries.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Chief Advisor

- July 2019 – Present
- **Location:** Dubai, UAE
 - Information and cyber security training and consultancy services
 - Cyber Strategy and Risk
 - Cyber Testing
 - Cyber Resilience
 - Cyber Training and Development
 - On-demand Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO)

Booz Allen Hamilton

- July 2017 – June 2019
- **Location:** Dubai, UAE
- **Service Line:** Cyber Security
- **Position:** Lead Technologist - Manager
- **Highlights:**
 - Established an information security transformation program for a leading bank in the UAE and Middle East:
 - Developed an information security strategy and roadmap: mission and vision statements, and cybersecurity initiatives plan.
 - Established CISO organization: operating model, roles, responsibilities, RACI matrices, process maps, manpower plan, etc.
 - Led the development of an **Information Security Risk Management, Data Governance and Access Management Frameworks** against international standards (ISO27001, ISO27005, ISO31000, NIST cyber security framework) and local regulations (NESA).
 - Led thought leadership initiatives showing Booz Allen's cyber security perspective in different industries
- **Focus Industry:** Financial Institutions



Deloitte & Touche

- April 2015 – May 2017
- **Location:** UAE and Saudi Arabia
- **Service Line:** Cyber Risk Services
- **Position:** Manager
- **Highlights:**
 - Managed projects pertaining to information security governance, risk, and compliance based on ISO27001:2013, ISO27005, NESA, and NIST Cyber Security Framework.
 - Managed the development of information security policies, procedures, standards, baselines and guidelines based on NESA, and ISO27001:2013.
 - Managed the implementation of information security programs based on NESA, ISO27001:2013, ISO31000, and NIST cyber security framework.
 - Established Performance Management of Information Security departments.
 - Managed technical security assessments: Red Teaming, Social engineering simulations, Vulnerability Assessments and Penetration Testing, Configuration Reviews, Web Application security assessment, etc.
 - Managed the implementation of information security awareness, education and training programs.
- **Focus Industry:** Financial Institutions, Public Sector



Information Technology Security Training and Solutions – I(TS)2

- April 2013 – February 2015
- **Location:** Saudi Arabia
- **Service Line:** Information Security Management
- **Position:** Project Lead
- **Highlights:**
 - Managed and led information security risk assessment and compliance projects based on ISO27001:2013.
 - Designed and supervised information security strategies and maturity assessments.
 - Developed information security policies, procedures and standards based on ISO 27001:2013.
 - Established performance management of information security departments.



- Performed technical security assessments for networks, data centers, information classification and security access rights.
- Developed and delivered awareness, education and training programs on information security and privacy matters.
- Managed information security awareness programs (Software Security, Mobile Security, Web Security, Cloud Security. etc)
- **Focus Industries:** Financial Institutions, Public Sector

Deloitte & Touche

- May 2008 – March 2013
- **Location:** UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon
- **Service Line:** Security and Privacy Risk Services
- **Position:** Senior Consultant
- **Highlights:**
 - Performed reviews on multiple IT Systems including: SWIFT, SAP, Oracle e-business Suite, etc.
 - Supervised and executed information security risk assessments based on industry leading standards: ISO 27001:2005, PCI-DSS, ADSIC, and ISO 27033
 - Supervised and performed information security maturity assessments, risk assessments, and recommended adequate security controls.
 - Supervised and developed information security policies and procedures.
 - Planned, supervised and executed Vulnerability Assessments (Internal, External and Web Applications).
 - Planned, supervised and executed Network Architecture and Security Design assessments.
 - Planned, supervised and executed infrastructure configuration assessments (routers, firewalls, windows OS, Unix OS, and databases).
- **Focus Industry:** Financial Institutions, Oil and Gas



Spectrum Training

- June 2007 – January 2008
- **Location:** Beirut, Lebanon
- **Position:** Technical Consultant
- **Job Description:**
 - Acquired hands-on experience configuring, hardening and implementing Juniper products (Routers, Firewalls and Intrusion Prevention and Detection Systems).
 - Performed pre-sales for security products (ArcSight and Kaspersky Internet Security and Anti-virus).
- **Focus Industry:** Financial Institutions



EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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| ▪ Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
JUNE 2015 | ISACA | RIYADH, KSA |
| ▪ ISO 27001 Lead Implementer
NOVEMBER 2012 | BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTE (BSI) | ABU DHABI, UAE |
| ▪ Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
FEBRUARY 2011 | EC-COUNCIL | RIYADH, KSA |
| ▪ Masters of Engineering in Systems and Networks Security
JUNE 2009 | UNIVERSITÉ SAINT-JOSEPH | LEBANON |
| ▪ Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications
JUNE 2006 | UNIVERSITÉ SAINT-JOSEPH | LEBANON |

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- **Gulf Information Security Exhibition and Conference (GISEC) 2019**
Topic: Developing Your Penetration Testing Strategy
Audience: 250+

TRAININGS

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| ▪ Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) | ▪ CCNA Courses | ▪ Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) |
| ▪ CISSP Course | ▪ Introduction to Blockchain | |

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

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| ▪ Arabic: Native Language | ▪ English: Advanced (IELTS Band 8) |
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