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Junior Cloud Security Professional

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Professional Profile

Cloud security professional with hands-on Azure control work, identity and access management, monitoring notes and structured documentation. At Cybarik Limited (UK-registered) I performed cloud security engineer duties on live client work: Azure security controls, access management and repeatable documentation. CompTIA Security+ (2024–2027), Google Cybersecurity and Google IT Automation with Python. I also deliver first-line IT support and coordinate several projects at once, which keeps the work practical: diagnose, contain, document, harden. Seeking a Junior Cloud Security, Cloud Security Analyst or Azure Security role in the UK.

Core Technical Skills

Azure security controls · Entra ID / IAM · Least-privilege access · Network Security Groups and secure remote access · Monitoring, logging and escalation · Risk assessment and control reviews · Incident notes and documentation · Windows and Linux fundamentals · Networking troubleshooting · Microsoft 365 and Azure fundamentals · Python automation · Technical documentation · Stakeholder communication

Certifications

CompTIA Security+ ce (Feb 2024–2027) · Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate (Feb 2024) · Google IT Automation with Python (Jun 2024) · Azure VM & Web Server (Coursera, Jul 2024) · Cybersecurity Bootcamp (CyberTalents, Apr 2024) · Commonwealth Bank Cybersecurity Job Simulation (Forage, Mar 2024)

Technical Projects

Secure Nextcloud Deployment on Azure

Personal Project | 2024 – Present

- Deployed secure Nextcloud instance on Azure VMs with Network Security Groups and Azure Bastion.
- Applied least-privilege networking, secure authentication and basic monitoring.
- Fully documented setup and security controls for repeatable use.

Linux Least-Privilege Access Configuration

Personal Project | 2024 – Present

- Configured file/directory permissions to enforce least-privilege and corrected overly permissive settings.
- Practised incident-style investigation transferable to support and operations tickets.

Vulnerability Assessment – E-commerce System

Personal Project | 2024 – Present

- Conducted structured assessment, prioritised risks and documented impact plus corrective actions.
- Practised incident-style investigation transferable to support and operations tickets.

Professional Experience

IT Support, Projects Administrator & Quality Control Assistant

Oasis Project Services Limited, Tema, Ghana | Jun 2021 – Present

- Manage and coordinate more than five concurrent projects, tracking deadlines, tasks, stakeholder updates and operational documentation.
- Deliver first-line IT support for hardware, software, access, connectivity and user issues; escalate according to documented procedures.
- Maintain accurate records and documentation under competing priorities; conduct quality checks and support corrective actions.
- Apply structured troubleshooting and communicate with stakeholders to resolve issues and improve processes.
- Act as first point of contact for the SCADA system on Oasis's 6.5MW steam turbine generator project at Tema Oil Refinery, after training by the specialist vendor that installed the subcontracted system.
- Support the vendor during on-site issues and resolve network connectivity problems affecting access to the system.

Cloud Security Engineer

Cybarik Limited (UK-registered), Remote | Jul 2024–Jul 2025

- Performed cloud security engineer duties on live client work, applying Azure security controls, identity and access management, and written procedures.
- Supported control reviews and access changes, and documented what was configured, why it was chosen, and how it was checked.
- Worked on monitoring, incident-response and risk-assessment tasks as part of day-to-day client delivery, with mentorship from the team.
- Used the same method in personal labs: least-privilege networking, secure authentication and ticket-style investigation notes.

Web Development / WordPress Administrator

Freelance / Personal Projects, Ghana | 2020–Present

- Built and maintained WordPress sites using HTML, CSS and JavaScript; managed themes, plugins, updates, backups and basic security.
- Investigated and resolved website issues, applying performance and access-control best practices.

Education

Foundation of Software Development (FSD)

Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT (GI-KACE), Accra | Jul–Oct 2011

Cisco Networking Academy – CCNA Discovery

GI-KACE, Accra

- Networking for Home and Small Business: Jan–15 Mar 2012
- Working at a Small-to-Medium Business or ISP: Apr–26 Jun 2012
(Completed coursework and labs; external Cisco exams not taken)

West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)

Tema Methodist Day Senior High School, Tema | Sep 2006–May 2009

Additional Information

Languages: English (full professional), Ga, Fante, Twi

Driving licence: Full Ghana licence (valid to 20 Oct 2026) ·

References: Available on request