

# Brandon Mikelaitis

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## SUMMARY

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Information security professional with three (3) years of governance, risk, and compliance advisory experience across industry sectors. Experienced in conducting risk assessments and audits to provide cost-effective, risk-based recommendations to senior leadership. With a technical and non-technical background, adept at expressing complex technical challenges in terms of business risk and impact. Currently seeking to expand upon experience in the cybersecurity industry.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Senior Consultant, Cyber Risk & Advisory

*Focal Point Data Risk (Tampa, FL)*

9/2019 – Current

### Consultant, Cyber Risk & Advisory

*Focal Point Data Risk (Newport Beach, CA & Tampa, FL)*

7/2017 – 9/2019

Responsible for conducting IT operational and cybersecurity risk assessments and audits, data security audits, and network security architecture reviews in a variety of industries including technology, aerospace, financial, manufacturing, hospitality, retail, and public sectors.

- Performed on-site client assessments of IT and IS business functions to identify control gaps and weaknesses.
- Conducted multiple IT risk assessments across North and South America, Europe, and Asia while managing the project delivery team.
- Validated cybersecurity controls against various industry-accepted standards and frameworks (NIST Cyber Security Framework, NIST SP 800-53, ISO 27001, and CIS CSC 20).
- Validated security controls against the PCI DSS for all 12 PCI requirements including all sub-requirements.
- Created and completed testing of an Insider Threat Audit program.
- Collaborated with internal and external teams to develop documentation that accurately reflects the organization's security posture and control gaps. Deliverables including weekly status memos, executive summary and technical reports, remediation roadmaps, and Board of Director PowerPoint presentations.
- Developed strategic timelines and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) guides to provide insight into the IT remediation estimates (i.e., capital and operational costs), annuity costs, and expected risk reduction.
- Designed data visualization models using Power BI to graphically communicate cybersecurity risk and maturity.

- Interviewed and effectively participated in the hiring of employees.
- Mentored and coached peers and junior staff on technical testing and reviewed project deliverables for quality and accuracy.

### Undergrad & Graduate Research Assistant

*Eller College of Management (Tucson, AZ)*

6/2013 – 5/2017

- Assisted researchers in specialized projects and experiments for the U.S. Borders Project, the "Avatar" lie-detector.

### Information Technology Intern

*MGM Resorts International (Tucson, AZ)*

6/2016 – 8/2016

- Assessed migration and development methodologies for deploying microservices within the IT environment.

## EDUCATION

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### Master of Science | Management Information Systems May 2017 | GPA: 3.91

University of Arizona, Eller College of Management,  
Concentrations: Cyber Security and Enterprise Data Management

### Bachelor of Science | Management Information Systems & Operations Management

May 2016 | GPA: 3.89

University of Arizona, Eller College of Management

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- CISSP – Associate of ISC<sup>2</sup>  
(3/4 years of experience needed)
- Information Systems Security  
(NSTISSI 4011)
- Senior Systems Manager  
(CNSS4012)
- System Administrator  
(CNSS 4013)
- Risk Analyst, Entry Level  
(CNSS 4016)
- Enterprise Information Security  
(Eller 2016)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Literacy in Windows, Mac OS, & Linux Environments
- Network Security Architecture
- Endpoint Protection
- Amazon Web Services (Cloud)
- Secure Software Development
- Audit and Compliance
- Risk Analysis and Mitigation
- Disaster Recovery
- HTML5, CSS, PHP, Ruby on Rails
- Java, Ruby, Python, SQL, & VBA
- Power BI (Data Visualization)