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Summary

Taher Amine is a highly accomplished cybersecurity leader and information security expert with 15 years of experience across multiple countries, industries, and specialties. As a vCISO, Global Advisor, Principal Consultant, Accredited Auditor, Subject Matter Expert, and Certified Trainer, he provides expert guidance on cybersecurity, GRC, Red and Blue Teaming, and more. Holding over 210 certifications and a multiple-time top 10 winner of international security and hacking contests, Taher combines deep technical expertise with strategic governance capabilities. His hands-on approach ensures that organizations align their security posture with industry standards and best practices, enhancing resilience, protecting critical assets, and maintaining business continuity. As a global advisor, certified trainer, and accredited auditor, Taher has trained and advised organizations across all continents. He currently serves as a Global Advisory Board Member at EC-Council and a Subject Matter Expert at ISC2 and HackTheBox, continuously striving to make a positive impact in the cybersecurity industry worldwide.

Main Certifications: mMBA, CISSP-SME, CCISO, ISMS Master, SecurityX, CMSA, ISOxx SLMAI, CCSK, CCZT, CLPTP, eCPPT, eCTHP, GRCP, GRCA, IAIP, OEHE, OWEE, OOSE, PSCE, CC...

Main Industries: Consulting/Advisory, Auditing, MSSP/MDR, CERT/CSIRT/PSIRT/CIRT/SOC, Banking/Finance, Telecom/ISPs, Technology, Training, Government, National Defense, Manufacturing, Agriculture...

Professional Experience

Senior Director (Information Security and Cybersecurity Services: Consulting, Auditing, Training)

[“EKSec Group”](#) - (Full-time / Hybrid)

Sep 2024 – Present

Algeria, UK, USA

Firm Overview: EKSec Group is a leading provider of information security, cybersecurity, ISO management systems, and operational resilience services, operating under the core principles of TRUST. PROTECT. DEFEND. The firm specializes in consulting, auditing, and training, with plans to expand into research and development (R&D). EKSec serves clients across Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and North America through its entities: SARL EKSec (EKSec DZ - Algeria), EKSec LTD (EKSec UK - United Kingdom), and EKSec LLC (EKSec USA - United States of America).

- **Strategic Consulting:** Provide expert advisory services to help organizations reduce cybersecurity risks, bridge compliance gaps, and align with industry standards and frameworks, including ISO, NIST, CSA, OWASP, and more.
- **Auditing & Assessments:** Lead certified audit teams to perform comprehensive security assessments and management systems audits, uncover vulnerabilities, gaps, and non-conformities, and deliver actionable recommendations for strengthening security postures and aligning business and security objectives.
- **Empowering Through Training:** Deliver globally recognized certification programs in Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC), ISO Standards, Cybersecurity Management, Cloud Security, and specialized domains such as Red and Blue Teaming, fostering professional growth and organizational resilience.

Key Services:

- **Consulting & Advisory:** vCISO, Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Threat Hunting, Architecture Assessments, and Compliance Services (ISO 27001, RNSI, PCI-DSS, etc.).
- **Auditing & Assessments:** Official ISO Management Systems Certification Audits, Penetration Testing, Red Teaming, ATT&CK Assessments, IoT/Hardware Testing, and Cloud Security Audits.
- **Training & Certifications:** Internationally recognized programs in ISO Standards, Cloud Security, Cybersecurity Management, Red/Blue Teaming, and more.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Strategic Leadership:** Overseeing the vision, mission, and strategic direction of EKSec Group, ensuring alignment with client needs and global industry trends.
- **Global Expansion:** Establishing and managing regional entities (Algeria, UK, USA) to extend EKSec's footprint across key markets and deliver localized solutions.
- **Operational Excellence:** Driving innovation and ensuring the highest standards of service delivery through the integration of industry-leading frameworks like ISO 27001, PTES, and CIS benchmarks...
- **Client Engagement:** Building strong partnerships with organizations, ensuring their security objectives are met through tailored solutions and expert guidance.

Franchise Partner | Regional Director – Maghreb Region (Accurate ISO Maghreb)

[“Accurate Global INC”](#) - (Part-time / Hybrid)

Jan 2025 – Present

North Africa
(Algeria & Tunisia)

As the Regional Director for the Maghreb Region, I oversee the strategic development and operations of Accurate Global Inc. across Algeria, Tunisia, and the broader Maghreb Region. My role involves managing the establishment of "Accurate ISO Maghreb", with a focus on delivering world-class certification services and building trusted partnerships with clients and stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities:

- Driving the growth and operational excellence of Accurate Global Inc. in the Maghreb region.
- Managing client relationships and ensuring the delivery of value-added certification services.
- Overseeing compliance with international standards and fostering regional recognition.

About Accurate Global Inc.: Headquartered in the USA, with an entity in the UK, Accurate Global Inc. is a globally recognized independent certification body accredited by the United Accreditation Foundation (UAF). With a reputation for fairness, excellence, and innovation, Accurate Global delivers certification services for international standards, including but not limited to:

- ISO 27001 (Information Security Management Systems)
- ISO 9001 (Quality Management Systems)
- ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems)
- ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems)

By aligning Accurate Global's mission to safeguard life, property, and the environment through quality assurance, I am committed to fostering growth, innovation, and sustainable success throughout the Maghreb region.

International Advisory Board Member (C|CISO) + Global Advisory Board Member (C|PENT)

["EC-Council"](#) - (Part-time / Remote)

Nov 2024 – Present

APAC + IMEA

International Advisory Board for C|CISO – Role Overview: Serving as a member of the EC-Council International Advisory Board for Certified Chief Information Security Officers (C|CISO), a prestigious panel comprising global thought leaders, industry experts, and senior executives in information security. This role involves contributing to the advancement of information security management through thought leadership, knowledge sharing, and curriculum development.

Advisory Board Contributions:

- **Strategic Guidance:** Provide expert feedback to enhance the relevance, quality, and technical rigor of EC-Council certification programs, ensuring alignment with global industry trends.
- **Content Development:** Participate in technical reviews, offer practical insights, and contribute intellectual property to improve training materials and certification content.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Mentor and advise professionals, share best practices, and advocate for EC-Council initiatives to advance global standards in information security and cybersecurity.
- **Global Representation:** Represent EC-Council at international conferences and events, promoting the value of the C|CISO program and supporting joint marketing efforts with event organizers.
- **Impact on the Industry:** Actively support EC-Council in driving innovation and maintaining the credibility of its certifications, ensuring professionals are equipped to meet emerging cybersecurity challenges.

About the C|CISO Advisory Board: The EC-Council Advisory Board for C|CISO is a volunteer network of distinguished professionals from academia and industry, recognized for their leadership and contributions to the field. The board plays a pivotal role in maintaining the excellence of EC-Council certifications by ensuring training programs remain up-to-date, practical, and valuable.

EC-Council Advisory Board for C|CISO: <https://www.eccouncil.org/international-advisory-board-for-cciso/>

Global Advisory Board for C|PENT – Role Overview: Serving as a member of the prestigious EC-Council Global Advisory Board for Certified Penetration Testing Professional (C|PENT), representing the India, Middle East, and Africa (IMEA) region. This advisory role involves collaborating with top-tier cybersecurity experts and industry leaders to enhance the penetration testing profession and ensure EC-Council's C|PENT program meets global standards and emerging needs.

Advisory Board Contributions:

- **Program Development:** Contribute to the continuous evolution of the C|PENT program by providing expert feedback, reviewing technical content, and ensuring alignment with cutting-edge penetration testing practices.
- **Thought Leadership:** Share practical knowledge and innovative ideas to advance cybersecurity skills, techniques, and methodologies across diverse industries.
- **Global Advocacy:** Represent EC-Council at international events, promoting the value of penetration testing and fostering collaboration among cybersecurity professionals.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Mentor professionals, share best practices, and advocate for EC-Council's mission of driving global standards in penetration testing and cybersecurity.
- **Impact on the Industry:** Actively support EC-Council in creating world-class, practitioner-oriented training and certifications that empower professionals to address sophisticated cyber threats and challenges effectively.

About the C|PENT Advisory Board: The EC-Council Advisory Board for C|PENT is a diverse network of global cybersecurity professionals from various sectors and renowned organizations. Members play a crucial role in shaping the future of penetration testing by driving innovation, improving training materials, and setting the benchmark for quality certifications.

EC-Council Global Advisory Board for C|PENT: <https://www.eccouncil.org/global-advisory-board-for-cpent/>

Global Accredited Auditor in Management Systems Standards

["MSECB \(Management Systems Evaluation and Certification Board\)"](#) - (Freelance / Hybrid)

Sep 2024 – Present

Canada

- **Accredited Global Auditor:** Certified to conduct third-party certification audits for ISO/IEC 27001:2022 (Information Security Management Systems), ISO 22301:2019 (Business Continuity Management Systems), and CSA STAR (Cloud Security Alliance - Security, Trust, Assurance, and Risk - Cloud Controls Matrix - Consensus Assessment Initiative Questionnaire) standards, and more.
- **CSA STAR Audits:** Provide expert-level audits for cloud service providers, ensuring compliance with CSA STAR Level 2 through rigorous third-party independent assessments based on the Cloud Security Alliance's Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM).
- **Specialized Audits:** Assess organizations in medium to high-risk environments to help them achieve CSA STAR Certification and/or Attestation, integrating ISO/IEC 27001 standards.
- **Global Audit Experience:** Offering comprehensive audits across various industries to help clients maintain compliance with cloud security, privacy, and international management system standards.

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- **Unique Distinction:** Proud to be the only accredited auditor in Algeria (ISO 27001, CSA STAR, ISO 22301) and potentially the youngest worldwide as of 2024.
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Certified Trainer, Authorized Instructor, and PECB Approved Partner

"PECB (Professional Evaluation and Certification Board)" - (Freelance / Hybrid)

Jun 2024 – Present
Canada & Africa/Middle
East (MEA)

- Delivered extensive training and certification programs, including: Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Lead Cybersecurity Manager (ISO 27032), Lead PenTest Professional (LPTP), ISMS Senior Lead Auditor/Implementer (ISO 27001 MASTER), Lead Network Security Manager (ISO 27033), EBIOS Risk Manager, Lead Incident Manager (ISO 27035), Lead SOC 2 Analyst, many other ISO standards and more..
 - Proficient in leading training sessions and programs across various standards: ISMS (ISO 27001), BCMS (ISO 22301), Cloud Security, ISO 27005 Risk Management, ISO 31000, ISO 27002, GDPR CDPO, and ISO 21502 Lead Project Management, and much more.
 - Partnered with PECB to deliver comprehensive training and certification programs across Africa and the Middle East, focusing on enhancing security professionals' skills and capabilities. Authorized to provide all PECB certificate and certification programs.
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Certified Trainer and Authorized Instructor

"TRECCERT" - (Freelance / Hybrid)

Jun 2024 – Present
Germany

- **Information Security Management System (ISMS), including ISO 27001 Lead Implementer (LI) and Lead Auditor (LA):** Ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information through a comprehensive risk management approach.
 - **Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS), including ISO 22301 Lead Implementer (LI) and Lead Auditor (LA):** Preparing organizations to effectively respond to and recover from disruptions, maintaining essential business operations.
 - **IT Service Management (ITSM), including ISO 20000:** Optimizing the design, delivery, and management of IT services to meet business and customer needs efficiently.
- Cybersecurity (CYSE):** Protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks by implementing robust security measures and best practices.
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Founding President

"CSA Algeria Chapter (Cloud Security Alliance)" - (Self-employed / Hybrid)

May 2024 – Present
Algeria

- Established and led the first CSA Chapter in Algeria, fostering a collaborative environment for cloud security professionals and enthusiasts. Organized and conducted various training sessions, workshops, and seminars, promoting best practices in cloud security and compliance among local organizations and professionals.
 - Built strategic partnerships and collaborations with industry leaders and academic institutions, enhancing the chapter's outreach and impact on the national and regional cybersecurity and cloud security landscape.
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Founding President

"OWASP Algiers Chapter (Open Worldwide Application Security Project)" - (Self-employed / Hybrid)

Nov 2023 – Present
Algeria

- Spearhead the establishment and growth of the OWASP Algiers Chapter, serving as the central point of contact and head of the Chapter Board. Fulfill the roles of Chapter Leader and Chapter Board Chair, overseeing strategic direction, operations, and initiatives of the chapter.
 - Lead efforts to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and community engagement in the field of application security and cybersecurity within the country with a regional vision.
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vcISO and Cybersecurity Expert | Independent Consultant & Instructor

"Self-employed / Independent (Auto-Entrepreneur)" - (Freelance / Hybrid)

Oct 2019 – Sep 2024
Global / International

- **Cybersecurity Leadership & Expert Consultancy:** Deliver comprehensive cybersecurity and information security services globally, focusing on Vulnerability Assessments, Penetration Testing, Red Teaming & Adversary Simulation, Source-Code Review, SOC/CSIRT/CERT Design and Enhancement, Digital Forensics & Incident Response, Audits & Assessments, and GRC (Governance, Risk, Compliance). Provide tailored solutions to address unique client needs in cybersecurity, aligning services with industry standards and certifications like ISO 27001, ISO 27032, CISSP, CISA, CEH, CHFI, CPENT, OSCP, and more.
 - **Training & Development:** Conduct customized cybersecurity training programs for international clients, covering cutting-edge topics like Vulnerability Management, SOC/SIEM Architecture, Digital Forensics, and Incident Response.
 - **Information Security Auditing:** Perform in-depth audits and implementations based on leading frameworks and standards, including ISO 27001 (Information Security), ISO 22301 (Business Continuity), CSA STAR/CCM (Cloud Security), ITGC (IT General Controls), and more (ISO, NIST, CSA, OWASP...).
 - **Certifications & Continuous Learning:** Maintain a broad range of industry-recognized certifications while staying updated with emerging trends, technologies, and best practices to ensure the highest level of service delivery.
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Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Africa & Head of Global SecOps

"Brandvakt Africa – Brandvakt Group" - (Freelance / Remote)

Apr 2020 – Oct 2024
United Arab Emirates

- Directed cybersecurity strategy and operations for clients across the Africa region while managing global Security Operations for worldwide clients, ensuring robust security measures and compliance with industry standards. Developed tailored security solutions to address unique challenges faced by African clients, enhancing their overall security posture.
- Oversaw Security Operations Centers (SOC), implementing effective security assessment frameworks to evaluate and improve client security postures.
- Led risk assessments and incident response initiatives, fostering collaboration across teams to respond effectively to security incidents and emerging threats on a global scale.

Cybersecurity Subject Matter Expert "HTB (Hack The Box)" - <i>(Part-time / Remote)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected to contribute to HTB's editorial cybersecurity content as a Subject Matter Expert (SME). Provide regular quotes for editorial content aimed at educating HTB's community of over 2 million cybersecurity professionals. Offer insights and expertise to help professionals learn more about the industry. 	May 2020 – Present <i>United Kingdom</i>
Distinguished Cybersecurity Expert (Subject Matter Expert – Exam and Content Development) "ISC2 (International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium)" - <i>(Part-time / Remote)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized as a Cybersecurity Expert by ISC2, contributing to the development of the CC (Certified in CyberSecurity) credential + CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) credential, and to the new project of UBK (Unified Body of Knowledge: CC, SSCP, CSSLP, CGRC, CCSP, CISSP, ISSEP, ISSAP, ISSMP). Collaborated globally to shape training curriculum and exam content, ensuring alignment with industry standards and enhancing certification program rigor. Proficient in curriculum development, exam creation, and cybersecurity best practices, driving innovation in cybersecurity education and certification standards. 	Mar 2024 – Present <i>United States</i>
Cyber Security Contractor "THM (Try Hack Me)" - <i>(Contract / Remote)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CyberSecurity Rooms, CTFs, Machines, Review and Validation (Red, Blue, Purple). 	Mar 2024 – Sep 2024 <i>United Kingdom</i>
Information Security Engineer and Cyber SOC Analyst L2/L3 "Société Generale Group (SGA)" - <i>(Full-time / On-site)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRC: Led initiatives in ISO27001 ISMS implementation, utilizing 27001, 27002 & 27005 frameworks for risk analysis and assessment and security controls. Familiarity with NIST CSF and Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA). Security Operations: Managed incidents on SIEM, EDR, DLP, and other security solutions, collaborating closely with SOC L1 Team. Conducted operations with the Group's CSIRT and CERT for incident response and vulnerability management, vulnerability analysis and penetration testing. Blue Teaming: Specialized in Security Architecture and Design, Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR), Vulnerability Management, Source Code Review, and Applications Security (SAST/DAST). Proficient in Secure Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) practices. Engaged in Cyber Threat Intelligence and Cyber Threat Hunting. Red Teaming: Conducted Vulnerability Assessments and Penetration Testing, including Social Engineering Campaigns to evaluate organizational security posture. 	Jul 2023 – Nov 2023 <i>Algeria</i>
Senior Cybersecurity Consultant / Information Security Expert "Intelligent Network (iNET & iNET Academy)" - <i>(Freelance / Hybrid)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided clients in implementing security strategies aligned with business goals, managing projects to address risks effectively. Developed and maintained policies, procedures, and standards to ensure compliance. Implemented cybersecurity controls and solutions tailored to client needs. Investigated and responded to incidents, suggesting solutions. Led offensive security services, including penetration testing and red teaming exercises to enhance security posture. Led the cybersecurity team in conducting comprehensive security assessments, including vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, and red teaming exercises to identify and address potential vulnerabilities and weaknesses in the company's infrastructure. 	Feb 2023 – May 2023 <i>Algeria</i>
Head of Cyber Security "MicroExpert" - <i>(Freelance / On-site)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led the cybersecurity team in conducting comprehensive security assessments, including vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, and red teaming exercises to identify and address potential vulnerabilities and weaknesses in the company's infrastructure. Negotiated and established cooperation agreements with Kaspersky Lab's products and services to enhance the company's cybersecurity posture, including the integration of advanced threat detection and prevention solutions into the Algerian market. Implemented robust cybersecurity and information security systems, controls, and standards for various customer infrastructures, including defensive measures. Provided offensive security services, including penetration testing and red teaming exercises, to assess and improve the security posture of client organizations, identifying vulnerabilities and simulating real-world attack scenarios to enhance resilience and readiness against cyber threats. 	Jan 2020 – Jun 2020 <i>Algeria</i>
Projects Manager, Information Systems Security & CyberSecurity "SLH (Smart Link Holding: SLC & Divona)" - <i>(Full-time / On-site)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led the security team alongside the Network Operations Center, overseeing various internal infrastructure security engagements and assessments. Acted as the Lead Penetration Tester and Security Specialist for different SOC projects and Offensive Security assignments, ensuring the identification and remediation of vulnerabilities. Implemented comprehensive cybersecurity and information security strategies, policies, and standards to safeguard corporate data centers against a variety of cyberattacks. Managed security in the datacenter infrastructure to ensure the safety of business operations and customer data, utilizing advanced security measures and controls. Collaborated with cross-functional teams to develop and implement incident response plans and procedures, ensuring timely and effective responses to security incidents and breaches, and minimizing potential impact on business operations and customer trust. 	Oct 2018 – Oct 2019 <i>Algeria</i>

Independent Cybersecurity Consultant “Algerian Government Sector” - (Part-time / Hybrid) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with various government agencies and organizations to improve their security readiness, posture and advised teams on the latest standards, frameworks and technologies. Lead cybersecurity audits, vulnerability assessments and penetration tests. Identify, document and enforce operational security by participating in the management, planning and conduct of cybersecurity assessments and by testing and assessing overall cybersecurity maturity. 	Jan 2019 – Aug 2019 Algeria
Lead Penetration Tester “Taghellist Technology” - (Full-time / On-site) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led security assessments and conducted numerous penetration tests for various clients, ensuring the identification and remediation of vulnerabilities to enhance their cybersecurity posture. Spearheaded various internal cybersecurity projects, integrating innovative security solutions to strengthen the company's defenses and protect against cyber threats. Planned, analyzed, developed, and delivered company-wide information security awareness training programs for various clients, fostering a culture of security awareness and promoting best practices among employees. 	Apr 2017 – Apr 2018 Algeria
Ethical Hacking Instructor “ILM Center” - (Part-time / On-site) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed comprehensive education modules to teach cybersecurity and ethical hacking, covering topics such as penetration testing, vulnerability assessment, and threat analysis. Mentored and prepared over 10 university students to tackle real-world security challenges, equipping them with practical skills and knowledge essential for success in the field of cybersecurity. Organized cybersecurity events and Capture The Flag (CTF) competitions for students and the general public, providing opportunities for hands-on learning and fostering a community of cybersecurity enthusiasts. 	Nov 2017 – Jan 2018 Algeria
Freelance Web Developer – Cybersecurity Assessor and Ethical Hacker / VAPT “UpWork” - (Freelance / Remote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) for multiple clients and SMBs worldwide, ensuring adherence to global standards and frameworks such as OWASP, OSSTMM, and PTES. Provided Ethical Hacking services and conducted Source Code Security Reviews primarily for websites and web applications. Implemented secure coding practices, aligning websites and web applications with standards such as OWASP Top 10s to enhance security posture. Developed websites and web applications for various clients and SMBs, both locally and globally. 	Jan 2013 – Dec 2017 Global
IT Support Technician – “Independent” - (Freelance / Remote) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided comprehensive troubleshooting, repair, and maintenance for computer systems, including both hardware and software components. Delivered phone repair services, addressing issues related to both software configurations and hardware malfunctions. Supported clients with system installations, upgrades, and optimization to enhance performance and reliability. Offered personalized IT solutions to a diverse range of clients, ensuring effective communication and timely resolution of technical issues. 	Jan 2010 – Dec 2012 Algeria

Academic Background

Mini-Master of Business Administration (m-MBA) – International Business Management Institute – Germany	2021 – 2022
Higher Technician Diploma (BTS) – Computer Science & Networking – Algeria	2019 – 2022
Professional Training (State Approved) – Automotive Scanning, Reprogramming, and Cars Tuning – Algeria	2022 – 2022

Certifications & Certificates (+210)

Vendor Organization	Certification Name and Abbreviation	Certification Field (Brief Details)	Date of Achievement
NOTE: Classified from the Most Valuable, Most Known, and Hard Certifications to the Least.			
PMI	Project Management Professional (PMP)	The Gold-Standard Certification of Project Management Expertise and Leadership.	SOON TO BE DONE
ISC2	Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)	Information Security Leadership and Cybersecurity Expertise (Gold-Standard Certification).	December 2023
	Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP)	Cloud Security Expertise Certification.	SOON TO BE DONE
PECB	Certified IPC Management Systems Auditor (CMSA)	ISO Management Systems Audits (FPA/SPA/TPA) Gold-Standard of ISO MS Certification Audits.	April 2025
	Certified ISO/IEC 27001:2022 MASTER (ISMS MASTER)	Awarded by Senior Lead Auditors and Implementers who have 15 years' experience in the field of InfoSec/ISMS.	February 2025
	Certified Senior Lead Cybersecurity Manager (CSLCM)	Awarded to Senior Managers who have more than 10 years of experience in cybersecurity.	June 2024
	Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO)	It demonstrates the ability to take on executive-level responsibilities as a CISO.	June 2024
CompTIA	SecurityX Certified (SecurityX / CASP++)	Information Security and Cybersecurity Expertise Certification. The Top One at CompTIA (eXpert Series).	March 2025

PECB	Certified ISMS Senior Lead Auditor (ISO 27001 SLA)	ISMS Senior Lead Auditors who have more than 10 years of experience and expertise in information security.	July 2024
	Certified ISMS Senior Lead Implementer (ISO 27001 SLI)	ISMS Senior Lead Implementers who have more than 10 years of experience and expertise in information security.	February 2025
	Certified Lead Penetration Testing Professional (CLPTP)	The goal is to master a repeatable, and documentable penetration testing methodology.	June 2024
	Certified Senior Lead Network Security Manager (ISO 27033)	Benchmark for all individuals who have extensive experience in network security based on ISO/IEC 27033.	May 2025
	Certified Senior Lead Incident Manager (ISO 27035)	Benchmark for all individuals who have extensive experience in information security incident management as specified in ISO/IEC 27035.	March 2025
	Certified EBIOS Risk Manager Confirmed	Benchmark for all individuals who have the practical knowledge and professional capabilities to perform risk assessment based on the EBIOS method.	May 2025
	Certified NIST Cybersecurity Consultant	Benchmark for all individuals who have a high level of knowledge and skills required for cybersecurity compliance and resilience, based on NIST publications.	May 2025
	Certified Senior Lead SOC 2 Analyst	Benchmark for all individuals who have extensive expertise in establishing and implementing security measures based on the SOC 2 requirements.	May 2025
	Certified ISO 27002 Foundation	Proves the certificate holder has gained knowledge about the management approach of information security controls based on ISO/IEC 27002.	February 2025
	Certified ISO 27005 Foundation	Proves the certificate holder has gained knowledge about the management approach of information security risk management based on ISO/IEC 27005.	February 2025
eLearnSecurity	Certified Professional Penetration Tester (eCPPTv2)	Involves in-depth penetration testing that simulates a real-world scenario, requires you to prove your analytical skills with a thorough security assessment report.	April 2024
	Certified Threat Hunting Professional (eCTHPv2)	Expert level certification that simulates multiple threat hunting exercises in a SOC/CSIRT simulated-lab which requires a practical report at the end.	April 2025
GRC Certify / OCEG	Certified GRC Auditor (GRCA)	Certifies that an individual has the core understanding and skills to assess, evaluate, and audit GRC capabilities.	May 2025
	Certified GRC Professional (GRCP)	Ensures that an individual has the core understanding of GRC processes and capabilities, and the skills to integrate governance, performance management, risk management, internal control, and compliance activities.	May 2025
	Certified Integrated Risk Management Professional (IRMP)	Risk Management Professional-Level Certification.	May 2025
	Certified Integrated Policy Management Professional (IPMP)	Ensures that an individual has the core understanding of policy management processes and capabilities, and the skills to integrate into an organization.	May 2025
	Certified Integrated Data Privacy Professional (IDPP)	Data Protection and Data Privacy Professional-Level.	May 2025
	Certified Integrated Audit & Assurance Professional (IAAP)	Demonstrates that you have the knowledge and skill to audit and provide assurance services to organizations.	May 2025
	Certified Integrated AI Professional (IAIP)	Certifies that an individual has a core understanding of AI and its relation with risk and compliance.	May 2025
	Integrated Compliance & Ethics Professional (ICEP)	Compliance and Ethics Knowledge and Awareness.	May 2025
EC-Council	Certified Associate Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO)	Equips cybersecurity professionals with the knowledge required for information security leadership. It is designed specifically for aspiring C-suite leaders.	April 2024
APISecU	Certified API Security Analyst (CASA)	Awarded to individuals who demonstrate broad API security expertise.	June 2024
ISC2	Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)	The vendor-neutral CC credential starts newcomers on their path to advanced cybersecurity certifications and future leadership roles.	August 2023
PECB	Certified ISO 45001:2018 (OHSMS) Provisional Auditor	Proves the certified individual has gained knowledge to audit an OHSMS by applying widely recognized audit principles, procedures and techniques.	May 2025
	Certified Trainer	Certified Trainer and Authorized Instructor for Multiple Programs, Certifications, and Mentorship.	June 2024
TRECCERT	Certified Trainer	Certified Trainer and Authorized Instructor for Multiple Programs, Certifications, and Mentorship.	June 2024
	Certified ISMS Lead Auditor (ISO 27001 LA)	Certified Lead Auditor in Information Security Management Systems (ISO 27001 and ISO 19011).	July 2024
PECB	Management Systems Auditing (ISO 19011)	Certificate on Auditing ISO Management Systems based on the International Standard ISO 19011.	July 2024
SkillFront	Certified Risk Manager, Lead Auditor, Internal Auditor and Information Security Executive in ISMS (ISO 27001:2022)	Multiple Certificates related to Information Security.	May 2024
	Certified Risk Manager, Lead Implementor, Lead Auditor, Internal Auditor in BCMS (ISO 22301)	Multiple Certificates related to Business Continuity.	May 2024

CSA	Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK v5 + v4)	Earners understand cloud security best practices over a broad range of cloud computing domains.	July 2024
	Certificate of Competence in Zero Trust (CCZT)	Earners understand cybersecurity best practices regarding Zero Trust architectures.	June 2024
ICSI	Certified Network Security Specialist (CNSS)	Intermediate-Level Certificate in Network Security.	
SecOps Group	Certified Cyber Security Analyst (C3SA)	Beginners in Information Security. Provides a practical view of Cyber Security Domain (SecOps and Blue Team).	January 2024
	Cybercrime & Forensic Examiner (3C&FE)	Equips individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to investigate and analyze cyber-crimes.	April 2024
	Certified Network Penetration Tester (CNPen)	intermediate-level exam to test a candidate's knowledge on the core concepts of network security.	January 2024
	Certified Cloud Security Practitioner (CCSP/AWS)	Entry-level exam to test and validate a candidate's knowledge on the core concepts of AWS cloud security.	December 2023
	Certified Application Security Practitioner (CAP)	Entry-level exam to test candidates' knowledge on the core concepts of application security.	September 2023
Qualys	Certified Specialist in Vulnerability Management (QCS/VMDR)	Qualys Vulnerability Management	January 2024
Google	Cybersecurity Specialization Certificate	Google Cybersecurity Analyst	December 2023
IBM	Cybersecurity Analyst Certified Professional	IBM Cybersecurity Analyst	December 2020
API Academy	API Security Architect and Penetration Tester	API Security Architecture and Penetration Testing	June 2024
OPSWAT	Network Security Associate (ONSA)	Network Security	August 2024
	Endpoint Compliance Associate (OECA)	Endpoint Security	August 2024
	OT Security Expert (OOSE)	OT, ICS, IoT, SCADA, Security Expert	February 2025
	Ethical Hacking Expert (OEHE)	Offensive Security and Ethical Hacking Expert	August 2024
	Web Exploitation Expert (OWEE)	Web Hacking and WebApp Security Expert	August 2024
	Password Cracking Expert (OPCE)	Password Cracking and Security Bypass	August 2024
	Siemens and Shneider PLC Secure Configuration Expert (PSCE)	PLC Secure Configuration and Hardening Expert	August 2024
APISecU	APISec Certified Practitioner (ACP)	Professional API Security Program	April 2025
TRECCERT	Certified DORA Essentials (DORA)	EU DORA Regulation	October 2024
PECB	Information Security Management based on ISO/IEC 27001	InfoSec Management based on an ISO 27001 ISMS	November 2024
PECB	ISO/IEC 27034 Lead Application Security Implementer	Application Security Specialist	May 2025
CyberWarFare Labs	Certified Purple Team Analyst (CPTAv2)	Analyses and investigate various Web, Network, Host, Active Directory attacks. Hunt Cyber Threats in a realistic enterprise environment. Perform Breach and Attack. Collect Evidence & investigate Cyber Attacks using DFIR.	January 2024
	Certified Threat Intelligence Professional (COSTIP)	Focuses on leveraging open-source intelligence to identify and mitigate cybersecurity threats.	April 2024
	Certified Network Security Practitioner (CNSP)	Entry-level exam to test a candidate's knowledge on the core concepts of network security.	May 2024
ISC2	Unified Body of Knowledge: Content + Technical Advisory Panel (UBK-SME)	Volunteering	August 2024

Volunteering & Memberships

Professional Member / Subject Matter Expert – Africa Computer Emergency Response Team (**AfricaCERT**)
Global Member – Information Systems Audit and Control Association (**ISACA**)
Global Ambassador – API Security University (**APISecU**)
Global Member – Professional Evaluation and Certification Board (**PECB**)
Global Member – The **CISO Society**
Global Member & Volunteer – Cloud Security Alliance (**CSA**)
Global Member & Volunteer – Open Worldwide Application Security Project Foundation (**OWASP**)
Global Member & Volunteer – International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (**ISC2**)
Founder and Leader – DEFCON Group Algeria (**DC11213**)
Founder and CTF Team Leader – Imperium Team
Member, Instructor, Mentor, and Events Organizer – Shellmates Club
Founder, Teacher, and Mentor – Computer Geeks Community (**CGC**)
CTF Player – Sudo-Root Team

Apr 2025 – Present
Aug 2024 – Present
Jul 2024 – Present
Jun 2024 – Present
May 2024 – Present
Mar 2024 – Present
Sep 2023 – Present
May 2023 – Present
Nov 2017 – Present
Feb 2018 – Dec 2020
Nov 2017 – Dec 2018
Jan 2017 – Jun 2018
Nov 2017 – May 2018

Awards & Achievements

- Youngest "CISSP, SME, ISMS Master" worldwide (2023/2024/2025)
- Acknowledged by global cyber experts and leading organizations (2014/Present)
- MCTF 2019 Competition (1st Place – National Contest)
- Pro Hacker Rank + TOP 10 Teams in HackTheBox (Global)
- Kaspersky Industrial CTF 2018 (9th Place – International)
- RITSEC CTF 2018 (9th Place – International)
- CSAW CTF 2018 (2nd Place – MENA)
- ISCA CTF 2018 (1st Place by Algerian Ministry of National Defense)
- NASA SpaceApps 2017 (2nd Place – Regional)

Speaker – Panelist – Subject Matter Expert – Coach

- Speaker – National CyberSecurity Event – Information Systems Security Agency by Algerian Ministry of National Defense
- Speaker & Organizer – Cyber Sahara 2025
- SME / Panelist – CTO Forum 2025
- SME / VIP – Algerian National Television
- Public Speaker — ITCTalks by IT Community, USDB, Algeria (National)
- Public Speaker — ALGERIA 2.0 (International)
- Panelist and Moderator – Cybersecurity Event by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers – Tunisia and India (Regional)
- Subject Matter Expert – Algeria National Radio Station (National)

- Speaker & VIP – North Africa OT Security Forum 2024 – Multiple Radio and TV programs – Tunisia (Regional)
- Speaker and SME – Algeria 2.0 (National)
- Distinguished Speaker and SME – International Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics Workshop – India (International)
- Subject Matter Expert – Algeria National TV – Intervention (National)
- Speaker / SME – TAD, The Algerian Developer – Live Show (Algeria)
- Cyber Security Volunteer – Safe and Secure Online (SASO), Center for Cyber Safety, ISC2 (Global)
- Subject Matter Expert – ENTV / Algeria National Television, CyberSecurity Awareness (National)
- Speaker / SME – SecuriCON Event (Tunisian National Event)
- Subject Matter Expert – Cyber Security Subject Matter Expert – ISC2 (Global)
- Subject Matter Expert & Speaker – JilTech – JilTech Event, Ghardaia (National)
- Subject Matter Expert & Panelist – AFES – Algeria FinTech and eCommerce Summit (National)
- CyberSecurity Subject Matter Expert – ElIktissadia ElOula TV Channel “Eco Podcast” (National)
- Guest Speaker – GDG Medea DevFest (National)
- Public Speaker – SECURA North Africa 2023 (International)
- Subject Matter Expert – Ennahar TV & ElChourouk TV / IT Security Awareness (National)
- Subject Matter Expert – Radio Medea / Algeria National Radio Station, IT Security (National)
- Subject Matter Expert – TID Event (Techverse Intelligence Day by OWASP Algiers & Techverse Club)
- Speaker – CyberSecurity & Information Security – CDEC USDB Club, Blida (National)
- Subject Matter Expert & Speaker – GMC – GoMyCode CyberSecurity MasterClass (Regional)
- Subject Matter Expert & Speaker – Nexus Security Club – NexZero CTF Event (National)
- CyberSecurity Subject Matter Expert – OWASP Algiers Chapter (Regional)
- CyberSecurity Subject Matter Expert – ENTV / Algerian National Television (National)
- Public Speaker + Subject Matter Expert Intervention – ICT Maghreb 2023 (International)
- Coach & Referee – HackQuake by Aquass Club for Talents, Algeria (National)
- Public Speaker – IT Day by ILM Center, Algeria (National)
- Public Speaker – Hack.INI 2018 by ShellMates, ESI (National)

MISCELLANEOUS

LANGUAGES	Arabic: Native	English: Bilingual / Fluent (C1)	French: Professional
KNOWLEDGE	Information Security, Cybersecurity, Asset Management, Governance and Risk Management, Information Security Auditing, Management Systems Standards Auditing, IT and Security Compliance, Security Operations, Secure Software Development, Source Code Review, Security Architecture and Engineering, Systems Hardening, IAM, Security Assessments and Testing, SOC, CSIRT, CERT, Penetration Testing, Vulnerability Assessment, Red Teaming, Ethical Hacking, Network Security, Digital Forensics, Cyber Defense, Cyber Threat Intelligence, Troubleshooting, Computer Hardware, Coding/Scripting, Web Development, Social Engineering, Vulnerability and Patch Management, Incident Response, R&D, IoT/OT, ICS, and ICT.		
STANDARDS & FRAMEWORKS	ISO 27001, ISO 27002, ISO 27003, ISO 27004, ISO27005, ISO 27006, ISO 27007, ISO 27008, ISO 27032, ISO 27033, ISO 27035, ISO 27034, ISO 27037, ISO 27042/43, ISO 22301, ISO 20000, ISO 9001, ISO 19011, ISO 17021, ITIL, OWASP (Top 10s) WSTG, MSTG, ASVS, SAMM, NIST CSF/RMF/SPs, GDPR, MITRE ATT&CK + D3FEND, SOC 2, PCI-DSS, HIPAA, FedRAMP, FISMA, SCRUM, ITILv4, Agile, NIS2, CIS Benchmarks/Controls, Zero Trust, ZTNA/ZTA, CSA CCM/STAR/CAIQ, EBIOS, OCTAVE, PASTA, DREAD, STRIDE, PTES, PTEF, SOC-CMM, CTI-CMM, CERT-CMM, OSSTMM, SABSA, TOGAF, COBIT, RNSI, SCF, PCI-DSS, CSP SWIFT...		
TECHNOLOGIES & VENDORS	MS Office, Linux (Debian / Ubuntu / Arch / Fedora / CentOS / SUSE / Kali / Kali Purple / Parrot / BlackArch, RemNux), AiX, Windows (Windows Server), MacOS, iOS/Android, HTML/CSS/JS, PHP/MySQL, Python, Bash, OSI, TCP/IP, Routing and Switching, Splunk, Snort, Qualys, Rapid7, Synopsys, Symantec, FireEye, Fortinet, Fortify, Cisco, Juniper, Red Hat, F5, Scuri, CloudFlare, Tenable, TenableSC, BoldonJames, Guardium, Wallix, Arbor, Aviatrix, GCP, AWS, Azure, Sentinel, VMWare, Microsoft, IBM, QRadar, CrowdStrike, Nessus, OpenVAS, CobaltStrike, Sliver, Caldera, Atomic RedTeam, MSF/Armitage, BurpSuite, Wireshark, Maltego, Talos, Cortex, Shuffle, OpenCTI, TheHive, MISP, ELK, SecurityOnion, Wazuh, Firewall/WAF/NGFW, IDS/IPS, AntiVirus/AntiSpam/AntiMalware, EDR/XDR/NDR, SOAR, SOC/CSIRT/CERT, SIEM, SAST/DAST, DLP, C2 (C&C), FIM, CASB...		
MISC	Consulting, Auditing, Teaching, Public Speaking, Entrepreneurship, Leadership, Creativity, Problem Solving, Teamwork, Management, Business Administration, Projects Management, Digital Marketing, Blogging, Photography, Automotive Electronics, Automotive Scanner and Diagnostic, Cars Tuning, Chess, Martial Arts and Self-Defense.		
COURSES & TRAININGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Cybersecurity Management – AttackIQ • Master Cybersecurity Management – LinkedIn • ISC2 Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP) – Cybrary • ISACA Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) & ISACA Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) – Cybrary • Product Security Incident Response Team Training (PSIRT) + (CVSSv4) – FIRST • Certificate of Attendance for Certified Ethical Hacker v12 (CEHv12) – EC-Council • Certificate of Attendance for Certified Penetration Testing Professional (CPENTv2) – EC-Council • Certificate of Attendance for Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO) – EC-Council • Blue Team Junior Analyst (BTJA) – Security Blue Team • Certified Fortinet Network Security Associate (NSE3/NSE2/NSE1) – FORTINET • Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNAv7 - Bridging) – CISCO • Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst 101 (CTI101) – ArcX • Advanced Penetration Testing + Offensive Penetration Testing – Cybrary • Project Management Essentials Certified (PMEC) – Management and Strategy Institute (MSI) • Aviatrix Certified Engineer / Multi-Cloud Network Associate (ACE-MCNA) • Many others (+210) available in my LinkedIn 		

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