

Dominique Gowens

Security & Cloud Engineer

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PROFILE

Security & Cloud Engineer with approximately 13 years in IT. Began in cloud and identity engineering — Microsoft Azure, Microsoft 365, PowerShell automation and enterprise migrations — and moved into security engineering across vulnerability management, incident response, cloud security architecture and GRC in hybrid AWS, Microsoft 365 and on-premises environments. Currently lead Security Engineer at the National Institute of Building Sciences.

EXPERIENCE

Security Engineer (Lead)

Sep 2025 – Present

National Institute of Building Sciences · Remote

- Lead enterprise security across a hybrid estate spanning AWS, Microsoft 365, on-premises systems and endpoints.
- Own vulnerability management and remediation across cloud, on-premises and endpoint environments.
- Build and exercise incident response and disaster recovery plans, including live drills.
- Architect cloud security in Entra ID, Exchange Online, SharePoint and Teams — DLP, conditional access, MFA and policy enforcement.
- Deliver GRC and federal compliance controls: retention, encryption, IAM and audit logging.
- Operate Microsoft Defender and Sentinel for detection, monitoring and response automation.
- Harden networks and manage IDS/IPS; run endpoint protection, patch management and security awareness.

Cloud Engineer

Mar 2024 – Sep 2025

Michael Baker International · Remote

- Delivered Azure cloud solutions including virtual desktop infrastructure.
- Administered Microsoft 365 — Exchange Online, SharePoint and Teams.
- Led on-premises to Azure and Microsoft 365 migrations.
- Managed backup and recovery; automated operations with PowerShell and VBScript.

Systems Engineer, Cloud Applications

May 2017 – Mar 2024

Hendrick Automotive Group · Charlotte, NC

- Led the migration of **10,000+ employees** to Microsoft 365 — Exchange Online, Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive.
- Implemented security and compliance policy across the Microsoft 365 estate.
- Automated administration with PowerShell.
- Managed the enterprise Slack workspace with Okta and Webex integration.

Systems Administrator

May 2015 – May 2017

Hendrick Automotive Group · Charlotte, NC

- Administered on-premises Exchange for 10,000+ users.
- Managed Active Directory, DNS and DHCP; ran backup and disaster recovery.
- Performed system audits and remediation.

Systems Analyst

Feb 2013 – May 2015

Hendrick Automotive Group · Charlotte, NC

- Translated business requirements into technical specifications.
- Ran feasibility and cost-benefit analysis; produced technical documentation.
- Handled testing, debugging and end-user support.

Research & Development / Technical Support

Sep 2011 – May 2012

Vital Media · Charlotte, NC

- Provided data centre operations and remote-hands support for Peak 10 customers.
- Performed break-fix on Windows servers and network hardware; maintained backup generators.

SKILLS

Security: Vulnerability management · Incident response & DR · Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM) · Microsoft Defender · GRC & compliance · DLP · Conditional access & MFA · IDS/IPS · Network & server hardening

Cloud & identity: Microsoft Azure · Microsoft 365 · Entra ID · AWS · Azure VDI · Cloud migration & modernisation · Exchange Online · SharePoint · Teams

Automation & platform: PowerShell · VBScript · Active Directory · DNS & DHCP · Backup & recovery · Technical documentation

CERTIFICATIONS

Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900)

Issued February 2025

AWS Certification

In progress

CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701)

In progress

EDUCATION

B.S. Information Technology — Security

Colorado Technical University

A.A. Computer Information Systems

Central Piedmont Community College · Charlotte, NC