

COLETON PIERSON

PRINCIPLE CLOUD SECURITY ARCHITECT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly skilled Principle Cloud Security Architect with a proven track record in leading and implementing robust security solutions. Adept at problem-solving and known for effectively engineering solutions for complex challenges. Possess strong leadership abilities, with a demonstrated capability to lead teams and mentor junior professionals. Thrive in dynamic environments, having contributed as an early employee in a bootstrap startup. Recognized for taking on greenfield problems within organizations. Proficient in identifying and quantifying risk to an organization, enabling informed decision-making and proactive security measures.

SKILLS

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| Leadership | Mentorship | Problem-solving | Startup Experience |
| Threat Intelligence | Risk Identification | Risk Quantification | Team Collaboration |
| Organization Strategies | Client Relations | Data Driven | Standardized Execution |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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November 2022 – Present

Agoda

Responsible for all security related to Public and Private cloud for Agoda and complying with PCI, SOX, and regulatory requirements.

- Implemented vulnerability management, data classification, and run-time detection in Kubernetes in order to quantify risk and adhere to compliance frameworks such as NIST CSF
- Mentored junior AppSec and DevSecOps engineers in designing and developing CI/CD security mechanisms
- Established policy regarding 3rd party vendor management in Private Cloud environment
- Advised on architecture and design of the organization's internal PaaS, built on top of Kubernetes
- Effectively managed and collaborated with 3rd party vendors, driving goal-oriented outcomes and delivering impactful results aligned with project objectives
- Collaborated closely with GRC teams to ensure compliance with security frameworks like PCI and NIST CSF

CONSULTANT

May 2022 – November 2022

ModernStack

Worked alongside a previous colleague in a bootstrapped security services startup.

- Developed a system to perform gap analysis and assist enterprise clients in moving unmanaged cloud resources to a managed state using Terraform
- Collaborated with enterprise clients in engagements to automate the process of organizing managed environments into logical groups

Led application security and worked cross functional in Incident Response, Security Operations, and Security Engineering roles while building out the security team.

- Led the application security initiative in the organization
- Designed and developed an incident response platform using Google Cloud technologies
- Implemented incident response playbook automation and enrichment
- Advised on application security controls and architecture in product design reviews
- Established and drove a zero trust approach for corporate and production environments
- Collaborated cross-functionally with engineering and IT teams to lead security initiatives

Early employee in a bootstrapped cybersecurity startup that grew from 3 to 50+ employees, maintaining >50% growth YoY. Operated across all startup functionalities.

- Researched and developed new service lines, driving business growth and expanding client offerings
- Led test driven development and established patterns and processes for product microservices
- Deployed corporate and application infrastructure utilizing a robust CI/CD pipeline, cloud infrastructure, and Kubernetes
- Led and executed comprehensive application security engagements for hundreds of clients, following industry-standard testing methodologies such as OWASP ASVS and NIST CSF
- Designed and implemented internal products aimed at enhancing client experience and optimizing client engagements

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin | Computer Science | Austin, Texas

2012 - 2016

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| Golang | Javascript | Ruby | ReactJS |
| TailwindCSS | Rails | Kubernetes | Google Cloud Platform |
| Amazon Web Services | Docker | MongoDB | PostgreSQL |
| Linux | Terraform | SIEM | SOAR |
| NIST CSF | OWASP ASVS | MITRE | Zero Trust |
| BeyondCorp | BeyondProd | Agile | OKR |
| KPI | Application Architecture | Penetration Testing | Secure Code Review |
| SDLC | Threat Modeling | Incident Response | IAM |

PROJECTS

Available Upon Request

REFERENCES

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