

# MOHSIN KHAN

INFORMATION SECURITY ENGINEER · SECURITY OPERATIONS & ENGINEERING

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Information security professional with 4+ years of experience designing, testing, and hardening security controls across cloud and distributed systems. Experienced in security monitoring, incident analysis, and vulnerability assessment, with a focus on building resilient systems for real-world operations.

## SECURITY ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Conducted security assessments of APIs and services to identify vulnerabilities, access control weaknesses, and misconfigurations.
- Performed security monitoring and incident investigation through analysis of web, API, and system logs using SIEM tools.
- Validated remediation and system hardening through issue reproduction, retesting, and regression verification.
- Supported security operations through Python-based automation, IAM policy validation, and endpoint protection concepts aligned with enterprise EDR solutions.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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Security Engineering	Design and validation of security controls, system hardening, least-privilege enforcement
Cloud & Identity Security	IAM concepts, authentication and authorization controls, secure access design
Security Operations	Security monitoring, alert analysis, incident investigation, vulnerability assessment
Automation & Scripting	Python-based automation, regression testing, log analysis, and basic PowerShell scripting
Logs & Traffic Analysis	SIEM (Splunk), log correlation, traffic inspection (Wireshark), configuration review
Security Testing & Validation	API and backend security testing, access control validation, remediation verification
Tools & Platforms	Burp Suite, Nmap, Metasploit, Docker, Kubernetes
Security Standards & Practices	OWASP Top 10, secure coding principles, SDLC, verification of security fixes
Microsoft Security Stack	Azure security fundamentals, Entra ID (Azure AD), endpoint protection (EDR)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**UiT Norges arktiske universitet, PhD Research Fellow – Applied Cybersecurity** | Tromsø, Norway Nov 2021 – Dec 2025

- Designed and implemented secure access-control mechanisms for distributed IoT and cloud systems, enabling dynamic authentication and authorization.
- Supported security monitoring, incident investigation, and vulnerability assessment to protect system availability through log analysis and Python-based telemetry workflows.
- Aligned technical security controls with GDPR and ISO 27001, with foundational awareness of NIS/NIS2 requirements for availability and incident handling.

**Security Analyst – API Incident Analysis (Deloitte, Forage)** Dec 2025

- Analyzed web and API access logs to assess suspected security incidents, identifying anomalous patterns and automated API abuse.
- Evaluated authentication and authorization behavior and reproduced security issues to validate exploitability and support remediation decisions.

**Incident Response & Vulnerability Analyst (AIG, Forage)** Jan 2026

- Assessed vulnerability exposure using CISA advisories (e.g., Log4j) to define risk-based remediation actions.
- Supported incident recovery through Python-based response tooling and post-incident remediation validation.

**Cybersecurity Analyst – Identity & Access Security (Tata, Forage)** Jan 2026

- Evaluated enterprise IAM readiness and identified access gaps impacting authentication and authorization.
- Produced IAM design documentation supporting least-privilege enforcement and compliance objectives.

**Blackbuck Insight, Data Engineer** | Bangalore, India Jan 2021 – Nov 2021

- Migrated sensitive datasets to AWS cloud environments with IAM-based access controls.
- Monitored and optimized production workloads to ensure data integrity, availability, and secure operations.

## PROJECTS

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**Security Monitoring & Incident Analysis** 2025 – 2026

- Performed SIEM-based alert triage, log analysis, and traffic inspection across Windows and Linux environments to identify security incidents.
- Applied structured incident investigation techniques using threat indicators and attack pattern mapping to support detection and response.

## Vulnerability Impact Analysis & Threat Mitigation

2025

- Assessed system vulnerabilities using risk- and impact-based analysis to prioritize remediation actions.
- Validated mitigation effectiveness through structured reassessment and verification.

## Cloud Security Architecture & Risk Analysis

2025

- Evaluated cloud deployment models to identify security risks and recommend appropriate security controls.
- Applied shared responsibility and cloud security best practices to strengthen system resilience.

## BlockCap: Capability-Based Authorization for Distributed Systems

2023 – 2025

- Designed and validated a distributed authorization mechanism using cryptographic identities and capability-based tokens.
- Improved system resilience by enforcing least-privilege access and securing inter-node communication.

## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

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OSCP	Ongoing
IBM – Incident Response and System Forensics	Jan 2026
IBM – Vulnerability Management	Dec 2025
IBM – Cloud Security	Dec 2025
Qualys – Vulnerability Management Foundation	Dec 2025
LinkedIn Learning – ISO 27001 Compliant Cybersecurity	Dec 2025
LinkedIn Learning – ISO 27001: The Annex A Controls	Dec 2025
AWS – Certified Developer – Associate	Feb 2021

## EDUCATION

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UiT Norges Arktiske Universitet, <i>PhD in Cybersecurity</i>   Tromsø, Norway	Nov 2021 – Dec 2025
Indira Gandhi National Open University, <i>MBA in Operations Management</i>   New Delhi, India	Jan 2019 – Jul 2022
Central University of Jammu, <i>M.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering</i>   J&K, India	Aug 2018 – Nov 2020
Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, <i>B.Tech in IT &amp; Telecom Engineering</i>   J&K, India	Aug 2014 – Jun 2018

## LANGUAGES

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English	Professional proficiency
Norwegian (Bokmål)	Beginner proficiency
Kashmiri	Native proficiency
Hindi	Native proficiency

## REFERENCES

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