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PROFILE

I don't just secure networks; I protect business continuity and enterprise reputation.

With over a decade of experience across Big 4 consultancy (KPMG) and leading financial institutions, I specialize in transforming cybersecurity from a "cost center" into a strategic advantage. Currently serving as CISO at Edenred Türkiye, I recently led our team to achieve a 'B' Cyberscore, ranking #2 in the EMEA region.

High-growth companies and established enterprises partner with me because I understand both sides of the coin: the technical precision of a Red Team Lead and the strategic foresight of a Cyber Executive.

How I help organizations:

Strategic Leadership: Building and scaling security departments that align with global standards (ISO 27001, SOC2).

Risk Optimization: Identifying vulnerabilities before they become liabilities, moving from reactive "firefighting" to proactive resilience.

Offensive Security: Leveraging my background in penetration testing and infrastructure hacking to stress-test your defenses against real-world threats.

Compliance & Governance: Navigating complex regulatory landscapes in FinTech and beyond.

Whether I'm designing modular security tools or presenting risk postures to the board, my goal is simple: Zero surprises. Maximum resilience.

SKILLS

IT Risk Management

Penetration Testing

Computer Networking

Information Technology

Microsoft Office

Cybersecurity

Cloud Computing

Secure DevOps Controls

DevOps Processes

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cyber Security, Executive (CISO)

May 2023 – Present

Edenred Turkey

Own enterprise security strategy and execution roadmap aligned to business priorities, risk appetite, and regulatory expectations.

Lead vulnerability, incident readiness, and security operations governance with clear KPIs, reporting, and continuous improvement.

Partner with engineering and product teams to embed DevSecOps controls (secure SDLC, CI/CD guardrails, cloud hardening) and reduce delivery risk.

IT Advisory, Senior Manager

Sep 2022 – Apr 2023

KPMG Turkey

Directed multi-client cybersecurity and GRC engagements, translating complex risks into executive decisions and actionable plans.

Led ISO 27001 / ITGC / SOX-oriented programs, strengthening governance, evidence readiness, and audit outcomes.

Mentored teams, improved delivery quality, and established repeatable assessment methods across sectors and environments.

IT Advisory, Manager

Jun 2021 – Sep 2022

KPMG Turkey

Managed security assessments and transformation workstreams across cloud, infrastructure, and application domains.

Built pragmatic remediation roadmaps and supported stakeholders through implementation and validation cycles.

Delivered board/executive-ready reporting with clear prioritization, residual risk, and measurable progress.

Information Security, Cyber Security Senior Specialist (Red Team Leader)

Feb 2021 – Jun 2021

BTCTrader (BtcTurk)

IT Advisory, Senior Consultant

Sep 2019 – Feb 2021

KPMG Turkey

IT Advisory, Consultant

Oct 2018 – Sep 2019

KPMG Turkey

IT Advisory, Analyst

Oct 2016 – Sep 2018

KPMG Turkey

EDUCATION

Mobile Computing and Communication Networks - Post Grad

2015 – 2016

University of Leeds
United Kingdom, Leeds

Computer Engineering - B.E.

2010 – 2015

Istanbul Bilgi University
Turkey, Istanbul

CERTIFICATES & TRAININGS

Technical Certificates

CompTIA Security+ (Sec+)
ITIL Foundation
ISO/IEC 27001 LA
ISO/IEC 22301 LA
UIPath Certified RPA Developer
TSI Certified Senior Pentest Professional
CB DDO Certified Auditor

Language Certificates

IELTS
Goethe Institute German (A2)

PROJECTS CONTRIBUTED

Cybersecurity Operations Management & DevSecOps Coordination

Lead cybersecurity operations for the Turkey Business Unit, protecting critical assets and data through risk-driven governance, vulnerability management, and incident readiness.

Penetration Testing Projects

Led end-to-end penetration testing and vulnerability assessments across web, API, mobile, and infrastructure scopes with remediation and retest cycles.

WAF & Load Balancer (Cloudflare, F5)

Designed and operated WAF and load-balancing controls, tuning rules for strong protection with low false positives and resilient traffic management.

Kubernetes Security Baseline (Azure)

Defined and implemented a Kubernetes security baseline covering RBAC, network policy, workload isolation, image scanning, and secrets handling.

ISO/IEC 27001 (ISMS) Programs

Led ISO/IEC 27001 programs by defining scope, running risk assessments, building control roadmaps, and preparing audit-ready evidence.

SOX (Sarbanes–Oxley) IT Controls & ICOFR

Delivered SOX ITGC and application control assessments, testing design and operating effectiveness for ICOFR.

ITGC, COBIT & Regulatory Compliance Programs

Led IT General Controls and governance programs (COBIT-aligned), including SPK-related compliance engagements.

KVKK (Turkey Data Protection) Compliance Programs

Supported KVKK compliance by mapping data flows, identifying processing risks, and aligning policies and controls with legal requirements.