

# Ghareeb Thiab

## COMPUTER ENGINEER

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## Summary

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I'm an Information Security Auditor and Instructor with solid experience in IT auditing, Blue Team operations, and cybersecurity training. I audit IT infrastructure and security appliances to ensure compliance, and I also teach courses covering defensive security and practical labs. I hold certifications including CISSP, CISA, GIAC, and CompTIA, and I focus on strengthening security while making cybersecurity education hands-on and accessible.

## Education

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### American University of Kuwait (AUK)

B.E. IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

- Graduated with a GPA of 3.32

*Salmiya, Kuwait*

*2015 - 2020*

## Work Experience

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### American University of Kuwait

STUDENT LAB ASSISTANT

- Taught Lab Students VHDL
- Organized Laboratory Equipment
- Supervised Exam Sessions
- Supervised Student Projects

*Salmiya, Kuwait*

*Sep. 2018 - Jan. 2019*

### Public Institution for Social Security

JUNIOR INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST

- SoC Analyst
- Blue Teamer
- Presenting Security Awareness

*Mirqab, Kuwait*

*Oct. 2020 - Dec. 2022*

### Gulf Bank of Kuwait

SENIOR AUDITOR - IT AUDITOR

- Audit Security Appliances
- Audit IT Infrastructure
- Ensure Compliance with Mandated Frameworks

*Sharq, Kuwait*

*Dec. 2022 - Dec. 2024*

### Gulf Bank of Kuwait

SUPERVISOR AUDITOR - IT AUDITOR

- Audit Security Appliances
- Audit IT Infrastructure
- Ensure Compliance with Mandated Frameworks

*Sharq, Kuwait*

*Dec. 2024 - Apr. 2026*

### CODED

CYBER SECURITY INSTRUCTOR

- Teach Blue Team topics (SIEM, DFIR, Threat Intelligence, Threat Hunting, Malware Analysis)
- Instruct on foundational Linux, Windows, and networking administration
- Develop practical labs and exercises for defensive cybersecurity skills
- Train professionals on incident response and threat detection techniques

*Free Trade Zone*

*July 2025 - Current*

## Skills

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| <b>Information Security</b>  | Risk Management, Enterprise Architecture, Technical Integration, Vulnerability Assessment<br>Incident Response, Mobile Device Security, Data Security<br>Threat Analysis |
| <b>Networking</b>            | Cisco IOS, Fortinet Firewalls, PaloAlto Firewalls  |
| <b>Programming</b>           | Java, Python 3   |
| <b>Micro-controllers</b>     | Arduino, PIC, Raspberry Pi   |
| <b>Cloud Services</b>        | Microsoft Azure  |
| <b>SIEM</b>                  | Splunk, Elastic, Defender  |
| <b>Vulnerability Manager</b> | InsightVM  |
| <b>NDR</b>                   | Corelight, Secuirty Onion  |
| <b>Languages</b>             | Arabic, English  |

## Courses Given

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### Information Security Awareness Instructor

INSTRUCTOR

- Grasp of key security concepts (CIA triad, risk management, incident response).
- Awareness of current security threats and vulnerabilities.

### OSINT and Social Engineering

INSTRUCTOR

- Familiarity with OSINT tools and techniques.
- Understanding of social engineering tactics.
- Knowledge of protection and prevention strategies against social engineering.

### Blue Team Fundamentals (5 Weeks)

INSTRUCTOR

- Coverage of SIEM, DFIR, Threat Intelligence, Threat Hunting, and Malware Analysis.
- Emphasis on defensive security operations and incident response workflows.
- Hands-on labs using industry-standard tools and real-world scenarios.

### Cybersecurity Bootcamp (2 Weeks)

INSTRUCTOR

- Intensive introduction to Linux, Windows, and networking basics.
- Practical exercises in system hardening, log analysis, and threat detection.
- Designed for beginners to quickly build a cybersecurity foundation.

# Honors & Awards

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## IT CERTIFICATIONS

- Nov. 2020 **CompTIA A+**, Demonstrated proficiency in PC hardware, software, and troubleshooting for a range of devices.
- Dec. 2020 **CompTIA Network+**, Proven competency in managing, maintaining, and troubleshooting wired and wireless networks.
- Dec. 2020 **CompTIA Security+**, Validated skills in IT security, risk management, and network defense.
- Feb. 2021 **CompTIA CySa+**, Certified ability to perform threat analysis and vulnerability management in cybersecurity.
- Mar. 2021 **CompTIA PenTest+**, Demonstrated knowledge in conducting penetration testing and vulnerability assessments.
- Mar. 2021 **CompTIA CASP+**, Proven advanced-level competency in enterprise security, risk management, and integration.
- Apr. 2021 **Cisco CCNA**, Certified expertise in network fundamentals, IP services, security, and automation.
- Jun. 2021 **ISC2 Associate CISSP**, Developed understanding of critical security principles and practices in IT management.
- Jan. 2023 **ISACA CISA**, Certified ability to audit, control, and assure information systems for optimal performance.
- Jul. 2023 **GIAC GFACT**, Skills in practical information security management, risk identification, and incident handling.
- Aug. 2023 **GIAC GSEC**, Proficiency in key cybersecurity technologies and practices for network, system, and data security.
- Sept. 2023 **GIAC GCIH**, Expertise in detecting and resolving cybersecurity incidents using advanced techniques and tools.
- Jul. 2023 **GIAC Advisory Board**, Advanced cybersecurity expertise and leadership, contributing to the development of industry training and standards.
- Oct. 2023 **CBK's Cyber Security Leaders Program 2023**, 4 Months comprehensive cybersecurity Program by CBK consisting of 3 SANS Courses and BIS Course
- Oct. 2023 **BIS Cyber Range Exercise**, The BIS Cyber Range Exercise is a structured training initiative providing customized cybersecurity scenarios for the financial sector to enhance cyber resilience in central banks.
- Dec. 2024 **ISC2 CISSP**, Acquired the required experience to fully certify as a CISSP holder

## UNIVERSITY

- Fall 2015 **Dean Honor's List**, Achieved a GPA of 3.7 during the semester *Salmiya, Kuwait*
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## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- 2019 **Lecturer**, IEEE 2nd GCC SYP Congress *Al-Bidea, Kuwait*
- 2019 **6th Place**, KCPC (Kuwait Collegiate Programming Contest) *KCST, Kuwait*
- 2019 **Participation**, ACPC (Africa and Arab Collegiate Programming Championship) *AOU, Kuwait*
- 2019 **Participation**, GCPC (Gulf Competitive Programming Contest) *SQU, Oman*
- 2019 **Participation**, NASA Space Apps Challenge Kuwait *Salmiya, Kuwait*

# Notable Projects

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## PIFSS Security Awareness Week

SECURITY AWARENESS INSTRUCTOR

- Prepared Security Awareness Presentation
- Handled the Awareness Process

PIFSS  
January 2021

## ISO 27001 Certification

LEAD IMPLEMENTER

- Prepared Requirements
- Handled the Audit
- Renewed for Certification

PIFSS  
May 2021

## PIFSS Security Policies and Procedures

LEAD IMPLEMENTER

- Prepared Policies
- Handled Procedures with Governance team
- Based On ISO 27001

PIFSS  
January 2021

## Network Detection and Response

LEAD IMPLEMENTER

- Prepared Requirements
- Implemented and Fine-tuned System
- Created Custom Use cases

PIFSS  
January 2021

## Information and Cyber Security

LEAD AUDITOR

- Prepared Requirements
- Ensured audit is being conducted within scope
- Created custom script and regex queries to simplify search

GBK  
Annually