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SUMMARY

Over the years, I have built up a diverse set of skills, qualities, and experiences. I have experience designing, implementing, and managing SOC and Splunk, managing many varied tasks, working with security solutions and devices, collaborating with others as part of a team, and communicating positively with customers and clients. First, I was a programmer for four years; after that, I studied network and security and started working in the security field. I have been working and studying in SOC and Splunk for about eight years. I am cheerful and passionate and often make people around me happy. In my spare time, I like to engage in sports and video games, mainly soccer. **Currently, I am present as a Splunk consultant and instructor in various organizations and advise several different teams regarding the implementation, development, troubleshooting, and improvement of various Splunk tools such as ES, SOAR, and UBA.**

EXPERIENCE

Splunk SOAR Consultant

Dotis Arian Qeshm Co. (Dotin)

April 2025 – Present

- Designed, implemented, and optimized Splunk SOAR playbooks
- Integrated multiple security tools
- Provided training and knowledge transfer sessions for SOC teams on SOAR playbooks, best practices, and troubleshooting

Splunk SOAR Consultant

Golgohar Sirjan Mining and Industrial Company

May 2025 - Present

- Develop and Implement Specific Playbooks as service

Splunk lecture and Instructor

Noavaran Douran Institute

2020 - Present

- Instructing Splunk Courses: Fundamentals 1,2, System & Data Admin, Using and Admin Splunk ES, SOAR and UBA

SOC Consultant

TaraCell

Jan 2025 - Present

SOC and SPLUNK Consultant

ASA Co.

June 2021 - Present

- Redesigning and Improving SOC Function and Capability according to SANS, NIST.
- Coaching and Mentoring Splunk administrator for maintaining troubleshooting, and redesigning architecture.
- Designing and implementing Incident Management Plans and Tools.
- Writing and Implementing security policy according to SANS, NIST, and CIS.
- Implementing and tuning Splunk ES (SIEM) and Phantom.
- Designing a New data model for implementing a new use case.
- Providing SOC KPI with executive reporting and dashboards.
- SOC planning, Hiring, and Training.
- Conducting Threat Modeling, use case life cycle, and Framework.
- Instructing Splunk Enterprise Courses such as Data and Sys Admin, ES Admin, and Using.

SOC Consultant

Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance

September 2023 - Dec 2024

SPLUNK UBA Consultant

SITS Co. (Mellat Bank)

September 2023 – Dec 2024

- Writing and developing technical design documentation for Implementing UBA
- Implemented Splunk UBA cluster
- Instructing Splunk UBA Course for two different teams
- Support and advise the team regarding management, troubleshooting and development

SPLUNK ES, UBA and SOAR Consultant and Mentor

Bandar Imam Petrochemical Company

September 2023 – March 2025

SOC and SPLUNK Consultant

AccTech Technology Kish

September 2022 – Apr 2024

- Assessing SOC maturity
- Develop SOC RoadMap
- Create SOC functions
- Designing, Implementing, tuning, and supporting Splunk as distributed with professional apps such as ES.
- Coaching and Mentoring Splunk administrator for maintaining troubleshooting, and redesigning architecture.

SOC and SPLUNK Consultant and Mentor

SAMAN Bank.

September 2021 - 2023

- Designing, Implementing, Tuning, and supporting Splunk as distributed with professional apps such as ES, UBA, and Phantom,
- Coaching and Mentoring Splunk administrator for maintaining troubleshooting, and redesigning architecture.
- Instructing Splunk Enterprise Courses such as Data and Sys Admin, ES Admin, and Using
- Design Incident Management and SOC Framework

SOC Consultant

MELLAT Bank

April 2022 - October 2022

SOC and SPLUNK Consultant and Mentor

SAVOLA(Behshahr) Group Co.

September 2021 - 2023

- Designing, Implementing, Tuning, and supporting Splunk as distributed with professional apps such as ES, UBA, and Phantom,
- Coaching and Mentoring Splunk administrator for maintaining, troubleshooting, and redesigning architect.
- Teaching Splunk Enterprise Courses such as Data and Sys Admin, ES Admin, and Using
- Design Incident Management and SOC Framework
- Develop custom Reports and Use cases

Senior Security Engineer

SITS co (Mellat Bank)

June 2016 - April 2021

- Assisting the Director with the design and implementation of the SOC program.
- Creating and tracking SOC metrics to continuously improve SOC efficiencies, processes, and procedures.
- Developing Content for SIEM such as Rules, Dashboards, Guide.
- Implementing SOC Maturity Model.
- Optimizing detection and response capabilities as a result of attack simulations and red teaming exercises.
- Proposing and conducting Cisco Firepower, SELKS, Suricata, Bro IDS, Osquery, and Sysmon Solutions to detect and prevent Cyberattacks.
- Updating, customizing, and optimizing over 300 SIEM's built-in use cases based on conditions and results.

Security Engineer

Pajand Electronics

March 2014 - June 2016

- Configured and supported monitoring software including Zabbix, SolarWinds, Manage Engine, SCOM and SCCM
- Implementing VMware with FT, HA, and Clustering capabilities
- Planned network solutions based on Cisco safe
- Conducting and configure different types of Security Appliances such as FortiGate and Cisco ASA firewalls of over 20 appliances

PROJECTS

Published SOAR Fundamentals Podcast

<https://www.youtube.com/m.ghanbari>

SOC Lib

January 2021 – Present

- <https://splunk-sizing.soclib.net/> (Splunk Sizing Tool)
- <https://blog.soclib.net/>
- <https://www.soclib.ir>

YouTube and Aparat:

<https://www.youtube.com/m.ghanbari>

<https://www.aparat.com/m.ghanbari7>

Published Threat Hunting book

August 2018 - June 2019

- <https://mftbook.ir/product/476924>

GitHub Threat Hunting Page

January 2020 - June 2021

- <https://github.com/threat-hunting/awesome-Threat-Hunting>

Published Article "Reducing Power Consumption based on load balancing in cloud networks using meta-heuristic algorithms."

January 2016 - January 2018

- <https://civilica.com/doc/849061>

LinkedIn Threat Hunting Page

January 2021 - Present

• <https://www.linkedin.com/company/threathunting>

EDUCATION

Master of Information Technology (Computer Networking)

Azad University • Garmsar • 2018

Bachelor of Computer Software Engineering.

Azad University • Tehran • 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

IELTS – Academic – 7.5

British Council • 2023 – ID: T54516958

Splunk Enterprise Security Certified Admin

Splunk • 2023

Credential: <https://www.credly.com/badges/3126e252-010e-4e90-ada0-a04b9f16a5c2>

Splunk Core Certified Power User

Splunk • 2022

Credential: <https://www.credly.com/badges/676bd84e-210b-47d6-b5a8-5f6067b8f958>

CTIA

EC-Council • 2019

Credential: <https://aspen.eccouncil.org/VerifyBadge?type=training&a=lfWbK7Tunjimimux2u5qlQg==>

MCITP

Microsoft • 2013

Credential: <https://www.credly.com/badges/6106f6de-b21a-43e4-97a7-02bb1ec96f5d>

Autopsy

Basis Technology • 2019

Cyber Threat Hunting and Active Defense & Cyber Deception

Active Countermeasures • 2019

NSE 1 and 2 Network Security Associate

Fortinet • 2020

SANS SEC 503 and SEC 511

Carrier Digit (Iranian's security education institute) • 2018

CEH and SANS SEC 504

Carrier Digit (Iranian's security education institute) • 2017

LPIC1 and LPIC2

Laitec (Iranian's IT education institute) • 2016

COURSEWORK

SANS SEC 450 and SEC 551

Self-Study • 2022

Splunk Cluster Administration and Architecting Splunk Enterprise Deployments

Self-Study • 2022

Splunk Phantom Administration and UBA Implementation

Self-Study • 2021

Using and Administering Splunk Enterprise Security

Self-Study • 2020

Splunk Fund 1, Fund 2, System and Data admin

Self-Study • 2018

SANS SEC 560 and SEC 542

Self-Study • 2017

SANS SEC 503 and SEC 511

Self-Study • 2017

SKILLS

Leadership, Team Management, Team working, Timely Communication, Presentation, Creativity, Decision making, SOC Architecture, SIEM Engineering (content development, data, and system tuning), SPLUNK Architecture (ES, phantom), Security Incident Response, Firewall/IDS/IPS Skills, NSM and CSM, Python, Docker