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Chief Operating Officer

Closed Door Security

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PROFILE

I run operations at a specialist cyber security consultancy, having come up through infrastructure and security engineering. My work has ranged from building technical labs for military intelligence sections to signing off the cyber security of one of the world's five largest vessels, across IT and OT environments in the public, private, defence and maritime sectors. I own the company's AI strategy, and the partner and client relationships that keep me travelling across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

EXPERIENCE

Chief Operating Officer

2023 – Present

Closed Door Security · Global · promoted from Head of Technology, 2021–2023

Lead technical strategy, security architecture and infrastructure delivery across global IT and OT projects. Set the AI roadmap, run international teams, and own the partner and client relationships.

- Designed and built technical labs for the intelligence sections of several militaries
- Personally reviewed and signed off the cyber security of one of the five largest vessels in the world
- Own where and how AI is used in the business, setting the roadmap and building the internal AI tools and agentic workflows behind it on LLMs and n8n automation
- Have acted as virtual CISO for client organisations, holding the security leadership role inside the client's own business
- Led penetration testing and red team engagements for enterprise and government clients
- Delivered multi-region secure infrastructure across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa
- Maintain the company's ISO 27001 accreditation and support IEC 62443 audits worldwide, particularly in maritime
- Built and scaled the internal technical team, and mentor its junior consultants
- Represent the business with clients and at industry conferences across China, the UK, Germany, Dubai, Australia and Jordan, peaking at 16 flights in one month

Systems Solutions Engineer

2019 – 2021

Contractor · UK and Germany

Systems engineering and secure infrastructure for a range of clients, focused on reliability, automation, and joining cloud services to on-premise systems.

- Designed and implemented Aruba-based network infrastructure for small and medium businesses
- Ran hybrid Microsoft 365 and Azure environments, including identity and access configuration
- Automated administration with Bash and Python, and kept Linux server estates tuned for uptime
- Acted as technical advisor to clients on infrastructure and security decisions

Systems Support Engineer

2017 – 2019

Carpenters Solicitors · Liverpool, UK

1st and 2nd line support for a large law firm: infrastructure, user support and system maintenance, with proactive monitoring to keep the practice running.

- Implemented backup and disaster recovery procedures across the domain environment
- Managed user accounts, permissions and security policy
- Assisted with the firm's ISO accreditation and compliance documentation

Site Manager, Construction

2013 – 2017

Various employers · UK and Australia

Started as a labourer and worked up to site manager, running complex sites and coordinating multi-disciplinary teams to deadline and budget.

COMPETENCIES

Leadership	Technical strategy, operations, team building, partner and client relationships, AI strategy and roadmapping
Security	Virtual CISO (vCISO), security architecture, penetration testing, red team operations, vulnerability assessment, incident response
Infrastructure	Linux, VMware ESXi, infrastructure design, disaster recovery, Microsoft 365, Azure, Ansible, Python
Standards	ISO 27001, IEC 62443, GDPR, risk assessment, audit management, maritime security standards

LANGUAGES

English	Native
German	Advanced