

# Mohammed AlYahya

Cybersecurity Leader | Governance, Risk & Compliance Strategist | Technology Risk Advisor

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic Cybersecurity and GRC Leader with over a decade of experience across government, critical infrastructure, and enterprise environments. Proven success in designing and executing cybersecurity programs aligned with NCA, ISO 27001, and SAMA frameworks. Known for leading cross-functional teams, enhancing regulatory compliance, and influencing executive decision-making. Combines technical expertise, risk management insight, and entrepreneurial acumen to deliver security outcomes that support business objectives.

**Currently seeking leadership roles in cybersecurity governance or GRC strategy, where regulatory alignment, risk reduction, and stakeholder engagement are mission-critical.**



## CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Leadership & Strategy:** Cybersecurity Program Management · Executive Reporting · Policy Governance
- **Risk & Compliance:** Risk Assessments · Regulatory Alignment (NCA, ISO 27001, SAMA) · Data Privacy
- **Technical Oversight:** Cloud Security · Security Awareness & Training · GRC Tools & Control Frameworks



## WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 – present  
Riyadh, KSA

### Senior Manager / Technology Risk Specialist Confidential Bank

- Lead enterprise-wide risk assessments across IT and cybersecurity, aligning with SAMA IT Governance Framework (ITGF).
- Enhanced Jira-based risk processes by embedding KRIs, KPIs, residual risk scoring, and information asset classification.
- Coordinated with audit, compliance, and IT functions to unify risk treatment and control documentation.
- Advised senior leadership on risk posture and contributed to board-level reporting and inspection readiness.
- Improved accuracy of risk registers and control mapping, integrating threat modeling and asset sensitivity data.

2023 – present  
Riyadh, KSA

### Data Security Specialist SAMI AEC

- Led compliance initiatives achieving full NCA, CST, and CMMC alignment within six months, improving audit scores and organizational posture.
- Temporarily directed the cybersecurity department during a leadership transition, ensuring operational and compliance continuity.
- Developed an integrated IT/OT risk assessment framework with operations and compliance teams, improving enterprise risk visibility.
- Deployed File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) and Data Loss Prevention (DLP) solutions, reducing insider threat exposure.
- Led internal audits and remediated critical gaps, strengthening the cybersecurity posture.

01/2023 – 01/2023  
Riyadh, KSA

### Senior Cybersecurity Consultant National Cybersecurity Authority (Representative)

- Executed in-depth ECC/TCC audits, uncovering high-risk issues missed in earlier reviews.
- Audited Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) for regulatory alignment, improving security controls across national infrastructure.
- Managed multiple audits simultaneously, ensuring timely delivery and audit readiness across engagements.
- Delivered strategic reports that influenced compliance roadmaps and risk mitigation efforts.

2022 – 2023  
Riyadh, KSA

### GRC Consultant ITS2

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Assessed cybersecurity postures of major clients including SABIC and ACWA Power, recommending targeted mitigations that improved audit performance.
- Developed and enforced policies aligned with NCA and ISO 27001 standards, increasing organizational compliance maturity.
- Led executive and staff-level security awareness programs, enhancing cyber hygiene across departments.
- Initiated a new data privacy consulting service, building tools and frameworks that expanded ITS2's capabilities and client base.

2021 – 2022  
Riyadh, KSA

### **Cybersecurity Developer General Authority for Statistics**

- Completed NCA ECC/TCC training and contributed to internal compliance and control implementation.
- Delivered engaging security awareness sessions, resulting in a measurable improvement in phishing simulation performance.
- Supported cybersecurity tool management and compliance documentation, enhancing operational readiness for audits.

2017 – 2020  
Chicago, USA

### **Founder & General Manager (Entrepreneurial Experience) Mr. Wireless**

- Founded and scaled a consumer electronics business, overseeing operations, technology implementation, and PCI DSS compliance.
- Automated inventory and sales processes, improving customer experience and operational efficiency.

2008 – 2012  
Riyadh, KSA

### **IT Support Specialist (Technical Foundation) AlJabiah**

- Resolved 100+ weekly support tickets across hardware, software, and networking issues.
- Enhanced helpdesk workflows, reducing ticket resolution time and improving service quality.

## CERTIFICATIONS (KEY)

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- **CISA, ISACA** – 2022
- **GRCP, OCEG** – 2022
- **GRCA, OCEG** – 2022
- **ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Implementer, PECB** – 2022
- **CompTIA Security+, CompTIA** – 2021

## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

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- **SIEM:** Splunk, QRadar
- **Endpoint Security:** FireEye, Carbon Black
- **Data Protection:** Forcepoint DLP, Seclore DRM
- **Network Security:** Palo Alto, Fortinet
- **Penetration Testing:** Nessus, Burp Suite
- **Languages:** Python, Java, SQL, RoR, JavaScript, HTML.

## EDUCATION

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2013 – 2017  
Chicago, USA

### **Bachelor of Science in Information Technology DePaul University**

01/2021 – 05/2021  
Riyadh, KSA

### **Cybersecurity Bootcamp (Security+, CySA+, CEH) Saudi Digital Academy (SDA)**