

Allen Byrd

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Summary

People-first artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and GRC expert trusted by Fortune 500s and federal agencies; proven record of architecting innovative, scalable solutions. Combines integrity, resilience, dedication with tenacious enthusiasm.

Skills

- **Risk & Security:** AI governance, cybersecurity, data protection, data governance, data privacy, risk management.
- **Collaboration & Process:** Excel, Jira, Office 365, Power BI, process mapping, project management, Tableau.
- **Technical & Platform:** AWS, Azure, Claude, Cursor, Databricks, Docker, Git, LangChain, L^AT_EX, Linux, MCP, Power Automate, SharePoint, OneTrust, Python, ServiceNow, SQL, web design (incl. Cloudflare, Next.js, Tailwind).
- **Service & Operations:** Incident management, change management, vulnerability management, operational controls, ITIL-aligned workflows, COBIT-informed governance practices, RFIs, RFPs, SOWs, UAT (User Acceptance Testing).
- **Certifications & Roadmap:** [CompTIA Security+](#) [\[link\]](#), [CompTIA Network+](#) (June), [IAPP AIGP](#) (Aug), [ISACA CISA](#) (exam scheduled), [ISACA CISM](#) [\[link\]](#) (passed), [OneTrust](#) [\[link\]](#)

Selected Experience

Viacry/Wexler Marketing LLC

Apr 2025 – Present

AI Innovation Manager

- Design, build, & deploy custom AI infrastructure; analyze AI industry/policy landscape to guide strategy, risk posture.
- Assess client AI readiness (incl. governance, risk, privacy) via IT audits; identify high-impact, low-risk opportunities.
- Automate internal sales lead generation, media production (incl. audio/video), deliverable generation, and workflows.

Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, VA

Nov 2023 – Apr 2025

Senior Consultant, Technologist | Digital Transformation and Engineering

- Led initiative to automate agency board processes; architected processes, mitigated error risk, cut decision time 50%.
- Deployed SaaS, automation (incl. ServiceNow), cut process times from hours to milliseconds; led Agile sprints in Jira.
- Managed governance, risk, and compliance; oversaw agency-wide change requests, triaged/analyzed/remediated CVEs.
- Modernized databases and systems, ensuring compliance and scalability; independently presented to executive clients.
- Managed workforce devt. team of 20+ members; accelerated project lifecycles, grew capacity to support 9000+ staff.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, McLean, VA

Jan 2022 – Jun 2023

Analyst | Cyber & Strategic Risk

- Applied advanced AI, machine learning, data science concepts towards project work, solution design, risk reduction.
- Used risk software, data sources, ServiceNow operational workflows, etc. to manage third-party cyber supplier risk.
- Conducted risk and maturity assessments across regulatory, security, and service-management frameworks/standards (C2M2, CPRA, GDPR, GLBA, ISO/IEC 27000 series, NIST CSF, NIST 800-53, PCI DSS, SOC, SOX, ITIL, etc.).
- Built proprietary vendor risk solution identifying cyber threats, quantifying risk, preventing incidents and breaches.
- Presented AWS/cloud lectures to audiences of hundreds, driving business development and firmwide upskilling.

Guardian Service Industries, DMV Metropolitan Area

Jul 2023 – Nov 2023; Apr 2025 – Dec 2025

Lead Concierge

- Managed logistics, risk, compliance, access controls, disaster recovery, security, training/onboarding, emergency mgmt., superlative service for large residential sites (34+ floors); awarded for incident response during major flood disaster.

Selected Projects

[Evidentia](#) [\[link\]](#)

- Architected AI-enabled GRC platform (OSCAL, OCSF, SARIF) automating cross-framework gap analysis, risk gen, evidence validation across 88+ control catalogs—first OSS GRC with verifiable AI outputs, air-gap, no vendor lock-in.

Full-Stack Commercial AI Application

- Developed web & mobile apps: LLM via API, RAG trained continuously (LangChain), guardrails, local failsafe model.
- Implemented conversational voice capability; matches user tone, emotion, & language for ease of use, therapeutic utility, authentic impact, & unique value in a niche market (cost-effective assistance for those enduring hardship & grief).

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Candidate for M.S. in Computer Science

Specialization in Artificial Intelligence

- Online, asynchronous program tailored to working professionals.

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

B.S. Economics; B.A. Philosophy, Minors in Computer Science and Spanish

Summa Cum Laude

- Defended **self-directed Honors thesis on the philosophy of data privacy.** [\[link\]](#)
- Best Delegate, World Affairs Program Model UN; drove program's highest-ever ranking (4th in North America).
- Postbaccalaureate courses in computer science, discrete mathematics, encryption.

Service

2-1-1 Big Bend, Tallahassee, FL

Jan 2020 – Sep 2022

Volunteer Crisis Counselor

- Answered calls for the 211 crisis hotline and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- Ensured compliance with HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, and SAMHSA protocols to protect high-risk caller data.
- Recommended and supported rollout of a remote call system during COVID-19 to maintain uninterrupted service.