

Benjamin Hobbs

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity and GRC engineer with hands-on experience developing information security programs, risk management, and automating audit-grade machine-readable evidence from CI/CD. Navy and Marine Corps veteran leveraging disciplined military leadership to drive enterprise-wide security and compliance. Adept at briefing complex material to C-suite executives, DevOps engineers, and audit professionals seamlessly; collaborating cross-functionally; and developing solutions to achieve business and security goals. Eligible for Secret Clearance.

COMPETENCIES & SKILLS

Technical: IaC, PaC, CI/CD pipelines, Script Writing, Gap Analysis, Control Mapping, Identity and Access Management (IAM), Cloud Security, PKI Infrastructure, Threat Modeling, Risk Management, RESTful API Design, Packet Capture & Analysis, JSON, XML, YAML, Defense-in-Depth, Incident Response, ISO 27001, ISO 42001, SOC 2, CCM, HIPAA, NIST 800-53, NIST 800-171

Tools: OPA, Rego, Cosign, Conftest, OSCAL, Terraform, tcpdump, Wireshark, nmap, SIEM, Vanta, Windsurf, Cursor, Frontier AI (Gemini, Claude, ChatGPT), Public Cloud (AWS/GCP/Azure), OpenAPI, Metasploit, Snort, Base64, CyberChef, netcat, Windows, Linux (Ubuntu, Kali, Red Hat, SecOnion, Unix)

Languages: Python, Bash, C, Powershell, Assembly, French (basic), Spanish (basic), Japanese (basic)

Functional: Documentation, oral and written communication, presentation and public speaking, translating technical jargon to non-technical users, complex problem-solving, critical thinking, quantitative analysis, root cause analysis (RCA)

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

SANS Technology Institute, Applied Cybersecurity Certificate (ACS)

Aug 2026

Code Fellows, Graduate Certificate, Cybersecurity Engineering

Sep 2023

University of San Diego, Master of Science, Global Business Leadership

May 2015

United States Naval Academy, Bachelor of Science, Political Science

May 2002

Certifications: Certified GRC Engineer- Practitioner, GIAC: GMON- Continuous Monitoring, GCIH- Incident Handling, GSEC-Security Essentials, GFACT-Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies; CompTIA: Network+, Security+; CSA-CCSK (Certified Cloud Security Knowledge); GCP: Professional Cloud Security Engineer, Associate Cloud Engineer; ISC2: CISSP-Associate, Certified in Cybersecurity

PROJECTS

GRCEportfolio: Automated Governance & Compliance Pipeline *GitHub* **May 2026- June 2026**

- Secure Cloud Infrastructure as Code (IaC) using Terraform
- Automated Security Gates, featuring Policy as Code (PaC) via Open Policy Agent/Rego/Conftest
- Evidence Pipeline Creation using GitHub Actions, capturing audit-grade evidence in real-time
- Machine-Readable Documentation, via Open Security Controls Assessment Language (OSCAL)

Cerulean Shield: System Monitoring and Improving Threat Detection *GitHub*

Sep 2023

- Provided Blue Team Defense Solutions for AWS cloud environment against attackers (simulated).
- Built with: OpenVPN, RITA, Splunk, Snort, AWS, CloudWatch, CloudTrail, Linux, and Windows.

SilverLine Security: Cloud Infrastructure Design & Threat Emulation *GitHub*

Jul 2023

- Designed and implemented (simulated) a secure cloud infrastructure compliant with PCI DSS standards.

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- Built with: AWS (using VPC, EC2, S3, CloudWatch, CloudTrail, GuardDuty, Lambda, KMS, EBS, IAM), Wazuh SIEM, Linux (Ubuntu), Windows Server, IPSec, SSH, and RDP.

GreenGenius Project: Automation and Scripting *GitHub*

Jun 2023

- Prototyped a process (simulated) to integrate startups into Globex like GreenGenius using automation and scripts.
- Built with: AWS, OpenSwan, Powershell, pfSense, and Active Directory.

Micro Satellites: User Provisioning, Backup, and Secure Remote Access *GitHub*

May 2023

- Provided solutions for tech startup (simulated) prioritizing information security, data ownership, and remote access.
- Built with: VirtualBox, VSCode, Linux, Windows, TeamViewer, Bacula, SSH, pfSense, Powershell, Bash, and Thunderbird Mail Client.

EXPERIENCE

Associate Director-Security, Information and Compliance *Fulcrum GT*

Feb 2024 – Oct 2025

- Drafted, implemented, and maintained 7 custom controls for AI security in support of ISO 42001 internal and external audits, resulting in certification in 5 months.
- Performed annual risk assessments and risk treatment plans for the company, leading to the first AI impact assessment for the organization.
- Conducted company's first self-assessment for cloud security resulting in inclusion to CSA STAR's Level 1 registry, also leading a process resulting in certification as CSA STAR Level 2 registrant.
- Coordinated the company's internal audit efforts, to include an external surveillance audit for ISO 27001.
- Served as a subject matter expert on GRC matters to leadership, and lead Vanta administrator.
- Implemented and gathered audit evidence for 81 security controls for SOC 2 Type 2 and ISO 27001 security audits, concurrently resulting in certification in both frameworks in 7 months.
- Documented 35 points in company cloud infrastructure where the monitoring of logs would significantly improve visibility and reduce incident response time.
- Performed and managed periodic security reviews for third-party vendors for due diligence of TPRM.
- Planned and conducted the company's initial tabletop exercise for Disaster Recovery and Incident Response to improve organizational resilience.
- Researched and presented a business case leading to acquisition of Fulcrum's first SIEM platform.

Real Estate Salesperson *eXp Realty*

Jun 2016 – Aug 2024

- Facilitated over 60 high-value financial transactions and asset acquisitions across competitive, highly regulated multi-state markets (CA and AZ), consistently meeting stringent state financial compliance metrics.
- Managed corporate compliance program updates to keep abreast of changing privacy laws (CCPA/CPRA).
- Conducted data-driven risk and valuation assessments using historical analysis to establish asset baselines; maintained strict adherence to professional ethics frameworks and ongoing regulatory training standards.
- Led vendor management and third-party risk assessments, coordinating across multi-disciplinary external stakeholders (lenders, auditors, inspectors, etc.) to ensure operational alignment, contract integrity, and mitigate client risk.
- Developed sales skills and cross-functional collaboration procedures to deliver on client requirements regarding budget and timeline.