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Senior Security Architect

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Profile

Ole has over twenty years of experience in IT and security, primarily within the banking and finance sector in the Nordics. His extensive expertise spans from infrastructure and project management to security architecture. By working across multiple domains, Ole has developed the ability to create comprehensive solutions that encompass both technical and non-technical aspects.

His experience in governance, compliance, and risk management, especially in security, makes him a valuable asset in bridging gaps between executive teams and technical groups.

Ole's pragmatic and educational approach has been highly valued in all his roles.

Skills

Stakeholder Management: Comfortable engaging and influencing stakeholders at all levels, from technicians to C-suite, to ensure the success of security initiatives and alignment with business strategies.

Risk Management: Skilled in identifying, analyzing, and mitigating potential security risks without disrupting ongoing operations.

Security Architecture: Designing and implementing robust security architectures, tailored to the unique needs and challenges of organizations.

Project Management: Experienced in leading and delivering complex, multifaceted IT projects, from initial conceptualization to implementation and optimization.

Experience

Nordea Finland, Senior IT Security Architect, 2022-2023

Recruited to shape and drive the efficiency of security solutions. Security lead of a major segmentation/Zero Trust project, minimizing risk exposure for Nordea.

Handelsbanken Sverige, IT Security Architect, 2015-2022

Actively involved in various projects, including networking, Identity and Access Management (IAM), Anti-Money Laundering (AML), and cloud solutions. Contributed to the leadership of a cloud security forum, a platform for CSOs, CISOs, and IT security experts. His experiences also extend to participating in risk analyses and reviewing security architectures.

As a security specialist, Ole successfully led several procurement projects, and was responsible for driving and overseeing the implementation of remediation tasks.

Handelsbanken Sverige, Delivery Lead Technology, 2011-2015

As technical delivery lead at Handelsbanken, Ole was responsible for ensuring all IT deliveries to projects were executed as planned. This role required extensive knowledge of the bank's technical infrastructure and processes, both broadly and deeply. Ole often managed large-scale and complex solutions spanning multiple technical platforms, as well as strategically significant projects.

Among the deliveries Ole was responsible for are developments within card operations, mobile banking solutions, and trading systems. He also underwent parts of Handelsbanken's managerial training and their training in project management.

Handelsbanken Sverige, Coordinator in Data Communication, 2009-2011

Responsible for ensuring incoming orders were correctly prioritized and followed up. Participated in projects, investigations, and assignments to understand and meet needs.

Handelsbanken Sverige, Network Technician WAN and VPN, 2008-2009

Involved in working with the bank's WAN, managing both regional and global solutions, primarily based on Cisco and Netscreen/Juniper products. Initiated the design and implementation of new standards for documentation of both WAN and LAN in these areas.

Handelsbanken Norge, IT Technician, 2000-2008

As an IT technician specializing in server operations, Ole was responsible for managing firewalls, proxy servers, DNS, and VPN solutions in Norway. He also played a key role in the design and implementation of one of Norway's first MPLS-based networks.

Professional Endorsements

“Ole and I worked together at Handelsbanken for 3 years, and during that time, I was impressed by his extensive knowledge and expertise in cybersecurity.

Ole demonstrated a deep understanding of the complex and constantly evolving world of IT Security and was always proactive in identifying potential threats. His ability to analyze and assess risks was truly remarkable.

I was particularly impressed by Ole's ability to work collaboratively with other teams and stakeholders, including executives, IT professionals, and third-party vendors. He was able to communicate technical concepts in a clear and concise manner, making it easy for everyone to understand the importance of IT Security and the measures required to protect the company's assets.

His passion for IT Security and dedication to ensuring the security of the company's information assets were truly inspiring. I have no doubt that he will continue to excel in his future endeavors.

I highly recommend Ole for any position in the cybersecurity field. His extensive knowledge, technical expertise, and collaborative approach make them an asset to any organization.”

Robin Granberg, Senior Incident Response Consultant at Semperis

“I had the privilege to work with Ole who is a very talented Security Architect with a wide knowledge around many aspects of cyber security and a talent for communicating with people in any role.

I am still amazed by how he could keep track of all initiatives that were ongoing. Ole has my highest recommendations.”

Simon Wåhlin, Chief Technical Architect at Knowledge Factory (Advania)

“Ole is a multi-talented IT security architect that is strong at communication and teamwork. I have rarely met a colleague with such a strong capability in working deep into parallel in work streams and at the same time see the whole picture, without dropping any ball on the floor. I highly recommend Ole!”

Jesper Andersson, IT and Information Security Consultant at Saycurity