ABBEY NIKWE

Senior IT Auditor

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SUMMARY

Seasoned Senior IT Auditor with 9+ years of progressive experience leading cybersecurity audits, risk assessments, and compliance initiatives across healthcare, consulting, and enterprise environments. Proven expertise in evaluating ITGCs, application controls, and cloud security across AWS and Azure platforms. Adept at aligning audit strategies with frameworks such as NIST, ISO 27001, SOX, and HIPAA, and skilled in leveraging tools like ACL, ServiceNow GRC, Splunk, and Nessus to drive automation, issue tracking, and remediation. Strong background in vulnerability management, IAM, and incident response, with a track record of reducing control exceptions and strengthening enterprise security posture. Holds certifications including CISA and CDPSE, and excels in cross-functional collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and delivering actionable risk mitigation strategies.

SKILLS

Technical Skills:

IT General Controls (ITGC), Application Controls, Network Security, Vulnerability Assessment, Data Analytics, SQL, Power BI, Excel (Advanced), ACL Analytics, SAP Audit, Oracle Audit, Active Directory, Firewalls, Cloud Security (AWS, Azure), ITSM Tools

Security Frameworks & Standards:

NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), ISO/IEC 27001, NIST SP 800-53, CIS Controls, COBIT 5, SOX (404), GDPR, PCI-DSS, HIPAA, MITRE ATT&CK Framework

Tools & Technologies:

Splunk, Nessus, Wireshark, Qualys, Burp Suite, Metasploit, Microsoft Defender, CrowdStrike, Palo Alto, Check Point, Fortinet, Tenable, ServiceNow GRC, AWS Security Hub, Azure Security Center

Cloud Security:

AWS IAM, AWS Config, AWS CloudTrail, Azure Defender, Azure AD, Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM), Shared Responsibility Model, Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB), Zero Trust Architecture

Soft Skills:

Analytical Thinking, Attention to Detail, Communication, Stakeholder Engagement, Report Writing, Problem Solving, Risk-Based Thinking, Project Management, Leadership, Time Management

Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC):

Risk Assessment, Security Audits, Control Testing, Policy Development, Compliance Monitoring, Third-Party Risk Management, Security Awareness Training, Business Continuity Planning, Disaster Recovery

CERTIFICATION

Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE)   **Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)**

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)   **IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL)**

Scrum Master Certified (SMC)

EXPERIENCE

Senior IT Auditor
UnitedHealth Group

TX, USA
01/2024 - Present

- Lead and execute end-to-end IT audits across enterprise systems, with a focus on SOX, HIPAA, HITRUST, and cybersecurity frameworks.
- Perform risk assessments and evaluate ITGCs, application controls, and automated business process controls for high-risk systems.
- Use **ACL**, **ServiceNow**, and GRC tools to drive audit automation, streamline testing, and monitor control remediation.
- Coordinate with internal stakeholders, external auditors, and business units to align on audit objectives and mitigate key IT risks.
- Provide actionable recommendations to improve IT controls, strengthen compliance, and optimize operational effectiveness across infrastructure and cloud environments (AWS, Azure).
- Support continuous improvement by identifying control inefficiencies and contributing to process standardization initiatives.

EXPERIENCE

Senior IT Auditor
Change Healthcare

Detroit, MI

10/2022 - 12/2023

- Led and executed IT audit engagements across cloud and on-premise environments, focusing on HIPAA, SOX compliance, and IT General Controls (ITGC).
- Utilized **ACL**, **ServiceNow**, and **enterprise GRC platforms** to perform control testing, issue tracking, and audit workflow automation.
- Evaluated cybersecurity policies, access management, data protection, and system configurations across critical healthcare systems.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams, including Information Security and Compliance, to assess control effectiveness and track remediation plans.
- Identified and addressed control gaps, resulting in a **30% reduction in control exceptions** year-over-year through improved testing strategies and stakeholder engagement.

Cybersecurity Risk & Compliance Analyst
Deloitte

Morristown, NJ

01/2021 - 09/2022

- Served as the liaison between cybersecurity engineering and business teams to align risk strategy
- Developed SSPs and continuous monitoring plans aligned with NIST and ISO 27001 frameworks
- Managed audit readiness and remediation tracking to maintain compliance across IT operations
- Utilized data sampling to validate transaction integrity and reduce data privacy risks
- Provide recommendations to mitigate risk
- Aid in developing tracked action plans to ensure efforts are focused on addressing the risk and designing proper controls
- Documented policies and procedures regarding security standards used in RSA-Archer to review and test controls and their effectiveness
- Designed and documented controls related to general system controls, system/applications development, change management, logical access security, LAN/WAN concepts, contingency and recovery

IT Operations Analyst
HCI Consulting

Jacksonville, FL

01/2016 - 12/2020

- Authored ERP user training manuals, supporting organizational change and user adoption lead to 20% increase in efficiency.
- Led cybersecurity awareness training, improving policy adherence by 80% and reducing violations.
- Investigated incidents including malware and phishing, working as part of the IR team for rapid resolution.
- Provided escalation support for technical issues, ensuring timely remediation across operations

EDUCATION

B.A. - History & International Relations
Lagos State University

Lagos, Nigeria

02/2004 - 09/2008

Accounting Technical
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria

Lagos, Nigeria

03/1998 - 10/2000