

## **Rana Usman Ahmad**

Microsoft Cloud & Security Solution Architect

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### **Professional Summary**

Experienced Microsoft Security Architect with deep hands-on expertise in Data Loss Prevention (DLP) using Microsoft Purview, Defender for Cloud Apps, and Information Protection. Proven success designing and implementing DLP programs aligned with GDPR, ISO 27001, and industry-specific compliance mandates. Skilled in engaging legal, compliance, and IT stakeholders across global environments.

### **Key Skills**

- **Cloud & Security Architecture:** Azure AD, Entra ID, Zero Trust, Azure Firewall, VPN Gateways, Defender Suite
- **Cybersecurity & Compliance:** Microsoft Sentinel, Microsoft Purview, DLP, Advanced Threat Protection, GDPR & ISO 27001
- **Infrastructure & Migration:** Azure Landing Zones, ExpressRoute, Azure Site Recovery, Disaster Recovery, High Availability
- **Automation & DevOps:** Azure DevOps, Infrastructure as Code, Microsoft Intune, Azure Monitoring
- **Technical Consulting & Pre-Sales:** RFPs, SOWs, Risk Assessments, Compliance Frameworks

### **Certifications**

- Microsoft Certified: **Azure Solutions Architect Expert**
- Microsoft Certified: **Cybersecurity Architect Expert**
- Microsoft Certified: **Azure Administrator Associate**
- Microsoft Certified: **Security Operations Analyst Associate**
- Microsoft Certified: **Trainer (MCT)**

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Microsoft Security Solution Architect**

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- Designed and implemented Microsoft Purview DLP policies across structured and unstructured data for a global enterprise client, aligning controls with GDPR and ISO 27001 requirements.
- Designed secure Azure architectures with VPN, ExpressRoute, and zero-trust controls.
- Advised on Kubernetes security, CI/CD hardening, and vulnerability management.

- Delivered cloud security assessments across Azure and GCP, reducing risk exposure by 78%.

### **Microsoft Information Security Lead**

#### **Royal Cyber Inc. | Sep 2023 – April 2024**

- Designed & implemented Microsoft Zero Trust Security Model, enhancing security by 80%.
- Led enterprise-wide security strategies, risk assessments, and compliance initiatives.
- Provided subject matter expertise in Microsoft security solutions, governance, and architecture.
- Oversaw security incident response, threat hunting, and cloud security implementations.

### **Microsoft Azure & Security Architect**

#### **Dynamics Solution & Technology | Oct 2020 – Sep 2023**

- Successfully modernized 12 organizations by adopting Microsoft Azure, EMS & M365.
- Reduced cloud expenditure by 25% through optimized Azure architecture.
- Led 30+ Pre-sales engagements across the EU and US regions.
- Designed and deployed enterprise-grade security solutions, cloud migrations, and compliance frameworks.

### **Enterprise Cloud & Security Architect**

#### **Technology Excellence | Aug 2018 – Sep 2020**

- Deployed Microsoft Threat Analytics, Advanced Threat Protection, improving security by 60%.
- Led cloud security assessments and designed high-availability architectures.
- Implemented Azure Hub & Spoke model, Azure Firewall, and VPN solutions for 10+ enterprise clients.

### **Microsoft Infrastructure Consultant**

#### **Techaccess Pakistan | Jun 2015 – Aug 2018**

- Managed Office 365 migrations for 8+ universities.
- Conducted security assessments for 3 major banks, enhancing business security compliance.
- Delivered Microsoft-based infrastructure projects across the central region.

## Key Projects

- Assured Partners: Designed and deployed Microsoft Purview DLP policies and auto-labelling rules for GDPR-regulated data across Exchange, SharePoint, and OneDrive.
- London Local Pension Partnerships: Designed a Zero Trust Azure security model ensuring UK cyber compliance.
- St. Mary Bank: Delivered end-to-end Microsoft Information Protection strategy with sensitivity labels, role-based policies, and insider risk scoring.
- Xenel: Led stakeholder workshops and risk classification framework to align DLP policies with ISO 27001 and local regulatory standards.
- Calm Water AI: Revamped Azure infrastructure, optimizing security and network configurations.
- Jazz: Implemented Microsoft EMS for 8,000+ users, including Azure AD, Intune, and AIP, enabling Zero Trust security across the enterprise. Deployed BitLocker (MBAM) to protect endpoints, reducing data loss incidents by 60%.

## Education

### Master's in Cybersecurity

University of Hertfordshire, UK

### Bachelor's in Computer Science

Virtual University of Pakistan (2018)

## Languages

- **English** (Fluent) | **Urdu** (Fluent) | **Hindi** (Fluent)

## Additional Information

- Microsoft Partner Pre-Sales & Consultancy Specialist
- Azure Cost Optimization & Performance Expert