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## Top Skills

Leadership  
Cloud Security  
Product Security

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
Italian (Elementary)

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Helping the world find a balanced approach to cybersecurity.  
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## Summary

Product, Application, & Cloud Security Blog: [betterappsec.com](https://betterappsec.com)

An engineer at heart and driven security leader. Shaper of security culture and builder of people. Creator of enduring security teams and scalable security processes. Contributor to the security community.

I enjoy learning, working, and applying my security perspective to new technologies. I am passionate about building high performing security teams that focus on business enablement. I am capable of technical & hands on execution, people management, building strong working relationships, defining strategy, and building security into the business.

Specialties: Security leadership, strategy, and planning; secure software & product development life cycle (SDLC); secure architecture and design; cloud & infrastructure security; penetration testing of applications & software; platform & cloud security; endpoint security; information security risk assessment & management; threat modeling; data security; identity & access management; vulnerability management for applications, systems, and networks.

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## Experience

**Blackstone**  
Senior Vice President, Cybersecurity  
August 2021 - Present (3 years 1 month)  
New York, New York, United States

**better appsec**  
Publisher  
August 2020 - Present (4 years 1 month)

better appsec is where you will find the best content for building a world class Cybersecurity program. Covering everything from the basics of threat modeling

to more advanced topics such as penetration testing. Build trust, partnerships, and enable your business today!

### Bindle Systems - A Public Benefit Corporation

Senior Security Advisor

November 2020 - Present (3 years 10 months)

New York City Metropolitan Area

Provide security engineering and information security advisory to senior leadership and technical staff.

### Confident Defense

Co Host

August 2020 - February 2023 (2 years 7 months)

Confident Defense Insights is a weekly analysis of the topical, high impact events that are shaping cybersecurity, security culture, and the security business landscape.

### Amazon

Security Engineering Manager, Application Security

September 2020 - August 2021 (1 year)

New York, New York, United States

Built and led a highly technical & globally distributed Security Engineering team focused on providing Amazon's Worldwide Consumer & AWS (60k+ engineers) automated application security assessment tooling (SAST & DAST) at scale. Focused on delivering high degrees of customer trust in the tooling and reduce the cost of performing ongoing security reviews with rigorous detection quality standards (>95% accuracy), comprehensive coverage (CWE & OWASP mapping), and efficient processes to iterate quickly.

### CLEAR (clearme.com)

VP, Security Engineering & Operations

April 2018 - September 2020 (2 years 6 months)

New York, New York

I was the first full time security executive and reported directly to the CTO. I developed the program and built the team to 20+ people spanning Product Security, Security Infrastructure, Platform & Cloud Security, and Security Operations. Owned the enterprise information security architecture which was leveraged to achieve compliance initiatives while balancing the needs of a fast growing cloud native business. Gained adoption of embedded cross functional

security teams within the Product and Technology so that teams can move quickly while meeting security requirements.

### Flatiron Health

Security Engineering Manager, Product & Infrastructure

April 2017 - April 2018 (1 year 1 month)

New York, New York, United States

Led a Security Engineering and Compliance team in a highly focused cloud native startup. Took over as interim leader and reported directly to the CTO. Built and matured numerous security programs, such as vulnerability management, IT risk management, and product security design reviews within the company in 9 months time that enabled the business to achieve HITRUST re-certification and the successful acquisition of the company.

### FactSet

7 years 3 months

Engineering Manager, Security Assurance

September 2013 - March 2017 (3 years 7 months)

Norwalk, CT

Transitioned into a management role to build out the Product and Application Security team. Established numerous new security processes from the ground up that helped shift the practice from a reactive model to a proactive one by aligning specific resources to business units. Delivered a critical IT Risk Management business function that used by the IT Risk Committee on a monthly basis to actively manage systemic risks to the business.

Senior System Engineer, Security Assurance

January 2010 - September 2013 (3 years 9 months)

Norwalk, Connecticut, United States

- Performed security reviews/penetration tests of new and existing applications, systems, and services. Built a central application inventory to help rationalize and prioritize what assets need reviews.
- Integrated security into the software development life cycle (SDLC) through architecture/design reviews, code reviews, penetration tests, automated vulnerability scanning, remediation projects, and applying policy/standards.
- Developed and manage internal vulnerability management tools in Python. Proposed, developed, and improved supplemental tools to automate security testing as well as enabled more efficient discovery, tracking, and resolution of security vulnerabilities.

- Deployed and managed Web Application Firewall (WAF) for 50+ web applications which became a critical edge control. Integrated WAF standard operating procedures for ongoing management and deployment efforts.
- Built and automated large data gathering and parsing scripts so that risk assessments can be performed through multistage analysis process. This helped determine real world vulnerability risk prior to having new firewall access granted and proactively reported on any newly discovered high severity internet facing exploitable vulnerabilities.
- Defined security policies to help set expectations, educate, and mitigate risks for critical assets and data.
- Built an in person and e-learning training program based on vulnerability data. Reduced authentication and credential storage issues by over 50%.

## Avon

### Global IT Intern

May 2007 - January 2010 (2 years 9 months)

Worked with several groups, including Global Information Security, Global Infrastructure, Global Problem Management, Global Support, and Change Management and Communications.

Worked on various security projects such as the penetration testing of company networks and applications; directing the update of wireless intrusion detection and prevention.

## Southern Connecticut State University

### Faculty Technology Assistant

September 2005 - May 2009 (3 years 9 months)

Worked with professors on a one on one basis in various programs and the development of websites, posters, and other projects.

Helped faculty with: Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash, HTML, PHP, and MySQL.

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## Education

### Southern Connecticut State University

BS, Computer Science: Information Systems · (2005 - 2009)