Nick Cogger

Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC) Professional



A CISSP-certified Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) professional with 18 years of leadership and technical management experience. Specialising in building robust security cultures through effective training and policy. Deep expertise in risk management, security frameworks (ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials), and aligning security with business objectives.

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Experience

2007-09-01 – present

Network Manager & Teacher of Computer Science at St David's College (https://stdavidscollege.co.uk)

SUMMARY

Accountable for the IT infrastructure, information security, and data governance for a leading independent school. Responsible for developing and implementing security strategy, managing compliance with frameworks such as Cyber Essentials and GDPR, and leading staff security training initiatives.

- Designed and managed a full-lifecycle cybersecurity training program for 100+ staff, delivering CPD modules via Moodle LMS, resulting in a measurable increase in security awareness.
- Authored the institution's entire suite of IT governance documentation, including Information Security, Data Protection, and Acceptable Use policies.
- Led the organisation's successful Cyber Essentials certification, coordinating all technical and policy requirements and providing evidence for audit.
- Conducted regular risk assessments and vulnerability scanning to identify and mitigate security threats to critical infrastructure and data.
- Managed the deployment and configuration of key security technologies, including next-generation firewalls and endpoint detection and response (EDR) solutions.

Skills

Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC) :

Security Awareness & Training ISO 27001

Policy & Procedure Development

Risk Assessment & Management Cyber Essentials

GDPR & Data Protection

Security Architecture & Operations:

Advanced

Defence in Depth Strategy
Vulnerability Management

Firewall & Network Security Incident Response

Foundational Technical Skills: Advanced

Microsoft 365 & Azure AD Security

Network Administration (TCP/IP, DNS)

Python & PowerShell Scripting

Education

2025-03-01 - 2027-04-01

Master of Science - MS in Computer Science with Cyber Security from Wrexham University

Admitted to this Master's program based on 18 years of extensive professional and technical experience. Currently achieving Distinction-level grades across all modules, with a focus on Information Security Management.

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Certifications

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Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)

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