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Professional Summary

IT Project Manager and System Administrator with **20+ years of leadership experience** and recent hands-on expertise in enterprise IT, networking, virtualization, and **cybersecurity**. Certified in CompTIA A+, Security+, Google IT Support, and CCNA-trained. Skilled in configuring Cisco firewalls, deploying VPNs, managing SIEM (Graylog), building Proxmox clusters, and implementing secure collaboration tools (Nextcloud, Zammad, Cloudflare Zero Trust). Active member and volunteer of (ISC)² Toronto Chapter. Recognized for bridging technical execution with project leadership, enabling secure, scalable, and efficient IT operations.

Certifications

Earned

- CompTIA Security+
- ISC2 CC
- CompTIA A+
- Google IT Support Professional

In Progress / Training Completed

- **Microsoft Identity and Access Administrator Associate (SC-300) – In Progress**
- Cisco CCNA (Exam ready – completed prep)
- Microsoft Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900 – training completed)

Technical Skills

- **Security & Monitoring:** Firewalls, Graylog SIEM, Wireshark, TCPDump, vulnerability management, centralized logging, Cloudflare Zero Trust
- **Networking:** Cisco ASA (NAT, ACLs, VPN), VLANs, OSPF, EIGRP, DHCP, DNS, IPsec
- **Systems & Virtualization:** Proxmox, VMware, Ubuntu Server, Windows Server, Apache, Samba, Portainer
- **Cloud & Collaboration:** Microsoft 365 (User & License Management), Nextcloud, Zammad ticketing, Cloudflare Tunnels, ServiceNow (familiarity)
- **Scripting & Automation:** Python, Bash, PowerShell, PHP, JavaScript
- **Project Management:** Risk assessment, vendor negotiation, compliance, documentation, budgeting

Technical Projects & Homelab Experience

Virtualization & Containers

- Built and maintained a **multi-node Proxmox cluster** for virtualization with snapshots and high availability.
- Deployed Portainer to centrally manage Docker containers, including Zammad, Nextcloud, and Rasa chatbot.

Networking & Security

- Configured **Cisco ASA 5520 firewall** with NAT/PAT, ACLs, and segmented VLANs to isolate lab networks and simulate enterprise security controls.
- Built and tested VPN tunnels (remote access and site-to-site) and integrated with OpenVPN and Cloudflare Zero Trust.
- Installed and managed **Graylog SIEM** (Elasticsearch/MongoDB); created custom alerts and dashboards to monitor security events.
- Deployed **Cloudflare Tunnels** to securely expose internal services without opening firewall ports, reducing attack surface.
- Used Wireshark and TCPDump to capture, analyze, and troubleshoot packet-level traffic.
- Applied Security+ principles (least privilege, defense in depth, secure configurations) across all lab projects.

AI & Data Analysis

- Developed & Deployed **ISC2 Toronto Chatbot** using Rasa + Ollama with vector database for member Q&A.
- Built Python-based telemetry analysis system using JSON architecture for offline data processing.

Volunteer Experience

ISC2 Toronto Chapter | *Member & Volunteer* | **2025 – Present**

- Developed and deployed chapter AI powered chatbot project for member engagement.
- Automated chapter membership data from Join-It to Digital Ocean droplet hosting the chapter's Discord membership chatbot.
- Supported IT operations including deployment of Zammad and Nextcloud for volunteer use.

Professional Experience

Project Manager | Newfore Inc | **Apr 2024 – July 2025**

- Delivered $2M+ residential and commercial projects on time and within budget.
- Applied project management methods including risk management, compliance documentation, and vendor contract negotiation.
- Implemented workflow automation tools to improve data visibility and reduce manual work.

- Provided technical support for staff adopting digital platforms (Buildertrend, cloud storage, VPN access).

Renovations Contractor | Bram Weitzman Renovations | **2005 – 2024**

- Managed all project phases including planning, budgeting, scheduling, and vendor coordination.
- Deployed and maintained networked office systems (**file sharing, remote access**, and backup procedures).
- Provided day-to-day **IT administration and troubleshooting** for business systems (Windows PCs, email, cloud services).

Operations Manager | Sheridan Student Centre | **2000 – 2005**

- Managed facilities, staff, and budgets; promoted through multiple leadership roles.
- Provided help desk support for student centre staff including setting up new PCs, performing OS and software updates, and troubleshooting hardware issues.
- Administered the point-of-sale system for food services and retail vendors, ensuring uptime.

Education

Sheridan College – Computer Programmer Diploma (2000 – 2001)

- Main programming language: Visual Basic (VB), with additional coursework in Java, C++, Perl, and PHP.

Centennial College – Ford MAPII Advanced Automotive Apprenticeship Program (1995 – 1996)

- Advanced training in diagnostics, electrical/electronic systems, engine management, and computer-based troubleshooting.

Soft Skills

- **Leadership & Collaboration:** 20+ years managing teams and projects.
- **Communication:** Translate technical issues for both technical and non-technical audiences.
- **Problem Solving:** Troubleshooting in IT, engineering, and operations.
- **Adaptability & Continuous Learning:** Demonstrated through labs, certifications, and volunteer-driven IT projects.