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QUALIFICATIONS

- Dynamic leader with over twenty-five years of experience.
- Excellent skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving.
- Hands-on experience with current technology, including AWS, Kafka, Splunk, Cassandra, Kubernetes, Elasticsearch and Chef.
- Experience building and protecting critical infrastructure and sensitive environments.
- Technical leadership roles with startups, large organizations, and government.
- Advanced degree in Information Security.

CURRENT WORK

2012 - Present Sr. Director, Engineering - CrowdStrike, Inc

- Led teams responsible for product and application security, CI/CD, DevOps, and self-service infrastructure automation.
- Responsible for the ongoing confidentiality, integrity and availability of petabytes of customers' sensitive data, across tens of thousands of servers.
- Led CrowdStrike's vulnerability intelligence, threat modeling, application security testing, threat hunting, incident response and risk assessment processes.
- Led the effort to build a FedRAMP-authorized environment in AWS GovCloud.

2009 - 2012 Cloud Engineering Consultant - Seattle, WA

- Designed, built and operated cloud-based auto-scaling infrastructure for multiple technology startups.
- Developed a custom application-centric monitoring system
- Engineered a central logging architecture capable of consolidating system and application logs from thousands of production servers.
- Created a distributed deployment system for a mobile startup, with multiple deployment strategies, rollbacks and real-time status.

2009 Manager, Systems - Amazon CloudFront, Seattle, WA

- Operated Amazon's CloudFront network, including capacity planning, network scaling, deployments, fault isolation and root cause analysis.
- Created automated tools to plan new POPs and network peers, using Amazon EC2, S3 and Elastic Map Reduce (EMR).
- Supported major Amazon Web Services customers, including Twitter, Ubuntu and the Eclipse Foundation.

2007 – 2009 Director, Core Systems and Security, Internap, Seattle, WA

- Led systems architecture, operation and troubleshooting of Internap's intelligent routing and content distribution networks (CDN), a hybrid Linux/Windows environment consisting of roughly two thousand production servers.
- Designed and implemented a custom infrastructure-monitoring platform with automated failure isolation and root cause analysis.
- Served as the company's senior security leader, with responsibility for risk management, security compliance and infrastructure hardening.

2005 – 2007 Senior Security Consultant, Covestic, Seattle, WA

- Created security solutions for Microsoft, Boeing and REI.
- Developed information security metrics and audit programs to assist Fortune 500 companies in driving accountability and policy compliance within their organizations.
- Conducted formal PCI security assessments.
- Led PCI-related network segmentation efforts for a major retailer.

2004 – 2005 Sr. Manager, Network Services, Disney, Seattle, WA

- Led network architecture, engineering, deployment, and operation of live site and production network infrastructure, including ESPN.com, ABCNews.com, and Disney.com.

2000 – 2004 Director, Information Security, Internap, Atlanta, GA

- Designed, engineered and operated a secure, fault-tolerant network and systems architecture.
- Developed a corporate information security program based on ISO/IEC 17799.
- Established and managed the Internap Computer Security Incident Response Team.

1999 - 2000 Sr. Manager, Network, Reflex Communications, Seattle, WA

- Designed, deployed, and managed the Reflex nationwide private ATM/IP backbone for the delivery of enhanced residential broadband service.
- Led the Network Operations Center to provide 24x7 support for the Reflex production network.

1999 Manager, Network Operations, Winstar, Seattle, WA

- Led day-to-day operations of the nationwide Winstar ATM, frame relay, and IP/Internet networks, spanning over 50 cities.

1997 – 1999 Director of Operations, Wolfe Internet, Seattle, WA

- Led core network engineering, network operations, customer support, software development, and professional services for a regional Internet Service Provider.

1990 – 1997 Nuclear Power Plant Supervisor/Instructor, United States Navy

- Performed troubleshooting of emergent faults in high stress situations.
- Conducted on-the-job and classroom-based power plant training for over 7,000 officers and enlisted personnel.
- Conducted qualification boards for prospective nuclear power plant operators.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Master of Science in Information Assurance, Norwich University, Cum Laude (2007)

Bachelor of Science in I.T. Security, Western Governors University (2004)

Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) from ISC2 (2003-Present)

Graduate, Naval Nuclear Power School (1990)

HONORS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Navy Achievement Medal; Secretary of the Navy